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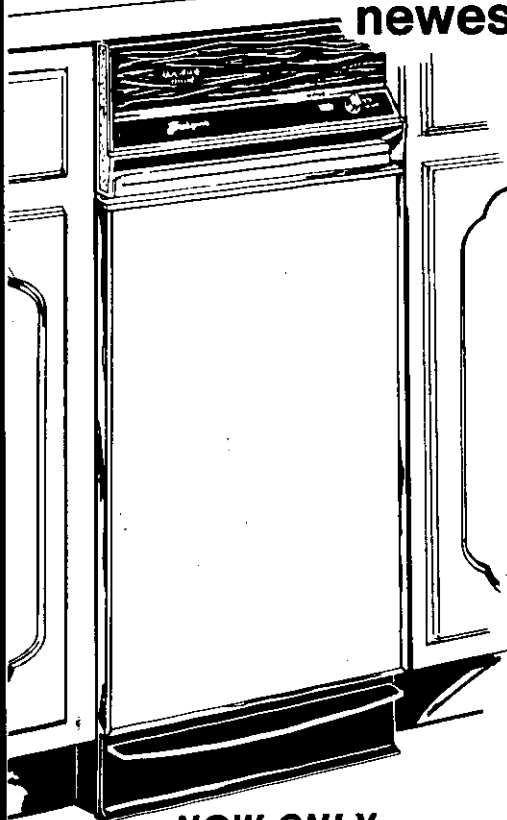
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Film, "Watership Down," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Farmer's Market, St. Thomas parking lot, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Recovery, Inc., self-help organization weekly meeting, First

United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Chicken Bar-B-Q, Glenmont Pentecostal Church, Kenwood Ave. and Rt. 32, 4-7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

St. Matthew's Golden Age chapter, Voorheesville, monthly meeting, home of Mrs. Lillian Kirchner, New Scotland. A picnic will follow. Call 439-3333 for details.

Gospel Singing, Wayne and Arlene Thomas, Bethlehem Community Church, Elm Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Cedar Hill School House Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., people's collections on exhibit, 2-5 p.m.

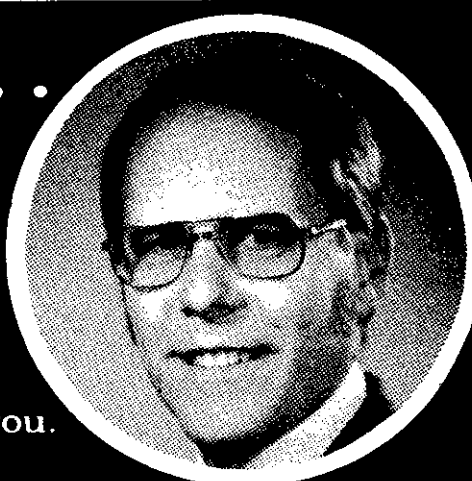
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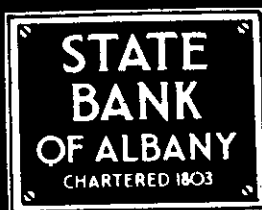
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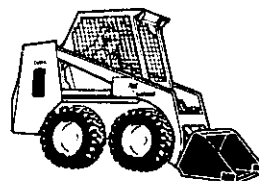
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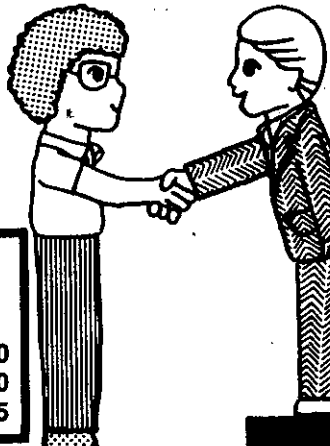
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Bicycle Safety Program, presented by Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau, Bethlehem town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Film, "Showboat," Voorheesville Library, 7:30 p.m.

Food Dehydration Class, Albany County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7-9 p.m. Pre-register, 765-2874. Fee \$2.

Free Career and Educational Counseling, Bethlehem Library, by appointment, 6-8 p.m.

Bloodmobile, Glenmont Job Corps gym, Rt. 144, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Evening on the Green, James H. Gosch, magician, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Republicans' 21st annual steak roast and outing. Picard's Grove, New Salem, starting at 1 p.m. Tickets from committeemen or call 439-5720.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

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Recovery, Inc., self-help organization weekly meeting, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Cedar Hill School House Museum, Clapper Rd. and Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, people's collections on exhibit, 2-5 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

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

Free Career and Educational Counseling, Bethlehem Library, by appointment, 6-8 p.m.

Film, "Camille," Bethlehem Library, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Free Career and Educational Counseling, Bethlehem Library, by appointment, 1-4 p.m.

Film, "Secret Garden," Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Evening on the Green, talent under 14, 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.

THEATER

"Shenendoah" (musical), Mac-Haydn Theatre, Rt. 203, Chatham, **Aug. 6-17** (Wed.-Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 5 and 8:30, Sun. 2 and 7 p.m.). Box office 1-392-9292.

"Little Mary Sunshine" (musical) Woodstock Playhouse, **Aug. 13-17** (Sun. 7 p.m., Thur. matinee 2:30). Tickets at Albany Community Box Office 458-7530.

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ART

Jason Seley, sculpture made from automobile bumpers, Albany Institute of History and Art, **through Sept. 14**. Selection

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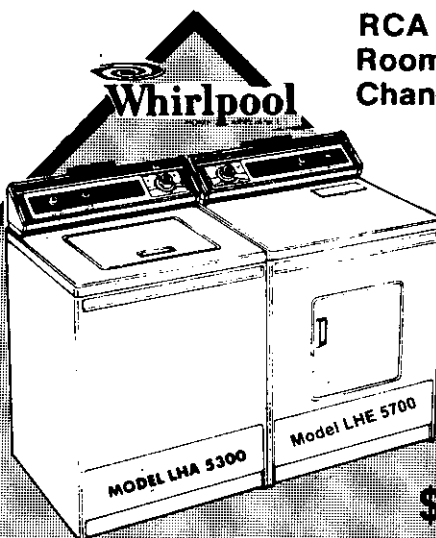


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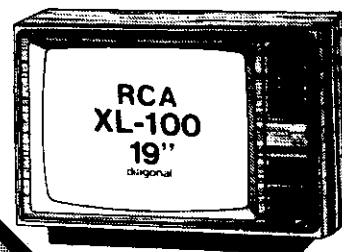


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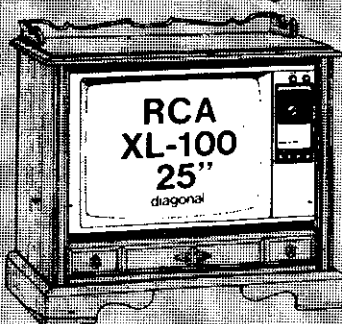
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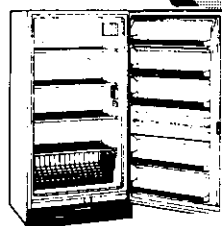
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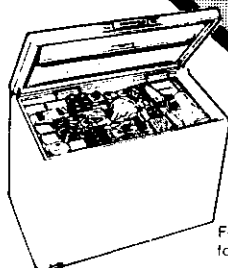
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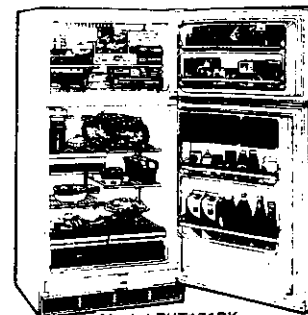


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GOVERNMENT

Census trends a disappointment

Preliminary figures from the 1980 U.S. census have brought frowns of disappointment to town officials in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

Both towns showed population increases, but far below expectations. The rub is not so much a matter of pride, but a matter of dollars: federal revenue sharing and per-capita state aid are based on local population counts.

Both Supervisor Tom Corrigan of Bethlehem and Supervisor Steve Wallace of New Scotland have challenged the figures, with the result that recounts are now being conducted in several districts in both towns. Meanwhile, both town supervisors placed quarter-page ads in the Spotlight appealing to residents who might not have been counted to call in their names.

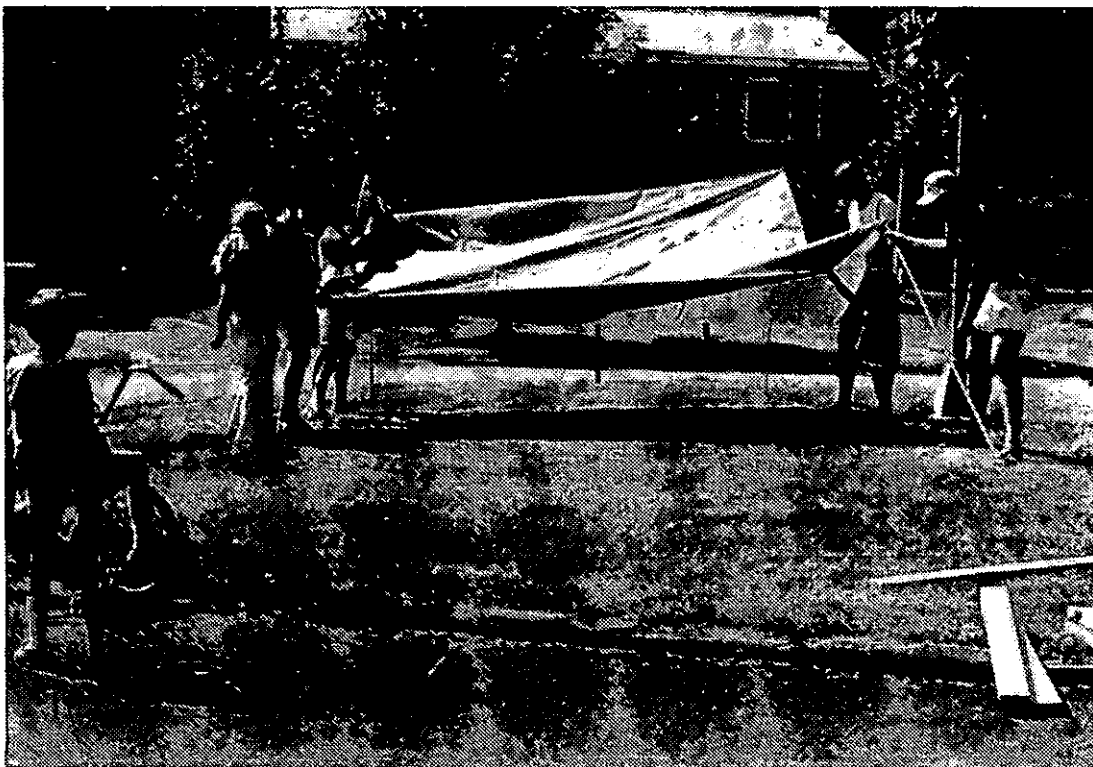
"It's a matter of tax dollars to have everybody counted," said Wallace.

Both towns also launched a detailed check of all building permits issued since the last census in 1970.

Preliminary figures released by the Albany office of the census bureau showed Bethlehem's 1980 population at 24,072, compared to 23,427 in 1970. During the same period, New Scotland showed a rise from 8,481 to 9,055.

The largest percentage gain, to the surprise of no one, was in the village of Voorheesville, which jumped from 2,826 to 3,453.

"We're disappointed," commented Corrigan. "We were anticipating a growth of 8 to 10 percent." Early figures



showed Bethlehem growth's at only 2.8 percent. In New Scotland, the percentage gain was 6.8 percent.

"I think we're going to pick up another 400-500," said Wallace. "They missed some dwelling units north of (Rt.) 85 in and near Voorheesville. We think about 107 units, 83 in the village and 24 in the town, have to be added."

Larry Smith, executive secretary of the Albany County planning board, said there are reenumerations in progress in several areas. A special target is the seasonal population, among whom some residents wintering in Florida and elsewhere might have been missed in the count.

"Don't forget, all these figures are unofficial," Smith said. "They are being released for just such a purpose—to permit the localities to re-check their figures. Ten years



Three young Voorheesville citizens arrived early for a block party on Coventry Rd. Sunday. Erin Lynch brought her baby carriage, and Talin Kaleshian, center, and Kristin Dougherty brought beauty and personality to the gathering of some 18 families for games, fun and refreshment. Everybody helped set up the party at the cul-de-sac in Salem Hills.

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ago the only set of figures we had was the final set."

Unofficial or not, the early totals show a sharp change in American suburban lifestyles. There are smaller families and fewer children today than a decade ago. Corrigan pointed out that in Bethlehem the average family size has dropped from 3.2 per household in 1970 to 2.7 this year. There are also "a lot of singles living in apartments," he noted.

In the Bethlehem Central school district, there are 107 fewer kindergarten children than in 1970, 57 fewer child-

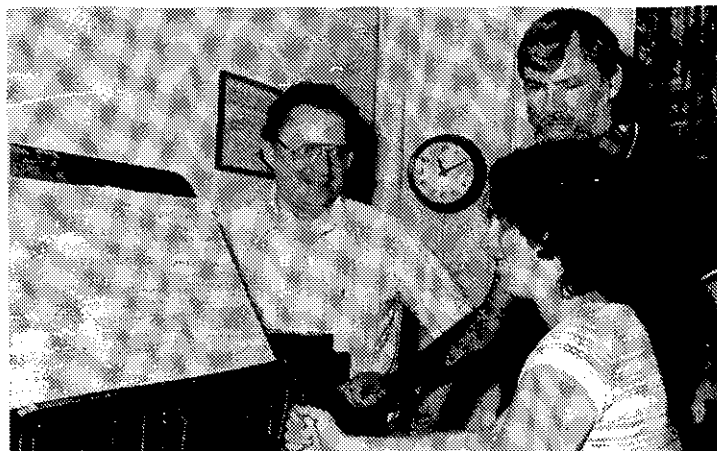
ren in the non-public schools, and 1,032 fewer pupils in the school system itself, according to preliminary counts. In New Scotland, the under-18 population showed a loss of 379 in the decade.

Observed one Bethlehem official: "Ten years ago the older, larger houses around town had families with four or five children. They've moved out now, and the new families in those houses are smaller."

Census workers have rechecked eight districts in Bethlehem with parts of Elsmere and the Woodgate section to come. The early count shows a loss of some 750 inhabitants of the "core" areas of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands, and sharp increases in the newly developed sections south of Feura Bush Rd.

Anyone who has not been counted is asked to call either town hall. In Bethlehem it's 439-4955, in New Scotland, 439-4865.

If your Spotlight doesn't come on Thursday, call 439-4949.



Marietta Storm of Delmar recently attended a week-long carillon institute at Alfred University. Coordinator James Chapman, left, and Robert Lodine, the institute's instructor, talked to her about the clavier she was playing. The clavier, a practice instrument that simulates the sound of bells, was used by participants in addition to the carillon instrument actually connected to tuned bells.

Gospel singers here

Wayne and Arlene Thomas, nationally known gospel singing team, will be sharing in song and testimony at the Bethlehem Community Church, Elm Ave., Delmar, on Sunday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. Wayne was once a top nightclub performer.

Break-in at store

Glenford H. Craft, proprietor of a general store on Clapper Rd., Cedar Hill, told Bethlehem police two cartons of cigarettes and four six-packs of beer were taken in a break-in Friday night. Detectives said entry was gained through a rear window.

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Self-design solar makes sense

"The whole thing was developed out of my needs," says Rick Larkin as he sits in the office of his new business, "Solarsense Unlimited."

A construction worker for 16 years, with a degree in natural resources, Larkin built his own Feura Bush home nine years ago. Four years ago he began heating with wood, but last fall, after spending too many hours chopping wood, Larkin became interested in solar energy.

He attends workshops and seminars throughout New England, where solar energy seems more accepted than in New York, and read everything he could find on the subject.

"New York State and the Capital District area are farther behind in the development of solar energy," Larkin feels. "In New England, there's tax incentive, plus the government encourages its use more."

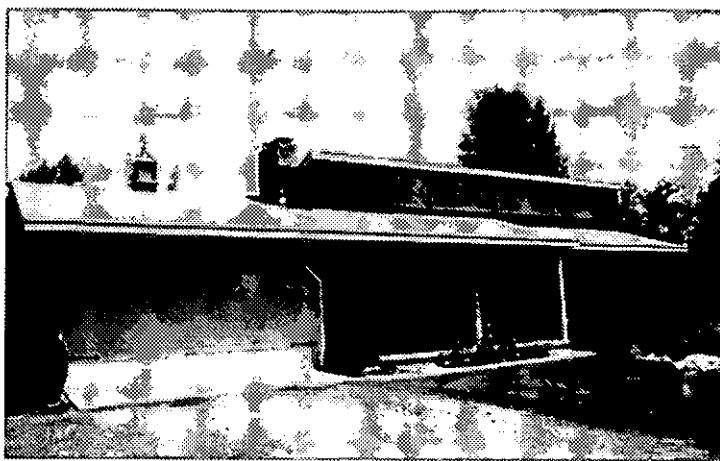
Larkin earned an associate degree in natural resources at SUNY-Morrisville and went on to a bachelor's degree in wildlife science from Cornell. He is 31 and married to the former Joann Pagano of Coeymans.

When Larkin designed his

own solar system on Onesquethaw Creek Rd., he looked for something that would be cost effective, weather-proof and adaptable to different houses. Another main goal, he says, is "to keep the system aesthetically pleasing."

Looking at his house, with a front-window view of the mountains, Larkin has achieved that goal. A long, horizontal structure built on the roof, called the "dormer," could pass as the upstairs part of the house, but the special glass across the front of the dormer really takes in the sun's rays for the collector that lies behind. The only other visible signs of his solar system are a vent-like opening in the basement, where the air travels up to the collector to be heated, and another large vent in the hallway, where the warmer air enters the house. A diffuser spreads the heat evenly through the house and temperature can be regulated by a simple thermostat. Larkin's system cannot store heat, however, so he supplements it with wood.

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Rick Larkin's solar house in Feura Bush

of Energy's funding is devoted to renewable resources." Larkin remarked. "There needs to be a public acceptance of new ideas in design and architecture." He feels "the day will come when people can totally rely on solar heating."

Larkin claims that solar energy has been downplayed by big business, but even Exxon has admitted "the earth receives an amount of energy from the sun each day that is approximately 100,000 times more than the present world output of conventional



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Larkin finished his solar heating system in May and opened his business "Solar-sense Unlimited" in June. So far, he hasn't converted any houses but his own to solar heat, but he has done some consulting and continues in construction work. He plans to heat his workshop with solar someday and install a hot water system in the house where the tap water will pass first through the collector on the roof.

"Solar energy hasn't been used to its fullest," Larkin says. "Constructors aren't ready to gamble yet." But he adds, "Out of necessity and design, solar will be the energy for the future."

Denise Woodin

Expectant parents night

St. Peter's Hospital in Albany will sponsor an Expectant Parents Night on Monday, Aug. 18 at 7:30 in the hospital cafeteria. The program includes a tour and a short film. For information call 471-1515.

Lifeguards win trophy

Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park lifeguards proved to be the best in the northeast after they topped seven other teams in the second annual Northeast Lifeguard competition held at Saratoga State Park on Aug. 4. Elm Ave. took first place, scoring 46 points, with Thatcher Park following at 28 points and Saratoga third. In the 50-yard approach swim, John Ferro and Dianne Ferro came in second, and in the 100-yard approach relay, they teamed with Liz Young and John Delaney to win the event. In the 300-yard endurance swim, both Tammy Lynk and Mike Nyilis earned first. Elm Ave. also won the sweatsuit relay with Dianne and John Ferro. Tammy Lynk and John Nyilis, and also swept the timed rescue with Mike Nyilis and Tammy Lynk, and the underwater swim with John Nyilis, taking first place in both.

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Euclid development plans revived

A major residential development proposed for a protected area of Elsmere has resurfaced in the Bethlehem planning board's agenda.

Board members and consulting engineer Alvah Worth planned a brief walking tour this week of the site of Van Euclid Estates, a 54-lot subdivision that so far exists only on the drafting table. The on-site visit was set for Tuesday at 7 p.m., half an hour before the board's regularly scheduled session in town hall.

The subdivision proposed by developers Steven B. Strong and Frederic B. Adler of Delmar for a large tract adjacent to the Normanside Country Club golf course near the end of Euclid Ave. became stalled more than a year ago because the site lacked sufficient access for

traffic. Since that time, the developers reportedly have purchased or obtained a purchase option on adjoining properties at 48 and 50 Euclid Ave., which presumably would provide the access needed to satisfy board members.

Strong and Adler submitted their preliminary plans to the board at last week's session. The board is expected to study the configuration and set a date for a public hearing in September or October. The tract is zoned Residential-AA.

In an unrelated action last Tuesday, the board granted a 90-day extension for submission of final plans for the Woodside South subdivision off Caldwell Blvd., Slingerlands.

Board attorney Earl S. Jones, Jr. has served as temporary chairman at the last two meetings pending the appointment of a seventh member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation last month of William R. Weber. The board has indicated it will not elect a permanent chairman until the membership is at full strength. A town hall source said no appointment is under consideration at the moment.

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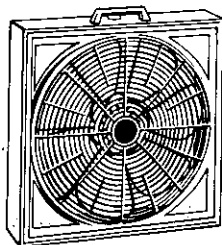
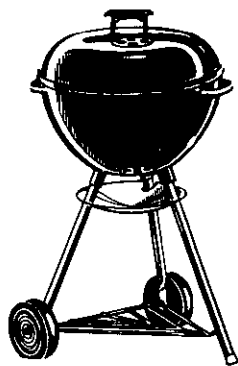
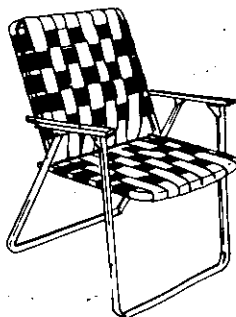
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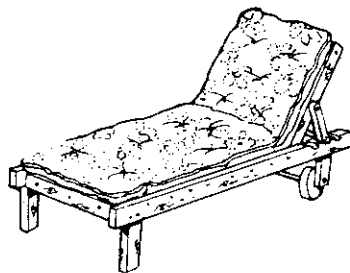
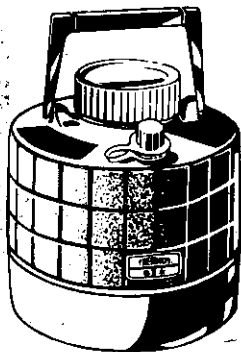
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EDUCATION

Teachers' pension bite gets deeper

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The fox guarding the hen roost has done it again. The New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS), sitting atop an investment portfolio approaching the \$8-billion level with unrestricted authority to set its own assessment rate on school district taxpayers, has tacked another percentage point on that levy.

The nine-member board, which includes five members of the lucrative system itself, last week notified the state's 750-odd school districts that the assessment for retirement benefits would jump from 22.49 percent of payroll to 23.57 for the 1980-81 school year.

The new gouge of an additional 1.08 percent compares to an even 1.0 levied by the board at its annual rate-setting session a year ago.

The board raised the ante above the 1979 increase despite a major rise in investment income and a skyrocketing surplus that in 1979 soared to \$656 million. This figure, which for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1980 is expected to exceed three quarters of a billion dollars when the vault is counted, represents the excess of total revenues over total expenses for the year.

A spokesman at NYSTRS headquarters in Albany last

week declined to release the fiscal year-end figures on investment income, employer contributions (school district taxpayers, etc.), total revenues, pension and benefit payouts, administrative costs and total surplus. The reason given: there will be no figures available publicly until the year-end audit is completed for the annual report to be published of the board's latest rate action, nor does the board customarily make such an announcement.

In fiscal 1979, the latest year for which figures are available, the board's revenues climbed over the \$1-billion mark for the first time. During the same period, the system paid out \$346.1 million in pension checks and other benefits to its 44,000 retired members. All of these benefits are exempt from New York State income taxes.

The recent record-high yields on stocks and bonds in the system's portfolio of securities are expected to push the Fund's total income well over the \$1-billion level of the previous year when the final figures are in.

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resorting to the device of taxing local school district property owners, the system's surplus in fiscal 1979 would have been \$84.2 million. The board's insistence on extracting additional tribute--last year \$571 million--from taxpayers is based, according to a system spokesman, on complicated actuarial formulas.

Members of the board include local bankers and insurance executives appointed by the state comptroller, Board of Regents and a representative of the state's school boards as well as full-time representatives of the powerful teachers' union and of school administrators. The board is unique in New York's governmental structure in that it has the equivalent of direct taxing powers on property owners without direct responsibility to the electorate. That license is courtesy of the Legislature.

The board's latest action, which taps local coffers by adding 23.57 percent of the faculty and administration payroll, will add an estimated \$70,000 to the Bethlehem Central school district budget, translating to an unofficial \$1.20 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for local taxpayers, and some \$20,000, or approximately \$1.70 per thousand, in the Voorheesville school district. Bethlehem school officials state that the increase had been anticipated, and is included in the budget approved by district taxpayers last May. In Voorheesville the increase will be absorbed in the present budget without affecting the bottom line.

The retirement fund is assured of getting its money from the districts, starting early in the school year. The local assessments, which in Bethlehem have now climbed higher than \$1 million a year, are deducted from state aid allotments on a regular schedule.

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Exchange student returns

Petra Visch, a Delmar Rotary Club exchange student, has returned to Delmar for a summer visit.

Petra, from Nijmegen, Netherlands, where she currently studies law, attended Bethlehem High School and received a diploma with the 1979 graduating class. Although she had taken her examinations in Holland before coming to the United States, Petra carried a full academic schedule while at Bethlehem Central. During her visit, she will stay with one



Petra Visch

of her Rotary host families, Dee and Rus Stembel and their two daughters, Lee Ann, 17, and Linda, 15, of Dumbarton Dr. in Elmsmere. Petra hopes to see as many of her American friends as possible during her time here.

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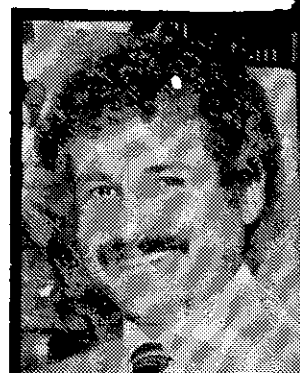
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NEW SCOTLAND Swift Rd. water hopes still alive

Town Supervisor Steve Wallace says he isn't giving up efforts to find a way to supply public water to 20 households on Swift Rd. in the town of New Scotland.

The dwellings, which lie between the main trunk lines of two separate water systems only a short distance from each, have been stymied by excessive costs on one side and a supply problem on the other. The residents' petition to the New Scotland town board to hook into the Bethlehem supply trunk beneath Rt. 85 has been balked because of the high cost of pumping water uphill to Swift Rd. When Wallace referred the petition to the Voorheesville village board, whose system draws from a large storage tank above Swift Rd., the board declined to sell water to people living outside the village, stating such action was necessary to protect the

supply of present and future users.

Last week Wallace said he would do two things: one, consider the possibility of asking the village board to reconsider, and, two, ask the Standard Engineering Corp. of Westmere, a consulting firm, for more specific cost estimates on hooking into the Bethlehem line on Rt. 85. "I'm asking them for hard figures," he said. "I think it's important to pursue this thing. Those people need water."

Wallace noted that six houses on the Rt. 85 end of Swift Rd. are already on the Bethlehem system, connected by a small line from the highway. If the line were to be extended to the other 20 houses, Wallace said, the line would have to be made larger and a pumping system installed, the cost of which would have to be borne by the users. The proposed line would extend eight-tenths of a mile from Rt. 85 to the New Scotland town park, which has a tap on the extreme end of the Voorheesville system.

Note 25th anniversary

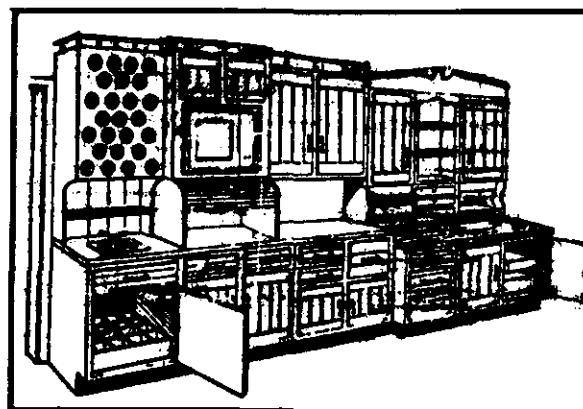
Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Asprion, Sr. of Glenmont celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, Aug. 3 with a surprise picnic given by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Picarazzi, Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Asprion, Jr., Patricia Asprion and Charles Asprion. About 50 friends and relatives enjoyed live music and dinner. Jimmy Downey of Hoosick Falls, the groom's best man 25 years ago, again made the traditional toast to the couple.

'Pinocchio' in town

After two years of working on props, costumes, scenery and lines, the Brockley Drive Performers will present the play "Pinocchio" at 85 Brockley Dr. Aug. 21-23 at 8 p.m. Cindy Lovelace will star as Pinocchio with a cast of Bacca Thomas, Diana Foster, Libby Thomas, Jackie Foy, Lisen Roberts, Todd Olsen, Cheryl Lovelace and Gwen Jones. The performers invite everyone to come.

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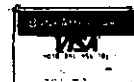
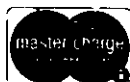
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Kindergarten bus switch protested

The Bethlehem Central school board was sympathetic but unmoved last week when several parents protested the assignment of their kindergarten-age children to other than their "home" school.

Twenty-five youngsters in the district are to be bused to kindergarten sessions at the Hamagrael School rather than to a school nearer their homes because of what was termed "excess enrollment." Affected are 11 children in Elsmere, nine in Slingerlands and five in Clarksville.

Margaret Holmgren, previously a half-time kindergarten teacher at Hamagrael, has been given a full-time appointment and will teach the added session at that school.

A dozen adults and two youngsters attended the board meeting last Wednesday at the Educational Services Center, prompted by phone calls from school Supt. Lawrence Zinn's office reporting the unexpected assignment.

The children involved were chosen because they do not have older siblings in neighborhood schools, Zinn said. Some parents with a child already in the "home" school were asked to volunteer to have their younger child attend Hamagrael, but apparently there were no takers.

Kristy Reynolds of Ridge Rd. pleaded that her son is "totally oriented" to the Elsmere School, that he has met the kindergarten teacher there and toured the school, and also uses the playground there.

Her feelings were echoed by Lesley Snyder of Kenwood Ave.: "Kids don't understand 'Why me?'" Bob Snyder added: "A child is growing socially and needs consistency. We're quite disappointed he won't be going with his friends. But we didn't come to badger you; we came to see if there was anything we could do."

There wasn't.

Board members Marjory O'Brien pointed out that district policy is to assign kindergarteners on a districtwide basis, with a goal of keeping class size down. Older children are assigned to the school nearest their homes, and these youngsters will attend 1st grade at their "home" schools, Zinn added.

Board president Bernard

Harvith, acknowledging "the lonely feeling" of putting a young child on the school bus, urged the disgruntled parents to "try not to convey your unhappiness to your child."

Carol Boluc of Maple Ave., Elsmere, suggested that in the future the district alert parents registering kindergarteners that the child may be assigned to any elementary school in the district.

The board also established the tax rate for Bethlehem property owners at \$131.98 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of \$7.05 over last year's rate, but down from

the \$7.85 projected at budget time. The New Scotland, tax rate will be \$183.59 per \$1,000, \$1.12 less than projected in the spring.

Harvith observed that, while teacher contract negotiations are continuing, "we will settle within the budget. This is it."

Zinn reported a new federal schedule of income levels governing eligibility for free school lunches. Income limits have been raised, he noted, making more families eligible. For example, a family of eight with an income of \$26,000 may receive school lunches free.

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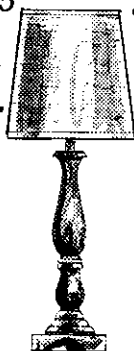
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Apartment plans in zone hearings

The Bethlehem board of appeals has scheduled public hearings for Sept. 3 on two separate proposals by a leading local developer to build three four-unit apartment houses in Delmar.

The firm of A.T. Zautner & Son is seeking a special exception under the town's zoning ordinance to allow two fourplexes on the south side of Feura Bush Rd. approximately 600 feet south-east of the entrance to Colo-

nial Acres. The firm also has applied for a special exception to build one four-unit apartment on two vacant lots at 545½ Kenwood Ave.

The two Kenwood Ave. lots are owned by Walter B. Lotz, Jr., an East Berne real estate agent, who on July 18 was granted variances to build two duplexes at the site. The properties are in an area zoned Residential-A, which permits duplexes but requires a special exception for multiple-unit dwellings.

Hearing times will be 8 p.m. for the Feura Bush proposal and 8:30 for the Kenwood

Ave. plan.

Meanwhile, the board will conduct two public hearings on Aug. 27, one at 8 p.m. for a variance sought by Hans and Lillian Schapire for a proposed 16-by-14-foot screened porch addition to their house at 80 Huntersfield Rd. that would exceed the permissible lot occupancy, and another at 8:30 for a special exception sought by Alfred J. Remo of Delmar to permit retail sale of gasoline and diesel fuel to truck operators at the Port of Albany Truck Stop, Inc. at the foot of Corning Hill, Glenmont. Remo presently has a building permit to accommodate a business of selling and remodeling trailer interiors at the site.

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Lane blasts Carey veto

Governor Carey's veto of legislation that would have allowed town and village courts to keep a larger share of the fines they collect while handling criminal cases has angered Assemblyman C.D. (Larry) Lane, Windham Republican serving the 102nd district.

"This is the second time in two weeks that the governor has shown his disregard for the problems facing the local governments in this state," Lane commented. "First there was the veto of the extension of the town highway improvement plan, and now this action."

Lane was referring to Carey's action on the Donovan Plan, which provides state aid to town highways. The plan is scheduled to go out of existence in 1982. The governor recently vetoed a measure that would have extended the program for another 10 years.

Currently town and village courts retain \$5 for each case handled, but the bill vetoed by Carey sought to raise that pay to \$15 per case. "There is no question in my mind that this increase in the court fee is justified. This veto shows a total lack of understanding of the problems faced by local governments," Lane declared. "The need to have a special session later this year is clear. The veto of the Donovan Plan and the court fee increase must be addressed by the Legislature, and the needs of local governments must be considered," he added.

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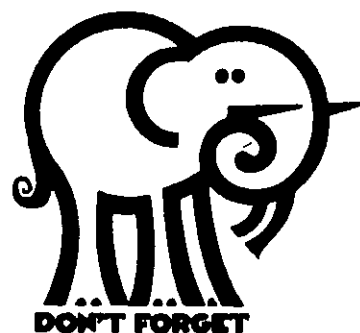
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Delmar Rescue Squad paramedics administered treatment to Harold Magee, 88, of Albany, after his car swerved off Feura Bush Rd. at 10:30 a.m. Friday a short distance from a farm he operates in Glenmont. He was reported in fair condition at Memorial Hospital Tuesday, but doctors there declined to disclose his treatment. State police at Selkirk said he suffered facial cuts in the accident. The victim is the former owner of the land on which the Tri-Village Little League park now stands.

Spotlight

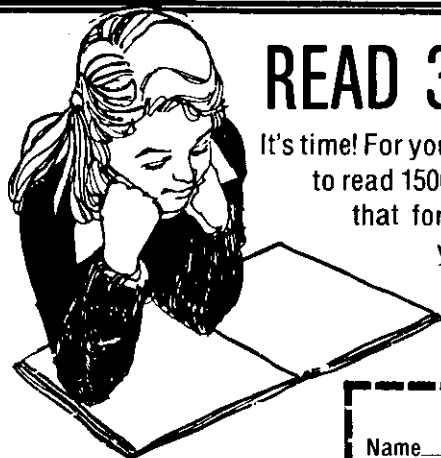
BC reunion planned

Bethlehem Central's class of 1970 has started a search for "lost" classmates as the first step in planning their 10th reunion later this year. Anyone having a current address for any of the members listed below is asked to call Kurt Uhl, 439-9598 after 6 p.m., or Linda Donovan McDermott, 371-6929 anytime:

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Appeal argued on Burger King

The Burger King fast food chain has filed an Article 78 proceeding against the Bethlehem board of appeals in the wake of the board's rejection of the company's application for a restaurant in Elsmere.

The company, which wants to build on a two-acre tract on Delaware Ave. owned by State Sen. Howard Nolan and Slingerlands developer Norris MacFarland, is also challenging a similar denial by the Albany County Planning Board. The board rejected the application on the ground that there was no demonstration of hardship and the applicants were not putting the property to one of the uses allowed under Bethlehem's zoning ordinance.

Allowable uses include professional offices, banks, insurance agencies and similar uses in a light commercial zone.

In arguments before State Supreme Court Justice Con Cholakakis in Albany Friday, attorneys claimed a financial hardship on the ground that real estate taxes have been paid for a period of years and the owners have spent money to promote the site.

The town's attorney contended the hardship was self-created and that Nolan and MacFarland bought the property in 1973 with "full knowledge of the zoning restrictions."

Applicants for special use permits in Bethlehem must demonstrate clear evidence of hardship, a board spokesman said. The application stirred persistent opposition from Elsmere residents in public hearings in Bethlehem town hall.

There was no indication when the court would hand down a decision.

Star newspaper awards

Adam Yarinsky received the Star newspaper "most valuable staffer" award at the BCHS Awards Assembly held last June, and received a medal from Star adviser Mary-Dorothy Morand.

Also recognized at the Assembly for their work this year on the school newspaper were Elizabeth Boluch, Betsy Brisee and Keith Patterson, art; Lyndon Keyes, photography; and Walter Ashe, Andreas Deibel, Debbie DiClementi, Lior Evan, Phil Giltner, Harold Glasser, Eric Hudson, Martin Mancuso, and Amy Rosenblatt, staff members.

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VOORHEESVILLE

Parishes share ecumenical spirit

The packed pews of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville the next few months will provide a local example of ecumenism, according to Robert Cureau, chairman of the church administrative board.

Because of an SOS received from St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church in the village, the Methodist Church has stretched its facilities to accommodate some of St. Matthew's activities for a few months. St. Matthew's, in the beginning of a building expansion program, found its church use shut off during construction.

The church-use committee of the Methodist Church gave tentative approval to use of its facilities for Catholic worship in August. This committee consisted of Cureau, as chairman of the administrative board, Bill Bentley, vice chairman, Don Mikkelsen, layleader, and Rev. Sherwood Carver, minister.

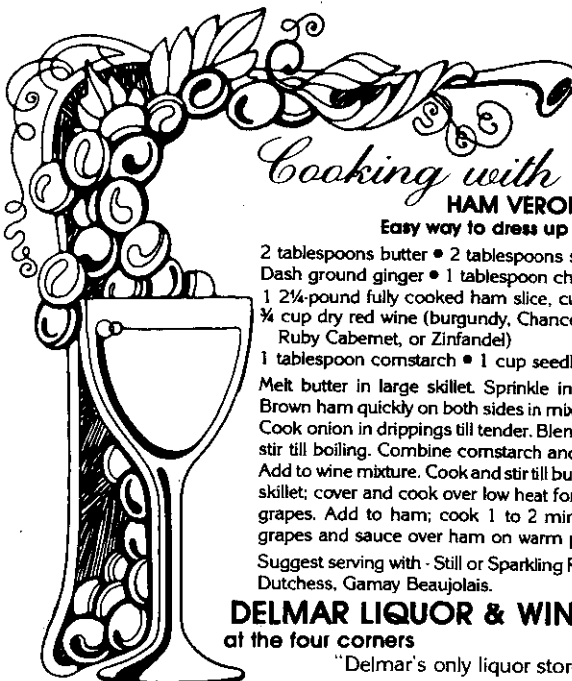
A larger ad hoc committee of Methodist leaders met in mid-August with a delegation from St. Matthew's to consider the best way to handle logistics of two congregations using one building. This committee included the

church-use group plus Bob Andrews, Ken George, Jean Franks, Gordon Lewthwaite, Karen McMartin, Joe Armer, Jim Seay, Ron Pearce, Bobbi Pearce and Jim Bryden from the Methodist Church. Attending from St. Matthew's were Marie Hill, Clare McAssey, Fran Arthur and Rev. Arthur Toole.

The Methodist Church will continue its regular schedule of church activities, while the St. Matthew's schedule at the Methodist facilities will be masses on Saturday at 5 and 7 p.m. and on Sunday at 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. In addition, St. Matthew's parishioners will use the building for folk group rehearsals, some religious training, special masses, weddings and funerals.

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Melt butter in large skillet. Sprinkle in sugar and ginger. Brown ham quickly on both sides in mixture. Remove ham. Cook onion in drippings till tender. Blend in wine; cook and stir till boiling. Combine cornstarch and ¼ cup cold water. Add to wine mixture. Cook and stir till bubbly. Return ham to skillet; cover and cook over low heat for 15 minutes. Halve grapes. Add to ham; cook 1 to 2 minutes more. Spoon grapes and sauce over ham on warm platter. Serves 6.

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NEW SCOTLAND Town tightens budgetary belt

The squeeze is on at New Scotland town hall.

Supervisor Steve Wallace has instructed all elected and appointed officials of the town to trim day-to-day costs "wherever possible" from now to the end of the year.

"This inflation is really affecting us," he said.

Wallace has told his staff members to cut back on outside work contracts, eliminate all overtime, and reduce spending "on the little items as well as the big ones."

In recent years New Scotland has tried to operate the town government on an extremely tight budget, sometimes a little too tight. Last fall, faced with the prospect of running out of funds before the end of the year, the town took several austerity steps, one of them eliminating part-time secretarial help for the town court. That measure caused a public protest by Justice Donald L. Chase, and the secretarial assistant was later restored to the payroll to minimize a mounting backlog of court cases.

Voorheesville News Notes

Maryann Malark 765-4392

Members of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville are busy preparing for their annual auction and bazaar to be held on Saturday, Oct. 4. General chairman Dick Freyer has asked that clothing, books, toys or white elephant articles be left at the social hall. Salable items for the auction may be put in the metal shed near the barn. Don Mikkelsen, 765-4593, will pick up any items not sold at garage sales. Plants, handicraft items and canned goods can also be donated for Granny's Cellar. The event will run from 10 to 4 on the church grounds. The auction will begin at 11.

Summer story hours at the Voorheesville Library will end on Thursday, Aug. 21. Fall story hours will begin on Monday, Sept. 15, and will be held on Monday and Thursday mornings at 10:30.

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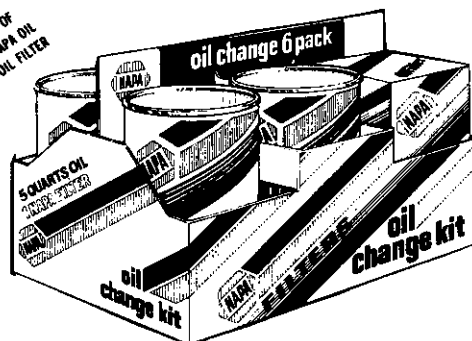
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Spotlight

Delmar man wed

Hartland Baptist Church was the setting for the recent marriage of Miss Mary Patricia Saur and John Warren Gypson. The Rev. Lowell H. Gypson, III, brother of the bridegroom, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Saur of Mattydale. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Lowell H. Gypson, Jr., of Delmar.

Cheryl Walker of Mattydale was the maid of honor. Robert Lamitie of Delmar was best man. William Fitzgerald was ring bearer.

The couple traveled to Niagara Falls and Canada after a reception in Town and Country Inn, Middleport.

The bride is a graduate of

State University Agricultural and Technical College at Morrisville and State University College at Buffalo. The bridegroom attended George Washington University and State University College at Buffalo. He will attend Dallas Bible College in preparation for the ministry. The couple are now residing in Dallas, Tex.

Delmar house entered

Bethlehem police are investigating a burglary at a Harding Ave. address in Delmar during the week of July 18-25 in which jewelry items, including an engagement ring and man's wedding band, plus two watches and various silver coins were reported stolen.

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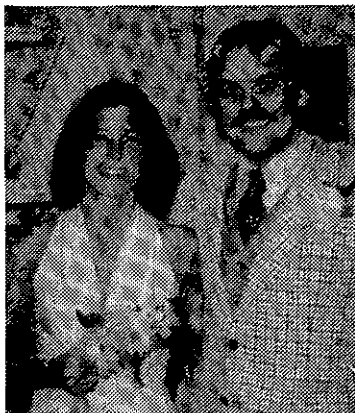
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Bartholomew-Broomhead

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bartholomew of New Scotland announce the engagement of their daughter, Cecelia, to Dale Broomhead, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Broomhead of Troy. An Oct. 18 wedding is planned.

The prospective bride graduated from Voorheesville High School and the College of Saint Rose, and is now associate curator at Historic Cherry Hill, Albany. Her fiancé graduated from Lansingburgh High School and the State University College at Cortland. He is employed by the Lansingburgh School District as a physical education teacher. He is also working on his master's degree in health education at Russell Sage College.



Deborah Sieloff

Robert K. Illingworth

Sieloff-Illingworth

Mr. and Mrs. A. John Sieloff of Indianapolis, Ind., announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah, to Robert M. Illingworth, son of Mrs. Judith Illingworth of Montpelier, Vt., and the late Robert K. Illingworth, formerly of Delmar.

The future bride is a graduate of Vermont College, Montpelier, and holds an associate degree in early childhood education. She will be teaching pre-school in the fall. Her fiancé, a 1974 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is also a graduate of Vermont College, and is teaching tennis professionally in the Vermont area.

A spring wedding is planned.



Karen Konieczka

Konieczka-Neumann

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Konieczka of Rotterdam have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen Ann Konieczka, to James T. Neumann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Neumann of Hudson Ave., Delmar.

Miss Konieczka, an honors graduate of Mont Pleasant High School, is a secretary for the U.S. Dept. of Energy. Her fiancé is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is employed by Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Northeastern New York.

A September wedding is planned.

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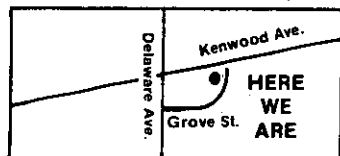
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Evidence is rapidly building that the economy's rate of decline has slowed: housing starts have improved, retail sales have shown signs of strengthening, the monetary aggregates are growing again — all capped by a 2.5% uptick in the leading indicators. We're convinced that the worst is over, with better news ahead. Our economic forecast, which has changed only slightly since last month (primarily due to the heat wave's impact on agriculture), continues to call for several quarters of good news on real growth, inflation, and interest rates.

The risks of negative "wild card" political and international events are still there, the major one being the election season antics and the possible re-election of James Earl Carter. A Carter victory would probably put a temporary chill on the market, but the risks don't seem unusually high.

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Yearbook seeks ads

Members of the Bethlehem Central High School yearbook staff have started a canvass of local merchants, agencies and professionals seeking support for the 1981 edition of the *Oriole*. Advertisements in the *Oriole*, coordinated by ad editors Katrina Lenden and Joseph Carl, will give businessmen the opportunity to thank BCHS students for their patronage while keeping the cost of the award-winning yearbook within student reach.

Several people work on each section of the *Oriole*: editors Betsy Brisee and James Lenden, senior section; Linda Mertz and Holly Veltmen, underclassmen section; Roberta Richards, activities; Dan Miller and Andrea Portinkh, sports; Judy Poggi, theme; Scott Obach, faculty and staff section; Katrina Lenden and Joseph Carl, advertising; Jay Kerness, art editor, and Andy Gould and Phil Sternklar, photography. Angie Shea is the secretary and Judy Van Woert is the business manager. The yearbook advisors are Mr. Post, an art teacher at BC, and Mrs. Textores, a social studies teacher.

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SWIMMING

Dolphins do well in AAU finals

Five firsts and a second gave Delmar's Doug Schulz the high-point trophy in the boys' 13-14 age group in the Adirondack AAU swimming championships at Elm Ave. pool over the weekend. Nearly 500 swimmers and divers from 25 swim clubs in eastern and northern New York competed in over 100 events.

Young Schulz won the 400-meter and 200-meter free-style, the 400 and 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke, and took second in the 100 free. His sister, Donna, also placed in six events in the girls' 13-14 group, winning the 100 and 200 backstroke and adding three thirds and a fourth in other events.

In the same age bracket, Janet Shaffer of the Delmar Dolphins set a new meet record of 1:04.10 in the 100-meter freestyle and added a fifth and sixth places in other events.

The Dolphins' senior boys (15-18) got strong performances from Bob Holland, who had seconds in the 100 and 200 breaststroke, Jay Henahan, second in the 400 free and third in the 200 free, plus three fourths and a fifth in other events, Steve Bonawitz and Mike Nyilis.

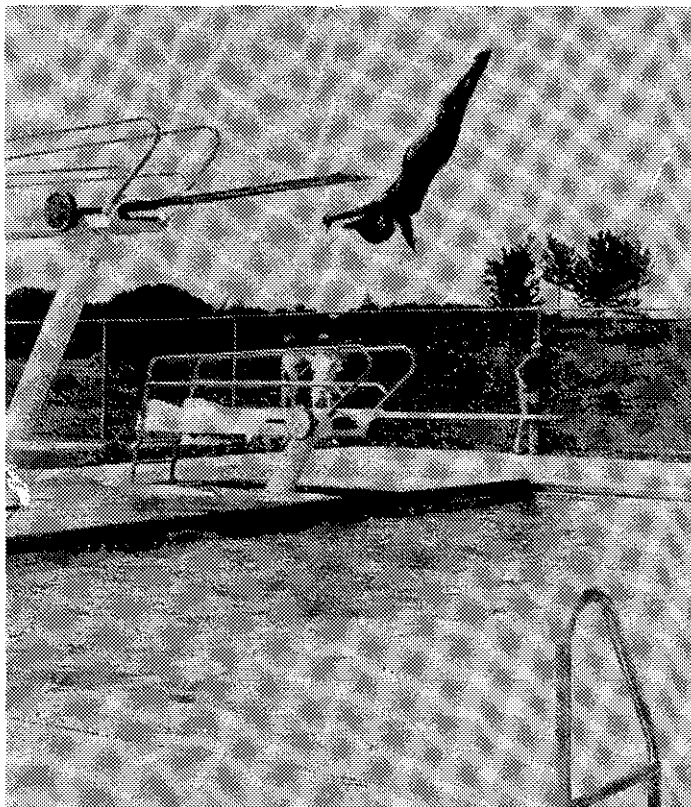
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Delmar's Jessica Follett swept the Adirondack AAU diving championships from both the one-meter and three-meter boards for the second straight year at Elm Ave. Park over the weekend.

Mark Collien

meet trophy in their age classification were Scott Apicelli with seconds in the 100 breast and 100 butterfly, Matt Holland and David Young. In the girls' 13-14, Kim Meinert had a second in the 200 back and fourth in the 100 back. Lynn Apicelli took third in the 100 butterfly in the girls' 11-12 division. Susan Mallery, a Delmar girl swimming for the SUNYA club, took third in the 100 backstroke after her 11th birthday moved her into a higher age class.

One of the meet's most notable performances was turned in by Jessica Follett of Delmar, who won both the three-meter and one-meter diving for the second straight year. Mary Reagan of Delmar was fourth off the one-meter board.

Saratoga again took the overall team championship as well as the boys' and girls' titles, with SUNYA second and the Dolphins third. Delmar boys won the senior boys and 13-14 boys' titles. Art Young of Delmar was meet director.

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Grange softball

Sixteen Bethlehem residents, representing the Albany County Grange Softball team, traveled to Cortland recently to play in a statewide tournament. They faced the Perch River Grange and held the lead until the sixth inning, but then fell behind.



Two professional soccer players from the New York Eagles of the American Soccer League held a six-day clinic in Delmar last week. Among the participants were Dave Spinosa, Chris Kelly and Kara Matarrese, shown here flanked by Eagles Simon Curanaj, left, and Martin Shkreli, right, in a "juggling" exercise. This photo and the cover shot of the clinic membership were taken by R.H. (Red) Davis, our roving sports cameraman.

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Blue Jay sweep takes loop title

Delmar's Blue Jays got tight pitching and clutch hitting in a two-game sweep of the playoffs for the Capital District League's 1980 baseball championship.

Rick Lombardo spaced out eight hits and fanned seven in a 4-1 triumph over Rotterdam in the first game of a twin bill at Central Park, Schenectady, Sunday, to open the best-of-three playoffs. Big John MacDonald, a Slingerlands product who pitched for Lehigh University, tossed a superb four-hit shutout in the nightcap to wrap up the crown as the Jays won, 1-0, with one out in the final frame.

The Blue Jays' spine-chilling sweep of Schuylerville's 1979 champions the previous Saturday in Delmar earned them the first-half championship and a berth in the playoffs. Rotterdam won the second half. With the berth assured, Manager Rudy Toffenetti withheld his top pitchers from Saturday's makeup doubleheader at Schuylerville, using infielders Neil Stickles and Eric Felter on the mound and surrendered both games by 6-2 scores without affecting the standings.

The nightcap against Rotterdam was loaded with tension as the teams battled into the seventh and final inning at 0-0. In the last half, Steve Wallach opened with a walk and went to third when the

throw on Ward Phelan's bunt hit Phelan in the back. The umpire, however, ruled Phelan out and sent Wallach back to first, precipitating an argument that almost led to the expulsion of several Blue Jays. Stickles, fuming over a 3-2 call, then ripped a line-drive double to left and Wallach, waved in by Jack Dalton coaching at third, was safe at the plate in a headlong slide in the dust.

Delmar's defense sparkled in the title series, including three double plays in the nightcap, one on Mickey Brantley's running catch, another started by MacDonald via third. The Blue Jays pulled off a game-ending infield DP with two on in the first game.

George Rafferty had a single and double in the opener and two more hits in the second game, and Mike Usher contributed three singles in the opener.

The Jays ended their season at 23-12 and declined an invitation to an open tournament in Schenectady this weekend. Instead, the Schenectady R&R Pools will use Lombardo and MacDonald in the tourney.

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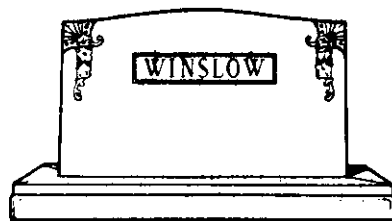
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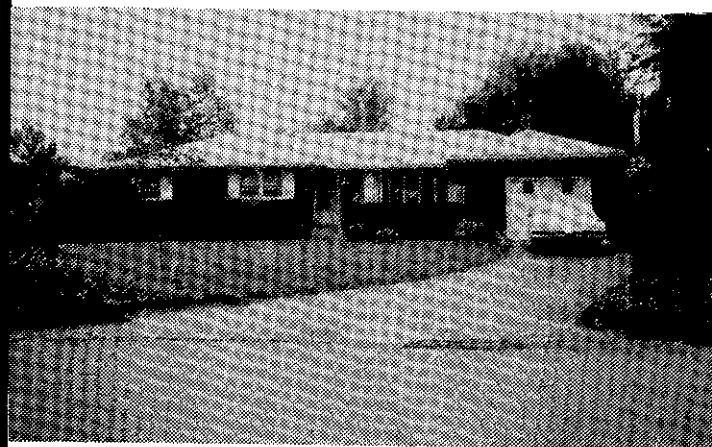
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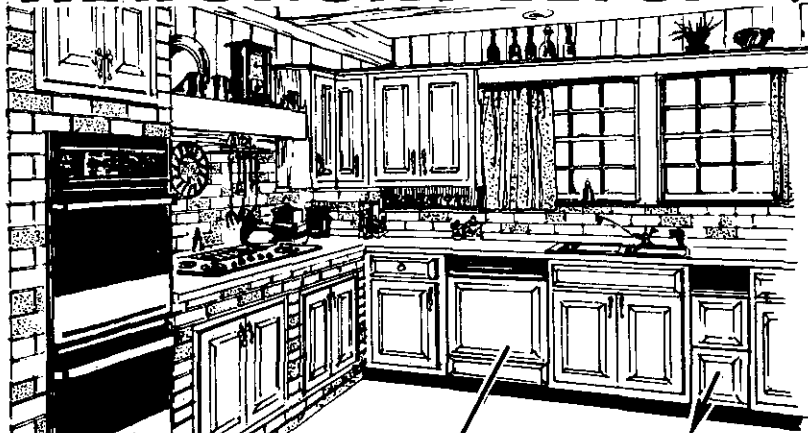
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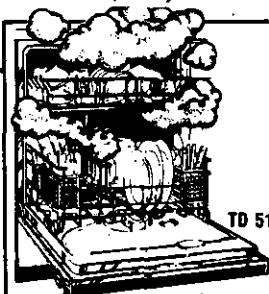


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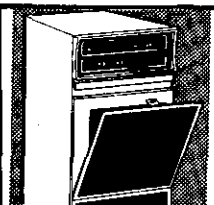
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of New Scotland, N.Y. will hold a public Hearing pursuant to Article 8, Schedule 2, Section 8.351 of the Zoning Ordinance on the following proposition: Variance Request No. 72

Request of John E. Griffin for a Variance to build an addition on a Dwelling which will then have less side yard than required by the Ordinance. Dwelling is owned by him and is situated as follows: East side of New Salem South Road, Town of New Scotland, N.Y.

Said Hearing will take place on the 22nd day of August 1980 at the New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, N.Y. beginning at 7:15 p.m.

JAMES SANDERSON

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Special Use Request No. 220 Request of Ralph Oravsky to install and occupy a Mobile Home on property owned by him. Property is situated as follows: West side of Indian Fields Road, Town of New Scotland, N.Y.

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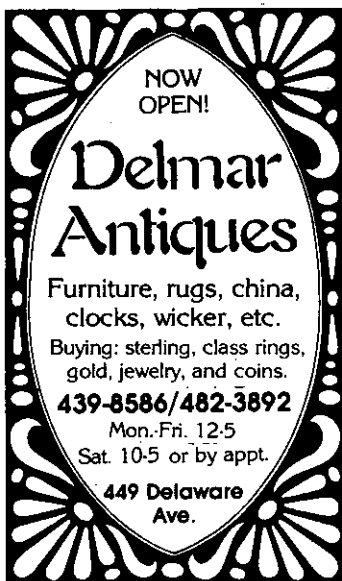


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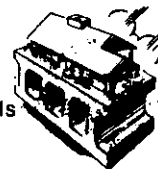
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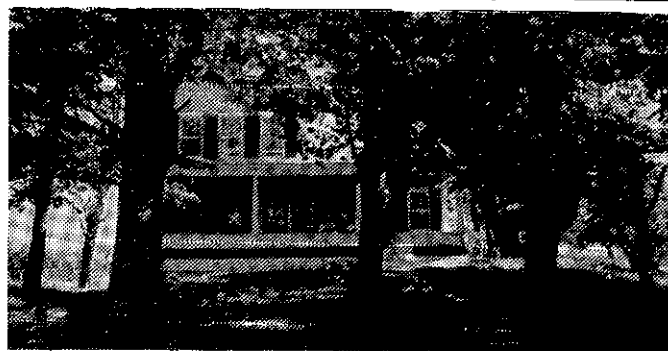
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Convent sale

Editor, The Spotlight:

Why should the people in Delmar complain when they want to put a home for the retarded in the convent of St. Thomas? When the people of Van Wies Point and Cedar Hill complained because we did not want the Job Corps because of what it might do to us, the people of Delmar thought it was OK.

After they put the Job Corps in, which we greatly objected to, they put in a Good Samaritan House for

Wayward Children, which nobody knew about until after they were here for several weeks.

The point is that when we of Van Wies Point and Cedar Hill objected to the above, we were considered bigots and worse. Now the people of Delmar wish to keep out the handicapped.

Name submitted
Van Wies Point

Post office steps

Editor, The Spotlight:

Surely it is not unreasonable to expect our post office to be accessible to our handicapped and elderly.

I wholeheartedly support Mrs. Cortright's letter to the editor of Aug. 7. As a matter of fact, I had assumed that the purpose of the post office construction was to install ramps, and I am most disappointed to find that this is not even included in the plans!

Perhaps if we all spent just

one full day in a wheelchair, we would realize the importance of adequate and appropriate accessibility.

Marion E. Harwick
Delmar

(Un)equal space?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Maybe I'm wrong, but it seems you are devoting a disproportionate amount of space in your newspaper to Voorheesville in comparison to Delmar and Bethlehem, etc. After all, isn't the Spotlight considered to be a Delmar newspaper?

This was especially noticeable in the Aug. 7 edition, when it seemed more than half the news section was given over to Voorheesville articles and there didn't seem to be much about the Delmar area.

Don't get me wrong, this is not a complaint, and I have some good friends in Voorheesville and have no desire to take anything away from

them. For that reason, I would appreciate your not using my name.

Name submitted
Delmar

We consider that our commitment to news coverage embraces the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland the village of Voorheesville, and have evidence to suggest that most of the newspaper readers in these communities look to the Spotlight for detailed local news reporting. The fact that Delmar and its adjacent neighborhoods are the most densely populated and the Spotlight has its publishing office and typesetting facilities in Delmar is no reason to minimize our coverage of less populous areas.

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tively quiet in Delmar (except for the controversial "lead" story). By the same token, relatively fewer news stories originate in Feura Bush or Clarksville, but when they do, we try to give them the full coverage they deserve. This week it could be the reverse:

We like to think Voorheesville people, too, regard the Spotlight as their own local paper. We are pleased that in the same light you appear to count on it for your own local coverage as well. Ed.

Customer always right?

Editor, The Spotlight:

I address this letter to the customers of all establishments. It concerns the fallacy in the statement, "The customer is always right."

A recent incident at my place of work prompted me to write. A woman, when paying for her purchases, believed she was shortchanged eight cents. She left the store amidst many threats. Two days later, she returned to the store and

gave her complaints to the manager. The woman lied to the manager concerning the incident, and left satisfied, convinced she had compelled the manager to take action.

This case shows the wrong in the phrase, "The customer is always right." In this case the customer was at fault and knew it. However, she thought the fact of being the customer put her in the right.

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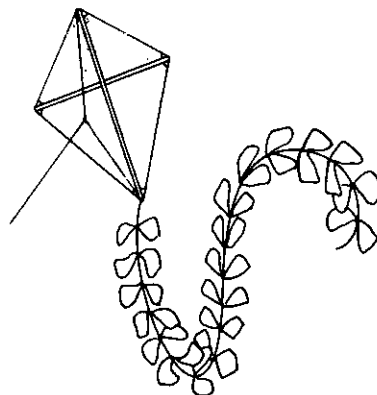
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