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Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board peals, on application of A. Hughes, 645 Delaware Delmar, for a variance to storage and sale of motor s and a wrecking service w truck at premises. Beth-

lenem town hall, 8 p.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Neil Hallenbeck, 8 Hillcrest Dr., Ravena, for a Special Exception to permit commercial vegetable production and a solar greenhouse on property located on Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Bethlehem town hall, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

Public Hearing, New Scotland Town Board, proposed zoning ordinance, Voorheesville High School auditorium, 8 p.m.

Information Evening on Separated and Divorced Catholics, Church of St. Thomas the Apostie rectory, 25 Adams PI., Deimar, 7:30 p.m.

Diet Workshop, free introductory classes, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Bethlehem Railroad Society, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m. QUILT (Quilters United in Learning Together), quilted clothing, Susan Sterrett, leader, Bethlehem Library, 10-2. Information, 439-6224.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

Hamagrael Home School Assn., "Feelings are Caught, Not Taught" by Bertha Campbell, State Bureau of Child Development and Parent Education, Hamagrael auditorium, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

Parent-Faculty Organization, Bethlehem Middle School, "Parents as Sex Educators," by Maureen Murray and Ellen Ozarow, Family Planning at the Albany Medical Center, school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

Blanchard Post, American Legion, monthly luncheon, post rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, noon.





Village of Voorheesville Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 P.M., Planning Commission third Tuesday at 7 P.M., Zoning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 P.M. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave. Second Milers, second Wednesdays, Delmar Methodist Church, 12:30 P.M. Reservations, 439-3569.

Legion Auxiliary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, 8 P.M.



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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

- "The Lion in Winter" (The Long Warf Theater of New Haven with James Goldman's play), the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **Jan. 6**, 7 p.m., **Jan. 7-8**, 8 p.m. Reservations 473-7878.
- "Funny Girl" (musical by the Four Seasons Dinner Theater), Thruway House, Albany, **Jan. 9- Feb. 8**, dinner 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m. Reservations 459-3100.

MUSIC

- Paris Kern (American and British folk music), Eighth Step Coffee House, 14 Willett St., Albany, Jan. 2, 8:30 p.m.
- Carolyn Odell (blues and jazz), Eighth Step Coffee House, 14 Willett St., Albany, Jan. 3, 8:30 p.m.
- Gerald Hansen (organ recital), Cathedral of All Saints, 62 South Swan St., Albany, **Jan. 4**, 4:30 p.m.

ART

- Annette Russo (graduate exhibition, fabric design), College of Saint Rose Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, Jan. 4-16, hours 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday through Friday.
- "Women at Work" (photos, engravings, texts and diary excerpts of women at three periods of our economic history), Russell Sage's New Gallery, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy, **Jan. 8-27**, hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 2-5 p.m. Sundays.

Marion Bers, David Formanek and William B. Schade, exhibition in sales-rental gallery, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through **Jan. 23**, Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- "Hamilton Commemorative Exhibit" (paintings of Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler), Schuyler Mansion, 27 Clinton St., Albany, through February, open Wednesdays through Sundays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Exhibition, 19th Century Cast Iron Stoves of the Albany Area, Albany Institute of History and Art, through May '81.
- Exhibit, New York Documented Furniture, 1730-1930, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, through Jan. 4, 10-5 daily.



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Bethlehem's music man: 'satisfy yourself'

A music career came naturally to Sam Bozzella.

SPOTLIGHT PROFILE

Remembering his childhood in Long Island, the Bethlehem Central Music Department supervisor says "Next to God and food, my family was always interested in music...when they sang around the house, it was always an aria. My parents, who came from Europe, were great lovers of the arts."

His early background in

music, says the Elsmere resident, consisted of accompanying his family to music events around Long Island. "In those days there were no baby-sitters, so we'd all go once a month to see a traveling Italian troupe, or something."

As a third grader, he says, he picked up his first instrument, the mellaphone. "I always had a desire to play the tunes I'd hear."



His formal training began with trumpet lessons in high school which he'd pay for by working during the summer.

Then, after graduating, he says, "Mom pinned money on my underwear, put me on a bus to Dunkirk, and there I was a student at Fredonia State College. I didn't even know where Fredonia was. My suitcase went on to Chicago so I lived out of a little bag for a week and a half."

Bozzella received basically all of his music training at Fredonia and at the University of Buffalo, where he did his graduate work.

As a permanent substitute teacher, he says the first six months of his first job was spent practicing the trumpet, "unless somebody got sick."

He still practices trumpet, and while he says he doesn't advertise the fact, occasionally teaches at his home on 7 Brookview Ave.

But his responsibilities have increased considerably. An employee of the Bethlehem Central School District since September of 1963, his now district-wide duties involve directing the Senior High Select Wind Ensemble, the Middle School Band (Band 6), and the Senior High Dance Band.

Anyone who's attended BCHS during the past 17 years undoubtedly remembers hearing Mr. Bozzella's voice above the sound of the band as its members marched in loose formation past classroom windows, meandering through hallways and around the school grounds in preparation for the annual Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade.

"We've done it every year since I've been here," he says. "I used to call them the Keystone Cops. But somehow it all comes together on Memorial Day; they usually come through."

By the time a student reaches the band level in the school program, Bozzella says they've already learned the basics of at least one instrument which they're required to demonstrate. Along with being given a battery of tests, like the SEASHORE, teacher recommendations (both music and academic) are used in determining each individual's selection program.

Certain physical limitations are taken into account in selecting an instrument for the student, such as the size and condition of the hands and teeth.

"Like with the clarinet," he says, "we have to make sure a kid's fingers are big enough to cover the bands. (or), you wouldn't want to give a little kid a tuba."

That's the beginning, but as an individual teacher Bozzella says there are certain demands he makes on a student throughout his academic music program.

"I don't think I'm as strict as I was when I first started teaching," he says, "although my students would probably disagree.

"I try to be firm, but fair. I figure, parents have really invested in this program. Also, the student takes on more time, and really makes an academic sacrifice. So if I

Sam Bozzeila

treat it any less seriously, it would be defeating the purpose. I can just hope the kids see it in that vein."

He adds, "My approach to music isn't a personal vendetta against a kid, like the mafia. I try to make them realize than when I correct them or criticize something, I'm not angry at them. I see it as abusing the music, just not getting the right interpretation. I mean, we have a responsibility here."

With his sixth graders, Bozzella says he uses a slightly different approach. "You have to sell, make it fun. You have to tell them that the harder they work, the more academic enjoyment they get That's the key. They get great satisfaction when they complete something. But to say let's make games and have fun isn't enough — there has to be a carry-over."

Settling down briefly in his office at the high school at the end of a school day, Bozzella makes a few phone calls. Still facing middle school band practice, he seems suprisingly energetic and unhassled.

A picture of his son, 24month-old Gregson Anthony Bozzella, sits on his desk. "I





Bethlehem students display their musical abilities at the Empire State Plaza. The Wind Ensemble and the Middle School Chorus presented a concert in the Concourse of the Plaza.

call him tough Tony...he's my number one hobby now. It used to be golf," he says. "I love golf, I don't play enough. But if you ask my wife, Beverly, I play too often."

Along with being a member of the Bethlehem Lions Club, Bozzella says, "If I'm not watching the baby, I have to walk the dog. It's my new family responsibility."

Bozzella says he discourages students from entering the music field as a career choice. "If 1 could just help them develop appreciation of the art, to help them realize they'll be developing a skill they can use and apply no matter what field they go in, I'd feel they'd developed a responsibility, that I'd helped them to become a better person.

"My job is not to develop a performer, not to make this guy into an outstanding clarinet player. If it happens, fine."

He adds, "But I never push anyone into music. If a kid has a burning desire, he'll be a teacher. We're one breed, like you were anointed."

Bozzella says he feels teaching music is the kind of personal commitment that "would be unnatural if I weren't in it. It's always been that way with me. I don't know where I'd be without it."

Kim Van Dyke On the cover:

Sam Bozzella leads the Bethlehem Central Wind Ensemble in a Christmas concert at the Empire State Plaza.

Former pastor publishes

Rev. Thomas Peterson, who served as associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar from 1971 to 1976, has published his first book.

"Wittgenstein for Preaching: A Model for Communication", published by the University Press of America, Landam, Md., was written as a direct result of post-graduate study at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy. Mr. Peterson is minister of Trinity United Methodist Church in Schenectady.

Scholarship donated

The Northeastern Artisans Guild, a local association of artists and craftspeople, recently donated a \$200 scholarship to The College of Saint Rose. The money, to be awarded to a CSR art student, was given in memory of Barbara Carlson, a colleague who was killed in an automobile accident.

On the cover:

Fourth grade students at Voorheesville Elementary School celebrated Christmas in teacher Peggy Kearn's classroom with their own tree. From left are Joanne Vilar, Susanne Rissberger, Richard Long, Michael Whiteley, Kristina Flanders, Cynthia Murphy, Kelly Avgerinos and Patrick Ryan.

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BETHLEHEM

Energy week program set at Town Hall

If the Christmas cold snap convinced you of the value of energy conservation and weatherizing your home, the Town of Bethlehem has arranged a painless way to learn.

The town will hold an "Energy Week" at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Jan. 12 through 16. There will be lectures, workshops, filmstrips, slide shows and movies, all directed toward the individual homeowner who wants to know how to make his home more energy efficient.

The following is a schedule of events and film times:

• Monday, Jan. 12: Displays open 1 to 4 p.m., several slide shows to run continuously.

• Tuesday: Displays open 1 to 4 p.m, several slide shows to run continuously. 7 to 9 p.m., panel on energy conservation and passive solar building methods.

• Wednesdays: Displays open 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Several slide shows to run continuously. Films "Sun Builders", "Energy-Proofing Your Home" and "Energy and New York State" start at 1:30 p.m.

• Thursday: Displays open 7 to 9 p.m. Films "Sun Builders", "Energy-Proofing Your Home" and "Energy and New York State" shown at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

• Friday: Displays open 1 to 4 p.m. Films "Sun Builders", "Energy-Proofing Your Home" and "Energy and New York State" shown at 1:30 p.m.

Participating in Energy Week will be representatives of Niagara Mohawk and other public utilities; firms such as Owens-Corning which make insulating and energysaving devices; radiant heating suppliers and community organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Progress Club and the Children of the American Revolution. Students from local schools and builders who specialize in energy-efficient and passive solar housing will also participate, and the Energy Center from the Bethlehem Public Library will be moved to Town Hall for the week.

Home energy audits will be offered, and a variety of pamphlets and booklets will be available.

New bench for plaza

The bus stop at the Delmar Plaza is one of the beneficiaries of the Capital District Transportation Authority's program to upgrade its shelters. The stop will get a new bench, one of 45 to be installed throughout the Capital District. CDTA also plans to install 14 new shelters beginning this week.

Beating charged

Bethlehem police arrested Philip T. Lyte, 27, of Rensselaer, on a warrant Saturday after his 23-year-old girl friend said he broke into her Hayfield Apartments residence early that morning, beat her and then tore the phone out of the wall when her roommate tried to call for help.

Lyte was charged with first degree burglary, third degree assault and criminal mischief fourth degree. He was released on \$2,500 bail pending a date in Town Court Jan. 8.

Quilters to meet

QUILT (Quilters United In Learning Together) will meet Friday, Jan. 9, from 10 to 2 at the Bethlehem Library. The program is to be a fashion show of quilted clothing and fashion items.



BC students on stage

Several area students have been contributing to the productions of the Four Seasons Dinner Theater at the Albany Thruway House, including the upcoming "Funny Girl".

Resident Stage Manager and Electrician Jeff Drautz, presently a freshman at Hudson Valley Community College, had experienced in sets and special effects as a senior at Bethlehem High School last year.

Apprentice Coordinator Jay Kerness, a junior at Bethlehem, has been with the dinner theatre since its inception both onstage and off as an apprentice.

Other high school students on the theater staff include Betsy and Gretchen Brisee, also students at Bethlehem.

They are all currently working on preparations for "Funny Girl". Any high school students interested in working with this group may call 438-3985 weekdays between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Course in Albany

"City of the Frontier: Life in Colonial Albany" is the title of a one-credit minicourse being offered through the Evening Division of Russell Sage, Jan. 9-11.

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TV reporter just a big sister

Denyce Duncan-Lacy recently did a series for Channel 10's Action News on interracial relationships. It drew a large, emotional reaction, but on camera Denyce always appears comfortable, at ease and in control.

That commanding image on camera is another side of my sister. The sister I remember used to drag me feet first up the stairs not so many years ago, so she could count how many times my head would bounce on each step. That sister told elaborate tales of my being a refugee baby that mom and dad had adopted, but were now considering sending back. That sister would punch me in the nose to see what color the bruise would turn first and how long

it would last (the record was eight days).

Who is the real Denyce Duncan-Lacy? To find out, I turned the tables and interviewed her during a family get-together.

Denyce stands 5-feet-4 with an athletic build that came from extensive partipation in high school sports. She has a cherubic face (they run in the family), inquisitive eyes and an infectious laugh. Denyce is in constant motion, and in her shorts and tee-shirt she looked more like a precocious child than a news reporter.

We spoke in our parents' Delmar home, and the usual pandemonium that occurs during these gatherings. As we settled down in the kitchen, sitting on opposite counters (closest to our favorite foods), I asked her to be serious.

LESLIE: Denyce, I'd like to start with your radio career. Did you find that it was all that you expected?

DENYCE: Radio is whatever you make it. It can be easy, challenging, or exciting. Also radio allows you to present yourself in any way you want, and gives you virtual anonimity. Just as a by-line. No one knows you aside from the 12 letters in your name.

L: What was the hardest adjustment to make from radio to television?

D: Asking pertinent questions.

L: But you asked pertinent questions on the radio.

D: Oh, certainly, but on television you have to ask short questions because film costs a lot more money. Actually the biggest change is that television is not merely radio with pictures.



Denyce Duncan-Lacy

L: So, do you find you do more acting?

D: No, but there's more to concentrate on in television. You have to remember you

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have a cameraman who's in charge of your audio and your picture. Now you are the 'cameraman's boss, so that in itself is different. In radio you have to do everything by yourself.

L: Do you ever feel any animosity from the cameramen or the people under you?

D: No, they're not really under you. But you are the boss in terms of 'I want this shot or that shot.' They are the boss in terms of getting that shot correctly. You might say, 'I want 20 seconds of this and 10 seconds of that, and at this point I think he's going to get emotional so I want you to zoom in.'

L: How much training did vou receive for television?

D: Well, my sister gave me tap lessons, and she told me not to wrinkle my forehead. And of course l went to Miss Grace's charm school — for two weeks. I've had adequate training. Then, I had five years of experience as a reporter. I did my first story at Channel 10 on a Tuesday. I began working on a Monday. And I did my first unsupervised story that Wednesday the Governor's press conference.

L: Do you plan to stay in television for any length of time, and what do you hope will happen with your career?

D: I think news is very important. I like being a part of something as important as news. Up to the minute, interesting information is all news is. I like being associated with that. I don't like being associated with bad news, but I like knowing it first, and figuring out what it means, and then telling it to the people. So, I imagine I'll stay in news indefinately.

Denyce began her career while still in college, working for the State University at Albany's radio station as a disc jockey. In 1977 she began working as a newscaster for WOKO radio. She worked there full time while continuing at SUNY with her Spanish major, and rhetoric and communication minor. Denyce graduated magna cum laude the following year.

After a vacation in Puerto Rico and Jamaica, she took a job with WROW radio. She had started out as a temporary summer replacement, but by that September she was permanent.

In April of this year, after an on-camera audition, Denyce began working at Channel 10. She had begun her radio career as Denise Duncan, but with her move to television she added her married name and changed the spelling of her first name for asthetic reasons.

Denyce's week-long series on interracial relationships received a great deal of mail. Some letters were from people who had been disgusted, and had no qualms in telling her so. Others were from people expressing their thanks for doing the story and praising the way she handled it. A letter in the *Knickerbocker News* commended her for a job well done.

What accounts for her



success as a reporter? I would say her personality — she is intense in her interviews, but interjects humor to make her subjects feel comfortable. She is ambitious in her reporting, but never abrasive. She gets to the heart of the story without pulling punches, while at the same time showing sensitivity and compassion for the people involved.

It is her ability to feel comfortable in many situations, and with many different types of people, that allows her to project an informative and interesting brand of news.

Denyce lives in Albany with her husband, Thomas. Their current project is the renovation of an Albany townhouse, which they hope will be completed by next month.

Does she still play tricks on her sweet, unsuspecting sister? Well yes — but then how many people can say that they've been chased around the house, and tackled by a popular television reporter? Leslie Duncan

Exer-dance classes start

Exer-dance classes, taught by Mary Reich of Delmar, begin the week of Jan. 5. Classes are held Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. To register, call 439-2058.

On Academy list

Jeffrey Herrmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Herrman, 3 Coventry Ct., Glenmont, has been named an alternate for the U.S. Air Force Academy by Sen. Jacob Javits.

Expectant parents night

St. Peter's Hospital in Albany will sponsor an Expectant Parents' Night on Monday, Jan. 5 at 7:30 in the hospital cafeterial. Information, 471-1515.





GLENMONT

Will historic land give way to change?

They have more reason than most to remember and treasure the past, but two sisters who own 50 acres on Feura Bush Rd, which is the center of Glenmont's development debate have come to accept a simple truism:

"I share the opinion of my parents," says Mrs. E. LeRoy Brown. "We all hated to see housing go up in the area, but vou can't stop progress."

Mrs. Brown and her sister, Mrs. Francis Nolan, carried the brittle, yellowed docments which reveal the story of their family farm to Bethlehem Planning Board meeting last month. They were there to support the proposal by A.T. Zautner and Son to develop multiple-family units between the Niagara Mohawk substation and the Colonial Acres golf course.

Careful reading of the hand-written deeds, mortgages and other documents takes the land back to 1828, revealing references to the original owners of all the land in Albany County, the Van-Rensselaer family. A 1938 reference notes that "a due proportionate part of the annual rent (is) reserved" to the Patroon Stephen Van-Rensselaer.

But the documents deal mainly with the legal activities of two families, the Bussings and the Stangs, who between them have owned the land for over 150 years.

The earliest reference to the farm is in a legal paper of 1828 when Timothy Bussing transferred the property to Harmon Bussing, presumably his son, for \$4,000 and other considerations. The "other considerations" give us an interesting glimpse into the benefits available to retirees of the period.

Timothy requires that, "said Harmon Bussing, his heirs, executors and administrators, shall and will during

the lifetime of said Timothy Bussing provide him with good and sufficient boarding, washing, lodging and mending in the family of Harmon Bussing and provide Timothy Bussing with suitable clothing and during the time Timothy Bussing shall remain in the family of Harmon Bussing they shall pay Timothy Bussing \$10.00 a year and in case of sickness all proper medical and other attendance and in case Timothy Bussing should reside in any other family the said Harmon Bussing...will pay Timothy Bussing during such time \$110 per year and Harmon Bussing is to furnish Timothy Bussing with the use of one horse and wagon from time to time and the said Harmon Bussing will pay and discharge the just debts which said Timothy Bussing may now owe and charges and expenses of his funeral..."

Harmon Bussing's will was recorded on October 14, 1861 and he gave his son Issac Bussing and his friend James Onderdonk the responsibility of managing the farm for another son, Harmon Bussing Jr. Harmon Jr. lived on the property, and when he died in 1891 he left the property to his son and daughter who lived in other parts of the country. These two children and Harmon Jr.'s widow sold the farm to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Nolan's grandparents, Valentine and Anna Stang, in 1892.

"Our grandparents owned the property until the 1920's, when it was sold to our parents, Frederick and Anna Stang," said Mrs. Brown. At this time, one section of the property, known as Babcock's Farm, was purchased by the Stones, who eventually sold part of it in the 1960's to Michaels for development as Colonial Acres.

Mrs. Brown recalled that, "Our father ran a large dairy farm on the remaining section and sold milk in Albany." The property was called Spring Valley Farm because of several good springs in the ravine on the north end, and this constant supply of water was one of the reasons the farm was attractive for keeping dairy herds.

In 1929, Niagara Mohawk, then New York Power and Light, purchased six acres for the power station and the right-of-way for the power lines

Mrs. Brown remembered a Fourth of July in the early 1940's when lightning struck the two large barns on the farm. The fire destroyed them. "Since my father was



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An 1892 deed is one of the documents which tells the story of the land owned by sisters Mrs. E. LeRoy Brown and Mrs. Francis Nolan.

then elderly and not interested in trying to farm again, he sold his dairy permit to a man named Platt," said Mrs. Brown.

Mr. Platt's sons still operate a wholesale dairy distributorship in the Albany area, and run Platt's Place, a restaurant on Wolf Road in Colonie where their dairy products are sold.

Since the 1940's the farm has been unused, and when the Stangs died in the early 1950's the two sisters inherited the land. The property still contains more than 50 acres and two houses. One home was on the farm when it was purchased in 1892, and the second, still occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Nolan, was built for Mrs. Nolan's parents when they were married in 1909.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Nolan have been looking for a buyer for parts of their land, as the taxes have increased sharply since the installation of town sewer lines. "We are assessed by the running foot, and we have a lot of frontage,"



said Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Brown, who retired from a 20-year career as a home economics extension agent with the Albany County Extension Service in 1978, doesn't see any alternative to multi-family dwellings. "It will be difficult to develop around the substation, as the equipment has a definite hum," she said.

"If I had my preferences, I think single-family homes would be wonderful, but looking ahead with the way interest rates and heating costs have grown, I think we have to realize that not many people will be able to live in single-family homes. Besides, I would hate to limit choices for the area," she said.

"With good planning, there should be room for several kinds of housing out here." *Phyllis Banucci*

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Leadership change

W. Gordon Morris, Jr., of Elsmere, representing the 35th District, has been named minority leader of the Albany County Legislature, replacing Edward H. Sargent, Jr. Sargent, who represents the 36th District and who also is an Elsmere resident, chose not to seek the post in 1981 because of his recent appointment as chairman of the Bethlehem Planning Board.

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Residents to hear Hudson park plans

The Bethlehem Town Board will take its show on the road Jan. 28 to get the opinions of residents in the Selkirk area on plans for the Henry Hudson Park and the Nicoll-Sill House.

The town has a "conceptual plan" prepared by architect Ed Kleinke for developing the river front park and wants to get reactions to the plan, according to Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

The original plan for the park was to make it the main recreation area in the town, but when the site for the Elm Ave. park became available, with more acreage, that plan was scrapped, Corrigan said. Now the thinking is to use the



The Henry Hudson Park off Rt. 144 in the southeastern corner of Bethlehem was once planned to be the town's main recreation facility. Now, as these plans by Ed Kleinke Associates show, it will be developed primarily for "passive" recreational uses, with an extensive system of hiking and cross-country skiing trails and picnic spots along the Hudson and the Vlomanskill. Future plans call for a pavilion and a field for horseshoes and volleyball near the river. Spotlight map



park for more "passive" recreational activities, such as nature trails and picnic areas. There are also two ball fields planned.

Corrigan said the town has given up on the idea of building either a marina or a boat launching ramp because federal regulations on construction of such a facility would make it extremely costly.

The Nicoll-Sill House, the

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90 State St., Albany oldest house in Bethlehem, is owned by the town, which had hoped to restore it for use as an educational center. However, Corrigan said, "the economics of the thing just didn't work out," and the town is now uncertain about the future of the building.

The meeting place will be announced at a future date.

Christmas trees mulched

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Albany County Legislature

Budget shennanigins

Readers of the daily newspapers and every local TV viewer is familiar with the ongoing feud among Democrats, particularly between Majority Leader Richard Meyers and County Executive James Coyne, Jr. over the executive version of the budget versus the legislative version. It took all 26 Democratic votes to override Coyne's veto.

Even though the taxpayers' interests were the least of the concerns of the two battling Democrats, I have to admit it was something of a change to hear the crude and unseemly epithets hurled by Democrats at Democrats instead of the usual arrogant incivility aimed at Republicans.

The tactics by which Mr. Meyers rammed through his version of his budget were distasteful, to say the least. One Democratic member, Veronica Meier of Cohoes, stated in the *Times Union* that she obtained "political favors" from Majority Leader Meyers in return for her vote.

Meier, a three-term legislator, who generally votes with the Majority, maintained there was nothing improper in her approach. "It's the timetested and time-honored way of doing it. They do it at every



level of government," she was quoted as saying.

In the same interview she said, "Sometimes to get a donkey's attention, you have to hit him in the face with a board." The donkey she referred to is the Democratic party.

Legislator Ann Gaffney admitted she was wavering, but fell right into line when the final votes were cast. Frankly, I think it would have been political suicide for her not to have passed that essential vote to give the two-thirds majority to override Coyne's vetoes.

Professional accountants call the Albany County budget one of the most difficult budgets to analyze that could be devised. Of course, this is not accidental. One reason is the skilled padding of the budget by establishment of jobs which never are filled. In the last two months, resolutions were passed which transferred funds within the Social Services budget amounting to \$700,000 in unfilled jobs. In the budget for the Albany County Nursing Home, \$300,000 was never used in 1980 for the salaries of 20 additional nurses.

I have one important wish for the New Year. Much of the nation knows that Mayor



Erastus Corning has held the office of mayor longer than any other person in the United States. He is recognized as a master politician. But most of his henchmen apparently fail to realize that one vital element of his success is his unfailing courtesy. Personally, I don't approve of his machine tactics, but I do appreciate his courtesy, even to opponents.

I wish that in the New Year Mayor Corning would attend some meetings of the Albany County Legislature and then hold a class in political manners for his henchmen. He might start by directing the Democrats not to ignore questions from the minority and not to shout down the opposition with raucous yells.

The December meeting was brought to a close with the

monthly ritual of Chairman Charles Cahill entertaining Mr. Perkins's motion for adjournment. However, Mr. Perkins was not in attendance that evening. Parliamentary procedure is changed at will or ignored to expedite the legislative meetings as quickly as possible. Legislative business, which affects all of us, is too serious to permit the horseplay and steamrolling tactics used by the Democrats.





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NEW SCOTLAND

Town studies ban on rock concerts

New Scotland's town board believes in being prepared for emergencies. In a move to forestall any future "Woodstock" in New Scotland, the town board is planning to draft an ordinance on control of large public gatherings.

And while they're about it, town board members also are interested in what other towns do about restricting peddlers.

Town Attorney Frederick C. Riester has been looking into statutes of neighboring towns to determine whether they are on sound legal footing. "The project is in a preliminary status," he said last week. "We are researching the statutes of nearby towns to see if their language is appropriate to our situation, and whether we should have such ordinances."

According to town officials, incidents during the fall at Lebanon Valley Speedway and the State University at Albany motivated the study. Several towns in the area became concerned when an area rock club scheduled a "Drink 'n' Drown" party that would have attracted a crowd of several thousand people. "If that had happened here," commented New Scotland Supervisor Steve Wallace, "we might have had a problem."

Wallace and Riester were careful to point out that any proposed ordinance on large public gatherings would not be directed against such facilities as Sunset Park and Picard's Grove, two popular sites in New Scotland used for clambakes, steak roasts and other outings. "Clambakes, church and firemen's events, family reunions and that sort of thing are not affected," Riester said. "These places (Sunset and Picard's) have adequate parking and sanitary facilities. We're talking about a promoter who comes in for one day, stages a rock concert that puts a tremendous burden on the town, and then leaves."

There also was a brief discussion on an ordinance that would have permitted the town to impose a curfew if needed, but Riester said such a proposal is not being seriously considered.

Patterson home burns

Word was received Tuesday that fire has completely' destroyed the home of Bob and Ginny Patterson in Wells, NY.

The Pattersons formerly lived in Clarksville until they retired from the Bethlehem Central School District. They were not at home when the fire struck Saturday and are unharmed. But the house was a total loss and all their personal belongings are gone. Their most urgent need is cash to get back on their feet.

The Clarksville Community Church will be a collection base for contributions from the Pattersons' many friends in Clarksville. Please mark your contribution, "Patterson Fund" and mail or bring it to the Clarksville Community Church, P.O. Box F, Clarksville, NY 12041.





Santa got a big response on his annual rounds in Voorheesville Christmas Eve. Spotlight





spotlight profile Miniaturists' credo: small is beautiful

In the eyes of Judy Thompson, a skilled artist in miniatures, her "small" world has opened up a big new world.

"It's opened up a whole world of new people," says Judy, one of a half dozen widely recognized miniature hobbyists and needlework craftsmen in the Delmar area. "I've never met a miniaturist I haven't liked."

A Midwesterner and a mother of three, Judy has been a needleworker since age 5. She was born in Colorado and grew up in Nebraska, where she was taught sewing and embroidering by her mother and grandmother. Over the years she has made many of her own clothes and





Christmas decorations made by Judy are even smaller than the miniaturists' scale of one inch to one foot. Spotlight

those of her children, turned out countless pieces of embroidery, and studied weaving for eight years. "I guess you can say I've become a jack-ofall-trades-and-master-of-none ...and I'm having a ball!"

She and her husband, Dr. Everett Thompson, an ophthalmologist, came to Delmar from Wichita, Kan., in 1975, and it was then that her interest in miniatures came into full bloom. The impetus came from a dollhouse the Thompsons inherited from her husband's mother, which had been made two generations ago by her father. "I was inspired to furnish this beautiful dollhouse to rescue it from exile to the attic," Judy told a visitor the other day. "As a child I made most of my own doll furniture and doll clothing."

Today the dollhouse includes not only handcrafted furniture, but fine needlework and basketry in miniature. Judy joined the local chapter of EGA (Embroiders Guild of America) soon after settling in Delmar, and the dollhouse brought her two loves together to provide a full-time hobby. She works five to six hours a day on one or the other, handcrafting miniature items, making gifts or making

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VOLUNTEERS Club membership leaps for Joy

Joy Ford's blue eyes literally danced recently when she looked around the room at a large function. "You know." she said, "at almost every table, there's a member of the Delmar Progress Club!"

That was, of course, largely due to Joy Ford's own efforts. At a recent tea, this dynamic Progress Club president was able to introduce 26 new members, as well as two who have been reinstated. The membership of this active women's club, a member of the National Federation of

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Women's Clubs, is now more than 310, all residents of the Tri-Village area.

What is the reason for this new surge of membership? Many attribute it to the enthusiasm and support of the president.

"When Joy was a member of the board of the YWCA. she gave so much of herself and did so many favors for me, I can't help responding when she asks me to take on a iob," said a former president of the Albany Y.

This type of comment is heard on all sides. Joy Ford's dedication to volunteerism channeled her into eight years of service on the Girl Scout Board (she took a group of scouts to Mexico, which in itself should merit her an award for bravery and service above the call of duty!). She is a former chairman of the Glenmont area for the Red Cross, a member of the Salvation Army Auxiliary, a charter member of the Bethlehem Garden Club, and a member of the Women's Council of the Albany Institute of History and Art (where she still gives volunteer time), and has served on the Bethlehem Historical Association and the Albany Medical Auxiliary.

Wherever she goes, Joy Ford talks enthusiastically and positively about these organizations. Is it any wonder that under her guidance the Delmar Progress Club is growing like topsy?

The wife of Kenneth S. Ford, vice president of Mechanic Exchange Bank in Albany, a division of Dime Savings Bank of New York City, she is the mother of

three daughters. One is a teacher at the Cerebral Palsy center in Albany, one has just graduated from William Smith College in Geneva and the third works for the airlines and lives in Alexandria, Va.

Ingenuity and dedication runs in Joy Ford's family background. Her grandfather was the inventor of the Becker Steropticon box, used to view steropticon cards, and received awarded honors for his work in this field.

His granddaughter, when not volunteering her time, loves tennis, golf, crosscountry skiing and gardening. Her energy seems endless.

In 1981 the Delmar Progress Club will celebrate its eightieth anniversary, Joy Ford has a special committee working to make this anniversary truly memorable.

We quote from a fine history of the club written by the late Alice Porter.

"Eighty years ago, Delmar was a little rural hamlet with no sidewalks, no street lights. two churches and no organizations. Elva Hinman, a well known woman in the community, had been to Cobleskill for a visit and was impressed with their Women's Club. She called together some interested local women; eleven responded, and in 1901 Mrs. Carolyn Rouse was elected president with the object of the club stated to be "for the mental. moral and social development of the members and the betterment of the community."

Early timidity gave way to action and the club joined the State Federation in 1904 and the General Federation in 1916. Their civic action took special form when members visited the two-room school-



items to display. Her works have been exhibited at needlework shows in the Capital Region and in Wichita, Washington, D.C. and Saratoga Springs, and in several museums. She has had exhibits several times at Bethlehem Library.

Her formal education earned her a degree as a medical technologist from the University of Nebraska, where she met her husband. Everett Thompson practiced in Wichita for 15 years before coming to Albany. They have two sons, Ted, and anesthetist in Wichita, and Paul, who works at a resort club in Vail, Colo., and a daughter, Cindy, a medical secretary in Greeley, Colo.

Her deep interest and talent combined with her energy and vitality keep her life busy. "I've got lots of projects started that are still undone. I'm never bored."

A visitor admiring the craftsmanship and skill of carefully woven baskets half the size of a peanut, tiny decorations on a tiny Christmas tree, needlework pillow covers and bedspreads in the heirloom dollhouse and hundreds of other items, can testify to her talent, but Judy dismisses all this as the routine expression of a hobbyist. She talks about her friends in both hobbies: "I am amazed at the talent in the community in miniatures and needlework. There are some fantastic people doing these things. Everywhere I go, I look at what people are doing, and I come back with a fresh appreciation of the talent right here in the Delmar area."

And the people she talks about agree that one of the most talented and most personable contributors to the Delmar scene is Judy Thompson.

Music course offered

. The Albany Jewish Community Center is offering a course in music appreciation Thursday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. This course explores some of the great



Judy Thompson never gets tired of designing and creating rooms and accessories for her heirloom dollhouse in Delmar. The rooms include embroidered items in which the needlework is too fine to see without a magnifying glass.

symphonic music for those without previous formal study. The approach to style, structure, interpretation and meaning is nontechnical, with emphasis on listening for pleasure. Donna Stulmaker, instructor, former Julliard student and NYU student, has been a local piano teacher for more than 25 years and is a member of the Albany Music Teachers Association.

Cadets at dance

Four Bethlehem cadets were honored at the annual Christmas dance of the Air Force Academy Parents Assn. of Northeastern New York Dec. 30 at the Watervliet Arsenal Officers Club. They are: David Little, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Little, Blessing Rd., Slingerlands; Colleen McGinty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter McGinty, Clapper Rd., Glenmont; John Dorsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dorsey, Herrick Ave., Delmar; and Robert Roche, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roche, Darnley Greene, Delmar. Mr. and Mrs. Roche are vice presidents of the association.

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house and found it needed repairs. They set about making improvements and creating interest in building a new school. Thus, eventually the school moved to proud new quarters from his origin (now the Masonic Temple).

Club members soon called a parent-teachers meeting. Then, branching out they met with officials of the D & H Railroad to request better train service to the village. In 1912 they raised money for books and set up the first free library. In 1931 a Civic Betterment Committee was organized and the Town Board was approached to name the streets and then to have mail delivered to the homes. Also, later on, to provide garbage collection."

This amazingly long list of accomplishments of the women of the community continues to grow. It is a little wonder that today groups meet regularly on subjects such as legislation, environment and conservation, civic betterment, scholarships, service, gardening, drama and music, social service, antique study and creative arts. It is little wonder also that the membership is growing and growing. Betty Parry

Usher-Singleman

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Usher of North Helderberg Pkwy., Slingerlands, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill, to Erick Singleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Singleman of Mt. Holly, N.J.

The bride-to-be graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1977 and from the Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She is a registered nurse at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady. Her fiance is a 1976 graduate of Albany High School and will graduate in May from Hudson Valley Community College. The wedding is planned for May 29.

Night courses starting

The College of Saint Rose Office of Continuing Education is accepting registrations starting Jan. 4 for spring semester courses. Advisement and registration services will be offered through Jan. 21 on a daily basis. Mail-in registrations will be accepted. One area in which courses are filling particularly quickly is business. Also offered are three economics courses: macroeconomics, microeconomics, and intermediate microeconomics.



Mrs. Paul A. Balluff

Paul Balluff wed

Bethlehem Community Church was the setting for the marriage of Laura A. Torelli and Paul J. Balluff on Nov. 29. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Balluff of Alden Ct., Elsmere.

The bride was given away by her father, Paul D. Chamberlain of Cherry Hill, N.J. She was attended by a maid of honor and four bridesmaids. The best man was Mark Avaglieri of Delmar.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Albany Medical Center School of Nursing. He is employed by Albany Medical Center as a registered nurse. The bride is a graduate of Burnt Hills High School and is a student at Albany Medical Center School of Nursing. The couple are residing in Albany.

Contest winners

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Warrell of Old Ox Road, Delmar, is the winner of the annual holiday home decorating contest sponsored by the Bethlehem Garden Club.

The contest, which is attracting a growing number of entries, features gift certificates from the Garden Shoppe as prizes.

Second place winners are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Furey of Montrose Drive, Delmar. Sharing third place are Mr. and Mrs. Raymand Zwack, of Font Grove Road, Slingerlands, and Mrs. and Mrs. Pat Dorsey, of Peel Street in Selkirk.





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BASKETBALL Hoop drought ends for Eagles

A convincing victory over Burnt Hills may be just the prescription to get Bethlehem Central's basketball varsity back on the road to respectibility.

The jubilation of the Eagles' first win of the year just before the holiday break was dimmed last weekend by an injury to a key player. Steve Gillespie, who works the post position with Mike Lawrence and teams with the big senior for rebounds, suffered a severe cut above the eye in a collision during a Saturday morning scrimmage with Voorheesville, and will be out a week or more.

Also looming was a nonleague game with Gloversville Tuesday of this week before resuming league play next week.

"The injury hurts especially at this time when we need to get some momentum started," observed Coach Jim Tedisco. "But the kids are working very hard; it's a good group to work with."

Tedisco was encouraged with the way his team came through in the final quarter at Burnt Hills. The game was tied at 20 at intermission, BC forged a 34-30 lead at the three-quarter turn and held Burnt Hills to one basket in the fourth period. They also restricted Burnt Hills's big gun. Ted DiGrande, to 10 points, half his 20-point average. They also did a good job under the boards, Gillespie getting 10 rebounds and Lawrence 10. Lawrence led the offense with 25 points, connecting on 11 of 16 from the field.

The Eagles should get a lift with the return of Pete Gillespie, their freshman hopeful who has been sidelined after knee surgery. Gillespie is expected to start workouts Monday.

The win, only the second in their last 23 Suburban Council starts, snapped an 11-game losing string going back to last spring. The Eagles got their only victory last season in their 15th game.

Ruslander still wrestling

Dave Ruslander, who earned two letters each in wrestling and football at Bethlehem Central High School, is a candidate for the Cornell University varsity wrestling team in the 134 pound weight class.

Ruslander, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ruslander, 64 Kenaware Ave., Delmar, is a freshman in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell.

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BASKETBALL Blackbirds bow in 'better' game

It was like spending the money before it got to the bank. In their last appearance before the holiday break, Voorheesville Central's Blackbirds let a comfortable lead get away, and dropped a 59-58 non-league decision to Duanesburg at home.

Voorheesville had a 9-point lead with five minutes left when Paul Probst drew his fourth foul. Coach Mike O'Brien pulled him, but when the lead dwindled to five points with three minutes to go, he sent Probst back in. With 1:50 left, Probst fouled out and the lead was down to three. A Blackbird whose name is withheld missed the front end of a one-on-one penalty toss, Duanesburg went down to the other end for a basket, and with 15 seconds remaining took over the lead by one point. The Blackbirds had several opportunities in the waning seconds, but threw the ball away.

Despite the sad ending, O'Brien was philosophical. "It was one of our better games." he said. "The kids played well and should have won. There was some nice passing and we shot well, but we're still guilty of sloppy ball handling."

The setback, in which Duanesburg "did to us here what we did to them in Duanesburg" earlier in the season, left the Blackbirds at 3-6 going into 1981, 1-5 in the Colonial Conference. O'Brien, however, remains optimistic: "They've been up and down, but they're still capable of having a winning season."

The game last Tuesday was Paul Probst's best game. He scored 25 points, his biggest production ever.

O'Brien is keeping his boys busy over the Christmas recess. He took them to Delmar for a scrimmage with Bethlehem Central Saturday and to Albany for a workout with CBA Tuesday. This Saturday he has booked an informal trip to Coxsackie-Athens. Voorheesville swings back into league action Tuesday at home against Lansingburgh and travels to Watervliet Friday.

Christmas volunteers

Seven young Leos made it a more cheerful Christmas for residents of Good Samaritan Home on Rockefeller Road by decorating the home's Christmas tree. The members of the Bethlehem Leo Club, a junior club of the Bethlehem Lions, were Christine Maginnis, Kelly Maginnis, Cati Dinnel, Betsy Propp, Debbie Matterson, Dan Miller and Margie Kelly. The project was coordinated by Red Goyer.



WRESTLING BC matmen turn in two strong efforts

Two strong performances in upstate tournaments and a 3-1 dual meet record has stamped Bethlehem Central's wrestling team as one of the best in Section 2. The Eagles placed second out of 13 teams in the Clyde Cole tourney in Oxford and second out of 15 teams in the Tri-Valley Invitational in Oneida. In their Suburban Council opener they routed Columbia, 67-9. They have posted non-league wins over Voorheesville and Averill Park while losing to Mont Pleasant, always a wrestling stronghold. The junior varsity team went into the holiday recess undefeated in four meets.

In the Oxford tourney, Alan Tinsman, Steve Essex and Alan Marwill placed second in their weight classes, Joe Conway, Jeff Herrmann, Dave Lloyd and Ernie Van-Wormer placed third, and Andy Hickey and Paul Dorsey placed fourth. At the Tri-Valley meet Essex won his weight class (145); J.B. Rodgers, Jeff Herrmann, Marwill, Lloyd and VanWormer gained third places, and Tinsman, Hickey and Lenny Klink brought home fourth places. The team is coached by Rick Poplaski, assisted by John DeMeo and Jim Guiliano. Upcoming matches are Burnt Hills Jan. 7 and Shenendehowa Jan. 9.

Business tour scheduled

The Bethlehem Board of Education will hold its first meeting of the new year Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Bethlehem Central High School. The business and informational meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

Joanne Davies, supervisor of the High School Business Department, will give a report on new curriculum in the Business Department and will conduct a tour of business classrooms to show new educational equipment.





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BUSINESS Tie treating firm hires a manager

GCL Tie Treating Co., which is planning a \$5.5 million facility in Selkirk, is apparently confident enough of its financing to start a resident manager buying ties and equipment.

Ken Laughlin, has been named general manager of the plant which will be constructed on Rt. 32 near the Conrail yards. Laughlin has moved to Voorheesville and is already at work.

His first job, he said Monday, to talk to saw mills about supplying 400,000 ties a year for five years - the plant's contract with Conrail. "The response has been very good so far," he said.

In addition, he will be in charge of purchasing the equipment the plant will use to treat the ties.

Laughlin, 28, who has been in the field for seven years, was manager of a similar plant in DuBois, Pa., before moving here. He will be in charge of day-to-day operations when the plant is finished, and will supervise the construction.



"That's one of the reasons I'm here now --- if I'm going to run the plant, I want to see how it's put together."

GCL's financing package involves five different funding sources, four of them government agencies. The two loans which have not received final approval are an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) through the City of Albany, and a \$1 million from the New York Job Development Authority. Both are expected in January, and groundbreaking is planned for this spring.

Joins citizen group

A Slingerlands businessman who says he's been complaining about taxes for years has decided "to do something about it." Lee E. Faulkner, proprietor of the Nautilus Total Fitness Center in Elsmere, has been appointed a volunteer field associate for the National Taxpayers Union headquartered in Washington, Faulkner will work with the NTU's People Power Plan, a new organizing effort designed to step up local taxpayer action as part of the national movement. The NTU claims it is the oldest and largest taxpayers' organization in the country with 450,000 family members.

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> CHARLES B. FRITTS Chairman Board of Appeals (Jan. 1)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND FOR ENACTMENT OF NEW TOWNWIDE ZONING ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland shall hold a public hearing on the adoption of a new townwide zoning ordinance. Said hearing shall be held at Voorheesville High School, Route 85A, Voorheesville, New York on January 8, 1981 at 8 p.m. at which time all persons interested shall be heard on the subject of an ordinance regulating and restricting the height, number of stories, and size of buildings and other structures, the percentage of lot that may be occupied, the size, depth and width of yards and other open space, the density of population, and the location and use of buildings, structures, and land for trade, manufacturing, residence or other purposes; establishing a zoning map and districts and the boundaries thereof for said purposes; providing for the appointment of a Board of Zoning Appeals and setting forth the duties and functions of said Board; and providing for the administration and enforcement of this ordinance and penalties for violation thereof in accordance with the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT a special Town Board meeting shall be held at 9 p.m. following the aforesaid public hearing for the purpose of considering the adoption of the foregoing zoning ordinance.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT copies of the zoning ordinance may be obtained at Town Hall, Town of New Scotland, Slingerlands RD, New York.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND CORINNE COSSAC -Town Clerk Dated: December 23, 1980 (Jan. 1, 1981)

Nominated for Academy

Jeffrey Lee Chodak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Chodack of Ravena, is among 32 students nominated for appointments to the U.S. service academies by Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan of New York. Chodack was nominated for the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. His father is superintendent of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central Schools.

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transaction and is not released to the other party until he meets specific conditions.

By BETTY LENT

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Vox Pop

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.

Thanks for lunch help

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Junior Women's Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people in the Tri-Village area who helped to make our Lunch with Santa a success. Your support has enabled us to donate \$150 to the Bethlehem Festival.

We also want to thank the following merchants for their contributions: Albany Public, *Freihofers, Grand Union, Price Chopper, Woolworth's. Susan Dax

President, Bethlehem Junior Women's Club

Fluoridation, fluoridation

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is distressing to find it necessary to continue the refutation of Dr. Krikker's misleading statements. Her charges require correction.

A reader seeking facts might well read the original source documentation or compare Dr. K's recent letter with the JRH letter which appeared in the Dec. 4 Spotlight, side by side.

Isn't it a supported fact that the opposition comes only from a few vocal supporters including those using fear techniques, whereas there is affirmative support for fluoridation from literally thousands of doctors and scientists, backed by the favorable experience of 40 years and with fluoridated water now used by many millions of people?

It is urged that the Town Board implement its October commitment to hold an open meeting on the fluoridation proposal. At that time, we will present the board with sub-

ated by hundreds of households.

tainers. There's free coffee, too.

stantial and substantiated documentation in support of fluoridation.

John R. Hawkins Delmar

The Bethlehem Town Board has made no commitment to hold an open meeting on the fluoridation proposal. The board's only public commitment is that it will take no formal action on the fluoridation issue without holding an open hearing.

Two paragraphs rebutting Dr. Krikker's rebuttal pointby-point have been deleted from Mr. Hawkins's letter. We feel that continuation of the debate between these two persons in which each accuses the other of misleading readers is not in the public interest. Brief letters on the issue, however, will be published. Ed.

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