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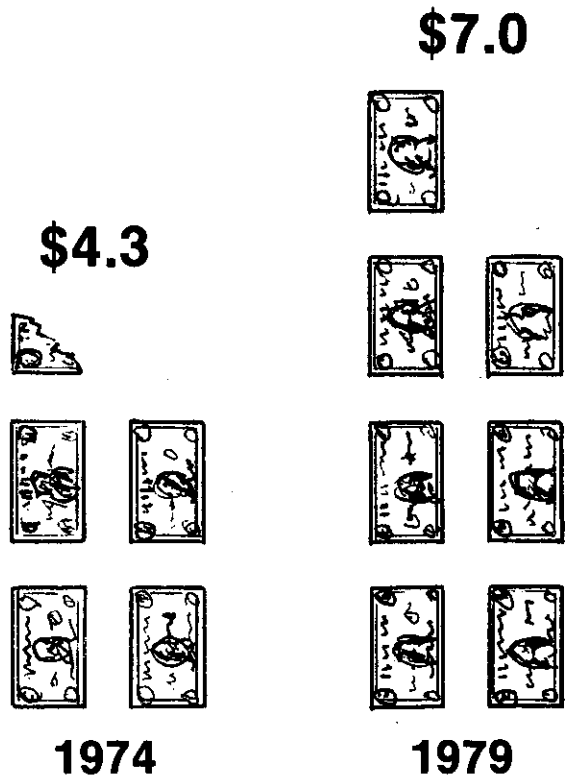
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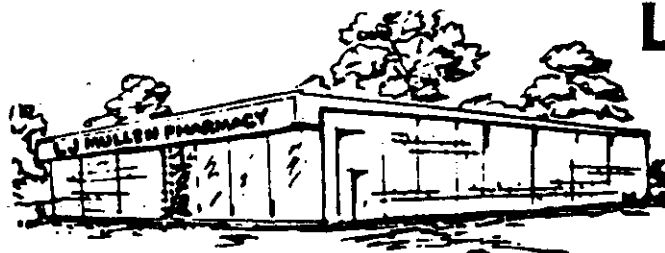
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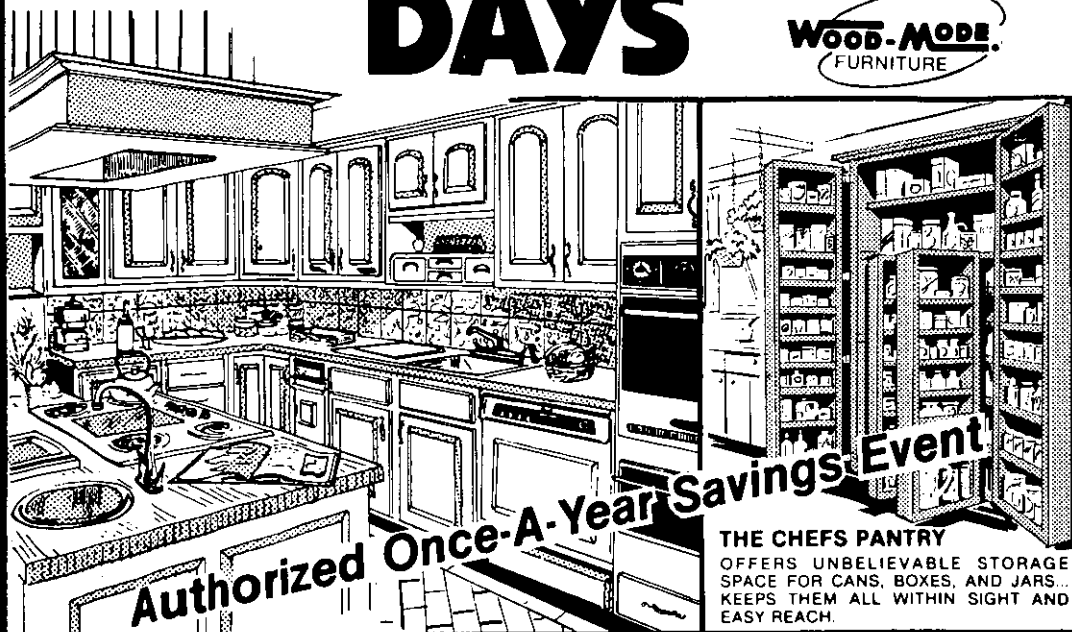
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Delmar Community Orchestra, rehearsals every Monday, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Delmar Methodist Church.

American Legion Luncheons, for members, guests and applicants for membership, Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, second Thursday, 12 noon.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

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

Bethlehem Middle School PFO, special program, "Matching Edu-cational Needs with Students' Abilities," 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.

World Day of Prayer, services, Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rocke-feller Rd., Elsmere, 7 p.m., and First Methodist Church, Voorheesville, 8 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.

Selkirk Fire District, Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

Support Group for Single Parents, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Free.

Bethlehem Soccer Club, registra-tion, teams to be formed in age groups under 10, under 12, under 14, under 16 and under 19, plus intramurals for those under 8, Bethlehem Middle School, 1 to 4 p.m.

Bethlehem Tomboys registration, Bethlehem Library, 10-1.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Author William Herrick, reading his own works, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

Christian Music Concert, The Joy-ful Noise, Glenmont Pentecostal Church, Glenmont, 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Discussion series, Slinger-lands Community Methodist Church, fellowship hall, on "Educa-tion," 11 a.m. to noon.

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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, 1:30 p.m.

Slingerlands Cub Scout Pack 272, Bethlehem Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

Ecumenical Bible Study, Jeanne Peterson, Delmar Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m. Babysitting available.

Amblyopia Vision Screening, training session, Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 9 a.m.

Tractor and Machinery Safety program, meetings March 12, 19 and April 9, Resources Development Center, Voorheesville (the March 19 meeting will be held at Bebout Ford in Latham). Interested persons 12-16 contact Albany County 4—H Extension Office, 765-2327, by March 7.

Book Discussion Group, discussing Katherine Mansfield in film and print, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

The Role of Women in the Catholic Church, discussion by Maureen Royce, St. Thomas School auditorium, 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

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

Mid-week Prayer Watch, Delmar Reformed Church, 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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.

Film 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 Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High School drama club, through March 15, High School auditorium, 8 p.m. Tickets, \$2, adults, \$1 for students and senior citizens.

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

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

Puppet Making Workshop, for children 3-5, Bethlehem Library through April 10, 3:45-4:30 p.m. Enrollment is limited. Registrations, 439-9314.

Pot-Luck Luncheon, Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30 p.m. For reservations send \$2 to Joan Isbister, 29 Gardner Terr., Delmar by March 7. Babysitting provided.

Bethlehem Unit, League of Women Voters, on court reform, Bethlehem Library, 9:15 a.m., babysitting available.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

QUILT, (Quilters United in Learning Together), "Embroidery and Quilting," Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m. to 2 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.

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Lenten Discussion series, Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, fellowship hall, on "Ethics Involved in Care of the Terminally Ill," 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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Ecumenical Bible Study, Rev. James Hale, "John the Baptist," Bethlehem Community Church, 9:30 a.m. Babysitting provided.

Blood Pressure Clinic, Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., 10 to 2 and 7 to 9. Free.

Pre-School Alternatives, program at Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

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

Delmar Progress Club, antique study group, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Plumbing and Home Repairs, Co-operative Extension Assn., Resources Development Center, Voorheesville, 7-9 p.m., through April 3.

Mid-Week Prayer Watch, Delmar Reformed Church, 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Tea Party, grades 1 and 2, Bethlehem Library, 3:45, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Board of Education, budget hearing on programs for the handicapped, libraries, guidance and professional services unit, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Bethlehem Historical Assn., "The Colonial Militiaman and the Woman Behind Him," Cedar Hill School House Museum, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Divorced and Separated Catholics, talk by Paul Smith, St. Thomas rectory, 7:30 p.m.

Hans Christian Anderson's birthday, celebration, grades K-3, Bethlehem Library, 3:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

"Life Planning for Women," Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Author Eugene Garber, reading from his own works, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant, Selkirk. Phone numbers are for information and tickets.

THEATER

"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.

Empire State Youth Orchestra, selected 80-piece symphonic ensemble, Empire State Plaza main theater (The Egg), **March 11, 7:30 p.m.**

Malcolm Frager, American pianist, Page Hall, State University downtown campus, **March 16, 3:30 p.m.** \$5, students, SCs \$4, SUNYA box office and Community Box Office.

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.**

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, 95 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.

"Secret Agent" (Hitchcock), Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, **March 11, 2 and 8 p.m.** Free.

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SPECIAL REPORT

Teacher pensions: the bottomless gold mine

By Nat Boynton

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They've done it again. Picked the public's pocket when nobody was looking.

The action last month by the New York State Teachers Retirement System (NYSTRS) board in tacking another full percentage point on the assessment levied on local school districts again illustrates the crass political immorality and fiscal infidelity of this state agency.

With an annual surplus that this year will far exceed last year's \$656 million, the board has now mandated the legalized embezzlement of an additional, \$28-plus million from 1980-81 school budgets.

In principal the \$28 million is paltry, but in principle it's pilferage.

That \$656 million is a round number of the latest year's "profit"—the excess of revenues over the combined cost of pension and benefits payments and administrative expenses.

Five years ago that gap was only \$408 million.

The nine-member board foisted this latest act of public plunder on beleaguered taxpayers who last year coughed up \$572 million in the form of employer "contributions" at a rate set by the board.

They paid this outrageous tribute despite the fact that the system's investment income and employee contributions covered the full cost of pension payments and generous benefits for 44,000 retirees plus all administration expenses of the Albany-based staff, and still had \$84 million left over.

Applying this formula on an annual basis, the board felt the need to increase the bite on the taxpayers each year, and each year the gap between income and outgo gets wider.

Meanwhile the giant grows bigger and bigger with no recourse for the public to stop the legalized larceny. In 1979, the "profit"—income over total costs—soared to \$655,991,543.

NYSTRS — Year-By-Year Excess Revenues (Dollars in Millions)

Fiscal Year	Assets (In Billions)	Investment Earnings	Taxpayer Assessment	Cost of Operations	Total Excess Over Costs*
1975	\$4.74	\$248.1	\$414.8	\$237.6	\$443.1
1976	5.24	275.2	457.0	253.5	495.5
1977	5.81	309.1	499.4	278.8	545.6
1978	6.38	355.2	515.9	313.7	572.8
1979	7.04	413.7	571.8	346.1	656.0

* Revenues—Investment earnings plus taxpayer contributions plus employee contributions.

Costs—Pensions and member benefits paid plus administrative costs.

Source: NYSTRS annual reports.

This table shows the skyrocketing annual surplus of the NYSTRS Fund. Although investment earnings and member contributions more than cover the annual costs, the board sees fit to steadily increase the bite on taxpayers. For more on that, see tables on next page.

Small wonder the bleeding and helpless taxpayer regards this greedy board the same way he would giving Willie Sutton the keys to the bank and hiring him to guard the vault. It is the only agency in the state with direct taxing powers that is not elected by the people. Not even the governor, nor the Legislature, nor the Public Service Commission can regulate its actions: five board members are members of the system itself, and the other four serve as public puppets with the intended function of giving the board some token of respectability.

Two of these are among the most influential and respected bankers in New York State. Kenneth E. Burhmaster of Glenville, chairman of the NYSTRS board, is chairman and chief executive officer of the First National Bank of Scotia and a former president of the National School Boards Assn. Frank Wells McCabe of Albany, who built the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co. into the area's largest bank holding company, is the board's senior member.

Both have clear consciences on their function. They attribute the rising costs

to more generous benefits voted by the Legislature and that popular scapegoat, inflation, but when asked to justify the need for tightening the squeeze on taxpayers each year, they point to their actuarial formulas.

Buhrmaster, a 12-year member of the board, said the steady increases in taxpayer assessments "are needed to cut down on that gap (between revenue and costs)." Reminded that the "gap" has been steadily widening and that it has risen from \$443 million in 1975 to the present \$656 million, he said: "I assure you, the raises are more than justified. We are not funded as well as we have been in the past."

The cold figures show that there is no justification for even a nickel's increase.

The Fund's assets in fiscal 1979 topped the \$7-billion level for the first time. Five years ago it was \$4.7 billion.

Buhrmaster views these basic figures in a different light, and points out that for six or seven years up to 1974, the board kept the district rate unchanged. (It was then 18.8 percent). "We've lagged since that time," he added. "The figures show that."

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It's hard to find what figures have lagged. Not those cited here—assets, excess income over costs. Certainly not income from investments, which is up approximately 62 percent in that span. Certainly not taxpayer "contributions," up 38 percent. Perhaps he was relating to payments to retirees and administrative costs, which rose 46 percent.

While neither Buhrmaster nor McCabe sees anything wrong with the system's licensed larceny, each would run the risk of being fired by their stockholders if they applied this formula to the pension setups in their own banks. The handy gimmick of putting the arm on the taxpayers, a bite that next year will hit 22.5 percent of payroll, would be disastrous in the private sector. Buhrmaster wouldn't say what percentage of payroll his corporation contributes to its retirement fund, but it is safe to say that if it were 22½ percent (or even half that) the First National Bank of Scotia would be out of business or he could be out of a job.

Many members of the teachers' system insist the benefits are higher in the common retirement system for state and municipal employees. Perhaps so, but the latter fund commits

**NYTRS — Excess
of Investment Income and
Employee Contributions
Over Operations Cost**

Fiscal Year	\$ Millions
1975	\$28.2
1976	38.6
1977	46.2
1978	56.9
1979	84.2

**NYSTRS — Assessment
on School Districts**

School Year	Pct. of Salary
1975-76	18.9
1976-77	19.3
1977-78	19.3
1978-79	20.6
1979-80	21.4
1980-81	22.5

These tables show the annual surplus without any taxpayer payments (left) and the increasing rates the public is forced to pay.

its atrocities at night, i.e., the legal larceny is hidden from the public by complicated formulas and furtive acts of the Legislature.

The teachers' lush system, however, is relatively free of the scandals, blatant abuses, arrogant discrimination and unethical gouging practiced by the common retirement system for public employees upstate. When Arvis Chalmers of the Albany *Knickerbocker News* exposed many of these outright but authorized thefts of public money in the Rockefeller administration in a series of articles in 1971, the politicos yawned and continued their deep thrusts into the pockets of the public.

These infringements on the public trust make it difficult for

school boards to keep their local tax levies in line without diluting the quality of their school systems. They can hardly be expected to freeze the salaries of their teachers in contract hassling, despite the need for such a clamp to permit private citizens to catch up with the rich benefits of teachers and public employees.

By taking a hard position in bargaining with the union, they risk job actions, bitterness in morale, polarizing communities, and possible strikes by members of the teaching trade, formerly a profession. By granting a few extra percentage points in the salary scales, which unlike the private sector guarantee a raise for every teacher every year regardless of merit, they risk a budget defeat at the polls, and then the kids are the big losers.

Although all these numbers are public record, the professional public information staff at the System's Albany headquarters takes care not to issue news releases on these sensitive subjects. There was no press announcement of the increase

in the assessment rate levied on school districts last July, nor did any newspaper other than this one take note of the \$7-billion peak reached by the Fund's assets last year, nor the latest rate increase on the taxpayers this winter.

Giving the NYSTRS board the power to set rates on the alleged formulas of their actuarial advisors is akin to leaving the family Great Dane to guard a pile of raw hamburger. Later this year the board will raise the ante a little higher, and so it goes, ad infinitum. Says Buhrmaster: "There is practically no possibility of reducing the rate."

With apologies to the Great Dane, pretty soon they'll have it all.

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DAR plans program

Mrs. Jean Olton, Colonie town historian, will speak on Albany County Shakers at the March 10 meeting of Gansevoort chapter, DAR, at the Colonie town library. Coffee hour is at 1 p.m.

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Board to rule on zone shift

Bethlehem town board members are expected to make a determination on a proposed change in the commercial zoning classification for the community center building, 125 Adams St., Delmar, at next Wednesday's regular meeting.

The board deferred action on the proposal after a three-and-a-half-hour agenda last Wednesday that included a 25-minute public hearing on the zoning change. Fewer than a dozen persons attended.

Neither George D. Cochran, Delmar investor and chief opponent, who owns the adjacent property at 121 Adams St., nor his attorney, Julie Denison of Albany, attended the hearing. Earlier that afternoon, Cochran had delivered a lengthy affidavit listing his objections to the proposed change, together with a letter stating he was "leaving on an extended trip." Cochran called the town attorney at 6 p.m. the night of the hearing, and called the town clerk the following morning to request copies of the proceedings for him to pick up the next day.

The zoning change, from Commercial-CC to Commercial-C, was requested by Nathaniel A. Boynton, editor-publisher of The Spotlight, so that he could set up a printing operation on the premises to increase efficiency and to provide easier access for community residents.

Cochran claims that "neither applicant's offer to purchase the property nor the town

board resolution to sell the property to applicant contains the condition that the proposed transfer or agreement is conditional upon permitted use for printing on the premises."

In light of Boynton's pursuit of the zoning change prior to applying for the variance for parking that was stipulated in his purchase offer, Cochran charged that Boynton "is in default in failing to make the application for a variance to the town board of appeals for parking . . . (and) by failing to obtain a commitment for financing."

Cochran's wife, Mary, operates a printing business next door at 121 Adams St.

At the hearing, Dominick DeCecco, a Bethlehem social studies teacher, asked the town to "wait six months or so" in the hope that someone might bid on the building to convert it into a "much-needed youth center." Alan Bauder, speaking for the Bethlehem Masonic lodge, said lodge members had voted in favor of the zoning change. The lodge owned the property before selling off that portion of the original tract.

John A. Williamson, 4 Bailey Ave., Delmar, voiced concern that the change might open the property up to undesirable uses later. He asked building inspector John Flanagan: "What is the worst use that could go in there?" Flanagan replied with a list of uses including "a mechanical car wash, maybe."

In his affidavit Cochran contends that he "is not concerned about the competitive aspects of close proximity." He stated he was willing to rent

space to Boynton in a building he plans to erect in the rear of his present building.

Alan Boyce

Fund for neighbor

A fall from a ladder left Harris Elmendorf of 35 Western Ave., Slingerlands paralyzed from the neck down. Friends, neighbors and customers on his route for the Killip Laundry are buoying him up with their concern and the establishment of a fund to help meet hospital expenses.

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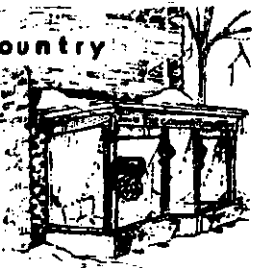
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GLENMONT

Rail fans open model train shop

Two dedicated model railroad enthusiasts whose hobby has outgrown their own basements are joining forces in an expanded facility that will be open to the public.

Richard Silber of Glenmont, an attorney whose private practice concentrates on labor laws, and Robert Mahoney of Albany, a career state employee and former Delmar resident, will have a "grand opening" of their train shop Saturday, March 8, in the little two-story block building next to Alteri's restaurant on Rt. 9W, Glenmont.

The partners, well known in model railroad groups in Albany, Troy and Schenectady, say their business will be operated two evenings a week and on weekends, and will not interfere with their professional careers.

"We plan to provide the serious hobbyist with items and services he cannot obtain in the Capital District," said Mahoney. "We also are anxious to introduce new hobbyists to model building."

In so doing, the partners say they regard the establishment of the shop as an extension of their hobby rather than a full-fledged business.

The new shop, to be known as "HO Custom Trains," will carry an extensive line of model train equipment and supplies at discount prices. The shop will

also be an accredited AHM (American Hobby Manufacturers) parts depot, and will have a repair service and a custom paint section.

Silber's specialty as a model railroader is repairing locomotives. He is also a collector of model trains. A native of Malverne, L.I., he is a graduate of Lehigh University and New York University Law School, where he also earned a master of laws degree in the labor law field. He served five years with the U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command in St. Louis, and came to the Albany area in 1972 to enter private practice. He and his wife, the former Barbara Eisenberg of Baltimore and New York City, have three children.

Mahoney's specialty is custom painting of locomotives and cars and designing scenic effects for model railroad layouts. He is president of the Schenectady Model Railroad Club and is active, along with Silber, in the nationally famous RPI Model Railroad Club.

In the near future, the partners may establish a model railroad club for Bethlehem hobbyists. "We're going to have a relatively small layout to be used for seminars or to be shown at public functions," Silber said. "We want to show people that it is not that difficult to build and operate a model railroad."

For the present, the new shop will be open Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Saturday, and by appointment on some Sundays.

BETHLEHEM

Artists reviving group programs

Bethlehem Art Assn. is alive and active, according to Lillian Longley and other longtime members. The group is looking for good attendance at a meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at Bethlehem Library that will feature a short business meeting and a visiting speaker.

"Like many organizations," we suffered from too small a group doing most of the committee work," commented Mrs. Longley, a Slingerlands painter widely known in the area. "We must have more people involved, and we're looking for new, young, active members. We have a strong nucleus, the interest is there and we have a viable group."

According to the BAA newsletter, the unit is looking for a "permanent home" and is planning an outdoor art show in June.

Tonight's visiting speaker is Janet Pieniozek of Ballston Spa, a member of the Guild of Adirondack Artists who has had her watercolors exhibited in seven single-artist shows. The meeting is open to all interested artists.

Car damages house

Bethlehem police, responding to several complaints that a care was making tire tracks on lawns on Glendale Ave., Elsmere, arrested Daniel J. Neal, 20, of 34 School Rd., Voorheesville, near by at 4:30 a.m. Sunday. One resident reported the car had struck a corner of the house at 26 Glendale. Officer Steve Demarest made the arrest after Neal's car was found to have a broken tail light window. Neal was released on \$100 bond for an appearance in Bethlehem justice court tonight (Thursday) on charges of driving while intoxicated and criminal mischief fourth degree.

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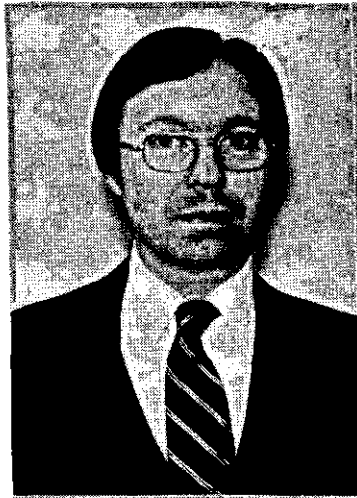
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VOORHEESVILLE

Wenzel stepping down as mayor

Voorheesville's political picture was shaken over the weekend when William J. Wenzel, running unopposed for his sixth term as mayor of the village in the March 18 election, suddenly withdrew as a candidate.

Wenzel's unexpected decision propelled Milton Bates, who earlier had declined to run for reelection as trustee, back onto center stage as Wenzel's designated successor.

Bates, appointed by a three-man committee on vacancies,

will run unopposed, and will take over as mayor on April 1.

Meanwhile an apparent three-way contest for the two trustee seats on the ballot suddenly became a four-cornered race when John R. Dergosits, 25, filed a petition at the village office only hours before the deadline last Tuesday. Dergosits, a civil engineer, will fight it out with Douglas DeDe, John (Larry) Dedrick and incumbent William F. Gray 3rd.

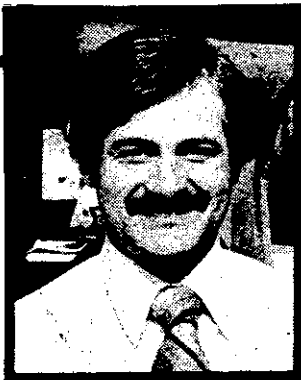
Wenzel's announcement,

coming less than two weeks after he had accepted the nomination at an informal caucus of village leaders, stunned his friends and associates. His explanation: in a sudden business development, he resigned as vice president of sales and marketing for the Walter Motor Truck Co. to take an executive position with another company. He declined to identify the job or the company "for the time being."

That bombshell sent the Peoples Party's committee on vacancies into action. The committee, whose makeup is listed on the party's nominat-

ing petition, lost little time in appointing Bates as Wenzel's replacement.

On the committee are George Hotaling, longtime village superintendent of public works now serving on the New Scotland town board; Dominick Tork, member of the Voorheesville board of education and a lifetime resident, and Joseph Stracuzzi, a former village trustee. The committee's action was a technicality because the deadline for filing petitions expired Feb. 26. Thus Bates will be unopposed except for write-in votes, and no one so far has shown any indication of



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Wenzel told his friends that he had "become involved in a new business venture that will take all my time, and I feel there will be no room to serve the people of Voorheesville who have given me such strong support over the past 10 years."

The mayor, a popular figure who made an unsuccessful try for the New Scotland town board last November, said that he "would rather give it (the mayoralty) up to someone who does have the time rather than do a poor job due to lack of time."

Wenzel said his resignation from Walter Truck, where he has been employed for 34 years, took effect last Friday. He met briefly with Bates and the vacancy committee at his home Sunday afternoon before leaving town on a two-day business trip.

Wenzel said his new business association will not require a change of residence. He has lived in Voorheesville since moving from Long Island in 1960. He will sit with the village board for the last time at its regular meeting on March 25.

Bates, a 15-year resident of the village, has served on every board on the village roster. He put in two years on the zoning board of appeals, went to the zoning board for four years, and has served eight years on the village board. He headed Voorheesville's youth commission for seven years. A welder for Niagara Mohawk by trade, he is married and has three children.

Dergosits, a civil engineer who has been serving on Wenzel's village sewer study committee, says he is running for trustee because "I just want to be more involved in the community."


A lifetime resident of the village, he graduated from Voorheesville High School in 1972 and from Hudson Valley Community College in 1974.

He attended Union College night courses and earned a BS degree in civil engineering in 1979. He is a project engineer for Penetryn Systems, Inc., Latham, doing sewer system evaluation and contracting work. A former member of the Voorheesville Fire Dept., he is married and has a daughter.

Kindergarten parents

The Voorheesville Central School District will hold an important informational meeting for parents of children entering kindergarten in September, 1980, at 7:30 on Tuesday, March 18, in the Elementary School cafeteria. Kindergarten registration and pre-screening will be held on March 25-26. Children must be 5 on or before Dec. 1 to be eligible for kindergarten in September.

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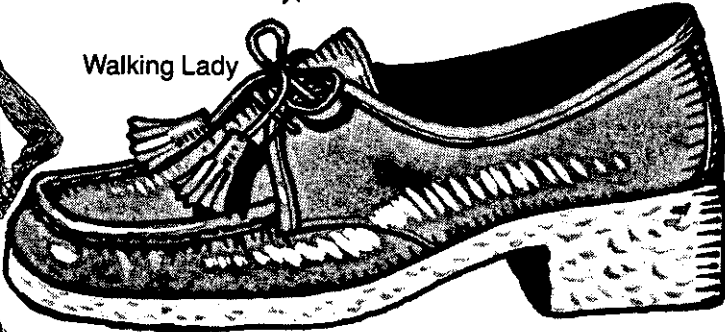

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by Judi James

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Dave Seamen showed me around and suggested this method: in this month of February, plant in flats (they have some nice window-sized ones at just \$1.99), plant the seeds fairly close together and then as they get their first leaves transplant them to tiny peat pots or the Jiffy 7s (they look like flat discs, but when put in water become wonderful little 2-inch starter pots which along with the peat pots can be put right into the ground later on.)

Dave recommended using a product in the potting soil called Nodampoff to prevent disease. Once the seeds are potted, keep them at about 70 degrees in full sunlight, until germination takes place. And

then, once the ground is ready in the spring, they can be hardened off (put outdoors during the day and brought in at night so the little darlings won't be shocked and curl up and not produce). Dave recommends starting all annuals no later than March and the perennials should have been planted in your indoor soil in January!

Seeds galore are offered at the Garden Shoppe, and we were intrigued with the progress that has been made in this line. We told you that this is the year of the cucumber, but the big news is that those cucumber plants needn't wander all over your garden. There's a new species called the Space Master which was introduced last year with great success. This cucumber plant stays within a radius of 3-4 feet!

Another newer variety in peas is the Sugar-Snap. It has an edible pod and is delicious. There's a new type of lettuce that is heat resistant. Most lettuce is started in early spring or late fall, but this variety may be planted when the heat is higher and the days are warmer.

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titmouse... and the juncos love the cracked corn and millet. Incidentally, the Garden Shoppe offers a nice little chart telling you the preferences in food for the various birds of our area, and also it has a space for jotting down those special bird sightings. It's yours... simply for the asking.

Now if you're thinking snow instead of spring... a word of caution and help for you there. Be careful when shoveling that snow... and indeed, try one of the snow pushers which they carry at the Garden Shoppe (you can push the snow away, rather than lifting it). And... maybe you'll want to pick up an ice chipper and a bag of their good calcium chloride to dissolve that ice (this is recommended because it doesn't burn grass nor pock-mark sidewalks).

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So... away with the blahs of winter... put spring in your thoughts... and remember that "as you sow... so shall ye reap..." and right now is the time to sow and to spring into spring!

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Packing up and getting ready this week are Supervisor Tom Corrigan, Town Clerk Marion Camp and staff, the town comptroller, town assessor, tax collector, water and sewer departments, building department, planning board, board of appeals, Youth Employment Service and public information specialist and their respective staffs.

By Wednesday they should all be settled at 445 Delaware Ave., the former Delmar Elementary School building. The police department and justice court offices have been there since October, using the separate entrance at 447 Delaware.

The telephone number for the town switchboard remains the same, 439-4955. So will the hours of business, 8:30 to 4:30. There will be an open house to show the new 40,000-square-foot setup to the public soon.

Authors coming

Three published writers will visit the Bethlehem Library as a part of the Capital District Humanities Program on the second, third and fourth Sundays of March, beginning at 2 p.m. Appearing March 9 will be William Herrick, author of "Shadows and Wolves," then, March 16, Shirley Nelson, author of "The Last Year of the War," and a former Delmar resident, Eugene Garber, director of the writing program at SUNY at Albany will be here March 23. Each author will read from his works and answer questions. The programs are free.

Tractor safety course

The Albany County Cooperative Extension Assn. will be offering a three-part course in tractor and machinery safety for those ages 12-16 at the Resources Development Center, Voorheesville.

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Middle School panel

Homerooms, mainstreaming, accelerated programs, remedial programs and testing will be discussed at the Bethlehem Middle School Parent Faculty Organization meeting March 6. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., a panel comprised of J. Briggs McAndrews, assistant superintendent of educational programs and instruction; Frederick Burdick, Middle School principal, and William Morrison, science teacher, will address questions raised in a survey of school parents. Jacqueline Shane, guidance counselor, will be the facilitator of the discussion, to be held in the school cafeteria.

World at prayer

The celebration of the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 7 will extend to the Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere, where services will be held at 7 p.m. This year, 150 countries and islands will participate in the world-wide chain of prayer from sunrise to sunset, in a program that was written by the women of Thailand. Mrs. George Chesbro of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar is co-chairman for the event.

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In Placid post

Jon Twichell, a former Delmar resident, was appointed executive director of the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce in January and was in office two weeks prior to the start of the 1980 Winter Olympic Games. Twichell, 38, is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Paul Smith's College. When his parents took over the operation of the Whiteface Chalet in Wilmington from 1959, Twichell became a ski instructor at Whiteface Mtn. He served in the U.S. Army 1963-65, and in 1967 married the former Marcia Reed of Saranac Lake. He operated the Adirondack Store in Ray Brook for six years. The Twichells have two sons, 10 and 7.

Family planning class

A natural family planning course will be given at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, by Family Life Information Center, Inc., on Friday evening, March 7. Dr. James P. Furlong, assisted by trained counseling couples, will present a series of four sessions.

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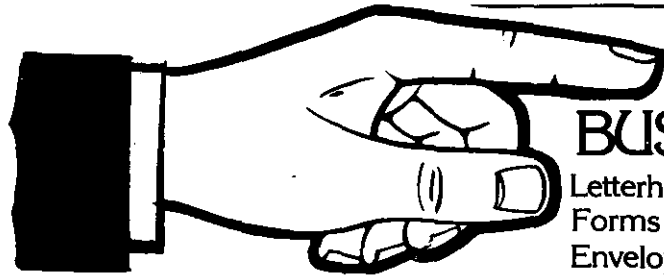
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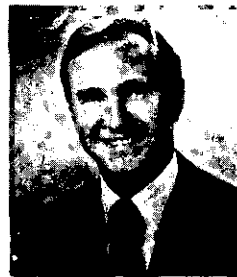
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"Embroidery and Quilting" is the theme of the March 14 meeting of QUILT (Quilters United in Learning Together) to be held at Bethlehem Library from 10 to 2. Betsy Ellsworth, award-winning embroideress, and Mary Louise Bilancia will teach embroidery stitches and techniques.

Vision screening planned

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will hold a training session for amblyopia vision screening March 11 at the First United Methodist Church. Dr. Stephen Sills, an ophthalmologist, and March Gilmour of the Albany Assn. of the Blind will conduct the session. For information call Rita Mallery at 439-1794.

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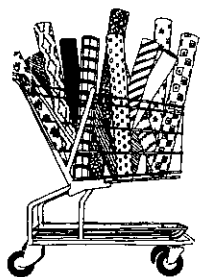
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Ernst is an associate professor at the Eastman School of Music, where he teaches conducting. He has written several books and articles about music conducting. He also performs as a flute soloist and has made commercial recordings.

The band festival will take place during Music in Our Schools Week, March 9-15.

Singing at church

The Joyful Noise, 50-voice youth choir with instrumentalists, will present a concert Sunday, March 9, at 6:30 at the Glenmont Pentecostal Church, Rt. 32 and Kenwood Ave.

League to meet

New York State's court system will be the topic of discussion at the monthly meeting of the Bethlehem unit of the League of Women Voters Thursday, March 13, at 9:15 a.m. at Bethlehem Library. The League has worked actively for court reform for many years. Anyone interested in learning more about the League and its activities is invited. Babysitting will be available at the library. For information call Patti Thorpe, 439-4661.

Art auction set

An art auction sponsored by the Albany chapter of Hadassah will be held Saturday, March 15, at the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany. The preview will begin at 8 p.m., and the auction will be at 8:45. Proceeds will aid Hadassah's medical and educational work in Israel.

Broadway bus trip

The Albany unit of Women's American ORT will sponsor a chartered bus trip to New York for a theater matinee and shopping on May 7. The package includes a ticket to the stage production, "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," and a stop at Riverside Square, Paramus, N.J. Verna Nurick, 76 Devon Rd., Delmar, 439-6354, is handling reservations.

Talk at school

Sister Anne Bryan Smollin will give a talk on "Family Communications" at St. Thomas School, Delmar, Friday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. for parents and school-age children in grades 6-12.



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He is chairman of St. Peter's Hospital Associates and a member of the Albany County Bar Assn.

Prayer observance set

Helderberg District Church Women United will hold a special service Friday, March 7, at 8 p.m. at the First Methodist Church, Voorheesville, to commemorate World Day of Prayer. Rev. James R. Rhodes of the McKownville Methodist Church will be the speaker. Thirteen churches will participate in the service, which will be followed by a fellowship hour. The public is invited.

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Games at firehouse

Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Co. No. 4 will sponsor "an old fashioned card party or bring your favorite game" evening at the Clarksville firehouse on Saturday, March 29, at 8 p.m. There will be door and table prizes, raffles and free refreshments.

Excel in typing

After taking the first 10-week course in typing at the Bethlehem Middle School this year, two eighth-graders, Lisa Hoenig and Margaret Mayfield, typed over 40 words per minute with no more than three errors. Seven of their classmates recorded speeds over 30 words per minute: Susan Talmage, Rob Irvine, Marggi Kerness, Scott Miller, Laura Propp, Lorinda Russo and Lauren Thomas. All Bethlehem eighth-graders take the course at some time during the school year.

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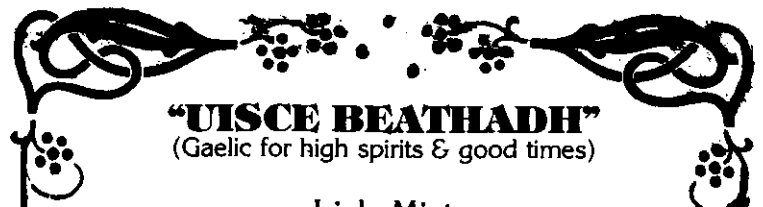
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Tuesday, March 11

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6:30—Christopher Closeup: Government & You
7:00—Carla Page Presents
7:30—Be A Better Shopper
8:00—Wide World of Truth
8:30—The Real Frankenstein, Part 2

History at library

Voorheesville Library is displaying an array of American history books and pictures. Library director Mrs. Jane Salvatore and librarian Mrs. Nancy Hutchinson are cooperating with the Old Helleburgh chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in the DAR's national American History essay contest in the schools. The topic this year is "Industries and Trades During the American Revolution" for children in Grades 5-8.



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SWIMMING

9th Sectionals title to Eagles

Bethlehem Central is sending nine swimmers to the New York State championship meet at West Point this weekend after wrapping up its ninth straight Section 2 crown.

The Eagles churned to four firsts and two seconds in the Sectional meet, their 77 points topping the combined total of runnerup Glens Falls with 44 and third-place Shaker with 31. It would have been a lot closer if Bethlehem's 200-yard medley relay quartet hadn't turned in their most brilliant performance of the year and Drew Hyde hadn't pulled off an upset win in the 200 freestyle.

As it was, BC's medley relay team was fourth in the morning trial heats at the State University pool, but qualified with a time of 1:47.2. In the finals, Coach Jack Whipple made two changes, sending Bill DeFrancisco to do the backstroke leg and assigning Bobbie Holland to the breaststroke. The result: these two plus regulars Erik Hall and John Delaney swam the best times of their respective careers and Bethlehem splashed home first in 1:44.4. They won by a good 18 feet for a major upset.

No one counted on Hyde, seeded No 6, winning the 200, but he did. Mark McNeally won the diving, which was also a surprise. Sophomore distance star Jay Henahan took the 500 free, setting the only new meet record of the day in 5:03.8, with BC's Mike Nyilis second. Holland got a second in the breaststroke.

The first two places in the individuals and the winning relays earned the shot at West Point. In Whipple's view, Holland has the best chance to make the finals in the state meet, although he concedes the medley relay has "an outside



Drew Hyde

chance." He figures the state-wide competition is too strong for Bethlehem's other candidates.

BC's West Point contingent: DeFrancisco, Holland, Hall, Delaney, Dave Propp, Hyde, McNeally, Henahan and Nyilis. That winds up another season that extended Bethlehem's winning tradition in scholastic swimming, one of the state's legendary sports dynasties.

BC spikers unbeaten

The Bethlehem Central boys volleyball team continued its winning ways last week, defeating Guilderland, Scotia and Mohonasen in straight games. The 10-0 Eagles extended their lead over Shenendehowa, which recently claimed second place by defeating Colonie to post a 7-3 record.

The BC season has included few "close calls" with most of the wins coming in two games. Guilderland fell 15-9, 15-6, while Scotia held on to lose 15-12, 15-16. Mohonasen's was a quick demise, 15-1, 15-3.

This week the Eagles will be in action against Niskayuna, Shenendehowa and Shaker.

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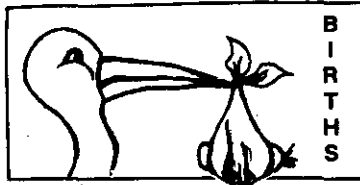
For the third straight year, the Delmar Blue Jays will play the opening game of the season at historic Doubleday Field in Cooperstown. The date this year is May 18, with an opponent to be selected.

Manager Rudy Toffenetti said this week he has booked six games at Cooperstown and four games with the Schenectady R&R Pool, the Chicago White Sox development team, in addition to the regular Capital District Baseball League schedule. The Blue Jays are defending champions of the league's southern division.

The Blue Jays have lost second baseman John Terko to a new job in Vermont, but Mike Usher of Slingerlands will be back to take over that spot. Among those returning are Mark Kleinke, the long-hitting centerfielder and former Bethlehem star now with RIT; Capt. John McDonald, ex-Lehigh pitching standout, and Jeff Rose, Siena pitcher, who will hurl for Delmar when the college season ends.

Luncheon speaker

Dr. Barry Reiss, associate professor of pharmacy at Albany College of Pharmacy, will speak on "Feeling Nifty After Fifty" at the March 12 meeting of the Second Milers. The meeting and luncheon begin at 12:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar.



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Boy, Stephen Corley, to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Corson, Glenmont, Jan. 11.

Albany Medical Center

Boy, Brian Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Baxter, Delmar, Feb. 1.

Twin boys, Adam Michael and Matthew Maynard, to Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Gallup, Delmar, Jan. 31.

Boy, Eamonn Joseph, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brennan, Slingerlands, Feb. 5.

Passover workshops

Two special Passover holiday workshops are planned at the Albany Jewish Community Center for mid-March. On Wednesday, March 12, 7-9 p.m., a "Keeping Passover for the First Time" will be held to familiarize people looking for new and alternative ways to observe Passover. The one-day workshop will be led by Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl. On Wednesday, March 19, a one-day "Cooking for Passover" workshop will be held with Rochel Rubin. Pre-registration is required. For information call 438-6651.

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TRACK

BC gets spots in state meet

Sectionals and state championships highlight the latest exploits of the Bethlehem Central indoor track team along with some unusual twists of fate. Sue Marr became state champion in the 1500 meter walk with a time of 7:45. Team-mate Judy Parker placed fourth at 3,000 meters in 10:25. Both advanced from Sectional competition at RPI, where Evelyn Carey also posted a good time in the 600.

For the boys, however, their futures in the state meet hinged on several unusual events. While Walt Waidelich was putting away the Sectional field with his personal record of 49 feet 11½ inches in the shot put, the Bethlehem entry in the mile relay was troubled by an official's disqualification of Dave Elfelt for not putting forth his "best effort" in another event, the 300-yard run.

"I told him to take it easy," Coach Joel Melnikoff said. "He was in a heat with one other guy to decide fifth and sixth place, and the judges said he wasn't pushing hard enough. In my opinion, it was a judgement call."

It was another "judgement call" that led to the relay team's eventual triumph. Dan Horn filled in for Elfelt and, with Andy Gould, Kurt Bolluch and Wayne Allen filling out the field, the Eagles took second behind Mont Pleasant. Only the first-place team goes on to

the state championships. Mont Pleasant was then disqualified for a lane violation to rocket the Eagles into state competition, but the decision was met with mixed feelings by the team and their coach.

"They feel and I feel that Mont Pleasant still should go," said Melnikoff. "They were a good team and they beat us."

Still, Melnikoff hope for a good showing at the meet, with Elfelt back in the starting blocks for the mile relay and Waidelich steadily improving. And there's plenty to look for in the future from the Eagles with up-and-coming freshmen like Dean Nichols, who broke the BC record for the 1000-yard run March 1.

Eagles in running

The Bethlehem Central girls basketball team may still have a shot at the Sectionals if they can win their remaining games against Mohonasen and Guilderland March 5 and 7. Last week they were led by Shelly Richter's 9-point output to a 27-23 upset of second-place Burnt Hills in a low-scoring contest. Coach Kenneth Hodge said, "We controlled the tempo of the game. Every time we broke the press we'd set up and play deliberately." The Eagles later let things get out of control as they lost to league-leading Shaker, 54-33, in spite of Katy FitzPatrick's 13 points and Mary Howell's 12. "Shaker is easily the best team in the league," Hodge said.

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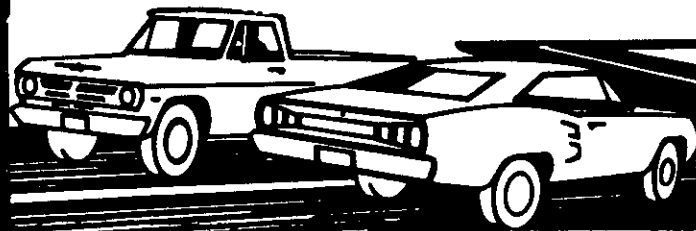
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BASKETBALL

Blackbirds bow out in glory

For Voorheesville Central's hard-luck basketball team there was pride and glory in defeat as the Blackbirds suffered a heartbreaking overtime loss in the Section CC semifinals at Linton Saturday.

On the books it was 63-60 for Mechanicville after a wild fourth period that saw the lead change hands twice in the last two minutes, but in the eyes of Coach Mike O'Brien it was one of the unforgettable moments of his 18-year coaching career.

"The boys deserved to win," he said Sunday. "I can think of only one or two other teams in 18 years who have played with such character as these boys last night. They really came on. They have a lot to be proud of, and I'm really looking forward to next year."

It was a brilliant windup for a team that had won only one league game and entered the game a heavy underdog at 8-14. But Voorheesville led all the way till the end, held Mechanicville's top scorer (20-point average) to three points and grabbed only one less rebound than the enemy. The Blackbirds were up by five at the three-quarter post, 47-42, then Mechanicville surged to a five-point lead with three minutes to go. Voorheesville came back

and had a two-point lead with a minute left, only to have Ray Rose, Mechanicville's brilliant outside shooter, tie the game.

With the final seconds ticking, Rose missed a jump shot that would have won it. Greg Picard grabbed the rebound, sprinted to mid-court and let fly as the buzzer sounded. His long heave grazed the cords and the teams went into overtime at 57-all.

Rose had 26 points, most from 25-30 feet out. "We did a brilliant job on McBride, but Rose beat us," said O'Brien. "They were exceptional shooters. There's no defense against that."

Joe Probst, the Blackbirds' most consistent scorer all season, pumped in 23 in his final scholastic outing. He also was high man in the victory over Schoharie in the quarterfinals on Wednesday.

O'Brien's enthusiasm for next year is well founded. Of the 15 players who dressed for the Sectional games, 12 will be back, including Paul Probst, sharpshooting sophomore, and Jim Riviello, a backcourt man who can score. The Blackbirds will lose only Joe Probst, Don Kinisky and Harris Crawford from the current array.




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Sat., March 8	Wrestling, State Tournament at Syracuse Swimming, Intersectionals at Cornell 9:00 am Track, Sectionals at Cornell 9:00 am Girl's Gymnastics, Intersectionals at Shaker
Tues., March 11	Volleyball, Colonie, away 3:45
Wed., March 12	Volleyball, Columbia, home 3:45

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Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gallup, 11 Frederick Pl., Slingerlands, were surprised by a gathering of 70 relatives and friends to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Ramada Inn, Albany. The surprise was engineered by the Gallup children, Richard Gallup of West Springfield, Mass., Janet Beach of Ravena, and Diane Gallup of Slinger-

lands, with another daughter, Barbara Cambridge of San Diego, Calif. phoning during the festivities.

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Wed in Albany

Lisa Rockwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rockwell of Albany, became the bride of David Clickman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clickman of Weisheit Rd., Selkirk, on Dec. 7 at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Albany. Rev. Fr. Pagonis officiated.

A reception at the Crossroads restaurant followed the ceremony. The bride attended Colonie Central High School. Her husband attended Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

Mileson-Kreider

Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Mileson of Glens Falls have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jane Elizabeth, to Sanford Douglass Kreider, son of Mrs. Sanford Kreider of Glen Rock, N.J. and the late

Mr. Kreider. Miss Mileson, a Delmar resident, is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Bay Path Junior College. She is employed as a petroleum analyst with Mobil Oil Corp. Her fiance, a resident of East Greenbush, is a 1973 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He received his MBA degree in systems management from the University of Southern California, Hawaii campus. He is an engineer with Mobil Oil Corp. after having served five years as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army overseas.

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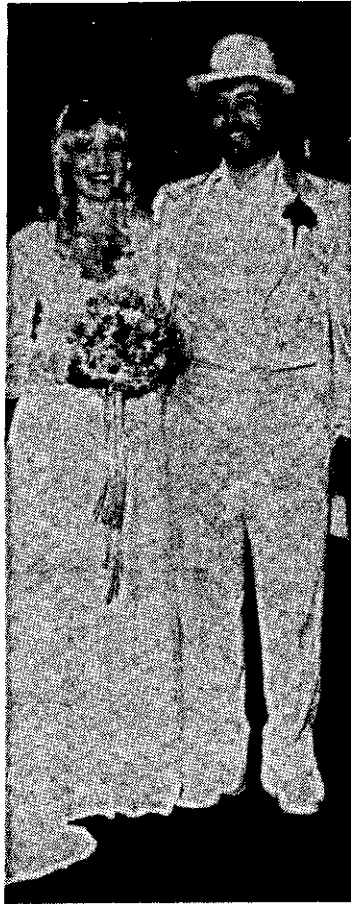
The prospective bride is a 1977 graduate of RCS Central High School and is employed by the State of New York. Her fiancé is a 1974 graduate of Shaker High School, Latham, and is employed by Meurs and Dutton heating and air conditioning firm.

Wed in Rensselaer

The wedding of Miss Martha Woltjen, daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Woltjen of Rensselaer and Walter Woltjen of Castleton, and Brad Woodworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woodworth of Somers, N.Y., took place Nov. 3 at the Broadway Methodist Church, Rensselaer. Rev. Thomas Piston officiated.

The bride was attended by JoAnn LaTourette, maid of honor, and Darlene McCarty and Pat Bly, sisters of the bride, and Ferne Bello, bridesmaids. Bart Woodworth was his brother's best man, and Brik Woodworth, Doug Seamon, and Burt Kendall were ushers. A reception was held at the DeFreestville fire hall.

Mrs. Woodworth is a graduate of VanRensselaer High School. Her husband graduated from Westchester Com-



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Offers will be received up to 2 p.m. on the 28th day of March, 1980, at which time said offers will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

The property may be inspected by contacting Mr. Martin Cross at 518-767-9618.

Offers shall be addressed to Mr. Thomas V. Corrigan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Offers shall be in a sealed envelope which shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the purchaser and the subject of the offer "Highway Property."

Original and one copy of each offer shall be submitted.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all offers, and a sale is subject to permissive referendum and applicable zoning regulations.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

CAROLYN M. LYONS
Deputy Town Clerk

Dated: March 5, 1980

(Mar. 6)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites bids for the furnishing of two (2) 1980 1/2 ton pick-up trucks for the Bethlehem Sewer District.

Bids will be received up to 10 a.m. on the 17th 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.

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MARION T. CAMP
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Dated: February 27, 1980

(Mar. 6)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Town Law, Section 29(10-a) that a copy of the Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 1979 for the Town of Bethlehem, is now on file in the office of the Town Clerk and is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours.

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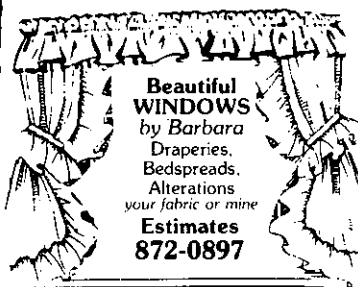
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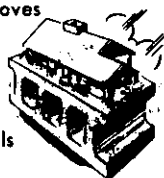
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At one time or another, many of us are confronted with conditions which frustrate or discourage. We mollify ourselves with "you-can't-beat-the-system." However, in our district, Assemblyman C.D. "Larry" Lane disproves this public perception.

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Coach criticized

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem varsity basketball looks bleak for some time to come. Somewhere along the way, the program priorities have been changed. School sports should be primarily for the students, not the coach. The competitiveness, teamwork and pure enjoyment is for the team members.

Sports are supposed to be fun! However, under the tutelage of Mr. (James) Tedisco, basketball has become a burden. I have watched the present team members work and develop over the years with the aim—to play varsity basketball and perhaps add to the Bethlehem winning tradition. There was, and still is, a lot of talent on the 79-80 team but Mr. Tedisco never gave them a chance. It was a shame to see them so discouraged, all for want of a decent coach.

The '78-79 basketball team was actually trained by the previous coach. The '79-80

team was Mr. Tedisco's first effort to form a team. Following are the results of his actions:

- Constant yelling has produced intimidated, irritated players.
- No smiles or fun due to serious attitude of the coach.
- Confusion caused by complicated plays and drills that were never used in games.
- Two players quit because they never had an opportunity to play.
- Most experienced players were on the bench while inexperienced members played most of the time.
- Poor judgement by coach allowing an injured member to play. The possible result is that the injury is now permanent and the boy may never play sports again.
- Frustrated coach put his fist through a glass partition, resulting in injury to himself and two players. Team members were shocked by this behavior and by the fact that he was not removed from coaching or disciplined. The students have lost all respect for this coach.

In his eagerness to build a reputation for himself, Mr. Tedisco has ruined the varsity basketball program. I believe the school has been taken in by the belief that an outstanding player will be an outstanding coach. Unfortunately, the reverse is more normally the rule and the students must bear the brunt of this decision.

Return the game to the students. Give the players a coach they can respect or face the alternative of disillusionment for the aspiring athletes and many "long seasons" in the future.

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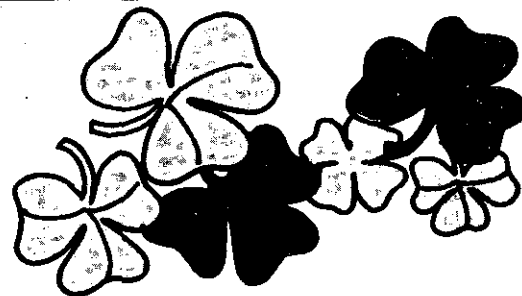
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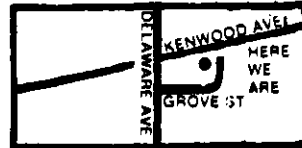
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