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**Delmar Community Orchestra**, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**Bethlehem Junior Women's Club**, second Wednesday, Bethlehem Library. Information, 439-7049 or 439-9555.

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**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.

#### FRIDAYS

**Recovery Inc.**, self-help for former mental patients and those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**Onesquethaw Creek Historic Group** explores the oral history of the area with the help of some long-time residents, Onesquethaw Church, 7:30 p.m.

**Free Income Tax Assistance** for senior citizens and shut-ins, sponsored by Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter of American Association of Retired Persons, community room of Key Bank, 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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**Dinner Dance**, Thomas Reinisch Memorial to benefit Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

**February Sonshine** continues, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1:30-3:15 p.m.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**Movie**, "Cover Girl," Voorheesville Public Library, S. Main St., 1 p.m.

**Antiques Show and Sale**, sponsored by Tawasentha Chapter, D.A.R., with appraisals by John B. Warner II, Bethlehem Central High School, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Saturday Afternoon at the Movies**: "Miles to Go Before I Sleep," with Mackenzie Phillips and Martin Balsam, 2 p.m.

**Vacation Films**, "Cricket in Times Square" and "Charlotte's Web," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

**Bethlehem Historical Association**, program by Cornelia Frisbee-Houde on history of American clothing, Cedar Hill School House, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., 2 p.m.

**February Sonshine** continues, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1:30-3:15 p.m.

**Film**: "The Other Half of the Sky: A China Memoir" (Shirley Mc-

Laine's 1973 trip to China), Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**Antiques Show and Sale**, sponsored by Tawasentha Chapter, D.A.R., with appraisals by John B. Warner II, Bethlehem Central High School, noon-5 p.m.

**Sunday Reading Series**, local novelist and poet Shirley Nelson, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**Refunders Group**, exchange refund forms and coupons, Bethlehem Library, 7-9 p.m. Public invited.

**Helderberg Business and Professional Women's Club** monthly dinner meeting, Heavenly Inn, New Scotland Rd., reservations by Feb. 20, 765-2722.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**Public Hearing** on allocation of federal revenue-sharing funds, Voorheesville village hall, 8 p.m. Regular village board meeting to follow.

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

**Travelogue of the United States and Canada**, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Delmar Camera Club**, workshop on making title slides, Parish Hall, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere Ave. and Poplar Dr., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

# area arts

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

## THEATRE

"Wait Until Dark" (psychological thriller by Frederick Knott), RPI Players, 15th Street Lounge, Troy, **Feb. 19, 20, 21, 8 p.m.** Box office 270-6503.

"Vanities" (Off-Broadway comedy about three girls from cheerleading days to 'the real world'), the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **Feb. 20 and 21, 8 p.m.**, and **Feb. 22, 2 p.m.** Box office 473-3750.

"Working" (musical based on Studs Terkel's book about "what people do all day and how they feel about it"), Nott Memorial Theatre, Union College, Schenectady, **Feb. 20-22 and Feb. 24-March 1, 8 p.m.**, **Feb. 22, 3 p.m.** Box office 370-6153.

"The Mikado" (the Manhattan Savoyards), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, **Feb. 22, 3 p.m.** Box office 273-0038.

"No Exit" (Jean-Paul Sartre's version of hell), Performing Arts Center Laboratory Theatre, State University at Albany, **Feb. 24-28, 8 p.m.** Box office 457-8606.

"The Hostage" (Brendan Behan), Capital Repertory Theatre Company, Page Hall, corner Lake and Western, Albany, **Feb. 18-March 8, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays 8:30 p.m.**, Saturday and Sunday matinees 2:30 p.m.

## MUSIC

Jose Limon Dance Company (modern dance), Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, **Feb. 27 and 28 and March 1** Philharmonic Virtuosi (chamber orchestra), the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **March 7, 8 p.m.** Box office 473-3750.

Oscar Ghiglia (classical guitarist), Foy Campus Center Theatre, Siena College, **Feb. 22, 4 p.m.**

Richard Johnson (blues guitarist), Eight Step Coffee House, 14 Willett St., Albany, **Feb. 20, 8:45 p.m.**

George Shearing Due (piano and string bass) the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany **Feb. 22, 8 p.m.**

James Taylor (singer/songwriter) Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, **Feb. 28, 8 p.m.**

Neil Keen (organist) St. Peters Church, State & Lodge, Albany, **Feb. 22, 3:30 p.m.**

## ART

Ann Sperry Winter Garden (constructions in painted steel), Picotte Gallery, College of Saint Rose, 324 State St., Albany, **Feb. 25 through March 27**, hours Sunday through Friday 12:30-4:30 p.m.

William Gropper (paintings and drawings), Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., **Feb. 23 through March 13**, hours Monday-Friday noon-3 p.m., Mondays 5-9 p.m.

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SOUTH BETHLEHEM

## Rowe documents: a historical treasure surfaces

More than 200 original deeds, letters, diaries, old maps and papers showing sales of slaves that Bethlehem historian Thomas E. (Ed) Mulligan calls "the biggest historical find in the history of the town" have come to light in the tiny hamlet of South Bethlehem.

The documents, found in the homestead of the late Anna K. Rowe (rhymes with now) following her death at 90 last summer, shed new light on the family trees of prominent surnames closely linked to the colonial period under Dutch and British rule.

The historical treasure, covering a span of 210 years from 1716 to 1926, was found in a box locked in a safe under the staircase in the big house on Rt. 396. Mrs. Rowe was the widow of John C. Rowe of South Bethlehem who became a prominent New York City lawyer and politician. He died at 74 in 1946. Mrs. Rowe, who had no children, was the last of the line in the Rowe family, a family that traces its heritage back to the patroon period of 1630 when Albany County became part of a huge serfdom.

The documents have been turned over to the town historian of Bethlehem by Mrs. Rowe's nephew, Charles Knudsen of Kansas City, as a gift to the town. Mulligan has spent the last four months unscrambling the trove and making notes of each document.

"If it weren't for the intellectual and historical curiosity and integrity of Mr. Knudsen, a World War 2



**The Rowe homestead is a landmark in South Bethlehem. It stands on Rt. 396 alongside Onesquethaw Creek.**

senior naval officer and a confidante of President Truman, this important find would have gone to Kansas City, where it would presumably have been given little, if any, recognition," Mulligan said. "The people of Bethlehem owe their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Knudsen and to Rev. Marvin Willard of the South Bethlehem Methodist Church and his wife, Helen, who befriended Mrs. Rowe and Mr. Knudsen on his visits here and who also realized the importance of the documents."

Another historic find in the Rowe homestead, about 40 unsuccessful experiments of Thomas A. Edison's incandescent lamp in the 1870s, have been sent to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington. The invention of the electric light bulb led to the world's first power generating system, and Edison, working in his New Jersey laboratory,

entrusted his experimental prototypes to his friend and lawyer, Charles Eaton of Eaton and Lewis, 44 Broad St., New York to hide so that competitors would not find them. Eaton was instrumental in forming the Edison Electric Co., which later was merged with the two other firms to become the General Electric Co. In 1910 John C. Rowe became the survivor of the firm of Eaton, Lewis and Rowe, the Edison secrets ended up in the attic in rural South Bethlehem.

An excited Mulligan described the documentary discovery this way: "It gives us for the first time the intimate personalized link between the 20 or more families of Bethlehem and the vast Coeymans Patent, and the close relationship of these families to Abraham Yates, Jr. and John Lansing, Jr. Yates and Lansing were instrumental with Gov. George Clinton in draft-

ing the New York State Constitution and influenced the language of the first draft of the federal Constitution."

Most of Albany County was part of a serfdom owned by the patroon Stephen Van Rensselaer under a 1630 Dutch grant. The patroons of that era were absolute masters in their realms, and the 700,000 acres Stephen Van Rensselaer owned reportedly made him the richest man in the world.

The Coeymans Patent was a disputed piece of land south of Fort Orange (Albany), of which several thousand acres had been purchased from the Catskill Indians. The dispute was eventually settled by Queen Anne of England, but not before the long and bitter litigation had involved the Van Rensselaers and other landed families against the Coeymans family.

Mulligan's studies of the Rowe papers have shed new light on that bitter dispute, in which the families of Rensselaerwyck aligned themselves with the other land barons, including Sir William Johnson (today's Johnstown area) and the large Livingston family to the south on the east side of the Hudson. This, says Mulligan, was an alliance against the Yates-Lansing group, which included the Coeymans family, the Beekmans, some Ten Eycks, Waldrons, VanDerZees, Gansevoorts and others. This alignment had claims to the Coeymans Patent and also to lands on the perimeter of the patroonship, including vast holdings at Halfmoon in Saratoga

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Says Mulligan: "The patroon's political henchmen, including Alexander Hamilton, bought out some of these people, but most of them stayed with the stubborn Abraham Yates. It was his brilliant legal mind and his political organization that 'took on' the Albany power structure headed by the wealthy patroons and supported by the Ten Broecks, Gansevoorts, Schuylers, Livingstons and Jacob C. Ten Eyck, the silversmith who was an influential politician."

When the first township lines were drawn in 1793, Bethlehem embraced all of the territory that is now Bethlehem and New Scotland and about three-quarters of what is now the city of Albany. It was carved from the town of Watervliet. To the south was the town of Coeymans.

*Mulligan's account of the land divisions that led to the boundary lines that established the town of Bethlehem in 1793 will appear in the 25th anniversary special issue of the Spotlight next week.*

Bethlehem's first town supervisor was Philip Van Rensselaer, a cousin of the powerful patroon. Philip came from the Fort Crailo area on the east side of the river and was not entitled to the vast wealth and power that came with premogenitor, under which the land grants were passed down by the patroon from one generation to another. Philip built historic Cherry Hill, since annexed by Albany, as his residence, but

died in office in 1798 after serving four years.

His successor was Jacob TenEyck, a direct descendant of the Coeymans Patent TenEycks, who applied the "traditions" of Philip, which were established by the new state and U.S. Constitutions notably the setting up of a school system, a highway system and a form of welfare aid to less fortunate citizens. The most prominent departure from the new federal "freedom" laws was the continuation of slavery, primarily because of the need for manpower.

The Rowe documents represent the third important historic "find" of 1980 in the town of Bethlehem and the most significant because of their volume and detail. The first was the discovery by Mulligan after a five-year search of early town records that the Philip Van Rensselaer who served as Bethlehem's first supervisor was a "poor cousin" of the patroon, and not the Philip VanRensselaer who was the patroon's

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son and the mayor of Albany. The second "find" was about 30 documents in the estate of Alden C. Merrick, Esq. of Albany, including a fragile piece of parchment that deeded in joint ownership in 1804 three parcels that had been leased from the patroons. The parcels in what is now the Rt. 9W area of Glenmont were sold to William Clapper, his sons Peter and David, and to David Burhans and his wife Sally.

That deed and other documents were a gift to the town by Mrs. Marion M. Merrick, aunt of Mrs. W. Gordon (Lee) Morris. These documents provide the signature and identity of the inn owner named in the state law creating the township in 1793. David Burhans in 1819 became Bethlehem's fourth town supervisor.

Among the documents was another yellowed deed, this one by Teunis Van Vechten, the lawyer for Patroon Stephen Van Rensselaer and his wife, Harriet, for a parcel of land leased by the patroon to David and Peter Clapper in 1837. Van Vechten was the attorney for the patroon and Erastus Corning, hand-picked by the patroon to be mayor of Albany at that time. It was the patroon's death in 1839 that triggered the bitter guerilla fighting in the Helderberg area known as the Anti-Rent Wars. This 30-year struggle caused the downfall of the

Whig Party in the United States and led to the founding of today's Republican Party and the end of the domination of the Albany area by the rich land barons that had lasted more than 200 years in this part of the New World.

**Night classes signup**

Registration for the spring program of Continuing Education courses sponsored by the Bethlehem Central School District will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the lobby of Bethlehem Central High School. Forty-seven night courses are being offered from March 2 to May 21. A course schedule with descriptions, times and registration forms was mailed to all residents of the school district with the February school newsletter, "Central Highlights." Copies also are available in all district schools, the Educational Services Center and the Bethlehem Library.

**Guest preacher Sunday**

The First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will welcome Rev. James Rhodes, pastor of the McKnownville United Methodist Church at its 10 a.m. service on Sunday, Feb. 22. The two churches are exchanging ministers that day, and Rev. Sherwood E. Carver, the Voorheesville pastor, will conduct the morning service at the McKnownville church.

**Delmar cadets advance**

George Demetrius Lecakes and Clifford James Marks of Delmar have received promotions within the South Carolina Corps of Cadets at The Citadel, the military college of South Carolina, for the first semester of the 1980-81 school year.

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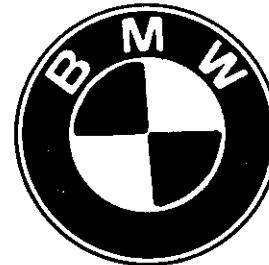
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### Camera club meets

The Delmar Camera Club will hold a workshop on making title slides at the monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 in the parish hall of St. Stephen's Church, Delmar. The competition will be a photo essay of up to 20 slides or prints on a general subject in story form.

### Sugar demonstration

A demonstration of home maple sugaring operations will be offered at Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. The demonstration is

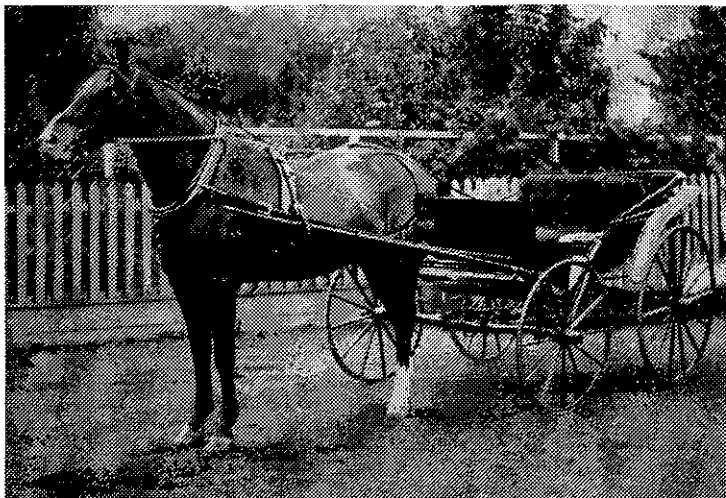
aimed at the homeowner interested in maple sugaring "in the backyard," and is free to the public.

### In college phonathon

Richard D. Hulme, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Hulme of Delmar and a freshman at Hobart College, was one of 250 students to participate in a recent phonathon to raise \$100,000 for the college.

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### SPOTLIGHT

## 'Historical issue' next week

To celebrate its first 25 years, the *Spotlight* will publish a special anniversary issue next week, full of historical articles, photos and features.

The issue will contain articles by Allison Bennett, T.E. (Ed) Mulligan, Nat Boynton, Tom McPheeters, Martha Slingerlands and Madelon Pound Graves along with a score of photos and maps.

Allison Bennett and Ed Mulligan will be writing on the Bethlehem area in the early 19th century. Martha Slingerland will describe the countryside and buildings on an 1870 ride from Unionville to Clarksville on the Albany-Rensselaerville stagecoach. Madelon Pound Graves will take a hypothetical "buggy ride" from Hilton House in New Scotland to the Stonewell area, and on to New Salem with brief side trips on South Rd. and Bullock Rd. in a vehicle like the one pictured above.

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## BETHLEHEM

### Board defers fluoride vote

It may not be quite as world-shaking as "Who shot J.R.?" but for Bethlehem residents concerned about fluoridation, the suspense leading up to Feb. 25 should be just about the same.

That's the date set by the Bethlehem Town Board last week to make a decision on whether to fluoridate the town's water. Since the issue was raised nearly six months ago, pressure has mounted from all sides, making this one of the most politically sensitive decisions the board has faced in years.

The board was scheduled to discuss the results of the Feb. 4 "input session" at its meeting last week, but the comments were muted. Councilman Edward J. Mocker said he would prefer that both the discussion and the vote be put off until the next meeting. "We've had a tremendous volume presented to us to read," he explained. "I'm still getting letters."

Only Supervisor Tom Corrigan indicated any disagreement with Mocker's request. "Frankly, I don't think there's any room for discussion," he said. "My mind's made up." Corrigan has already said he favors fluoridation.

Councilwoman Ruth Bickel provided the only surprise. "I've made up my mind, too," she volunteered at the end of the discussion. She explained that she feels it only fair to reveal her decision at the Feb. 25 meeting, with the other undeclared board members.

### Traffic ticket appealed

An Elsmere resident who was convicted in Bethlehem Town Court of running a stop sign last November has taken the unusual step of appealing the decision to Albany County Court.

David J. Kawalski of 39 Alden Ct. has retained the firm of Walworth, Harding, Welt and Stockton to appeal the \$15 fine. According to papers on file at the town court, Kawalski was stopped Nov. 20 by Bethlehem Patrolman Anthony Arduini. Arduini said Kawalski, traveling south on Bender Lane, failed to stop at the Rt. 32 intersection.

Kawalski asked for a non-jury trial before Justice Peter Wenger and was found guilty.

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### Fashion show coming

Because the classrooms at St. Thomas School will not be used this year, tickets for the 24th annual Altar Rosary Society fashion show will be limited to the school auditorium, according to Margaret Dandeneau, president of the society. Tickets are available at Mullen's Pharmacy and from Jane Thorp, 439-7090, or Nancy Applebee, 439-6704. The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27.

Gertrude McCaffrey, Margaret Leather and Cheryl Ricciardelli are in charge of decorating the auditorium in the theme of "Springtime in New York."

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## What's ahead for the Adams House?

The prospect of supporting another facility at town expense and the continued desire to develop some sort of facility for young people are clouding the future of the old Bethlehem town hall, now known by its former name, the Adams House.

In the process, recommendations made to the town board in December by a special committee to determine uses for the historic structure on Delaware Ave. are now being questioned.

The committee recommended a "community and cul-

tural center" that would accommodate the needs of a number of community organizations, but said the building is not suitable for youth activities.

But the idea of some sort of facility for young people was brought up again at last week's town board meeting by Councilman Edward J. Mocker and by Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz.

Kaplowitz pointed out that as a recreation area the building could be opened only on weekends, saving much in operating costs. He added: "I think we'd have to learn from experience in the way it is run."

Mocker said he also feels some part of the building should be dedicated to youth activities.

The board quizzed Parks and Recreation Administrator Philip Maher on possible uses for the building, but Maher said he would have to study floor plans and know more about the kind of activities contemplated.

The town's last experience in youth activities was the old Coffeehouse on Adams St. The first effort, three years

ago, was to open the building on Fridays and Saturdays. "It got very little activity, almost none," Maher recalled after the meeting.

Later, an organization of Bethlehem Central High School students, supported by an adult advisory committee, took it over as the Coffeehouse, Inc. and ran dances and concerts. The problem then, said Maher, was "control; too many kids from too wide an area--there was nothing you could do, and it wasn't that it wasn't supervised."

Now, Maher said, any plan "has got to be something the kids want," but which can be kept under control.

The question of how the building should be operated was raised when Supervisor Tom Corrigan reported on potential operating and repair costs and on his discussions with organizations interested in obtaining space. The last full year of operation for the building (1979) cost the town \$17,621 for utilities, maintenance and janitorial services, he said, adding that the \$3,800 heating cost would be more than double now. In

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addition, the building needs insulation, exterior painting and some roof repairs, at an estimated cost of \$8,000 to \$10,000. Other items, such as new toilets, carpeting and an entrance for the handicapped would be optional depending on the type of activities planned.

On the other hand, only the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, which wants about 300 square feet for office space, is able to pay any rent, Corrigan said.

Other groups which are interested in space are the Tawasentha Chapter, D.A.R., which wants about 555 square feet for a genealogical center; the Bethlehem Art Assn., which is interested in 200 square feet initially but would like space to run classes later, and the Bethlehem Railroad Society, which wants to set up a 1910 model railroad system in the basement.

Corrigan said he would also like to move Town Historian Thomas E. Mulligan's office from the old highway department garage to give Mulligan more space for his records.

Councilman W. Scott Prothero reacted to Corrigan's report with dismay. "Whatever we do, this should be a paying proposition," he said.

Mocker took the opposite view, that the town has to expect to operate at something of a loss. "We've got to lean over in favor of community organizations," he said.

Prothero was unconvinced. "I still think we've got too much property," he said. The special committee should have looked at other alternatives, such as selling the building, he said.

From the audience, town Democratic Committee Chairman Michael Breslin observed that it appears that the town is simply reacting to the requests made, with little thought as to whether the proposed activities are necessary.

The matter was tabled until the Feb. 25 meeting.

## BETHLEHEM

### Board boosts town park fees

Fees for using Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park this summer will be higher, the town board decided last week. The decision is in keeping with the town's new policy of attempting to make fees for services cover the costs of those services.

Daily admission to the park, the town's main recreational facility, will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for ages 8 to 13. That's a 25-cent increase. Children under 8 are still admitted free.

A family season pass will be \$45, up \$5 from last year. Season passes for individuals will be \$25, up \$3, and \$15 for youngsters 8-15. Tennis courts are free during the day, but after 8 p.m. it's \$1.50 per court, the same as last year. If non-resident guests are participating, the fee is double.

In other action, the board:

- Approved the disability retirement of Police Officer Gerald P. DeMeur and the appointment of his replacement, Michael F. McMillen. DeMeur was injured in an accident on Rt. 9W in December, 1979, and has not been able to work since. His disability retirement is covered by the state pension fund, according to Corrigan. McMillen is an Albany County

deputy sheriff and placed first on the civil service list for the job. He was selected after interviews by Safety Commissioner Ralph Tipple and members of the town board.

- Agreed to allow Highway Superintendent Martin Cross to purchase two dump trucks.

### Work planned on Rt. 144

The state Dept. of Transportation has announced it plans to recondition a four-mile stretch of Rt. 144 between Rt. 396 in Bethlehem and Rt. 143 in Coeymans. Bids for the project will be opened today (Thursday).

The two-lane pavement will be resurfaced with asphalt, except that some short sections will be rebuilt to shift them away from eroded slopes.

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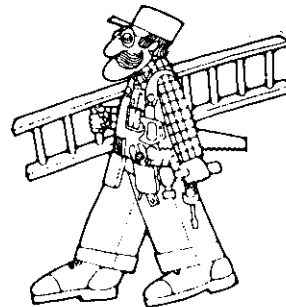
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## BETHLEHEM

### Weather smiles on the carnival

Mild temperatures and sunshine featured Bethlehem's 1981 Winter Carnival at Elm Ave. Park in Delmar Saturday and a good time was had by all.

The sun wasn't warm enough to melt the ice for the races and the "moonlight family skate" on the rink at the park, but everyone conceded that they could have used some snow for other activities.

The 1981 snow queen, elected by ballot at Bethlehem Central High School on Wednesday, is Diane Wellbrock, daughter of Allan and Eileen Wellbrock, 10 Greenock Rd.,

Delmar. The king is Rob Agnew, son of Robert and Sally Agnew, 17 Tamarack Dr., Delmar. They were crowned at Thursday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Albany Motor Inn and given a number of prizes by chamber members.

Runners-up were Karen Faulkner, daughter of Lee and Gail Faulkner, 24 Carstead Dr., Slingerlands, and Steve Radzysinski, son of Hary and Frances Radzysinski, 247 Murray Ave., Delmar.

The king and queen each received \$250 scholarships from the Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the contest, \$100 tote bags from Owens Corning Fiberglas, \$50 savings bonds donated by Key Bank and Bankers' Trust, \$150 memberships to Nautilus Fitness Center and miscellaneous gifts and certificates from Roger Smith Paint

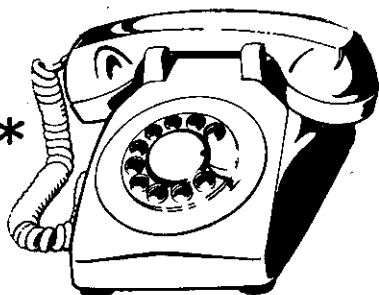
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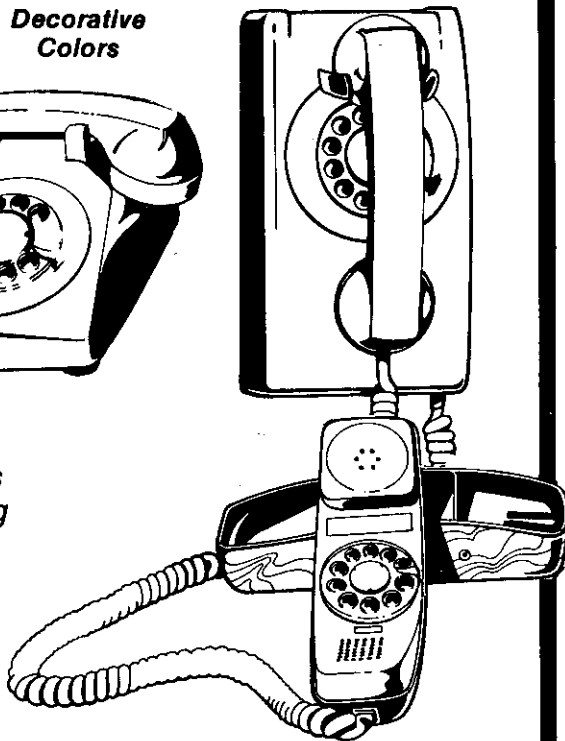
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The ice skating races drew 43 entries, all of whom had hot dogs and hot chocolate provided by the Blanchard American Legion post. Race winners were:

Girls 4-6 - Kyle Doody; boys 4-6 - Jimmy Dundon, Josh Bloom, Charles Kawas; boys 7-9 - Christopher Nolan, Michael Cohn, Peter Saidel; girls 10-12 - Tania Stasiuk, Megan Hartigan; boys 10-12 - Wesley Knapp, Sean Perkins, John Waddingham; girls 13-15 - no entries; boys 13-15 - Tim Dobert, Stephen Lipsky, Ted Gross; girls 16 up - Katie Mooney; boys 16 up - Patrick Mooney, John Cannizzaro.

#### Talk on quilt

The creative arts and garden groups of the Delmar Progress Club will hold a luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at noon at the Delmar Reformed Church. Mrs. Mauritz Johnson will describe how she designed and made a wildflower quilt.

#### Oral history slated

The Onesquethaw Creek Historic Group will hear some oral history of the area with the help of several longtime residents at their meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Onesquethaw Church in Tarrytown.

#### Alumnus returns

David Langlitz, principal trombonist with the New York Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, will present a recital on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 3:30 p.m., in the Bethlehem Central High School auditorium. There is no admission charge, and the public is invited.

Langlitz is a 1974 graduate of BCHS, where he was a

participant in the Wind Ensemble, Dance Band and Choraliars. He has bachelor's and master's degrees in performance from the Julliard School of Music, and has been taught by Roger Smith, Arnold Jacobs and Ed Herman. The recital has been arranged by the Bethlehem Central Music Dept. headed by Sam Bozzella.

#### La Leche meeting

La Leche League will have the second meeting in a series of four on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 8:15 p.m. Ellen Poczlik, 93 Fernbank Ave., Delmar. All women interested in breastfeeding and those with nursing babies are invited. For information call 439-3419. Babies are welcome.

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Hamagrael editors at work: from left, Ted Corrigan, Dan Roberts, John Bellizzi and David Kimelberg. On the cover: Greg Jaczo and Amy Conway get a word of counsel from parent volunteer Susan Backer. *Spotlight*

## DELMAR

### New school paper on press

An enthusiastic editorial staff at Hamagrael School is about to publish Delmar's newest newspaper.

The first issue of Hamagrael Happenings provides not only full coverage of the latest school news from McGuffey Lane, but a wide variety of features. Besides news of students, staff and school activities, there are comics, jokes and several "columns" including a Dear Blabby feature. That just might be the most popular item in the edition, says Mrs. Susan Backer, a classroom volunteer who is guiding the newly formed newspaper club at the school.

Also featured are a sampling of opinions on world and national issues (including sports and Bethlehem fluoridation), interviews with people who work at the school, classified ads, the first installment of a serialized mystery and a crossword puzzle. One of the editors is writing a column of consumer tips and another has done a review of

the recent *HMS Pinafore* production at the Middle School.

The paper has about a dozen editors of equal stature, but, says Mrs. Backer, "anyone who wants to submit something can do so." The club, which started in December, caters to young journalists in grades 3-5.

Mrs. Backer, mother of two children too young to join the editorial staff, started the club after seeing a grade-school newspaper in Saratoga. "It seemed like something we could do here, and our principal likes to encourage after-school clubs," she said. "We've got a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of ideas."

Mrs. Backer and her team of editors and reporters have received an invitation to visit the *Spotlight* office next month and see first-hand electronic typesetting machines and pages being laid out ready for the press.

Meanwhile, there is plenty of activity in the club, which meets Wednesday afternoons. They are also facing several high-echelon decisions: whether to charge for classified ads (a dime, a quarter, or free), and how to answer letters-to-the editor submitted by their readers via a box in the lobby of the school. Their policy: not only will the names of the letter writers remain anonymous, but the identity of the two editors assigned to answering them will also be kept secret.

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## BETHLEHEM

### Alert residents thwart burglaries

Three men caught in the process of burglarizing two houses in Bethlehem are in Albany County jail this week because of the alert actions of two women.

One suspect was arrested in the bedroom of a house in South Bethlehem shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday. Two men interrupted in a break-in on Wemple Rd., Glenmont, Friday afternoon fled the scene in their vehicle and were arrested by Bethlehem detectives several hours later in Albany. The two cases were not related.

In South Bethlehem, the occupant of a house on Rt. 396 was awakened by sounds of an intruder forcing his way into her house at 2 a.m., police said, and slipped out to a neighbor's house to call police. Officers Wayne LaChappelle and Anthony Arduini found the intruder, identified as Raymond F. Fisk, 30, of Valatie, behind the door of an upstairs bedroom. Police said an amphetamine capsule and a quantity of marijuana were found on Fisk, and a pair of cutting pliers in his boots on the first floor. The pliers, police said, had been used to cut the telephone line outside and to force open a rear door.

Fisk was arraigned before Justice Peter Wenger and charged with burglary, possession of burglar's tools and two drug counts. A spokesman at police headquarters said detectives believe the man's intention

was rape, and that a large hunting knife was found in the suspect's possession. The investigation is continuing.

In the Glenmont incident, a neighbor spotted two men at 3:25 p.m. entering a house whose occupants she knew were not at home. Police said she drove her car to the house and partially blocked the suspects' vehicle in the driveway. The intruders dropped a color television set and a multi-band radio receiver and fled in the vehicle, damaging the garage door in their haste, police said.

Bethlehem detectives Charles Rudolph and Colin Clark, checking out the license plate, arrested Dennis A. Boodrow, 21, and John G. Lane, 27, at their home, 600 Third St., Albany, three hours later. They were arraigned before Wenger on charges of burglary and grand larceny and committed to jail pending a court appearance.

Names of the two women have been withheld to protect their privacy.

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### Babe Ruth open house

Bethlehem Babe Ruth Baseball will hold an open house on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion post, Elsmere.

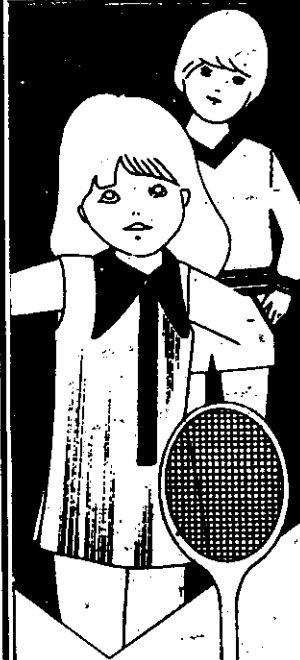
Anyone interested in the Bethlehem Babe Ruth program is invited. All unregistered youngsters born between Aug. 1, 1965 and Aug. 1, 1968 and their parents will be particularly welcome.

Bob Kistler, Babe Ruth president, reports that the

league expects to field six teams this season and will select 50 youngsters in the spring tryouts. The league also needs parents and other adults to help with the program.

The open house will feature a movie on highlights of the 1980 Philadelphia Phillies championship season and an opportunity to register for the 1981 Bethlehem Babe Ruth season. Food and beverages will be provided. For information, call 439-6901.

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### Voorheesville News Notes

Maryann Malark 765-4392

Evelyn Berger has been elected president of the United Methodist Women in Voorheesville. Other new officers are: vice president, Carol Carver; treasurer, Peg Flanders; secretary, Gladys Arnold; Christian Personhood, Lois Legg; social involvement, Lettie Pinney; supportive community, Dorothy Andrews; global concerns, Ruth Mesick; local church activities, Marlene Vunk; hospitality, Ingrid Wood; nominating committee chairman, Isabelle Ilchuk, and membership, Marion Campbell, Betty Petrone and Karen McMartin.

Snowmobile certificates and drivers' permits were awarded to 17 Voorheesville Elementary students ages 10-13 following a snowmobile safety course taught by the Parks and Recreation Dept. Certificates were presented by the Albany County sheriff's department to Brian Tracey, Chad Smith, Clark Smith, Dean Smith, Kevin Jarvis,

Bill Patnode, Ed Herzog, Bill Lawyer, Todd VanWormer, Bill Connell, Kevin Germaine, Rich Long, Steven Littell, Rich Weismaier, Mark DeLorenzo, Tom Buckley and Charlie Cowles.

Voorheesville Boy Scouts will offer their annual sausage and pancake supper from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Voorheesville American Legion. Adults and children are provided with all they can eat for \$3 and \$2 respectively. This fund-raiser provides the troop with the revenue needed to purchase equipment. The public is invited.

Due to the anticipated heavy agendas in March and April, the Voorheesville Board of Education will convene at 7 p.m., one hour earlier than usual. Meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of each month in the district office, Voorheesville High School.

The Parish Council of St. Matthew's Church has developed several plans for thanking the First United Methodist Church for the use of its facilities from August to

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December, 1980. One of these responses will take place at the Annual Kiwanis Ecumenical Service on Friday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. at the renovated St. Matthew's Church.

This annual service originated by the late Henry Tiger will include clergy representatives from both churches and from New Salem Reformed and the New Scotland Presbyterian churches. Highlight of the evening will be an address by Howard Hubbard, Bishop of the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese. Refreshments, provided by Helen Tiger, will be served.

#### Business women meet

The Helderberg Business and Professional Women's Club will hold its monthly dinner meeting on Monday, Feb. 23, at the Heavenly Inn, Slingerlands, with a program on the national BPW Foundation. The foundation is dedicated to improving the economic status of women through integrated programs of education, information and research and is supported by contributions from local clubs as well as private industry and individuals.

Helderberg Club foundation chairman, Edita Probst, will introduce as speakers Rosemary Benedict of Schenectady and Glorinda Jimpson of Albany, both Foundation aid recipients in communications and nursing, respectively. The program is open to the public. Dinner reservations must be confirmed by Friday, Feb. 20, with Ruth Tork at the First Federal, 765-2722.

#### DELMAR

### Church appoints a new minister

Rev. Lawrence A. Deys, pastor of the Methodist Church in Alplaus, Saratoga County, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Delmar Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Deys will conduct his first service here on Sunday, March 1. The Delmar church has been supplied by interim pastors from the area since the retirement of Rev. George Phelps last spring.

Rev. Deys has served the Alplaus congregation for the past seven years. He previously was pastor of the Rebersburg-Madisonburg United Methodist Church in Pennsylvania. He holds a BS degree from Russell Sage

#### Needleworkers busy

A choice of six mini-workshops for members will be the program for the daytime division of the Capital District Chapter Embroiders' Guild of America at its monthly meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 25. There will be workshops on trapunto unicorn, needlepoint name tags, gnomes, Sweedish weaving, miniature sticheries and "Guiding the Strawberry." The Guild meets at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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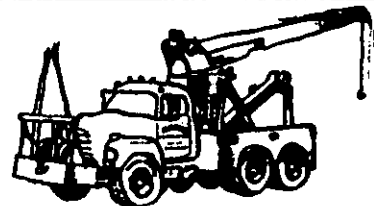
in human resource development and community affairs from American International College, Springfield, Mass. His seminary field work was spent in the Irondequoit United Methodist Church in suburban Rochester and in the First United Methodist Church, Geneva. He and his wife, Chris, have three children, Kira, Mark and Paul.

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## BC gymnasts high on spirit

With three decisive wins over Scotia, Taconic Hills and Chatham, the Bethlehem Central girls' gymnastics team can boast only a 3-8 record in Section 2 competition, while the JV team could do no better than 1-4 in Suburban Council meets. But that doesn't discourage Head Coach Denise Minnear and her 17 young gymnasts. In a sport where tenths of a point can be decisive, the BC girls have raised their 59.3 point total in their first meet to a 70.1 score last Thursday at Guilderland.

To accomplish this, Coach Minnear and Assistant Coach Sue Clark have relied on raw talent only in need of experience. A junior, Pattie Belden, leads the team as the only gymnast who performs in every event. She is supported by such talents as Doris Davies on the beam and sophomore Lori Lanahan on the vault, which is perhaps BC's strongest event. Lauren Harder and Anne Peyrebrune also help.

Perhaps BC's most useful weapon in the future will be its eighth grade stars. Beth Schoentfeldt and Kim Kiley already compete at the var-

sity level while Robin Taft is on the JV team.

Still to face such gymnastic powers as Guilderland and Niskayuna, Coach Minnear is optimistic. "We love to win, but we're also realistic. We're definitely one of the younger and weaker teams, but we make up for it in enthusiasm. The pressure is not on us, and we have a good time at meets. More work with weights to build our strength, and gymnastics camps this summer will help us increase our scores. That will be the key."

*Julie Ann Sosa*

## Mat Sectionals slated

With the best wrestling team in its history, Bethlehem Central is hopeful for some trophies in the Section 2 Class A championships at Amsterdam this weekend. The Eagles last week dusted off two of the area's best teams, Linton by 33-13 and Amsterdam by 27-24, closing their dual meet record at 13-2. Ernie VanWormer and Ford Clark had pins against Linton and Jeff Herrmann had the only pin against powerful Amsterdam.

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**WRESTLING**

**Traudt gunning for Sectionals**

Voorheesville's Joe Traudt, one of the area's outstanding scholastic wrestlers, will be seeking to add a Section 2 championship to the Colonial Conference crown he won last weekend.

Traudt went into the league tournament at Mechanicville Saturday undefeated in 18 bouts this season, and came out with the 132-pound title and 21-0. His hometown fans will be able to see him in action this Friday and Saturday when the Class C Sectionals will be run at Voorheesville for the first time. The eliminations start at 3 p.m. Friday and will continue at 11 a.m. Saturday with the finals starting at 8 p.m.



**Kristina Flanders**

Freshman Jeff Clark also has a good shot at a Sectional crown. Clark won his weight class at Mechanicville and is 19-1-1 at 98 pounds. His brother, Jerry, a junior, won the Colonial 145-pound championship and is 14-6. Two other Blackbirds earned third-place trophies, Sean Rafferty at 167 and Jeff Genovesi at 91 pounds.

Traudt, who made Coach Dick Leach's varsity as an eighth grader, holds the school record of 93 wins in five seasons. He has lost only 24 times in 117 matches.

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**Wins hoop trophy**

Kristina Flanders, a fourth grader at Voorheesville Elementary School, came home with a third-place trophy in the district finals of the Elks National Hoop Shoot at the State University College at Cobleskill. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Flanders, Winding Lane, and competed in the girls' 8-9 division. Paige Hotaling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hotaling, Circle Dr., Voorheesville, a fifth grade student, tied for third place in the girls' 10-11 division, but lost in the tiebreaker.

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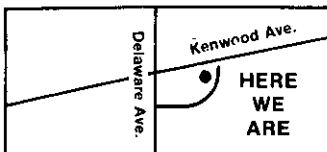
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## BASKETBALL

### Blackbirds keep losing by inches

It was one of Voorheesville's best weeks on the basketball court in almost all respects except the score-book. The Blackbirds played some of their best ball of the season, but dropped two close decisions, 51-49 at Lansingburgh and 54-51 to Watervliet

at home to make it five losses in a row.

Friday night's home finale was a cliffhanger with rarely more than three points separating the teams. The game was knotted at 22-all at the half and 44-all at the final buzzer as both coaches spent a wild three minutes exchanging time outs in maneuvering for the last shot. Watervliet had a two-point lead with 10

seconds left when Voorheesville's Adam Nendza threw up a jumper from the top of the key that hit the rim and wiggled through the cords. The visitors took it down, called time with six seconds left, and missed the jumper that would have won it.

Watervliet's Kevin Quigley connected early in the overtime and started the slow-down. That forced the Blackbirds to foul to get the ball, and the visitors meshed eight of 14 penalty tosses.

"It was one of our best complete games all season," said Coach Mike O'Brien. "We played well enough to win it. The boys deserve a lot of credit. They refuse to be disheartened by these losses."

The story was much the same at Lansingburgh Tuesday. The Blackbirds led the whole way until the hosts took a one-point lead with 2:36 left. Lansingburgh was up by two with eight seconds remaining when the Blackbirds had a sure tap on a jump ball. O'Brien called time to set up the tying basket with Greg Picard jumping. With Mike Lewis and Jim Riviello in the corners, Picard tapped to Nendza who went to Lewis, but there were too many passes and Nendza's hurried shot at the horn rolled off the rim.

The Blackbirds open their Sectional bid Friday at Canajoharie, and with the boys loose, things could happen.

## VOORHEESVILLE

### Registration set for Babe Ruth

William Hotaling of Voorheesville has been elected president of the Voorheesville Babe Ruth League, which runs a youth baseball program for Voorheesville, New Scotland and the Berne-Knox area. Hotaling, who has been a team manager in the league as well as serving as village fire chief and superintendent of public works, said, this week that additional teams will be added if the enrollment warrants.

Registration for the 1981 season for boys 13-15 will be held Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Voorheesville Elementary School, and on Monday, March 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Voorheesville High School. The fee is \$15 per player. Registrants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and must show a copy of a birth certificate.

### Local poet to read

Shirley Nelson, author of "The Last Year of the War", and winner of the Harper-Saxton Fellowship and the Chicago Friends of Literature Award, will read selections from her poetry and short stories Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library. She has taught creative writing for over 10 years, and is currently working on her second novel.

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Girls' Basketball, Colonie, home 8:00
- Sat., Feb. 21** Wrestling, Class A Sectionals at Amsterdam  
Track, S.C. Championships at Armory 5:00
- Tues., Feb. 24** Volleyball, Colonie, away 3:45  
Track, tri-County Championships at Armory, 5:00  
Girls' Basketball, Niskayuna, away 8:00  
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## BASKETBALL

### Eagles playing best ball, but...

In the eyes of Coach Jim Tedisco, his Bethlehem Central varsity is playing the best basketball of the season, but the scoreboard shows two more defeats.

Tedisco's praise is based on steady performances against two of the better teams in the Suburban Council last week. Whether it is justified will show in the Sectionals starting this weekend. The Eagles lost to Shenendehowa, 67-63, and to Saratoga, 76-70, both in on the Delmar hardwood.

"We're reaching our peak now," said Tedisco. "The boys are playing together more smoothly than ever before."

The former Union College star also had praise for Steve Gillespie, his 6-4 junior postman, who fired in 28 points against the Shens and 17 against Saratoga. He also led the Eagles in rebounds.

Against Shenendehowa, BC led by as much as 13 in the third quarter. When Mike Lawrence picked up his fourth foul with two minutes left in the quarter, Tedisco sidelined him, and the lead dwindled to 7. It melted to 4 as Lawrence fouled out with six minutes remaining, and with the big

senior on the bench, the visitors had second and third shots at the hoop.

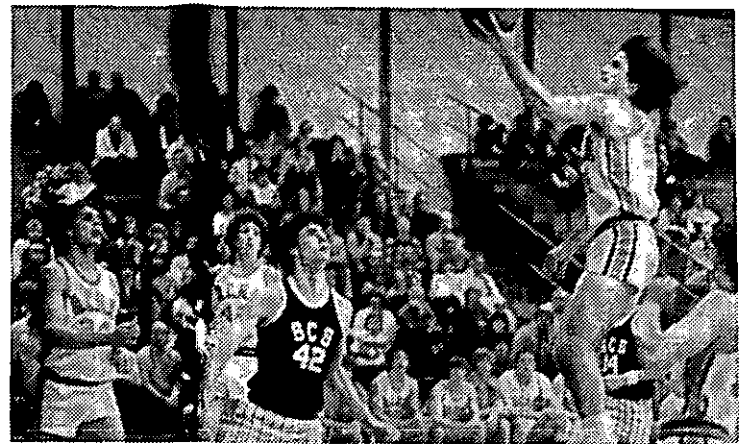
The Friday game was a seesaw affair for three periods. Saratoga was ahead by 4 with 48 seconds left when the Eagles called time to set up a play, but then BC turned the ball over and it was Katy-bar-the-door.

BC's Sectional draw was hinging on Tuesday's finale with Guilderland at home. A win sends them to Catholic Central or Linton Tuesday, a loss causes a coin flip with Colonie for a pairing with one of those two Big 10 powers or a Saturday preliminary with 2-16 Bishop Gibbons. The Eagles are 6-12 with two games left.

#### Lost wallet returned

An Albany man who found a wallet on the sidewalk in front of the Delmar postoffice shortly after noon Saturday turned it in to Bethlehem police headquarters. Police said the wallet, which contained \$102 in cash and personal papers, was returned to its owner. Names were not disclosed.

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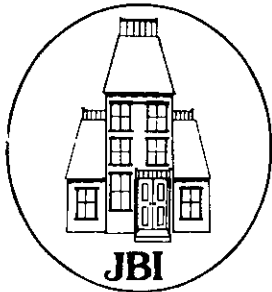
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## SWIMMING

### ...and the pool dynasty churns on

A strong showing at New Hartford has assured Bethlehem Central's varsity swimming team of another undefeated season, their fourth in a row.

In surviving the year's sternest test by 97-76, Bethlehem swimmers demonstrated their full fire-power for the first time this season in the six-lane pool in the Utica suburb. The Eagles won only six of the 11 events, a rare statistic for them, but as Coach Jack Whipple tells it: "Eighty percent of our performances were the individual's best of the year, and we beat them on depth."

The most critical points came in the first two events. In the opening relay, the 400 medley, New Hartford's strategy, based on BC Coach Jack Whipple's ploy a week earlier of splitting his relay strength

against Rome, was to split their relay strength in a bid for a 1-2 finish. This time Whipple sent his four best to the lanes and took first place for an 8-6 lead in points.

In the 200 freestyle, New Hartford's strongest event, BC surprised with a 2-3-4 finish to boost its lead to 17-13. The Eagles followed that with a spectacular 1-2-4 in the 200 IM, Jay Henahan winning it in 2:05.8, third fastest clocking in the state this season. Bobby Holland was second and Matt Holland, an eighth grader, fourth, giving BC a 29-17 lead after three events.

The closest event of the evening was the diving, won by Bethlehem's Mark McNealey by four-tenths of a point, 250.9 to 250.4, with the third-place diver coming in at 248.0. It was the only event Bethlehem failed to take three of the five places that counted in the scoring.

At 16-0 for the year and 63 straight since their last defeat (1977 at New Hartford), the Eagles have an easy meet with Troy and then a reprieve until the Easterns at Lawrenceville, N.J. Feb. 27-28. The Sectionals are March 6-7.

### Pool safety course

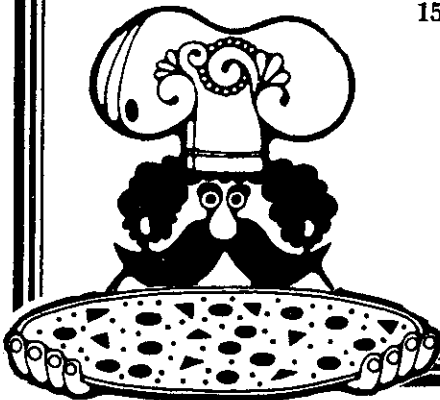
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Teams in the under-8, under-10 and under-12 will play weekly schedules in their own age groups, and will be divided into as many teams as the number of registrants and coaches will permit. The club will field one travel team for under-10 and one for under-12. There will be travel teams only for under-14, under-16 and under-19.

Registration and the annual meeting will be held Saturday, March 7, at the Bethlehem Middle School cafeteria, starting at 1 p.m. Fees are \$10 for ages 6-11 and \$5 for 12-19. Registrants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and first-time registrants must show a copy of a birth certificate. Late registrants will be placed on a waiting list.

Volunteers are needed to serve as coaches, team managers, and team managers.

## LEGAL NOTICES

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, 445 DELAWARE AVE.,

DELMAR, NEW YORK ON THE 11TH DAY OF FEB., 1981

PRESENT: MR. CORRIGAN, MRS. BICKEL, MR. GEURTZE, MR. MOCKER, MR. PROTHERO.

ABSENT: NONE.

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York does hereby amend the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem adopted on the 17th day of July, 1968, and last amended on the 19th day of November, 1980 as follows:

I. Amend Article I, STOP INTERSECTIONS, Through Highways by adding a new paragraph (ss) to read as follows: (ss) Wemple Road is designated as a through highway from Feura Bush Road to Route 9W and a stop sign shall be erected at the following entrance thereto:

1. Quincy Road

and

II. Amend Article II, SPEED LIMITS, Section 1 Maximum Speed Limits, Paragraph (c) Thirty (30) m.p.h. by adding thereto:

No. 58. Carolanne Drive

No. 59. Darnley Greene

No. 60. Maryea Lane

No. 61. Murray Avenue from N.Y.S. Route 32 to the Feura Bush Road.

No. 62. Schoolhouse Road (Co. Highway 204) from Krumkill Road to Guilderland Town Line.

The foregoing amendments to the Traffic Ordinance were presented for adoption by Mr. Mocker, were seconded by Mrs. Bickel and were duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Corrigan, Mrs. Bickel, Mr. Geurtze, Mr. Mocker, Mr. Prothero.

Noes: None.

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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.

To answer your question: the articles this month were the result of several controversial letters in Vox Pop that led to an article in the Knickerbocker News that a number of local people felt cast the community in an unfavorable light. Our purpose was to summarize the current situation in perspective.

## Why drugs now?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your articles on drug abuse in the Bethlehem School District are quite intensive and extensive. Last October the Glenmont PTA sponsored a parent program on drug and alcohol abuse involving children. Our speakers were Mark Yolles from Project Equinox and Pete Nardiello from Project SPARC. Both were very informative and we are very thankful for their time.

I do ask you why the *Spotlight* is so interested now in drug abuse and is devoting extensive coverage when in October the *Spotlight* mixed up the calendar dates for our program, cut down the publicity release we submitted and did not publish the letter in Vox Pop inviting the public to this program?

The schools and organizations in this district put on some extremely informative programs for parents. It would be the the *Spotlight's* advantage to give as much help to those involved so that we can be informed of what is affecting our lives and those of our children before the sensational headlines come.

Margaret J. Kanuk

Delmar

The Glenmont PTA program last Oct. 7 was publicized in the *Spotlight* both in the news columns and the calendar. The mixup you refer to was the calendar listing under both Oct. 6 and Oct. 7 dates, when only the Oct. 7 date was correct. The publicity release was printed on page 14 of the Sept. 25 issue, and contained all pertinent information. The letter to Vox Pop arrived two days after deadline and was too late to be printed prior to the meeting. Ed.

## Gratitude

Editor, The Spotlight:

I sincerely thank Jim Kerr, Bill Cooke, Scott Anson, George TenEyck and Randy Conger for coming to my house on the night of Feb. 2. They arrived at our house in less than three minutes from the time the call was placed. Within minutes, upon their arrival, they had considerably helped my situation, and I was enroute to St. Peter's Hospital. Our town is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and expertly trained team.

Kenneth Pangburn

Delmar

## Saving a beauty spot

Editor, The Spotlight:

What a fine constructive article you authored bridging the Onesquethaw. You may have even saved this beautiful spot from the government axe for a few more years.

Carl E. Touhey

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## Defends sororities

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in reference to the January 22 letter about drug-use in the sororities at BC.

First of all, "Kris-Kringles" is a very special time for the members of sororities. They are able to decorate lockers and give gifts to another sister, hopefully without them knowing who. The sisters try to give gifts that are suitable for their "Kris-Kringle." Giving "speed" for a gift is a bit out of the ordinary, and if it does happen, it is not a common practice. This incident was a personal thing between the people involved, and it got blown out of proportion.

The line about two innocent girls, in effect, being forced to quit by their conscience is a real shocker. Students at BC and members of sororities do not go around pushing "speed" on innocent girls, or anyone else for that matter.

In my opinion, drugs are not that serious of a problem at BC. Sure, there are people that use marijuana and "speed" occasionally and regularly, but it does not have to interfere with the lives of innocent students. You just aren't forced to use drugs.

Using this incident to criticize sororities really upsets me. Sororities are always getting a bad name, and they just don't deserve it. Sigma Theta Epsilon, the sorority which I am a member of contributes quite a bit to the well-being of today's society.

At Thanksgiving time, the members of Sigma donate their money, time and energy to the poor of our community. With the help of St. Thomas Church, we make several baskets of joy to give to the needy. Last year we sold several hundred raffle tickets to help the retarded and disabled; and we regularly contribute to charities.

I am very disappointed that the letter in the *Spotlight* shed bad light, once again, on sororities. I'm sorry that these

people feel this way, and I think that they should do some investigating of their own.

*Treasurer, ZOE*

Delmar

## Harris is back

Editor, The Spotlight:

Would you kindly put this small message in your weekly paper? Harris J. Elmendorf of Slingerlands, who sustained a severe spinal injury on Jan. 6, 1980, has recently been transferred back to the Veteran's Hospital in Albany (Room C829) from the Castle Point Medical Center near Newburgh. It has been brought to our attention that some old acquaintances and former Killip Laundry customers would like to know where he is currently hospitalized, to enable social and postal contact.

Many thanks.

*Mrs. Basil Evangelisti*  
Slingerlands

## Thanks to police

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Pre-School Moms of Tri-Village Welcome Wagon would like to take this opportunity to express their gratitude to the members of the Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau. Officers Holligan, Corbett and Roberts have contributed their time on two occasions; at our Christmas party and at a very interesting tour of the police station. They have been friendly, courteous and kind to a group of 40 pre-school children, which isn't the easiest of tasks! The town of Bethlehem is fortunate to have an organization like the Youth Bureau at their disposal.

*Carole Lillis*  
*Paula Cushman*  
Pre-School Moms

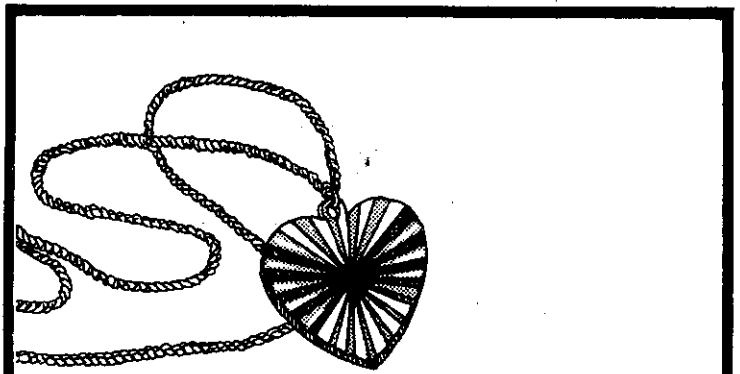
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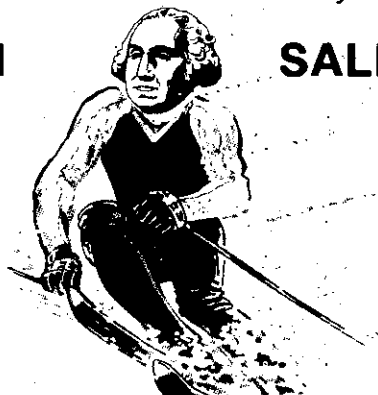
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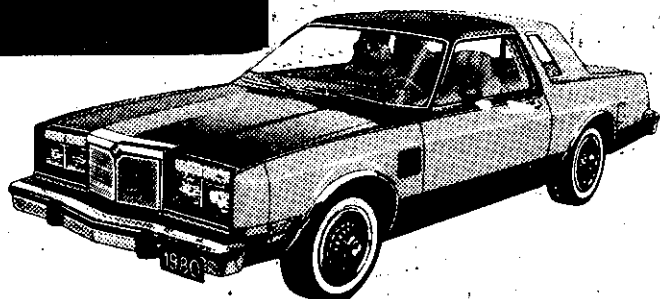
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