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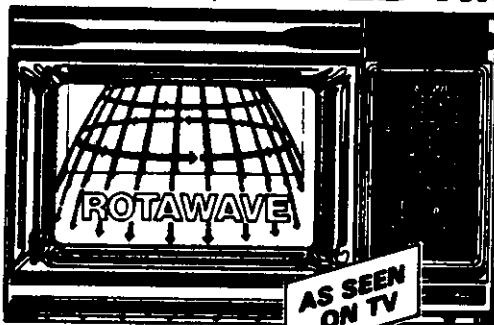
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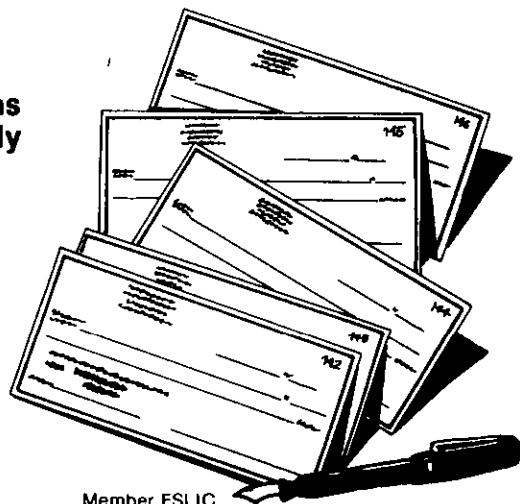
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Ministry to Divorced and Separated Catholics, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Pl., Delmar, rectory lower level, 8 p.m.

Christmas Interfaith Tea, United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, "Folk and Carol Sing," babysitting provided, 1:30.

"Babes in Arms," senior play at Bethlehem Central High School auditorium, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Art Association, Bethlehem town hall, room 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

American Association of University Women, continuing education study group, 100 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

Dutch Settlers Society of Albany, St. Nicholas Day dinner, Normanside Country Club, Elsmere, 6:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Railroad Society planning meeting, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m. Interested persons of all ages welcome.

4-H Winterfair, exhibits by 4-H club members, Key Bank, 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-6:30.

Recovery, Inc., self-help for ex-mental patients and nervous per-

sons, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Spaghetti Supper, Unionville Reformed Church, servings at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. Adults \$3.50, children 5-12 \$1.25. Reservations preferred, 768-2102.

Lunch with Santa, Bethlehem Junior Women's Club, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, public invited, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$1.50.

Emerging Styles in Contemporary Women's Writing series, film

on Meridel LeSueur, lecture by Dr. Joan Schulz, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

Workshop on Orienteering, Five Rivers Center, morning session 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., afternoon session 1-3 p.m., preregistration required, 457-6092.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Bethlehem Historical Assn. Christmas tea, "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., 3-6 p.m., public welcome.

Bethlehem Elks Lodge, memorial service for departed brothers of Bethlehem and New Scotland lodges, at lodge on Rt. 144, 2 p.m.

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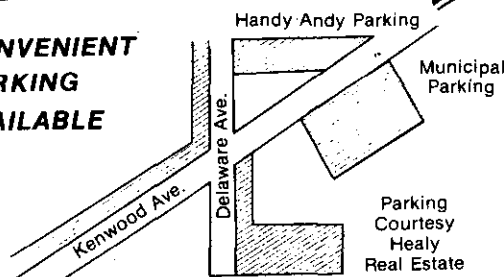
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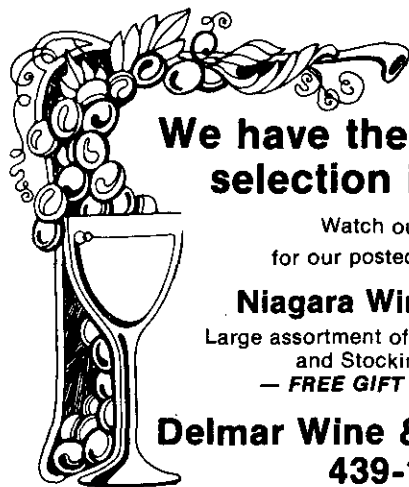
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Delmar Community Orchestra,
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Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open 10-3.

Delmar Progress Club Christmas tea to honor new members, United Methodist Church, 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Glenmont School PTA, "Alternative Programs for the Gifted and Talented," business meeting 7:30, program 8 p.m.

Clarksville Winter Festival of Music, Clarksville Elementary School auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Public Hearing, Bethlehem town board, on conveyance of two parcels of land owned by Water District No. 1 to Clarence J. Coffin for \$52,000, town hall, 7:30 p.m.

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

Altar Rosary Society, Christmas Chinese auction, St. Thomas School auditorium, 7:30 p.m., open to women of the parish.

League of Women Voters luncheon meeting, Thruway House, 11:30 a.m., call Anne Hausgaard, 765-2567, for reservations.

Advent Service and potluck supper, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, supper 6 p.m., service 7:15.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Christmas Party, Ladies Auxiliary of the Delmar Fire Dept., Delmar firehouse, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Recovery, Inc., self-help for ex-mental patients and nervous persons, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Emerging Styles in Contemporary Women's Writing, film featuring poet Anne Sexton and panel discussion, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Annual Eggnog Party for members of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, American Legion, post rooms, Elmsere, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

Delmar Community Orchestra, Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Christmas Party for members of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Auxiliary 1040 of the American Legion, post rooms, 6:30 p.m., reservations required by Dec. 9 to Eleanor Blendell, 439-3445.

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THEATRE

"Man of La Mancha" (musical life of Don Quixote), the Valley Players, Hudson Valley Community College Campus Center Theatre, **Dec. 5-6** at 8 p.m.

"Same Time Next Year" (romantic comedy), Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, **Dec. 5, 6, 10-14**, 8 p.m. except **Dec. 14** at 2:30 p.m. Box office 382-9051

"An Evening of Lanford Wilson" (short plays by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author), Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, **through Dec. 6** at 8 p.m. Box office 457-8606.

"Joe Egg" (Black Comedy), Capital Repertory Company, Page Hall, Western Ave. at South Lake Ave., Albany, **Dec. 3-21**, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Community Box Office or 462-4534 for reservations.

"Cinderella" (Rodgers and Hammerstein musical), Empire State Youth Theatre Institute, the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **Dec. 3**, 7:30 p.m.; **Sunday, Dec. 7 and 14**, 2 p.m.; **Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 8-10 and 15-17**, 10 a.m.; **Friday, Dec. 12 and 19**, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; **Saturday, Dec. 13**, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Box office 473-3750.

MUSIC

Laura Dean Dancers and Musicians (contemporary dance) Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany **Dec. 5-6**, 8 p.m. Box office 457-8606.

Nicky Seeger (folk music), Eighth Step Coffeehouse, 14 Willett St., Albany, **Dec. 6**, 8:45 p.m.

Up With People (international folk and popular songs), **Dec. 5**, 1 and 3 p.m. at Colonie Center and 7 p.m. at Mohawk Mall; **Dec. 7**, 3:30 p.m. at the Convention Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany.

"Messiah" (oratorio by Handel), Capital Hill Choral Society, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, **Dec. 5**, 8 p.m.; Philip Schyler Concert Hall, North Lake Ave., Albany, **Dec. 6**, 8 p.m. Community Box Office.

University Community Orchestra (concert of music on Shakespearean themes), SUNYA Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, **Dec. 9**, 8:30 p.m. Box office 457-8606.

ART

Art Resources Open to Women (AROW) annual art show and sale (pottery, paintings, photographs, silkscreen prints, weavings and drawings), Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, **Dec. 7, 14, 21** from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Three SUNY Photographers (the work of Phyllis Galembo, Stephen Summer and Mel Rosenthal), Plaza Gallery, State University Plaza on Broadway, Albany, **through Dec. 30**, weekdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Christmas Open House, Historic Cherry Hill (Georgian mansion decorated with family Christmas ornaments and candles), 523 South Pearl St., Albany, **Dec. 7**, 1-4 p.m.

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The Spotlight saga: the middle years

By Nat Boynton
Second of 3 articles

The steady growth of the *Spotlight* from the first four-page advertising flyer that appeared 25 years ago this week was largely due to the efforts of a super-salesman and a remarkable family who combined their talents for more than 15 years to mould a strong community newspaper.

The salesman par excellence was Robert G. King, who left a lucrative job on the advertising staff of the Albany

Times-Union to "go it alone" on a suburban weekly not yet two years old. The remarkable family who took over the production job—typesetting, ad layout and news copy—was that of LeVere and Mary Fuller. No fewer than eight of their nine children—all but the youngest, and all but one of them girls—had a hand in one function or another at various times for more than 20 years, even after LeVere's death in 1974 and Mary's a year later.

But the forces that propelled the paper to the lofty

peak of 1969-73 gave way to negative vectors that came within a whisker of putting it out of business in 1975.

The more ads Bob King sold, the more pages Fuller's little composition shop sold. Not only did King blanket Bethlehem and New Scotland advertisers, but he convinced many Albany businesses that the way to reach the area's most prosperous "bedroom community" was through the *Spotlight*.

In 1971 and 1972 King averaged more than 40 pages

a week despite the usual fall-off in the deep winter and the "dog days" of July and August, and just before Christmas published a 72-page issue, a record that still stands.

As the older Fuller girls moved to more challenging jobs in large Albany printing shops or got married, or both, LeVere trained the younger daughters in the versatile skills of graphic design, typesetting, layout and "paste-up." As the stream of local news copy—local organizations, churches, weddings, engagements, graduations and promotions—grew, LeVere found himself becoming more of an editor than a production supervisor. With all those pages to fill each week, he expanded his own writing in a weekly column that at times stirred up controversy.

After five years in the little office at Four Corners (where the Christian Science reading room is now located), King moved his operation to the L.C. Smith bus garage behind Delaware Plaza in 1960 and contracted with a new Albany printer, Artistic Press. Meanwhile, the Fullers moved from Unionville to a larger house in Feura Bush. Setting type and laying out 60 to 100 ads a week, setting columns of news copy and classifieds and handling the editing and photography kept everyone hopping, and the deadlines were relentless.

Kathy Fuller, the eldest, now Mrs. Vincent Gizzi of Glenmont, recalls the days she and her sister, Carolle, had to set the type for the large display ads by hand



The nine children of LeVere and Mary Fuller posed for this picture in 1971. Eight worked in the production of *The Spotlight* at one time or another, seven of them in composition. From left: seated, Kaye, now living in Schenectady; Carolle Miller, now in Pennsylvania; Kathryn Gizzi, Albany, free-lance composition; Suzanne Smith, Feura Bush, ABC Composition. Standing are Annina Wells, Mechanicville, Michael Williams Printery; Joni Judware, California; James, Delmar, Michael Williams Printery; Jeanne Alex, Florida, and Marla Vasquez, Middleton.

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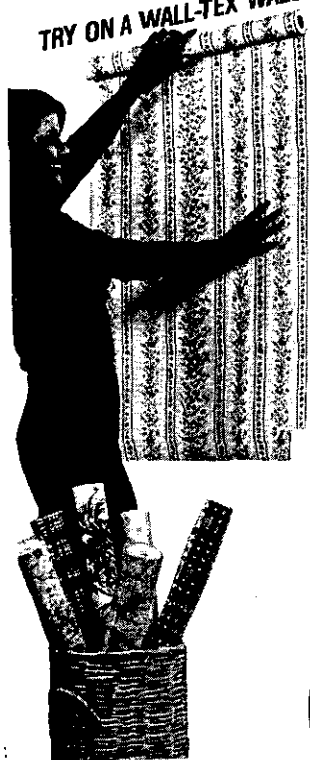
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while Suzanne, still in high school, typed classifieds on an IBM machine. "We had piles and piles of pages to collate every week besides write the addresses by hand and haul the bundles to the postoffice on time."

After them came Jeanne, Marla, Joni and Annina as the shop expanded to modern electronic typesetting equipment. So skilled were they that several made names for themselves as tops in their trade in such shops as Cromwell and Michael Williams in Albany.

"It was a remarkable shop," recalls Gary VanDerLinden of Delmar, who just this fall joined the *Spotlight's* commercial printing department after 18 years of printing the paper at Artistic Press. "It wasn't unusual to find the married daughters setting up pages with several babies in high chairs or toddlers in playpens right in the shop. They were steady workers with a strong sense of design, and very accurate."

After the death of their parents, three of the younger



Robert G. King

children, Suzanne (Missy) Smith, Annina and Jim Fuller, the only son, formed their own composition company and continued to produce the *Spotlight* and serve many other customers. Sisters Joni and Jeanne helped part-time when needed. Annie coordinated the entire operation while Suzanne's fingers flew on the electronic keyboard at the rate of 100 words a minute with rarely a typographical error. It was not until February, 1977, when economic necessity dictated the installation of its own typesetting and composition equipment, that the *Spotlight's* association with the Fuller family was dissolved.

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One day several panels in the ceiling of the office collapsed. To the astonishment of Charlotte Dale and Polly McIntyre, who for many years sold display ads on commission for King, an avalanche of *Spotlights* came tumbling through the gaping hole and littered the floor.

Polly remembers that day well: "It was perhaps the only time I ever saw Bob King really furious. It seems that when the high school kids got tired of stamping, they developed the habit of hiding stacks of papers above the ceiling (through an access in the washroom). They apparently passed this secret down from one class to another. When the game was up, Bob fired the kids on the spot and hired Annie and Jim Fuller to do the job from then on."

Today the *Spotlight* mailing labels are printed and stamped by high-speed automatic machines. The paper no longer distributes free copies and has the largest paid circulation of any general news weekly in Albany County.

But between the heyday of the early Seventies and the present expansion, there was a period of personal tragedy and economic recession that nearly sent the paper under.

Next week: In and out of adversity

Pecan sale starts

The annual pecan sale sponsored by the Smith College Club of Albany is underway. Proceeds are used for scholarship awards to area girls attending Smith College. To order pecans, call Susanne Hudacs at 439-7570.

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Spaghetti supper set

Spaghetti with all the trimmings will be the order of the day when the men of the Unionville Reformed Church serve supper at the church Saturday, Dec. 6.

Servings are at 5, 6, and 7 p.m., and the meal costs \$3.50 for adults and \$1.25 for children 5-12. Reservations are preferred and may be made by calling Mrs. James Slingerland at 768-2102.

On the cover:

Bethlehem Central High School seniors rehearse "Babes In Arms", which will be presented Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. While the crew confers at left, Tomi-Ann Roberts and Skye McKenzie, two of the principals, rehearse at center stage. Meanwhile, other cast members wait at right for their turn. From left, Jim Schimanski, Peter Prop, Jim Lenden; and (from top to bottom) Molly Treadway, Mary Bousvarous and Kerin Welch.

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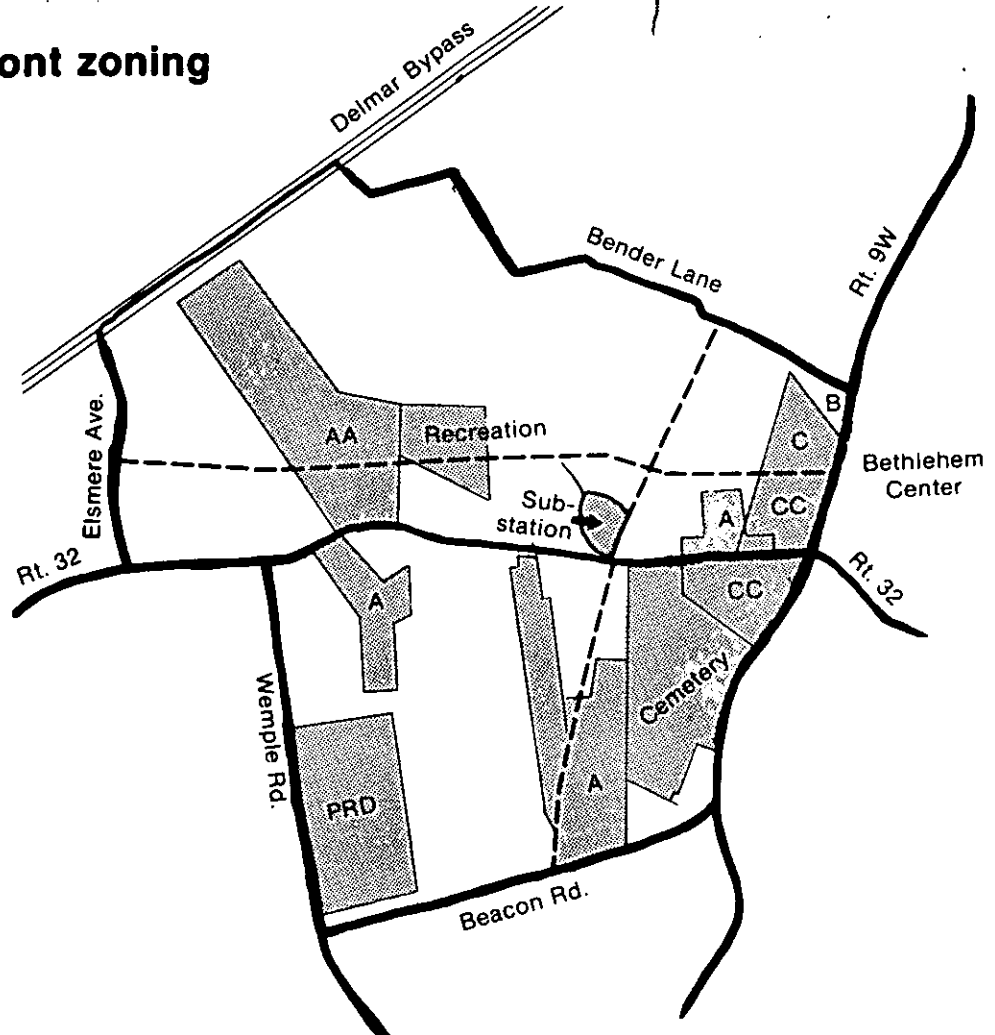
Planners mull Glenmont zoning

What began as a regular session of the Town of Bethlehem Planning Board ended in a bull session last week as Glenmont residents, developers, an engineering consultant, and members of the Planning Board all gave their views for the future development of the Glenmont area.

The area under consideration includes 850 acres bounded by the Delmar Bypass, Bender Lane, Route 9W, Beacon, Wemple and a small part of Feura Bush Road, and Elsmere Avenue.

During a detailed report, planning consultant Ed Kleinke reported that currently this area is 23% residential and 61% agricultural or vacant, with the remaining 16% being used for recreational, commercial, utility lines or cemetery purposes.

At the present time, the study area contains a variety of zone classifications, including 7% residential AA and 82% residential A. The remaining 11% is divided between residential B, commercial zones, and one Planned Residential Development (PRD).



Residential zoning in this section of Glenmont poses a puzzle for town officials. At the present time, all of the land not shaded in this map is zoned A residential; residents have petitioned to have the zoning changed to AA to give them more protection. The shaded areas represent land now in use, with the zoning or use indicated, and the dotted lines indicate power lines.

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According to the current codes of the town zoning ordinance, residential zone AA is reserved exclusively for single family dwellings, while zone A may include single family and duplex units. Zones B and PRD are designed for single family, duplex, apartment and townhouse units.

Kleinke said the future development of the area will be influenced by several physical constraints, including the limited access Delmar Bypass, the Niagara Mohawk power substation and power lines near Feura Bush Road, and some limiting topographic features including an extensive ravine and branches of the Downerskill.

William Scanlon, a Glenmont resident who presented a petition signed by 300 Glenmont residents to the Town Board, spoke for the petitioners and expressed their hopes that the town would preserve the predominantly single family home and

rural nature of the area. "We realize this will be difficult," said Scanlon, "and we would like to contribute to the orderly development of the area with as much participation on our part as possible."

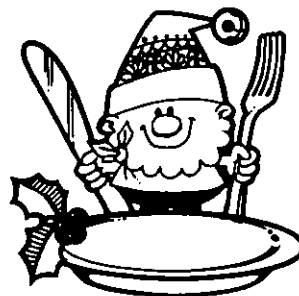
A local land surveyor, Paul Hite, disagreed with the petitioners. "Good planning constitutes that this area not be zoned exclusively AA."

John Flanigan, town building inspector, agreed: "You might as well plan for apartments by use, because you're going to have them no matter what."

Planning Board member John LaForte proposed consideration of a new zone classification — 'A-1'. "This zone might be equivalent to an 'A' zone", as far as lot sizes are concerned, but reserved exclusively for single family homes, he said. "If we do this we might be able to live with our present zoning without making any changes..."

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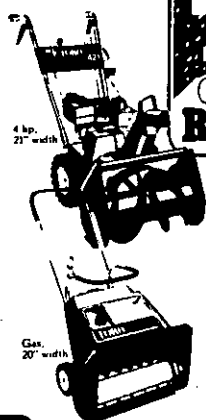
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SLINGERLANDS

Town takes control of cemetery

One mystery has been solved, but the modern-day drama surrounding the Slingerlands Family Cemetery remains.

The Bethlehem Town Board, having finally determined that the plot does not belong to somebody else, passed a resolution last week assuming control and responsibility for it. The practical effects are small: town crews will have access to the cemetery and will cut the grass at least three times a year. Supervisor Tom Corrigan said the land will probably also be fenced.

The drama revolves around the question of what happens to the hamlet which John A. Slingerlands founded in the early 1800s. Residents are still waiting to see what will be proposed for the Charles Sanders property, the land around the cemetery and to the east of it, some of it commercially zoned, which changed hands earlier this year.

The new owners, a partnership of Anthony J. Pizzitola of Delmar, his brother Vincent of New York City, and Gina Tomei of Voorheesville, are in the process of renovating the restaurant on the property, but have not said what they plan to do with the rest of the vacant land. Anthony Pizzitola said recently that reports that a supermarket is interested in the

commercially zoned property behind the restaurant are incorrect.

While the town board's action will have no direct bearing on the future use of the vacant land, it appears to have some tactical value to Slingerlands residents who want to keep large commercial development out of the hamlet.

"There is something worthwhile to be said for a place which has history, and has the old trees and nice, set-back houses," says Mrs. Patricia Brewer, who is a neighbor of the Sanders property and a leader in the Slingerlands Homeowners Association movement to stop the commercial development.

The cemetery itself, she feels, "has an important value to my home" because the Slingerlands name is such an important part of the hamlet. Not only are the homes of Slingerlands and his children still standing and occupied, but Slingerlands was himself an important figure in the history of the state and the nation.

According to the resolution prepared by Town Historian Thomas E. Mulligan, Jr., Slingerlands was a Whig congressman during the tumultuous years of the "Anti-Rent Wars", and originally proposed the Homestead Act

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A grave inside the Slingerlands burial vault, now under town protection. *Spotlight*

which president Lincoln signed in 1861, one month after his death.

The last interment in the burial vault took place in 1910, and the cemetery and vault have since fallen prey to neglect, vandalism and desecration.

The question of who is responsible for the cemetery was raised about four years ago, according to Mrs. Brewer, but did not become vital until the Sanders property changed hands for the final time and a dispute developed over access.

It was only then that the town commissioned a search of the 1910 deed under which William H. Slingerlands, the son of John A., parceled out his father's vast land holdings. The 60 by 85 foot piece of cemetery land, according to a search of the records, was specifically excluded, as was a 16.5-foot right-of-way into the cemetery.

Under town law, the town may assume the right to maintain and preserve the

cemetery as an historic place, and that was the action taken by the board last week.

On the cover:

The gravestone of John A. Slingerlands is inspected by Bethlehem Town Historian Thomas E. Mulligan Jr., left, and Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

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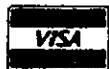
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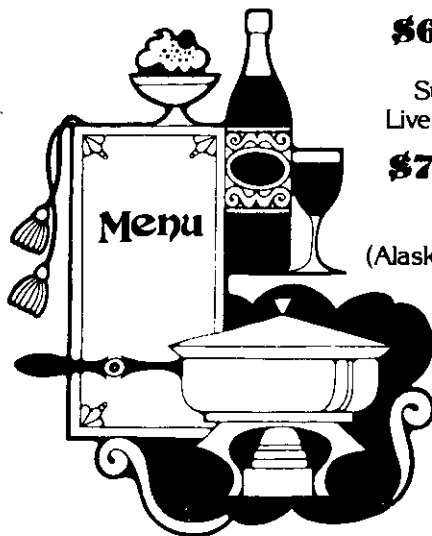
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Now a modern, well-equipped organization with its own rescue squad, the Delmar Fire Department is already making plans to celebrate its 70th anniversary in 1971. Highlights are the fifth annual Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association convention, to be held in Delmar in September, and a parade and carnival to be held in conjunction with the convention.

After that first meeting in May, 1911, the department was duly incorporated by the State of New York on Nov. 9, 1912. The first piece of apparatus was a one-tank chemical machine drawn by man or horse.

The rescue squad was organized in 1939 with an ambulance being donated the following year by the late Peter Applebee.

The firemen's association

convention will take place Sept. 16, 17 and 19. There will be a Mardi-Gras parade, a carnival and a dress parade.

In conjunction with the convention, the department is preparing a program book. Members of the Delmar Fire Department, who will be carrying photo identification cards, will be soliciting advertising from area businesses and merchants throughout Albany County.

Working on the Convention are: General Chairman, Louis DiLillo; Program Chairman, Gerald Day; Ad/Program Book, George Bloodgood, Jr., and Amos Bastiani; Parade (Mardi-Gras and Dress), LeRoy Cooke and Don Cooke, Jr.; Mugs, John Price and Bob Junco; Ribbons and Badges, Lucy Contento; Carnival and Monte Carlo Night, Dennis DiLillo and Tom Dobert; Refreshments, Jim Cooke and Bruce Wood; Ladies Dinner, Lucy Contento, Carolyn Day and Dorothy Kleinke; Men's Dinner, Bill Contento, Don Cooke Sr. and George Ten Eyck; Memorial Service, George Bloodgood, Jr.; Advertising and Publicity, Kurt Uhl.

Auxiliary holds party

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Delmar Fire Department will hold their annual Christmas Party at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 11, at the Delmar Fire House.

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The accident occurred shortly before 8 p.m. when a car driven by Paul A. Wagner, of Feura Bush Road, Delmar, pulled over to the shoulder of the bridge on Delaware Ave. with a flat tire. A car driven by Shirley Frederick, 11 Euclid Ave., Elsmere, slid into the Wagner vehicle, and a car driven by Donna K. Miyanchi slid into that car.

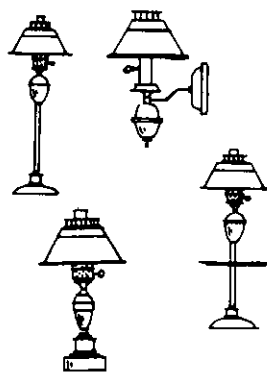
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Compromise made on Chadwick Square

The Town of Bethlehem has agreed to issue certificates of occupancy for 13 newly-constructed townhouses in Chadwick Square after a disagreement over the interpretation of the town building code.

Jim Michaels, of Rosen and Michaels, the developers of the planned residential development in Glenmont, said at a Planning Board meeting last week, "It was a shock to us that we did not know that we were required to put in additional parking space."

The dispute centered around a requirement that all dwelling units provide parking space and "maneuvering" space for two cars. The 13 townhouses in question have a single car garage and a 10 foot wide driveway which does not provide the required maneuvering space for two cars to pass each other.

John Flanigan, town building inspector, pointed out that in a document dated April 12, 1978, the developers were made aware that their building approval was subject

to provision for adequate off-street parking.

To a suggestion from the Planning Board members that the driveways might be widened, Michaels replied: "I don't want to ruin the aesthetic beauty that we're providing for our residents with grassy front lawns. We don't want to turn these already small 14 foot front lawns into a four-foot patch of grass."

The board agreed, but Chairman Edward Sargent stated, "You're not going to get the board to change its idea on providing for con-

venient off-street parking" in the future.

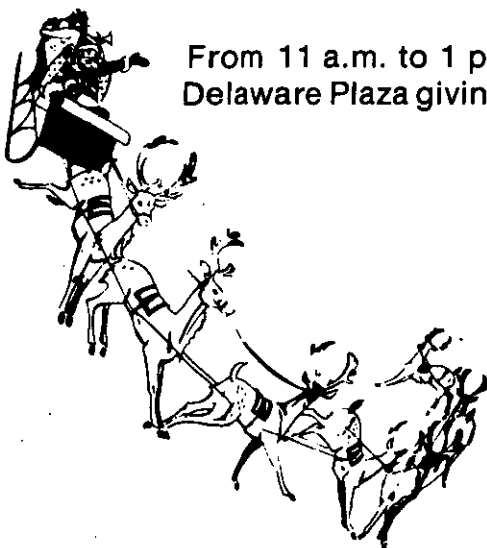
The compromise requires Michaels to add a deed restriction to the sale of this particular townhouse model which states that all owner's motor vehicles shall at all times be kept garaged or parked in the driveway. In addition, Michaels will supply the board with a letter that states he now understands the interpretation of the building requirement and will change his townhouse plans and the furnished model when the next sections of Chadwick Square are constructed.

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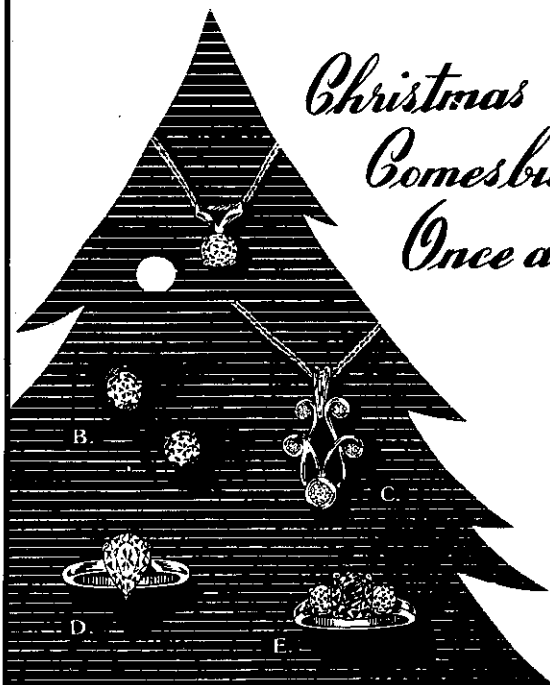
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BETHLEHEM

Suggests use limits for old town hall

The committee considering new uses for the old Bethlehem town hall on Delaware Avenue wants the building to be used as a "community and cultural center"—but that's a far cry from opening it up to the public right away.

The only strictly "public" use proposed is for a meeting room or rooms in the rear section of the building, to be done in the second phase of the remodeling. And in presenting their report to the Town Board last Wednesday, the committee members cautioned that the building should not be forced to conform to everybody's needs for space.

"What we're talking about is identifying the character and history of the building, and trying to use it," said Thomas E. Mulligan, Jr., who is also town historian.

The other committee members, Charles Gunner and William Johnston, Jr., agreed that at some future point the town may wish to devote much of the building to a town museum. "There is more than enough space available

to create a sizable museum which can be centrally located and easily available to town residents," they said.

But the report focused on ways to use the building for the present. Supervisor Tom Corrigan said the board will be looking at ways to get the "most use for the least possible expense."

The first phase recommended by the committee is for the first floor of the original Adams House section, which would serve as office space for the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and as a library facility for the Tawasentha Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Both organizations have indicated that they will restore the sections they use to their original appearance, the committee said.

The second floor can be used with little change as a workshop and display area for the Bethlehem Art Group and other crafts groups, the committee said. Later, when money is available, this space could be remodeled "as time and experience dictate."

The town's major expense in this phase would be to update the rest room facilities to accommodate public use.

The second phase would create the meeting room or rooms. The alternatives are to either leave or remove the partitions in the former tax collector and water district offices to make one big room or several smaller ones; a decision for the town board.

Also, the committee said, the town should consider a handicap entrance to this section of the building, preferably from the parking lot side. The cellar in the new section could be either divided up for storage space or be used by the Bethlehem Railroad Society, which wants to set up a model railroad system depicting area railroads in the 1850's.

The third phase would be "devoted to the reconstruction of the cellar under the

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original building to its original state for historical purposes. New stairs should be constructed to the second floor area and reconstruction performed to suit future needs as experience will indicate," the committee said.

Much of the discussion which followed the report centered on two groups which did not get space—young people and senior citizens.

"This type of building is not suitable for the use of the youth," Johnston argued. Mulligan pointed out that while the committee was not suggesting any facilities specifically for young people, they would be able to use the meeting rooms and the DAR library and any other facilities in the building.

As for the senior citizens, Corrigan said they "don't feel the need at this time" for a specific facility in the building. The report suggests that

"future consideration should be given to their needs, such as hobby rooms and recreation rooms."

Tips for mailing

In addition to the usual advice to shop and mail early, area postmasters are offering tips to ensure that cards and packages arrive on time and in good shape.

Proper addressing, complete with zip code on the last line, is high on the list. It's also a good idea, they say, to put a slip of paper inside a parcel with the recipients name and address. Also check the size of envelopes to insure they comply with new rules which require them to be 3½ inches high and five inches long.

Wrapping paper and twine are no longer required for packages, but pressure-sensitive sealing tape is recommended.

BETHLEHEM

Contest planned for holiday decorations

The annual holiday home decoration contest sponsored by the Bethlehem Garden Club will take place during Christmas week.

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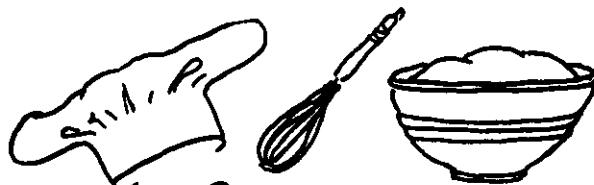




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Swift Rd. again denied water

Occupants of 15 dwellings on Swift Rd. in the town of New Scotland have lost another bid in their continuing efforts to gain access to a public water supply.

Frustrated by the prohibitive cost of tapping into the Bethlehem system on Rt. 85 and an earlier rejection by the Voorheesville village board, the residents last week went back to the village with a plea to reconsider.

Dr. Andrew Wood, spokesman for the 15 families whose houses are located within half a mile of the village line, told Mayor Milton Bates and the village trustees that the families were willing to shoulder the cost of extending the water lines. "If it is a question of economics, I think this can be resolved," he told the board. "There are ways of handling the money problem. We live on zero water. We are willing to live with restric-

tions. We are willing to be taxed. We have a real problem, and we have nowhere to turn."

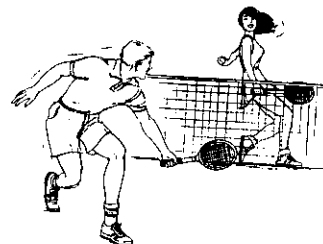
The plea failed to change the board's stand. Trustee Douglas J. DeDe declared that the village water system "is not adequate to meet our future needs; we are going to limit our activities to the village itself."

Added Trustee William F. Gray, III: "I really think we're going to have to sell water to everybody or nobody. There are so many people who need it, we cannot pick out certain areas and say some can have it and some can't."

DeDe also declared that the village has "a clear alternative to look for additional sources of water."

The village has test wells off Locust Dr. in the Scotch Pine area and on Altamont Rd. in the rear of the village garage. The Albany engineering firm

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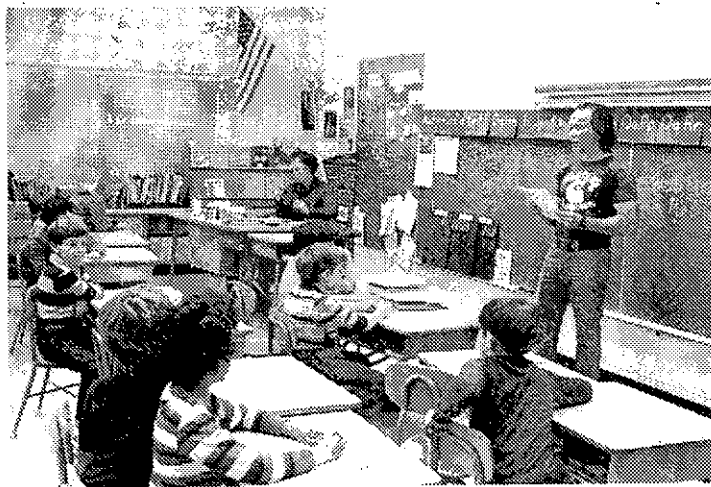


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Michael Rutherford talks about poetry with a third grade class at Voorheesville Elementary School.

Spotlight

VOORHEESVILLE

Third graders' ears open by area poet

Michael Rutherford has been spending time with the third grade students as poet-in-residence at Voorheesville Elementary School.

Mrs. Mosell, one of the teachers whose class Rutherford visited, described Rutherford as a facilitator who encouraged creativity by "taking away the restrictive atmosphere."

The children both listened to poetry and wrote their own. Mrs. Mosell said the best part of the program was

having the young poets hear their verses read out loud in front of the class.

The poet-in-residence program is under auspices of Alternative Literary Programs in the Schools (ALPS), a non-profit organization, funded in part by the New York State Council on the Arts. Rutherford, a resident of Voorheesville, is the director of ALPS, which conducts writer-in-residence programs throughout Upper New York State. He is a published poet, and has an MLS from Albany State University. He is also the founder of Albany's dial-a-poem, and is a hot air balloon pilot.

of Myrick and Chevalier conducted a study of a spring on a piece of property the village owns on the Helderberg escarpment in 1977, but the source, known as Livingston Springs, was judged as not feasible for development. The spring is located west of Voorheesville High School, and its runoff drains behind Picard's Grove.

The village system draws its supply from two wells inside the village limits, one on Grove St. and the other on Voorheesville Ave. The wells also feed a 1-million-gallon storage tank on Swift Rd.

In other actions, the board: ● Authorized Mayor Bates to set up a meeting with the State Dept. of Transportation to discuss a proposed traffic light at the double inter-

section of Severson Hill Rd., Voorheesville Ave. and Maple Rd.

● Scheduled a workshop session for 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, open to the public, on "general topics."

● Agreed to draft an ordinance to require a permit for the installation of a wood-burning stove.

● The latter action was instigated by William Hotaling, superintendent of public works for the village who also serves as chief of the Voorheesville Fire Dept. "They (wood stoves) are going in so fast," Hotaling told the board. "It's not so much the people themselves, but there are a lot of fly-by-night contractors who are doing some really bad work putting them in. It's a dangerous situation."

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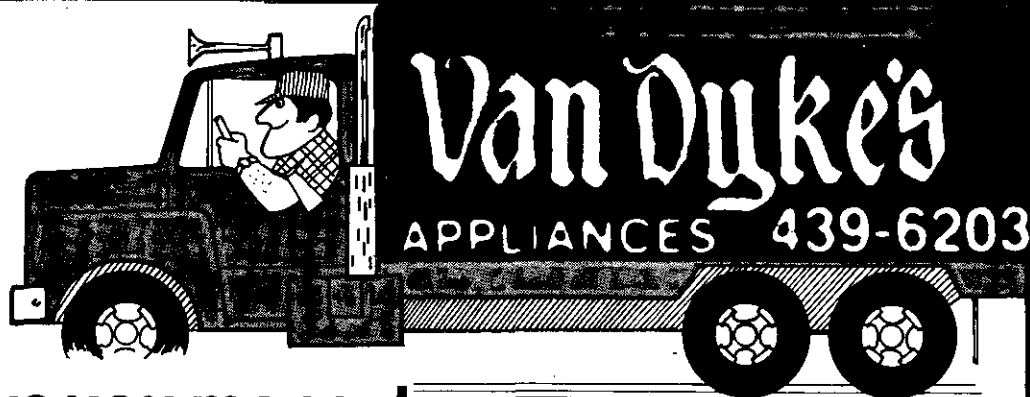


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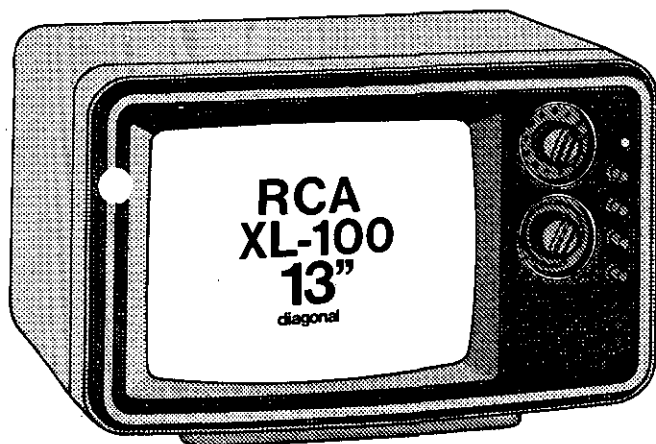
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To qualify as a volunteer, you must be 18 years of age, a resident of the school district, and hold a standard first aid card or be willing to complete a course within six months of joining. You are asked to be on call one day per week between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. All volunteers are provided with beepers and are not confined to their homes when on call.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Fisch at 765-4793, Jerry Condon at 765-4932 or Joan Steve at 765-2390.

Albany County 4-H members will present their 13th Annual Winter Fair on Friday, Dec. 5. The exhibit will be open to the public from 9 to 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Delmar branch of the Key Bank, 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The Winter Fair is a display from the 4-H Indoor Gardening project. Exhibits will

include dried arrangements, terrariums, wreaths, centerpieces, corsages, plaques, miniature landscapes or house plants. The only requirement is that at least 70% of each exhibit be made from natural, native plant materials, either fresh or dried.

In keeping with the 4-H principle of "learning by doing", all entries are judged for balance, harmony, scale, workmanship, choice of materials, design and condition of materials. Each member receives a judge's comment sheet and is awarded a ribbon. The public is invited.

Once again the Voorheesville PTSA will sponsor a Labels for Education Program to collect Campbell's soup labels. According to Diane Relyea, campaign chairman, the program is not a fund raiser but a way to recycle labels for a redemption of educational equipment. In the past, the schools have received tape players, projectors, and recorders. Only the front portion of any Campbell's label should be saved. This drive will run until Feb. 20.



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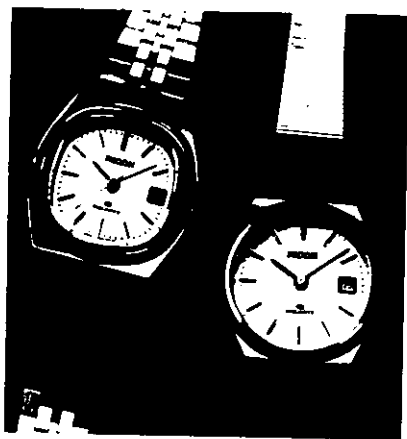
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BUSINESS

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A modest sign on the window facing Borthwick Ave. of Delmar Antiques advertises "We buy sterling, class rings, gold, jewelry and coins."

As the owner of the 449 Delaware Avenue shop, Bohl boasts, "I pay more than anyone else does for high school rings." Fingering an old B.C. ring that must have belonged to a football captain (it brought its previous owner \$210), Bohl banters with a local dealer about the current rate of exchange for silver—\$250 a pound. The school ring is chipped, and missing a stone, but Bohl says she can buy even broken jewelry "for a pretty high price. It all goes to a scrapper in New Jersey, where it's melted down."

Bohl's ten-year-long antique career began, she says, when she realized she didn't

like the modern furniture in her own home in Albany.

"When I went to sell my \$1,000 bedroom set from Mayfair and only got \$100 for it, I got disgusted."

Since then, she says she's been buying and selling "and making mistakes." Delmar Antiques opened in July in the building that she and her husband have owned for seven years.

(Local residents will probably remember the Country Corner at the same site.)

A \$475 embroidered couch, an oak and enamel hoosier, a couple of armoires, coat stands, and a miniature roll-top desk are among the items that have already been sold, says Bohl.

"I'm really easy-going about buying things on time," she says. And Bohl says the retailer at Delmar Antiques gets the better deal when they buy than does the dealer, since the price is the same for both.

"I don't want people to think I'm mainly wholesale," she says. A case in point: a dealer visiting remarks on a couple of pieces of jewelry

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Young people, says Bohl, "are really getting smart. I get a lot of young girls coming in who aren't going to furniture stores." Gesturing toward the hoosier, she says, "I sold that to a girl for \$240, who can probably turn around and sell it for \$475 next year."

Bohl says she attends auctions, but mainly buys out of homes. "I have a few lawyers who call me with referrals."

Bohl's rule of thumb for inexperienced antique shoppers is to "check on three or four shops for prices if you have a certain thing in mind you're interested in buying."

"In my things, there really is a price structure, as with most antiques. For instance, a wooden ice box should go for about \$150."

Bohl says she doesn't think "I've stressed the fact enough that I want to buy. I want house calls. I think people are

afraid they're going to bother me by asking me to appraise an item in their home. Like a man who called and asked if he had to deliver his bedroom set over here in a truck if he wanted me to appraise it."

But, she says, "I'll look at anything, and nobody's obligated. I don't mind helping anyone with free appraisals, or any questions they may have."

Joan opens her shop noon to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and all day Saturday, or by appointment.

It's only 1 p.m., and Delmar Antiques has already had about six customers, including a gentleman with a felt bag full of jewelry that he says has been lying around the house for years. Joan easily determines its worth, along with a silver creamer set that nets the man \$120, by conducting a simple test using nitric acid.

"A lot of people have a lot of money sitting in their drawers," she says. "Someone might offer them five dollars for something that's worth five hundred."

"The best place to buy jewelry," she says, "unless it's a Keepsake diamond, is in an antique store."

St. Nicholas Day party

The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany will celebrate St. Nicholas Day Friday, Dec. 5, with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Normanside Country Club in Elsmere. Carlton Gordon will present a slide program on birds and a musical program will be given by Janet Stasio, soprano, Ruth Woodin Baumbach, pianist. Carol singing will end the program.



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BASKETBALL

BC loses a starter for opener

Bethlehem Central, which lost 20 basketball games and its best player last year, has lost its most promising starter this year before the opening toss.

The Eagles make their 1980-81 debut Friday night at Scotia without Pete Gillespie, the talented freshman Coach Jim Tedisco was counting on to restore BC to respectability in the Suburban Council. Gillespie underwent knee surgery Friday at Memorial Hospital, Albany, and will be lost to the team for at least a month. It could be worse, however: the schedule gives Bethlehem a bye on Tuesday, and with the holiday break, Gillespie may miss only five of 18 league games if he can rejoin the team after the Christmas holidays.

Meanwhile, the Eagles face Scotia and Colonie on the road before their home opener Dec. 16 against Niskayuna. They also have another medical case in Mike Lawrence, the big senior who played

only the first four games last season before being sidelined with a knee injury. Lawrence will start at center, but Coach Jim Tedisco plans to use him sparingly.

Tedisco emerged from scrimmages with Ravena and Linton with a starting quintet composed of two veterans, senior Tim Cookfair and junior Tom Dexter, at guards, Lawrence at center, and junior Steve Gillespie and senior Tony Papile up front. Tom Burdick, a 6-2 junior, will also see action at forward, along with Greg Portman, and Dirk Farrell is slated for backup guard duty.

The Eagles shot 52 percent from the floor in the informal workout with Ravena, but had their hands full with Linton, tabbed as the area's top team by the pre-season dopsters. Tedisco was encouraged, but is realistic. With Gillespie out and Lawrence fragile, the Eagles are vulnerable in a rough-and-tumble game. Says Tedisco:



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As manager of Sporthaven for the past ten years, Unser took over the lanes this past summer. Aided by employee Thomas Adriano of Delmar, Mrs. Unser, and the Unser's four children, he has modernized machines and added new carpeting to the bowling alley.

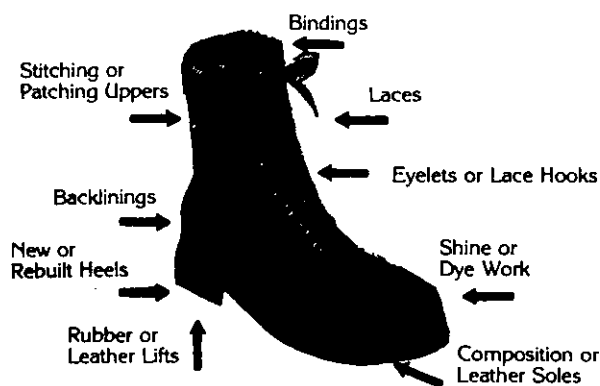


Bethlehem Central starts its basketball season with a strong nucleus of seniors. From left, Coach Jim Tedesco talks with Tom Rutnik, Mike Lawrence, Tony Papile and Tim Cookfair. The Eagles make their season debut Friday at Scotia, but have already lost a key player, Pete Gillespie, who is out with a knee injury.

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A 19-year-old Delmar girl has experienced a thrill that has eluded many a big-name athlete—playing on a national championship team.

Edie Eyres not only achieved that honor, but she earned it with a Cinderella team—the Cortland State women's soccer team that was seeded last in the Eastern regionals and went on to win the first NCAA Division I national championship soccer tournament ever held. Adding to the drama was Cortland's record: they lost their first three games, then put together 14 straight that ended with the U.S trophy at Colorado Springs Nov. 17.

"It was a tremendous thrill," she said on a visit with her parents, Harry and Ruth Eyres, on Elm Ave. over the Thanksgiving holidays. "We traveled to Colorado in two vans, and when we came home, we were greeted by a police escort three miles from town, and when we got to the campus, there was a band playing and a welcome by friends and faculty."

Of their six post-season tournament games—in each one of which a defeat would have ended the season—the first one was the toughest. In that one, Cortland was seeded No. 8 in the eight-team regional eliminations, and had to go up against an unde-



Edie Eyres

feated Princeton team, seeded No. 1, in a quarter-final at Princeton. Cortland upset the Tigers, 2-1, and won a trip to the final four-team shootout at Burlington, Vt. "It was our best game," recalled Edie. "We couldn't believe we had beaten them."

In the Eastern semifinals in Vermont, Cortland drew Harvard, the team that had battled Cortland to a 1-1 overtime tie in the regional final a year ago that left them defending co-champions. This time, Cortland beat the Ivy Leaguers, 2-1, and the next day devastated U-Conn, 5-2, for the regional crown.

At Colorado Springs they joined the nation's best, including such teams as North Carolina and Texas A&M. Harvard also was there. This time, Cortland blanked Colorado College, 2-0, in the first

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round, shut out Harvard, 3-0, in the semifinals and blistered UCLA, 5-1 in the championship final.

The win over UCLA was an easy one, Edie said, because of the difference in the style of play between Eastern and Western teams. "They (UCLA) play a non-contact style, and they weren't used to our tight man-to-man defense with plenty of contact. They couldn't adjust to our close guarding. They had two outstanding players, and when we keyed on them, they couldn't do much."

Edie also said the weather was a factor. "It was snowy and windy the first two days, and it was still pretty cold the third day. I don't think UCLA was used to the cold, but it didn't bother us from upstate New York."

At Bethlehem Central, Edie was an all-around athlete, playing varsity softball, volleyball, soccer and basketball for three years that included two Sectional championships in softball and one in volleyball. At Cortland, where she is a sophomore, she is majoring in physical education with a minor in psychology. She is hoping to get a job as a physical instructor and go on

to sports management.

Three girls from BC's long-time rivals in the Suburban Council also played on the Cortland team. They were Michael St. Pierre and Barbara Haines from Guilderland and Tracy Ireland from Burnt Hills.

Gifted students discussed

"Alternative Programs for the Gifted and Talented," will be the program at the Glenmont School PTA meeting Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m.

A three-member panel of experts will explore the implementation, costs and benefits for the entire school from programs for the gifted. In addition, various model programs will be discussed.

The panel members include Roger Ming, supervisor for the education of the gifted, New York State Department of Education; Phyllis Aldrich, director of prototype, Saratoga County BOCES; and John Maryanopolis, coordinator of programs for the gifted and talented students in the Scotia-Glenville school district.

The program follows the regular monthly business meeting of the PTA which will begin at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

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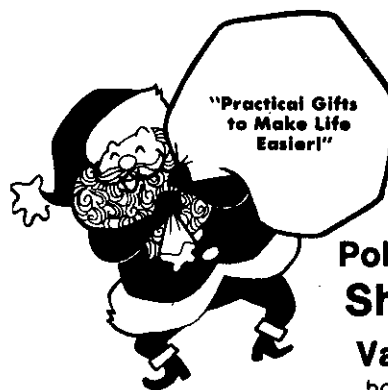
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BASKETBALL

Blackbirds try for more finesse

A ragged pre-season performance has taught Voorheesville's varsity basketball team a bitter lesson — maybe. "We can't play that way in the Colonial Council and win" was the sober pronouncement of Coach Mike O'Brien.

The Blackbirds were scheduled for their league inaugural Tuesday of this week against Schalmont at home and are booked for a trip to Albany Academy Friday. Next week it's Ravena at home Tuesday and Cohoes on the road Friday.

O'Brien emerged from the Thanksgiving tournament split at Rensselaer with an established starting lineup and a fairly balanced scoring machine. The Blackbirds committed 28 turnovers against Saratoga Catholic in a 68-48 nightmare last Wednesday, then defeated a week Cairo-Durham team, 58-47, despite sloppy shooting.

With no outstanding scorers, O'Brien must use the team's height and quickness and develop smooth ball-handling to keep control, and he is confident the boys will come through. Meanwhile, the debacle at Rensselaer is easily forgettable even if the lessons aren't.

Against Saratoga Catholic: "We just weren't ready for their man-to-man full-court press. They were a real good team. We turned the ball over 28 times, but I think if we played them later in the

season, we would make it a lot closer."

Against Cairo-Durham: "We didn't play as well as we should have. We jumped out to a 10-0 lead, but we didn't sustain it, otherwise we'd have won by 20-30 points. We weren't patient, the rebounding could have been better, and we had a bad night shooting, only 27 percent from the field and 50 percent from the foul line. We missed seven front ends on one-and-one."

But the Blackbirds showed O'Brien they are undaunted by turning up at full strength for Saturday practice the next day. The coach was delighted. "It was a rough week, with the holidays and a lot of basketball," he said. "They could have given a lot of reasons for not showing up, but they were all here, and we had a good workout."

Sophomore Mike Lewis, promoted to a starting forward shot, scored 10 and 8 in the tourney games and should be consistent when his ball handling improves. Paul Probst is rounding into form, and meshed 16 points against C-D en route to being named to the all-tournament team. For the time being, O'Brien is going with Chris Clark up front, Probst at the pivot and his two senior guards, Jim Riviello and Greg Picard, bringing the ball up. Mike Casey and Bobby Flynn are the backups, but there is balance on the bench. Eight players scored in each game.

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Dennis Northrup

Northrup top runner

Dennis Northrup, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Northrup of Selkirk, recently completed a successful season on the Plattsburgh State University College cross-country team.

The senior business and economics major was PSUC's top runner all season, according to coach Dick Fischer. In five dual meets, Northrup placed first in four and was second in the fifth. He took fourth at the LeMoyne Invitational Meet and was sixth in the SUNYAC meet.

The high point of the season for Northrup was the New York Regional Championship meet in Albany. Turning in a time of 25:23.28

over the 5.05 mile course, he placed second, only 2 seconds off the winning time, and qualified for the NCAA Division III National Cross-Country Championships.

Northrup is a 1976 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central High School.

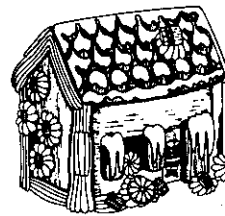
Big bird bought

Thanks to Rich Richbart, Paul Lasch and donations from a number of groups, Voorheesville Central High School now has its own mascot.

A purple and gold furry bird has been ordered from The Costumer in Schenectady. Cheering at basketball games, rooting at wrestling matches and just plain being part of the school, the Bird will represent good sportsmanship and school spirit.

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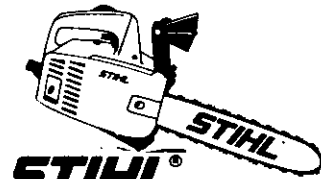


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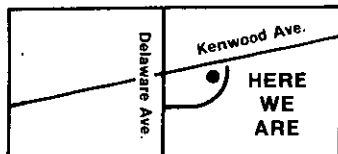
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VOLLEYBALL

BC spikers eye Sectional crown

Led by senior captain Mary Howell, Bethlehem Central's girls' volleyball team may bring Sectional championship back to Delmar for the first time since 1976. Coach Carol Walts has five starters back from last year's Suburban Council runner-up, including Lauri Weinert, Hannah Lamitie, Jackie Cozy and Sandy Shelderdine.

As of last weekend, the team was 6-0 with victories over their strongest rivals, but Coach Walts admits a lot can happen between now and the the Sectionals on Dec. 20. Howell, the team's 5-foot-9 spiker, has saved several games. "She has outstanding timing," says her coach. "She can read defenses well and knows where to put the ball. She plays well under pressure." Weinert and Lamitie, setters, are the playmakers.

BC's junior varsity, coached by Nancy Smith, was 5-1 after the first six games.

VCHS Volleyball starts

Volleyball season is underway at Voorheesville Central High School with varsity, junior varsity, and freshman teams. Coaching the varsity and freshman teams again is

Robyn Lock, with coach Janet McKeough directing the junior varsity.

Playing for the varsity are seniors Carol Crannell, Mary Ellen Childs, and Lisa Ferguson; juniors Tami Tetreault, Cathy LeGere, Dorothy Cowles, Kay Bernstein, and Colleen McCurdy; sophmores Lynn Sickenger and Kim Genovesi, and freshman Beth Mattfeld.

The varsity record is currently 1-6, and the junior varsity is 3-3, the freshman 3-2.

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Mrs. Robert Gale and Mrs. Graham Redmond will present the awards for the two chapters to the winners. Their parents and school counselors will also be invited.

A United States flag will be presented to Camp Pinnacle by Mrs. William Simmons, flag chairman of the Gansevoort Chapter.

Interfaith tea planned

The 11th annual Christmas Interfaith Tea, sponsored by the United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, will be held Thursday, Dec. 4, in Fellowship Hall.

All women of the community are invited to the program which will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a "Folk and Carol Sing" presented by Carrie and Lee Pierce.

Mr. Pierce has been soloist with the Mendelssohn Club of Albany Thursday Morning Musicals, and has toured with the Yankee Male Chorus. He has sung at the Fox Hollow Folk Festival and appeared on local television. Carrie Pierce is a pianist who has sung with and accompanied her husband for concerts.

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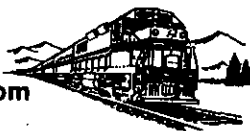
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Edward Moriarty married

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The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by her sister, Mrs. David Collins, as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Michael Bradley, Mrs. Lester Vollor, Mrs. Mark Laubacker, and Miss Mary Moriarty.

Best man was Michael Moriarty, brother of the



Mrs. Edward Moriarty

groom. Doug Subic, Louis Vendetti, Doug Brownell, and Evan Diver ushered.

After a wedding trip to Virginia Beach, the couple reside at Regency Apartments, Glens Falls.

Mrs. Moriarty is a graduate of Perry Central High School and SUNY at Plattsburg, where she earned a B.S. degree in Nursing. She is employed as a public health nurse by the Washington County Department of Public Health.

Her husband, a graduate of Bethlehem High School, attended SUNY at Cobleskill and holds a bachelor of science degree from SUNY at Plattsburg. He is a field representative for Equifax Services.

Carole Owen engaged

Mrs. Roy F. Owen has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Carole A. Owen, to Timothy L. Jameson of Drexel Hill, Pa.

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"The Matchmaker" has been selected by the Dionysians at Voorheesville Central High School to be presented in March.

The group has already formed set, prop, light, costume, sound and publicity committees. Tryouts will be held during December.

Robert Andrews, a Voorheesville teacher who has been responsible for past successes of the Dionysians, will direct the play. Assisting will be another teacher, Miss Jean Pupchek.

Earlier this year, the drama club elected its officers. They are Debra Mean, president; Brenda Negus, vice president; Colleen McCurdy, secretary, and Carol Crannell, treasurer.

Robin Shrager

Old Fashioned Christmas

"An Old Fashioned Christmas" will be the theme this year for the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association's Christmas Tea which will be held Sunday, Dec. 7, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Cedar Hill School House Museum located on Rt. 144 and Clapper Road.

Decorations such as quilts covering the tables, and milk glass and toleware replacing the silver service, will reflect Christmas as in past years.

Refreshments will be served, and the public is invited.

Panhellenic party set

Mrs. John Hoagland of Clarksville, Chairperson of the Albany Panhellenic Association's Annual Cocktail Buffet, has announced Sunday, Dec. 7, as this year's date for the annual event.

For members and their guests, the buffet will be held at the Alumni House, SUNY at Albany, from 5-7 p.m.

Albany Panhellenic members are women affiliated with national sororities. Each year, the association awards several scholarships to outstanding local graduating high school seniors.

Seniors to celebrate

Senior Citizens of the Town of Bethlehem will celebrate Christmas and a Silver anniversary at 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post no. 1040 of the American Legion on Poplar Drive, Delmar.

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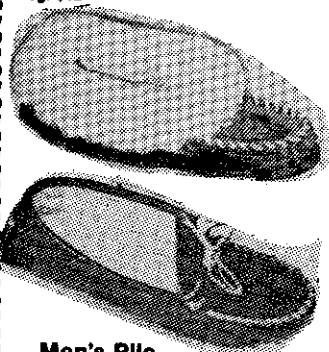
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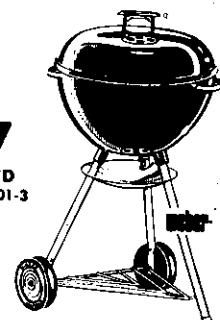
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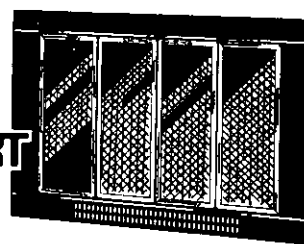
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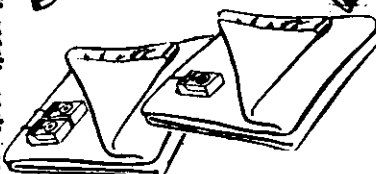
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Deborah A. Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Martin of Delmar and Rex B. Grimes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter F. Grimes, II, of Alexandria Bay, were married Sept. 6 at the Delmar Reformed Church. The Rev. Robert A. Hess officiated at the candlelight service.

Matron of honor Penny Grimes and flower girls Hilary Grimes and Amanda Mulholland attended the bride.

David Garlock was best man, and the ring bearers were Hunter Grimes IV and Matthew Mulholland.

After a reception at the Bavarian Chalet, the couple took a wedding trip to Aruba and Florida. They are residing in Mexico, N.Y.

A graduate of Bethlehem High School and Albany College of Pharmacy, Mrs. Grimes is a pharmacist and co-manager for Harold's Pharmacy in Central Square.

Her husband is a graduate of Alexandria Central School and National Tractor-Trailer School and is a veteran of the United States Navy.

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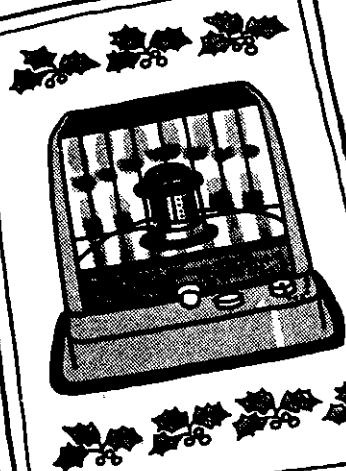
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Choral and orchestra director Donna Lawrence, assisted by Dawn Laymond, student teacher from the College of Saint Rose, and Ted Bier-nacki, band director, have planned a program of holiday songs to celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah. Performances will be presented by the Clarksville Choir, ninety children from grades 1-5; the Clarksville String Orchestra, second year string students; and the Clarksville Band, small ensemble pieces by second year band students.

Singers at advent

The New Covenant Singers, a local Christain choral group directed by William Wormer, will sing at the Dec. 10 advent service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The concert will begin at 7:15 p.m. preceded by a pot luck supper at 6 p.m. and an Advent Adventure for the children at 6:45 p.m.

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The Altar Rosary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar, is sponsoring a Christmas Chinese Auction on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Chairpersons of the event are Ginny Markessinis and Jean Whitback. Refreshments will be provided by Marilyn Ira, chairman, and Betty Bursey, Ann Kendrick and Ellen McKenna. A special quilt for the auction has been created by Susan Gillespie, and a ceramic nativity set is being made by Nancy Applebee.

Legion party planned

The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Auxiliary 1040 of the American Legion will hold its annual Christmas Party in the post rooms Tuesday, Dec. 16. The chairwoman for the event is Lillian Blanchard.

The cocktail hour is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by a roast beef dinner, for the cost of \$6.50. Members are requested to bring a \$3 toy, marked for boy or girl and age, for Toys for Tots. Reservations must be made to Eleanor Blendell by Dec. 9, at 439-3445.

Variety show set

The stage is set and the curtain is about to go up on the eighth annual Rensselaerville Variety Show, an evening of dancing, singing and laughs — all supplied by local talent. The show, sponsored by the Rensselaerville Library, is Sunday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. at the Institute on Man and Science in Rensselaerville.

Scouts have winterfair

The public is invited to the 13th Annual 4-H Winterfair to be held at the Key Bank, 343 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5. Exhibits of projects done by 4-H Club members, including the Delmar Dynamites, will include crafts that contain at least 70% native plant material.

Candles at Cherry Hill

The Board of Trustees of Historic Cherry Hill invites the public to view their exhibit, "Holiday Decorations" at the Mansion House on Sunday Dec. 7, from 1-4 p.m., 523½ South Pearl Street, Albany. Candles will be lit at dark.

Ismail graduates

Ghazala Shafiq Ismail, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mohammed Ismail of Albany, formerly of Pakistan, graduated from the Westchester School for Paramedical Training in Albany with a final grade average of 95.

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Dr. Joan Schulz, an associate professor of English at SUNYA, will lecture and answer questions.

Santa coming to lunch

Santa will be back in Delmar for lunch Saturday, December 6, thanks to the Bethlehem Junior Women's Club. Any child is welcome to come and chat with Santa while enjoying a hot dog lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed

Church, 386 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Pictures of Santa with your children will be available and parents may also purchase lunch. The proceeds of this event will be donated to the Bethlehem Festival, providing for needy residents.

LEGAL NOTICE

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. 74

Request of Edwin K. Kirk to build a Flower Shoppe on a Lot in the Hamlet of New Scotland, N.Y. Location of proposed Building will have less frontage than required by the Ordinance. Lot is owned by Mr. Kirk and is situated as follows: Off south side of Rt. 85 in the Hamlet of New Scotland, Town of New Scotland, N.Y.

Said Hearing will take place on the 12th day of December 1980 at the New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, N.Y. beginning at 7:30 p.m.

James Sanderson
Chairman

Zoning Board of Appeals

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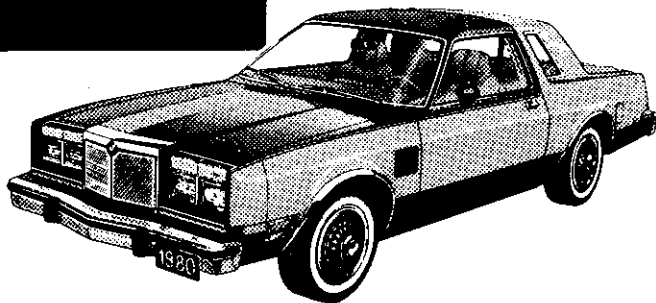
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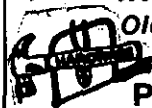
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Vox Pop is open to all readers for letters in good taste on matters of public interest. Letters longer than 300 words are subject to abridgement by the editor, and must be signed. Names will be withheld on request.

A doctor's response

Editor, The Spotlight:

I cannot let Dr. Krikker's letter against fluoridation pass without comment. Anyone willing to take the time to read even only a few authoritative and current references available to everyone in the New York State Medical Library (in the Cultural Center), or the Schaffer Library (in Albany Medical College) or to a limited degree in our own Bethlehem Library will quickly learn that virtually every doubt, question or adverse claim that has been raised, however scanty the evidence, has been studied in depth by one or more groups of credible researchers. The conclusions of these thoroughly documented and voluminous studies can be summarized briefly: There is no reliable evidence that any ill effects or symptoms resulted from drinking water fluoridated at recommended levels.

Since the start of the fluoridation debate in the 1940's, New York State has had a series of nationally and internationally renowned commissioners of health. Each commissioner has seriously and thoroughly studied all the pros and cons of any issue that might even remotely affect the public health. At no time has there been a warning, a retraction or any grounds for fear issued by the New York State Department of Health indicating that fluoride does any of the horrible things falsely claimed by the opponents to fluoridation. Our present commissioner happens to be a respected and renowned toxicologist who has proven he can, and will, speak

out about toxic substances.

If the opponents to fluoridation can prove that the new York state Department of Health has been withholding evidence indicating fluoridation is in any way injurious to our health, they will have uncovered a scandal that must be fully exposed! Actually, the New York State Department of Health has been active in encouraging community water fluoridation because it has been proven safe and effective in preventing dental caries.

The vociferous opposition succeeded in delaying the start of fluoridation in Bethlehem 25 years ago when perhaps the facts were not all satisfactorily documented. But now, in 1980, the opponents' "scientific data" must be scrutinized carefully and rechecked for credibility because experience, reason and careful study prove them false. The survival of this false controversy represents one of the major triumphs of quackery over science in our generation. I trust our Town Board will not foister such quackery in this enlightened community.

M. Edwin Pesnel, MD
Delmar

Fluoridation and fear

Editor, The Spotlight:

There are several things that I find interesting in the debate on fluoridation that has occurred in the Vox Pop section of the Spotlight in recent issues.

It is curious that persons who recently found it "unsettling...that anyone by virtue of possessing the title 'Doctor' has the ability to appear all-knowing" should call upon yet another "Doctor" to testify against fluoridation. This certainly clarifies the point that all doctors are not all-knowing!

Anyone who reads the full text of all the materials Dr. Krikker refers to in her letter in the Sept. 20 *Spotlight* will find that many of her quotes are out of a context that actually favors fluoridation. An unbiased rebuttal of es-



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essentially all of Dr. Krikker's letter is easily available at our library (in layman's language) in a two-part *Consumer Reports* article in the July and August, 1978, issues.

It seems in the *Spotlight* that opponents of fluoridation use two main tactics. Both involve fear: 1) fear of the safety of fluoride and 2) fear of too much government intervention in our lives.

Fear of fluoride at the recommended levels is based on apparent nonsense. One writer suggests fluoridation will cause children to vomit. Many of our neighboring communities (Niskayuna, Schenectady, Troy, Menands, Westmere) have had fluoridated water for years. 65.6% of New York State residents (not including those residing in municipalities which fluoridated in 1980 for the first time) and 105 million people nationwide use fluoridated water, some of them for generations. So where are all the reports of all the vomiting that must be occurring? The same logic applies to fears of cancer, kidney damage, miscarriages, etc. (See the *Consumer Reports* articles).

Fear of too much government has at least some basis in logic. We probably all feel that government sometimes intrudes too much in our lives. Opponents of fluoridation charge that if the town board votes in favor of fluoridation, it is mandating medication for the townspeople. Is it not a fact that if the town board votes against fluoridation it is mandating against a proposal which promotes better health and lowers

medical and dental bills? Of course, the Town Board could choose not to vote at all. This lack of definite action could raise the question of the board's capability to handle subjects considerably more complex such as overall town planning, garbage and waste disposal, etc.

The board should act promptly and quit stalling because of pressure from very vocal opposition minority.

Lynne L. Lenhardt
Delmar

Questions course load

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in response to an article about the Bethlehem Central School Board of Education's newest requirement. BC students next year will have to take at least five courses plus physical education. This requirement is unreasonable.

Many students only take a minimum of courses for good reasons. For some, classes in the morning means time for a job for the remainder of the day. This may mean money for college or to help support themselves. Some students

are already taking less than six classes and any more than they already have would mean too much of a burden. This would only result in their grades dropping in all their classes.

If this requirement is put into effect many students would look for easier classes, such as art, that they don't really want to be in. Since they don't really want to be there, they are more likely to be disruptive. This will make it harder for students who want to learn and for the teachers.

I don't think the Board of Education has taken all of this into account. A minimum amount of courses may be a good idea but six classes is too much. By the time a student is a senior in high school he has decided about college and his future. I think students should be able to decide how many courses they are going to take. I know my views are supported by many students of Bethlehem Central.

Linda K. Mertz
Delmar

School has neutral stand

Editor, The Spotlight:

It has been brought to my attention that there is some confusion about Tri-Village Nursery School and where it stands on the issue of fluoridation. I'd like to make it clear that Tri-Village Nursery School does not wish to have its name linked with this issue, one way or another. We have taken a neutral stand on this matter.

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Disputes Dr. Krikker

Editor, The Spotlight:

Dr. Krikker, in her letter in the Nov. 20 *Spotlight*, referred the reader to the George Washington Law Review. Upon reading the article which she used to support her anti-fluoridation position, I noted it was merely critical of the Public Health Department for issuing a premature endorsement of fluoridation. This article then goes on the say:

"The Public Health Department and Assessment Since 1950:

The assessment process for fluoridation which has followed in the past 17 years is both symbolic and significant. The task of continuing assessment has been complicated by the irrational charges and attacks that have come from many opponents of fluoridation. Appeals to fear characterize the speeches and pamphlets frequently used by anti-fluoridationists to persuade people to oppose fluoridation...The ten year projects (Newburgh vs. Kingston) were completed and various analyses were made of people who had been drinking (naturally) fluoridated water all their lives. No serious effects were observed."

Local examples of the fear technique have been —

Los Lunas, Nev. case — caused by a malfunction in the school's own water system.

Annapolis, Md. case — caused by employee negligence (NAIMB recommends that calcium, copper, fluoride and magnesium be removed from tap water before it is used in an artificial kidney machine.)

Perhaps the best complete factual examination of fluoridation can be found in the Bethlehem Public Library in *Consumer Reports'* eight-page report in the July and August issues of 1978.

Consumer Reports concludes "In short, independent investigations by seven of the leading medical and scientific organizations in the English-speaking world have unani-

mously refuted the National Health Federation's cancer claims. The simple truth is that there's no "scientific controversy" over the safety of fluoridation. The practice is safe, economical, and beneficial. The survival of the fake controversy represents, in CU's opinion, one of the major triumphs of quackery over science in our generation."

One segment of the CU report effectively defangs the National Health Federation and the studies of Dr. Yiamouyiannis. The NHF, which has opposed smallpox vaccination, pasteurizing milk and polio vaccination has hired Dr. Y to "break the back" of fluoridation efforts.

The National Cancer Institute thoroughly discredited the studies of Dr. Y. Subsequently, Dr. Y sued CU for 8 million dollars for libel. On March 19, 1980, the U.S. Court of Appeals unanimously affirmed the decision of the lower court in dismissing the suit.

Quoting from two parts of the decision: "It is clear that (CU)...made a thorough investigation of the facts...the unquestioned methodology of the preparation of the article exemplifies the very highest order of responsible journalism..." In November, 1980, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal.

The foregoing is pertinent to Dr. Krikker's comments. She based conclusions on the opinion of Judge Flaherty (West View). The judge stated the sole issue is whether fluoride may be a carcinogen. The judge based his decision upon the Y-B study. The National Cancer Institute thoroughly discredited the Y-B study.

John R. Hawking

Delmar

Fluoridation limit

Because of the repetitive nature of the arguments on fluoridation, only letters of 200 words or less will be accepted on this subject effective Dec. 11 issue.



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