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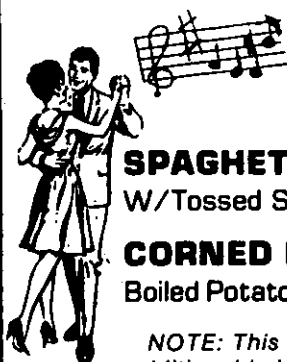
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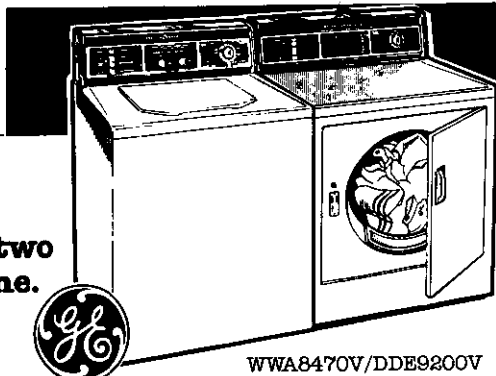
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Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396 and 9W, from 4:30 on, reservations, call 463-0693 or 767-9165.

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

"Christ in the Concrete City," performed by the Gordon Players of Gordon College, Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

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Gansevoort Chapter D.A.R., meeting with guest speaker Brig. Gen. Robert E. Mulligan, military historian, Bethlehem Public Library, 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, luncheon with Margie Woods on "Parent Effectiveness Training," reservations call 439-7284, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, noon-3 p.m.

Creative Fitness/Aerobic Rhythms, spring program begins, 489-0037 for details, Delmar Masonic Temple, corner Kenwood and Hudson avenues.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Free Income Tax Assistance for senior citizens, sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons, New Scotland Senior Service Center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Community Room, Key Bank, 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bethlehem Board of Education, third budget work session, on operation and maintenance, at Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 7-11 p.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Town Board, on proposed local law to provide for defense of town officers and employees in civil actions stemming from action on duty, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Annual Ecumenical Bible Study during Lent, sponsored by Tri-Village Churches, first study with Rev. James Daley at the Fellowship Hall, Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary, monthly meeting, fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14

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TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m.

American Association of Retired Persons, Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter, monthly meeting, with talk on "Grandma's Home Remedies," First United Methodist

Church, social hour 12:30 p.m., meeting 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Movie, "Restoration of a Scottish Castle," shown by Elmer Mathenws, vice president of Clan MacNeil in America, Bethlehem Historical Association at Cedar Hill School House, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., 8 p.m.

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Sasha Nanus (mime artist), Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., **March 8**, 4 p.m.

Anne Baxter in "Fairytales are Not Just for Children" (original monologue based on the famed film and television actress' career), Emma Willard School, Pawling Ave., Troy, **March 11th**. Information, 274-4440, ext. 261.

"Mummenschanz" (Swiss silent theatre), Palace Theatre, Albany, **March 27**. Community Box Office.

MUSIC

Emerson String Quartet with Kim Kashkashian (Haydn, Bartok and Brahms) presented by Friends of Chamber Music at Kiggins Auditorium, Emma Willard School, Troy, **March 5**, 8 p.m.

"St. Paul" (Capital Hill Choral Society sings oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn), Philip Schuyler Concert Hall, North Lake Ave., Albany, **March 6**, 8 p.m.

Philharmonic Virtuosi (chamber orchestra playing Rossini, Haydn and Mozart), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, **March 7**, 8 p.m.

Empire State Youth Orchestra (Weber, Milhaud, Debussy and Kodaly), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, **March 7**, 8 p.m.

Roberta Flack (popular music), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **March 8**, 4 and 8 p.m.

Music from Marlboro (chamber music by Dvorak, Haydn and Bartok), Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, **March 9**, 8 p.m.

Monday Music Club (music for flute, voice and piano by Schumann, Reinecke and Beethoven), Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., Albany **March 9**, 8 p.m.

Albany Symphony Orchestra (music by Roy Harris, Prokofieff and Beethoven), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, **March 13**, 8:30 p.m., and Palace Theatre, Albany, **March 14**, 8:30 p.m.

ART

"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.).

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Fluoridation: is the battle finally over?

The Bethlehem Town Board decided last week not to fluoridate the town water supply. Although no formal vote was taken, the decision was emphatic and apparently final, and the question now is how important an issue fluoridation will become in this year's town election.

As expected, only Town Supervisor Town Corrigan spoke in favor of fluoridation. For the other four board members, the major factor seemed to be a concern that they should not force a segment of the population to take a substance those people are convinced is harmful.

"It left in my mind a reasonable doubt," said Councilman Edward J. Mocker of the Feb. 4 public debate which capped the six-month controversy.

Corrigan's comments were the longest and the most detailed, although he delivered them after the other four board members had already made their positions known. And he immediately made clear that despite their differences on this issue, the board is not split politically on the issue.

"I am sure all the members of the council have taken this in good faith," he said. "We still love each other."

Chances that the vote could be reconsidered this year are virtually nil. In response to questions from the audience, Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said a recent state decision rules out a referendum on the issue. When supporters asked what it would take to change the

board's mind, they got no answer.

But that doesn't mean that fluoridation as an issue is dead. Dr. Edwin Pesnel, one of the leaders of the pro-fluoridation forces, said he is sure it will be raised again because "there is still a large void of misunderstanding and misinterpretation." And Dominick DeCecco, whose Bethlehem Central High School classes conducted polls on the subject, said it is evident that "we'll just have to change the council" to get another decision.

Corrigan, Mocker and John Geurtze are up for reelection this year, and the town has never elected a Democrat to the board.

Town Democratic Committee Chairman Michael Breslin said after the meeting that his party will almost certainly not take a position for or against fluoridation. "I wouldn't take the stand until I did the review required to take such a stand," he said.

But, Breslin said, he feels it is proper to criticize the way the board — which did conduct a review of all available material on fluoridation — made its decision. In effect, he said, the board said that fluoridation "is not the town's responsibility."

"If they feel fluoridation is wrong and they don't want to do it, they should say so," Breslin said. "All they're doing is inviting the thing to come up again."

Here is what the four board members who oppose fluoridation said at the meeting:

W. Scott Prothero: "I take no issue with anyone who wants to add Sodium Fluoride as aide in the prevention of dental carries. I also respect the feelings of those who are opposed to taking fluoride in any form. The Town of Bethlehem unquestionably has the responsibility for providing safe, potable water to all residents in the water district. In my opinion, it is not the responsibility of the government to provide Sodium Fluoride to residents for the prevention of dental carries. Since Sodium Fluoride tablets, mouth wash, etc., are readily available for those who want to use it without



Five charter members celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 at the post's recent dinner. Standing from left are Irene Tanner, deputy president of the chapter, charter member Ruth Dickinson, dinner chairman Barbara Palmer and charter member Edna Laver. Seated are charter members Mary Deitz, Helen Coughtry and Thelma Jones.

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abrogating other person's rights, I am unalterably opposed to fluoridating the Town of Bethlehem's fresh water supply."

Mrs. Ruth Bickel: "I am convinced that fluoride is very effective in preventing dental problems. I'm almost convinced (I have a few reservations) that fluoride is harmless. However, there are many people in this community who do not feel it is effective and/or harmless. There are many people who are very fearful of adding fluoride to our water. Since fluoride is readily available in other forms for those who choose to use it, I can't see coercing others to consume something they don't want or fear will harm them."

Geurtze said he had no prepared statement, but that the hearings left "a lot of questions in my mind."

Mocker said that after the hearing he was left with no doubt that fluoride is bene-

ficial to children, but with some doubt that it "could be injurious" to older people.

"That leaves me all by my lonesome," said Corrigan when his turn came. He noted that the issue has divided the community as has few others, pitting friends and neighbors against each other.

Corrigan repeated his conclusion that the benefits of fluoride have been "amply demonstrated by the scientific community," and that the risk is "miniscule if even perceptible."

He then listed the communities in New York State which have fluoridated their water supplies — 68.2 percent of the population served by public water, according to the state Dept. of Health. And using Troy as a model, he estimated that the yearly cost to Bethlehem at \$1,050 per year, or about \$1 on each water bill.

"Fluoridation of the water supply is the most cost-

effective method and is a proper and appropriate action for government," Corrigan said.

BETHLEHEM

Town completes 'coffeehouse' sale

The last of seven parcels of real estate earmarked for sale by the town of Bethlehem in 1979 has been sold. Title to the Bethlehem Community Center at 125 Adams St., Delmar, has been transferred to Richard A. Ahlstrom, publisher of the *Spotlight*, and Nathaniel A. Boynton, the local paper's senior editor.

The 3,900-square-foot one-story block structure was one of three buildings advertised for sealed bids in October, 1979, after the town board declared them surplus as a result of moving the town hall from the former Adams House to the vacated Delmar Elementary School. The other two buildings, the former Justice building at 118 Adams St. and a garage used by the Sewer Dept. at 70 Hudson Ave. were sold in 1980.

The town has also sold the former Highway Dept. garage on Jericho Rd., a two-story

dwelling at 397 Delaware Ave. that housed town offices, and two properties on Rt. 95, New Salem, near the Vly Reservoir pumping station.

Ahlstrom and Boynton plan to renovate the Adams St. property, familiarly known as the Bethlehem "coffeehouse" from its days as a youth recreation facility, for conversion to a commercial printing plant and editorial office for the *Spotlight*. The front section of the building fronting on the street will be renovated for lease as a store or office.

The building housed a bowling alley and later a printing plant before it was purchased by the town.

Lunch and Listen

The Tri-village Welcome Wagon will hold a salad and quiche luncheon March 10 at the Delmar Reformed church 386 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, from noon to 3. Guest speaker will be Margie Woods who will talk on "Parent Effectiveness Training."

Reservations must be made on or before March 6 by calling Maryalice Svare at 439-7284.

Small Business Tax Workshop

ALBANY, NY — The Internal Revenue Service will present a tax workshop for new owners on Wednesday, March 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. This free workshop is designed for those who have recently gone into business or are planning to start a business.

The workshop is being sponsored by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

The morning session of the workshop includes presentations on the kinds of business organizations and related business tax returns, determining profit or loss, recordkeeping requirements and available IRS assistance. The afternoon session deals with employment taxes and preparing employment tax returns.

Participation is limited and reservations must be made by March 9. Acceptance will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations may be made by contacting the IRS Taxpayer Education Office at 472-4204.

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Planners ponder subdivision access

Emergency access to Chadwick Square, a large town-house development under construction in Glenmont, topped the list of concerns for the Bethlehem planning board at its meeting last week.

Town Building Inspector John Flanigan raised the question, noting that at present the development is accessible by its entrance off Wemple Rd. and via a construction road. Earl Jones, board attorney, suggested that the board ask the developer, Rosen-Michaels, Inc., Clifton Park, to keep the construction road open to emergency vehicles until such time as a planned second entrance is completed. A planned four-lane entrance also concerned the board, which endorsed Jones's suggestion that the builder be asked to complete the boulevard entrance between issuance of the 22nd and 30th building permits.

The planners also debated the size of the pool slated for the complex. The plans show a 22-by-55-foot pool, which the board deemed minimal.

but it had difficulty defining an adequate pool, and forecasting how much use the pool might see. About 220 units are planned at Chadwick Square not 435 as previously reported, but there is no way of knowing how many swimmers might be among eventual residents.

The board voted to ask that the pool and tennis courts be ready for use before the first certificate of occupancy for the second section of the development is issued.

New bulletin board

The Bethlehem town hall is the site of a new community bulletin board, and groups and organizations which function in the town are invited to use it.

Meeting notices and special event notices will be posted on the new bulletin board, which is part of an entryway display at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Notices for posting should be sent to that address and some indication should be made as to beginning and ending dates for posting.

No garage sale or other "for sale" notices will be accepted.

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Book on adventures

Andrew G. Tweedie of Delmar, retired state Department of Transportation engineer, recently completed a

book describing his adventures during the World War II years, when he was traveling for an engineering firm throughout the United States and South America.

The In-Between Years is a limited edition, and not on the market. However, two copies are available at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Godspell coming

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School board chips away at budget

Facing "perhaps the worst budget problem we've had in my time on the board," Bethlehem Central school board President Bernard Harvith led the attack last Wednesday on the district's projected expenditures for 1981-82.

In a shirt-sleeves session at the Educational Services Center, the seven-member board took a close look at transportation expenses for the coming year. Big budget items in that category include \$155,200 for gasoline (at a

projected average cost of \$1.60 a gallon for the year) and \$77,400 for three new buses.

Transportation Supervisor Gardiner Tanner was on hand to provide details as the board struggled to find dollars to cut.

It wasn't easy. After two hours of discussion, the first cut was made—\$375 earmarked to provide an air conditioner for a trailer at the bus garage.

It was a drop in the bucket.

Harvith had told the board earlier: "We've got to cut several hundred thousand dollars from this budget!"

While District Supt. Lawrence Zinn declined to give a total for the proposed budget, he did say the projected increase is "way above" the 5.3 percent dollar increase the board ended up with in the current, nearly \$13 million budget.

The board explored strategies for trimming transportation costs, including increas-

ing the distances within which pupils would have to walk to school (a change which can be accomplished only through a referendum), establishing loading zones to allow fewer stops, and eliminating some extracurricular travel, such as for athletics or field trips.

The state reimburses school districts for 90 percent of transportation costs for bus-ing pupils who live a mile and a half or further from their school. However, there is no state aid for extracurricular bus trips, currently a \$50,000 item.

Projected total cost for transportation in the new budget is \$845,950.

Another big budget total is under "operations and maintenance," which in the draft budget stands at nearly \$1.9 million, about \$500,000 above the current year's figure.

The budget work sheets for this category give the board a number of options. For example, a program to replace windows at the Middle School (built in 1928) is budgeted at \$79,000. However, the board could opt to fund part of the work in the coming year, at an estimated cost of \$53,000, or to finance a "holding action" of painting and wood replacement for \$24,000.

A proposed 10 percent rate increase by Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. is expected to boost the district's utility bills to \$132,000 in 1981-82, and an 8 percent rate increase by New



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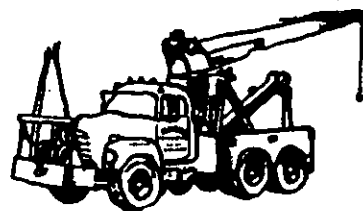
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The board did find some cuts in the operations and maintenance budget outline, but plans another go-around when Bruce Houghton, superintendent of buildings and grounds, is present to provide information.

In addition to meeting every Wednesday evening through March, the board has scheduled budget sessions on two Saturdays, March 7 and 14, at the Educational Services Center. This Saturday's session is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Budget work sessions are open to the public, and Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer has provided documents so observers can follow the board's deliberations. The board requires, however, that public comment be made only during business meetings.

Harvith has repeatedly urged that district residents interested in any matter related to school finances attend these sessions to present their views. *Caroline Terenzini*

Fly tying offered

A fly tying class at Bethlehem Central High School is among the evening classes being sponsored by the Clearwater Chapter of Trout Unlimited. The class begins Thursday, March 5.

BETHLEHEM

Wolkenbreit to run for board seat

Delmar attorney Jed B. Wolkenbreit is the first person to declare for the Bethlehem Board of Education seat being vacated by Bertold Weinberg.

Three seats on the board are up for election May 13, but of the three incumbents only Weinberg has decided not to run again. Sheila Fuller, who lives in the Hamagrael area, and Robert Zick of Glenmont had declared that they will be candidates for reelection.

Any resident of the district who is an eligible voter may run for the board by filing a petition with the district clerk by April 13. The petitions (available at the clerk's office, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar) must state which position the candidate is running for and must contain the signatures and addresses of at least 52 eligible voters.

Wolkenbreit, who filed his petition this week, said in a prepared statement that he will work to balance the concerns of taxpayers with the needs of teachers, students and other "constituencies" in the district.

"I believe a careful balancing of these interests is possible so that each student is given a chance to meet his

full potential while the taxpayers are not left with an unmanageable burden," he said.

Wolkenbreit is a former member of the board of trustees of the Tri-Village Nursery School and has served on the board of the Hamagrael Home School Association. His wife, Linda, is a remedial reading specialist in the Voorheesville School District. They have two children.

Area musicians featured

Eleanor Haverly, soprano and resident of Delmar, and Karen Klevanosky, flutist and resident of Voorheesville, will perform Monday, March 9, in an Artists in Concert Program of the Monday Musical Club of Albany. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. at the Albany Institute of History and Art on Washington Avenue in Albany.

Nature walk planned

A guided nature walk on winter weeds will be presented at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, March 7 at 2 p.m. The walk will focus on the identification of the common plants that are seen bordering roadsides and fields all winter long.

Olive drab car

A Delmar resident told Bethlehem police Saturday that someone poured paint, roughly the color of Army standard green, on his car while it was standing in the driveway the night before.

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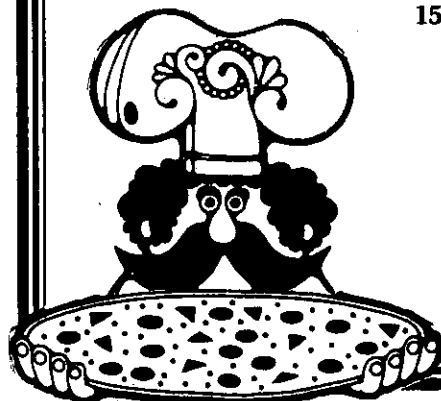
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Second officer resigns from force

Bethlehem has lost its second police officer in a month with the resignation of Detective Conrad C. Martin, who has been assigned to the town's youth bureau.

Martin is resigning to move to Texas, Supervisor Tom Corrigan told the town board last week. A recommendation from Safety Commissioner Ralph Tipple that the town hire Christopher W. Bowdish of Delmar as Martin's replacement was by the board tabled for more study.

The board two weeks ago approved the retirement of Officer Gerald DeMeur on

disability. DeMeur was injured in a patrol car accident on Rt. 9W in 1979 and has been unable to return to duty.

In other action, the board:

- Approved water and sewer extensions for a development known as Woodside South on Caldwell Blvd. off New Scotland Rd. in Slingerlands. Twenty eight lots are involved.

- Approved an extension of time for Schultz Construction Inc. to complete its contract at the Vly Reservoir. The company asked for a new June 30 deadline because of a delay in receiving a new electronic measuring device for the new flash boards, and

so that it can finish the spillway during warmer weather. The flash boards are installed and in operation.

Contract awarded

The Bethlehem Town Board, meeting in special session Monday, awarded a contract for soft body armor — "bullet-proof vests" — to Emergicare Products. The town will purchase 24 vests for police officers to wear in the field.

Emergicare's \$189 per unit bid was low, but board member W. Scott Prothero had suggested the board explore the possibility of buying the vests through a state purchasing contract. Prothero said Monday that will not be

possible and recommended that the board go ahead and award the contract in order to meet the state reimbursement deadline.

Jewels, cash recovered

A Crannell Ave., Elsmere, woman who surprised a man in her home last Thursday provided information to Bethlehem police which led to the recovery of items taken in three burglaries on the street.

Bryan W. LaRose, 25, of Menands, is in Albany County jail facing three counts of burglary third degree, one count of grand larceny second degree and one count of grand larceny third degree.

According to Bethlehem police, an estimated \$3,000 in jewelry taken from the woman's home, plus an estimated \$100 in jewelry from another house and a television valued at \$75 from a third residence were all recovered at a Central Ave., Albany, address when LaRose was arrested.

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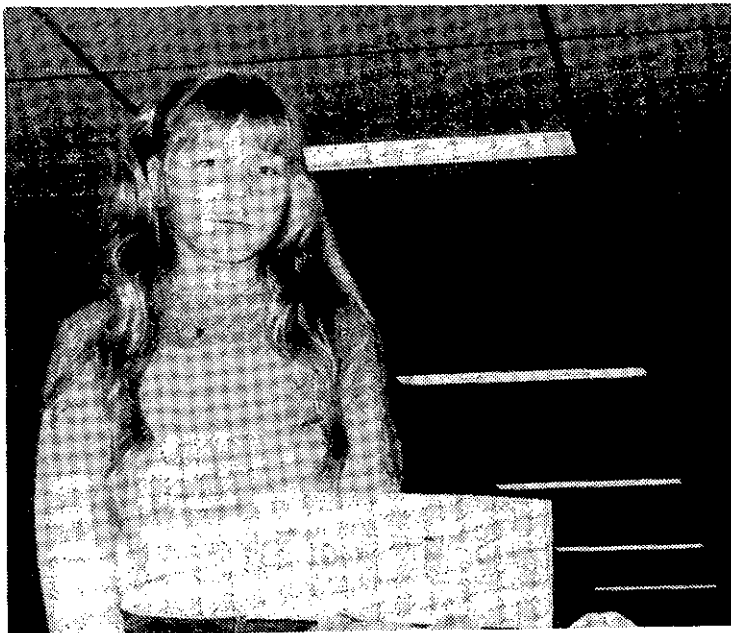
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Tammy Oliver, a fourth grade student at Elsmere Elementary School, saw herself at the far end of the geological time scale when she did her Science Fair project. She cut out representations of each time period and arranged them in chronological order. A total of 95 children participated last month in the fair, which was sponsored by the school science volunteers.

Spotlight

Registration times set

The five Bethlehem elementary schools have set the following times and dates for the registration of pupils who will enter kindergarten next fall:

Clarksville — Tuesday, March 19, 9 a.m. to noon.

Elsmere — Monday, March 16, registration from 3:45 to 4:10 p.m. followed by an orientation session from 4:10 to 4:45 p.m.

Glenmont — Monday, March 16, and Wednesday,

March 18, 8:30 to 12:30 and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Hamagrael — Tuesday, March 17, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Slingerlands — Monday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.; orientation session followed by registration, or Tuesday, March 17, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

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Opposition to car lot

Residents of New Scotland Avenue near Cherry Ave. filled the meeting room at the Town Hall at a recent public hearing by the Bethlehem Board of Appeals to voice their objections to a proposed used car lot on their street.

Lawrence J. Bruno, the owner of Ross' Ice Cream Stand at 1342 New Scotland Ave., made the new use proposal last month, but other area residents said they felt such a business venture was out of place in a Residential A zone. The board will make a decision on the proposal within the next few weeks.

The next public hearing of the board is slated for April 1, at 8 p.m., when Harold Gotchee has been scheduled to state his plans for the construction of two 4-unit apartment houses on Kenaware Ave. and Dawson Rd. Neighbors in this area will be notified by mail of the pending hearing, and may attend

the meeting to make their views of the plans known.

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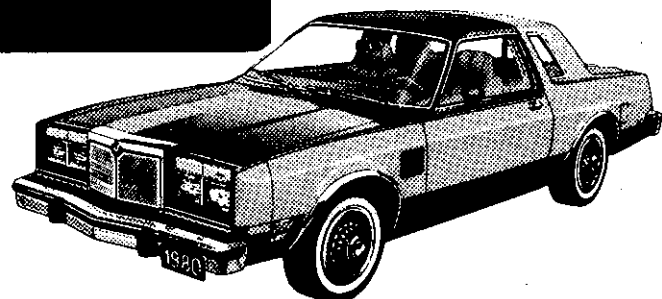
Callanan Industries, Inc. is the low bidder on the state Department of Transportation's project to recondition four miles of Rt. 144 in Bethlehem and Coeymans between Rts. 396 and 143. The South Bethlehem firm bid \$853,516. The work is scheduled for completion by December.

Sweet music to owner

A flute which had been reported stolen Nov. 24 magically returned to its owners hands last week, according to Bethlehem police. It was returned to a Slingerlands School teacher by a student who said his sister found it on Kenwood Ave. The teacher passed it on to the owner.

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BETHLEHEM

Town is low man on tax totem pole

While President Reagan slashes federal programs and Gov. Carey pressures local governments to cut taxes, towns such as Bethlehem can only sit and wait for the dust to settle.

So far, says Supervisor Tom Corrigan, the Reagan proposals have little impact on this suburban town, which gets very little in the way of direct or indirect federal aid.

Last week, Albany County Executive James Coyne announced a plan to increase the amount of sales tax revenues which would be returned to the municipalities in the county. Based on 1980 census data, Coyne estimated that Bethlehem's increase in 1982 would be \$284,234 (the town is scheduled to get \$1,216,542 in sales tax revenue this year).

That projected increase, says Corrigan, should be "a wash" for Bethlehem. That's because state revenue sharing

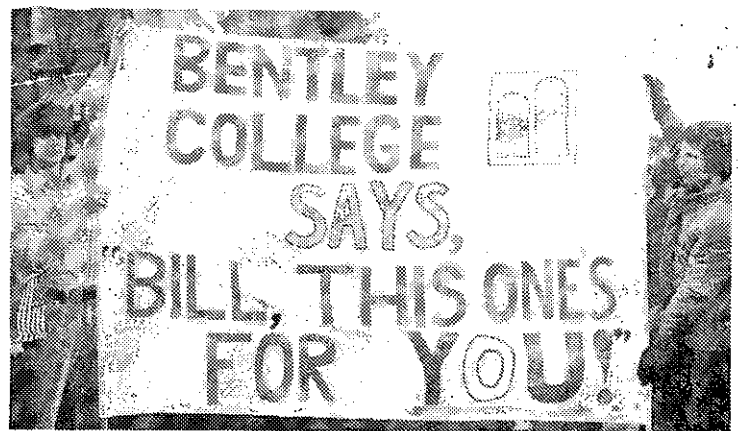
funds, which meant \$265,000 to the town last year, are expected to dry up at about the same pace as sales tax revenues increase. This year the town has budgeted only \$180,000 for state revenue sharing, and has had no indication so far it will get even that much, Corrigan said.

Grange to hold dinner

Bethlehem Grange #137 of Becker's corners, Selkirk, is putting on a corn-beef and cabbage dinner at the hall for the benefit of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service.

The Grange sponsored the establishment of the ambulance as a much needed community service in 1956. Donations were solicited and a used ambulance purchased from St. Peter's hospital to start the operation.

The ambulance has become a necessary part of the community in the southern part of Bethlehem and in 1980 made 334 emergency calls. It



Two former Bethlehem Central High School students, Martin Bannan, left, and Jerry Pittz, were part of the huge welcoming committee for former Iran hostage Bill Keough when he came through Waltham, Mass. Martin and Jerry are seniors at Bentley College in Waltham.

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The dinner committee is chaired by Helen Raynor in the kitchen and Katherine Williams in the dining room.

Servings will be from 4:30 on. Reservations may be made by calling 463-0693 or 767-9165.

Prayer day planned

The 65 Albany area churches of Church Women United, under the presidency of Mrs. Arthur C. McHugh of Delmar, will participate in a World Day of Prayer Friday, March 6.

This year's service is entitled "The Earth is the Lord's," and was written by American Indian women of six tribes. The 7:30 p.m. service at the Salvation Army, across from the Palace Theater

in Albany, will feature an interpretation of the Dakota Indian Hymn performed by three Bethlehem girls, Ann Fink, Beth Hartung and Lisa Koch.

A 12:30 p.m. service at the First Congregational Church, Quail and Woodlawn in Albany, will also be held.

PBA to install

Bethlehem Police Benevolent Assn. (BPBA) will install new officers and honor the retirement of Officer Gerald DeMour at a dinner dance Sunday, March 29, at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Cedar Hill. Albany County Court Judge John Clyne will be the speaker and Bethlehem Town Justice Roger Fritts will be toastmaster.

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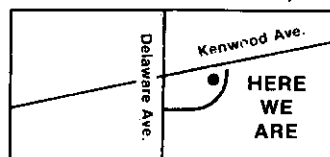
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BETHLEHEM

Town skeptical on Dowerskill

Bethlehem's first planned residential development, Skycrest off Elm Ave., is going into its final phase, and that makes the town board very happy. A later planned residential development, Dowerskill just down the road, is still on its first phase and may cause the board some headaches.

Skycrest, started 12 years ago, was the first development to fall under the PRD concept, which gives the board full control over each phase of development. Last week, the board reviewed plans for the final phase, 70 acres extending west from the developed sections, and promptly granted approval for the necessary water and sewer extensions.

"This is the first one that will be brought to a close, fully developed," noted Councilman Edward Mocker.

The Dowerskill development on Rt. 9W and Elm Ave. East, is still in its first phase, which is being developed by Morton Jenkins of Troy. The board reviewed his plans last week also, but ran aground on the question of whether Hague Blvd. should be connected with Elm Ave.

Jenkins said residents "are very vehemently against the connection at this time." Jenkins is developer for only the first phase of Dowerskill, and

said he has no intention at this time of developing other sections. "It's a tough time for selling," he said.

The dilemma for the board is that Hague was originally planned as a through street to connect Elm Ave. and Rt. 9W, and if that is not done by Jenkins, it will have to wait until somebody decides to develop the rest of Dowerskill.

"I have great reservations," Mocker said of Jenkins's plan. "A great deal of thought went into this when it was originally proposed."

The board referred the matter to the planning board for further discussion.

In another action relating to development, the board established a policy against providing services for developments outside the town. The matter came up in a request from Krumkill Realty, which wants a sewer connection for Indian Terrace Apartments, located just over the town line in New Scotland, rather than develop its own pocket treatment plant. After a brief discussion regarding the capacity of the town's own sewer and treatment system, the board agreed that as a general rule such requests should be denied.

To look at park site

Members of the Bethlehem Town Board have agreed to look at an old right-of-way owned by the Penn Central Railroad in South Bethlehem with an eye for purchase as a pocket park. Supervisor Tom Corrigan and railroad officials have told him they will consider an offer for the property.

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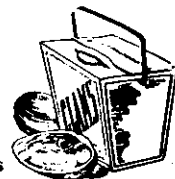
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Secret caucus? Not to mayor

In the eyes of Voorheesville Mayor Milton F. Bates, the by-invitation-only gathering in the residence of a village political leader to nominate candidates was not a "secret caucus." In fact, he insists, it was not even a caucus.

"Anybody can nominate candidates for the village election," he points out. "All it takes is enough signatures on a petition."

Bates' observation, accompanied by a caustic comment that a news report of the

January nominating session was "inaccurate and misleading," came during last week's village board meeting and enlivened an otherwise routine session. The trustees were about to adjourn when Wanda Krause, a village resident who regularly attends the board meetings, asked the mayor why the open caucus had been abandoned in favor of "secret" meetings, as reported in the Feb. 5 *Spotlight*. At the "secret" meeting, held in the family

room of former Mayor William J. Wenzel's residence on a January Sunday, a group of 16 selected village officials and invited friends nominated David Burnham and Joseph (Larry) Dedrick to run for the board in the March 17 election.

In response to Mrs. Krause's question at the board meeting, Bates said: "It was inaccurate and misleading. It was rotten reporting and intended to sell Spotlights."

When the board meeting was adjourned, the reporter who had written the Feb. 5 story reminded the mayor

that he had previously offered to print any statement the mayor cared to make to refute the article. "The offer is still open," the reporter said, but Bates shouted back: "I wouldn't want any statement in that rotten rag. You're a lousey reporter. Any statement I make I'll give to the (Altamont) *Enterprise*."

According to several people at the meeting, Bates indicated to several prospective candidates he would support them, and was embarrassed when one of them lost out in the "caucus" balloting. As a Peoples Party regular, Bates is committed to back the party's nominees. Several of the party faithful at the session also felt the mayor's statements were in reaction to being politically ignored by party leaders at the conclave at Wenzel's house.

In his exchange with Mrs. Krause last week, Bates denied there had been a change in the policy of holding an open caucus to nominate local candidates. When reminded that the last open caucus, which 63 voters attended at the village firehouse in 1979, had been advertised and publicized in advance, he continued to insist that "there's no difference."

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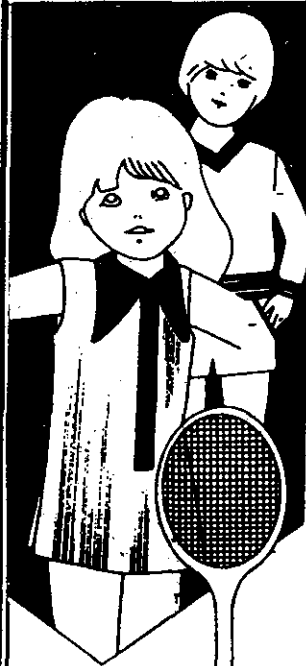
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Party, usually representing the party in power, and the Citizens Party as the "loyal opposition." There is no affiliation with the established Republican or Democratic organizations.

In the election aftermath, the opposition party usually disintegrates until the next election. If it has produced a winning candidate, he usually is welcomed into the Peoples Party, thus insuring the expiration of the opposing group for another year.

But such is not always the case. A current example: Richard E. Langford, the young (27) ex-athlete who unseated incumbent Richard Huber in the 1979 election, is completing a two-year term on the board without having gained acceptance from his fellow trustees. Langford was not notified of or invited to the gathering at Wenzel's, and once again has been forced to go the independent route and collect the required signatures on his own.

By contrast, Dedrick last year failed to get a Peoples Party designation at the informal assembly of insiders, and subsequently ran as a challenger under the Citizens Party banner. He was defeated in the election, but because of his popularity and political connections, he was among those invited to Wenzel's house this year. This time he won a close runoff with Daniel Reh in the Council of 16, and now has the party endorsement and an inside track at being elected.

Dedrick's situation illustrates the enigma of partisan sentiments: here are two candidates who lost in the nominating procedure, one winning the election but ostracized at the next caucus, the other losing the election but invited and nominated the following year.

Party insiders say Langford was bypassed because he does not attend the village board's frequent work sessions and rarely participates in discussions and decisions.



Among those welcoming Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, far right, to the 8th annual Henry Tiger ecumenical service at St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, Friday, were from left, Rev. Gregory Pike of the New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rev. Arthur Toole, Dr. Seymour Manning of the New Salem Reformed Church, Rev. Sherwood Carver, and Kiwanis President Anthony Manning. Fr. Toole, pastor of the church, and Rev. Sherwood Carver, pastor of the Voorheesville United Methodist Church, exchanged plaques in appreciation of the Methodist congregation sharing their church facilities during the recent renovation work at St. Matthew's. The annual service is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland. Bishop Hubbard gave the main address. *Spotlight*

The temporary expediency of the Citizens Party tag was never more manifest than in the current campaign. With Dedrick and Burnham, a 33-year-old grade school teacher and coach, as the designated candidates, Reh has chosen the name of the Village Party for his ballot line, and Langford, a true independent who says he doesn't know Reh, is running under the label of the Voters Party. That situation creates a four-cornered race for the two seats now occupied by Langford and Allen Wilcon, a party regular who has declined to seek a new term.

Wenzel, whose 11th-hour surprise resignation as the mayoral designee a year ago this week to take a business venture in Montreal propelled Bates into the job as a stopgap candidate, says the gathering of party faithful at his house on Jan. 18 "is the best way we know of for citizens who are genuinely concerned about the future of the village to make sure the people get worthy candidates who will do a good job on the board." Party leaders switched from the publicized open caucus procedure to the invi-

tational gathering, Wenzel said, because citizen apathy left the village vulnerable to even a small political power play from an unverified source.

Nat Boynton

Next: the anatomy of the candidate selection process in Voorheesville, open caucus vs. small designating session, and a look at the village's political structure.

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A 1953 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, MacKay was graduated from



Raymond G. MacKay, Jr.

Virginia Military Institute with a degree in civil engineering and earned a masters degree in transportation engineering from RPI in 1973. Prior to joining the Thruway, he worked for the State Dept. of Transportation. He is a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve.

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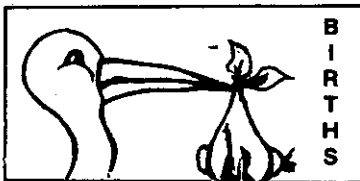
Douglas A. Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norton of Delmar, and Daniel C. Tomson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tomson of Voorheesville, have been awarded membership in the Albany Academy chapter of the Cum

Laude Society. The honor for the seniors is based on their three-year scholastic averages.

Childbirth classes

The Childbirth Education Association of Albany will begin classes in the Lamaze method of prepared childbirth March 9 and 29 in the Albany Medical Center School of Nursing.

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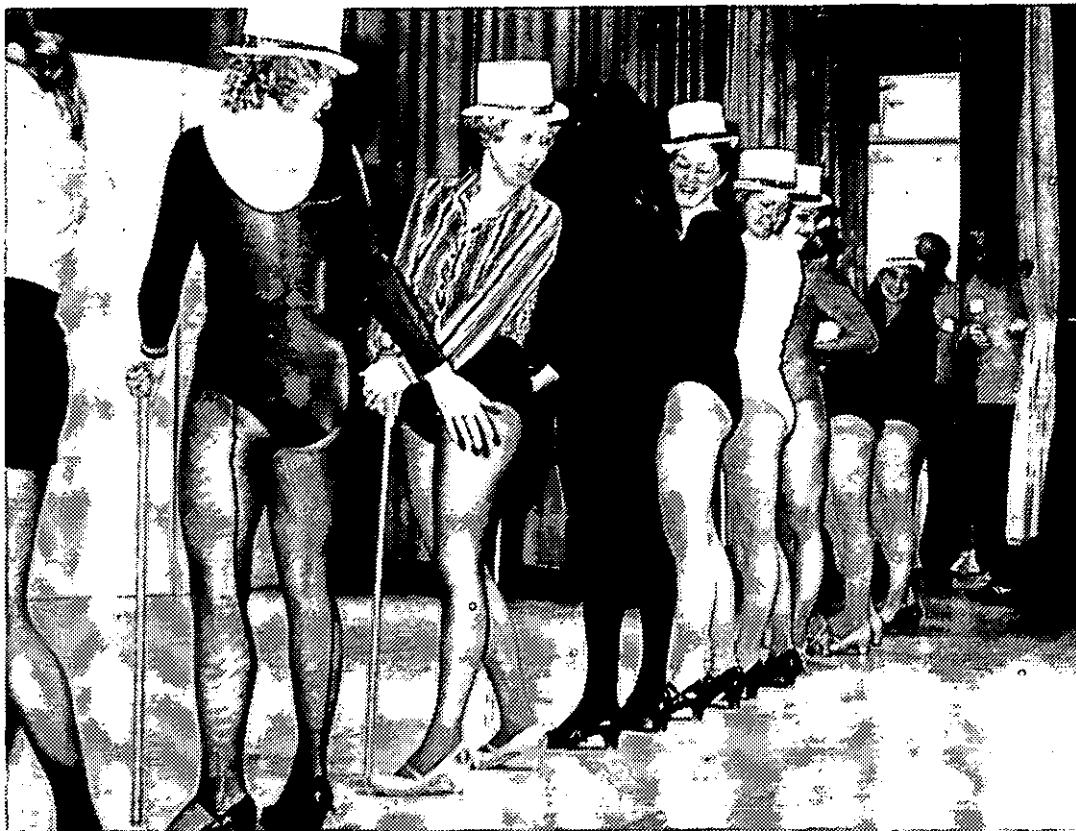
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The kick-line, always the highlight of the Voorheesville PTSA variety show, will be back in the footlights this weekend. *On the cover:* top photo, Tami Tretrault, Meg Preston and Denise DeDe simulate the Andrews Sisters; lower left, director Doug DeDe and Sue Rockmoore watch a skit in rehearsal; lower right, Debbie Tufts and young friend in another skit from "I Love New York."

VOORHEESVILLE

Variety show a near sellout

There are still seats available for this weekend's long-awaited PTSA Variety Show, "I Love New York," but the supply is dwindling. The production, featuring a large local cast in skits and musical numbers, goes on the Voorheesville High School stage Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with a Saturday matinee at 2.

The show is directed by Douglas DeDe, assisted by his wife, Lucia. Other off-stage committee heads are: sound, John Spina; lights, Harry Timmis; backstage, Mariann Heinrich; MCs, Chris Farmer and Doug DeDe; treasurer, George Hotal-

ing; tickets, Diane and Ken Connolly; raffle, Phil DePasquale; programs, Linda Spina; ushers and usherettes, Sue Nachbar; costumes, Beth Timmis; refreshments, Jane Tufts; cleanup, Don Belcer;

cast party, Barbara Maryott, and projectionist, Hector Arbour.

Hogs, goats discussed

The Cooperative Extension of Albany County has programs for farmers who raise hog and goats scheduled next week. On Thursday, March 5, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. the topic is "economics of home raised hogs". Sunday, March 8, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., the subject is "commercial sale of dairy goat milk and milk products." Both programs are at the Resources Development Center on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

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State police and sheriff's deputies are appealing to local residents to be on the alert for suspicious vehicles in their neighborhoods to stem a rash of daylight burglaries.

Troopers believe three white men in a red early-70s Plymouth may have been responsible for several or all of at least six burglaries last Friday in which an undetermined amount of silver and jewelry was taken.

A spokesman at the Selkirk substation of the state police said the trio were apparently surprised in the act of burglarizing a house in the Scotch Pine area of Voorheesville on that day, and fled the scene without loot. But within hours, a residence on Bullock Rd., New Scotland, less than three miles away, a house in Selkirk and three in the Berne-Knox area were entered.

The intruders entered the Bullock Rd. dwelling through an unlocked cellar door, troopers said, and took silverware and jewelry. On Stone Rd., Selkirk, they walked through an unlocked kitchen door, investigators said. Two of the Berne burglaries were on Rt. 157 a short distance apart.

Police have asked newspapers to publicize their plea to householders to call the Selkirk patrol, 767-2217, or the sheriff's patrol in Voorheesville, 765-2351, to report any vehicle that appears to have no legitimate reason to be in their neighborhoods. Residents should be especially alert in more sparsely settled or rural areas, police said, particularly for light pickup trucks or vans or rental vehicles.

Voorheesville News Notes

Maryann Malark 765-4392

The New Scotland Kiwanis is gearing up for its annual Grasshopper baseball and softball leagues. Registration will be held Saturday, March 7 and March 21 at the Voorheesville Elementary School from 9 to 11:30 a.m. A registration fee of \$5 per child will be used to purchase team shirts and league equipment. To qualify for either league, you must be a resident in the town of New Scotland and/or the Voorheesville school district. Any girl currently in the fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth grades is eligible to play in the softball league. Any boy who is currently in the third grade or was born before Dec. 1, 1972, and will not have attained the age of thirteen years before Aug. 1, 1981, may play baseball. Parents or guardians are required to come and sign their child's registration form. In the past many community members volunteered to coach a team or umpire at a game. If you are interested in helping, state your preference when registering or contact Pete Douglas at 765-3108 or Skip Jackson at 861-7427.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, March 6 and 7, at 7 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, the curtain will go up on the Voorheesville PTSA's annual variety show — "I Love New York." Reserved tickets ranging from \$2 to \$2.75 for evening performances are

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The AAUW is preparing for its legislative conference on "Independent Living for Older Women" March 23 and 24 at the Quality Inn, Everett Rd., Albany. Reservations must be made by March 10 at 465-0057 or 436-9505.

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Parents as Reading Partners, a program which has recently gotten much attention will be the subject of Marie Hornick's presentation at the March 11 meeting of the Voorheesville PTSA. Mrs. Hornick will bring her family with her to help demonstrate how they have enjoyed being a part of the novel program. Parents as well as children are invited to attend the presentation which will precede the business meeting. The program is being held at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and will begin at 7 p.m.

Cooperative Extension can help save energy dollars in small businesses. A seminar on Wednesday, Mar. 11 at the Holiday Inn, Central Ave., Colonie, is designed to inform small business owners and managers how to reduce their energy consumption. The seminar, which begins at 10 a.m., is co-sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension and the New York State Energy office. The registration fee of \$15 will include work book, lunch and materials. Registration forms are available at your local Cooperative Extension office or call 438-6861.

Registration for the Spring semester of the Continuing Education Program in the Voorheesville Central School District is now in progress.

Classes are open to residents in the district as well as students in grades 7-12. The fees for each course are listed with the class descriptions which are outlined in the flyers mailed to all residents last week.

For more information contact Director James Hladun at 765-3314.

Theatre Fun for Young People, an independent, non-profit organization responsible for bringing live professional stage productions to the Voorheesville Elementary School, proudly presents its second performance of the year — "The Sourcerers Apprentice" — by puppeteer extraordinaire Marshall Izen.

The story, made popular in Walt Disney's "Fantasia," tells of a magician's helper who tries his master's tricks with disastrous results. Primary grades 1-3 will be treated to the performance on Thursday, March 12, at 1:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend and should call Peg Teuten 765-2642 (after 5), Linda Haaf 765-2652 or Lyn Stapf 765-2451 to arrange for seating.

The Federal Government has recently announced new income guidelines for use by schools participating in the National School Lunch Program in determining a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.

The new income guidelines differ from the July, 1980, figures and exclude the hardship deduction provision previously allowed.

The Voorheesville school

district, as required by law, has reexamined all applications received in August, 1980. If a family's status has changed, that family will be notified by the school. If you are not notified, your August, 1980, application fits the new guidelines and you do not need to reapply.

Any family that has become eligible for free or reduced lunches under the new guidelines, is urged to make application.

If more information is needed, contact Rodger Lewis, School Business Administration at 765-3313.

Voorheesville's Helderview Garden Club will meet on Thursday, March 12, at 7:15 p.m. at the Voorheesville Methodist Church, Maple Ave. "Drying Garden Flow-

ers" will be the topic addressed by the guest speaker, Mrs. Goldstein. Betsy Fuglein, Ann Kelly, and Pat Kelly will be hostesses for the evening. If you are interested in joining the group this month, please call Joann Donohue 765-4400 or Shirley Greene 765-4074.

Pastor in pulpit

Rev. Robert Hess of the Delmar Reformed Church delivered the sermon at the installation of Rev. Richard Lake as pastor of the Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten-Eyke St., Albany, last Sunday.

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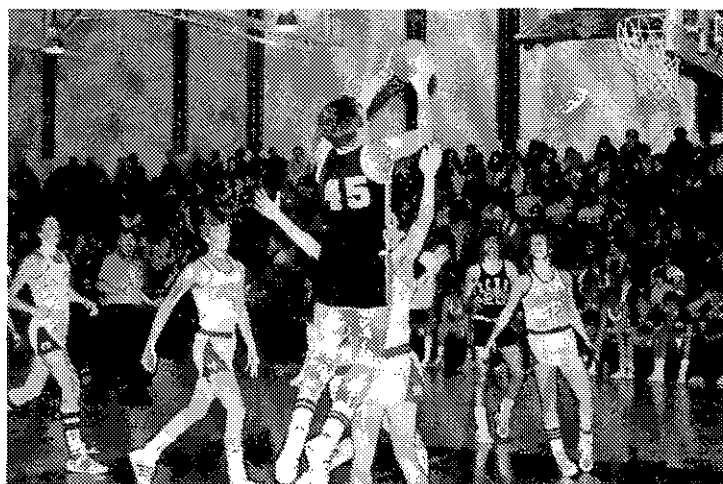
It was too much to expect, upsetting what is probably the best basketball team in this part of the state. Bethlehem Central, which has played 9-8 ball since dropping the first four games of the season, gave 19-2 Catholic Central a stout battle in Troy last Wednesday before succumbing by 81-64 in the second round of the Class A Sectional tournament.

"It was closer than the score indicates," observed Coach Jim Tedisco. "We were down by only 10 points with four minutes left. They were just too big for us, too skilled all

around, and they had a strong bench."

Halfway through the fourth period, Tedisco sent in his second string to give them a taste of tournament experience. It was the final scholastic game for Mike Lawrence, who threw in 22 points and snared 12 rebounds in his farewell, and for Tim Cookfair and Tony Papi. Despite the loss of those three starters, Tedisco has a good nucleus for next season with Tom Dexter, the two Gillespies and Tom Burdick still in the fold. BC wound up at 9-13, a far cry from the 1-20 of the year before.

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Mike Lawrence (45), senior center playing his last game for BCHS, gets off a shot against Catholic Central in Sectionals.

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Dolphin swimmers score

Delmar Dolphins pre-teen swimmers took one first, four seconds and two third places in Saturday's Canajoharie Invitational, a Class C meet. Chris Dumper won the 25-yard backstroke in the boys' 8-and-under. Earning second-place ribbons were Meredith Dix, Heather Walden, Sean Flynn and Justin Baird. Four swimmers turned in "B" times in various events — Sean Flynn, Keith Dix, Courtney Roos and Pierre LaBarge, the latter in two events.

Babe Ruth slots open

Registration for Bethlehem Babe Ruth Baseball will be held Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Library. Youngsters born between Aug. 1, 1965 and Aug. 1, 1968 are eligible for pre-season try-

outs. According to President Bob Kistler, the league will field six teams this season, and with only 40 returning players, there are some 50 places open on the rosters. Information, 439-6901.

Wins scholarship

Steven F. Collier of Delmar, a freshman at the State University College of Arts and Science at Potsdam, has been awarded the 1981 Anne Pease Breaky piano scholarship from the college's Crane School of Music. The scholarship is awarded every year to the outstanding freshman piano major at the Crane School of Music. Collier will receive \$250 per semester as long as he remains a full-time undergraduate at Crane.

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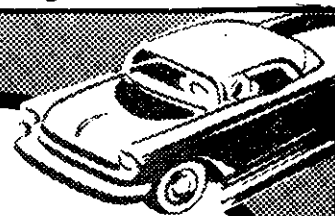
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BASKETBALL

Blackbirds have a bright future

If experience counts as a major factor — and it does — Voorheesville should have a lot to say who wins the Colonial Conference basketball championship next year.

Whoever coaches the Blackbirds in the 1981-82 campaign should be thankful to this year's squad, which will give him a strong legacy in the persons of four returning starters. Paul Probst, Adam Nendza and John Harding have another year of school and Mike Lewis, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, has two more seasons ahead. Any coach would welcome a base like that.

The Blackbirds played good basketball in the last three weeks of the season only to bow to one of the best Class CC teams in the section in the post-season tournament. They lost by 63-51 to Saratoga Catholic in a Sectional quarterfinal Wednesday at Mechanicville, but were in the game right up to the final three minutes. After being down by as much as 10 points to a team that had whipped them by 20 at the start of the season, the Blackbirds closed to within two points with five minutes remaining. Several calls resulting in out-of-bounds plays

led to turnovers and Saratoga Catholic ran off six unanswered points. With that kind of a lead, Saratoga slowed the pace, forcing Voorheesville to go to a man-to-man defense and to foul to get the ball. The enemy was deadly from the penalty stripe, meshing 7-for-9 from the line in the last quarter.

"The team played very well," said Coach Mike O'Brien. "A few breaks here and there and we could have won. We were down by only 46-44 with five minutes left, but they put the pressure on and we had to give up points to get the ball. I was very proud of the kids."

Lewis had 18 points in the finale and was busy under both backboards. The Blackbirds wound up the year at 7-15, and will lose only Jim Riviello, Chris Clark and Greg Picard to graduation.

O'Brien, who commutes from his teaching job at Cossackie-Athens Central School to coach the Blackbirds, was scheduled to discuss his status with Voorheesville administrators within the next several weeks.

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Music fest coming

Thirty-five Bethlehem students in grades 7, 8, and 9 have been selected to participate in this year's Suburban Scholastic Council Music Festival on Sunday, March 8, at 3 p.m., at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady.

Bethlehem members of the Council's String Orchestra are: Kelly Burke, Sharon Finn, Dagmar Fuhs, Kim Hostetter and Jennifer Tweedie.

The concert is open to the public and tickets can be purchased at the door at a cost of \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for students and Senior Citizens.

Play on Christ's life

The Gordon Players, a drama group from Gordon College, Wenham, will perform P.W. Turner's play, "Christ in the Concrete City," Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 at the Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Avenue, Delmar.

Historian to speak

Brig. Gen. Robert E. Mulligan, a military historian, will be the guest speaker at the Ganesvoort Chapter, D.A.R.'s meeting Monday, March 9, at the Bethlehem Public Library. Coffee hour is 12:30 p.m.

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| Fri., March 6 | Volleyball, Columbia, home 3:45
Wrestling, State Meet at Syracuse
Swimming, Sectional Championships
Girls' Basketball, Shenendehowa, home 8:00 |
| Sat., March 7 | Wrestling, State Meet at Syracuse
Track, Sectionals at RPI
Swimming, Sectional Championships |
| Tues., March 10 | Volleyball, Shaker, home 3:45 |
| Wed., March 11 | Volleyball, Shenendehowa, away 3:45 |

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Robert F. Edwards, second from right, receives his award as Roberts Real Estate's 1980 branch salesperson of the year from Delmar Branch Manager Peter Staniels, left. Edwards, who has been with Roberts for 13 years, produced more than \$1.7 million in residential real estate transactions last year. Also received awards are Toni Nathan, second from left, the company's "Rookie of the Year," and Ann Warren, right, and Bettie Lombard (not shown) as members of the Albany County Board of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club.

Pump prices

The lifting of price controls on oil has given U.S. oil companies the opportunity for gigantic windfall profits on their inventories. Some have taken advantage of the situation to put the squeeze on dealers and the public.

As a public service, the *Spotlight* this week begins a weekly feature listing gas station prices in Bethlehem and New Scotland as represented by Delaware Ave. stations between the Berne town line and the Albany city line. Prices are self-service regular, unless otherwise noted, as of Monday morning.

Clarksville

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Exxon	1.40
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New fees approved

New fees for the Bethlehem Planning Board and for engineering review of new developments were approved by the Bethlehem Town Board at its recent meeting. The fee schedule has been proposed last month by Town Engineer Bruce Secor.

FIRE CALLS

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The subject was business — small businesses and ways to make them grow, a program presented at the Bethlehem Town Hall last week by the Greater Colonie Chamber of Commerce. Daniel S. O'Connell, of the Small Business Administration's Albany office, explains how to get loans as Timothy E. Spellman, of the Colonie chamber, and James R. DiSanto, an Albany certified public accountant who also spoke, listen intently. *Spotlight*

Frances George elected

Frances G. George of Glenmont, has been elected to a three-year term as a member of the board of the Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area Inc.

She is a board member of Albany Branch, American Association of University Women, and branch Council

Representative for Eastern Area Interbranch Council. As assistant director of the Women and Aging Project of AAUW, New York State Division, she was a discussion leader for the White House Mini-Conference on Older Women in Des Moines, Iowa, convened by the Older Women's League.



Ann Hilchie

Attends conference

Ann Hilchie of Hilchie's ServiStar Hardware, Elsmere, has returned from a merchandise selection meeting at the American Hardware Supply Co., Butler, Pa. As a member of the merchandise advisory committee, she was one of five committee members who reviewed merchandise to be featured in American Hardware Supply's fall, 1981, consumer catalogs. Hilchie's ServiStar Hardware is one of 3,700 stores affiliated with American Hardware Supply in a 29-state marketing area.

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Shiatte-Robison

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shiatte of Glenmont announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane, to David Robison son of Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Robison, Winchester, Mass.

Miss Shiatte received a degree in biology from Mount Holyoke College and is enrolled in the graduate school at the University of North Carolina, in the department of city and regional planning.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts with degrees in civil and mechanical engineering. He works for AVCO, Inc. Wilmington, Mass. and is also



David Robison and Jane Shiatte

enrolled in the Northeastern University graduate school, department of mechanical engineering.

A June wedding is planned.

Snyder-Keenan

Peter W. Snyder of Feura Bush has announced the engagement of his daughter, Miss Cheryl A. Snyder, to Daniel A. Keenan Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Keenan Sr. of Glen Avenue, Scotia.

Miss Snyder is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central Schools and employed by Kmart Corp. in Glenmont.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Scotia-Glenville Central Schools and Hudson Valley Community College. He is employed by United Parcel Service in Latham.

A June 5 wedding is being planned.

A Delmar stargazer

Siena College senior Paul J. Buehler, Jr., of Delmar, recently presented two papers at professional physics conferences on his study of variable stars. Buehler has been photographing stars that shrink and swell, and thus give off different amounts of light at different times, and his paper describes the filming process and its practical applications. By filming the light changes, Buehler can more accurately estimate cosmic distances.

The paper was presented at the Rochester Symposium for Physics Students and at a joint meeting of the American Physical Society and the American Association of Physics Teachers in New York City.

Named Conference Leader

Regina DuBois of Delmar has been named co-chairman of the New York Federation of Women's Republican Club's 1981 Winter Conference March 8-10 at the Americana Inn, Colonie.

The theme of the conference, to be attended by more than 300 women from across the state, is "It's a New Beginning," inspired by President Reagan's new administration. Regina Dubois is president of the Republican Women of the Legislature and is vice president of the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club.

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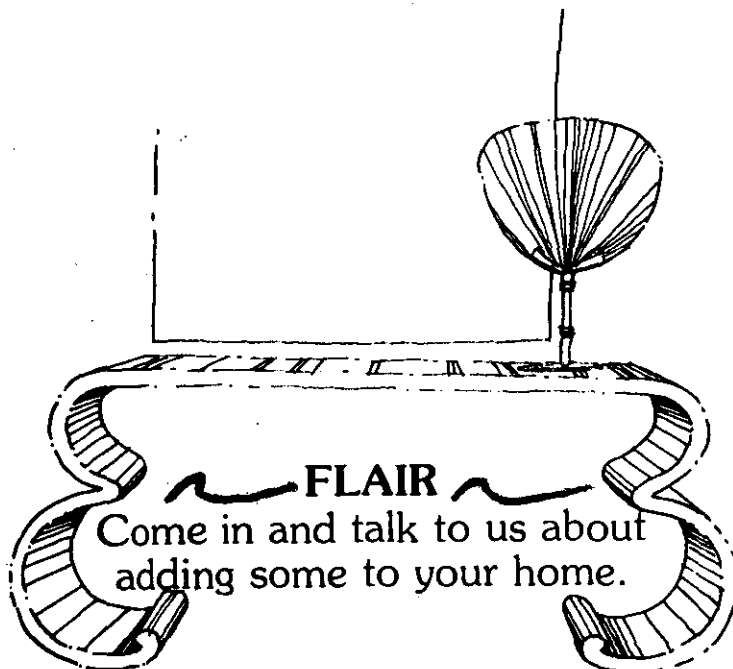
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Getting ready for Amblyopia, these Tri-Village Welcome Wagoners prepare for their annual Amblyopia (often called "lazy eye blindness") screening project March 25-27. Shown here sending information to parents of pre-school children in the Bethlehem area are, from left, Barbara Nichols, Sonja Mueller, Roni Evangelista and Barbara Schoenfeldt.

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Bible Study Planned

The Tri-village Churches will offer their annual ecumenical bible study during the lenten weeks at the Fellowship Hall, Methodist Church, Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, Wednesdays beginning March 11.

This year's theme will be "Parables: An Earthly Story with a Heavenly Meaning."

Rev. James Daley will conduct the first study on the parable "The Sower." The bible study will begin at 10 a.m. and will be preceded by a half hour fellowship time with refreshments. Babysitting will be provided.

Facilities Improved

The Delmar Presbyterian Church has improved its parking and entryway from the west side to provide a restricted area for the handicapped and a ramp for wheel-chairs.

The church's new pastor, Rev. Larry Deyss, is scheduled to conduct his first service this Sunday. Rev. Deyss did seminary field work in the Irondequoit United Presbyterian Church in suburban Rochester.

Speaking on nutrition

Gail Bromley, Cooperative Extension agent, will speak

on "Your Diet and Nutrition", at the meeting of the Elsmere Fire Company Auxiliary, Thursday, March 12, at 8 p.m.



Dean's List

Albany Business College — Bryan E. Donnelly, Voorheesville; John Charles Lee and Marjorie A. Lennon, Delmar.

Clarkson College — Gerald M. Wright, Slingerlands.

Junior College of Albany — Elizabeth Leonardo, Delmar.

Cornell University — Kathleen Slater, Delmar.

Norwich University — Randy Grenier, Delmar.

College of Insurance — Carol Zongrone, Voorheesville.

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Type E—Fully Bituminous Coated, Galvanized Corrugated Metal Pipe with Smooth Bituminous Lining

Type G—Fully Bituminous Coated, Galvanized Corrugated Metal Pipe-Arch with Paved Invert

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of March, 1981, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be submitted on Town of Bethlehem "Bid Sheets" and addressed to Mr. Thomas V. Corrigan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. "Bid Sheets" and copies of the specifications must be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. A copy of the specifications shall accompany the bid.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
MARION T. CAMP
Town Clerk

Dated: February 25, 1981

(March 5)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Town Law, Section 29(10-a) that a copy of the Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 1980 for the Town of Bethlehem, is now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York and is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District shall hold a meeting on March 16, 1981 at Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, N.Y. at 7:30 p.m.

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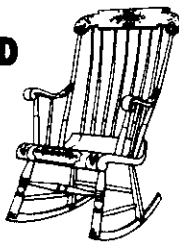
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Decision questioned

Editor, The Spotlight:

Someone has to say it publicly. The Bethlehem Town Board apparently has put politics before the welfare of the townspeople in their action (or should we say inaction?) on fluoridation. The board has acted against reason and against the obvious will of the majority. Mr. Corrigan alone is to be commended for taking a stand prior to "testing the political winds."

If the four Board members who voiced opinions against putting additional fluoride in our water supply were speak-

ing honestly, then one must doubt their reasoning ability. If their opinions were based on political expediency and were therefore dishonest, then their integrity is questionable.

Ability to sort out data, reason with it, and stick with the obvious conclusion despite the political consequence is a quality every elected official must have or he should be removed. Most voters are angry and likely to remember this fall. Both parties should take note of this when nominating candidates. Of current board members, Mr. Corrigan alone meets the qualifications of reasoning ability and in-

Susan D. Hart

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Editor, The Spotlight:

At the beginning of this Lenten Season, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank this community for the loving interest, which goes beyond that which any-

one could believe, that has been extended to me and my family, and to say it certainly has been a beautiful experience of God working through man.

Viva L. Klim

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Fairwell odd month

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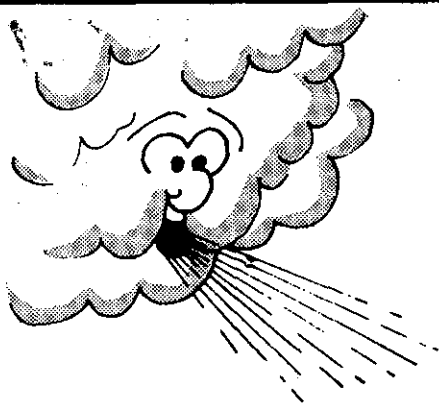
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