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BC's new drama group is making its stage debut with four 8:30 curtains May 7-10. In key roles are Linda Stokoe, Debbie DiClementi and Carolyn Smith, top, and Dan Miller, Jim Schimanski, Tomi Ann Roberts, John Healy and Todd Ellis.



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League of Women Voters, Thurs-
days, Bethlehem Library, 9:15 a.m.
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THURSDAY, MAY 8

"No, No, Nanette," BCHS audi-
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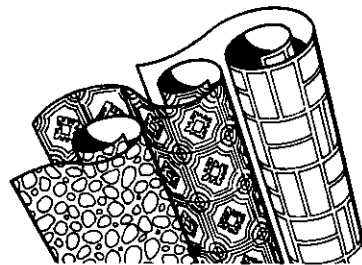
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Spagetti Dinner, sponsored by Junior class of BCHS, high school cafeteria, 6-8 p.m. \$4 adults, \$3 under 12.

Bloodmobile, Clayton A. Bouton High School, 10-4.

Tall Tales, with Patricia M. Patrick, Bethlehem Library, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

"No, No, Nanette," BCHS auditorium, 8 p.m. Seats reserved.

Bicycle Inspection and Registration, North Bethlehem firehouse, 10-noon, Slingerlands firehouse, 2-4.

Garden Day, town of Bethlehem highway garage, Elm Ave. East, Selkirk, 10-2. Bring containers for free mulch.

Plant Sale, Helderview Garden Club, Voorheesville Grand Union, 10-2.

Film, "Adventures of Tom Sawyer," sponsored by YMCA Indian Guides of Delmar, Hellman UA Theater, Washington Ave., 10 a.m. Admission \$1.

Bethlehem Grange, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, 8 p.m.

Choosing Your Bike, custom frame builder Phil Fisher, Bethlehem Library, 2-4.

MONDAY, MAY 12

Film, "Teenage Father," St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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BCHS Spring Concert, school auditorium, 8 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, Music Group, Bethlehem Library, 1:30.

Spotlight Classifieds Work!

TUESDAY, MAY 13

Price Chopper Fund Day, Voorheesville PTSA, 20 Mall and 1881 Western Ave., all day.

Allmony and Child Support, part two of four-part series, Bethlehem Library, 7-9.

Annual Meeting, Bethlehem Central school district, BCHS auditorium, 7:30.

Annual Meeting, Voorheesville Central school district, Voorheesville HS, 7:30.

"Allmony and Child Support," Part two of four-part series on divorce, Bethlehem Library, 7-9.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

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

"Death Ceremonies," Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30-9 p.m.

Book Discussion Group, discussing Saul Bellow's "The Dangling Man," Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

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

Annual School Elections and Budget Vote, Bethlehem district at Middle School, Delmar; Voorheesville district at High School, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"Death Ceremonies," part four of five sessions on death and dying, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30-9.

Second Milers, speaker Robert J. Buckner, asst. attorney general, on consumer fraud, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30.

Albany Area Retired Teachers Assn. Speaker, Dr. Barry Reissot, Albany College of Pharmacy, "Feeling Nifty Over Fifty," Bethlehem Library, 12:30 p.m.

Film, "Tall Tales and Folk Heroes," Voorheesville Library, grade school children, 4 p.m.



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Bethlehem Historical Assn., "Farming in Bethlehem," Cedar Hill School House Museum, 8 p.m.

American Legion, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, luncheon, 12:30.

Bethlehem Unit, League of Women Voters, national convention reports, Bethlehem Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available, call Patti Thorpe for information, 439-4661.

Spring Music Festival, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Annual Dinner, Elsmere Fire Co. A, Altieri's Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, cocktails 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Plant Sale, Bethlehem Garden Club, in front of Grand Union, Delaware Plaza, all day.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Bicycle Maintenance, with bike mechanic Laura Hagen, Bethlehem Library, 1-5.

Carnival, Glenmont School, Rt. 9W, 11-3.

Garage Sale, sponsored by the Home-School Assn. of Hamagrael School, Hamagrael cafeteria, McGuffey Lane, Delmar, 10-3.

Tithing of Talents Fair, Onesquehaway Reformed Church, Tarrytown Rd., Feura Bush, homemade items for sale, 10-4. Information, Elaine Jenkins, 768-2639.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

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

MONDAY, MAY 19

Delmar Kiwanis, Center Inn, 6:30.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 20

"Home and Property Distribution," part 3 of four sessions on divorce, Bethlehem Library, 7-9 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, Garden Group, Five Rivers Center, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Delmar Progress Club, annual banquet, Normanside Country Club, 6 p.m.

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

"Grieving and How to Comfort Others," last in death and dying series, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30-9.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 22

"Stress and the Childbearing Years," Carmen Cornute, Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m.

Slingerlands Homeowners' Assn., business meeting and election of officers, future plans, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

area arts

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

THEATRE

EBA Contemporary Dance Theatre, Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center (The Egg), **May 10**, 8 p.m. Tickets, \$3. Information, 465-9916.

"Killing Time" (new Black American history play), State University Performing Arts Center, **May 8-11**, 8 p.m. (Sunday matinee at 2:30). Box office 457-8606.

"An Evening of One-Act Plays," presented by This River of Women, feminist theater company, Page Hall, State University downtown campus, **May 16-17**, 8 p.m. **May 18**, 2:30 p.m. Donation \$3, child care on premises free.

MUSIC

Country music concert, Robin and Linda Williams, St. Mark's Community Center, Gunderland Center, **May 19**, 8 p.m. \$3.50 at door, \$3 in advance, 765-4193.

University Chorale with Metropolitan Opera soprano Licia Albanese, guest soloist, State University PAC Main Theater, **May 9**, 8:30 p.m. \$5, students, senior citizens \$4. Box office 457-8606.

ART

"Seeing Through Touch: Seven Artists Invite You to Touch Their Work," Art Center Gallery, 189 Second St., Troy, **May 4-25**, daily, 9-5; Sundays, 2-5.

Masters Thesis Exhibitions, studio art work in painting, sculpture, prints and drawings, The University at Albany Art Gallery, **May 3-25**, Tuesday-Friday, 9-5; Thursdays, 9-8, Weekends, 1-4.

Chris DeMarco, photography exhibit, Park Gallery, 240 Washington Ave., Albany, Tues.-Fri. 9-5:30, Sat. 11-5.

Faculty Art Show, Junior College of Albany, **through May 9**. Mon.-Fri. 12-3, Fri. 5-8.

Albany Artists Group, annual juried show, City and County Savings Bank, Albany, **through May 8**.

FILM

"The Five Pennies" (starring Danny Kaye as Red Nichols) Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., **May 13**, 2 and 8 p.m. Free.

"Gone With the Wind," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, shown in two parts, **May 7 and 14**, 2 p.m.

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DELMAR

Firemen plan land purchase

Officials of the town of Bethlehem and Delmar Fire Dept. have agreed to split the cost of a new appraisal of 30-by-20 foot parcel of land that presently is blacktopped as part of the parking lot of the "old" town hall.

Earlier negotiations on a proposed sale of the rear section of the former town hall at 393 Delaware Ave. to the fire department have been called off in favor of a new proposal. The fire district now plans to buy the northwest corner of the parking lot, which is adjacent to the firehouse and the vacant town hall, as the site for a two-bay facility to house the Delmar ambulance.

No purchase price has been discussed. At a special meeting of the town board last week called by Supervisor Tom Corrigan to discuss the new proposal, it was brought out that separate appraisals done by the town and by the fire district differed widely as to the estimated worth of the 600-square-foot parcel.

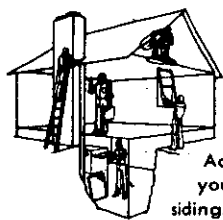
"We've agreed to share the expense of a new appraisal," Corrigan said. The appraisal is expected to start this week.

Once the parties have settled on a price, the proposed transfer of title faces a "double" permissive referendum. Any sale or purchase of public property requires a public notice and a 30-day waiting period in which citizens may file a petition call for a referendum—in this case affecting the town and the fire district.



Legionnaires from the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Elsmere, presented a new American flag to Supervisor Tom Corrigan at the Bethlehem town hall open house Sunday. From left, Roger DiNucci, past commanders Charles O'Hara and George Butman, Corrigan, Commander Joseph Marino and Past Commander Win Robinson. The flag was then raised to the new flagpole under the guidance of Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Bethlehem police as the Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps played the national anthem.

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Board okays teachers' pay hike

Voorheesville board of education members and the school district's approximately 100 teachers have settled on a new salary schedule that will add approximately \$150,000 to next year's school budget.

The board last week accepted a schedule calling for an increase of approximately 9.4 percent in the basic steps of the teachers' pay formula. An administration spokesman said the increase includes the annual increments in the pay formula. The new scales cover extra pay for coaching, substitute teaching and overtime pay.

The settlement was ratified earlier by members of the bargaining unit of the Voorheesville Teachers Assn., local union affiliated with the New

York State United Teachers (NYSUT-AFL-CIO). The settlement, reached under the wage reopener clause in the current union contract, will take effect July 1 and will prevail until the expiration of the present three-year union contract on June 30, 1981.

The agreement boosts the Voorheesville district's instructional payroll to approximately \$1,859,000, roughly 43 percent of the \$4.3 million budget that goes to the voters next Wednesday.

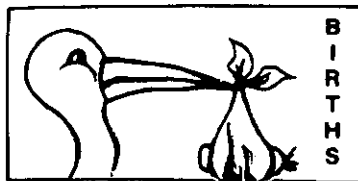
"I think it's a fair settlement for the teachers and for the community," said Supt. of Schools Werner Berglas.

Also on the May 14 ballot is a proposition to increase the size of the district school board from five to seven members. If the proposition is approved, a special election will be scheduled for "sometime in June," according to a board spokesman.

The only board seat up for election this month is that of Mrs. Ann Balk of New Scotland, who is unopposed for a second five-year term.

Deaf musicians to perform

Four Bethlehem residents are involved in arrangements for a concert by a group of volunteer musicians attempting to dispel the myth that people who are deaf or with severe hearing disabilities cannot appreciate music. The group meets weekly to practice sign language interpretation of popular songs. The concert is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 11, at 2 p.m. at the mall's Cultural Education Center. Participating are Debbie Kupsch, an occupational therapist at the Cerebral Palsy Center; Jane and Dale Conklin of Delmar, the latter adding expertise in lighting design and scenery, and Becker Hauser Hodgkinson, a Bethlehem Central graduate and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hauser of Slingerlands, one of the group's directors.



Boy, Rodman Kerr, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Rodman K. Forter, Beverly, Mass. Mrs. Forter is the former Elsa Jones, daughter of Mrs. Sydney T. Jones, Jr., Slingerlands.

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Girl, Cynthia, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid, Voorheesville, April 20.

Boy, Jesse, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald, Selkirk, April 23.

Girl, Kerry, to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Van Riper, Slingerlands, April 24.

Boy, Justin, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hausmann, Feura Bush, April 26.

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Rebecca Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sayer, Ravenna, April 16.

Boy, Anthony Arthur, to Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Praga, Slingerlands, April 14.

Girl, Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. John Mox, Selkirk, April 14.

SELKIRK

Troopers probing 2 false alarms

The call to the Selkirk firehouse came at 1 a.m. Monday, an adult male voice reporting his house trailer at 7 Miller Rd. was on fire, the propane gas line was burning and he had to get his children out.

Selkirk Fire Chief Bob Wigand dispatched three pumpers and an equipment truck to Miller Rd. At the site they found no No. 7 and no trailer. Ravena firemen, meanwhile, had responded with an aerial ladder, a pumper and the rescue squad.

Fire officials said state police are investigating the incident, and added that several other suspicious calls had been received in the vicinity in recent weeks.

Five minutes after returning to their respective stations from the false alarm, all three Selkirk fire companies were back on the road to battle a flaming barn on Clapper Rd. The structure, located just west of the School House Museum, was used by Edward Mocker, Glenmont dairyman, for hay storage. Firemen said the barn was blazing when they arrived and was a total loss.

Two days earlier, Selkirk firemen had been called to the

Three Farms Dairy owned by Mocker, a Bethlehem councilman, where several fields were on fire.

Crumby trick

A 48-year-old South Bethlehem resident told Bethlehem police he was hit by a blueberry coffeecake thrown from a passing car while driving north on Rt. 85 near the vacant Gasland station in Slingerlands at 7:40 p.m. Saturday. The motorist said the confection struck him on the neck and shoulder and splattered the interior of his car. He told police the passing car was occupied by three or four people.

Skipped with gas

Bethlehem police are looking for the motorist who pumped \$24 worth of gas from the Hess station in Elsmere at 10:20 p.m. Friday and drove off without paying. Police said they had the plate number and a description of the driver.

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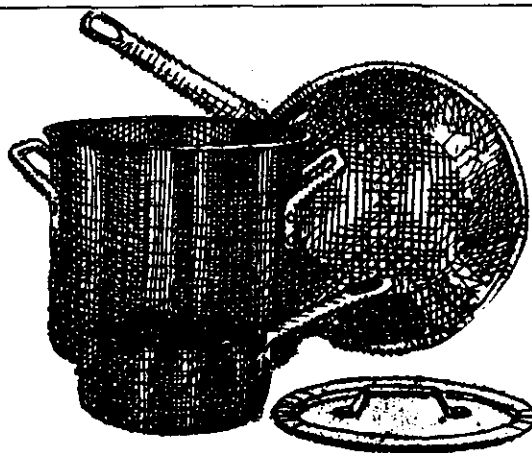
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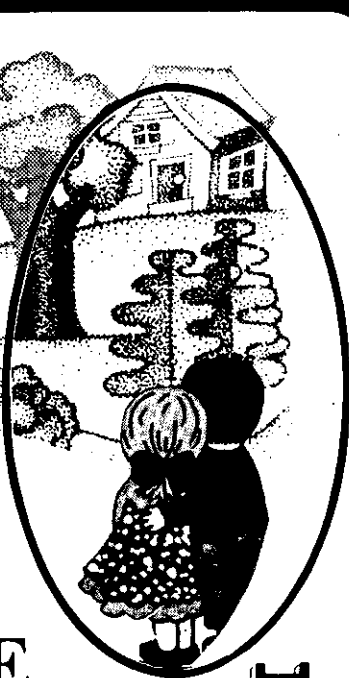
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VIEWPOINT

The U.S. through Iran's eyes

Gardner Bump of Elsmere lived and worked in the Middle East for many years. The hostage crisis in Iran inspired him to write the following commentary that may help explain the attitude and stance of the typical Iranian toward the United States.

The whole affair was preposterous or justifiably normal depending on whether you were an American or a Pakistani. The West had just moved in to reclaim the Suez Canal from Egypt and America had just told them to quit.

But the stone did not quit. It arched gracefully across the street, through our front window and came to rest on the Kashmir rug in our front room. It was thrown by a 15-year-old student from the Pakistani school across the street. It was propelled by an aeon of suspicion and distrust bred by the certainty that Pakistanis were near the bottom of the heap, with little chance for advancement, and not much that could be done about it.

Rumor had it that the West was taking the canal away from Egypt by force. "The West" included the United States, and I was an American. The stone was not directed at me personally, but at the juggernaut we call modern civilization that was exposing them to ways of life, to hopes and wants and morals that are quite out of touch with the simple, direct, religious ways that had satisfied the country people for generations back.

I had been friends with the students in the school across the street for several years. Additionally, we had jeeped through most of the Middle East from Turkey to India, living with the people and off the land. Gradually the stone made sense in a way that few, who have not lived widely in the underdeveloped parts of the world, can understand.

People judge each other by their own standards. Even right and wrong can be defined quite differently depending upon

where one is. In Pakistan there was a Pathan working for me that would cheerfully cut anybody's throat if I just said the work. Yet he had been for 17 years a subaltern in the British Army and was the most reliable of men. In India I employed 50 untouchables as trappers of birds for four seasons. The first year they were annoyingly unreliable, but, by the end of the period, they were delightfully cooperative.

The point is clear to me, but still lost on most Americans. Be it Pakistanis, Afghans or Iranians, they are acting in concert with the social mores that are accepted and have worked in their country for ages. They accept western (progressive) ways and ideas just like grandfather accepted the horseless carriage. It was fine so long as it worked and did not alter the even flow of accustomed living.

These people have a religion, a culture and a social system based on centuries of living that they know is satisfying and works for them. Not everything is dandy, but they know that the progressive West also has its problems and they prefer theirs to ours.

Yes, time will change all this, but the clock ticks with deliberate speed. In 17 years my Pathan assistant learned a lot in the British Army. Yet, when the chips were down, his reactions were those of the northwest frontier. It was a wedding of cultures so long as he was treated right by his standards.

Therein lies our problem with much of the developed world. Our ideas of right treatment are not always theirs but we expect them to accept ours. For example, most of the world says to Iran, "Let the people go" without understanding that for centuries the taking of hostages has been an accepted way to secure an advantage in an argument.

My friends say, "But the country agreed to live in the community of nations by accepted civilized standards." In most cases those who agreed

were the ruling small percentage that have been exposed to and accepted the western ways of doing things. One can easily see this in the difference in the pronouncements coming from the educated ministries of Iran by comparison with those from the common people captors of our Embassy personnel. In the conflict, the common man is predominant and between the new mores and the ones that have served him for centuries, the latter holds his confidence.

And why is two-thirds of the World, the "underdeveloped people" suspicious of the West? From our point of view, that is difficult to understand but from theirs, it is predictable. Theirs are a different religion, dress, cultural and economic way of life. But it suits them. This was disagreeably impressed on me when I was cashing a check at the American Embassy in New Delhi. In came a lady tourist, red hot with anger because the local bazaar people had tried to charge her twice the going rate for some trinket. She knew that Americans had helped India with vast amounts of money and this was the way Indians treated Americans in return. Forgotten was the idea that most of the world worked on a bargaining rather than a discount philosophy. Had she offered a quarter of the price, she probably could have bought what she wanted at the going price.

So much fun has resulted from half an hour of bargaining in Istanbul that local pot sellers offered to give me the

copper bowl I wanted to buy. It is seldom a matter of nationality but it is the western rather than the local method of doing things that makes both sides feel that they are being taken for a ride.

But of all Westerners, why should Americans be singled out to be distrusted? In part because we are the visual "tip of the iceberg" that they see. In part because we are—in their experience—the leading exponent of a capitalistic system that rewards bigness and puts the screws on the small operator. In most parts of the world, bigness is associated with ruthlessness and oppression of the masses who do not conform to the big way of life.

The more sophisticated people are, the less emotions dictate their lives. But we are living in a world peopled with folks who are highly emotional against the things that they see is threatening a way of life that they find satisfactory.

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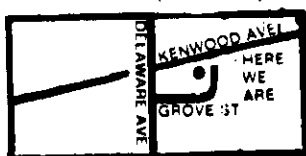
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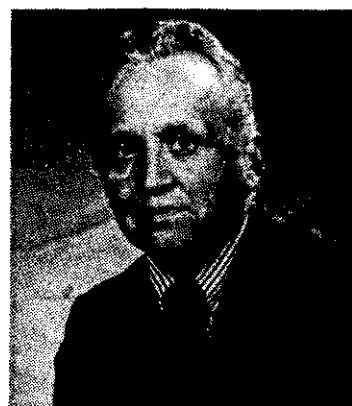
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The announcement by Gene G. Banucci, manager of research and engineering at GE's Selkirk plant, said the position "is reserved for those who have demonstrated outstanding scientific contributions" to General Electric's plastics division. They are the second and third scientists to be given the honor.

Abolins began his career with General Electric's plastics business in 1964, where he was instrumental in the development of the newly introduced PPO resin. He pioneered the development and introduction of many GE engineering plastics, the most recent being two new Noryl products that will find use in a variety of markets including business machines and electrical components.

Prior to his association with

General Electric's plastics business, Abolins worked for GE's Transportation Systems Business Division in Erie, Pa., where he made significant contributions to the fields of electrical insulation for motors and generators. As a result of his efforts, he has earned 25 U.S. patents.

A native of Latvia, Abolins studied at the University of Riga and the University of Wuerzburg, Germany, and received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Gannon University, Erie.

Cooper has been associated with General Electric since 1951 in various research and development posts. His major research efforts have been in the areas of organosilicon chemistry and in the mechanism of PPO polymerization, and have earned him 65 U.S. patents. A graduate of Arkansas State College, Cooper earned his BS in chemistry in 1940 and a PhD. in organic chemistry from Purdue University in 1949. He continued his studies at Northwestern University and completed two years of post-doctoral work.



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There are, however, times when lending can be very attractive. Such a time occurred early this year when interest rates on long government bonds yielded in excess of 12.5 percent. The 11% of 2010 Treasury Bond (known as the Bo Derek) traded at \$940 per thousand some four weeks ago. At that time we recommended in this column that investors begin to stretch maturities. The Bo Dereks are now trading at \$1095 per thousand (a gain of 16.5%).

Yes, but that's all history. The question now becomes, what to do from here? The average price earnings ratio of the Dow Jones Industrial Average for the last 51 years is 14.2. Currently the Dow is 810 with anticipated 1980 per share earnings of \$126.55. This provides an estimated multiple of 6.4. The inverse of the PE multiple is known as the corporate earnings yield, in this case 15.6 percent. Since investors have traditionally demanded a REAL return of 3 percent, current prices suggest that inflation will continue indefinitely at 12.6 percent.

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Word that the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation would close the Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar as an economy move has had the effect EnCon officials hoped it would.

The popular center on Game Farm Rd. in the town of New Scotland has been listed for elimination in order to save approximately \$150,000 as part of the hassle over the state budget currently being waged between Gov. Hugh L. Carey and the Legislature. Singling out the Five Rivers Center over the other two similar facilities elsewhere is attributed to its visibility and popularity, hence certain to arouse a public clamor.

It did. Since the surprise announcement last Tuesday, local newspapers have devoted substantial space and several articles to the Five Rivers situation. Even Albany Mayor Erastus Corning II got into the act, either directly or indirectly, when he was credited with "saving" the center by obtaining an extension "with a single phone call to Gov. Carey" was later branded as "greatly exaggerated" by Five

Rivers director Alan Mapes.

So far, Mapes said, only an extension of his position and that of senior educator Wendy Suozzo to July 1 has been confirmed. The final fate of the center still rests with the Legislature and its authority to grant special funding to keep Five Rivers alive. He added, "The mayor was pretty instrumental, but there were a lot of people who had a hand in keeping the center open."

Catherine Van Volkenburgh, president of Five Rivers, Ltd., a citizens support group, feels the center was singled out for the cuts in staff because it alone of the three centers in the state had not received special funding in the past. "Now we have to say we think it's important to have this one, too," she said.

Other factors affecting the cuts were slashes in maintenance for the center previously supplied by the Region IV operations unit of EnCon, and attempts by EnCon to "avoid crippling two facilities by shutting down one." Mapes said.

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Persons who have obtained passes in the past will have their passes updated by the addition of a colored number-coded sticker. New residents and those who will reach the age of 8 on or before the park's opening day, June 7, must be photographed. Proof of residence is required. Senior citizens may use park facilities free of charge. Individuals who are 65 and older may obtain ID cards at the park office. Per-

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Slides at museum

Mrs. Edward Dillon, Jr. will present a tape-slide show on "Farming in Bethlehem" at the May 15 meeting of the Bethlehem Historical Assn. at 8 p.m. in the Cedar Hill School House Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd. The tapes feature Meredith Clapper explaining farming methods on her parents' and grandparents' farm, and Dick Thayer relating the expansion of Heath's Shady Lawn Dairy Farm from a one-man operation to the present business.

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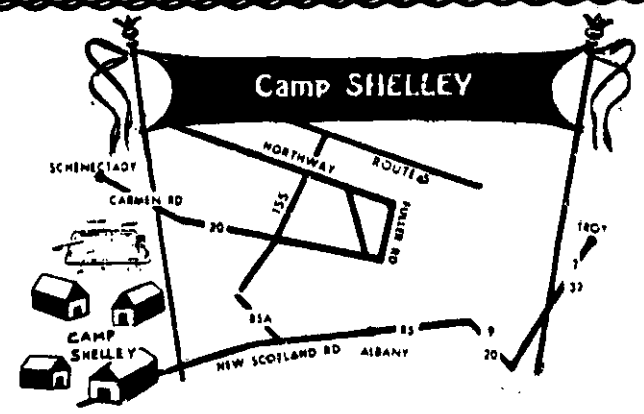
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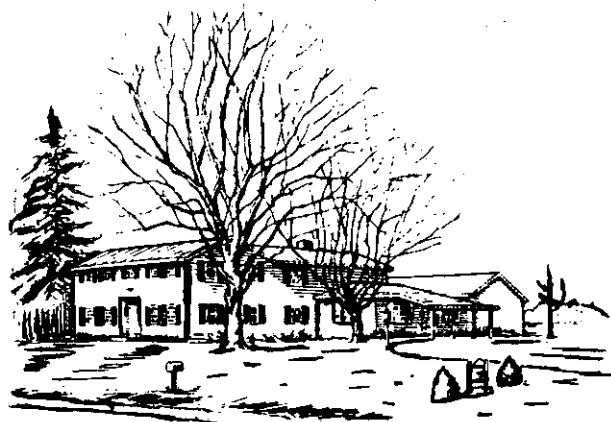


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Heartbreak atop Cass Hill

For weeks Vicki Bylsma has been working to stage an aquatic show at Bethlehem Central High School, where she is a physical education teacher. Last Saturday, the night of the show, she and her family packed for an overnight trip and left their beautiful home atop Cass Hill in New Scotland in time to make last-minute preparations for the show at the school.

It was a great success, and shortly after 10 p.m., Vicki, her husband, John (Rick) Bylsma and their sons, Chadd, 8, and

Michael, 5, drove to Lake George to spend their first night sleeping on their new 27-foot sailboat moored at Yarm-darm, just above Dunham's Bay.

At about the time they were leaving Delmar, fire broke out in their rural home on Cass Hill Rd.—unbeknownst to them and got a good start before neighbors spotted the flames. The alarm went in to Ones-quethaw and South Westerlo volunteer firemen, but it was too late.

"When we got there, the house was fully involved," said Fire Chief Vic Hansen of Clarksville. "It was a tragic sight. We're thankful no one was in the house."

It was 4 a.m. before Rick and Vicki got back to Cass Hill to find only smoldering embers and the rubble of the stone. "We walked around looking at what we'd worked on for years," Rick said later.

The house had been their dream and their life through eight years of constant work. Originally it was the homestead of the Cass family, built in 1840 with 8-by-10 beams, and for a time there was a general store in the kitchen area. Across the road was a blacksmith shop. The Bylsmas bought the house in July, 1972, and immediately started tearing out the old laths and sheetrock. Over the years they put in two spiral staircases, took out the ceilings, put in a cathedral ceiling, took off the old kitchen and put it back the way they wanted it. They transformed the old "summer kitchen" into

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Now it is all gone. The two barns are still there, saved by the firemen, and there's always that magnificent view of the Blackhead range in the Catskills—the sweep of Blackhead, Black Dome and Mt. Thomas Cole.

The heartbreak will not deter the Bylsmas; they are already planning a fresh start. "We'd like to build an energy-efficient home," said Rick. "We'll get going as soon as the insurance is straightened out."

Meanwhile they are heartened by the warmth and support of their neighbors and many friends, who have offered meals and have brought clothes for the two young boys. Both Rick and Vicki grew up in Delmar and graduated from Bethlehem Central, and their families live in the area. Rick is supervisor for Flach's Power Piping, Inc. in Alcover.

Children's art contest

As part of the 15th annual Arts and Crafts Festival, the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts will hold an art contest for children 5-13. Entitled "My Favorite Things . . ." the contest encourages youngsters to enter original artwork in any media. Entries are due at the RCCA, 189 Second St., Troy, by May 24. For contest rules, call 273-0552.

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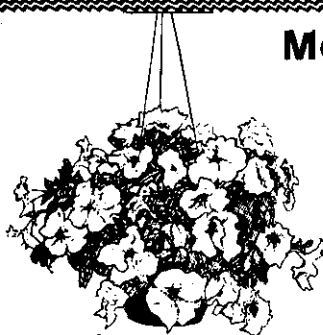
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Bethlehem police charged David P. Fancher, 18, Ravena, with drunken driving and speeding after finding him wandering on Winne Rd., Cedar Hill, near the Henry Hudson town park at 11 p.m. Thursday. Police said Fancher lost control of his light truck and suffered a cut on the left forearm when it left the road.

At almost the exact same time 24 hours later, a pickup truck driven by Herbert S. Greene III of Berne westbound on Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, missed a curve, crossed the eastbound lane and hit a tree at the entrance of Colonial Acres. Greene was treated for minor injuries at the Albany Medical Center emergency room, where he was given a blood test and ticketed by Bethlehem police for driving while intoxicated, failure to keep right and speeding.

Bike recovered

A Fernbank Ave. resident found a girls' 3-speed bike on his front lawn at noon Saturday and turned it over to the Bethlehem police youth bureau. A police spokesman said the bike was returned to its owner.

BICYCLE THEFTS

May 3 - Louise St., garage, not registered.

May 1 - Woodmont Dr., garage, not registered.

April 27 - Rowland Ave., garage, not registered, recovered.

April 27 - Coventry Rd., garage, not registered.

Law Day coming

The Bethlehem Middle School's fourth annual Law Day will be observed on Monday, May 12. About 10 area attorneys will visit eighth grade classes to speak and to answer questions about legal topics including family and personal law, rights under arrest and punishment and sentencing.

Roger Fritts, Bethlehem town justice and school district counsel, is lining up speakers for this popular event. Albany county District Attorney Sol Greenberg is expected to participate. Coordinating the day-long program are Gloria Katter, eighth grade social studies teacher; Dom DeCecco, Bethlehem social studies supervisor, and Frederick Burdick, Middle School principal.

Plant sale next week

The Bethlehem Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on Friday, May 16, in front of the Grand Union at Delaware Plaza, with Mrs. Merle Oliver and Mrs. Edward Howell co-chairing the event. Proceeds will go toward beautifying Bethlehem.

Film classic Saturday

Indian Guides from the Delmar chapter will co-sponsor the film, "Adventures of Tom Sawyer," plus cartoons on Saturday, May 10, at the Hellman Theatre, Washington Ave., Albany. The show begins at 10 a.m., with admission \$1.

Witnesses at conclave

Several families were among members of the Selkirk congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses who attended a two-day semi-annual convention recently at Empire State Plaza, Albany. The delegation, led by Melvin Feasel, was one of 10 from the Capital District.

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But the bureaucratic processes are long and confusing to citizens who want to study the plans and/or voice their concerns. When and where does an interested resident give his or her input to the town's seven-member planning board?

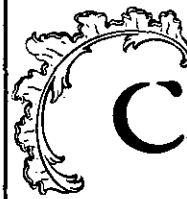
Much of the confusion can be traced to the perplexing network of obstacles the developer must clear, bouncing from the planning board to the town board to the board of appeals and back again, seemingly at random.

There is, however, a "road map" each subdivision must follow. Each begins with an informal discussion and sketch plan review that includes the submission of a location map and addresses the question of conformity with the town "master plan." This plan is a projection of the town's growth, often done in conjunction with an "official map" on which proposed streets, parks and recreational areas are sketched in.

New developments are generally required to conform with any such street layouts in the area they will occupy, and may be required to supply land for parks. The developer is also apprised of the zoning restrictions on his land at this time.

The next large stage centers around the submission of a preliminary plat overseen by the planning board. A fee is paid upon submission, and a technical review is instituted by the board, to be carried out by the engineering department. Al Worth and Ed Kleinke confer with the developer, land surveyor, and county, state and federal agencies where necessary to examine street layouts, pavement width, elevations, sewers, water lines, sidewalks, parks and playgrounds, among others. At this stage the primary concern is to remove any problems while it is still inexpensive to do so, and to make certain that the development will be in conformity with town ordinances and standards.

It is also at this stage that the question of environmental impact becomes important. Each developer submits an environmental assessment, form and, on the basis of this and other information, the planning board may order a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). It was concern over this decision which



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resulted in a split vote for Burger King early this year, eventually resulting in an approval by default. Applicants generally are assured board action within 45 days of submission.

The next stage requires the submission of the final subdivision plat within six months of the preliminary approval. This plat must be endorsed by several agencies including the sewer district, highway engineer and the county planning board. The map submitted is a high-quality architectural rendering, with lot numbers and street names included. Upon preliminary approval of these plans, a public hearing is scheduled to allow a full week

of prior advertising. In addition, letters are mailed to residents within 500 feet of the property under consideration, informing them of the hearing.

Following the hearing, provided the objections raised do not compel the board to change the plans in any substantial manner (this would require another public hearing), a performance bond may be instituted, guaranteeing that the subdivision will proceed as planned and be completed within a stated time, and the plat is signed. The approved subdivision must be filed with the county clerk in 30 days. The performance bond is released upon satisfactory completion of the required improvement.

Where the real jockeying comes in, however, is when the development under consideration in some way violates the zone in which it will be installed. Many land sales are made contingent upon a variance in the zoning ordinance for things like parking spaces or accepted uses, which call for consideration by the zoning board of appeals.

When a proposal moves to the board of appeals, there is another public hearing, advertised for the requisite one-week period. And, there may be extensions granted while easements are obtained or construction is halted by foul weather. But, in the end when the subdivision is approved and

construction gets underway, its course has been fairly predictable.

Alan Boyce

League reports ready

The Bethlehem unit of the League of Women Voters will focus on national convention reports at its May 15 meeting at 9:15 in the Bethlehem Library. Local delegates to the May 3-7 convention in Washington, D.C. will make presentations and the meeting will be conducted by newly appointed unit officers Patti Thorpe, unit leader, and Barbara Bartoletti, membership chairman. For information call Patti Thorpe at 439-4661. Babysitting is available.

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Shop Talk

by Judi James

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Roger Smith is a man who believes in the town of Bethlehem. He's not running for office, but he would like to see every merchant belong to the chamber of commerce and to make it a viable implement to Bethlehem betterment. He's a mover...and a goer. To prove my point, let's look at his background: A native of South Berne, he worked with the state and with Albany Frosted Foods, then with Delmar Lumber. Just 10 years ago...in May of 1970... he began his own paint and paper store where the Herb Shop is now (behind Mullens Pharmacy). In a few months he found larger quarters across the street (where Courtside is now). His friend Bob Durpee, joined him there. Bob was handling floor coverings. When Bob decided to seek other work, Roger took over the floor coverings, too. Soon, growing pains set in and he had to find other quarters. He was able to buy the building at 340 Delaware Ave. He rents the front to the Tri-Village Pharmacy and the upstairs to Skippy's Music Center and to a lawyer and he has the rest.

There's easy parking at the side of Roger Smith's store. Inside, there's an impressive display room where Armstrong's floor coverings are featured, as well as the ecoutrement for maintaining the beauty of the carpets. (Try their "Spruce Up"

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cleaner and finish if you want to put new life back into your tiled floors). He carries the Fuller O'Brien paints and his color charts will be helpful to you. And, of course, there are brushes, stains, putty, finishes, and all the tools one needs when being "Mr. Fix-It".

Last month, to assist persons planning a remodeling or building venture, Roger Smith opened a decorating room. He hired an attractive and knowledgeable young man named Anthony Burt as decorator. The room is a quiet place with all the wallpaper books, paint charts and rug samples right there for easy coordinating. And, in one corner, there are toys where Jr. can play while you play decorator.

Anthony Burt, with his clipped British accent and patient style, enjoys his work. He

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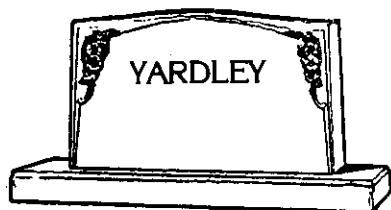
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pointed out a table where they've collected oddments of wallpaper, and where—if you are papering just one room—you can find exciting buys. The quality fits any purse: papers at \$3 a roll, and papers at \$50 a roll. (Heavens!) But, whatever your style, here is a good place to coordinate it all.

"I think people are discovering the folly of picking up a bargain and then trying to match the paper with paint of good quality," Roger commented. "We do a lot of custom mixing of paint, but we will be right here to mix the next batch when more is needed. Sure, money is getting tight, but that very fact is swinging people back to the service-oriented outlets. I guess if there's any one thing we aim for...it's just that: service. We install carpeting and floor coverings, we can supply the rest of the things that make for the total look in decorating. And, whether it's for a contractor or for an individual, we try, and do, our best."

He is about the busiest man we've interviewed. The telephone jangled constantly. His answers were always cheerful, concise and helpful. Customers

kept coming in, employees kept bringing in notes. And, it's a sure thing that—like Topsy—business just grows where Roger Smith is involved!

Poll and scroll

When residents of the Bethlehem Central school district go to the polls on Wednesday, May 14 to vote on the budget and school board candidates, voters who have graduated from the school system anytime in its 50-year history will be asked to sign a scroll. The district is observing its 50th anniversary commemorating the first annual meeting held on May 6, 1930. The scroll signing will give school personnel an idea of how many Bethlehem graduates still live in the area.

Homeowners to elect

Slingerlands Homeowners Assn. will make plans for the coming year and elect officers at a meeting May 22 at 7:30 at Bethlehem Library. Officers whose terms are expiring are Dominick DeCecco, president; Charles Cross, vice president, and Marylou Stracke, secretary-treasurer. All residents of Slingerlands are urged to attend.

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Since opening in December, the office has been testing clients ranging from college students to young children to determine what learning disabilities they have and how they may be remedied so that the clients can find jobs and be contributing members of the community. Jablonka said, "Our major goal is to try to set up some type of contacts with the business community. We can assist them in getting employees."

In pursuit of this goal, many of the members of the board of directors for the office are from the business world. Their input helps the staff decide what obstacles their clients must overcome in order to be valuable as workers. "They'll be getting much more information," Jablonka said of the prospective employers "than they'd be getting from someone who comes in and says 'I want a job.'"

Ed Valenti of the Capital District chapter pointed out that the organization was started initially by concerned parents for children. "Now there are a lot of programs for kids," he said, "but it became obvious that the youngsters' problems weren't going to go away." The new office will help to fill the resulting void.

Silverware stolen

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of Sterling silver dinnerware from a Cherry Ave. apartment while the owner was on a Florida vacation. The missing items are valued at \$1,950.

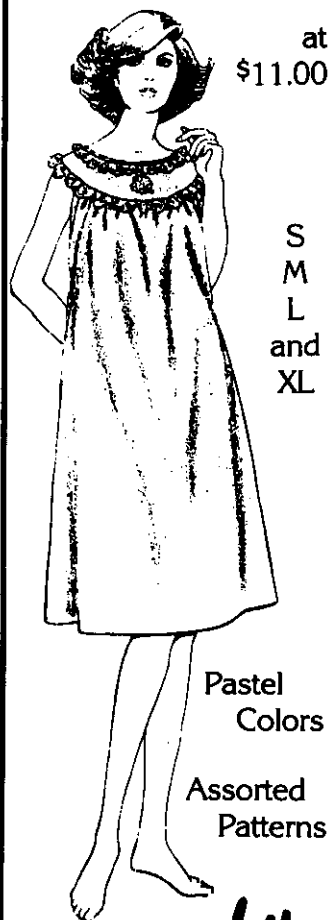
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Tove in finals

Tove Tetreault of Voorheesville is one of the 11 finalists in the 1980 Albany Tulip Queen contest. The queen will be selected on May 9 and announced May 10 at the coronation in Washington Park.

The 21-year-old beauty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tetreault and a graduate of Voorheesville High School. She is a student at Maria College and expects to continue school in pursuit of a nursing degree.

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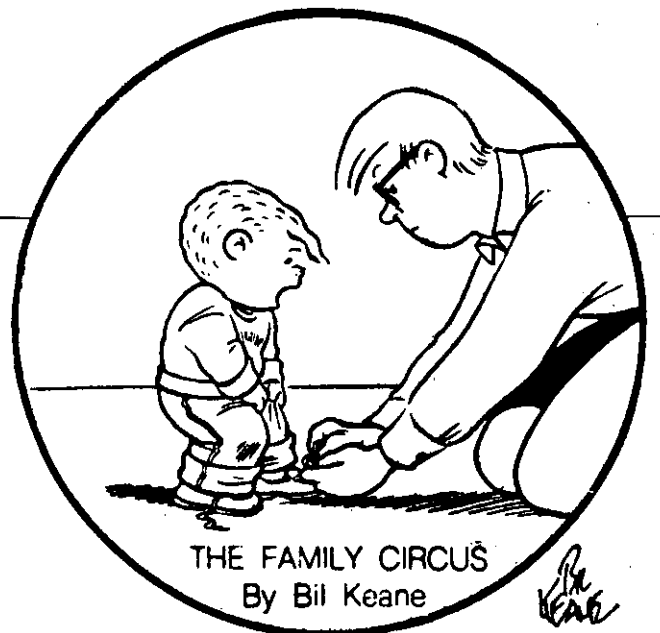
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BC concert Monday

The Bethlehem Central High School music department will present its annual spring concert on Monday, May 12, beginning at 8 p.m., in the school auditorium. Performing at the concert will be the Eagle Cadet Band, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, String Orchestra and the Sound System, a vocal group. Music teachers who direct the groups are Sam Bozzella, Joseph Farrell and Salvatore Gangi.

The concert this year will feature traditional instrumental selections as well as some "pop" vocal numbers. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. A \$1 donation will be asked. Senior citizens are free.

Volunteer training

A one-day training session for individuals interested in volunteering with the Red Cross blood services will be held on Thursday, May 15, from 9:30 to 2 at the Red Cross Chapter House, Hackett Blvd., Albany. Upon completion of training, an individual may volunteer as little as one day a month or three hours a week. Registration and escorting donors are among the responsibilities carried out by trained volunteers. Individuals interested may call 462-7461.

Chicks hatching at Samaritan Home

Donna Cook, director of activities at the Samaritan Home in Delmar, thought she'd hatch up something to interest the men and women who live there. It seemed only natural to acquire an incubator and 15 eggs and let nature take it from there in a celebration of spring. The interest since has been all-consuming. Residents have watched those eggs, hatched the new born chicks and cared for the babies. One little fellow was noticed to have a gimpy leg. Much talk... more action... and the leg was splinted, and he hobbles around and is pampered by his two-legged human benefactors.

There is so much interest in the "hatching" project, among those who live there, as well as those who work there, that Dee Whipple, director of Samaritan threatens to install the employees' time clock right there by the chick nursery! As of this writing, a number of chicks have been born... and our friends who live at the Samaritan Home agree that Ms. Cook hatched up a great project... and enthusiastically endorse her creative instincts!

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Voorheesville News Notes

Maryann Malark 765-4392

Nancy Hutchinson of the Voorheesville Library has announced a special program in Americana will be presented on May 14 at 4 p.m. "Tall Tales and Folk Heroes" will feature such characters as Pecos Bill, Snake Magee and Stormalong. All grade school children are invited.

Saturday, May 10, at the Voorheesville Grand Union the Helderview Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale from 10 to 2. Both indoor and outdoor plants will be offered. The plants, grown and donated by club members, will be attractively priced and suitable for Mother's Day gifts. Also, a show plant donated by the Garden Shoppe and an outdoor shrub donated by Mariani's, Voorheesville, will be raffled.

St. Matthew's Youth Group is sponsoring a white elephant and garage sale on the church grounds the weekend of May 24-25. Anyone wishing to donate saleable items should contact Dave Teuten, 765-2642. Selling hours are Saturday, 12-6:30 and Sunday, 8:30-1:30. In an effort to raise funds, the group is also collecting Price Chopper and Value Pak labels. These may be given to any member.

Voorheesville Elementary School will present its spring music festival on May 15 at 7:30. Five choruses under the direction of Mr. Baker and Mrs. McDermott and three bands conducted by Miss DeMay will perform. The public is invited.

Piano students of Jane Linnenburger presented a recital at the Linnenburger's residence, 14 Evergreen Dr., Voorheesville Sunday. Performing solos were: Katrin Pakenas, Sara Lewis, Tally Bausback, Alex

Englander, Tracy Avgerinos, Amy Rourke, Meredith Englander, Billy Kerr, Kelly Avgerinos, Theron Walker, Laura Munyon, Heather Sanderson and Bethany Diener.

The Voorheesville High School Band under the direction of Frank McDermott has accepted an invitation from Assemblyman Clarence Lane to play for the New York State Legislature at the Empire State Mall on June 3 at noon. The public is invited.

Prompted by a recent grant in energy conservation to the Voorheesville school district, high school students Diane Chyrywat, Kyle Hickey, Tina Stewart and Dorothy Cowles presented a one-hour program entitled "Energy of the Future" at a Humanities Conference recently held at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake. Teachers accompanying the students were Phil Davis and Bob Muller.

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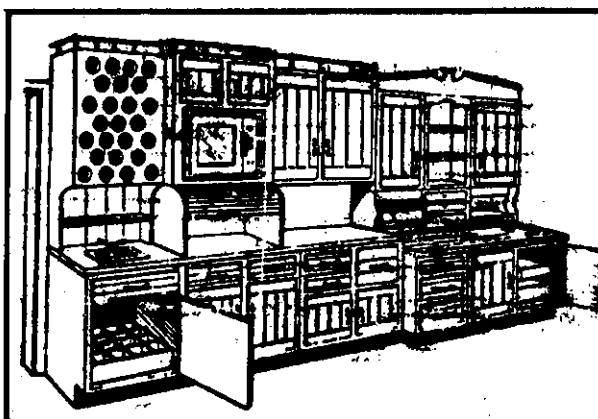
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Camera Club Active

The May meeting of the Delmar Camera Club will be an all-Florence Becker Night. For the older generation of movie buffs, Florence will show her extensive collection of Hollywood still pictures. She is to lead a workshop on "Panning your Camera." The competition subject is "The View From Above," and Florence is expected to have her usual quota of winning slides and/or prints.

The meeting will also include plans for the annual awards banquet on June 10, to be held at Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont. Officers for the 1980-81 season will be elected. The regular meeting will be held May 27 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church parish hall, Elsmere Ave. and Poplar Dr., Elsmere. The public is invited.

Garage sale set

The Home School Assn. of Hamagrael School, Delmar, will hold a garage sale Saturday, May 17 in the school cafeteria, McGuffey Lane, 10-3. Baked goods and plants will be among items for sale with the proceeds going to the purchase of needed school equipment.

VOORHEESVILLE

Bike-a-thon benefit sets 6-mile run

Peter Douglas has been named chairman of the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-thon planned for the Voorheesville-New Scotland area on Sunday, May 18, starting at 10 a.m. from the Voorheesville Elementary School. Rain date is June 1.

New Scotland Kiwanis and Key Club members will coordinate the event. A six-mile course has been mapped for all entrants from fifth graders on up, including adults and senior citizens. Proceeds will help support the cystic fibrosis program for care, teaching and research centers nationwide, where children with lung diseases are diagnosed and treated with modern techniques.

Instructions and pledge forms are available at the Voorheesville Elementary and High School offices.

Retired teachers meet

The Albany Area Retired Teachers Assn. will meet Tuesday, May 13, at 12:30 at Bethlehem Library. Dr. Barry Reiss of the Albany College of Pharmacy will speak on "Feeling Nifty Over Fifty."

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Senior citizens organizing club

More than 60 interested senior citizens met last month to organize a senior citizen's group for the Bethlehem, Glenmont, Selkirk and Feura Bush areas. Officers elected were Robert Mayo, president; Anna Pausley, first vice president; Freda Fourman, second vice president; Willis Smith, treasurer, and Gus Traeger, secretary.

The next meeting has been set for May 12 at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., at 1:30. Following a business meeting there will be a social meeting to which members and prospective members are invited to bring card and board games as well as card tables, if possible. Anyone age 55 or older is eligible, and transportation is available by calling Gus Traeger, 767-9279 or Frank Everingham, 767-9938.

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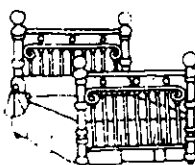
The Childbirth Education Assn. of Albany will begin classes in the Lamaze method of prepared childbirth in Albany starting the weeks of May 12 and May 27. Expectant parents planning to attend the series of seven classes should plan to attend them at the end of the seventh month. Included in the classes are lectures and discussions on pregnancy, labor, delivery, the coach's role, hospital routine and postpartum. Movies on labor and delivery and the newborn are also shown. Classes are led by registered nurses. Caesarean classes are also available. For information and registration, call Melody Brennan, 439-6353 or Pat Pensbene, 456-0805.

Grangers to meet

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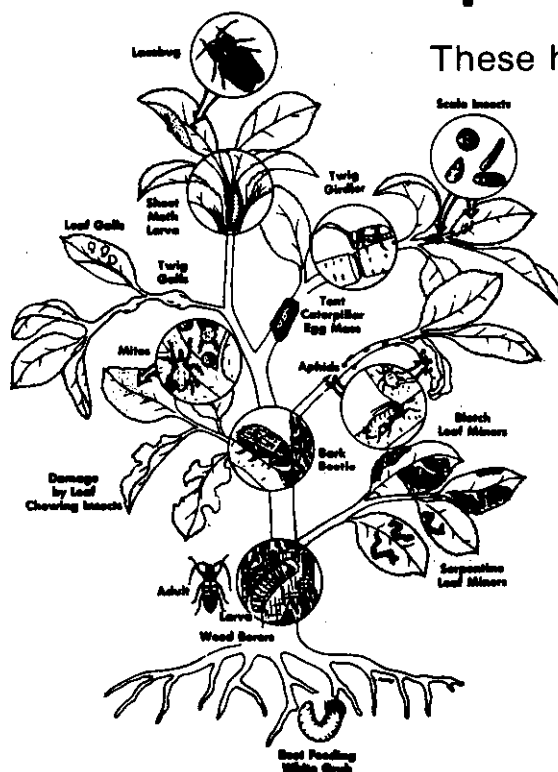
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Wed In Maryland

Elizabeth Bradley Hlavacek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Louis Hlavacek of Pennington, N.J., and Thomas Michael Carney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Owen Carney of Baltimore, Md., were married April 26 in All Saints Episcopal Church, Reisterstown, Md. Rev. Frederick Hanna performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Carney was graduated from the Foxcroft School, Middleburgh, Va., and Ithaca College. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Edwin Bradley Carnell of Slingerlands and the late Mr. Carnell, vice president of Albany Business College, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hlavacek of New York City. Her husband is a graduate of Mount Saint Joseph High School, Baltimore, and the University of Maryland.

Margaret Woehrle wed

Miss Margaret Mary Woehrle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander J. Woehrle, 377 Wellington Rd., and Serge Ernest Palu of Talence, France, were married Jan. 26 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar. Rev. Robert Phida performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Palu is a 1967 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and earned a degree in linguistics in 1971 at the University of Chicago. In 1977-79 she served as a teacher in the Peace Corps in Chad, Central Africa. In neighboring Cameroon she met her husband, who is a graduate of the University of Bordeaux, France, with a master's degree in chemistry. From the Institut



Mrs. Thomas M. Carney

Francais de Caoutchouc in Paris he received a degree in rubber engineering and is currently the Institut de Recherches sur le Caoutchouc delegate to Cameroon, West Africa, where the couple are living.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Palu of Talence, France.

Vaughn—Lysenko

Dr. and Mrs. Thurman C. Vaughn, Jr. of Glenmont have announced the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Anne, to Steven L. Lysenko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lysenko, Jr. of Somerset, N.J. Miss Vaughn is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She and her fiancé are both graduates of Allegheny College and did graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a school psychologist with the West Orange, N.J. schools. Her

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fiance is a dental student at the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. The couple plans an Aug. 23 wedding.

Spindler-Boynton

Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Spindler of Longwood Dr., Delmar, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Laura Marie, to Herbert Brown Boynton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wells Boynton, Mercer Ave., Albany.

Miss Spindler, a graduate of Bethlehem Central and Central Connecticut State College, New Britain, Conn., is a special education teacher at the Maplebrook School in Amenia. Her fiance is a graduate of the Albany Academy and Siena College. He is employed in customer relations at the Mathew Bender Co. in Albany.

An Aug. 23 wedding is planned.

O'Toole—Sorrows

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. O'Toole of Delmar announce the engagement of their daughter, Eileen Mary, to Timothy Vance Sorrows, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sorrows of North Little Rock, Ark.

The bride-elect graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in computer science from the State University College at Oswego. She is employed as a computer programmer for Jacuzzi Brothers, Little Rock, Ark.

Her fiance is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University College at Oswego with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and American studies. He is employed by

Farmers Insurance Group, Little Rock, Ark. As a claims adjuster.

A summer wedding is planned.



James T. Krajeck

Heads VA hospital

The appointment of James T. Krajeck, assistant director of the VA Medical Center in Wood, Wis., as the new director of the VA Medical Center in Albany was announced last week. Krajeck, his wife, Jeanette, and their four children are now living in Slingerlands.

Krajeck has been with the VA for 19 years, starting as a staff pharmacist at the VAMC in Iowa City. He held a number of supervisory positions in Iowa, South Dakota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, and became assistant director in Prescott, Ariz. as well as in Portland, Ore. He is a 47-year old Army veteran who holds a master of science degree from North Dakota University.

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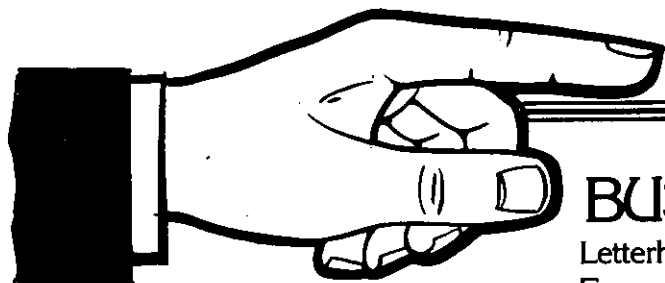
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Winner in the second annual Battle of the Books was this team from Bethlehem Middle School: from left, Rachel King, Sarah Axelrod and Becky Haltzel. *Spotlight*

DELMAR

The ammunition was words

It began with a murder and almost turned into a mistrial. The answer to the first question was "He was murdered." And, shortly, question number 13 proved, indeed, to be unlucky, sending the judges into a huddle.

It all took place at the second annual "Battle of the Books" Saturday at the Bethlehem Library in Delmar. The winners, 98-82, were Bethlehem Middle School seventh grader Rachel King and sixth graders Sarah Axelrod and Becky Haltzel. The opposition was the team of Anne Comi, seventh grade, and Michele Sullivan and Kay Lynn Romanski, both in the sixth grade, at St. Thomas School.

the "evidence" was all in 100 books the pupils were to have

read, and the questions concerned the characters and plots. Team members held hasty whispered conferences, and, in most cases, came up with the right answer in the 30 seconds allowed.

Micki Nevett, of the public library staff, posed the prepared questions. Unlucky 13 tripped her up, and she let slip the answer. However, in a huddle at the judges' "bench," in which some partisans in the audience of 35 joined, the problem was resolved.

Next year, said Micki, "we'll skip number 13." (It wasn't her lucky day: early in the contest, her stopwatch quit, and a substitute had to be found.)

Judges were Diane Gravlee, librarian at St. Thomas, and Lynn Czerw, Middle School librarian, guiding lights behind the contest.

Proud parents, many armed with cameras, and friends gathered around the contestants afterward, to congratulate them and to conduct post-mortems.

But the hours of reading paid off: One departing father asked, "Does this rate an ice cream cone?"

Caroline Terenzini

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Several members of the Bethlehem Lions Club got a head start on collections for their annual Junque Sale in June by cleaning out a garage behind Tebbutt's funeral home in Delmar. Among them were Valerie Clark, left, daughter of club president Dick Clark, Pat Watters (in truck) and Russ Hansen. *Spotlight*

TENNIS

Bethlehem net tourney slated

The Bethlehem Tennis Assn. will host its annual spring tournament on June 7, 8, 14 and 15 at the Bethlehem Central Middle School. The tournament is open to Bethlehem residents and members of the BTA, with entry fees \$4 per event for members and \$5 for non-members. Players will be limited to entering two events with the exception of those who enter "A" events only. These players may enter three events.

Entries and entry fees must be mailed to BTA, Box 403, Delmar 12054 and received by 5 p.m., June 4. Entry blanks are available at Courtside Tennis Shop, Rogers Sport and Ski Shop, Southwood Tennis Club, Bethlehem Library, Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. and the Spotlight. Tournament chairmen are Stephanie Ragone and Cissy Stasiuk.

CHURCH SOFTBALL

The Varney-Cooper Church Softball League opened its 10th season Thursday with 16 teams playing a full eight-game schedule. The first week's results:

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On Cornell crew

Two former Bethlehem Central High School soccer players have earned places on the Cornell University lightweight crew. They are Mike Drumm, son of Mrs. Marlon Drumm, 3 Sutherland St., Delmar, who earned a varsity wrestling letter and two in soccer at BC, and Chris Heaphey, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Heaphey, 12 Park Pl., Delmar, who earned three letters in soccer in high school.

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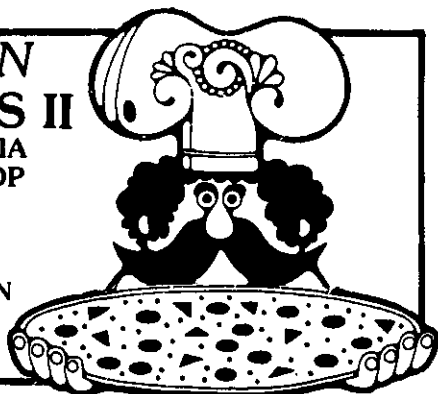
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Joanne in form

Joanne Van Woert, a freshman from Delmar, pitched the Yale University softball team to the first annual Ivy League Tournament championship. Van Woert was named to the All-Tourney team as she picked up three of Yale's four wins in last weekend's Tournament.

Van Woert was the Elis' ace hurler this season, picking up seven of the club's nine wins. Last weekend she threw two two-hit shutouts as Yale defeated Princeton, 16-0, and Brown, 8-0, and also picked up an 8-2 win over Penn. Joanne, a biopsych major, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Irving Van Woert, Westchester Dr.

Softball benefit

The Bethlehem Tomboys girls' softball league is collecting Price Chopper Valu-Pak labels to raise money for the league. Contributions may be made to any director or manager or to league president Dennis Chin, 17 Kenaware Ave., Delmar, by June 13.

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Eagle tracksters in spotty return

Bethlehem Central's track teams saw little action during school vacation, and both came back with shaky starts. The boys lost to Scotia by a single point and defeated Guilderland Thursday, while the girls lost to Columbia despite a come-from-behind win in the 440 relay.

Dawn Watkins anchored the relay, and the Eagles were way behind as she took the baton. She put on a burst of speed, however, and crossed the finish line inches ahead of the field.

Walt Waidelich led the boys in the win against Guilderland, winning the shot put and discus. He was also a stand-out performer Saturday at the Colonie Relays, leading BC to a third place in the shot put and discus relay with a toss of 48 feet 9 inches.

The mile relay team placed second to Newburgh in only its second loss this season. Participating were Kurt Boluch, Dave Elfelt, Wayne Allen and Andy Gould.

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BASEBALL

Bright spots few for Eagles' nine

The key ingredient in winning baseball is strong pitching, and it's that cardinal precept that has saddled Bethlehem Central's varsity baseball team with an 0-8 start in the 1980 Suburban Council race.

"We began with no pitching, which put us in deep trouble from the start," observed veteran Coach ART Ritchko. "But things are looking up. In the early games we were down by 10 runs in the first few innings, but we've been right in there for the last two or three games."

Ritchko's woes were aggravated when several boys who played freshman and jayvee baseball last year chose to take after-school jobs rather than come out to pitch for the varsity. Lately Ritchko has been getting some help from Lou Conera, a third baseman, who has shown improvement as a relief hurler.

The hitting has not frightened any opposing pitchers. Catcher Henry Field, a junior, has been hitting fairly consistently with some help from John Nyilis and Lou Tate, outfielders. The defense has tightened considerably in the past week and no longer resembles a leaky sieve.

"We could win some games in the second half of the schedule," said Ritchko. Meanwhile his 1980 edition is adding to an unusual athletic year for proud Bethlehem — the football team went 0-7 in the Council, the basketball team lost their first 12, and now this.

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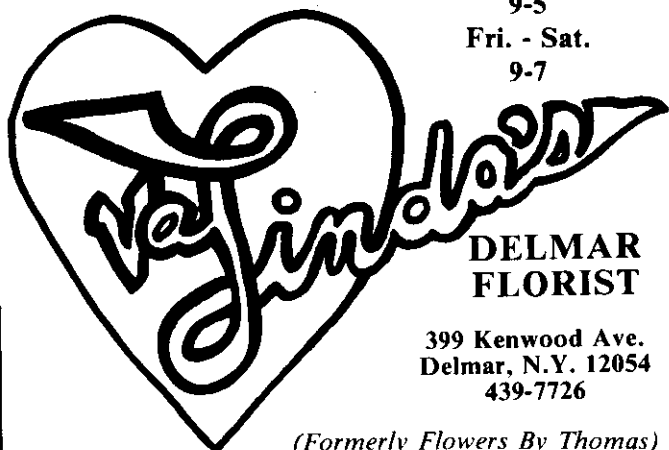
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TENNIS

BC netters face a crowded slate

The only rest Bethlehem Central's varsity tennis team is going to get this week is in the event of rain. An 8-1 wipeout of Columbia High at East Greenbush last week boosted the Eagles to 3-1 in the Suburban Council, but Coach Phil Ackerman's young team had yet to face Shenendehowa and Shaker, two strong contenders.

Between scheduled matches and makeups, the Eagles were faced with five straight matches this week. Victories in home matches with Guilderland and Burnt Hills Monday and Tuesday could give Bethlehem a ticket to the Sectionals regardless of the outcome of the next "big one"—the makeup match with powerfull Shenendehowa in Delmar next Tuesday.

Brian Segel's return to the singles lineup has helped the Eagle's chances. Segel is back at No. 5, which pushes young

Charlie Marden into the doubles derby and causes Ackerman to shuffle his doubles assignments.

Ackerman was encouraged by the improvement and determination of his team. Senior John Matuszek at No. 2 and sophomore Alex Macario at No. 3 each lost their first set in a 5-4 tiebreaker at Columbia and came back to win the last two sets. Young Jeff Goodman, who has to meet the top player on each opposing team, extending Columbia's best to three sets before absorbing the only BC setback of the day.

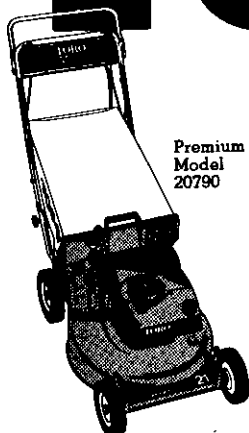
Delmar swimmer cited

Former Bethlehem Central swimming star Paul Leirheimer was recently named Most Valuable Swimmer on the 1979-80 RPI varsity swim team. Lieheimer, a sophomore freestyle sprint-middle distance swimmer, was the leading point-getter for the 6-7 RPI team this past season. In addition to being selected the MVP by his teammates, Paul was voted the Mike Krok Award by the RPI coaching staff for having the best attitude of any of the swimmers.

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Gilbert M. Brookins of Elsmere has been appointed academic dean at Albany Business College after having served as the college's director of Evening Division programs since 1976. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University of New York at Albany, and has done additional graduate work at that institution. He is a member of the Business Teachers Assn. of New York State, the New York State Assn. of Junior Colleges, the Administrative Management Society—Albany Chapter, the University Club of Albany and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He and his wife, Marlene, have one son, Jonathan.

Methodist unit elects

At the May 4 meeting of the United Methodist Women at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar, the following officers were installed: co-presidents, Mrs. Vincent Gazzetta and Mrs. Alan Riedel; co-vice presidents, Mrs. George Robinson and Mrs. Arthur Jewell; secretary, Mrs. GEorge Chesbro; treasurer, Mrs. Asa Clague, and assistant treasurer, Mrs. Robert McNitt. Mission coordinators are: Christian personhood, Mrs. Bernard Law; social involvement and global concerns, Mrs. Arthur Jones; supportive community, Mrs. J. Robert Denny, and program resources, Mrs. William Cowing.

BASEBALL

Season underway at Magee Park

Ideal baseball weather was the hit of the day as more than 500 young ballplayers on 40 teams assembled at Magee Park Saturday for Opening Day of the Tri-Village Little League.

Ade Arnold, dean of area Little League managers, threw out the first ball of the league's 27th season after flag-raising ceremonies. An overflow crowd was on hand.

The formalities over, the boys got down to serious business. Main Care blasted CYC on the major league diamond, 15-2. Paper Mill took Farm Family by 15-7 in the Intermediate loop and Capital Region Kitchens outslugged Roger Smith Paint by 17-10. In the senior league, where the bases are 90 feet apart, Handy Andy won over Owens-Corning.

The action continued the rest of the day on all fronts, and swung into the full schedule this week. In other Saturday games, Price Greenleaf and Farm Family battled to a 6-6 tie and Colonie Toyota edged General Electric, 4-3, in the majors; Jay Reinhardt of Delmar Honda belted the first home run of the Intermediate League season with a shot over the left field fence, but it wasn't enough to stave off an 18-6 loss to Royce W. Day, and Einhorn

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND, COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the auditorium of Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:30 P.M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The Board of Education will present at said meeting a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money that will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes. Copies of said statements may be obtained by any inhabitant of the district during the seven (7) days immediately preceding the annual meeting, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and at the offices of the elementary schools, the High School, and the Middle School of the district.

The trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present at said meeting a detailed statement in writing of money which will be required for the operation of the public library for the period of July 1, 1980, to June 30, 1981.

Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1980, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Bernard E. Harvith, incumbent; and petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full

term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1980, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Marjory C. O'Brien, incumbent; and petitions nominating candidates for the office of trustee for the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 1980, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Joyce Strand, incumbent, must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, April 14, 1980.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that on Wednesday, May 14, 1980, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, votes will be taken upon the following:

1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

2. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

3. For the election of two members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, one for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1980, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Bernard E. Harvith; and one for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1980, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Marjory C. O'Brien;

4. For the election of one trustee to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 1980, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Joyce Strand.

Ann Treadway
District Clerk
(May 8)

Dated: March 12, 1980

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE ZONING BOARD

OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of New Scotland, N.Y. will hold a public Hearing pursuant to Article 8, Schedule 2, Section 8.351 of the Zoning Ordinance on the following proposition:

Variance Request No. 70

Request of Robert A. Cook for a Variance to build an addition on a Garage with less setback than required by the Ordinance. Lot is owned by him and is situated as follows: West side of Font Grove Road; Town of New Scotland, N.Y.

Said Hearing will take place on the 16th day of May 1980 at the New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, N.Y. beginning at 7:30 P.M.

James Sanderson
Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

Dated: May 8, 1980 (May 8)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of New Scotland, N.Y. will hold a public Hearing pursuant to Article 8, Schedule 1, Section 8.340 of the Zoning Ordinance on the following proposition:

Special Use Request No. 218

Request of Charles Mendel to reopen facilities formerly known as Uhl's Grove, as Clam Bake Grove. Property is owned by Mr. Mendel and is situated as follows: South side of Rt. 443, Town of New Scotland, N.Y.

Said Hearing will take place on the 16th day of May 1980 at the New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, N.Y. beginning at 7:15 P.M.

James Sanderson
Chairman
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Dated: May 8, 1980 (May 8)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of New Scotland, N.Y. will hold a public Hearing pursuant to Article 8, Schedule 1, Section 8.340 of the Zoning Ordinance on the following proposition:

Special Use Request No. 217

Request of Anthony Consolo to build a Dwelling with an apartment in same on property which he has contract of sale. Property is situated as follows: South side of Rt. 85A, Town of New Scotland, N.Y.

Said Hearing will take place on the 16th day of May 1980 at the New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, N.Y. beginning at 7:00 P.M.

James Sanderson
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Dated: May 8, 1980

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of New Scotland, N.Y. will hold a public hearing pursuant to Article 8, Schedule 1, Section 8.340 of the Zoning Ordinance on the following proposition:

Special Use Request No. 219

Request of Frederick Carl to add a new office to his Garage owned by him. Garage is situated as follows: South side of Rt. 85 in the Hamlet of New Salem, Town of New Scotland, N.Y.

Said Hearing will take place on the 16th day of May 1980 at the New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, N.Y. beginning at 7:45 P.M.

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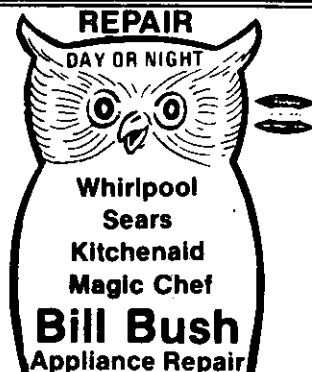
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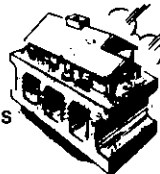
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Teacher cancels

Editor, The Spotlight:

Due to your biased reporting and constant harassment of Bethlehem teachers, I shall have to cancel my subscription to the Spotlight.

I, too, am a taxpayer, and working only part-time (after eight years in the district) due to declining enrollments. It is a pity that you see only one side of the issues.

Marie A. Musgrove

Delmar

Teacher pleased

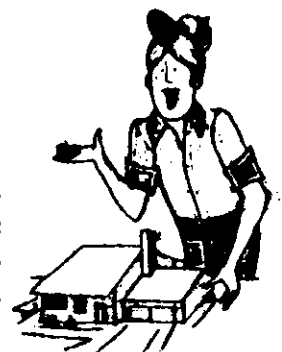
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Retirement/benefits

Editor, The Spotlight:

In your reply to Louis Spelich in the April 17 issue, you have a detailed description of your past and present employment picture as well as retirement benefits.

My reaction is we all try to find employment that is beneficial to us in various ways—work that brings a certain degree of self-fulfillment, financial compensation and has room for future growth. If any of these needs are not met, we all have the choice of to make a change.

Your choice at the time was GE because it must have met some or all of these needs to a certain degree. If your financial circumstances have not improved since then, whose fault is that?

I could make the comparison that I work for an inner-city school district outside Albany County, and make anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000 less than my peers with equivalent educational backgrounds or experience, and

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Need school taxes go so high? The answer is No. No in spite of inflation. No in spite of rising gasoline and heating costs; these are sharply higher but they still take less than 7 cents of your tax dollar.

Since peak enrollment in 1970-71, the number of pupils in the district has declined 25 per cent without an equal reduction of teaching staff. Teachers are busy with a proliferation of elective courses of uncertain value (ask for a catalog of the courses offered you won't believe it). Class size is kept smaller than need be. A modest increase in average class size from about 24 to 28 could save more than \$1 million of the more than \$9 million now budgeted for teaching staff salaries and fringe benefits.

No improvement can be expected as long as constantly rising budgets are approved year after year. So vote *No* on this budget Wednesday, May 14, at the Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

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hence will have less retirement benefits, etc., but I choose to stay there after 13 years because I feel I fulfill a greater need there.

My husband left teaching around nine years ago because financially we would never have been able to afford a home in a community and school district that met our needs for our children. Working two or more jobs and worrying about necessary summer employment was difficult, as well as being away from his sons who needed him, too.

Jan Kelly
Delmar

Thank you for a thoughtful, sincere letter, and special thanks to you (and Mr. Spelich) for signing your name!

Your peers in the private sector with equivalent backgrounds who make \$3,000 to \$5,000 more than you do will receive \$5,000 to \$8,000 less than you each year they are retired, and they will pay New York income taxes on their pensions while you are exempt. While working, many have no pensions at all, hence must build savings of their own for their retirements.

Your husband's situation is in marked contrast to the Bethlehem teacher who, at age 60, elected to take an early retirement rather than teach for "less than \$9,000 a year." That individual's reasoning was: "when I can get a pension that is only \$9,000 less than my

teacher's pay, why should I stay—to say nothing of the tax advantages?"

The purpose of the Spotlight articles was never to "harass" teachers (we have too many good friends whom we admire for that), but to make the public (and the teachers) aware of the vast differences in personal financial circumstances between public employees and those in private employment. Whether the huge gap is judged to be another of life's inequities, another example of discrimination or just plain that's-how-it-goes will ever remain a matter of opinion; and that opinion will always be colored by which side of the fence each individual is on.

NAB

Opposes school budget

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem school board proposes to spend \$12.9 million of your hard-earned money this coming school year, an increase of approximately \$600,000 over last year.

In 1977, the school board, concerned about the possibility of a depression, sent out a questionnaire asking the people, in effect, if class size should be increased in the event of a depression. The replies were 2 to 1 in favor of an increase in class size. At that time the average class size was 23.

Now, according to President Carter, we have a depression. In view of the vote on the question-

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naire, you would expect the class size to be significantly increased as we now officially have a depression. However, the pupil-teacher ratio has increased only from 16.79 for the school year 1979-80 to a projected 17.30 for 1980-81, an insignificant increase, more cosmetic than real.

There certainly was no real effort made to reduce teacher costs, the largest item in the budget. In recent weeks automobile workers, real estate salesmen, construction workers and many others have been laid off. Even Gov. Carey proposed to lay off a large group of state workers to balance the state budget. What is wrong with laying off enough teachers so that we could have a no-tax-increase budget?

It would seem the school system should also share the burden of hard times. The school board has made cosmetic cuts in the budget, but it is time they made real cuts and shared the tough times with the taxpayers.

For these and other good reasons, I urge all concerned

people people to vote NO on the school budget on May 14.

Werner Liebich
Slingerlands

The Bethlehem school board did cut the equivalent of 11 teaching positions in the new budget. However, automatic annual increments in salary scales, substantial mandated increases in pension assessments and other employee benefits, and the prospect of a new round of pay raises coming out of the present negotiations with the teachers' union have made the largest item (77 percent) in the budget—personnel costs—substantially higher despite steadily declining enrollments.

Although many voters insist we can no longer afford the luxury of small classes, languages in sixth grade and a wide selection of electives in the school, board members feel more people want a "quality school system" and are willing to pay more for it.

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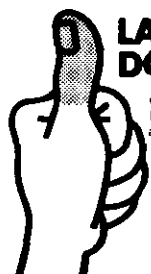
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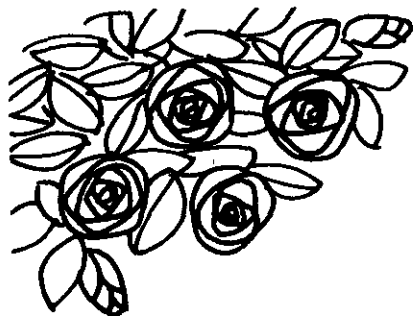
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