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Public Hearings, Bethlehem Town Board, three local laws: issuance of appearance tickets in connection with violations of local ordinances, 7:30 p.m.; repair or

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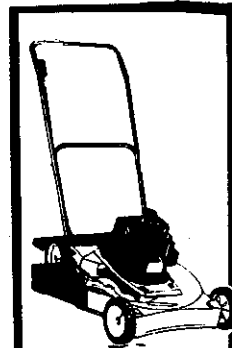
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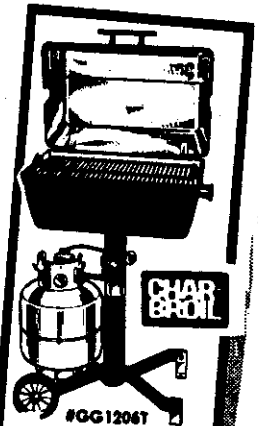
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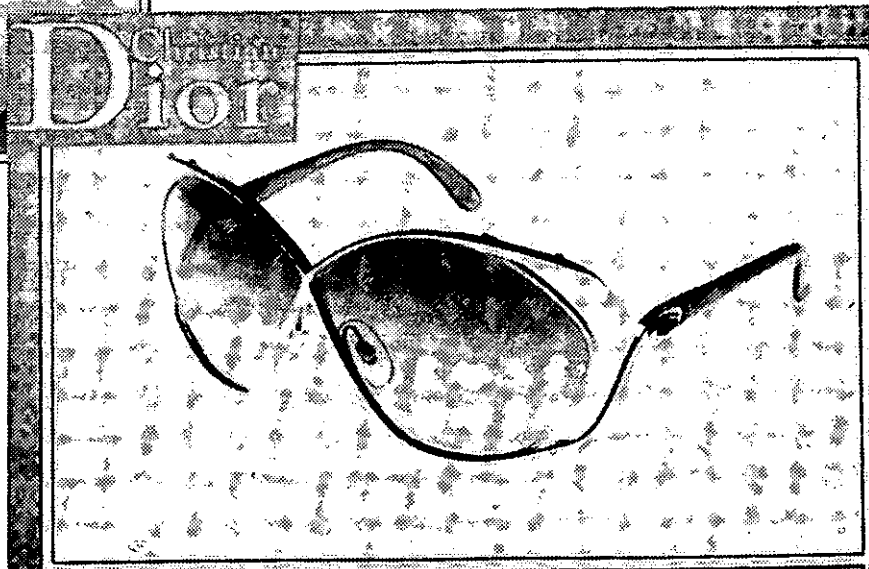
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THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Small Business Workshop, local businessmen discuss ideas and experiences, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m.

Film, "Son of Blob," for young adults, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Bike Registration, inspection and registration by Bethlehem Police at Bethlehem Library, noon-2 p.m.

New Scotland Historical Association, spring card party, Old Schoolhouse in New Salem, 8 p.m., tickets from 765-2223.

Sam Stratton's Congressional Town Meeting, public meeting with Congressman Stratton, Bethlehem Library, 7:30-9 p.m.

Film, "Brightly of Grand Canyon," for elementary-aged children, Bethlehem Library, 2-3:30 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Roast Beef Dinner, Slingerlands Methodist Church, 5-7 p.m., tickets at the door.

Chicken and Biscuit Supper, Women's Guild, Onesquethaw Reformed Church, reservations: 768-2611.

"Planting a Perennial Garden," WAST, Channel 13, featuring Anna Martha Jones of Elsmere, noon.

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Spring Banquet, turkey dinner, music and ministry program, Camp Pinnacle, R.D. 1, Voorheesville, 6:30 p.m., reservations: 872-1053.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Open House, 360 Kenwood Ave., Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services, 1-3 p.m.

Open House, 397 Delaware Ave., Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Center, 2-4 p.m.

Road Race, "Spring Ahead Classic III," sponsored by Blue Cross-Blue Shield, New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, noon, registration required.

area arts

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

THEATER

"Grease" (Broadway musical hit), James Laurence Meader Little Theater, Russell Sage College, Troy, **April 23, 24, 25 and 30, 8 p.m.; April 26, 2 p.m.; May 1 and 2, 8 p.m.; May 3, 2 p.m.** Reservations 270-2248.

"Ladyhouse Blues" (Albany Civic Theater's production of Kevin O'Morrison drama), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **April 25, 8 p.m., and April 26, 2:30 p.m.**

"Godspell" (musical adaptation of the Gospel according to Matthew, performed by SUNY Theater Department), Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, **April 27-30, May 1-2, 8 p.m., May 3, 2:30 p.m.** Box office 457-8608.

"Not Just Mime" (newly formed area troupe combining mime, pantomime and dance), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **April 23, 8 p.m.**

MUSIC

Max Morath (entertainer-pianist brings alive the ragtime era), Cohoes Music Hall, **April 24, 8 p.m.** Community Box Office.

Frank Vecchio (Albany-based classical and Spanish guitarist), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, **April 25, 8 p.m.** Information, 482-6565.

The Yallah Dance Ensemble (Mid-Eastern dance), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **April 25, 8:30 p.m.**

University Wind Quintet (works by Nielsen, Milhaud, Stravinsky and Brahms), Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, **April 25, 7:30 p.m.**

Haydn's "Seasons" (the Simmons College Glee Club and the Union College Men's Glee Club), Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, **April 25, 8 p.m.**

Two Bach Cantatas (University Singers), Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, **April 27, 8 p.m.**

ART

Albany Armory Antiques Show (90 selected exhibitors from throughout the Northeast and Midwest), New Scotland Ave., Albany, **May 2, noon-9 p.m., May 3, noon-6 p.m.** Reservations for **May 1** preview, 274-5267.

Antiques Lectures (sponsored by the Women's Council of the Albany Institute of History and Art), all events at institute auditorium, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. "The Arts and Crafts Interior," **April 30, 1:30 p.m.**; "How to Tell the Genuine from the Fake," **May 14, 8 p.m.**; "Oriental Rugs: Fads, Fashions and Finances," **May 19, 1:30 p.m.**; "The Tie That Binds—The American Home, 1750-1900," **May 29, 8 p.m.**

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TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Delmar Camera Club, at St. Stephen's Church parish hall, Elsmere Ave. and Poplar Dr., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

Spring Luncheon, Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, speaker Senate Majority Leader Warren M. Anderson, Normanside Country Club, 12:30 p.m.

"**Planning a Flower Garden**," program by Cooperative Extension, Bethlehem Library, 7:30-9 p.m.

Program, Albany Area Retired Teachers Association, Bethlehem Library, 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, Bethlehem Democratic Committee, with Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink, Michael's Banquet House, Latham, 7 p.m. Reservations at 439-7088 or 439-1232.

Workshop, "Teaching Out-of-Doors" for teachers, scout leaders, parents, youth leaders, Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., 3:30-6 p.m., registration: 457-6092.

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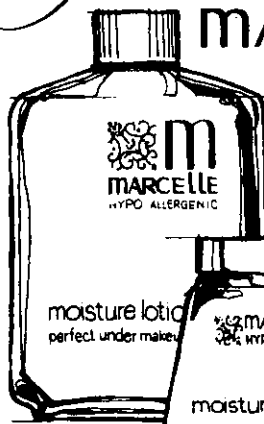
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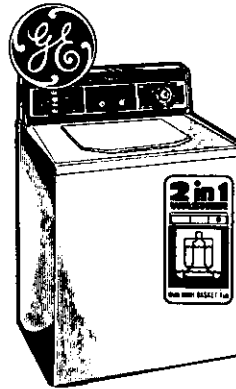


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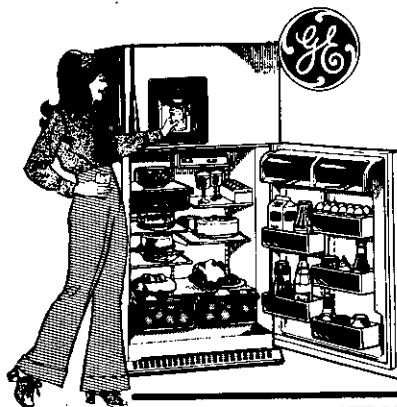


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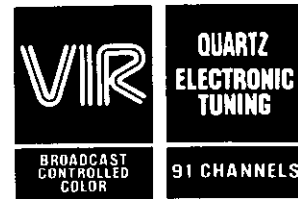
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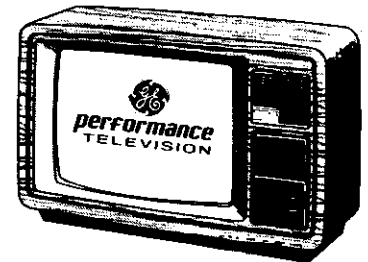
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FISH CASE

Bleau judgment reversed, but second trial to start

With Olin Bleau's federal lawsuit against former Bethlehem Police Chief Peter Fish and four others back to square one, the second act, a \$6.25 million damage suit scheduled to start next week in state Supreme Court in Albany, is taking on added significance.

Town officials learned this week that the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, has reversed a Federal District Court jury's award of \$235,042 to Bleau because the jury was allowed to stray too far afield and returned a "shockingly exorbitant" verdict.

Bleau, a Selkirk towing firm operator, based both the federal and state lawsuits on a 1974 incident in which a car he had towed was removed from his lot by Fish and his officers and taken to the garage of a competitor, Albert Lavigne. Bleau claims that, based on that incident and others, there existed a conspiracy to deny him his share of the town's towing business.

The federal jury's verdict awarded Bleau \$42 in actual damages—the amount of the lost towing fee—and \$200,000 against Fish, \$25,000 against Capt. Robert Foster (currently the highest ranking member of the department and acting chief), \$5,000 against former officer William Pelzer and \$5,000 against Lavigne. Lavigne did not appeal the verdict.

Bleau's attorney, Arthur McGinn of Albany, said Monday he has not decided on whether to appeal the

Court of Appeals decision, which would probably mean asking the U.S. Supreme Court for a hearing. That decision may not come, he said, until after the state Supreme Court trial, scheduled to begin jury selection April 28.

The major difference between the two damage suits is that in the federal case the town was not a defendant, while it is in state court. And while the incident itself is relatively trivial it has sparked one of the longest running—and politically embarrassing—examinations of police conduct and connections in the town's history.

Since the incident became public, Fish has been investigated by federal, state and local authorities on a variety of charges ranging from improper use of income tax information to driving without a license. After a lengthy and expensive investigation, the Town of Bethlehem removed Fish from office in 1978. (Fish's attorney, James Straney, says Fish is in "selling" and remains active in Bethlehem.)

Now, after a hiatus of several years, the entire case appears headed for another public airing. McGinn said he expects the trial to be lengthy, and one of the issues this time is certain to be the amount of control, if any, the town exerted over Fish and his department at the time of the incident.

In preparing for the trial, the town's attorney, Karl H. Schrade, has asked town officials to assemble all

policies and directives pertaining to the department for the period in question.

(It should be noted that the town has apparently never been entirely certain it would not share liability even in the federal case. After the verdict against Fish and the others, town records indicate several unsuccessful attempts to bring the Hartford Insurance Co., which covers the town, into the appeal. And the town board voted to pay appeal fees for the officers, stressing as it did so that it would assume no other liability.)

Also names in the state suit are Officer Anthony Arduini and former Officer Richard Spinosa.

Bleau is asking \$1 million (\$500,000 actual and \$500,000 punitive) damages for the "physical and mental strain and trauma" involved in the towing incident; another \$1

million for the charges filed against him (a grand jury failed to indict); \$250,000 for a traffic ticket ("for overweight vehicle on town road") he received from Spinosa in October, 1976; \$1 million for threats of bodily harm allegedly made by Fish to Bleau in 1973, and \$2 million for threats allegedly made by Fish to put Bleau out of business. The lawsuit alleges that Fish was receiving payments from Lavigne to direct business his way.

The three-judge federal appeals court observed in its April 8 opinion that Bleau based his suit "in large part" on incidents associated with the feud between him and Fish. The appeals judges said the trial judge, James J. Foley, rightly allowed the jury to consider whether the police were exercising "wrongful dominion" over the vehicles

Homeowner makes arrest

State troopers are crediting an alert and courageous homeowner at Thacher Park with what may be a major break in solving a string of area burglaries.

The Katchum Rd. residence was burglarized last Thursday; on Saturday the owner and his wife returned and observed from a distance two men at the house. While the wife went to alert park police, the owner watched as the men attempted to enter his house, deputies said.

"The homeowner armed himself with a garden tool and held them at bay until the

park police arrived," a trooper said.

Arrested on third degree attempted burglary charges were Charles Lawyer, 33, and Michael Lawyer, 31. Jean Trumpler, 24, was apprehended in a car nearby. All gave 403 Hamilton St., Schenectady, as their address.

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But, said the judges, Foley was wrong to allow the jury to consider whether the defendants were members of a "conspiracy" to deny business to Bleau and induce illegal payments.

"It is quite obvious that it was the jury's determination of these improperly submitted issues, rather than the removal of the accident car from Bleau's garage on Sept. 24, 1974, that led to the \$235,000 verdict, a verdict which is shockingly exorbitant and cannot be permitted to stand," said the court.

The judges ruled that the defendants can be tried again on the issues raised originally—whether they violated Bleau's constitutional rights by going on his property and seizing the accident car.

Bike Day coming

Bike Day is the culmination of Bethlehem's annual drive for bicycle safety.

This year's Bike Day will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 25 at the Bethlehem Public Library, and the main

event will be a bicycle rodeo.

Participation in the rodeo is open to children and adults who are residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District. Only riders with current bicycle registrations will be permitted to participate in the rodeo. (See The Spotlight Calendar for registration dates).

During April, Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau Officers Fred Holligan and James Corbett are conducting bicycle registration and safety inspection clinics at schools, firehouses and shopping areas throughout the town.

There is ample reason to participate in the rodeo: riders will be divided into 10 age categories, and one rider in each category will win a new bicycle. Second prizes will also be awarded in each category. This year, the emphasis will shift from competitive safe riding to a lottery system.

Each competitor's name will be added to a prize box according to age category. Drawing for prizes will be held after the last rider completes the rodeo course. The last person in line at 2 p.m. will be the last person permitted to ride the rodeo.

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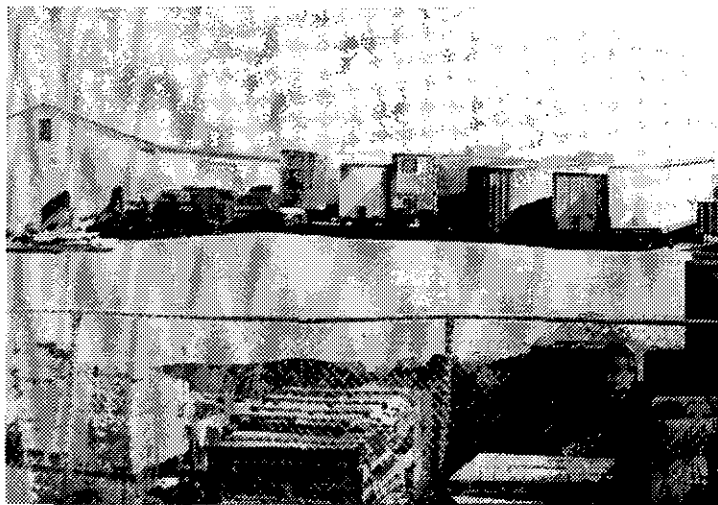
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Bethlehem police have identified the original owners of six of the nine trailers impounded after a raid two weeks ago at the Port of Albany Truck Stop on Rt. 144 in Glenmont.

In one case, the trailer—a \$30,000 Great Dane—was recovered after Three Farms Dairy, which was leasing it from Port of Albany, contacted police to ask whether it was stolen. Three Farms is owned by Edward

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Other trailers and camper vehicles listed now as stolen came from American Steel and Aluminum in Albany, Revell Trucking in Albany, Strick Leasing in Rensselaer and firms in Newburg and Kingston. Their total value has been placed at \$79,200, including a load of beer in the Revell trailer.

Bethlehem police, aided by the FBI and the federal National Automobile Theft Bureau, are continuing to check the other trailers, a task made more difficult by obscured identification numbers.

Alfred J. Remo, 51, of 10 Tamarack Dr., Delmar, the truck stop owner, faces one count of criminal possession of stolen property first degree. Ted L. Blair, of Albany, faces two counts of criminal possession of stolen property first degree.

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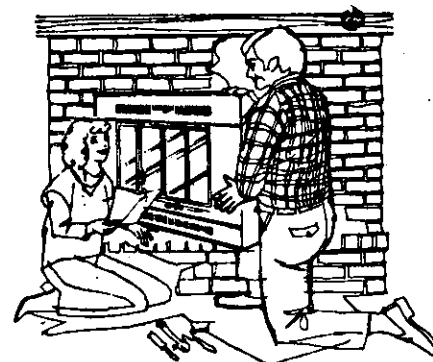
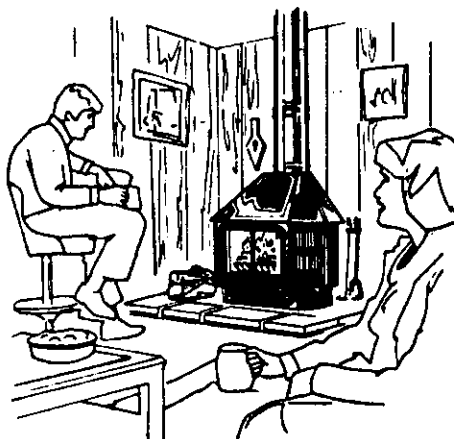
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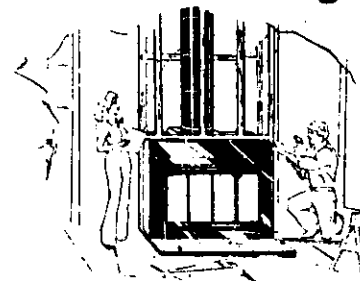
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Albany County Legislature



Lively and occasionally humorous controversy over spending \$93,000 on changes to provide contact visiting at the Albany County Jail and Penitentiary highlighted the April meeting of the Albany County Legislature.

Noteworthy also was an agreement by Majority

Leader Richard Meyers and Minority Leader Gordon Morris of Bethlehem to send a resolution back to committee—such a bipartisan move is rare.

Still more unusual was the overwhelming passage of a resolution introduced by a Republican. This was an

expression of gratitude to Providence for the safety of President Reagan and his three companions, which I introduced.

I think I can clarify the situation concerning contact visits at the jail. In 1979 the New York State Court of Appeals ruled that all jails in the state must provide safe and adequate contact visits for non-sentenced inmates. The ruling provided that family members might kiss and hug each other, but did not allow for conjugal visits. Albany County extended visitation rights to sentenced inmates as well, because any attempt to give such rights to one type of prisoner and not to another would cause endless administrative problems. Currently the population of the jail is comprised of 50 percent unsentenced prisoners who may be being held as material witnesses or who have not yet come up for trial and may be found not guilty. The other 50

percent are sentenced prisoners.

Let me picture for you how these visits are conducted. They are held in the mess hall under supervision with prisoners and visitors sitting around tables that are firmly affixed to the floor. Every visitor has to go through a metal detection apparatus and check all handbags and packages in a locker before entering the mess hall. Other precautions are also taken.

Until the necessary physical changes are made, the mess hall must serve a double purpose—the feeding of inmates and the contact visits after the food is cleared away. In order to fully comply with the law and convert the mess hall into a contact visit area, inmates will eventually be fed on the tiers, something Sheriff George Infante has been wanting to do anyway for security reasons.

Representative Edward H. Sargeant, Jr. of Bethlehem, who spoke in favor of contact

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visits, described the 50-50 ratio of the jail population and said "I challenge anyone to say give rights to one and not the other." The resolution passed 29-8.

Mr. Morris and Mr. Myers agreed to send a resolution which would move CETA from Cohoes to Watervliet back to the Finance Committee for further study. Also adopted was a bipartisan resolution creating an equal opportunity policy for the county. Republicans and Democrats agreed that past and current practices of the county have been equitable and the resolution was intended to put into words practices already followed.

A local law requiring the public to file with the county commissioner of public works notice of a highway defect prior to bringing a law suit against the county for damages or injuries incurred because of the defect was approved. The law goes into effect in 45 days.

Bethlehem residents should

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Library board asks voters for new roof

The flat cement roof of the Bethlehem Public Library has been a source of problems—and some embarrassment—for the library's board since the building was constructed nine years ago.

Now the board has decided to take the bold approach—it will ask the voters May 13 to finance a new roof, a \$125,000 cost which would mean an additional one year-increase of \$1.75 per \$1,000 on the town tax rate.

It wasn't an easy decision, says library board member Joyce Strand. For one thing, voters will also be faced with a school budget which is going up 4.9 percent in Bethlehem and the library's own operating budget with an 11 percent increase.

And, says Mrs. Strand, the board is painfully aware that a nine-year old roof should not need replacing. The building was designed with a flat roof both to enhance the interior space and to allow for upward expansion sometime in the future.

The first cracks appeared in 1973, and at that time the library put in expansion joints

to make the roof more flexible during extreme temperature changes. But it was nearly impossible to predict where the next problem would occur, says Mrs. Strand.

"We did try to recoup on it," she recalls. "Everybody blamed everybody else." Agreement was reached with the architect and contractor on sharing some of the early costs, but "over the years we have continued to patch and bail, patch and bail."

In 1979 there was a major deluge, and it was only extreme good fortune that the water missed the library's collection.

The new roof the board has selected is a relatively new concept which is actually applied on top of the existing roof, with insulation on the top. It has a rubberized membrane and is much less vulnerable to temperature changes. Best of all, Dow Chemical Co., which manufactures it, supplies a guarantee, and Mrs. Strand says the board intends to be "very stringent" on the terms of that guarantee.

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savings because of the extra insulation is \$3,400 per year, says Mrs. Strand. And by buying the roof outright, rather than bonding, the board figures it can save the taxpayers \$37,500.

"So we feel it is a good expenditure, even though times are hard."

If the vote is favorable, the roof will be installed late this summer, with no disruption to library services.

The library's proposed 1981 operating budget is \$732,748, up \$83,248 from last year. That comes to a \$1.38 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation tax increase.

The bulk of the increase is ascribed to inflation; books cost on the average 11 percent more than a year ago (larger books are increasing in value faster), utilities and health insurance are all up. The only new program is the completion of the automated circulation system which will use a computer link with the Albany Public Library to provide up-to-the-minute

information on the status of all books.

Two board members, Ethel Birchenough and Dr. Thomas Shen, are up for reelection. Mrs. Birchenough, a veteran of 17 years on the board, will be seeking a five-year term, and Dr. Shen, appointed last summer to fill a vacancy, is seeking a three-year term.

After-Easter egg hunt

The After-Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Slingerlands Fire Department will be held Saturday, April 25, at the Slingerlands Grade School. Activities will start at 11 a.m., and include a big egg and candy hunt together with an egg-rolling contest.

The grounds will be divided according to age groups so that all the children will have an equal opportunity in each event. All youngsters are welcome regardless of where they live.

In the event of inclement weather, the hunt will be held at the Fire House on New Scotland Road.

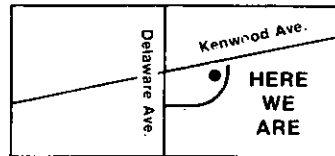
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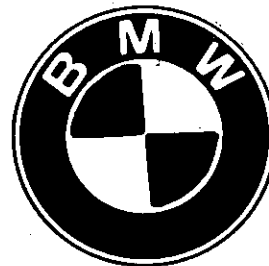


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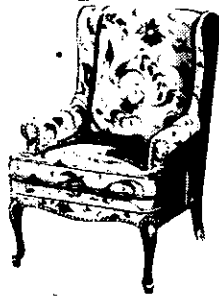
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Clarksville: system's stepchild?

Sounding a bit like unhappy stepchildren, some Clarksville parents aired their gripes to the Bethlehem Central school board last Wednesday at a board session at the school.

With enrollment for next year's kindergarten there at 34, a concerned mother asked the board to add a kindergarten session at Clarksville, rather than bus children to other district schools. She said, "It's better to bring a teacher out here than to upset 10 or 12 families."

Her concern was echoed by a father: "Think of it in these terms — as not always sending us back to the rest of the district."

Superintendent Lawrence Zinn promised, "We'll watch (enrollment figures) closely." He said some families who have enrolled children may move away before next fall, and that the district can always hire a teacher in the summer, if necessary.

A proposed interage grouping of first and second graders also was on the minds of Clarksville residents. An earlier 2-3 class was, in one woman's words, "a failure. The children didn't receive the education they should have."

Board member Robert Zick tried to allay these fears by citing his own children's

experience with interage grouping. He said, "My wife and I were totally opposed" to it at first, but found a big plus was having a choice of teachers for a particular child, allowing for "a better match between teacher and child." For his family, Zick said, "it worked well."

John McKenzie, a former board president, wasn't persuaded. "It's not the same here. This particular group had a wide range of abilities, and kids with emotional problems. It was an extremely difficult group."

Zinn commented that Clarksville has "the dilemma of a relatively small enrollment (about 130 students). You either have very large or very small classes, or interage grouping. It's a compromise."

But the audience didn't seem in the mood for compromise. A woman persisted: "When will we get an answer (to the kindergarten enrollment question)?" She was invited to contact Zinn periodically "to see if the numbers change."

McKenzie had another question for the board. "Are we fixed forever with a half-time principal (Dorothy Whitney)? We would like a full-time one." Assured by board President Bernard Harvith that Clarksville has

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"as much principal per pupil" as the other district schools, McKenzie wasn't satisfied: "Regardless of the rationale, she doesn't have enough time to to the job."

McKenzie also took exception to some budget figures. "Over the years, we've been picking up a larger and larger share of the school budget — now up to 6 percent. It doesn't make much sense." Clarks-ville has about 4 percent of the district's elementary pupils.

New Scotland residents in the Bethlehem school district face an estimated tax rate increase of 15.3 percent, or \$28.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Zinn said, "It's embarrassing when we bring these figures to you, but it's really a problem to take up with the state Board of Equalization and Assessment." That board annually sets a figure intended to "equalize" the tax burden on residents in a school district who live in different taxing jurisdictions.

Zinn said, "Though it isn't

going to make you feel any better, only the least bit comforting is the fact that houses of equal value in Bethlehem and New Scotland (within the school district) pay the same taxes."

Board member Zick has a gripe, too. "Why can't some of the 'windfall' sales tax money returned to the towns come to the school districts?" The town of Bethlehem is in line for increased sales tax receipts from Albany County of more than \$300,000.

Zinn observed that the law allows school districts to share in any sales tax refunds, and that "school districts fought tooth and toenail five or six years ago to have the county hand over some of this money, but the county legislature just refuses ..."

Zick called it a "miscarriage

of justice." "It takes 11 people to change the legisla-ture's mind, he declared "They won't pay any atten-tion to a school board."

In a lighter moment, board members Marjory O'Brien and Sheila Fuller presented a home-baked pie to Zinn "in recognition of his and his staff's long hours of work on the budget." The pastry was also in response to *Spotlight* Senior Editor Nat Boynton's characterization of the two board members, in an editorial on the coming elections, simply as "mothers of school-children."

It was, of course, an apple pie.

Caroline Terenzini

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Candidates forum May 7

With contests for two of the three seats on the Bethlehem Central school board in the works, the League of Women Voters plans a candidates' forum May 7 in the auditorium at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Barbara Bartoletti, Bethlehem unit leader for the county League and co-chairperson for the forum, said the 8 p.m. forum will allow five minutes for each candidate to state his or her qualifications for serving on the board, and then will allow questions from the audience.

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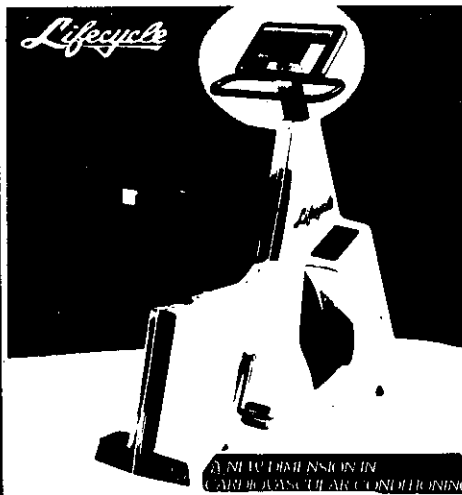
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VOORHEESVILLE

Board hopefuls to present views

The Voorheesville Parent-Teacher-Student Association will sponsor a "get to know your candidates" evening Tuesday, April 28, at 8 p.m. at the high school.

Four persons — Carlyle Sutherland, Salvatore Mazzara, Dr. Raj Keishore and David Teuten — are running for the Voorheesville Board of Education seat being vacated by Dominick Tork. Richard Goliber, who had filed for the seat, has withdrawn.

Sutherland, a resident of the village since 1977, served on the board of education in Penn Yan, N.Y., for three years, and was budget chairman of that board. Employed at Terminal Millwork in Albany, he and his wife Patricia have two high-school age children and four children in college.

Sutherland was active in other civic organizations in Pen Yan: he was a member of the recreation commission for 13 years, and its president for five years; a president, treasurer and director of the Jaycees, and a director of the Kiwanis Club.

Mazzara retired in 1979 as assistant director of the state Office of Mental Retardation

and Developmental Disabilities (formerly the Department of Mental Hygiene). In his 13 years with the department, he administered employee training programs and aided in the transition of the department's personnel policies. Mazzara also worked in the state Office of General Services, Department of Civil Service and Department of Commerce.

A resident of Koonz Road, he and his wife have five children. Mazzara is a graduate of Siena College and has done graduate work at Siena and Albany Law School.

Dr. Keishore is a medical scientist at the Albany Veterans Administration Hospital and a professor of radiology at Albany Medical Center. His "varied experience as a student, teacher and administrator" would be an asset to the board, he said in announcing his candidacy.

He and his wife have two pre-school age children. "The reason I decided to run was I think the school board needs some input from the younger people in the village," he said.

Teuten, a state Department of Public Service employee, is active in scouting, St. Matthew's parish and Kiwanis, and has been a member of the

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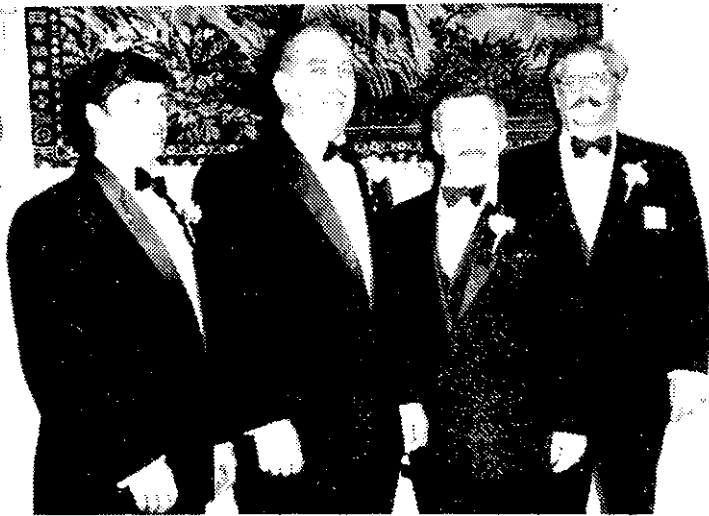
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W. A. Campbell

Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Co. for three years. He served on the mayor's advisory committee on the Salem Hills Sewer Disposal Corp. rate case.

He has bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University at Oneonta. In graduate school he was co-author of a teacher's syllabus in economics for rural school districts, and he taught high school social studies for three years at Milford Central School.

He and his wife have three children, one a 1980 Voorheesville High School graduate. They have lived in the village for nine years.

Rear ender on Rt. 155

Three people were injured Saturday when the car they were in collided with a second car which was stopping in front of them on Rt. 155 in Voorheesville.

Taken to St. Peter's Hospital were Donna Muth, of 21 Harris Ave., Delmar, the driver, her one-year-old son Joshua Muth, and Patricia Grovenger, a passenger. All were treated and released. The driver of the second car, Dorothy Gangai of Albany, was not injured. No citations were issued, according to the Albany County Sheriff's Department, which investigated.

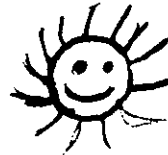
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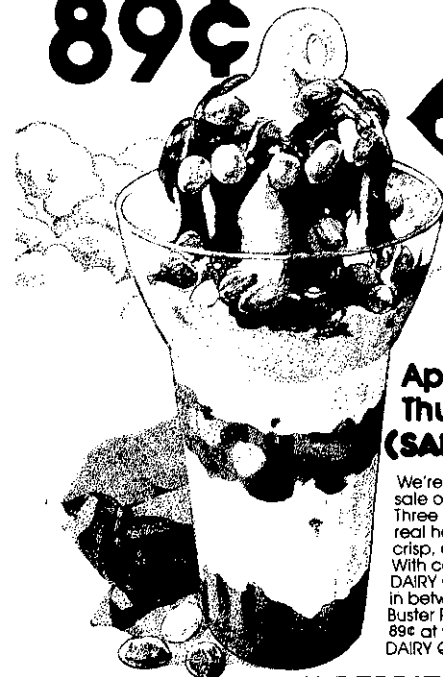
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Voorheesville News Notes

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All residents are also reminded that the Voorheesville Fire Department collects bundled newspapers and magazines on the third Sunday of each month.

Students at Voorheesville High School have enjoyed some of the cultural aspects of the foreign languages they are studying. Recently 40 French students, accompanied by Marge Montuori and Jan Zebrowski, traveled to Montreal for the weekend to try out their language skills.

After reading the play, students in French 4 and 5 enjoyed a dramatic rendition of "Le Medecin Malgre Lui" by Moliere.

Fifty Spanish students chaperoned by Robert Stiefer and Jan Zebrowski traveled to State University at Albany's Page Hall for a Flamenco performance by the Maria Benites Flamenco Troupe.

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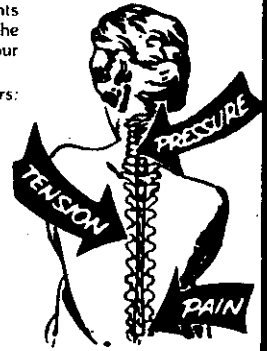
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Village salaries up despite budget cuts

The Voorheesville Village Board is granting seven percent to all but a few village employes while still managing to cut the size of the 1981-82 budget. Raises for village board members are 25 percent.

The raises were disclosed at a lightly attended public hearing on the proposed budget last week. The board has announced that taxes will have to go up 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valua-

tion—a 16 percent increase—because of declining state aid and county sales tax revenue.

The budget will be considered by the board at its April 28 meeting and, considering the lack of opposition last week, will in all likelihood be passed.

Despite the tax increase, the actual budget, \$386,189, is down \$21,000. Mayor Milton Bates said there is "nothing major" in the way of new programs and no major cuts either.

"We've probably nicked and dined the whole thing, going from one end to the other," he said.

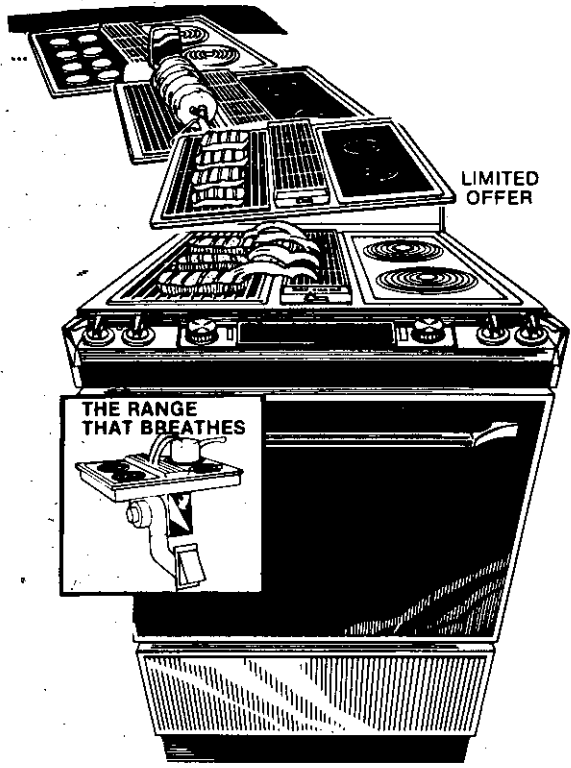
The decrease in revenue could be reversed in next year's budget if Albany County Executive James Coyne's proposal to boost the amount of sales tax revenue going back to municipalities is approved by the county legislature. The amount which would come to Voorheesville is not yet clear because of the complicated dispute over how villages and towns in the county should split their sales tax revenue, but based on figures supplied by the county the amount should be at least \$35,000.

Personnel costs account for \$110,860 in the new budget,

which includes five full-time employees and a number of hourly workers. With the seven percent raise, public works employees will get \$3.75 an hour and office assistants \$3.50 an hour.

The board has increased Bates' salary from \$2,000 per year to \$2,500, and the salary for board members goes up \$250 per year to \$1,250. The only other change is on reimbursement for the town building inspector, Gerald Gordinier, who was hired this month. Inspectors had been paid on a per inspection basis, but as of June 1 Gordinier will get \$2,000 per year.

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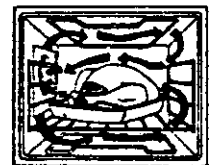



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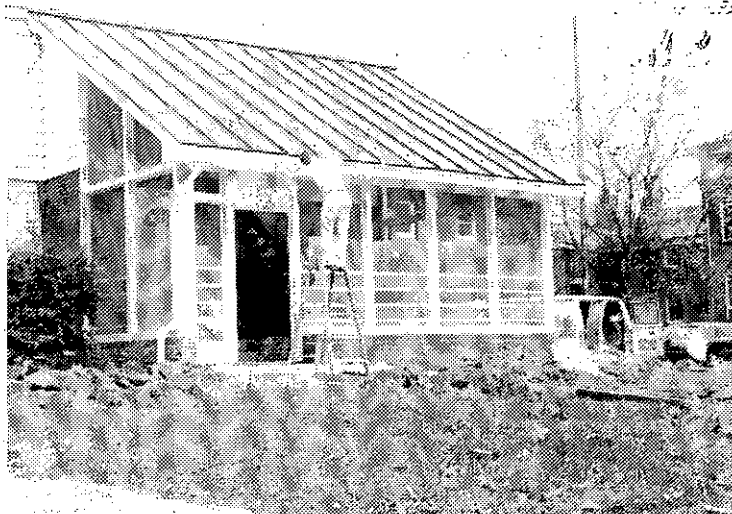
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In Selkirk, the *Spotlight* is sold at the Convenient Food Mart.

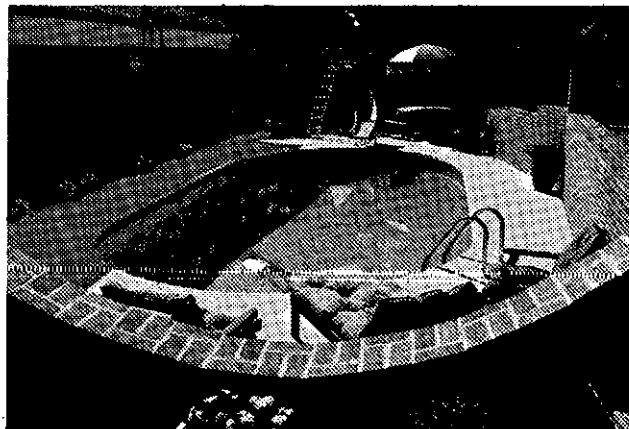
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Shop Talk

by Judi James

We begin with the Four Corners of Delmar where Kenwood Ave. intersects Delaware Ave. — literally the historical center of commercialism in this town of Bethlehem. From the time of the old hotel (now Adams Hardware) this crossroads has had stores to meet the needs of the times. When the Northeastern corner of this intersection was changed by the demolition of the old grain and seed store owned by Schnurr and Woods and other stores in that block to make room for the bank, that side of the four corners had definitely changed in character.

Shopping at Four Corners is doubly a pleasure because of the convenient parking. We park in the large Municipal Parking lot and proceed west. The first store on our left is a flower shop. There's a big heart on the sign which says "VaLinda Florists." That's because Linda LaPoint purchased the shop two years ago last Valentine's day, and named it with her name and that of her daughter, Val, combined.

She is happy there and customers find not only nicely chosen fresh flowers but top grade plants. Corsages and special orders are filled creatively, and the owners will visit homes to aid in decorating homes with plants and permanent arrangements to fit the color scheme and character of the home. Out of town orders are taken by long distance and given great care. Linda takes pride in the many "long-distance" friends who will ask her to deliver flowers to family members here. A sign on the window says "Spring at Last". There really is an air of lasting Spring at VaLinda Florists whose proprietor said:

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Next, our tour takes us past Le Shoppe, a beauty shop which is very popular because of the skill and the courtesy of its operators. We pass the Christian Science Reading Room. And then on to another store purchased within the past two years. It's the Delmar Liquor Store and there Bill Turner, the youthful new owner, feels compatible with this community. He has nearly finished building his new home down the street and in his 17 months in business at the Four Corners has made many friends and is known for his service and his thoughtfulness. (Deliveries are made, and orders are taken by phone.)

One of the most interesting selection of imported wines is to be found here with wines from South Africa — "very good and some fine dry wines" — Brazil, and the Algarve represented, as well as domestic wines from New York, Rhode Island and California. Turner is interested in more cooperation among the merchants of the Four Corners and takes his place as a most responsible one.

The Delmar News and Card Shop is next door. Robert Van Aernam owns the store which features newspapers, candies, cards, cigars, cigarettes and tobaccos. Two space machines recently added to the store seem to entrance the youth of the area.

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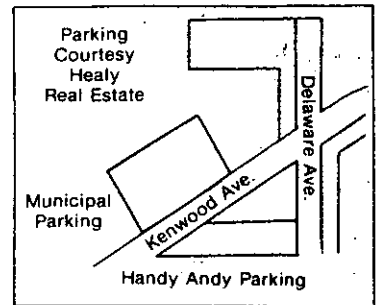
Gifts galore to be found at the Thistle Gift Shop at 363 Delaware Avenue. This is a fine jewelry store where engraving can be done in just one day. There is a nice selection of gifts in all price ranges, cards for all occasions and fine quality and selection. Owner Dennis Girard is fairly new to the area but deserves your patronage. With the help of Sandy Webber, a bridal registry is being set up and brides-to-be are invited to register.

On the Southwest corner of the Four Corners one finds a professional auto parts store, and next door to that the popular Handy Andys where foodstuffs are sold and service is quick. The third shop is the Peter Harris store, a discount clothing store for men, women and children. This is a good representation of the chain store where buying is on a large scale and there is a full range of stock in a full range of prices.

The owners, long in the apparel business in the Capital District, have stores not only in Delmar but in Latham, East Greenbush, Scotia, Glens Falls and Syracuse. With time to shop and your own good tastes, excellent buys can be made here with changes in stock seasonally.

But now, let's cross Delaware Avenue to the southeast corner where, at the farthest reaches we find the Ehrlich's Auto Parts, and next to that the Laundramat.

Then comes a store of great fun. The Golden Acorn, owned by Thomas Pule, has a rich assortment of basketry, from miniatures to large picnic and



pie baskets. Eighteen countries are represented in the handmade articles shown here. Wicker bird cages, reed rugs (often used as table tops covered with glass) wicker hanging fixtures as well as shades of bamboo and paper, rolled screens and wind chimes abound. Plus a nice selection of Paw Print cards, candles and gift items. Owner Tom Pule has been in the business twenty years and his Delmar shop has been in existence for two years. This is a low key, interesting and unusual shop for the creative homemaker.

Next door and just around the corner, facing Delaware Avenue, is the Delmar Department store which has been there thirty-one years under the ownership of Tom and Betty Colarco. (He says Betty is the brains of the business.) He is a man who buys all-American products. He has seen many changes in the Tri Village but asserts, "the people here have been good to me."

Enter the store, but don't be awed by the crowded condition. Venture in and do some real searching — you'll be rewarded. Men's, women's, boy's and girl's (and of course infant's) clothing can be found here. Possibly the largest selection of Ship and Shore blouses and jackets for women we have seen.

There are items of quality, priced honestly with a very small markup. For instance, the two shelves of handbags are a revelation. Ranging in price from \$7 for a canvass bag to \$50 for a handsome all-leather bag, there are real bargains here. After Tom returns from Europe where he

will visit his mother in Mesina Italy for the first time in all these years. Shop Talk hopes to further shop this Delmar Department Store.

The Delmar Bootery is located next door and Jessie Leonardo is the proprietor with a heart. Everyone is her friend and her story is legend.

Jessie repairs shoes and does fine work on orthopedic shoes. She also sells shoes and boots for the whole family, including work shoes and work boots. At this season Grasshoppers, Converse and Keds sneakers are selling strongly. Service is great, but don't go there on Mondays. Delmar Bootery is open every other day as an indispensable part of the Four Corners scene.

Haircuts? Of course! Thomas Spinoza and his able barbers have been next door to the Bootery for many years. They cut hair for the whole family.

The Adams Hardware, now under new ownership, completes the stores on this southeastern corner of our intersection.

Although they are not right at the Four Corners, this column would be Shop-talk remiss not to mention that adjacent to the municipal parking lot is Vogels, a fine store where one can select paints and wallpapers in a

quiet, knowledgeable atmosphere and obtain fine assistance for your redecorating needs. The variety is good — wallpapers from all types of manufacturers and painting and papering accessories are available as well.

And, across the street is a charming helper for the woman who likes to do needlepoint and other design. The Cardinal Yarn Shop is located behind Pauline's Beauty Salon and we recommend it to you.

Finally, for gift items and gracious and talented assistance in home decorating, don't leave the Four Corners shopping area until you have cycled on Josette Blackmore, Interiors. Located at 414 Kenwood Ave., Blackmore Interiors offers the most unusual of fabrics, carpetings and colors from which to choose.

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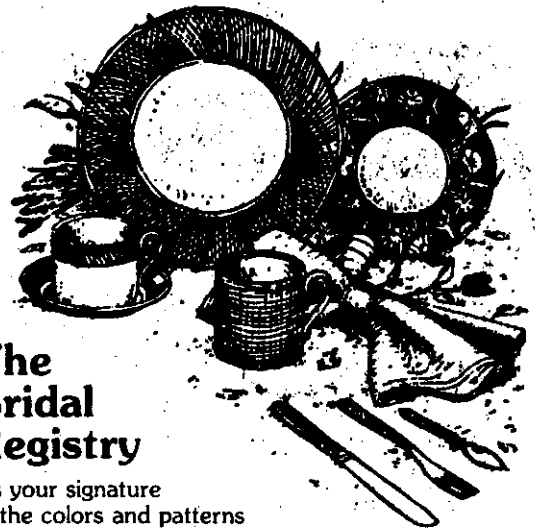
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BETHLEHEM

Scientists begin soil survey in town

Bethlehem residents may be surprised to find a team of scientists digging on their land this Spring. No, they're not searching for oil; chances are they are soil scientists from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service and the Albany

County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Working in cooperation with Cornell University and the Town of Bethlehem, they hope to finish a town-wide soil survey this summer.

Eventually a soil map of the whole county will be completed and area land-owners, particularly farmers, will find the information of much use. Modern farmers

are no longer "dirt farmers"—they strive to get the most efficient use out of their soils by using the kinds of information made available through this kind of survey.

For instance, if a land user wants information about his property he will discover that the soil survey team has separated 64 different kinds of soils in Albany County which are further divided into 140 mapping units. Each of these mapping units are rated as to their suitability for agricultural uses. The mapping units that are suited for growing crops are rated as to the kind of crops they can grow and the yields that can be expected under both average and high levels of management.

In addition, the survey details the measures that are needed to maintain or improve soil productivity for different crops, suggest crop rotation schedules and predict erosion potential and control measures. Wet soils are rated as to the kind of artificial drainage that will work best and the types of crops that can be grown when they are adequately drained.

This kind of detailed information should be of use to many people besides farmers. Realtors, developers, contractors, engineers, town officials and agricultural consultants will be able to make more responsible



The soil survey team, from left Carla Swick, Jim Brown and Bob Landry, check a spot in Feura Bush.

land use decisions.

The soil scientists who will be making the survey in Bethlehem are Jim Brown, soil survey party leader, Ted Trevail, Carla Swick and Bob Landry, soil scientists. When the field work is completed a progress report will be issued to the town.

Phyllis Banucci

Talk on aging stresses

The Albany Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at the Bethlehem Library April 28 at 12:30 p.m. The program includes a talk on the varying stresses placed on the aging. All area retired teachers are invited to attend.

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Town to begin taking sewer easements

Faced with a hurry-up schedule to insure that federal funds don't get away, Bethlehem will start this week negotiating easements from some 200 owners for the town's massive new sewer project.

Normally the town pays \$1 per easement, said Supervisor Tom Corrigan. "Because this is a public benefit we're not anticipating purchasing easements," he said.

The town's consulting en-

gineer, J. Kenneth Fraser, is rushing to meet an Aug. 10 deadline for submission of working drawings for the project, and has hired Paul Hite, a local surveyor, to research the titles for easements.

In order to qualify for the funds, Corrigan said, the town must either own the easements or have initiated legal proceedings for condemnation.

The \$6.7 million project to

bring sewers to 16 new areas is keyed to \$4.9 million in federal aid which the town originally thought would be available through next year. Concern that the funds would be cut off by the Reagan Administration have accelerated the schedule; if the Aug.

10 timetable can be met work may start next summer, rather than in 1983 as originally planned.

In Elsmere, the *Spotlight* is sold at the Paper Mill, Plaza Pharmacy, Johnson's Stationery, Cumberland Farms, and Mullen's Pharmacy.

This week's pump prices

Four service stations on Delaware Ave. lowered their price for regular this week, and three stations lowered their prices for unleaded gasoline. The prices as on Monday morning:

	Regular 4/13	Regular 4/20	No Lead 4/20
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Delmar Mobil.....	1.38.9	1.38.9	1.47.9
BP	1.31.9	1.29.9	1.35.9
Stop-N-Go	1.34.9	1.33.9	1.41.9
Cumberland Farms	1.31.8	1.29.9	1.35.8
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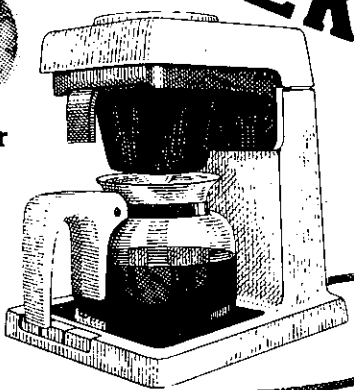
Exemption deadline nears

Bethlehem Assessor Gilbert E. Houk has announced that May 1 is the deadline for filing for aged exemptions and veterans's exemptions.

Applications for aged exemptions must be made annually. They are available to property owners aged 65 and older who have an annual income of \$9,200 or less and who have been residents of the town for at least two years.

Veteran's exemptions are available to those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and are renewed automatically each year. However, additions or changes to veterans exemptions must be made by the May 1 deadline.

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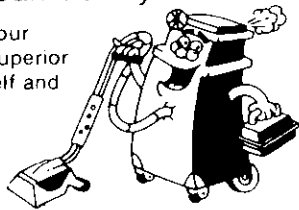
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Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Tanski of Saugerties have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jill Ann, to Bruce D. Blodgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Blodgett of Brookman Ave., Delmar.

Mr. Blodgett is a 1976 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a 1979 graduate of Cobleskill College. He is presently a member of the Air Force, law enforcement division, and is stationed at Fairchild AFB, Washington.

Miss Tanski is a 1979 graduate of Cobleskill College. She is studying for a degree in psychology from the State University at Albany in May.

A July 25 wedding is being planned.

To be installed

Bethlehem Community Church members and friends will welcome Reverend James P. Hale as their senior pastor at an 11 a.m. Sunday installation service, with a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Hale following, at the church, 201 Elm Avenue, Delmar.

Rev. Hale came to Bethlehem Community Church in 1977, serving as its assistant pastor with emphasis on youth work, until September 1979 when he assumed the role of interim pastor on the resignation of Rev. Roy Williams.

The Schenectady native, 28, is a graduate of Gordon College, Wenham, Mass., with a B.A. in Philosophy. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Mass., in 1977. The son of Maurice and Dorothy Hale of Glenville, he is a 1970 graduate of Scotia-Glenville High School.

Rev. Hale was ordained at his home church, East Glenville Community Church, on July 10, 1977. The East Glenville church is also the home church of former Bethlehem Community Church

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Rev. Hale was married on June 22, 1974 to the former Carol Ruppert, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Ruppert of Absecon, New Jersey. They have one daughter, Karen, 3, and are expecting the birth of their second child.

Card party planned

The Town of New Scotland Historical Association will hold a spring card party at the Old Schoolhouse in New Salem Friday, April 24 at 8 p.m. There will be door prizes, a raffle and refreshments. Tickets are \$1.50. Mrs. Carl Baumbach is chairman and tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Glenn N. Durban, 765-2223.

Claude Hotaling

Word has been received that Claude Hotaling, 86, a New Scotland native who served as the Town of Bethlehem's first resident water supervisor, died April 16 in Bradentown, Fla.

Mr. Hotaling was born in Clarksville, March 28, 1895, the son of the late George B. and Maggie Hotaling. He served in World War I, stationed at Langley Field, Virginia.

Mr. Hotaling was the first resident superintendent of Water District no. 1, Town of Bethlehem, for more than 25 years. He was employed in the transition from the Suburban Water Company to the municipal water district, and participated in the expansion of the Tri-Village area in the period from 1930 to 1955. During that time, he resided at the Water District farm in New Salem. There he was active in community life and served as an Elder on the Consistory of the New Salem Reformed Church, where he was a member. Following his

retirement in 1955, Mr. Hotaling lived in New Scotland, and Bradentown.

He is survived by his wife, Ida, and his three children: Mrs. Robert Westervelt (Margaret) of Boca Raton, Fla.; Mrs. Paul A. Starker (Gwendolyn) of Edgewater, Fla.; and Northampton Beach, N.Y.; and William G. Hotaling of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He is also survived by two stepsons, Harold and Robert Larson of Frankfort, Michigan. There are eight grand-

children and 10 great grandchildren as well as a number of step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

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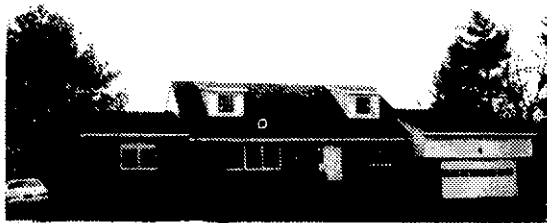
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BASEBALL

BC nine struggling to put it together

The weather was bad, and vacations were no help as Bethlehem Central dropped two tough games last week—a 3-2 squeaker to Burnt Hills Wednesday which Coach Art Ritchko thinks his team lost on a bad call, and a 10-3 shelling by Scotia Thursday.

This week got off to an even worse start as the Eagles were shut out 9-0 by Colonie Monday, dropping them to a 1-3 league record in the Suburban Council. They take on Niskayuna here Wednesday and are at Guilderland Friday.

"We're just not hitting the ball, and we're just not together yet," said a worried Ritchko Tuesday.

The only bright spot is that the pitching has been fairly consistent. "We had some bad errors," said Ritchko of the Colonie game. Starter Steve Malone, who went six innings, pitched "maybe two-

hit ball without the errors."

The Burnt Hills game was characterized by Bethlehem's continued strong pitching. "The weather was tough. We had errors, and a bad call by the officials lost the game for us," Ritchko said.

With Bethlehem leading late in the game, a Burnt Hills player squibbed a roller off his foot, missed by two umpires, and scored two runs. "It should never have happened," said the coach.

In that game Jim McGuinness started and went two innings, and Corson Maley finished up.

The pitching did break down against Scotia. "We just lacked people," Ritchko observed. "I was playing short two pitchers, and another got hurt." Scotia scored clusters of four runs each in the fourth and fifth as three pitchers struggled to find the mark.

A softball player

Shelley Richter, a freshman from Delmar, is a second baseman on the Geneseo State 1981 Softball Team.



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Fri., Apr. 24 Baseball, Guilderland, away 3:45
Sat., Apr. 25 Boys Track, Ravena Invitational
Mon., Apr. 27 Baseball, Shenendehowa, away 3:45
Softball, Scotia, away 3:45
Tue., Apr. 28 Boys Track, Scotia, away 3:45
Tennis, Burnt Hills, away 3:45
Girls Track, Ravena, away 3:30
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TENNIS

Netters overwhelmed by Niskayuna

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That statement was both a sign of respect and of hope — the first-year coach still looks for a strong season from her team even as first place in the conference fades away. Bethlehem will not have another shot at Niskayuna until the Sectionals.

"We had some close matches this time, but they all went the other way," she said.

Jeff Goodman, BC's number two player, was the only winner of the day, playing "excellent tennis" in a 7-6, 6-4 match.

Phil Ackerman acquitted himself well, going two tough sets with Niskayuna's Arthur Rudcvis, who won the Sectionals last year, before bowing in the final set 0-6. And Jeff Elletson, playing number five, lost a very close match.

In the doubles, the number two team of Dan Miller and Jim Bobeck lost 4-6, 7-6 and 4-6 in a match which went on past 7 p.m.

Bethlehem played without the services of several vacationing team members, requiring Besteman to do some more juggling, particularly in the doubles. This week is a practice week for the Eagles as they prepare for a string of three matches next week.

Grange week displays

April 19-25 has been proclaimed "Grange Week" in New York State and Bethlehem Grange is taking advantage of the occasion by displaying an exhibit at the Community Bank at the Glenmont Shopping Plaza. The Junior Grange has an exhibit in a window of the Little Flower Shop on Rt. 144 in Selkirk.

Other Grange events coming up include an open program meeting April 28 at Potter Hollow, and a chicken and biscuit dinner May 2, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Bethlehem Grange on Rt. 396 in Beckers Corners.

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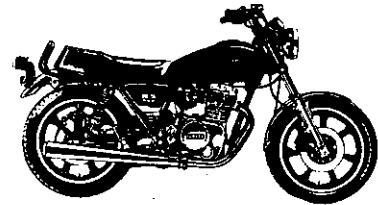


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TRACK

This BC team gets first win

After having its season opener dampened by a loss in heavy rain and its second meet completely rained out, Bethlehem Central's varsity boys' track team finally tasted victory last week by leaving Mohanasen, one of the

weaker Suburban Council teams, in the dust with a 105-40 score.

Unfortunately, Shaker, in turn overpowered Bethlehem 102-71 at the double dual meet held last Thursday at BC's home track. Nevertheless, the meet goes down in the books as a BC victory, since they defeated one of the two visiting teams.

Both second-year Coach

Greg Catalano and first year Assistant Coach John DeMeo had their predictions proven correct when a few people had to carry a good deal of the team's weight due to lack of depth.

As expected, Kurt Boluch won his specialty, the 400 meter hurdles, in a time of 56.3. Andy Gould joined him in the victory circle by defeating his opponents with a 52.3 in the 400 meters. Unfortunately, he ran the half-mile immediately

afterwards and didn't have enough time to recover and do well in this event in which he usually excels.

Finally, Bethlehem's outstanding mile relay team of Boluch, Gould, Bob McArthur and Matt McGuire easily won in 3:34.3. The coaches are hoping that they will be able to lower this time by another five seconds before the Sectional championships roll around in May.

This Thursday BC will face a weak Ravena team, as well as Columbia and Guilderland, who had their meet with BC rained out last Tuesday. The meet will begin at 10 a.m. at BC.

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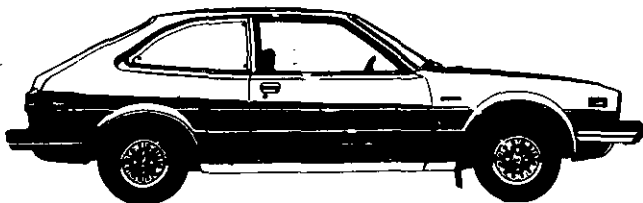
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Ravena Invitational on April 25, where they hope to excel with hurdler Boluch, middle distance runner Gould, pole vaulter McArthur, and the mile relay team.

Meanwhile, the girls' track team has lost two heart-breaking meets—one by a single point. The freshman boys have yet to begin their season.

Julie Ann Sosa

Area marathoners

The Boston Marathon had other winners beside Toshihiko Sedo, who eclipsed favorite Bill Rodgers Monday. For most runners, finishing is winning.

Among the local runners who finished are Slingerlands' Don Wilken, 42, who broke three hours with a time of 2:49:30; Paul Doyle, 38, of Delmar, with 3:0:30; Voorheesville's Michale Lancor, 32, with 3:01:20; Robert Reinecke, a 52-year-old Delmar physician who ran the race in three hours and 11 minutes; and Herbert Reilly, 45, of Voorheesville, with 3:15:50.

Bus to Forest Hills

Two one-day bus trips are scheduled to the 1981 Tour-

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For more information contact Bill Yaiser of the Upstate Tennis Foundation at 283-6018.

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On the cover:

Spring arrived last week for Jonathon Moak, who was "just out for a spin" on his unicycle near his house on Delaware Turnpike in New Scotland. Tuesday morning, however, winter made a last appearance. At the Marvin Besteman residence on Dykeman Rd., Delmar, the frozen spray was an attempt to protect a tree from the killing frost.

Gary Zeiger

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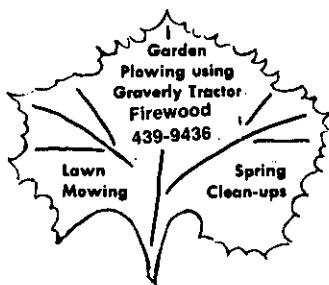
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Why Challenge not needed

Editor, The Spotlight:

Challenge is a matter of concern to many and there is a good deal of misinformation available. Therefore, I would like to clarify my position.

I served on the Challenge Committee for two years in a conscientious, responsible and honest manner. My position was not arrived at frivolously.

I voted against the Challenge program as it was proposed, and I would vote the same way again today. My position is based upon the belief that (1) our current structure does not ignore the needs of the gifted, and (2) that the proposed program adds little, has negative aspects and is a needless expense.

The often referred to "state mandate" requires the school district to identify the gifted. This will be accomplished principally through a number of national standardized, objective tests, as well as teacher observation. We currently administer these standardized tests to our children beginning in kindergarten, so this means of identification is presently available.

Our elementary and middle school teachers presently provide instruction at three separate ability levels within a class. In some of our schools, the principals currently provide advanced instruction to students who demonstrate interest and the ability to proceed at a faster rate.

We have supervisors in the core subjects for the K-12 levels. These supervisors have participated in programs for the exceptional in the past and I am certain that they are

available to do so again.

Last year more than 230 of our middle school students graduated with high school credits earned as a result of high school level instruction provided in the middle school. Last year many of our high school seniors graduated with college credits earned as a result of college level instruction pursued either in the high school or by attendance at local colleges while still students in BCHS.

To ignore and not fully utilize these very qualified and capable people currently on our staff is a waste of resources.

The Challenge program would add another label to our children with a negative impact on most of the children. Elementary school children do not need to be told that they are gifted or not gifted. In

addition, the program would add another layer of bureaucracy with its attendant problems, as well as expense.

If a parent feels they have a gifted child whose needs are not being addressed, I would suggest they meet individually with their child's teacher, their building principal, the superintendent and the subject supervisor. We have some very qualified and competent peo-

ple in our system, and additional expense is not required.

In closing, I would like to point out that while Challenge is important, it is only a small part of our excellent, overall program.

Sheila Fuller

Delmar

Mrs. Fuller is a member of the Bethlehem Central Board of Education and is a candidate for re-election May 13. Ed.

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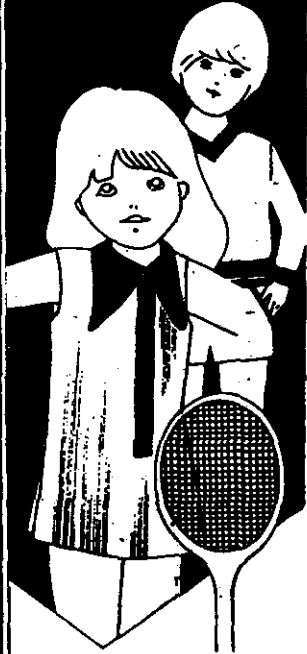
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On being 'gifted'

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to letters of criticism on my "position of opposition" to the "Challenge Program," I remain firm in my conviction that all children are gifted in their own way and need to be motivated toward excellence.

A myth has developed in our society that tells us that our children are brighter and more intelligent than ever before. This simply is not true! Our children "learn earlier"; and therefore "appear" brighter, when in fact they are no more

exceptional today than they were 20 years ago. Technology may change, but the human condition is the same today as it was yesterday and will continue to remain the same tomorrow.

With the advent of nursery schools and the influence of television, specifically the program "Sesame Street" (which, by the way, was designed to help the disadvantaged inner city child), a whole new concept of education came into being in middle class America. Suddenly there was a surge to rush three year olds off to "school," and nursery schools flourished. The net result of all this pre-school learning is a generation of over-educated five year olds; consequently, we must now deal with our precocious kindergartners.

And, in my opinion, we are! Public education today (particularly here in Bethlehem) has already adjusted itself to the trend of the times. We are teaching and challenging this new breed of youngsters (despite what some folks may say to the contrary). I sometimes wonder, however, if it is really the responsibility of public education to meet the needs of children emerging from a two year program of private study. Are we responsible for the transition from private to public education? I also wonder about the immediate and long range effect on those children sharing the same classroom who have "not" had the advantage of "private pre-school".

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is that we feel compelled to challenge our "little ones" to grow up instantaneously. How much better they might develop if they were allowed the brevity of childhood to simply be children.

The attitude in Bethlehem for decades has been toward fostering the needs of the over-achiever. Although the average student may not suffer academically from this intellectual posture, he surely suffers emotionally. The pressure to constantly perform, to earn superior grades, and to go to college is overwhelming. For some odd reason, we equate success in life with educational achievement. If then this is an accurate measure of success, why is the unemployment rate among the college educated so high? We scorn the vocational skills and steer our children away from the trade professions. What happened to the days when men and women were not afraid to get their hands dirty? Someone stated, "we are an intellectual

community." If that were truly so, I doubt we would be telling the world of our "giftedness."

In spite of recent letters of criticism, I am not insensitive to the gifted child, nor am I in favor of "bringing everyone down to a common level of mediocrity." I do believe, however, that our primary goal as parents and educators is to motivate ALL youngsters to the highest potential of their individual ability. In the process, kids need to be taught to put their hearts and hands to work...not just their brains!

Carolyn Bennett

Delmar

Mrs. Bennett is a candidate for the Bethlehem Central School Board. — Ed. Supports Mrs. Fuller

Editor, The Spotlight:

In order to be a successful member of a school board, one must be intellectually honest, be aware of the needs of our children—individually as well as collectively—represent the town taxpayers

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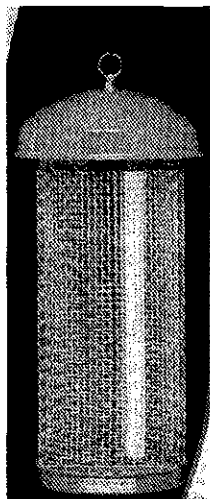
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Three years ago, Sheila Fuller campaigned for the school board as a "Voice of the Community." Since her election she has supported the athletic program, stressed the fundamentals in education by trying to maintain small class sizes and has been easily accessible to the residents of our school district. Mrs. Fuller has also made it a practice to attend music, athletic and social programs throughout the school system.

As a mother of children in all three levels of the school system (elementary, middle school and high school), Mrs. Fuller has an everyday working knowledge of the affairs of the school district. Because of this and the experience gained by being a working member of the school board for the past three years, I feel that this more than qualifies her to put forth the views that most benefit the children of our community.

I would like to urge Bethlehem residents to re-elect Sheila Fuller to the school board on May 13.

Fran Apicelli

Delmar

Bottle bill battle

Editor, The Spotlight:

Imagine passing a law which, with one far-sighted gesture, would effect extensive environmental changes, including reduction of energy

Campaign letters

In the interest of fairness, The Spotlight will print no letters from candidates or about candidates in the May 13 school board elections in Bethlehem and Voorheesville after the April 30 issue. The only exception will be for responses to items already printed.—Ed.

use and solid waste, encourage recycling efforts and significantly reduce litter. Returnable bottle legislation is indeed capable of rising to this scenario.

The need for such legislation must be apparent to all Albany County residents, from school children running across playgrounds littered with discarded and often broken bottles to tennis players who arrive at the courts with brooms to sweep away the remains of thrown beer and soda bottles. (The latter problem is obvious to anyone who uses the Bethlehem Middle School courts.) The beverage industry takes no responsibility for the consequences of the throw-away containers which they insist we buy. The taxpayer absorbs the total cost through increased litter clean-up.

Many of us can remember earning extra money by returning bottles to our local supermarket. In less than a generation, we have seen industry switch to throw-aways, a mentality that ignores recently aroused con-

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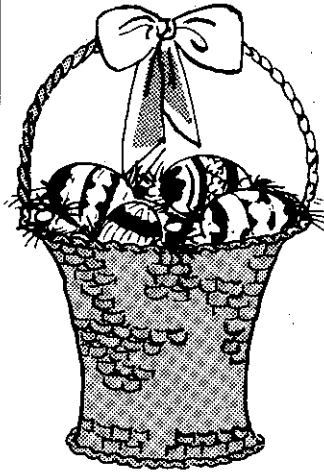
The beverage industry pays extensive lobbying fees to prevent this "motherhood and apple pie" issue from being passed into law. This year, however, there is a minstampede of support for such legislation. Suffolk County has just adopted the state's first bottle law. Still, the governor and most state



Old bottles behind the middle school

legislators sympathize with industry, the source of their campaign financing. Please show your support for A.3692 in the Assembly and S.2831 in the Senate by calling or writing your legislators soon.

Linda Anne Burtis
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Community Corner

How does your garden grow?

If your thumb is not quite as green as you'd like, and your garden seems larger and more challenging as the days grow longer, remember that there's help available.

The Bethlehem Public Library will present lectures on planning a flower garden this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., and the following Tuesday at the same time on the basics of vegetable gardening. For those specific questions which plague every amateur gardener, Cooperative Extension in Voorheesville is offering the services of their Master Gardeners.

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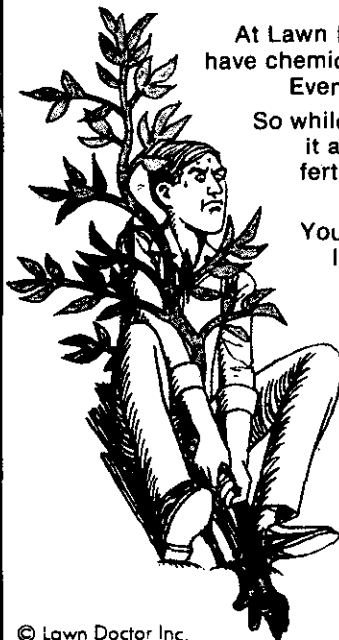
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