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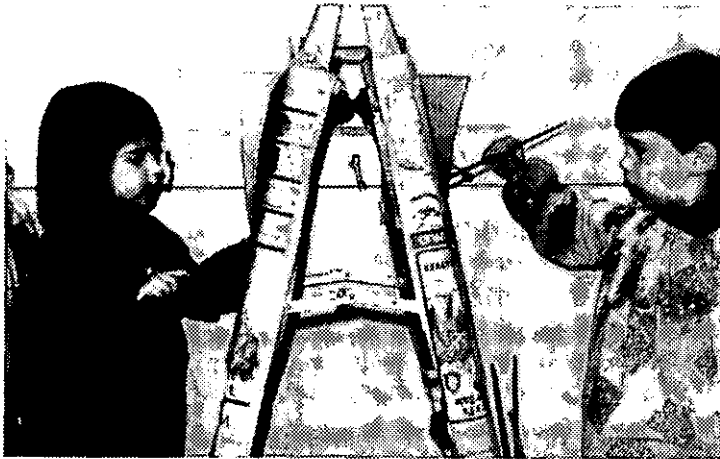
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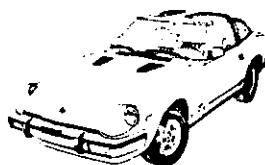


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TUESDAY

AARP, third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

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.

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Second Milers, second Wednesdays, Delmar Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m. Reservations 439-3569.

Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands fire hall, 8 p.m.

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Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesday, Glenmont Community Church, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

New Scotland Kiwanis Club, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens meet every Thursday at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

"Video Marketing—People/Product/Process," seminar for managers and administrators on public access television by Bethlehem Video, 159 Delaware Ave., Elsmere, first class 10 a.m. Pre-registration, 482-6294.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

YMCA Indian Guide and Princess recruitment, open to fathers and their children ages 5-8, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-8:30 p.m. Information 439-7759.

In Glenmont, the *Spotlight* is sold at Atchinson's Superette, Heath's Dairy and Van Allen Farms.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31
Effective Business Writing Workshop, third session, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:15-12:15, pre-registration required.

Guided Winter Walk, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2 p.m.

Registration, Tri-Village Little League and Senior League, for any child born between Aug. 1, 1965, and July 31, 1974, accompanied by parent or guardian, Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 10-2.

Mohawk Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, 86th anniversary celebration dinner and program, Normanside Country Club, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Town of New Scotland Historical Association, meeting at the center in New Salem, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Public hearings, Bethlehem Board of Appeals: application of Delmar Car Wash, Inc. to construct miniature golf course at Bethlehem Court, 8 p.m.; application of Dave Kadish, 97 Delmar Place, Delmar, to construct addition to existing structure, 8:30 p.m.; application of Thomas and Sean Felt, 68 Orchard St., Slingerlands, for side yard variance, 8:45 p.m., all at Bethlehem Town Hall.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Elsmere Fire Company Auxiliary, 8 p.m. at the fire house. Officers and committee chairmen requested to meet at 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, board of directors meeting on proposed changes to town zoning code, 7 p.m., Room 106, Bethlehem Town Hall.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Ham Dinner, Slingerlands United Methodist Church, 1497 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, tickets \$4.50, \$2.50 for children, 5-6:45 p.m.

Saturday Afternoon at the Movies, "The Fountainhead," starring Patricia Neal and Gary Cooper, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

Turkey Dinner, Bethlehem Grange on Rt. 396 off Rt. 9W at Becker's Corners, Selkirk, full course home-cooked meal starting 4:30 p.m.

Snowshoe Workshop, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Pre-registration necessary, 457-6092.

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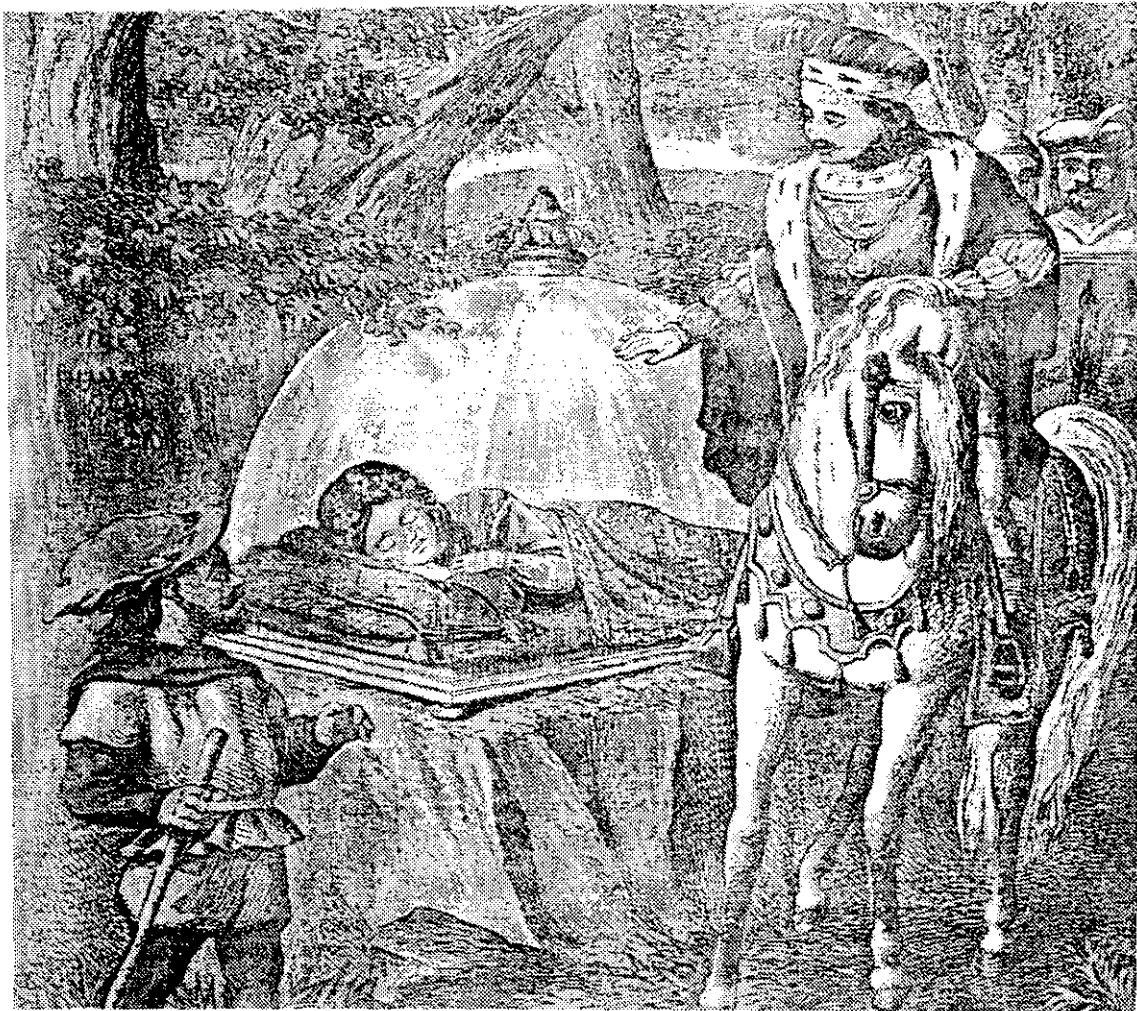
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Steve Miller, New York City poet reading his own works, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

Open House, Tri-Village Nursery School, for parents of prospective three- and four-year-old students, 420 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 3-5 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Glenmont School P.T.A. program, "Parental Awareness of Television," 8 p.m. at the school.

Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club, first Tuesday, Five Rivers Environmental Center, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Public Hearings, Bethlehem Town Board, extension of Water District No. 1, 7:30 p.m.; extension of sewer district, 7:45 p.m., and amendments to traffic ordinance, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Valentine's Day Programs, Bethlehem Public Library, pre-schoolers to design own valentines, 10:15-11 a.m.; elementary school children to design own valentines, 3:45-4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Bethlehem Winter Carnival, Elm Avenue Park, Delmar, full day of activities starting at noon.

Saturday Afternoon at the Movies, "Romeo and Juliet" starring Laurence Harvey, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

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area arts

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THEATRE

"Night Must Fall" (Albany Civic Theatre's production of Emlyn Williams' chiller), 235 Second St., Albany, Jan. 21-25 and Jan. 28 - Feb. 1, 8 p.m.

"Ten Little Indians" (Agatha Christie thriller), Schenectady Civic Players, 12 S. Church St., Schenectady, Jan. 30-31 and Feb. 4-7, 8 p.m., Feb. 8, 2:30 p.m.

"Mark Twain Tonight" (Hal Holbrook's one-man show), Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Feb. 9, 8 p.m. Box office, 377-5097.

"Funny Girl" (musical by the Four Seasons Dinner Theatre), Thruway House, Albany through Feb. 8, dinner 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m. Reservations 459-3100.

"Sorrows of Stephen" (contemporary romantic comedy by Peter Parnell), Capital Repertory Company, Page Hall, Western Ave., Albany, Jan. 21 - Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Reservations 462-4534.

MUSIC

Bob Warren (singer-songwriter), Eighth Step Coffee House, 14 Willett St., Albany, Jan. 30, 8:45 p.m. Philharmonia Virtuosi (chamber orchestra of players from the New York Philharmonic and Metropolitan Opera), the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Feb. 1, 3 p.m. Box office 473-3750.

Martha Graham Dance Company (modern dance, with lecture demonstration), the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Feb. 3-7, 8 p.m., Feb. 8, 2 p.m. Box office 473-3750.

Schenectady Symphony Orchestra (choral concert featuring Mozart and Prokofiev), Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Feb. 6, 8 p.m.

Count Basie and his orchestra, the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Jan. 30, 8 p.m. Reservations 473-3750.

ART

Faculty Exhibition, College of Saint Rose Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, Jan. 26 - Feb. 19, Sunday through Friday 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

"That Belmont Look" (75 years of New York's thoroughbred racing scene), West Gallery of the New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Jan. 27 - March 29.

"Albany Alumni" (works by alumni of the SUNY graduate studio art program), Plaza Gallery at State University Plaza, Broadway and State Streets, Albany, Jan. 23 - Feb. 26, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. weekdays.

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Onesquethaw citizens' plea: give us a simple bridge

People who live in the picturesque vale along Onesquethaw Creek near Feura Bush know how Damocles felt with that sword hanging over his head by a single thread.

They've banded together to persuade the state to scrap or modify plans to build a big modern bridge across Onesquethaw Creek to replace a temporary structure that is more in keeping with the charm of the rural neighborhood.

The latest word from state officials is that the project is "off the books," which means that the residents have a temporary reprieve, but there's no assurance the ogre won't come to life sometime after that.

As if that weren't enough to worry about, there's another vintage-1880s span a short distance downstream that is falling into disrepair and may collapse or become condemned in the near future. Albany County highway officials have not paid much attention to the iron structure that carries Rowe Rd. over the creek.

"We don't want a national monster on a rural road," says Dan Dryden, a long time resident of Onesquethaw Creek Rd. in one of the most scenic sections of the town of New Scotland. "It would stand out like a sore thumb".

It would do more than that to the Carl Touhey house two hundred yards down the road, just on the west side of the bridge. This historic 18th century stone dwelling with a

long history would lose much of its charm and several rows of magnificent locust trees if the state and federal government got into the act.

The residents, members of the Onesquethaw Creek Historic District, also point out that in addition to defacing the countryside, a bridge conforming to federal specifications would cost more than \$250,000, whereas a span suitable to the character of the lightly travelled road could be built for \$60,000 to \$80,000.

It's the federal highway specification requirement that is causing the flap — a wide bridge of modern design, with elevated approaches extending some 100 yards on each

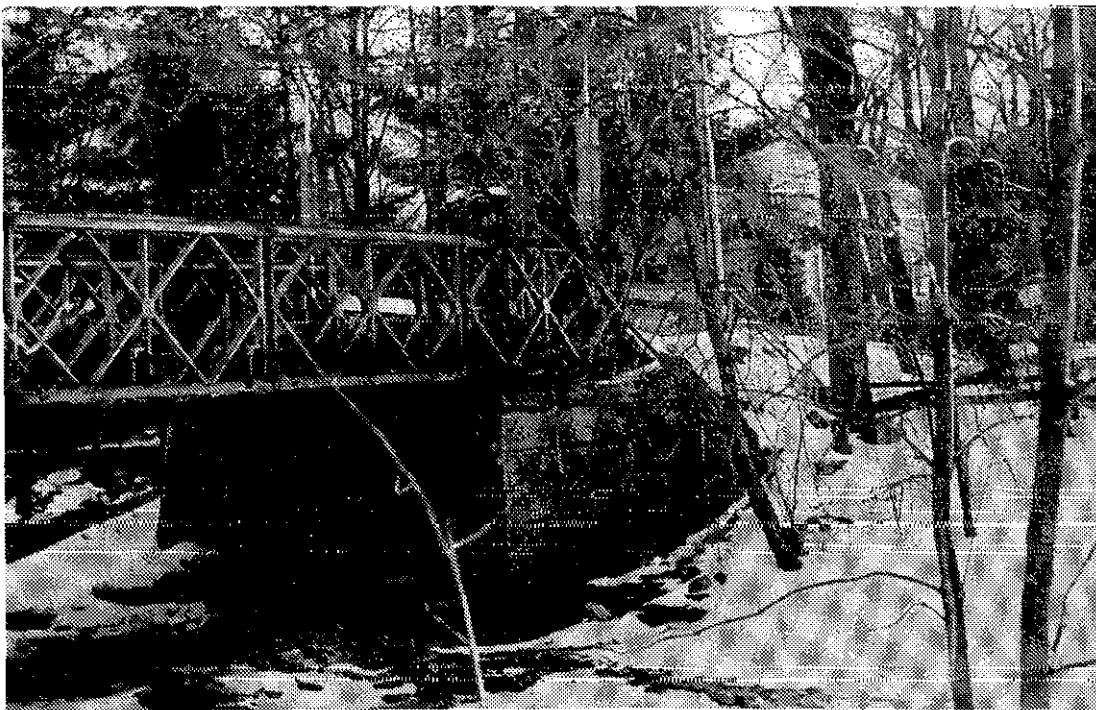
side. Goodbye big trees and goodbye the lazy charm of the creekbank where the stream eddies along under the bridge.

The citizen group, which was formed seven years ago to preserve and protect the area from assaults by well-meaning zoning agencies, road builders, real estate developers and dam builders, got into the bridge arena by accident. Just three years ago — on Feb. 8, 1978 — the 90-year-old structure collapsed beneath a passing New Scotland Highway Dept. truck with a load that exceeded the posted weight limit of the span. No one was hurt, but the bridge suffered terminal damage.

Later that year, New Scot-

land officials obtained a "Bailey" bridge on loan from the State Dept. of Transportation and reopened the road. The temporary structure, the kind made famous by advancing troops in World War II, is still in place on the Onesquethaw, and the DOT has indicated it would be nice to have it back.

Under bureaucratic procedure, the town is responsible for the bridge deck and the county the superstructure. To get funding for a new bridge, the county goes to the state and the state goes to the federal government. The feds will put up most of the money if the plans meet their specifications, which in this case



This "Bailey" bridge on Onesquethaw Creek served as a temporary replacement for the span that collapsed under a passing truck three years ago. In the background is the historic stone house now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Touhey.

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Paul Cooney, Albany County engineer, confirmed the \$250,000 figure. Cooney said the county has an agreement with the state DOT that the state will design the span under specifications in the

federal HBRR (Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation) program, which is part of the Surface Systems Transportation Act of 1978. Cooney said the project "is not on our 1981 schedule, but we anticipate possible construction in 1982." Cooney, however, added that "we in the country are not enthusiastic about it because it's buried on a rural, low-maintenance road."

Cooney said he doubted that the road would have a traffic count of more than 40 vehicles "on a good day, both ways." It has never been paved, but is maintained by spreading oil and gravel on the surface periodically.

In Albany, Michael Talay, senior civil engineer with the DOT's Region One, said the project "has been taken off the books" because of low priority. The next allotment of HBRR funds will not be made until November or December of 1982, he said, and indicated it was questionable whether the Onesquethaw project would make the priority list at that time.

Jonathan Hartley, president of the Onesquethaw Creek Historic District, said his understanding is that the project "was originally scheduled for 1982-83, but has been pushed back to 1984." There was no official confirmation of this. Hartley, an Albany resident, grew up in New Scotland and is presently

County planning 2 new bridges

Albany County will replace two bridges on Onesquethaw Creek in New Scotland in 1981.

Paul Cooney, county engineer, estimated that the proposed new bridge at the northern end of County Rt. 312, Clarksville South Rd., would cost approximately \$50,000, and a replacement span on Groesbeck Rd. approximately \$120,000. The projects require approval by the Albany County Legislature.

serving on the Albany County planning board. His parents live in Unionville.

The neighborhood association has been active on several fronts in recent years. Earlier this month it sent three speakers, Hartley, Dryden and Charles Mason of Clarksville, to the public hearing on the townwide revision of New Scotland's zoning ordinance to complain the new law did not provide sufficient safeguards for the Onesquethaw Creek area. Three years ago the group protested a publicized alternate plan to build a holding basin on the creek as part of the Bethlehem water system, but that plan never got past the talking stage.

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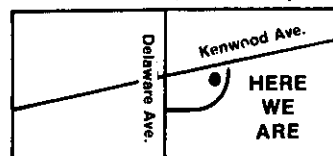
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Nat Boynton

Miniature golf coming?

Is there going to be a miniature golf course in Delmar's future?

Delmar Car Wash, Inc. has applied to the Town of Bethlehem Board of Appeals for a permit to construct one on their property on Bethlehem Terrace, near the Del Lanes and the Delmar Car Wash. A public hearing on the request will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 8 p.m.

In other business, an application by Charles and Nikki Critchett of Krumkill Road to permit the establishment of a day care center at their home was withdrawn by their attorney, Steven D. Farer, at their public hearing last week. "It's a question of procedure", said Farer, as he indicated they would be reapplying soon under another, more applicable zoning ordinance.

The board granted a variance to James and Rita Peterson of 55 Salisbury Rd., Delmar, to permit the enclosure of a porch attached to their home.

Phyllis Banucci

Classroom looted

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a stereo receiver and two speakers from a classroom at Bethlehem Middle School at approximately 8:45 p.m. Friday. Entry was gained through an unlocked window, police said. Value of the items was estimated at \$700.

BETHLEHEM

Water bills reflect economy move

If you live in Bethlehem, your next water bill is going to show a substantial increase, town officials warn. But it doesn't mean that town water rates have gone up; only that the number of billings has been cut from three a year to two in order to save money.

According to Water District Superintendent Paul Wagner, the town is divided into three areas, which will be read and billed as follows: Area 1, meter reading in March and September, billing in April and October; Area 2, meter reading in April and October, billing in May and November; and Area 3, meter reading in May and November; billing in June and December. Residents in the town's Water District can determine their area by checking a water bill; an eight-digit number appears to the right of the name and address. The first number indicates the area in which the water user is located.

In addition to the three areas described above, there is a section in South Albany where 22 water users are located. These users are billed at a flat rate, three times a year, with bills arriving in February, June and October.

Under the new system, bills will be mailed so that they will arrive on or about the first of the month, either by mail or in person at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

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Sunday. Sheriff's deputies ticketed Arlene J. Hauge, 23, for following too closely and for failure to yield the right of way to an emergency vehicle.

Honoring MIA's

Bethlehem VFW Post 3185 will join a statewide Veterans of Foreign Wars movement to display flags at half-mast next week in tribute to an estimated 2,500 Americans missing in action. Daniel W. House, commander of the Delmar post, has asked all local citizens and organizations to comply with the request of VFW State Commander Cliff Galbreath.

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Fluoridation: the final push

There will be a new flurry of petitions as Bethlehem's fluoride fight goes down to the wire — the Feb. 4 "input meeting" by the Town Board.

Both proponents and opponents plan to make their case strongly at that meeting, to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall auditorium, and both say they can show the board that they have public support. Four members of the board have said they will wait until after the meeting to make up their minds; all five

say they want to get the issue settled quickly.

At issue is whether Bethlehem should accept federal funds to fluoridate the town's water supply. The proposal has revived a 25-year-old controversy in the town, and created one of the most sensitive political situations the board has faced in recent years.

The proponents, who say the town has an obligation to use a proven, safe method of fighting tooth decay, are led by two Delmar dentists, Joseph J. Hart and Gary Nelson.

Dr. Hart said Monday his personal poll shows 28 pediatricians and dentists practicing and/or living in the town are "actively" supporting fluoridation.

For town residents, Hart and Nelson have prepared a new set of petitions, which are available in their dental offices. Hart says it's important that citizens who favor fluorida-

tion make their viewpoints known. "The opponents are obviously doing so," he says.

In fact, the opponents are working hard. Their spokesman, Laurel Cahill, said Monday, her Bethlehem Safe Water Association has begun a new round of petitioning. "We hadn't planned to do that, but we found out the pro-fluoridation petitions were out."

Much of Mrs. Cahill's efforts are directed at lining up speakers for the Feb. 4 meeting. So far, she said, three speakers are set: Dr. Lennart Crook, a veterinarian from Cornell University; Dr. Irwin Sperber, an expert on health and nutrition from the State University at New Paltz, and John Zett, the mayor of New Paltz, which last year rejected fluoridation of that town's water supply.

In addition, she said, she will have letters from two dentists in Newburgh, which fluoridated its water in 1954, saying they can see no impact on the teeth of that city's population.

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A Bethlehem police officer observing traffic on Delaware Ave., Elmsmere, at 3:15 a.m. Saturday put his patrol car into high gear when he clocked a westbound car at 59 in a 40-mile zone. Officer Wayne LaChappelle said the car hit 64 near Oakwood Pl., went into a skid as it approached Four Corners, barely made the turn onto Kenwood Ave. and reached a speed of 65 before the officer halted the driver on Kenwood Ave.

Mark D. Wilken, 21, of 627 Kenwood Ave., Slingerlands, was given a breath test and was issued five traffic tickets, including two for speeding and one for driving while intoxicated, police said.

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Taxpayers given 2-day extension

Town of Bethlehem property owners will have an extra two days to beat the deadline on their 1981 local real estate taxes. That's because the normal deadline of Jan. 31 falls on a Saturday this year.

Receiver of Taxes Kenneth P. Hahn says payments will be honored through 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at Bethlehem Town Hall. He will also honor payments received by mail Tuesday, Feb. 3, without penalty.

New Scotland property owners, however, will not get an extension. Tax Collector Edita Probst will be at the New Scotland Town Hall Saturday from 10 to 3:30 to receive payments.

Taxpayers wishing to defer payment beyond the published deadlines will incur a penalty charge of one percent through February and 1½ percent through March. All taxes unpaid by March 31 are required to be turned over to the Albany County director of finance for late collection, effective April 2.

Dawn's early light

An American flag was stolen from the yard of a Pine St. residence in Elsmere in the early hours of Sunday, according to Bethlehem police.



Thomas S. McPheeters

Spotlight names a new editor

Thomas S. McPheeters, an 11-year veteran of daily newspaper reporting and editing, has been named editor of *The Spotlight*, succeeding Nathaniel A. Boynton, who will continue with the paper as senior editor.

In announcing the changes, Publisher Richard A. Ahlstrom said he is "confident that the team of two experienced newspapermen on our staff will enable *The Spotlight* to continue to deliver professional, lively coverage of the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland and the village of Voorheesville."

McPheeters joined *The Spotlight* in October as associate editor. A native of St. Louis, Mo., he was suburban editor at *The Times Record* in Troy prior to coming to *The Spotlight*. He also worked as a reporter in Troy and at the Lorain, Ohio, *Journal*.

A resident of Albany, McPheeters is active in neighborhood revitalization efforts in the city and is a member of the board of directors of the Capital Hill Improvement Corp.

Boynton became editor-publisher of *The Spotlight* in 1975 after a 35-year career as a reporter, editor, political columnist and free-lance writer. He began his newspaper career as Massena bureau correspondent of the *Watertown Daily Times* in 1940 and

was named sports editor and wire editor of the *Geneva Daily Times* in 1946. He joined the Albany bureau of the Associated Press in 1951 as an editor and legislative correspondent. He served 19 years with General Electric Co. as an editor and executive speechwriter before becoming a free-lance writer. He has been a resident of New Scotland for 23 years.

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State aid cut has board up in arms

Gov. Carey's proposal to trim state aid to Bethlehem schools by \$197,000 or 6.37 percent has — predictably — raised the hackles of school board members.

At last Wednesday's board meeting, Bertold Weinberg assailed Carey's approach to the distribution of state aid to education. He accused the governor of proposing a sizable cutback so the district would feel it "had won a great victory" if it ended up "save harmless" (at the same aid level as in the previous year) — at a time of rapidly rising costs.

Weinberg stressed that the board is in no way "abdicating its responsibility to budget," but expressed anger that the state continues to mandate additional responsibilities for public schools without additional aid.

"All the mandates are in themselves laudable," he said, "but they all require a higher expenditure with no additional aid." The money must come from the local property owner, he observed.

Supt. Lawrence Zinn said he knows of about 20 bills in the legislature's hopper that

would exempt various groups from property taxes — all of which would affect the Bethlehem school district "negatively."

Board President Bernard Harvity said, "People in the community should let their legislators know that they know what is going on" and what they don't like. He added, "The board really has little flexibility in the budget."

Carey's proposal follows a plan put forward by the state Board of Regents in December which would drop Bethlehem's 1981-82 state aid share by 3 percent. Both proposals would take money from richer districts, like Bethlehem, in order to give more aid to poorer districts.

Weinberg said the district in the past five or so years has ended up save harmless or has seen a small increase when state aid was handed out. The state allocation is usually finalized in April, and the district must make an assumption about the aid figure in its budgeting.

The discussion prompted board member Robert Zick to unleash a volley at local newspapers' coverage of legis-

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tion. "You can find out who's been raped or stabbed, but not what's going on in government," he said.

A representative of the Bethlehem Family Organization, a Middle School association of parents and teachers, interjected that the organization has had little luck in obtaining copies of bills before the legislature that would affect education, that "people don't realize they're not getting their tax dollars back." Zinn said he could provide summaries of the bills to the organization.

Harvith said the aid cut proposed by Carey would mean about \$3 on the local tax rate. He added, "we should get at least a 10 percent increase, with inflation at 12 percent."

Board member John Clyne noted that the most recent bills he had reviewed for the district included \$94,000 for heating fuel and \$7,000 for gasoline, clearly implying that costs are soaring.

With the squeeze on, the board is getting set for the annual budgeting battle. Feb. 18 will be the first scheduled budget work session at the board's regular business meeting. After that, the board plans to meet every Wednesday to thrash out a 1981-82 budget. These sessions are public. At each board meeting, the agenda includes time for public comment or questions.

In his report to the board, Wednesday Zinn noted that some deficiencies listed by fire safety inspectors at district schools were because of vandalism — for example, missing exit signs and emergency light units. Zinn reported that the district has responded to all the inspectors' findings in the state-mandated annual inspection.

Zinn also reported that the district has again received a state citation for pupil transportation safety.

Harvith raised another issue: "could we insure that a child is not required to participate in athletics the night before an exam?" High School Principal Charles Gunner said sports scheduling is done by the Suburban Council, and he agreed to put the question to the league.

Zick said dryly, "in the old days, we had to know the stuff before the night before."

Caroline Terenzini

Art from ice and snow

The Bethlehem Lions Club will sponsor a snow sculpture contest for family groups and organizations as part of the town's 1981 Winter Carnival, scheduled for Feb. 14 at the Elm Avenue Park in Delmar.

The contest will be open to groups in the Town of Bethlehem. Winners will receive a \$50 prize and runners-up will receive \$25.

Groups may enter at the park office at the Elm Avenue

Park between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., weekdays. Deadline for entries is 4 p.m., Feb. 10. Each group will be assigned a site, either at the Town Park on Elm Avenue or at Town Hall.

Sculptures must be constructed of ice and/or snow and must be at least 36 inches in height. There will be two categories: family groups and organizations, and there must be at least three entrants in a category for that portion of the contest to be held.

Construction may begin immediately following the

entry deadline and judging will be conducted from 2:30 to 3 p.m., Feb. 4. Prizes will be awarded at 3 p.m.

Meeting at Slingerlands

The Slingerlands P.T.A. will sponsor a meeting of the Bethlehem Central School Board at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, at the Slingerlands Elementary School. The district's Foreign Language Department will make a presentation.

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Winter Carnival schedule listed

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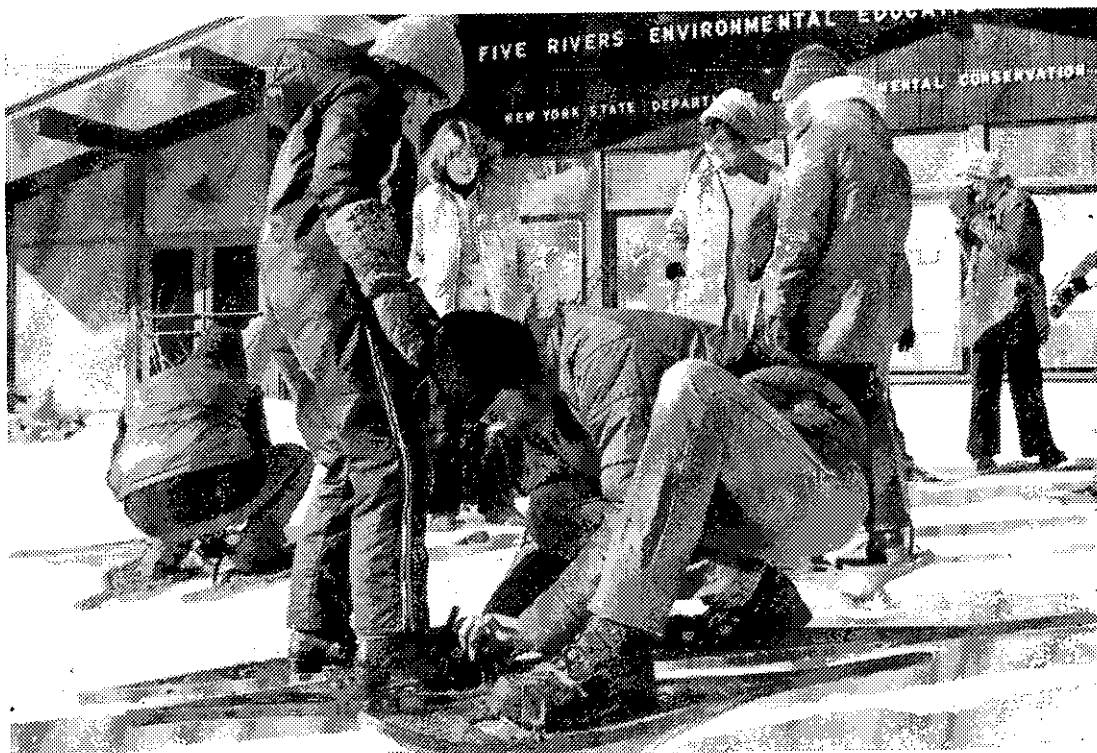
Weary of trying to outguess the weather, carnival planners are shooting for one date this year. The event will be held at the Elm Avenue Park in Delmar, and is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Central School District.

This year's carnival is the sixth annual event in the Town of Bethlehem, but the tradition of Winter Carnivals is much older. The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 of the American Legion has been conducting ice skating races for the area's children for many years, both at Herrick's Pond and at Von Ronne's Pond.

Each year, all community organizations are invited to participate by sponsoring and coordinating winter events.

Following is a list of carnival events:

- Noon: Members of the Capital Area Ski Touring Association will present a Cross-Country Ski Clinic.



The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center continues its winter activities with a workshop on snowshoeing Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Here center Director Alan Mapes adjusts equipment for a young beginner. The center plans a family winter festival that afternoon.

Interested persons should bring their equipment for a "working clinic."

- 12:30 p.m.: Skaters from the Achilles Figure Skating Club will present an ice skating show.

- 1 p.m.: The Snow King and Queen will be crowned. Details on this contest, which

will be conducted at the Bethlehem Central High School by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, are available at the high school, with preliminary voting scheduled for February 4; final voting on Feb. 11.

- 1:15 p.m.: Ice Skating Races, sponsored by the

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• 2:30-3 p.m.: Judging will be conducted in the Snow Sculpture Contest, sponsored by the Bethlehem Lions Club. Entry deadline for the contest is Feb. 10; and the competition is open to family groups and organizations.

• 6:30-9 p.m.: The Bethlehem Elks Club will sponsor a Moonlight Skating party, complete with hot chocolate and music for skaters.

Family festival planned

A winter festival of outdoor activities is planned for Saturday, Feb. 7 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar.

Activities for all age groups will be held both indoors and out. The afternoon program schedule includes workshops on cross-country skiing, winter back-packing, orienteering, ice-fishing, winter birds, a snowman contest and ski and snowshoe races. Guided interpretive walks on the Center's trails will also run continuously throughout the afternoon, and refreshments will be available.

Participants should bring cross-country skis as there are no rentals at the Center.

Shots fired at house

Five shots from a .22 rifle went through a living room window of a residence on Stovepipe Rd., Clarksville, last Tuesday, according to an Albany County sheriff's department report. A vehicle in the driveway also was hit, deputies said, but there were no injuries.

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Code changes pass; petitioners worried

The Bethlehem Planning Board has completed its proposed changes in the town zoning code, but the Glenmont residents whose petition sparked the review say they're concerned that the town has lost sight of the original issue.

"They're not addressing the intent of the petition," said Susan Filipp of the Colonial Acres subdivision, a representative of the 300 persons who signed the document asking for AA-Residential zoning

for parts of Glenmont. "The intent of the upgraded zoning is to prevent the construction of duplex and apartment developments in the basically rural area."

"I think their attention to the entire problem instead of just spot planning is good," she continued, but still expressed her disappointment at the town's lack of response to the Glenmont question.

On the other hand, the can of worms opened by the

petitioners will have a widespread effect on the overall zoning and future development of multiple family dwelling units in the Town of Bethlehem as officials proceed to attack the issue with a rewriting of the zoning ordinance.

Last week the Planning Board agreed to send their recommendations to the Town Board for approval. These recommendations included a package of related issues including:

- The creation of a new residential district, called "AB" Residence District, which would include two, three and four-family dwellings as well as all uses currently established for "A" Residential Districts.

- A revision of the setback averaging requirements so that new subdivisions need not comply with the existing requirements. However, new construction in established residential areas would still be required to use the current setback averaging procedure.

- The adoption of a site-plan review and approval procedure which would apply to all commercial, industrial, two, three and four-family and multi-family residential projects. The specific requirements of the site plan review will be worked out in the near future.

The Planning Board recommended that the Town Board consider the above proposals first and get them into the zoning ordinance as soon as possible.

In addition, the Planning Board sent the following proposals to the Town Board for consideration:

- Classification of residential dwellings into separate categories for single-family, two-family, three and four family and more than four family. The code currently does not classify buildings by number of dwelling unit, and the board said the new classes will make it easier to deal with projects on an individual basis.

- Eliminate 3 and 4 family dwellings from the Residence "A" and "AR" districts as uses permitted by Special Exception.

- Evaluate the entire existing "B" Residence District and re-designate certain portions, as appropriate, into a combination of "A" Residence and "AB" Residence Districts.

- Revise permitted uses in Commercial "CCC" and "CC" Districts to include, as permitted, two-family, three and four family, and multi-family dwellings with the provision that they be subject to site plan review and Planning Board approval.

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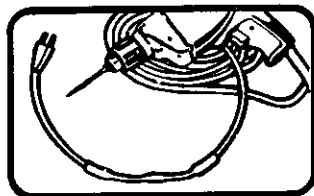
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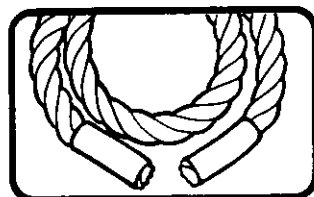
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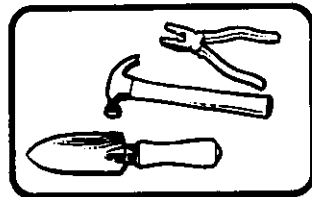


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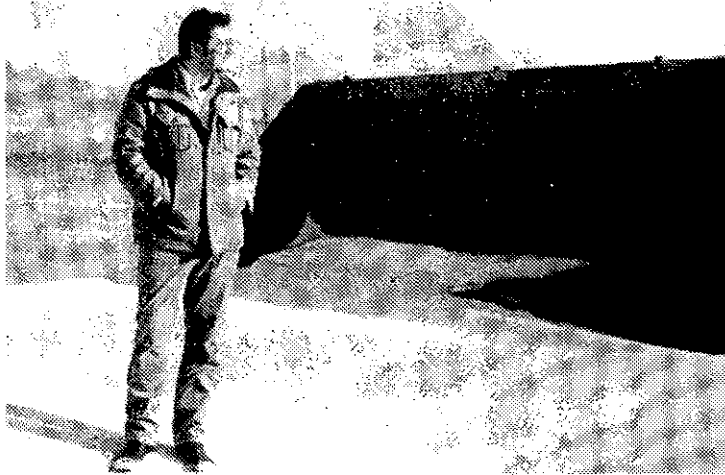
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Spotlight photos

Water shortage may bring bans

If the current dry spell continues into the spring, Bethlehem water users could be saddled with mandatory rationing.

"We're still a long way from that point, but it's something we've got to think about," said Paul Wagner, superintendent of the Bethlehem Water Dept. after receiving the weekly report on the diminishing level of the town's reservoir in the town of New Scotland.

As of Tuesday morning, the level stood at 379.3 feet, less than a foot and half from the lowest measurement on record. That was 377.9 feet in February, 1966; the low point of the drought of 1964-65.

Wagner said the town's overall consumption had decreased since the town board placed restrictions on watering lawns and gardens three years ago. Although officials would not venture predictions, it is virtually certain that a sprinkling ban would be the least of the restrictions to be imposed

when warm weather comes, barring a wet spring season.

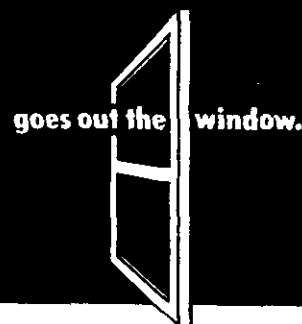
Other steps that could be taken by the town board would be an appeal to residents to voluntarily cut consumption in various ways — bricks in the toilet bowl, 60-second showers, etc.

The next step would be a ban on washing cars and filling swimming pools. After that would come the most drastic step of all — allocation of water to individual meters based on 1979-80 household consumption. That system was successful during California's unprecedented drought of several years ago.

Fines would penalize violators of a ban on car washes and pools, but the penalty for excess usage of metered rationing would be a rate increase so punitive that it would discourage consumption over the assigned quota.

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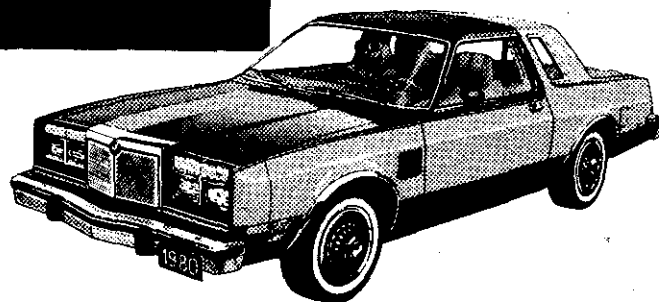
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In keeping with this philosophy, Mrs. Williams has carefully chosen materials and activities to promote the child's intellectual, social, emotional and physical development.

A typical day would include a "verbal expression" circle, music, stories, a creative art activity and perhaps a cook-

ing experiment. For the four-year-old, these are times for self-discovery and growth. Play provides a child with opportunities to exercise his imagination while he finds out who he is, what he can do and how to relate to other people, things and situations.

In addition to providing the children with these growth experiences, this co-operative nursery school also affords the parents many opportunities to participate in the curriculum. At least one parent assists the teacher in each session. In this way, each instructor is able to work with small groups of children, giving more individualized attention.

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Teacher Carolyn Williams keeps the attention of these youngsters at Community Nursery School of Voorheesville. *On the cover:* Kelly Link and Matthew Pilatzke concentrate on the picture at hand.

Voorheesville News Notes

Maryann Malark 765-4392

Voorheesville High School's juniors and seniors in search of information on their chosen professions will travel with Guidance Director Ken George to Career Day at the Mohawk Mall, Schenectady. Representatives from several fields of business and industry will be available to answer questions all day, Thursday, Jan. 29.

Escalating food and milk prices combined with reduced reimbursements from the Federal Government make it necessary for the Voorheesville Central School District

to adjust cafeteria prices effective Feb. 2. School officials say the federal government has also decreased financial support for the reduced price lunches, forcing the schools to increase the price from 10 to 20 cents.

New federal income guidelines for all reduced price lunches will be published as soon as they are received by the school district. Families currently in the program do not need to reapply, but the school district is mandated to check all applications for continued eligibility under the new figures. If you have any questions regarding the lunch program, please call the high school at 765-3314, or the elementary school at 765-2382. The new prices are: student lunch, Junior-Senior

High School, 65 cents; elementary school, 60 cents; student milk, 10 cents; ala carte items, 35 cents; dessert, 20 cents; roll, 15 cents; and ice cream, 20 cents.

The Community Nursery School of Voorheesville has announced that registration for the 1981-1982 school year will begin Tuesday, Feb. 3. Applications will be available at the Social Hall of the Voorheesville Methodist Church. All applications must be mailed or hand-delivered to registration chairman Diane Relyea, P.O. Box 588, 10 Pleasant St., Voorheesville, before 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14. The public is invited to an open board meeting that same

evening at 8 p.m. in the Methodist Church, at which time a lottery will be held to determine registration. For more information contact Diane Relyea 765-3681 or Maryann Malark 765-4392.

Historical group meets

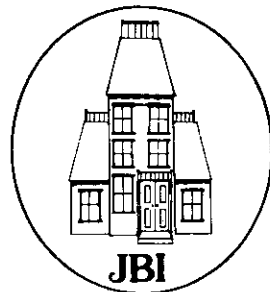
The Town of New Scotland Historical Assn. will meet on Feb. 3 at 8 at the center in New Salem. There will be a guest speaker and refreshments will be served. Anyone interested is welcome.

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Bethlehem Central School District spent \$79,357 during the 1979-80 school year to keep its 28 buses in fuel. "Bethlehem is a very good example of a suburban district with its own buses," says Creighton.

Bethlehem also happens to be where Creighton lives and works. When he left the state Department of Transportation in 1965 to start his own consulting firm, Roger Creighton Associates, Creighton decided not to settle in a larger city.

His compact, 12-man office on Delaware Ave in Delmar is centrally located enough; computers, which are the tools of the transportation planning trade, can be reached by telephone from remote terminals. And, says Creighton, "I stayed because I like the area."

Bethlehem and Queensbury, in rural Warren County, were selected for the study on the basis of questionnaires they

completed, and because both keep complete records on their school bus costs.

Less than 10 districts in the state now use any form of computer-assisted bus scheduling, according to the energy authority. The seven-month, \$49,931 study is designed to determine whether the use of computers can improve scheduling efficiency, thus saving fuel and equipment costs.

"We estimate that an energy savings of between 15 and 25 percent can be realized through a combination of computer routing and alternative busing policies," James L. Larocca, chairman of the authority, said in a prepared statement. He estimated that the overall savings state-wide could range from \$5.3 million and 5.3 million gallons of gas to \$8.75 million and 8.75 million gallons of gas.

Using computers to find solutions to extremely complicated transportation problems is Creighon's specialty. The computer, he points out, merely allows the researcher to make calculations with a large number of variables — everything from the number of cars available to the businesses served. A computer can handle that easily, producing not only a picture of the current economic picture but also projections for the future, he says.

For school transportation, of course, the variables are quite different. For instance, while the initial cost of diesel buses is higher than for

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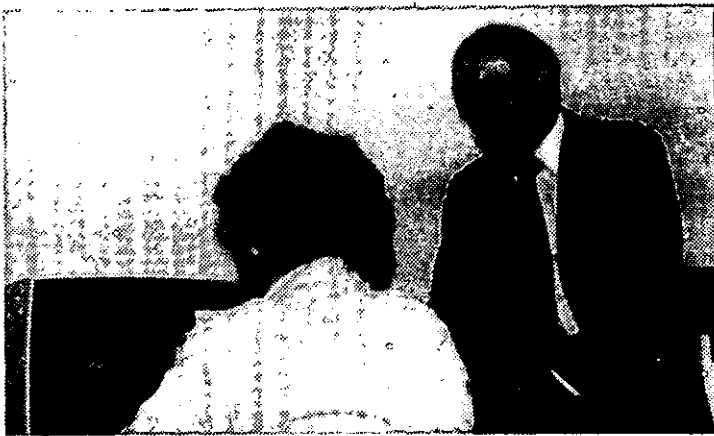
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Roger Creighton looks on as Richard Green checks a program on the firm's new computer, which will be used to prepare the school transportation study. *Spotlight*

gasoline-powered buses, diesel maintenance and costs are generally lower — is it economical to switch over?

Some variables, however, involve more than numbers. "Alternative busing policies" could result in some students who now ride to school walking; one of Creighton's tasks is to show school districts the relative costs of transporting students various distances. Whether the boards would adopt all of cost savings in this touchy issue remains to be seen.

Creighton plans to complete his work in March or April, and the state will draw up a plan for all school districts this summer. Should the results prove promising enough, a second project to help districts computerize their routing procedures would be undertaken, according to Larocca.

Fitness course for teens

A new teenage fitness course for students in sixth grade and older will be held at the Bethlehem Central Middle School Boys Gym, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursdays, beginning Feb. 6.

Pre-registration for the course sponsored by the town Parks and Recreation Department is required and can be made at the Elm Avenue Park Office, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays. There is a \$10 fee and class size is limited to 30 participants. The program is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District.


The program will emphasize physical conditioning to music, including rock, disco and jazz, and each class will spend part of its time in discussion on body control,

skin care, make-up, total relaxation and learning how to feel good and improve self-image.

Music at DAR

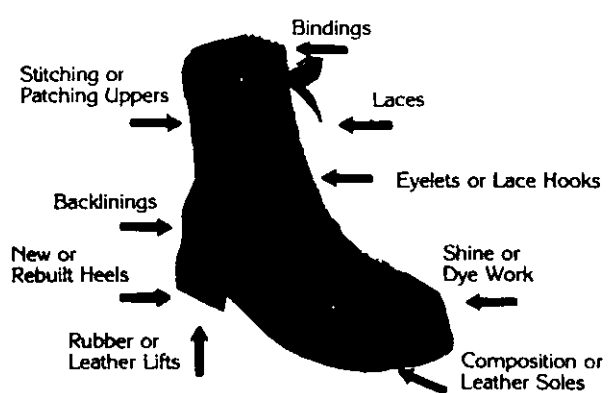
Mohawk Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its 86th anniversary dinner at the Normanside Country Club at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31. A musical program will be presented by Ruth Woodin Baumbach, violinist, Janet Stasio, soprano, and Mark Baumbach, pianist.

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BUSINESS

Spotlight expands advertising staff

Judy Arbour of Voorheesville and Mary Carol Powers of Slingerlands have been appointed sales representatives in the *Spotlight's* display advertising department. They began their new duties this week.

Publisher Richard A. Ahlsrom also announced that Joan Serfaty of Delmar, who joined the advertising staff a year ago, has resigned preparatory to moving to Pittsfield, Mass., where her husband, a chemist with the General Electric Co. in Selkirk, has been named a technical marketing manager.

Judy Arbour's name is associated with aerobic danc-

ing, a form of rhythmic exercise she has popularized in the Voorheesville area since moving here from Baltimore, Md. five years ago. She plans to resume teaching classes in July in addition to her sales activities at the newspaper.

A native of Maine, she is the former Judy Weymouth. After graduating from Gates Business College in Augusta, Me., she worked as a medical secretary for three years. She married Hector Arbour of Augusta and the couple lived in Lowell, Mass., Middletown, Conn. and Wakefield, R.I. before moving to Baltimore. Hector Arbour is an associate manager for Travelers Insurance Co., Albany, and serves as village justice in Voorheesville. They have three children, Nicole, 14;



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Richard Clark



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David, 11, and Renay, 10.

Mary Powers graduated from Bryam Hills High School, Armonk, and attended SUNY Purchase and Western Connecticut State College. She has also lived in Montana and Connecticut.

Joan Serfaty grew up in Indiana and was a French instructor at Purdue University before her marriage. She is also an expert calligrapher. She and her husband, William, have a son, Gregory, 7.

Chamber board to meet

Members of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hear a presentation by Edward Sargent, chairman of the town planning board, at a meeting Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. in Room 106, Bethlehem town hall. Sargent will outlined proposed zoning changes and their effect on local businessmen.

Tax tips on tape

Federal income tax instructions on cassette tape prepared by the Internal Revenue Service are now available at the Bethlehem Public Library.

The tapes can be checked out like books and used at home, or used in the Library. They contain step-by-step guidelines for the preparation of Federal Tax Forms 1040 and 1040A as well as instructions for completing Schedules A and B, the two most commonly used with the 1040. Taxpayers report itemized deductions and income from interest and dividends on these schedules. Extra copies of Federal and New York State tax forms are available at the Library's Tax Information Center.

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"Results for the quarter, and for the year, were substantially below the 1979

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Diane McGloin

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Mr. and Mrs. John D. McGloin, of Pine Island, N.Y. announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane, to William Harold Clarke, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Clarke, of Delmar.

Miss McGloin is currently a sophomore at SUNY at Plattsburgh, where she is majoring in elementary education.

Mr. Clarke, a 1974 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, served in the U.S. Army with the Project Ahead Program in Germany and is now a senior at SUNY at Plattsburgh, majoring in History and Philosophy.

The wedding will be June 6 in Pine Island.

O'Connor-Evans

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. O'Connor of 5 Brightonwood Rd., Glenmont, announce the engagement of their daughter Nancy to John J. Evans IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Evans, III of Cold Spring Harbor.

The bride-to-be graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1974 and from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1979. She is a civil engineer with Fairchild Republic Co., Farmingdale, N.Y. Evans is a graduate of Lawrenceville in 1974 and Syracuse University in 1978, and is a leasing officer at Baybank Finance and Leasing Co., Burlington, Mass. The wedding is planned for June 6.

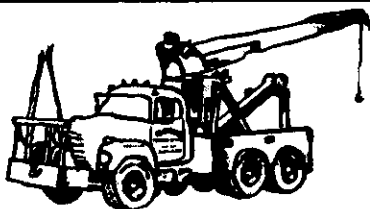
Fireworks in car

Bethlehem police arrested Edward N. Roach, 19, of Coeymans Hollow on Rt. 144, Glenmont, at 4 a.m. Saturday and charged him with unlawful possession of fireworks found in his car.



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Shop Talk

by Judi James

Right in the center of Delmar, at number 67 Adams Place, is an antique shop patronized by people from all over the world. It is "The Sign of the Coffee Mill", a big square house with an inviting porch and a hitching horse at the foot of the steps. It is a house of heritage.

Thirty-eight years ago, Jeanne Adams and her husband Fred Van Hoesen (both natives of Delmar) began a hobby which has led to a lucrative business. "It probably began with me, when my grandfather gave me a fine piece of Faberge," Jeanne told us. "I began reading and collecting. My library now is very sizeable...and as for antiques..." she waved her hand toward the rooms, which are filled with fine furniture, china, crystal and silver. It is an awesome sight!

Throughout the big house, on three floors, and on out into the large carriage house at the rear of the property, one finds exquisite French pieces, sturdy Early American and primitive, and items from the Victorian era. In discussing trends, Jeanne told us that oak, which has gained popularity with the young collectors, is not very prevalent in her shop. She does have a great demand for marble-topped tables and chests. There is an increasing interest in Chinese items as well.

Because of the great selection in fine glass (many cranberry pieces), Tiffany and silver, customers come to the Van Hoesens for special wedding and anniversary gifts.

We discussed silver. Fred and Jeanne commented that, when the price of silver was peaking, people came in droves. That has dropped off, of course, but they feel it will always be a good investment. (Incidentally, it's comforting to know that the Sign of the Coffee Mill is highly protected by an alarm system which includes a siren on the roof!)

"In the early days," Jeanne told us, "we would take the car and trailer and go throughout New England, out to Ohio and Indiana and down into Pennsylvania and Connecticut to do our buying. At that point \$50 would garner many fine items — hardly so today!

"But today our business is self generating. We have calls to appraise households of furnishings. We buy only authentic pieces and never buy reproductions. We simply do not handle chipped nor damaged things."

We were interested in their customers, who seem to come from all over. Some American and Dutch silver has gone to a buyer from the Netherlands. Some primitive and some Shaker furniture has been purchased by a customer in Hawaii, and some lovely china — including Bavarian — was purchased by a customer in Alaska.

"Our neighbors are wonderful too," mused Jeanne.

"They buy from us...and we buy from them. Sometimes when we have sold them a piece of furniture and they are moving and no longer need it...we buy it right back. That's the great thing about antiques — they increase in value with age."

Jeanne Adams Van Hoesen is a great-great granddaughter of Nathaniel Adams, founder of Adamsville which

later became Delmar. More than fifty years ago her father, Earl C. Adams, founded the Adams Hardware Store. Following in her father's footsteps, it seems only natural that Jeanne should be in the retail business. And now, Jan Van Hoesen (a 13th generation member of the family) and his lovely wife Betsy have joined Jeanne and Fred Van Hoesen in their business.

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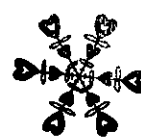
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Sat., Jan. 31	Boys' Basketball, Niskayuna, away 1:00 Gymnastics, Burnt Hills at Shaker, 7:00
Tues., Feb. 3	Boys' Basketball, Columbia, home 8:30 Volleyball, Scotia, away 3:45 Wrestling, Saratoga, away 6:00
Wed., Feb. 4	Volleyball, Niskayuna, home 3:45 Swimming, Albany, away 4:00 Girls' Basketball, Guilderland, away 8:00

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Eagle five split home and away

A win over Columbia on the road and a home loss to Burnt Hills gave the Bethlehem Central girls' basketball team an even split last week and a 2-3 record in the Suburban Council. Mary Howell, senior forward, meshed 20 points in the 49-44 triumph at East Greenbush, but missed the Burnt Hills contest. Sandy Schelmerdine, a junior, took up some of the slack with 18 points in the 54-42 setback Friday.

Other contributors on Coach Ken Hodge's combine are senior center Liz Grieco, who pitched in 12 points at

Columbia; Michelle Fiato, junior playmaker, and Paola Castaldo and Kathy McNamara, sophomores who alternate in the other forward slot. Nancy Davis, a junior, alternates at center with Grieco, and Michelle Brooks and Karen Bruni see spot duty up front. Jodi Gates, a senior, is a good outside shooter against zone defenses. Kim Wilcox, a senior, is a backup playmaker, and Mary Nyilis is a junior guard and sophomore Diane Wellbrock can play in the front court as well as back court.

Tennis clinic offered

A series of tennis clinics for adults beginning Monday, Feb. 2 will be held at Bethlehem Central High School. The program, sponsored by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District.

Tom Kurkjian, tennis coach for the Voorheesville Central High School tennis team, will be instructor for the eight-week series. There is a limit of eight students per session, with beginners meeting from 8 to 9 p.m. Mondays; advanced beginners meeting from 9 to 10 p.m.; and intermediate players meeting from 10 to 11 p.m. The fee is \$12 per student and registration can be made at the park office.

Indian guides recruiting

The winter recruitment of new Indian Guides and Princesses will be held at Bethlehem Library, Friday, Jan. 30 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Indian Guides are open to boys 5-8 and their fathers, and Indian Princesses are open to girls 5-8 and their fathers. Tribes of four to eight fathers and their children are formed around school and neighborhood groupings. Meetings are held in members' homes and include programs of games, songs, crafts and storytelling. Weekend outings also are planned. For information call Charles P. Scholes, chief of the Delmar Y-Guides Longhouse, 439-7759.

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Al Tinsman, Steve Essex and Joe Conway had two pins and a decision in the three engagements. J. B. Rodgers and Al Marwill had a pin and two decisions each. Winning three matches by decision were Paul Callanan and Jeff Herrmann.

New minister named

Rev. Richard E. Lake, pastor of the Reformed Church of Canajoharie for the past nine years, has been appointed pastor of the Third Reformed Church at 20 TenEyck Ave., Albany, and will preach his first sermon on Sunday.



Bethlehem Central's Steve Essex, in the black tights, tries to throw his opponent in the Shaker match. Essex won by a decision.
Tim Haverly

Burglary probed

Albany County sheriff's deputies are looking for the burglar or burglars who forced a garage door on the side of a dwelling on Swift Rd., town of New Scotland, and ransacked the house last Thursday. The loot, consisting of cameras and camera equipment, cassette deck, TV set, binoculars and a gold diamond ring, was valued at \$1,500.

Driver injured

Linda M. Adams, 37, of 2 Circle Dr., Voorheesville, was treated and released at St. Peter's Hospital after the car she was driving skidded off Rt. 85A east of Picard Rd. and struck a pole. The sheriff's office placed the time of the accident at 3:58 a.m. Saturday.

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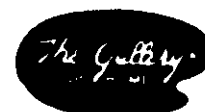
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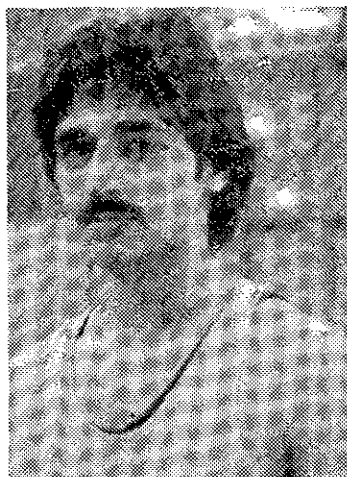
You'd never know these Blackbirds!

Any resemblance between Voorheesville Central's varsity basketball team and the quintet that endured the first half of the season is purely coincidental.

Coach Mike O'Brien's "new" team began this week with a two-game winning streak, the first time this season they've put victories back to back. They had a day off Tuesday, then blistered Albany Academy by 76-56 in their most productive session of the year.

The Blackbirds atoned for last December's 20-point shellacking at the Academy by whipping the Cadets by the same big margin. They did it with a record-breaking second half, scoring 49 points to Academy's 23.

"It was really something," marvelled O'Brien. "All 10 are playing good ball. We had our best week of practice, a lot of spirit. The second five are making the starters hustle. It's as though the kids decided they're tired of taking lumps."



Jim Riviello

The way they played Friday they would have gone through anybody in the league."

For a while it didn't look that way. Academy built a 16-12 first-quarter lead into a six-point margin, 33-27, at the half. In the locker room O'Brien made an adjustment in the full-court press he had employed the whole first half. He moved several players to different spots and it paid off as the Blackbirds went on a 22-point rampage while re-

stricting the Cadets to six. They forced a dozen turnovers, Jim Riviello picking up eight points on outright theft.

The same thing happened in the final period as the Blackbirds manhandled the Cadets by 27-17. It was the best game of Riviello's career. The quick-handed senior pumped in 22 points, sophomore Mike Lewis had 20, and Adam Nendza, the team's wild-card sparkplug, added 15.

This week's card had a Tuesday game at Ravena and a return match with Cohoes at home Friday. If the boys stay loose, the league leaders will be wishing they'd never seen Voorheesville.

Anagrams, anyone?

Bethlehem police are looking for the culprit who stole six letters from the sign in front of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. The letters selected by the thief were two U's and a T, H, R and N.

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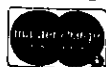
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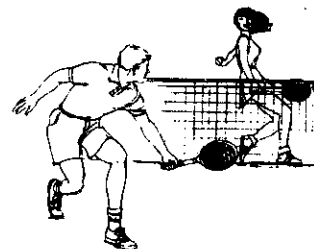
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Tri-Village Nursery School opened for its first class of pre-schoolers in July, 1946 and, over the ensuing years,

has striven to provide nursery education to children of the community. Any child who will celebrate his or her third birthday before Dec. 1 is eligible to enroll. Openings also exist in the 4-year-old class.

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The program is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District and pre-registration is required. There is a \$10 fee and a limit of 30 participants. Pre-registration can be made at the park office, Elm Avenue Park, Delmar, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

According to Parks and Recreation Administrator Phil Maher, the program will feature positive aspects of healthy living and teach participants to be sensitive to their own bodies. The students will learn new attitudes toward fitness, and dance to country, rock, disco, jazz and big band sounds.

Art show planned

Members of the Bethlehem Art Assn. have been asked to bring entries for the group's annual juried art show to Bethlehem Public Library

tonight (Thursday) between 7 and 9 p.m. and Friday, Jan. 30, between 4 and 6 p.m. New members are welcome to enter upon payment of dues and entry fee. The art show will be on display at the library through February. The association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 at the library. Helen St. Clair, Delmar artist, will demonstrate unusual techniques with mixed media. For information, call Dale Crisafulli, 439-4161, or Jan Thalheimer, 439-5051.

Legion project ready

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 of Delmar with the Albany County American Legion will present to the Upper Hudson Library Federation a supply of the Legion publication, "Let's be Right on Flag Etiquette," for distribution to public libraries in Albany and Rensselaer Counties. The presentation will take place at the monthly meeting of the Albany County American Legion scheduled for tonight (Thursday) at 8 at Blanchard Post. It will be made by Albany County Commander Dorothy Mills of Albany and Blanchard Post Commander Philip J. Giaccone, Jr.

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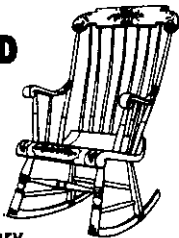
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A call for drug awareness

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a 1971 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, a concerned resident of Delmar, and director of a drug treatment - counseling program, I am appalled at the lack of awareness reflected in the drug policy of the Bethlehem Central School District. For a community that has so much going for it, I am astounded at the disparaging

lack of resources for those individuals who are drug involved. With the universal understanding that drug and alcohol abuse is symptomatic of underlying emotional difficulties, why is there no concerted effort for identifying and treating those in need? Certainly this should be an integral part of any policy concerning drug usage and young people.

The withholding of names is paramount to supporting and protecting those students, who through their behavior, are removed from the community is ludicrous and only supports the unhealthy attitude of denial and lack of responsibility for this problem. Solutions are not found through deliberations of determining who is ultimately responsible. Solutions evolve

through concerted understanding effort. In communities with far less resources, both financially and intellectually, programs and policies have been successfully implemented indicating the concern for a child who is drug/alcohol abusive.

It is of critical importance that the community of Bethlehem, its schools and government, begin to address the prevalent problem of drug abuse amongst our youth.

Emily Segerstrom

Delmar

Role of volunteers

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Delmar Progress Club thanks you for the well-written article by Betty Parry in your holiday issue. Eighty years of existence is a proud record for any organization to

achieve in this rapidly changing society. We are trying to meet the needs of today's women and serve a meaningful role in Delmar, which we consider a special place to live.

The *Spotlight* has been such an important unifying and communicating key in the area. The publishing of this article has created so much interest and comment that it emphasizes the importance of this paper for our community.

Every volunteer agency seems to be faced with a shortage of people to help them in their work. More and more women are joining the working force for pay and losing interest in volunteer work, so you are serving all those agencies well by honoring volunteers.

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Editor, The Spotlight

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Sororities defended

Editor, The Spotlight:

Once again you will hear about a distraught teenager. I am not distraught because of the actions of my fellow students. I am feeling this way because of a certain accusation that was intended to be general, but ended up being personal. It is not only taken personally by myself, but by every other member of our sorority. The main idea of sororities is sisterhood. When the sorority is accused as a whole for drug use, each individual member feels accused of this activity. This accusation was certainly false.

Even though I am a member of a sorority, I am definitely NOT an amphetamine user, or do I partake in any other drug use. The letter I read on Thursday tended to be misleading. SORORITIES ARE NOT "DOPE-RINGS"! In fact, this is one of the reasons they are so selective.

Perhaps, I should inform

the public about what our sorority actually does. We put on bake sales, car washes and have candy sales. This money gives us the ability to put on our very popular, annual Sweetheart Ball. All the work towards this dance is performed by us girls. We locate a place, hire a band, find chaperones and do the many other things involved in putting on a dance.

We also do charity projects. We have sponsored a child in India, made fruit baskets for others less fortunate than us, contributed canned goods, and donated money to charities.

Kris Kringle, another one of our activities, occurs during Christmas time. It involves the decorating of one of your "sister's" lockers with Christmas decorations. This does not include decorating the locker with "Christmas Trees" (a colloquial term for a type of amphetamine). It is too bad that what is usually considered a good activity is blamed for our high school's

increasing drug problem.

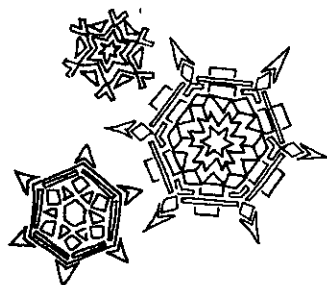
Therefore, even though some people may take the drug rumour as truth, I will still PROUDLY wear my sweatshirt with our sorority emblem on it. To wrongfully accuse any organization, such as a sorority, of being the source of a school-wide drug problem is unjust!

Jane E. Mosher

The letter discussing drug use at Bethlehem Central High School, printed last week in Vox Pop, described an incident involving members of a sorority at the school. The editors wish to note that the letter was not written by the parent of any member, past or present, of the sorority in question.

Ed.

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