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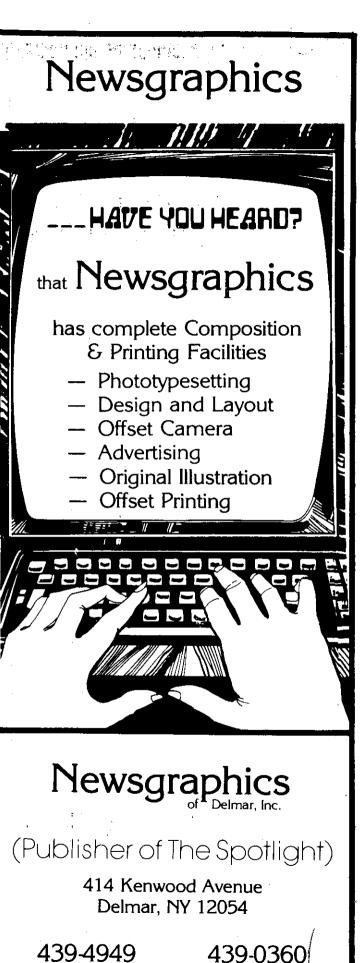
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Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesday, Glenmont Community Church, 8 p.m.

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.



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

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Saturday Afternoon at the Movies: "Conrack," with John Voight, Hume Cronyn, Paul Winfield, Madge Sinclair, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Voorheesville Babe Ruth, registration for boys 13-15, Voorheesville High School, 7-9 p.m. Players must be accompanied by a parent and have birth certificate.

Bethlehem Tennis Association, Bethlehem Town Hall, room 204, 8 p.m.

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

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TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Deimar Home Crafts, needlecraft projects, Peggy Hotaling, chairman, Key Bank community room, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

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Delmar Progress Club, Kenneth Parker, CPA, speaking on "Save Money on Your Income Tax," Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.^{*} Public invited.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

New Scotland Town Board, New Scotland town hall, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Board of Education, business meeting and budget work session, Glenmont School, 8 p.m.

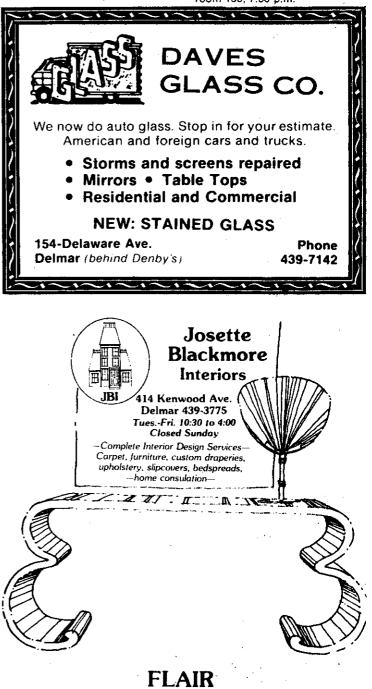
Lenten Breakfast, Women's Guild of the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 9:30 a.m. Glenmont PTA program, Glenmont School, 8 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service, "From Ashes to Resurrection," Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m., public invited.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Cooperative Extension program, "Economics of Home-Raised Hogs," Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Railroad Society, planning for model railroad historical project, all HO-modelers welcome, Bethlehem Town Hall, room 106, 7:30 p.m.



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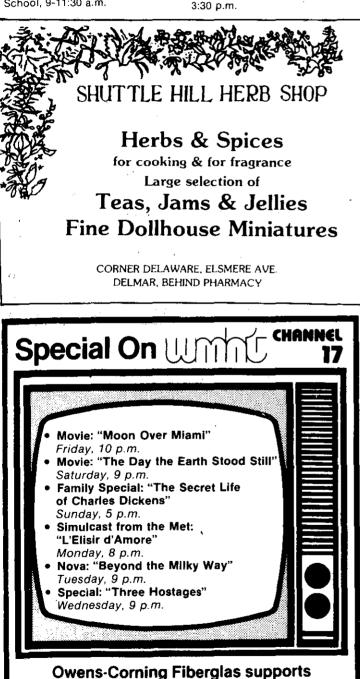
Bethlehem Soccer Club, registration for boys and girls 6-19, Bethlehem Middle School cafeteria, 1 p.m. Players must be accompanied by parent and show birth certificate.

Saturday Afternoon at the Movies: "Modern Times" with Charlie Chaplin, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

Kiwanis Grasshopper Baseball and Softball Leagues, registration at Voorheesville Elementary School, 9-11:30 a.m. Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396 and 9W, from 4:30 on, reservations, call 463-0693 or 767-9165.

Guided Nature Walk, winter roadside weeds, Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2-3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 Cooperative Extension program, "Commercial Sales of Dairy Goat Milk and Milk Products," Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 2-



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area arts

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THEATRE

- "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, through March 1, 8 p.m. Box office 370-6153.
- "No Exit" (Jean-Paul Sartre's version of hell), Performing Arts Center Laboratory Theatre, State University at Albany, through Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Box office 457-8606.
- "The Hostage" (Brendan Behan), Capital Repertory Theatre Company, Page Hall, corner Lake and Western, Albany, through March 8, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees 2:30 p.m.

MUSIC

- Chamber Opera Theatre of New York (short operas by Menotti, Ermano Wolf-Ferrari and Ibert), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **Feb. 25, 26, 28,** 8 p.m., **March 1,** 7 p.m. Box office 473-3750.
- James Taylor (singer/songwriter) Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Feb. 28, 8 p.m.
- Con Brio String Quartet (works by Boccherini, Schubert and Telemann), St. Joseph's Hall, College of Saint Rose, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, **Feb. 28**, 8 p.m.
- "Germs" (EBA Contemporary Dance Theatre), The Chapter House, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, Feb. 28 and March 1, 3 p.m.
- Come As You Are Concerts (chamber music), Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady (with champagne brunch and film), March 1, 1 p.m.; Bush Memorial Auditorium, Russell Sage College, Troy, March 2, 12:30 p.m.; Albany Institute of History and Art, March 4, noon.
- "St. Paul" (Capital Hill Choral Society sings oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn), Philip Schuyler Concert Hall, North Lake Ave., Albany, March 6, 8 p.m.
- Empire State Youth Orchestra (Weber, Milhaud, Debussy and Kodaly), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, March 7, 8 p.m.
- "Jewish Culture and Heritage" (exhibit on loan from state museum), State University at Albany lounge, through March 31.
- Wendy Ide Williams (recent works in oil, pen and ink and "wearable art"), Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, **through March 28** (hours Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).
- Ann Sperry Winter Garden (constructions in painted steel), Picotte Gallery, College of Saint Rose, 324 State St., Albany, 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. **through March 13**, hours Monday-Friday, noon-3 p.m., Mondays 5-9 p.m.



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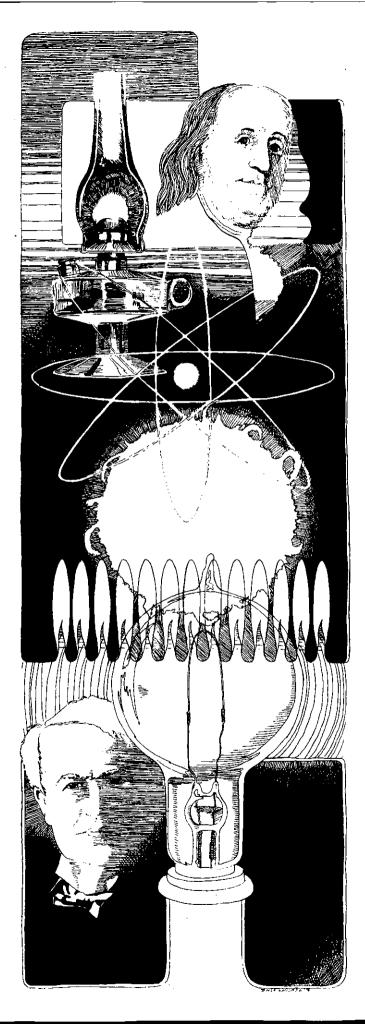
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School budget-makers wrestle cost bugaboo

A \$20,000 service contract for a copier got the Bethlehem Central school board in a budget-cutting mood last week as it plunged into the arduous task of creating a balanced budget for the next school year.

Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer, presenting the budget figures at the board meeting at Elsmere School, defended the monthly average of 450,000 copies made on the machine. He said student handbooks are produced on it, as well as test and homework sheets.

The copier costs paled, however, next to the projected \$440,677 outlay for health insurance, up from \$324,000 in the current year. Zwicklbauer reported that 15 school districts have withdrawn from the Statewide Plan because of its cost, particularly in relation to benefits. He noted that for Bethlehem to withdraw, the district would have to return \$72,000 in health plan reserve funds paid to Bethlehem as part of the 1977-78 state aid distribution.

Zwicklbauer said he is looking into alternative health care coverage.

Other insurance expenses include approximately \$105 per pupil for student accident insurance, and a liability insurance premium at 153 percent because of the number of losses charged against the district — "there's a raft of them," Zwicklbauer said. Liability insurance costs are expected to go up about \$17,000 in 1981-82. Another big budget item is the payment to the state's teacher retirement fund, which will be \$1.27 million, or 23.49 percent of the payroll, in '81-'82. The rate is set by the teachers' retirement board, which is the only state body with unrestricted taxing power whose members are appointed and not chosen by vote of the electorate.

During the business portion of the meeting, Supt. Lawrence Zinn reiterated the district's refusal to accept sole responsibility for any drug abuse prevention program, because drug abuse is a community problem, he said. Board member Robert Zick observed that the original mandate of public schools to each the three R's — has become greatly expanded, and "now we're supposed to be a drug control unit."

Zinn, responding to questions from Zick, emphasized that high school fraternities and sororities are forbidden by law, and that they are "totally unrecognized" by schools.

Zinn also told the board he would like to hire a coordinator now for the Challenge program, which is to begin in the fall. He said there's "a whale of a lot of work to get it ready to fly." In addition, Zinn hopes to hire three staff members to implement the program in the next school year.

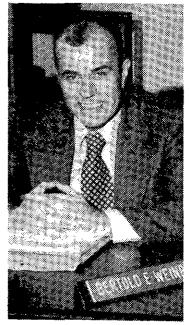
Board President Bernard Harvith countered: "This budget's got to be cut. It's much too big right now." Board budget sessions are scheduled every Wednesday evening, by themselves or following a business meeting, and are public. Public comment, however, must be made at a board business meeting. The next business meeting will be March 4 at Glenmont School.

Caroline Terenzini

BETHLEHEM Weinberg declines 3rd board term

Bertold E. Weinberg of Elsmere, vice president of the Bethlehem board of education, says 10 years is enough and will not seek re-election in May.

Weinberg is completing his second five-year term on the seven-member board. Three seats will be on the May 13



Bertold E. Weinberg

ballot for the annual school elections and budget vote, those presently occupied by Weinberg, Robert R. Zick of Glenmont and Sheila Fuller of Delmar. School board terms are now three years.

Both Zick and Mrs. Fuller will be seeking a second term in the May vote.

Weinberg, a project manager with the State Dormitory Authority, was elected to the board in 1971 and re-elected in 1975. He and Zick are the last board members to be elected prior to the change to three-year terms, which became effective in 1976.

In announcing his decision not to seek a new term, Weinberg submitted a statement to the Spotlight and to Central Highlights, the Bethlehem school district newsletter, outlining the personal qualities and approach he feels are prerequisites for serving on the board. (See Vox Pox, page 62.) "After 10 years, it is time to make way for someone with fresh ideas and enthusiasm," his statement said.

A licensed engineer, Weinberg holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from RPI and a master's degree in public administration from the State University of New York at Albany. He worked in design and construction for several companies, primarily in the Chicago area, for 17 years before joining the State University Construction Fund in 1964. He holds the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, Corps of Engineers, is married and has two children.

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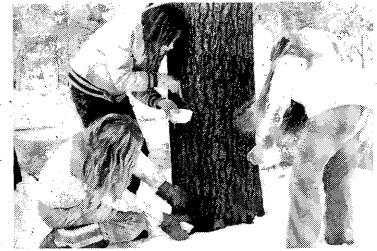
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Gypsy moth gets county reprieve

It appears that property owners in Bethlehem and New Scotland will have to deal with the gypsy moth problem themselves this year.

Except at Bethlehem's Henry Hudson Park and on county-owned property at Lawson Lake, Albany County will conduct no spraying to combat the insect that has defoliated trees over a wide area of eastern New York and neighboring states.

According to County Executive James Coyne, the state Health Dept., working with the departments of Environmental Conservation and Agriculture and Markets, has recommended against aerial spraying in the county. "The accumulations are quite local and spotty." Coyne said.

"At this point in time it does not appear to be a major problem in Albany County."

The state will supply 80 percent of the funds necessary for the two localized spraying programs, Coyne said.

According to Albany County Cooperative Extension Agent Beth Bergeron, there almost certainly will be no county effort to spray for gypsy moths on private properties, so it will be up to the individual owner to take the necessary steps.

Right now, says Bergeron, "there isn't too much you can do beside scrape off the egg masses and then destroy them."

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Albany County Legislature



The Republican minority in the Albany County Legislature had an almost unprecedented opportunity to defeat the Democrat majority on a resolution at the February meeting. The vote came on a bond resolution that requires a two-thirds majority for passage. One Democrat was absent, so the resolution to issue \$260,000 in bonds to buy new county equipment was defeated by a vote of the 13 Republicans who voted no against the 25 Democrats present.

W. Gordon Morris, minority leader, led the fight against the bond issue on the ground that the cost of the equipment should come from regular appropriations, thus saving taxpayer's dollars.

The defeat for lack of a single Democrat vote is clear evidence of how important it is that the Republicans make a major effort to elect more Republicans to the Legislature, long under the domination of the tightly-controlled Democrat machine.

Another bond resolution in the sum of \$550,000 to fund alterations and reconstruction of the heating, plumbing and ventilating at the Albany County jail, the Albany County Nursing Home and the Albany County Airport, was passed. Morris contended that these funds, too, should

If I Were Renting a DRAIN OR SEWER SNAKE I'd Go To... HILCHIE'S 235 Delaware Ave. Delmar come out of regular appropriations, particularly in view of the Albany County surplus, which is sometimes quoted at \$4 million and sometimes at \$8 million.

The Republican minority was split on this issue. Edward Sargent of Delmar's 35th District argued for the bond resolution. He said he had just inspected a proposed renovation at the jail and was convinced the bond action was necessary.

Republican attempts to add the name of Francis A. Bourassa of Latham, a former field representative of the State Fire Prevention Control Office, to the Albany County advisory task force were unsuccessful. The task force is largely made up of Democrats.

We are all going to pay much more for Pine Hills Taxi service from the airport as a result of the February session. The Pine Hills agency, to which the Legislature has given the major contract to pick up passengers at the airport, was granted a boost in fares. Republicans opposed this increase, but the resolution, not requiring a twothirds vote, passed. Pine Hills has a virtual monopoly with a contract with the county.

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Members of the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, led by Mrs. Dorothy Brown, president, left, meet with Bethlehem Legislator Sue Ann Ritcho, center, and Mrs. Mary Bardwell, vice chairman of the county Republican committee, prior to the February meeting of the Albany County Legislature. The group witnessed a rare victory by the Republican majority when a bond issue failed by a single vote to get the necessary two thirds majority.

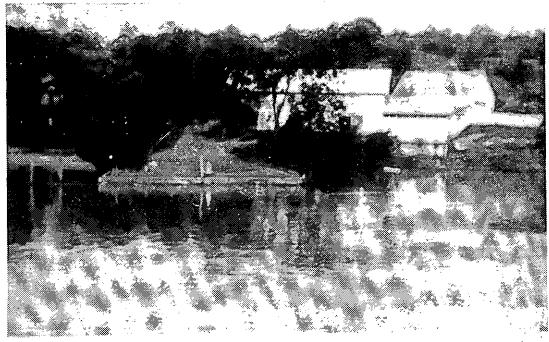


HISTORIC BETHLEHEM River and turnpike spurred early growth

By Allison P. Bennett

The area now occupied by the town of Bethlehem was first seen by white men in 1609 when Henry Hudson, a navigator for the Dutch West India Company, and his crew sailed their ship, the Half Moon, up the Hudson River as far as the mouth of the Tawasentha or Normanskill Creek. They were looking for a passage that would open new trade routes to the Indies, and though they did not find what they were seeking, the first trading center or "trading fort" was established by the Dutch on Castle Island in Bethlehem in 1614.

It is impossible to discuss the growth of Bethlehem without mentioning the role of transportation and its effect on Bethlehem's development. The economic history of the Bethlehem area began with the arrival of these



The Winne Dock at Cedar Hill was a busy place between the late 1800s and the 1920s, when river commence fluorished. On the right was a store, coal bins and storage space for hay and grain. The Harvest Queen and other streamers stopped here to deliver materials ordered by local farmers and to pick up hay shipments. The Winne house can be seen in the trees to the left.



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traders from Holland, who for years successfully trafficked with the Indians up and down the Hudson River. In New Amsterdam (New York City), ships from the mother country discharged new settlers, who were soon aboard Dutch sloops coming upriver to settle in the environs of Bethlehem and Fort Orange (Albany). The return voyage of these sloops carried bundles of furs and later lumber, to be sent back to the old country. This traffic was not

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fast, but it was dependable, with as much as a week sometimes being required to reach the river's mouth.

It was not until the invention of the steamboat in 1807 that the river traffic and transport picture changed with great rapidity. With Robert Fulton's Clermont came the means for much more rapid transit and an economical way to move great numbers of people up and down the Hudson River. Passenger traffic grew to enormous proportions, with steamboats becoming larger and grander over the years, until they became known as "floating palaces."

Passenger traffic, however, was only a part of the picture. The improved transportation also carried ships with holds filled with abundant supplies of farm crops, livestock, hay and lumber, which were shipped directly to New York and other growing cities along the East Coast. Prior to the invention of the electric refrigerator, ice was the only method of keeping foodstuffs fresh.

The cutting, storing and shipping of ice from the Hudson was a major industry of the town. Local farmers cut the ice from the river in winter and stored it in enormous ice houses constructed for that purpose. With the coming of warm weather, the ice was loaded on to barges, packed in great quantities of sawdust to preserve it, and shipped downriver to New York City.

The river and its adjoining larger streams were the earliest modes of transport, since roads were non-existent in early colonial days and the land was covered with thick woods. The first settlers soon became aware of the Indian trails along the Normanskill, leading up to Berne and onward to Schoharie. There were also Indian paths to the north and south along the river shore. The settlers gradually hacked out crude pathways through the dense woods to accommodate a horse and rider, and these eventually were widened to provide passage for a wagon. However, much of the time these paths were either covered

with snow, mired with mud in the spring, or made impassable with overflowing streams.

The first road of any consequence in the town was chartered in 1805 as the Albany and Bethlehem Turnpike. This road crossed the town through Normansville and Adamsville (Delmar), westward to Unionville and the far lands of Otsego County. Shares were sold to finance the construction, and although the road was abandoned as a turnpike in 1863, it was continued in use and repair by the town and state to become the present Delaware Ave.

Dirt turnpikes such as the Delaware were replaced in the second half of the 19th century by the introduction of plank toll roads, considered a great improvement at the time. The South Bethlehem Plank Road was incorporated in 1851, joining the old turnpike at Bethlehem Center and going southwest through Beckers Corners to the hamlet of South Bethlehem, Today, sections of Rts. 9W and 396 are counterparts of this old plank road. (con't. page 18)





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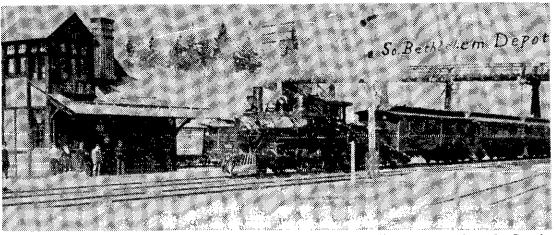
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The Albany, Rensselaerville and Schoharie Plank Road Company received its charter in 1859 to run from Albany through Hurstville, Slingerlands and westward. Parts of this old plank road are still in use today as New Scotland Rd., in the northern part of Bethlehem.

These ancient roadways served not only the local people but were a means of passage for the mass movement of settlers on their way to new lands in the western part of the state as well as serving the populace of the Helderberg mountain region, making their way to market in Albany. Kenwood, Bethlehem Center and Beckers Corners were the sites of tollgates, as were Hurstville, Slingerlands and Elsmere. After the turnpike and plank road companies went out of business, the state and town governments began to take over the maintenance of roads, and the public highways and roads system of Bethlehem developed.



In the days when passenger trains were the chief mode of public transportation, the South Bethlehem station on the West Shore Railroad was a commuter stop. The signal tower perched above the depot.

Today, the Capital District, of which the town of Bethlehem is a part, is within 250 miles of 25 percent of the nation's population and 32 percent of its industry. This great accessibility to the population, industrial and commercial centers places most professional and personal activities within an easy day's reach of Bethlehem. The town is advantageously located for trafficways such as the State Thruway, which has three interchanges serving Bethlehem. Rt. 9W is another important traffic artery leading southward. There are over 50 miles of state highways covering the town of Bethlehem as well as county and town roads.

Also playing a large part in the economy and transportation picture of the town of Bethlehem was the coming of the railroads. The first railroad to have significance in the area was the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad, which began operations between Albany, Slingerlands and points southwest. This line has since become the Delaware and Hudson's Susquehanna Division and passes through the Tri-Village area. In 1865 the Athens and Saratoga Railroad was constructed through the southwest section of the town. This railroad was taken over by the New York Central's West Shore Division in 1883. In 1924, the Central, realizing the crossroads location of the town of Bethlehem to many sections of the nation, opened one of the largest freight classification yards in the country near Selkirk.

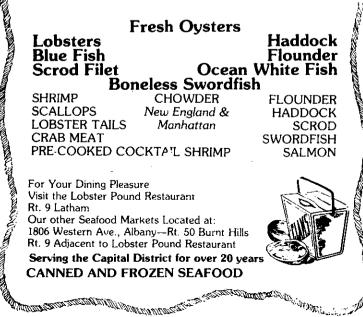
With the passing of the steam locomotive and the use of diesel-powered engines, many of the yard facilities were closed, fewer employees were needed to maintain the equipment, and it looked for a time as if the railroad's part in the town's development had passed. In 1968, however, a resurgence came into local railroad life with the merger of the New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroads. In that year, the first section of track was laid on a con-



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struction project which tripled the size of the yard and sends out thousands of tons of freight from Bethlehem to all parts of the nation.

For many years these railroad lines throughout the town carried not only freight, but also thousands of passengers, going in all directions. Passenger service on all lines was discontinued about 20 years ago, and one wonders if we will ever again have mass transit rail service in this area.

In this treatise on transportation we must not overlook the fact that in 1910 Glenn Curtiss began the history of aviation in the town of Bethlehem by taking off from a cabbage patch on Van Rensselaer Island for the first Albany-to-New York City flight. The New York *World* newspaper offered \$10,000 to the first person to accomplish the flight. The trip took two hours and 50 minutes at a speed of 54 miles per hour.

Bethlehem has seen a steady growth over three centuries, made more rapid in recent years as the need for suburban living space has accelerated and mobility has been enhanced through the improvement of highways. It is a desirable place for development as a residential area, although over the last decade, increased commercial devel-

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opment has added to the overall growth picture of the community, all of this because of its proximity to the city of Albany and vast improvement in transportation facilities.

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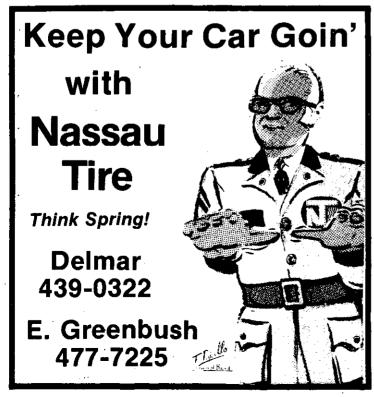
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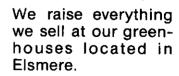
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Feuding families, farmers' revolt ended feudal barony

By T.E. Mulligan

It was an incredible sweetheart of a deal in 1621 that greatly influenced and dominated the first 220 years of the land that became the Town of Bethlehem. Henry Hudson's 1609 voyage had set the stage for a business fantasy come true.

On June 3, 1621, a group of 19 merchants in Amsterdam. Holland, concocted the Charter of the West India Company, which the Dutch High and Mighty Lords State General granted to the "Gentlemen XIX" as they wished to be called. It had 45 detailed conditions in which the Dutch government totally abdicated itself to the tender clutches of 19 pushy businessmen, who put financial gain above country, honor and duty. They embarked on the greatest guaranteed business coup in history-at the expense of many adventurous pioneers, settlers, slaves and mercenaries who were caught on the short end of the business scheme.

By an ironic twist of fate, the wheeling and dealing at 75 Haarlemmer St., Amsterdam, that summer in 1621 can be pinpointed as the birthplace of both New York City and the Town of Bethlehem. Present-day Bethlehem was carved from the upriver 700,000-acre spread of Dutch

THE 'SWEETHEART DEAL' Carte blanche to the feudal lords

"Sweetheart deal" is modern slang for the contract granted by the Dutch government to the 19 entrepreneurs of the New World in the 17th century. The Dutch West India Company credo gave the group incredible power and privilege, including:

• Full exclusive right to world trade, excluding everyone else in Holland, for a 24year period starting in 1621.

• Authority to make contracts and alliances with princes and natives of any country.

• Authority to set power, appoint, transfer, discharge and replace governors, troops and officers of justice.

• Assurance that if cheated, the loss would be made good by the government.

• Assurance that the government would supply troops as needed, to be under the command of the Company (but also to be paid by the Company).

• Authority to apprehend and imprison Dutch troops.

• Assurance that the government would not take any ships, ordinance or ammunition without consent of the Company.

• Total freedom of all ports without charge.

• Agreement that Company directors shall not be "arrested, attacked or encumbered" in order to obtain from them an accounting of the Company, nor for the payment of salaries or wages of those employed by the Company.

• Authority to appropriate for the Company all prizes taken from enemies or pirates (after nominal one-tenth part for sailors and His Excellency).

• Authority to declare war, vested in the Company rather than the country (the Company to equip, fit and man 16 ships of war, more if needed).

• Authority to distribute all spoils of war, one-tenth for the United Netherlands, ninetenths for the 19 participants of the Company in proportion to their invested capital.

The credo had a direct bearing on the Albany area, inasmuch as Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, the first patroon, bought out several of the original investors in order to set up his baronial serfdom. The agreement also included the provision that all Dutch subjects pledge allegiance to the Company.

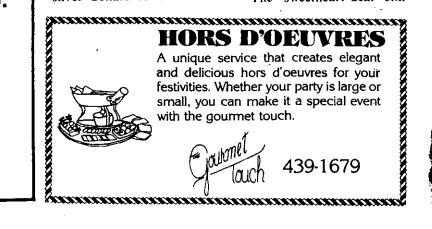
Patroon Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, one of the 19 who with Peter (Peg Leg) Stuyvesant voted to establish New Amsterdam and its satellite 150 miles to the north called Rensselaerwyck.

Kiliaen Van Rensselaer by all historical accounts was a high roller in world events. Another of his cronies in the select Gentlemen XIX was the renowned Dutch Admiral Piet Hein, who hid many millions of silver pieces of eight he had "liberated" from the Spanish merchant fleet in 1629 and had tucked under the original basement floor of the now fully restored Dutch West India House. It will be opened this spring (1981) as a tour attraction in Amsterdam, Holland. Americans can help bankroll the \$6 million restoration cost by purchasing for \$100 specially minted silver coins larger than old silver dollars to serve as a

reminder of the pieces of eight pirated by Gentleman Piet Hein.

Of the three mentioned, only Peg Leg (silver naturally) made it to New Amsterdam, served as Governor (appointed by the Gentlemen XIX) and when the Dutch backed away from the British in 1664 and the Indians' Manhattan was renamed from Dutch New Amsterdam to British New York, Silver Peg Leg Stuyvesant retired in comfort to his farm ("bouwerie" in Dutch) on Manhattan.

The "sweetheart deal" still



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Real Estate Appraisers and Counselors held force under British rule. They changed the titles and names from Patroon to Manor. Fort Orange became Albany, and the patroons continued their firm rule until the Revolution of 1840, when the serfdoms contrived by the Gentlemen XIX ran into trouble with all the tenant farmers in the 24-by-48 mile Rensselaerwyck. It was war, anti-rent war, and the fate of the last surviving, wealthiest and most successful of all the patroonships was at stake.

Up to this point in our U.S. history, the textbooks tell us of the Boston Tea Party and of Concord and the "Shot heard around the world" and all the drum thumping events that made America tick. But nowhere in these tomes is the explanation of the serfdom on the Hudson north of the Catskills or of the original idea that made it work. The 45-point "sweetheart deal" couldn't miss. It was drawn to assure the success of the 19 merchants, and its credo setting up the Rensselaerwyck serfdom is a classic example of Old World power politics fed by New World fear and greed, favor, caste and total rejection of human rights. The fact that it took Albany and Rensselaer County farmers two centuries to wake up and rebel is understood only when we examine the tenacity of the land barons to control their legacy from the Gentlemen XIX. Their greed, promotion of slavery, disdain for yeomen and failure to realize the destructive impact of the 1776 Declaration of Independence led to their undoing.

The role of Alexander Hamilton, born illegitimate in the British West Indies and a power in Albany politics until Aaron Burr's duel removed him from the patroon's council chamber, greatly influenced the contempt the wealthy felt against the poor and the underprivileged. It was this fatal flaw that unified in 1840 the farmers to support their peers in the Helderbergs 50 years after the American Revolution and won another victory against repression.

Almost as dramatic, the events that shaped history in 1630 in Holland had a counterpoint in Bethlehem on Bethlehem Creek (now the Vlaumanskill) where Rensselaer Nicoll, a mix of Dutch and English and a direct descendant of the first English Governor, made his own waves but never rocked the boat. Nicoll was the beneficiary of a "gift of the patroon" of a 1,000-acre tract on Beth-

lehem Creek on which he had to pay rent. He built his house on riverfront land lying between Rensselaerwyck to the north and the Coeymans Patent, a disputed 125-square-mile section of land to the south.

A 1630 "Map of the Colony of Rensselaer Wyck" provides evidence of the early Dutch



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interest in the site of the Nicoll House, erected in 1735 and owned by the town of Bethlehem since 1971. A report prepared in 1974 proposing restoration of the Nicoll House as a historic structure stated that on April 5, 1630, "Kiliaen van Rensselaer caused to be purchased from Paep Sikenekomptas, Noncoutanshal and Sickonssen their lands called Sunckhagag extending two days journey in the interior from Beeren Island to Smacks Island." Beeren Island marked the southern boundary of the patroon's manor, while Smacks Island appears to have been located at the mouth of the Vlaumanskill. This land fronting-the west shore of the Hudson was divided into parcels, carefully measured, and plotted according to intended uses. From this evidence, there is no doubt that this part of the manor was one of the first areas to be settled.

Another Indian deed dated September 12, 1652, transferred land "along the great kill so far into the country as may be thought necessary" to Jan Baptist van Rensselaer, Director of the Colony of Rensselaerswyck. A nineteenth century county history states that early farmers gave the name Bethlehem to the settlement between 1630 and 1640; however, documentation of the name "Bethlehem" is first noted in a deed dated March 13, 1679/1680. Two further references from the year 1689, one concerning a Barent Gerritse of Bethlehem and the other referring to a PAGE 22 — February 26, 1981 — The Spotlight

fort to be built at Bethlehem by order of the Albany Convention, both dispel the myth that the community derived its name from the house. The settlement of Bethlehem was established long before construction of the Nicoll residence, commonly known as the Bethlehem House. Although it is assumed that the name stems from Biblical sources, it is possible that there is an association with a town in Flanders of the same name. This possibility is strengthened by the fact that Vlaumanskill means "the Fleming's Creek."

St., top left. At right is the Elsmere station.

In 1719, Kiliaen van Rensselaer willed Rensselaer Nicoll, the son of his sister Anna, the following tract of land:

A Delaware and Hudson general manager, miffed at a long delay in buying land at Four Corners

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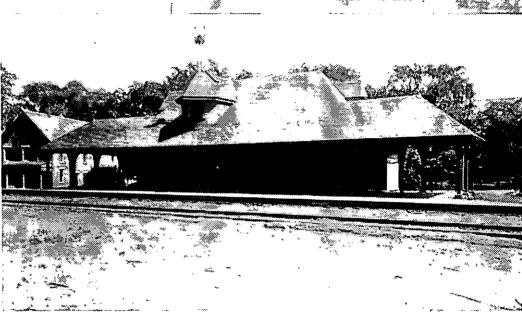
← All that Farm at Bethlehem in my said Manor now leased in possession of William Van Allen, with the Island called Nieffes Island; Beginning at the south side of bethlehem Creek and extending southward to the Bounds of Barent Pietersen Coeymans land and backwards into the woods from Hudson's River, one English mile.

Also given in compliance with the custom of paying one-tenth rent to the lord of the manor was:

the Farm on the north side of Bethlehem containing ten or twelve Acres as in Fence where the House and Barn of Coysome lately stood, with the privilege of keeping a saw mill on the South side of the Said creek where now a saw mill stands, with privilege of bringing to the said mill 300 logs yearly.

These extracts are further evidence that the land which Rensselaer Nicoll inherited was under cultivation for some time prior to the construction of the house, and the fertile Nieffe's Island, later known as Ryer's Island, is certainly parcel number three on the 1630 map of "Rensselaer Wyck."









Churches join in service

"From Ashes to Resurrection" is the theme of an Ash Wednesday service to be held on Wednesday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Delmar Reformed Church Participants in this service, which marks the beginning of Lent, include the First United Methodist Church, Delmar, Unionville Reformed Church and Voorheesville Community United Methodist Church. The service is open to the community, especially to those whose churches are not holding Ash Wednesday services this year. The service will include a meditation by Rev. Leon Adkins, First United Methodist Church, an anthem by the First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, and special music by Andrew Joachim, cellist, and Gene Usher, violinist, of the Delmar Reformed Church.

Troop needs help

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An 1870 stage ride — mostly uphill

By Martha Slingerland

Wouldn't it be pleasant to be able to go for a ride on the Albany-Rensselaerville stage in some by-gone year? Let's pretend that it is about 1870 and we are swinging along the old Delaware Turnpike behind a fine team. Our stage has a black-covered frame top and side curtains for use in stormy weather. There are seats, but today it isn't crowded so we won't have to use the middle one, which faces the back.

The road was built by the Albany and Delaware Turnpike Co., which was chartered in March, 1805. It is quite a busy thoroughfare, connecting Albany with the Schoharie, Susquehanna and Delaware valleys and it also serves numerous industries and farms along its path.

We know that we are approaching the hamlet of Unionville, for we see the tall church spire. Yes, there it is, built 45 years ago. The church has an elevated platform at

Martha Gardiner Slingerland is the wife of Harold Slingerland, a ninth-generation descendant of Teunis Slingerland. She and her husband have a farm on Delaware Tpk. atop Stony Hill in the town of New Scotland. She has been researching New Scotland history for more than 30 years, and has written a slide presentation on the Unionville Church. She formerly taught school in Clarksville. She has three children and four grandchildren

the front corner for the convenience of ladies arriving for service by carriage. Behind the church we see the sheds that shelter the horses that brought them.

Just beyond the church, very near the railroad tracks, is the home of the Rev. Adrian Westveer. Born 29 years ago in Holland, he serves both the Unionville and the Clarksville Reformed churches. The parsonage was built in 1854 before the railroad went through. It replaced an earlier one that had been built about 1838.

Hold tight now, for we are bouncing over the railroad tracks. Here on the right we can see the old toll gate. John Best, the tollhouse keeper, is still here, but tolls are no longer collected. Just beyond is the blacksmith shop of John Sigsbee, a busy place.

As we pass the next house we can see the hotel with UNION CHURCH, the post office name, in large letters on the shed door. We can stretch our legs a bit here, for the stage will stop to deliver mail and change horses.

The proprietor of the hotel is William I. Spore. He has a farm on Stony Hill that is being managed by his older sons while he, his wife and younger children live here. Mr. Spore carries a few groceries, too.

As we come in the main door of the hotel, we can turn to our left and relax in the public sitting room. There is also a dining room and kitchen. To the right of the



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hall is a Dutch door. If you knock, the top half will be opened and mail handed out from the boxes behind the bar. There is another door that leads to the barroom a little further down the hall.

Upstairs is a huge ballroom. The church nearby has no place but the sanctuary to hold any events, so church suppers, donations and dramas are often held here. On those occasions the bar is closed. The ballroom is often used for private dances and parties, and occasionally it is rented out for a medicine show. This will include free entertainment, followed by the sale of wonderful potions and elixirs.

Our horses are ready now, and any mail intended for Clarksville, Reidsville or Rensselaerville is safely loaded, so we must get settled in the stagecoach again.

The Unionville Hill is very steep, and we are glad that our horses are well rested. Part way up we see the schoolhouse. It is already quite old, and the yard is worn bare by a generation of eager young feet.

Soon, on our left, we come to the wagon and carriage shop of John Hartman, and near it the second blacksmith shop in town, run by John Exler.

On our right is a road leading over to the hamlet of New Scotland. On this road is the cheese factory of Martin J. Whitbeck. On our left is the William Conger farm. That is why this is often called Conger's Hill. It is very steep again, and our horses are straining at the traces. A wagon is starting down the hill. We can hear the squeal of the brakes and the rasp of the shoes that form skids under the wheels. The horses are leaning backward into the harness breeching. It must be very heavily loaded! Yes, now we see that it is a load of flagstone from one of the quarries at Reidsville destined to become city sidewalks in Albany. Our driver has pulled



The Empire House was one of three hotels on the main street of Clarksville.

over as far as he can to let them scrape by us.

At the top of the hill, just past Pangburn Road, is a stone that tells us that we have come nine miles from the city. A little beyond it is the Stony Hill school. It was built in 1845 and through the window we can see some of the children seated on homemade benches. Beside the road one of the older boys is waiting for us to pass by. He is on his way over to the hotel to get the water bucket filled. Across the front of the hotel we see the words NINE MILE HOUSE. It was here that Peter Stoner had a tavern and blacksmith shop before 1800.

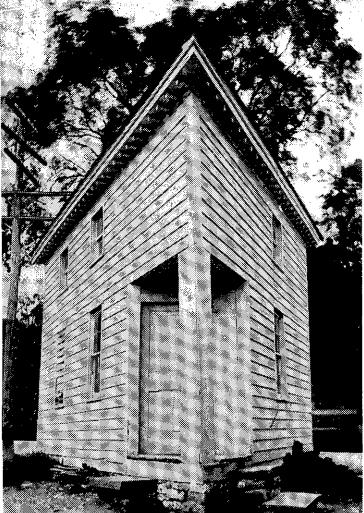
Now we are passing three houses occupied by various members of the VanAtten family. They are on land leased from the patroon by Benjamin VanAtten in 1787. The third is the oldest, built of stone in 1791. The next farm we see is owned by the widow of Anthony Slingerland. It was also part of the VanAtten lease, though ownership was probably disputed by the Slingerland family until 1813 when their tenure was legalized by a purchase by Anthony's father.

Half a mile away on our right is the farm of William Spore, whom we met at the Unionville Hotel. In order to reach it we would have to travel over a private road off Pangburn Road. Children from this place have to walk "across lots" to reach the



Stony Hill School was built in 1884 on the lot now occupied by the James Dunn residence on Delaware Tpk. In 1894-95 the teacher, a Miss Simmons, second from left, posed with her pupils, Eunice, Bertha and Herbert Weisenburn, Clare and Charles Flansburg, Freeman Cook, Susie Glasser, Will Sager and Amasa Slingerland.





Clarksville's well known Flatiron Building.

Stony Hill School. (Spore Road did not exist until 1905).

To our left is a lane that leads to the Feura Bush road. On the lane in a stone house lives James Slingerland, brother of Anthony. He is known as "General Jim" because in his younger days when all men were required to participate in general military training, he had charge of all the militia in this town.

At the corner of Clipp Road is a structure that used to be the home of Patrick Fowler. He was born in



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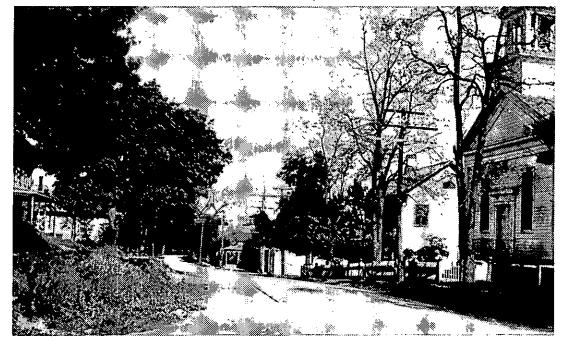
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Ireland and was killed in our Civil War.

Only a little farther is the place where Dr. Valentine Dennick once had a tavern as well as a medical practice. Like most early tavern keepers, he also served as postmaster for the area. Dr. Dennick died in 1850 at the age of 66, and is buried in a private cemetery off Clipp Road.

Now our driver is advising the horses to go slowly and we soon hear the sound of the brake blocks against the wheels. We are starting down Bogart Hill. It is steep with a sharp curve at the bottom. Just past the sharpest curve is the Van DerBogart stone house, built on land that was leased from the patroon by James Henderson in 1791. It was sold to Joseph Van DerBogart in 1795. It is now the home of Martin Vanderzee and his family.

Here the road climbs a series of rock ledges. This area is called Rock City or Rocksville by local residents



The main street of Clarksville looking east before it was paved. On the right is the Methodist Church. The Flatiron Building is in the center partially hidden by foliage.

who sometimes come here for stone to use in driveways or barnyards. Here, too, is the home of William Countryman, a limeburner by trade. Limeburning has been an important local industry for decades now. The Clarksville area is dotted with rock kilns, where the native limestone is burned to produce lime for white wash, mortar and tanning as well as for agricultural purposes. This process requires several days of continuous care.

Just before we get to the village of Clarksville, the turnpike makes a wide S curve and we find ourselves climbing again. Part way up

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the hill someone has placed a trough so that it catches a flow of water from the rock cliff on our right. The driver pulls over to let the horses drink.

As we come to open farm land again we see orchards, berry plantings and fields full of tall poles that remind us of yet another important industry. Hops are grown here on quite a large scale and many of the village young people supplement the family income by helping pick the hops that are sold for use in making yeast and malt beverages. Peter Fuller, a local farmer, has patented his own type of hop pole.

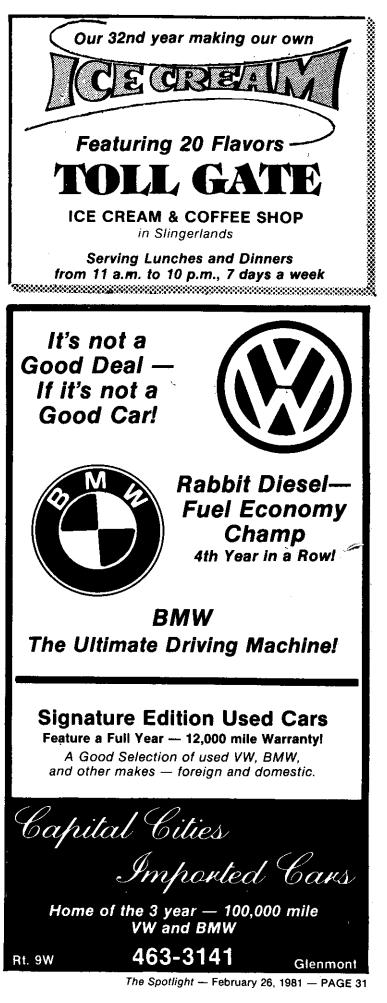
The village of Clarksville nestles at the foot of the Helderbergs, and because of its location on the turnpike and stage route about halfway between Albany and Rensselaerville, it has become the largest and busiest village in the Town of New Scotland. Its three hotels are often full, and many private homes have become well-known summer boarding houses.

It was known as West Bethlehem until 1833, when it was renamed in honor of Adam A.' Clark, a hotel keeper, postmaster and influential citizen. He died in 1856, but his widow is still living here in 1870.

At the hotel he once owned we will stay for awhile in order to be able to visit several of the attractions here. The fare for our ride from Albany will be about 45 cents, three cents a mile.

Now we are standing on the spot where the Battle of Clarksville took place on Dec. 2, 1839. During the Anti-Rent Wars, Clarksville was the gateway to the farms of the Helderbergs. On that cold December day Sheriff Artcher left Albany with a posse of some 600 citizens and militia to back him up as he tried again to serve processes and/or collect rents. It was already late afternoon when they reached Clarksville, and most of the group remained at







Roxbury, Andes and beyond.

While we are here, I know you will want to visit both of the churches. Reformed and Methodist, the two saw mills and the grist mill. There are four stores, a meat market, two carriage shops, a harness shop, and in a small threecornered building on the corner of Plank Road is the shoe and boot shop of Alexander Clapp. There are three blacksmiths, a milliner's shop, a cooper, three doctors, an undertaker, a lawyer and several dressmakers. On top of the hill is a stone schoolhouse built in 1825. There is also a select school.

Of course, every visitor is expected to visit the sulphur spring on Bennett's Hill and at least peek into the two caves nearby. But right now I am travel weary. Let's see if our hotel rooms are ready.

Fatality in Feura Bush

A Selkirk youth was killed last Wednesday and his three passengers injured when his car skidded out of control on Rt. 32 in Feura Bush, striking a stopped vehicle and then a pole at the Feura Bush Fire House.

Robert J. Snyder, 18, of Rarick Rd., Selkirk, was prounced dead at Albany Medical Center. Passengers Kieth D. Deragon, 16, of Feura Bush and brothers David and George Swift, 16 and 19, of Selkirk, were taken by the Onesquethaw Rescue Squad to the medical center, where they were treated and released.

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Students at courthouse

Voorheesville sixth graders explored the judicial process in a class field trip to the Albany County courthouse last month. Accompanied by teachers Dennis Ulion and Peter Douglas, students met with Supreme Court Justice



Lawrence Kahn, District Attorney Sol Greenberg and Sheriff George Infante. They also sat in on a civil court case.

In his courtroom, Justice Kahn explained the duties and merits of elected judges vs. appointed judges, and explored the capital punishment controversy. After explaining the duties of a jury, Kahn arranged for visits to other areas of the courthouse. Both Greenberg and Infante explained their duties. Greenberg also talked about youthful offender situations his office has prosecuted.

JCC nursery school

Registration is open for the 1981 school year of the nursery school at the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany. Judy Berger, the school's director, has announced open house dates on Monday, March 9, and Wednesday, March 11, 10 a.m. to noon.



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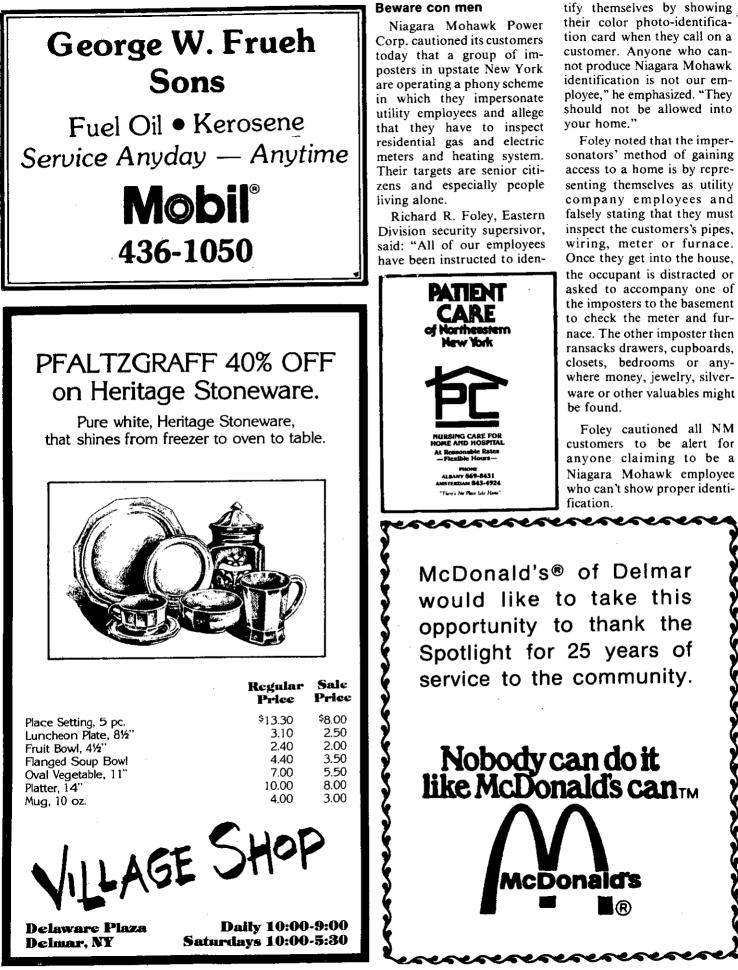
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A sightseeing tour in lee of the Helderbergs

By Madelon Pound Graves

The people who come to settle in this region were certainly among the bravest men and women on earth. Frances B. Kimball.

Between 1700 and 1750 a number of settlers came into this land bringing with them the customs of the Old World and the industrious hardihood of the race they represented. Annals of Albany.

The best way to know the country and its inhabitants is by traveling on foot, but because of the saving of time and energy I shall take my mare and best buggy to show my cousin from Michigan, Mary Paterson, the part of the state my father once called "the garden spot of the universe." My cousin spent the night in Albany at the Hampton Hotel, and is taking the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad to arrive at the depot at Hilton's Crossing this beautiful morning in 1874. While waiting to meet her, Mr. Coughtry, or perhaps you remember the family as the MacCoughtrys from Scotland, told me that Col. James Hendrick, an Albany businessman, had just bought 600 acres of land over Bethlehem way. That probably includes the old Radley place, the Olivers and the Weidemans. What do you suppose he intends to do with all those barns and greenhouses?

The hotel at the Stonewell was a focal point of New Scotland life. A Mobil station now occupies the site. On the cover: the corner looking west.

behemoth it is, up the grade on its way to Knowersville (Altamont). Let's hope the cow catcher doesn't live up to its name. While Capt. Hilton loads his best cattle and prize

Madelon Pound Graves was one of a family of six Pounds who drove from Flint, Mich, to New Scotland in her grandfather Paterson's 1922 Paterson car for the summer and stayed 50 years. Her father, the late Arthur Pound, was New York State historian and author of 22 published books. She is well known as a harpist and conservationist. and is custodian of the Whitbeck Memorial Grove, New Scotland, for the Nature Conservancy. She is married to William L. Graves, has four children, four stepchildren and five grandchildren, and lives on Bullock Rd. New Scotland.

bulls, Mary tells me that on the train she met the new schoolteacher, Peter deLong, He will teach at School No. 12 and board with the McGilvras, or possibly the Segcors or LaGranges. It's interesting to know that Jan Vroman and Omie de la Grange bought 69,000 acres from Jan Hendrick VanBaal for 100 beaver skins in 1700. Beavers were plentiful in those days, and thousands of pelts were canoed down the Normanskill and shipped from Albany, down

the Hudson River and thence to Europe.

As I was telling this to Mary, I realized that much of the settlement of Michigan is due to trapping and lumbering. This land was of good quality, having a strip of Ontario loam, so Killean Van Rensselaer, seeing an opportunity to acquire more settlers for himself through the Dutch West Indies Co., began a law suit to claim the VanBaal land. He was successful. Some think that the arbitrator was bribed. Does that sound familiar? The patroon took possession, and 63 families who had cleared the land and farmed for almost 100 years were disposessed. Sad, particularly since Omie de laGrange, a Huguenot, had been persecuted in France, fled to Holland and thence gained passage to America.

Notice the house across the tracks. It was the Coughtry's, but is now the Thompsons. They grow some of the best apples in New Scotland.

First we will visit the Hilton family. I'll tell you something about them as we go. Their home isn't far, so I'll have to



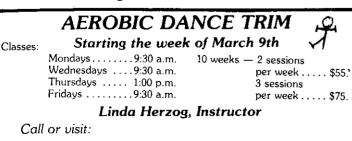
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In 1981

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talk fast. Robert Hilton came to America from Shropshire, England, and eventually settled here, living in a small cabin that happened to be left over from Indian days. His 375 acres were leased and eventually purchased from the patroon Van Rensselaer's estate. Robert served through the Revolution under Washington and LaFayette, 5-but refused a government pension. Instead he became a successful farmer, bringing Shropshire sheep over from his homeland.

Sheep thrived in this land in 1790. However, there was a terrible fire one year and the barn, sheep/and all, burned to the ground. After that he became interested in cattle. His son, Joseph, is the largest owner and breeder of Devon cattle. His herd contains some of the choicest specimens in the state, including his bull, Prince of Wales, considered the finest bull in America. Perhaps Mr. Hilton will show us the beautiful oil paintings of the Prince and also Edith, a prize cow done by Mr. Twichell. You'll notice that Mrs. Hilton is much younger than Capt. Joseph, who courted her mother and, when spurned, waited for her to marry and produce a daughter, whereupon he married the daughter. What planning!

We'll keep out of the way of the hay wagons, but I want you to see the barn. It is pegged together and the beams are tremendous. The small house across the road was the home of our first minister, Rev. Linsley. It is a shame that Mr. Hilton is away on legislative business, but I'm glad you met Mrs. Hilton and saw all the treasures in the house.

We'll go on to the Bender farm and sample one of their delicious melons. They grow acres of them and ship them over the country. That was refreshing and interesting to catch up on new business from the town supervisor.

Now we'll go to the Raynsfords where this, the north road, meets the plank 'road from Albany. Look to the right, across the pear and plum orchard, and you'll see the Helderbergs, called by the Dutch Helleberg, meaning clear mountains. To you, from Michigan, they may seem high as they did to the Hollanders, but actually the highest point is 1,823 feet above the sea. They make a good wind-break for much of New Scotland, although right here there are always huge drifts of snow in the winter.

If you look to the left you will see the Boom place on the ridge. They're doing so well that they and the Beckers, further to the east, had another barn raising last week. Albertus Becker settled here about the same time as the Raynsfords, in 1714. This is the house on the right. Ed Raynsford has been a prominent citizen for many years, in fact the first town meeting was held in his house. We'll rest our mare under the wagon shed here on the corner for a few minutes and give her some water from the stone well. These three wells are known for their pure water, no iron or sulphur, and



Helderberg lookout, 1899. people sometimes call this the "stone well corner."

If you want to mail your postcard, we will go across to the hotel. Mrs. Reid's son will post it for you. 1 see Mrs. Coughtry and Mr. Burns are sitting on the front porch, so we'll just chat for a minute or two.

lsn't it a pretty village? The elm trees on each side of the road were planted a while ago, but they are quite a size now. The sidewalks now go all the way to the school for the children. Their shoes get muddy enough this time of year. Do you smell the lilacs? Those bushes were brought from England 100 years ago in 1770, and were planted there in front of the Relyea house. Adam Relyea was a member of the militia and enlisted in the war of 1812. Here is the Gamble house and the parsonage where Rev. Eddie resides next to our Presbyterian church. The church was established in 1787. The first church building was built on a grant of land, 162 acres having been given by Stephen Van Rensselaer, the fourth patroon.

We're passing the Taylors and the Moaks, and on the right is Dr. Dickson's house and J. Long's blacksmith and wheelright shop. We have 15 schoolhouses in the town of New Scotland. Halfway down the hill is No. 8, on the half acre that Anthony Wayne gave from his farm.

We'll turn south now on South Road, naturally, and





This early topographical map of New Scotland shows the routes taken by Martha Slingerland and Madelon Pound Graves.

there is the Moaks' house on the right and the cemetery on the left. Three Revolutionary War soldiers are buried up on the hill near the church. Anthony Wayne was an Englishman and, being a butcher, he supplied the army with

fresh meat. Jacob Moak, a Swiss, and Robert Hilton, whose great-grandson you met today, were the first to be buried in this graveyard.

We're coming to the Furbecks I want you to meet the children. They are so proud of their ancestor, John Furbeck, who was forced to fight with the British forces as a Hessian, having been impressed in Germany by the principality of Hesse-Cassel. Shortly before Burgoyne

surrendered at Saratoga he was taken as a prisoner to Albany. He enlisted in the American army, where he served two years as a teamster. He then settled here. What a great piece of work he did in clearing the

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pocket and lumber vard there on the left and the store on the right. We should stop and ask Mr. Crawford for some of that good whorehound candy.

This track is the Hudson and Saratoga. Hang on, it is probably bumpier than the New York Central but mighty efficient in taking our produce to New York. Mr. Mc-Cullough is waving from the station platform over there. We'll just trot on past the cider and saw mill and see what he wants. It's just a shame that we won't be able to take the package to his cousin. The McCullough house is so interesting. It was built of stone quarried on the farm, a high, square sturdy house. How did they ever do it? Well the McCulloughs are smart. David was town clerk for four years and probably Nicholas will be elected next year. Maybe they will come to the picnic tomorrow,

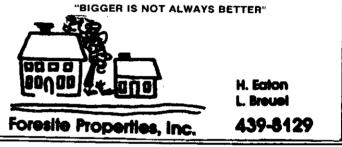
If you look up and ahead now, you'll see the tallest pine trees in the country, red pines I believe, that grow on a knoll

on the Aaron Houghtaling farm. We'll pass them if we go up this hill to the left. The Bullock family would like to meet you and by going this way to New Salem, we'll avoid the toll gate at the top of the hill - three quarters of a cent a mile soon adds up to a costly trip. The Bartons on the left have a beautiful view of the Hudson valley as well as the Helderbergs. They are fruit growers as are many of the farmers in this area.

We will stop for a drink of water from Wand's well. The dipper is always there on the hook. James and John were Scottish Highlanders, enlisted in the English army and came to Canada to take part in the French and Indian War. They served their time as volunteers for three months, then made their way through the woods and finally located in New Scotland in 1762. They were weavers by trade as was their grandfather, Ebenezer from Glasgow, who bought 400 acres of land for \$2 per acre, then proceeded to

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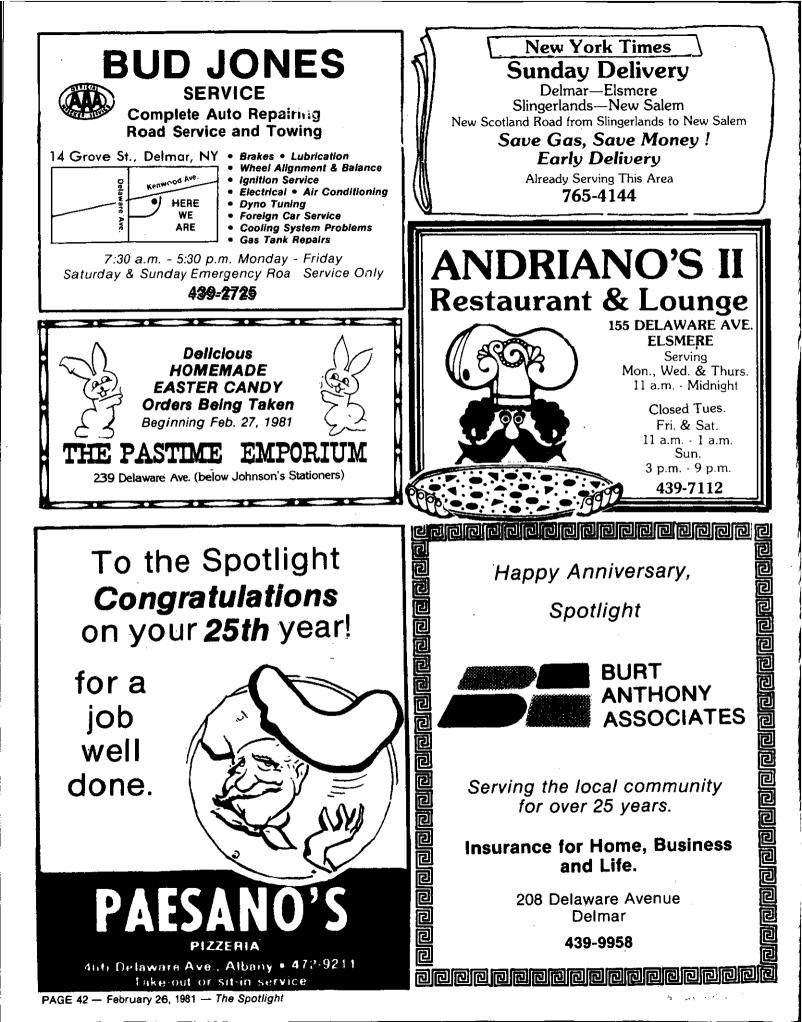
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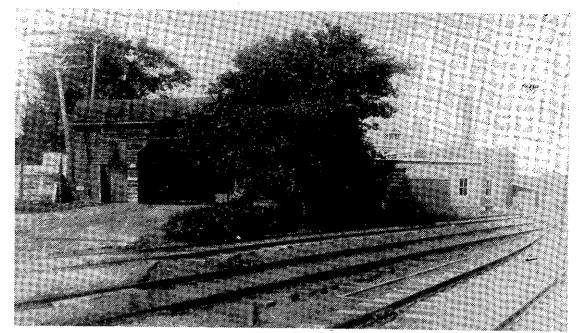
rear eight sons and three daughters. Do you see what I mean by the fifth generation?

The stone house ahead was built by Matthew Bullock, an Englishman from Derbyshire. In 1815 he introduced and imported some fine stock of short-horned cattle, which improved the breed and were most beneficial to dairymen and farmers. He built two houses for his sons. Thomas was town clerk and John was justice of the peace. These houses became the property of the Benders, and now Robert Hurst owns Matthew's house and farms the land. There was and still may be a Hurst Castle in Essex.

This is one of the early Bullock houses, just before we turn to the right. The Crounse family lives here now. Their great grandfather, Frederick Crounse, was a nobleman, I hear. It is quite a pull for Molly to get up this hill, but she'll probably fly down the other side. The Lukes' dog will chase us, and there is the Vly to cross at the bottom, so hang on.

I wish we could turn south here to go past Schoolhouse No. 7 and Jacob Moak's place. He traded his extensive acreage for his brother Robert's 75 acres near the church, and now I think the Allens own it. We must turn right here. These roads are so rutted it's a wonder we haven't shaken the wheel loose again. Perhaps we should rest ourselves and Molly at the Taylors. I knew John when he was supervisor several years ago, and all the Taylors are hospitable people.

We won't stop at the Albrights and Rushmors, dusk comes early to Punkintown. I always thought this village was named for the quality and quantity of Pumpkins grown hereabouts. The name was dropped when the postoffice was designated in 1770 and New Salem, a more dignified name, was chosen. There are saw mills, grist mills and feed mills around the countryside, and there is the large store and tavern owned by Aaron Van Schraak. This is now a thri-



The grade crossing at Slingerlands showing the toll gate.

ving community what with a harness shop, blacksmith and tannery. We are passing the Methodist church on the right, built on land purchased from Abram Mann in 1850. That is considerably later than the New Scotland church, but people were somewhat later in settling here.

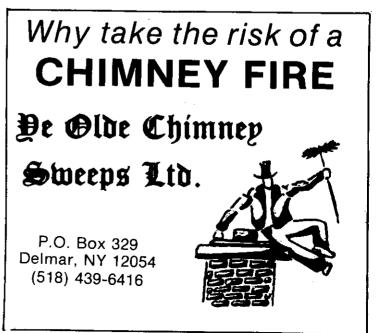
What a perfect day for our picnic! We will drive Molly to the Livingstons, who have agreed to lend us their team and wagon for the drive up the mountain. The Stalkers, Herricks and Segers will meet us there and we will pick up the Martins and Waldrons near the McChesneys. We should sing "Wait in the Wagon." This is a real climb for the team, although it is a well-used short cut to Knox and Berne. We will get out here. Anyone who wants to see the Tory Cave come with me. We'll meet at the top. The path is a bit washed out so be careful. The story of the cave is that it was the hiding place of a Tory during the Revolution. Having a natural flue at the top, it carries off the smoke and being high and

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dry, it was a comforetable retreat. The soldiers could see the valley below, sweeping off towards the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers and observe the movements of the patriots. If discovered from below. they could run to the Indian ladder, a tree leaning against a cliff, or if from above, they could lose themselves in the thick woods through which we just passed. It is also said that the Indians brought food to spies by lowering supplies over the cliff.

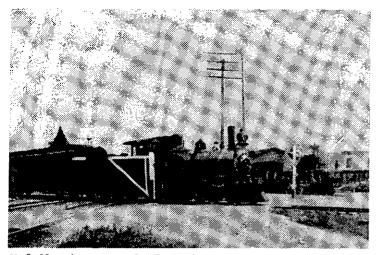
Speaking of food let's see what Mr. Bennett put in the hamper for our lunches. Now you can understand why I have not returned to Michigan. Isn't this a lovely panorama? The air is so clear that you can see the Green Mountains of Vermont, Mt. Greylock in Massachusetts and all the forests and fields of New Scotland spread before you like a patchwork quilt or, to quote from your uncle and my father, "This shawl of many colors which the industrious hand of man has woven for the fertile breast of Earth."

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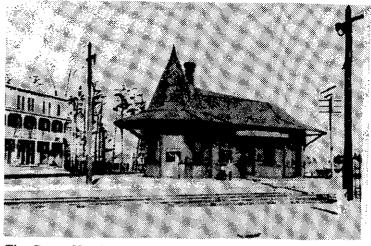


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D & H train crosses the Central tracks at Voorheesville.



The Grove Hotel was handy to the station in Voorheesville.

SPOTLIGHT HISTORICAL FEATURE

Voorheesville: a railroad junction 100 years later

As the fastest growing of Albany County's six incorporated villages, Voorheesville could celebrate its centennial this year without any flack from historians.

Its official corporate charter dates only to 1899, however that makes it a late bloomer in a country that traces its political and social lineage back 350 years to the first feudal patroonship in 1630, but the most significant date in Voorheesville annals is 1881. That's the year the second railroad came in and crossed over the original Albany and Susquehanna line. From that event the commercial, social and political action picked up, and it's still going.

Today the industrial and

commercial activity has subsided somewhat from its heyday in the early 1900s, but the word is getting around that the village is a delightful place to live and bring up a family...good location, a fine school system, an efficient local government and its own water system. It also has a strong community spirit, spawned by older residents whose loyalty gave a solid base to village organizations. and strengthened by the younger couples in Salem Hills, Scotch Pine and other areas who quickly respond to the traditions.

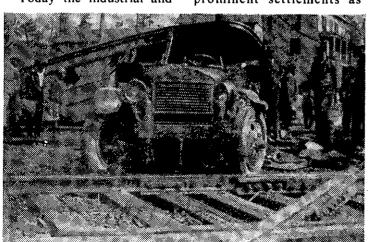
There is no Voorheesville on the 1866 topographical map of New Scotland (see page 39) that featured such prominent settlements as

Unionville, Clarksville, New Salem and "Fura Bush," but the small dots showed dwellings and farms along the Altamont road and the main roads have since formed the nucleus of the village. The Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Co., incorporated on April 9, 1851, opened its first 35 miles of track from Albany to Central Bridge on Sept. 16, 1863. The tracks reached Binghamton in 1869, and in February, 1870, were leased to the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.

The first passenger train

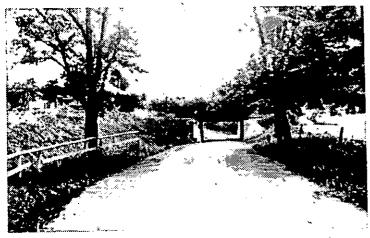
stopped at Hilton's Crossing Sept. 6, 1863. By 1880 the area near Vly Creek to the west was becoming more settled, and when the New York, West Shore and Buffalo Railroad laid a track across Bethlehem and New Scotland in 1881, it crossed the D&H in the middle of the hamlet. That spurred more growth, including a cider mill and a foundry.

It mattered little to the farmers, storekeepers, doctors, lawyers and businessmen that the West Shore railroad, chartered in 1881 to extend



One of Frank Hungerford's buses came to grief on the tracks in Voorheesville in the Thirties. The Delmar-based bus company ran between the village and Albany via Delmar.





Maple Ave., Voorheesville, was straighter before paving.

from New York up the west bank of the Hudson to Athens, Greene County, and thence across Albany County to Rotterdam and the south shore of the Mohawk as a competing line to the New York Central, was built so rapidly it ran out of money two years after it was opened. In the foreclosure proceedings in 1885, the road was transferred to two of New York's financial giants, J. P. Morgan and Chauncey M. Depew, who leased it to the New York Central.

As the traffic picked up, including "summer people" who came out from the city for the fresh country air, Conrad Fryer built the Grove Hotel next to the railroad station. The settlement that had been established during the Civil War became known as Voorheesville, named after its apparent founder, Alonzo B. Voorhees, a wealthy lawyer, but both the station and the post office had the name "New Scotland." The post office, with James A. Reid as the first postmaster, was opened as early as 1868. The Hotaling and Hicks steam saw mill gave way to a second mill operated by W. S. Swift, who also established a lumber yard.

The histories tell us that in 1880, after Voorhees had left, another rich lawyer named Farlin moved into the settlement. His influence carried enough weight to have the name of the hamlet and its post office changed to Farlin. He also published a newspaper in 1891, but he stayed only two years. When he left, the inhabitants changed the name back to Voorheesville.

The Presbyterian Church was built on Main St. in 1886 and the First Methodist



Voorheesville Ave, with newly planted trees.

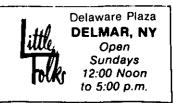
Church on the Altamont road in 1890. The first Catholic church was built in 1920. The date of the first grade school has eluded historians, but is probably around 1895. Teenagers went to high school in Altamont or Albany until the high school was built in 1949. That structure has housed the elementary school since the present junior-senior high school was built in 1958.

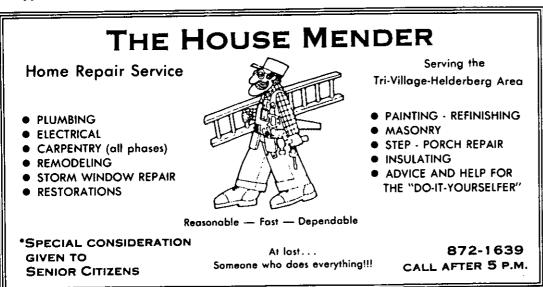
Voorheesville's commercial history' probably began with James Reid's general store. Arthur Gregg, the Altamont historian and nonegenarian, stated in an article in the Altamont *Enterprise* some years ago that in 1950 Frank VanAuken, then 90, told him that the mail came from Albany by stagecoach, was dumped on the counter at Reid's store and the villagers sorted through the pile for their own letters. It was natural that when the first post office was established, Reid became postmaster.

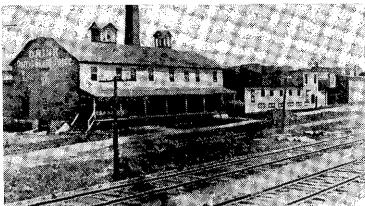
Reid's store stood on the site of the present village firehouse. Other businesses made their appearance here and there, notably a feed mill operated by LeRoy S. Schell, the Empire Cider and Vinegar Works and a grape juice plant that one historical account says was established by the Welch interests.

Gregg's account also tells of Voorheesville as a hub for the shipment of Heldeberg bluestone to many places by rail. The heavy slabs were brought down the steep hill into New Salem and driven to the railroad junction in the village for shipment. "Daily horsedrawn wagons made their way to the depot," he wrote. "The brakeman's job was to keep the laden wagons from running right over their own teams on the steep inclines."

By the time the village was large enough to have a mayor and trustees, it had a foundry but no bank. The story goes — and it's well documented — that the foundry owner, Frederick Griesman, became concerned that on paydays his men would stop at the hotel barroom and other drinking establishments on the way home, with the result that a







Empire Cider and Vinegar works.

sizeable portion of their wages ended up in the till behind the bar instead of in the cookie jar at home. Griesman organized several other business leaders and established the Voorheesville Savings and Loan Assn., ancestor of the present First Federal.

At its peak in the 1950s, the cider mill operated by the Duffy-Mott Co. fed more than 30 million pounds of apples from nearby orchards into its big presses and shipped the bottled cider to many parts of the world. The first commercial prune juice produced east of the Rockies was also bottled in Voorheesville.

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ade and running races, the summer band concerts in the memorial park, the high school football games on crisp fall afternoons, the pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners put on by local organizations for youth activities and civic services and a score of other functions. Progress has made changes in the buildings and roads, but even with a population soaring above 3,000, the neighborliness remains untouched.

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Officials at St. Thomas School reported to Bethlehem police that two spotlight holders were removed from the school building last Thursday. No estimate of the damage was available.

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BETHLEHEM HISTORY The Rowe legacy

By T.E. Mulligan

It is impossible to draw a political town line that separates the history of Bethlehem from Coeymans. Their respective townships were formed in 1793 and 1791, and are jointly identified with all the events that spawned the 350-year history of the Capital District.

The Coeymans Patent, more than 25 square miles, was the crux of a legal battle . between Barent Pieterse Coeymans, who in 1673 purchased that tract from the Catskill Indians, and the patroon of Rensselaerwyck, who insisted it was his under terms of the Dutch West India Company pact of 1621.

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The dispute was finally resolved by Queen Anne of England in 1714, shortly before her death, but the monumental and unprecedented decision against Albany's Lord of the Manor in favor of Andries Coeymans, eldest son of the late Barent, set in motion adversary forces that in another hundred years would bring the total dissolution of the Albany-Rensselaer serfdom, the last remaining serfdom in the world.

The Queen Anne ruling, for whatever reason, caused a

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flurry of concern in Coeymans Patent, and two years later, in 1716, the vast land mass was divided by Barent's son Andries among his two brothers and sister, Pieter, Samuel and Ariaantje.

Many of the original documents from this period (1716) and into the 20th century well over 200 papers, maps, diaries, slave sale records, river manifests, wills and litigations—were given as a gift to the Town of Bethlehem from the estate of Anna K. Rowe of South Bethlehem, who died at age 90 on June 6, 1980.

Realization of what the, records contained was difficult to comprehend until the first full reading, which took a month. The span of dates is 1716 to 1929—all dealing with the same prominent local families during the colonial and revolutionary period and up to the stock market crash that set the stage for World War 11.

The Rowe family traces its ancestry to 1610 with the union of Resolved Waldron to Rebecca Hendricks. Ten generations later, in 1872, John C. Rowe, husband of Anna K., with blood links to Vanderzee, Ten Eyck, Van Buren, Beekman, Vanderburgh and Stoutenburgh, was born to Soloman C. Rowe and Cornelia Mosher and at age 3 moved to the farm on Highway 396.

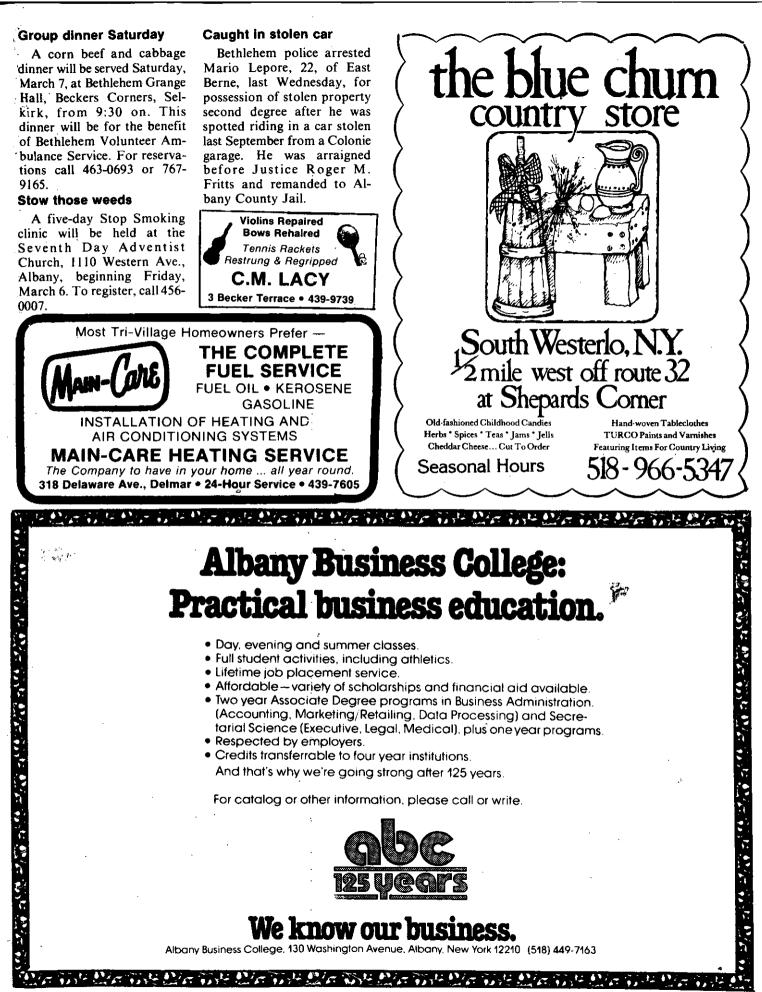
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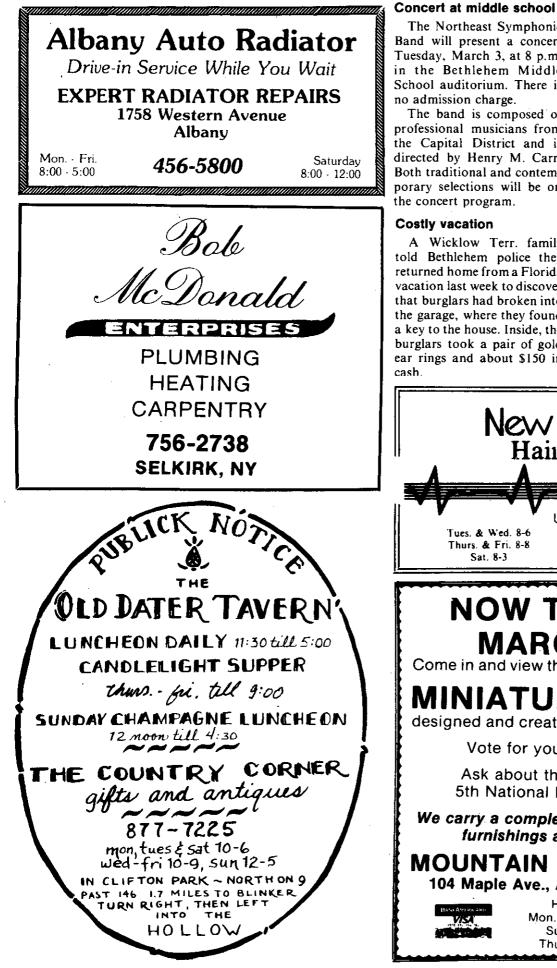
The editors of the Spotlight and the writers who have contributed to this issue are grateful to many people for historical material and the loan of old photos. Among them are Betty Von Ostenbrugge of the Bethlehem Historical Assn.; William F. Gray III, Voorheesville village historian: Robert Parmenter, New Scotland town historian, Ruth and Mark. Baumbach, Clara Marsh and Anna Spore Stalker.

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The Northeast Symphonic Band will present a concert Tuesday, March 3, at 8 p.m. in the Bethlehem Middle School auditorium. There is no admission charge.

The band is composed of professional musicians from the Capital District and is directed by Henry M. Carr. Both traditional and contemporary selections will be on the concert program.

A Wicklow Terr. family told Bethlehem police they returned home from a Florida vacation last week to discover that burglars had broken into the garage, where they found a key to the house. Inside, the burglars took a pair of gold ear rings and about \$150 in

Grave stones tipped It may not be spring, but the warm weather last week brought out the cemetery vandals. Bethlehem police reported that five head stones were tipped over and some beer bottles broken at the south end of the Bethlehem Cemetery at Elsmere Ave. and Kenwood Ave. Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. Damage was estimated at \$250 by the Bethlehem Ceme-

tery Association. House a target

A resident of Fernbank Ave., Delmar, had a tough week last week. On Tuesday, he told Bethlehem police, eggs splattered the side of his house, and on Wednesday someone drove a car over his lawn, damaging it and several shrubs.



Alert police work

Two Bethlehem police officers who kept their eyes open were instrumental in the capture last week of a Pittsfield. Mass., man accused of murder.

When Pittsfield police issued a bulletin last Tuesday for Arthur Martin, 50, Bethlehem Sgt. Richard L. Vanderbilt recalled asking a man who fit the description to move his truck parked in front of a Delmar antique shop last December. Vanderbilt checked with the shop owner, and learned that it was indeed Martin; the owner said Martin might return and talk to her if he were in trouble.

Early the next morning, Officer Cynthia Reed spotted Martin's truck at the Hess station on Delaware Ave., notified her dispatcher and followed. Albany police, assisted by Bethlehem Detective John Cox, arrested Martin at the Rainbow Inn on Delaware Ave., Albany.

Card Party and show

The annual card party and fashion show of St. Patrick's Church of Ravena will be held Thursday, March 12, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Main St., Ravena, at 7 p.m.

Saving on Form 1040

The Delmar Progress Club will present a public program on "Save Money on Your Income Tax," on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library, Speaker will be Kenneth R. Parker of Slingerlands, a certified public accountant with the firm of Urbach, Kahn and Werlin, Albany. Members of the club's government council are Mrs. Darwin Hinsdale, Mrs. V. A. VanVolkenburgh, Mrs. Robert C. Evans and Mrs. Arthur F. Jones.

Mail not getting through

Someone is looking at other people's mail on Windmill Dr. in Glenmont. What they're looking for apparently is checks, cancelled or otherwise.

A resident told Bethlehem police last week that a bank statement failed to arrive, and that a paycheck arrived several days late and may have been tampered with. A similar incident occured the week before, the resident said, A day later, another Windmill Dr. resident reported finding mail — including a bank statement - opened and scattered about.

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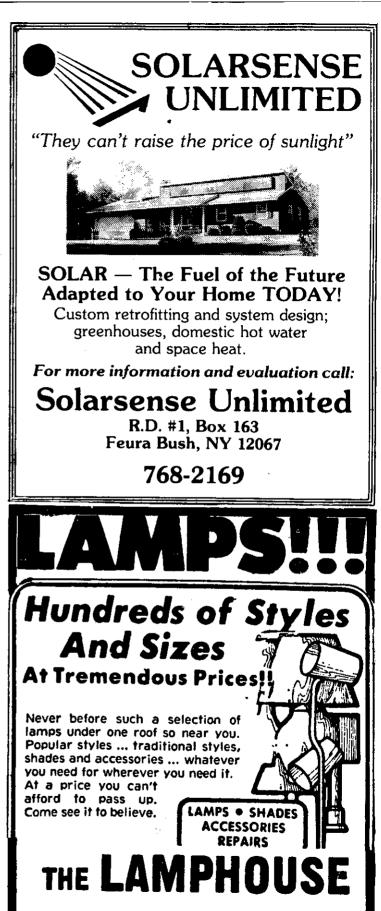
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2 youths arrested

An Albany County sheriff's deputy responding to a call that a vehicle had been driven across a property owners' yard arrested two Albany youths aged 18 and 17 on criminal mischief and trespass charges. Deputy Robert Hensel made the arrests at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at a residence on New Salem South Rd. Names of the youths, who face an appearance in New Scotland town court March 5, were witheld pending determination of their status as youthful offenders.

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Fashion show Friday

"Springtime in New York" will be the theme and setting for the 24th annual Altar Rosary Fashion Show, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 27, at St. Thomas school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Margaret Dandeneau is president of the society. This year the classrooms will not be decorated. Instead the show will take place only in the auditorium, transformed by artists Gertrude McCaffery, Margaret Leather and Sheryl Ricciardelli.

Fashions will be provided by Town and Tweed under the direction of Anne Baxter. This year's models will include Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Sally Fish, Maureen Roberts, Gertrude McCaffrey, Jacky Blendell, Patty Bjurstrom, Ann Malone, Nancy Mackey, Peggy Zimmerman, Betty Reno, Donna Fish, Marian Berry, Peggy Bell, Kathy

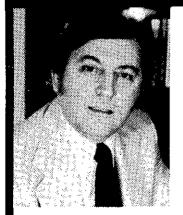


Schimanski, Carol Marcoulis and Mary Claire Dandeneau. Ronnie Blendell, Isabelle McAndrews and Barbara Hodom are in charge of models. The Commentator for the evening will be Peggy; Nelson.

Since there will not be any card playing or country store to visit, entertainment will accompany the fashion show. Frances Cocozza and St. Thomas school teacher, Miss. Riester, will direct over 50 students from grades 6, 7 and 8 to sing and dance a medley. of songs significant of New. York days. Dessert and refreshments will be handled by Susan Klein and her committee. Arrangements arein charge of Patricia Burke and Ann Mulcahey, with Jeanine McCormick acting as⁷ hospitality chairman. Program printing will be produced by Maureen Roberts and Ann McGinty.

Door prizes donated by local merchants are in charge. of Cathy Sullivan and Lynda Nuttal. Mary Stokes will be in charge of the raffle. Mark Davitt and Danny Mylod will escort the models and act asushers.

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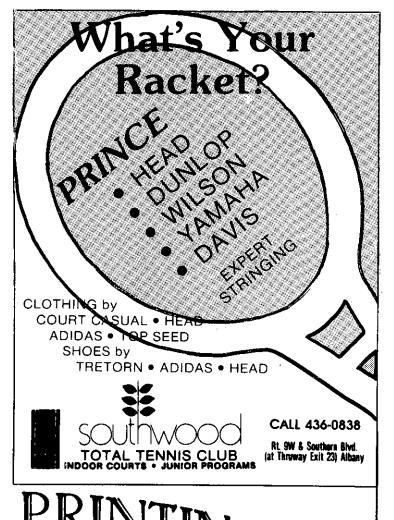


Human Relations Sunday at the Voorheesville First United Methodist Church will be celebrated March 1 at the 10 a.m. service. Rev. Richard Dutton, executive director of the Alcohol Education for Youth, Inc., will be the guest speaker. Youth members of the church will participate in the service by ushering, designing the bulletin cover and making decorative banners.

After the service, Rev. Dutton will lead a workshop to acquaint church members with the Family Enrichment Series. Following the workshop, congregation members can enjoy a youth fundraising lunch of tacos, pizza and fried dough and listen to the music of "No Dice", an area rock band. Proceeds will be used to purchase recreational equipment for the youth program. Sandy Seim is chairman of the church's social concerns committee. The public is invited, especially single-parent families

Girl Scout troops in the Voorheesville area are planning an open house in observance of Girl Scout Week on Sunday, March 8 from 2 to 3 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church. Exhibits of crafts, projects and activities the Scouts have undertaken this past year will be on display for the public. Refreshments will be served.

All seats for the Voorheesville PTSA variety show, "I Love New York," will be reserved for the evening performances March 6-7 at Voorheesville High School. Tickets range from \$2 to \$2.75, with all seats \$1.50 for the Saturday matinee March 7. Ticket chairmen Ken and Diane Connolly will sell reserved tickets Saturday, Feb. 28 from 10 to 12 at the Grand Union. Student discounts are available. NEW=A



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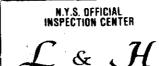
Thurs., Feb. 26	Track, Albany Tri-County Championships at Armory, 5:00
Fri., Feb. 27	Swimming, Easterns at Lawrenceville, N.J. Girls' basketball, Columbia, home 8:00
Sat., Feb. 28	Swimming, Easterns at Lawrenceville, N.J. Track, Girls' Sectionals at R.P.I. Wrestling, Section II Finals at Glens Falls C.C.
Tues., March 3	Volleyball, Scotia, home 3:45 Girls' basketball, Burnt Hills, away 8:00
Wed., March 4	Volleyball, Niskayuna, away 3:45

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BASKETBALL BC's bandwagon faces roadblock

Just when Bethlehem Central's basketball team starts looking like an express train, it comes smack against a towering obstacle. The Eagles last week put together a threegame winning streak for the first time in two years, but Saturday night's 67-57 triumph over Bishop Gibbons in the first round of the Sectionals propelled them into the lion's den, a Wednesday date at Catholic Central in Troy.

The Gibbons victory and earlier wins over Guilderland



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Tedisco attributes much of the recent success — BC is 9-8 since losing its first four games — to Tom Burdick, Dirk Farrow and Pete Gillespie coming off the bench to give the starters a rest.

Mike Lawrence had 21 points against Gibbons and Steve Gillespie 19 along with 17 rebounds.

Square dance Friday

The Altamont Station Squares will hold a western square dance Friday, Feb. 27 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Guilderland Community Center, Rt. 20 (Western Avenue), Guilderland. Al Cappetti will be calling.

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Historian to speak

The Town of New Scotland Historical Assn. will meet on Tuesday, March 3, at 8 p.m. at the Center in New Salem. Town Historian Robert Parmenter will show slides of various areas in the town. A social hour with refreshments will follow, and all are welcome.

Epilepsy group meets

The Capital District Epilepsy Society will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Albany.

BC singer returns

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Bethlehem Central's student senate will present singerguitarist Mike DeAngelis in concert Friday at 8:30 p.m. Mike, who graduated from BC in 1979, is a sophomore at the University of New Hampshire. During his high school years he performed with the Choraliers and on the football team. On stage, he often appeared with classmate Cindi Reusswig.

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BASKETBALL Blackbirds take tourney opener

Voorheesville's hot-andcold varsity basketball team picked the first round of the Sectionals to play its best game of the season, and Coach Mike O'Brien was hoping the momentum would carry over to the quarterfinal matchup with Saratoga Catholic this Wednesday.

The Blackbirds blistered Canajoharie at Fonda Friday, 71-50, pouring in 26 points in the final quarter. With a 30point lead, O'Brien gave all five jayvee starters a taste of the action and three of them scored.

Mike Lewis hit 30 points for the first time, shooting 70 percent from the floor and sinking 10 of 12 from the penalty stripe, "The kids should be loose and confident this time," said O'Brien, thinking of the 20-point setback absorbed from Saratoga Catholic in the Rensselaer tournament three months ago. The Blackbirds are now 7-14, Saratoga Catholic 16-2.

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WRESTLING A heartbreak on the mat

A string of 25 straight victories, more than half of them by pins, came to a disheartening end Saturday night when Joe Traudt, one of the area's top-ranked scholastic wrestlers, lost a Sectional championship by a whisker.

Traudt, a senior completing his fifth year on the Voorheesville Central varsity, was beaten by the narrowest of margins in a controversial decision in the finals of the Section 2 Class C 132-pound tournament. It was his first defeat of the season and only the fifth time he has been beaten in his last 48 matches. The 5-4 decision came in the waning seconds as the buzzer sounded in the final session of the two-day eliminations at Voorheesville.

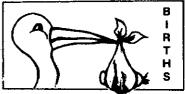
Coach Dick Leach's disappointment didn't diminish his pride. "I don't want to blame it on the officiating, but the referee was young and



inexperienced" was all the coach would say. Traudt, however, will have another shot at glory in the state qualifiers at Glens Falls this Saturday.

Three other Voorheesville wrestlers finished high in the Sectionals although the Blackbirds' young team placed eighth of 14 teams in the tourney. Freshman Jeff Clark lost a 5-4 decision in overtime in the 98-pound final and will take a 22-2-1 record to Glens Falls. Jerry Clark, a senior, upset No. 2 seed Scott Burns of Whitehall in the quarterfinals and went to the 145pound final, and Pat Ravida, a sophomore who was unseeded, finished fourth at 105 pounds.

All four qualified for the state eliminations at the Glens Falls Civic Center Saturday.



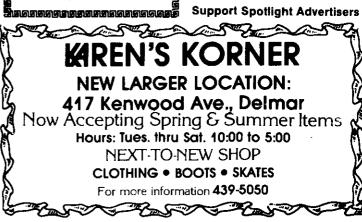
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been duly presented to the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County on January 28, 1981, Local Law No. 1 of 1981 to provide far the defense of Town Officers and employees in any civil action or proceeding arising out of an alleged act or omission to have occurred while the officer or employee was acting within the scope of his duties.

NOTICE is further given that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid proposed Local Law at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York on the 11th day of March, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. at which time all persons interested will be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

MARION T. CAMP Town Clerk

Dated: February 11, 1981 (Feb. 26)



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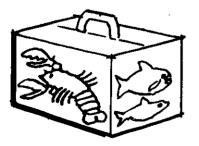
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School board guidelines

Editor, The Spotlight:

When my present term on the school board expires this June 30, 1 will not be a candidate for re-election. After 10 years it is time to make way for someone with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. For me, these have been ten exciting years. I appreciate the community's trust and support during that time.

As we face the annual elections I would like to express some thoughts to the community and potential candidates. For the most successful board members it matters not whether their backgrounds are as parents, PTA members, business or the professions; and not at all whether the member is a liberal or conservative, whatever those terms mean at the moment. The important thing has always been the ability to project beyond one's own background, experience and personal concerns; the ability to truly comprehend the many interests which have to be considered in every decision. The effective member realizes that at one and the same time the Board is responsible for the education of 3700 children, permanently affecting their lives, the livelihood and careers of 500 employees and their families, and administering the affairs of a \$14 million annual business.

The successful board member recognizes, accepts and works with, rather than fights, the inherent conflict between the community's expectations for its schools and its ability and willingness to fund their realization. He or she appreciates and balances the needs of students, parents, staff and people on fixed retirement incomes, to name just a few interests. He is a bridge between the community and its schools, articulating the needs of each to the other.

The successful board member presents his point of view, but is always ready to work towards a consensus, and he actively supports that consensus even if he did not achieve everything he sought.

The successful board member does not confuse verbosity or length of service with wisdom and keeps the schools and politics (each a highly worthy interest) separated.

The successful board member realizes that his job is to make policy, not to be a highclass, second-guessing administrator. The board's job is to set policies and to hire competent administrators to carry them out, to review the effectiveness of both, and to change them as needed.

The successful board member masters the budgeting process. He understands that in allocating finite resources among competing priorities he is making policy. Slogans such as "more, more" and "cut, cut" are just that — slogans, not policy.

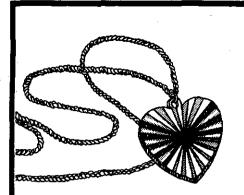
The successful board member finds the time to visit the schools and to be informed about their programs. This adds the needed "third dimension" to the many reports he receives and long agendas he studies.

I regret the recent change from five to three-year terms. (This did not affect my decision.) It takes every new board member two to three years to understand fully the many facets of school district operations and to become a fully contributing member. If the member does not then immediately run for reelection, or is defeated, a new member has to start the process over. Not many members want to run for office more than twice.

Finally, a board member always remembers that he was elected to make the tough decisions, not to avoid them. But, he can only be as good as the community he serves and the support which it gives him.

> Bertold E. Weinberg Vice President Bethlehem Central Board of Education





Community Corner

PLAY BALL!

It's time to think about spring and playing ball. If you're a parent, that means it's time to pick the appropriate league or club for your child, and sign up. This Saturday is the final registration day for the Bethlehem Tomboys, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library. Monday is registration day for Voorheesville Babe Ruth, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Voorheesville High School. And next Saturday is registration day for boys and girls who want to join the Bethlehem Soccer Club (1 p.m. at the middle school), and for the Voorheesville Kiwanis Grasshopper Baseball and Softball Leagues (9 to 11:30 p.m. at Voorheesville Elementary School). See the calendar for details.

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