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Town of New Scotland Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Recreation Commission third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, Rt. 85.

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Village of Voorheesville Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m., when agenda warrants. Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information call Patti Thorpe, 439-4661.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

Helderview Garden Club meets, Voorheesville Methodist Church, 7:15 p.m.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, panel on IRAs, Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, noon.

Free Career and Educational Advisement, Bethlehem Public Library, 2-5 p.m. by appointment. Call 439-9314.

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit. Speaker is Edward Sargent, chairman of Bethlehem Planning Board, Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m.

New Scotland Democratic Social Club, second Thursday, 8 p.m.

Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, regular meeting second Thursday of every month except August, at the firehouse, 8 p.m.

Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary meets second Thursday of each month, except July and August, at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

"Membership Roundup," Kiwanis Club of New Scotland dinner meeting, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.

"Kaleidoscope," sponsored by Bethlehem Central Middle School Parent-Faculty Organization, with students and parents creating murals for the school walls, 7:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Bloodmobile, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, New Scotland Ave., Voorheesville, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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, JANUARY 16

Bethlehem Republican Committee annual dinner, Century House, Latham, reception 6:30 p.m., dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

area arts

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

THEATER

"The Yeomen of the Guard" (Gilbert and Sullivan put on by the Hudson Valley G & S Society), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, **Jan. 16**, 8 p.m. Community Box Office.

"A Company of Wayward Saints" (comedy by George Herman based on medieval morality play), presented by Lebanon Valley Players, Convention Hall, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **Jan. 20**, 7:30 p.m.

"Morning's at Seven" (revival of Paul Osborn's Tony award-winner), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **Jan. 22 and 23**, 8 p.m.; **Jan. 24**, 3 p.m.

MUSIC

Gilbert and Sullivan A La Carte (five-singer troupe presents selections from the operettas), Cohoes Music Hall, **Jan. 15**, 8 p.m. Theater box office, 237-7523, and Community Box Office.

Gerry Mulligan Quartet (modern jazz), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **Jan. 16**, 8 p.m.

Branko Krsmanovich Chorus of Yugoslavia with program of classical, romantic and ethnic music, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, **Jan. 17**, 8 p.m. Box office 346-6204.

Michael Cooney (folk singer), sponsored by Old Songs, St. Mark's Community Center, Rt. 146, Guelderland Center, **Jan. 18**, 8 p.m.

Concert for Young People with Bob McGrath of Sesame Street narrating "Peter and the Wolf" with the Albany Symphony Orchestra's Little Symphony, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **Jan. 19**, 10 and 11:30 a.m. Reservations 473-3750 or 473-4020 for group sales.

Piano and Jazz singing with Fats Jefferson, lunchtime special at south gallery of Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **Jan. 20**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

ART

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American Images, contemporary photographs by 20 major photographers, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **through mid-March**.

FILM

"Viridiana" (Bunuel's 1961 story of a novice nun, in Spanish with subtitles), Albany Public Library, **Jan. 14**, 8 p.m.

"Winnie the Pooh" (Walt Disney's cartoon version), New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **Jan. 16**, 2 and 3:30 p.m.

"Woodstock" (the 1968 event), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **Jan. 20**, 7:30 p.m.

"The Belle of Amherst," Union College's Women in Film series, Carnegie Hall, **Jan. 20**, 7:30 p.m.

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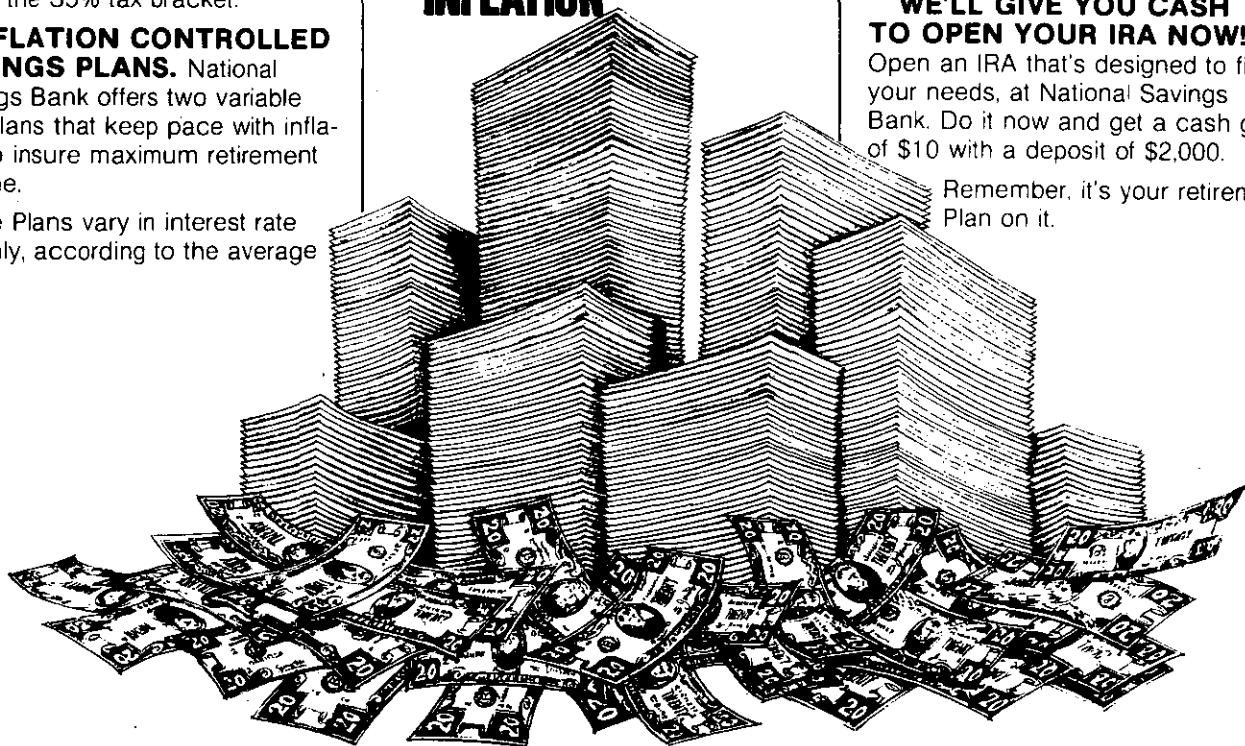
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Teaching Out-of-Doors, workshop for teachers, scout and youth leaders conducted by Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m.-noon. Preregister by calling 457-6092. Repeated Jan. 20.

PTSA Variety Show adult auditions, Voorheesville High School, 9:30 a.m.-noon.

Guided Public Walk to explore the pond environment in winter, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

"Pilgrim's Progress," feature film based on John Bunyan's book, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere and Poplar Dr., Delmar, potluck dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the film. Reservations required, 439-3265 9 a.m. to noon, or church office, 439-2979.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Bethlehem Public Library, board of trustees meet, 7:30 p.m.

Selkirk Fire District commissioners regular meeting, Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary Post 3185, VFW, third Monday, Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, third Monday at Bethlehem Library, except June, July, August, December, 7:30 p.m.

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

Village Artists, artists interested in painting in various media, Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Slingerlands Community Church, October through April. New members welcome.

Delmar Kiwanis meets Mondays at Starlite Lounge, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

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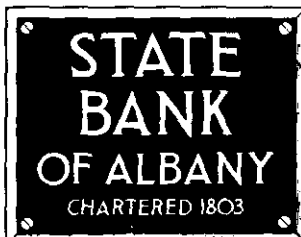
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Book Discussion Group, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Open to all.

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

Legion Auxiliary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Lodge 1096, F&AM, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

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

Beginners Bible Study, Thursdays at home of Dr. Barile, 10 Grove St., Delmar, 8 p.m. Call 439-0981 for seating.

Community Nursery School of Voorheesville parents' meeting. Dr. Jack Basal speaker. Voorheesville Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

Hawaii Travelogue by Marion Hartheimer, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Adult Education Course, "The Human Jesus of the Gospels" by Dr. Brennan Hill, St. Thomas School auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Energy Saving Window Treatment class, Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-noon.

Teaching Out-of-Doors, workshop for teachers, scout and youth leaders, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 3:15-5:15 p.m. Preregister by calling 457-6092.

Bethlehem Central Board of Education, regular meeting, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 8 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, antique study group, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m.

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

Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. (From Jan. 6 to June 2, from Sept. 15 to Dec. 1.)

Embroiderer's Guild of the Capital District, Delmar Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

"Ironwork in Albany," slide-lecture by Whitson Brathwaite, Bethlehem Historical Society meeting at School House Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 8 p.m. Public invited.

Gypsy Moth Meeting, to discuss possible spraying program in Town of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

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

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

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

Musical Celebration by local church choirs to note Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, sponsored by Tri-Village Clergy; First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

"The Wizard of Oz" presented by Bethlehem Central Middle School, auditorium, 8 p.m.

Chinese New Year celebration, making dragons at Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m. For ages five and over.

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.

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Documents shed new light on Slingerland's role

A collection of historical documents found in the oldest house in Slingerlands and presented to the Town of Bethlehem as a gift could rewrite parts of the history of the Albany region, says the town's historian.

In the collection are letters, diaries, ledgers, wills and other papers of John I. Slingerland, congressman and assemblyman credited with being the moving force behind the Homestead Act that opened the West to settlement and ended the infamous patroon era in upstate New York.

The collection, which is being insured by the town and committed to microfilm for preservation, is the gift of George and Kathleen Bragle, present owners of the house at 1575 New Scotland Rd.

In a letter sent this week to the Bragles, Supervisor Thomas V. Corrigan said the town was insuring the collection for \$6,000. Last November the town board included an appropriation of \$5,000 to preserve the documents on microfilm.

A second batch of documents, including the printed texts of John I. Slingerland's speeches in the House of Representatives and New York Assembly and other private papers, is expected to be given to the town by the Bragles at a later date. Also included is the original deed describing the boundaries of the tract of land on Onesquehaway Creek in New Scotland obtained from the Indians by Teunis Slingerland, the family patriarch, in the mid-1600s. At that time that land was part of Bethlehem.

In his letter this week, Corrigan told the Bragles that

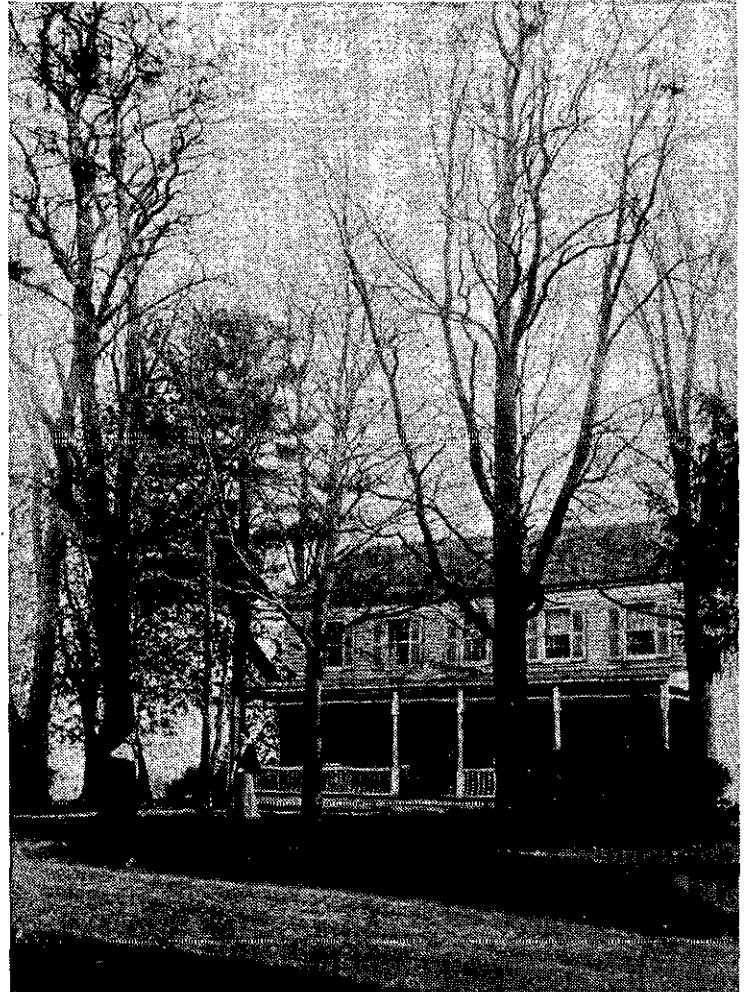
their gift "will be a valuable asset to historians who still dig into the hidden and distorted and sometimes evasive facts which set our Republic in motion."

The reference was to John I. Slingerland's 20-year legislative struggle against the feudal landlords in Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia, Schohaire and other nearby counties who denied tenant farmers the opportunity to own the land they had cleared and worked. In bucking the entrenched Albany political power structure and the traditions of his own heritage, John I. Slingerland is recognized as one of the founders of the Republican Party.

Thomas E. (Ed) Mulligan, Bethlehem town historian who has spent several years researching recently discovered materials relating to John I. Slingerland and the land barons of the time, said the family documents in the Bragle house "provide us with basic factual data to totally rewrite certain major aspects of Albany regional history and the decisive role it played on state and national politics and policy."

Mulligan pointed out that John I. Slingerland died in 1861, one month before President Lincoln signed the Homestead Act, of which Slingerland had been the principal architect and which opened up the West by guaranteeing ownership to farmers everywhere. A year later, in 1862, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

The long struggle of farmers in this area against the oppression of the landed aristocracy of the early 19th century that led to the Anti-



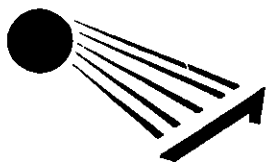
This is how the 1790 dwelling at 1575 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, looked before the turn of the century. Chimneys at each end of the house have since been removed. New Scotland Rd. in the foreground is barely eight feet wide, enough for one wagon track.

Town of Bethlehem.

Rent Wars of 1839-57 has been largely suppressed in textbook history. The late Henry Christman broke the barrier with his book, "Tin Horns and Calico," in 1945 that chronicled the events of the Anti-Rent struggles that played a major role in the political strife that swirled around the Whigs, Demo-

crats, Populists and other parties in Albany and Washington.

In the Bragle collection was a letter from Christman to Miss Laura Slingerland at the New Scotland Rd. address thanking her for the use of some of the private documents passed down in the Slingerland family. In that



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letter, Christman, who died in 1980, wrote that "John Slingerland was indeed a great man and far ahead of his times." Christman also stated that if the Congressman had succeeded in getting the Homestead Act legislation passed during his time as a member of the House of Representatives (1848-1850), it "might have averted the Civil War."

Mulligan said the discovery of rent receipts in the collection establish the date of the house as 1790. At that time it was leased from Stephen VanRensselaer, the patroon, to John A. Slingerland, the patriarch. His sons were John I., the Congressman; William H., a surveyor-engineer who laid out the Delaware & Hudson Railroad and defined the various communities along the route, and Albert, who built the Slingerlands Methodist Church.

Perhaps the most fascinating discovery in the collection was a clause in John I. Slingerland's will, which deeded a house and three-quarters of an acre to James Dixon, "a colored man" obviously one of the family's slaves. Mulligan believes this is the first deed in the North ever conveyed to a black man.

That house still stands on the northeast corner of New Scotland Rd. and Font Grove Rd. in Slingerlands, two doors from the original Slingerland homestead.

A black man is believed to be buried in the Slingerland family vault across the road from the homestead. The burial vault, embedded in a hillside, has been preserved by the town of Bethlehem as a historical monument. The nameplate in the crypt that would have identified the body is missing.

Following the Congressman's death, his two daughters, Grace and Laura, lived in the homestead. Neither married, and it was Laura who loaned the documents to Christman in the historian's exhaustive 15-year work on "Tin Horns."

William H. Slingerland, Jr., nephew of the Congressman, was the last of the family to occupy the house. It was sold in 1952 to Thomas and Betty Brennan, who restored the house and several others in Slingerlands in disrepair. The Brennans sold it to William and Aileen Zimmerman in 1955. In these transactions there were a number of renovations, most notably

Taken for a ride

Undercover Bethlehem police and state troopers gave a Delmar man and an Albany man they suspected of drug dealing three rides Friday. First, the detectives said, they drove the Delmar man into Albany to pick up 2½ pounds of marijuana. Then they drove the Albany man to Delmar to pick up \$1,100. Then they drove both men to the Albany County Jail.

Charged with criminal sale of marijuana first degree, a felony, are Raymond Smith, 28, of 383 Delaware Ave., Delmar, and Bernard Weisz, 21, of 248 State St., Albany. Both are in jail waiting further court action, according to Bethlehem

Detective Charles Rudolph.

The investigation involved about 20 undercover officers from the two forces. Rudolph said. Smith was arrested at 3 p.m. at his residence after he and an undercover officer had returned from Albany and accepted the \$1,100, Rudolph said. The investigators then called Weisz and told him he had to come to Delmar to pick up the money.

When Weisz said he had no transportation another undercover officer drove into the city and picked him up. Weisz was arrested at 8 p.m. near Smith's residence, Rudolph said.



George Bragle, present owner of the John Slingerland homestead, points to bound volumes containing the Congressman's speeches in Washington and the Assembly in Albany.

Spotlight

the elimination of the Dutch-style chimneys on each end of the main structure. Today the house has a center hallway and a fireplace of the English and Colonial tradition.

The Bragles bought the house in 1977. Last summer Mrs. Brennan, whose husband had died at their home near Bolton Landing, paid a surprise visit to Slingerlands and offered another batch of documents from the house to the present occupants. In this collection was found the Indian deed that Mulligan calls "priceless from a historical standpoint."

The Teunis Slingerland homestead stands today on Rt. 32 near LaGrange Rd. in New Scotland.

Mulligan, who has spent much of the past year examining the documents, said the collection "gives us an intimate glimpse of the many

families who were socially and commercially connected to the Slingerland family, whose sons married into such well known local families as Britt, Haswell, Safford, Waldron, Hall and others." Included are some 200 tintype photographs, glass plates, picture-album photos and prints.

The originals in the collection will be kept along with the (Anna K.) Rowe collection in the vault in the town clerk's office in Delmar. Mulligan said the collections ultimately will be stored in safes that were in the town clerk's office in the Adams House before the move to 445 Delaware Ave. Those safes are currently in the basement of the present town hall, presumably destined for the Adams House when renovations have been completed.

The Bragle gift marks the

fourth major acquisition by the town of important historical documents. The original Coeymans papers came to light in the Anna K. Rowe homestead in South Bethlehem in 1979. Other acquisitions include the Clapper and Burhans papers donated by Mrs. W. Gordon Morris, Jr. of Elsmere, and papers given by Mrs. Jeanne Adams Van Heusen of Delmar. All four collections contain multiple references to the same dozen or so families who constituted

most of the early settlers of Bethlehem and New Scotland.

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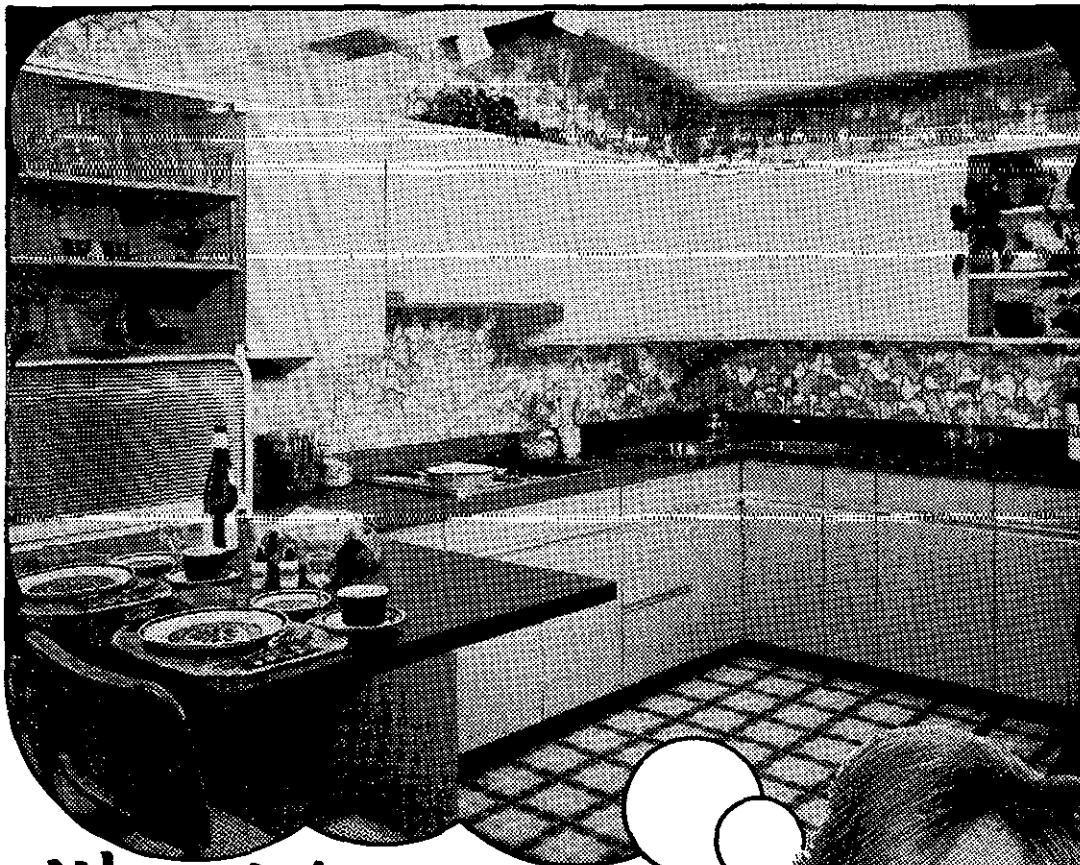
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Skycrest buyers: not wary enough?

Caveat emptor, ("Let the buyer beware"), was the Latin phrase that Roman merchants hung over their booths in the marketplace over 2,000 years ago.

The ethics of commercial transaction came up more recently at a packed public hearing before the Bethlehem Planning Board last Tuesday night, when the subject was the proposed fifth section of the Skycrest Development off Elm Ave. Virtually all of the residents of the existing sections who spoke said they had no idea of the existence of such plans when they bought their homes.

The plans presented by developer Isaac Giwerc of Bronco Development Ltd. call for the construction of 34 two- and three-bedroom homes off Fairlawn, which would bear the brunt of additional traffic the units would generate.

But, said residents of that street, Fairlawn has no side walks, people park their cars along its side in summer and the young neighborhood contains a large number of children who tend to play in or near the road.

Giwerc presented Charles Manning of Creighton Associates, who did a one-day traffic study and determined that the additional units would cause "no significant traffic impact." Manning compared the resultant traffic flow on Fairlawn to that which currently exists on Rowland Ave. in Delmar.

But residents said that when they bought their homes it was not with the intention of living on Rowland Ave. And they unanimously questioned the validity of a one-day traffic study, stating that the road may be able to handle the additional cars but perhaps the neighborhood children wouldn't.

Giwerc rose to say that Fairlawn had been constructed with an additional ten feet of right-of-way for just such



reasons, adding that he built the roads in the development for traffic access, "not as playgrounds." He added that he had said previously he would be willing to convert some non-developable land in the area into a recreation facility.

As to the charge that Giwerc hadn't told prospective home buyers in the area about his plans: Giwerc's consultant Alan Cruikshank reminded residents that plans for the entire site had been approved as a planned residential district by the town board in 1973, and the maps had been on file with the town ever since. (A sixth section, containing two and multi-unit housing, is also planned.)

Board Chairman Edward Sargent confirmed this, saying, "I wish I could get people to check into what's planned for an area before they buy there." *Vincent Potenza*

Chamber elects

Edward R. Danner II of Slingerlands, manager of production for the Owens-Corning Fiberglas plant in Delmar, has been reelected president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. New officers on the 1982 slate are

Peter G. Merrill of Capital Region Kitchen Supply, Inc., vice president; Jo Ann Davies Bethlehem Central High School business teacher, recording secretary, and Marvin B. Elliott of Key Bank, N.A., treasurer. Elected to the 12-member board of directors for three-year terms were Lee Faulkner of Nautilus Total Fitness Center, Richard Haverly of Key Bank, Wayne Johnson of Johnson Stationers and Roger Smith of Decorative Products, Inc.

Snowmobile controls

The Town of Bethlehem does have an ordinance to control snowmobiles, and intends to enforce it vigorously, Supervisor Tom Corrigan said Friday.

Last month Corrigan had said he was concerned because snowmobilers were disturbing town residents with late-night rides, particularly on the Albany water line. He said the town had no means to stop the late-night riding, and that he had been unable to contact any snowmobile organizations to seek voluntary compliance.

"I stand corrected," Corrigan said Friday. There is a town ordinance prohibiting

snowmobile riding between midnight and 7 a.m., and riders may not go closer than 500 feet to a dwelling without the owner's permission. In addition, the Albany water line is out of bounds for snowmobiles, Corrigan said.

"Mayor Corning years ago gave us permission to use the water line except for motorized vehicles," Corrigan said. Snowmobiles are not permitted on town property, including town roads, except on the snowmobile trail at the Elm Ave. Park.

Wenger in running

Peter Wenger, an Albany attorney and Delmar resident who is serving as one of Bethlehem's two town justices, is awaiting word this week on a possible appointment as U.S. magistrate for the Albany area. Wenger is

one of five finalists, all attorneys, selected by a screening committee from a long list of candidates. Because of an increasing caseload, the position is being raised from part-time to full-time, and carries a salary of \$53,500.

Special film at church

"Pilgrim's Progress," a featured motion picture filmed on location near Belfast, Northern Ireland, will be shown at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, Sunday, Jan. 17, following a potluck supper at 6 p.m. Reservations are needed, 439-3265 weekday mornings, or 465-3893 anytime.

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At 2:30 a.m. Thursday two Bethlehem police officers, Joseph Mastriano and Wayne LaChappelle, watched a car drive north toward Albany on New Scotland Rd.

The car would edge over to the right, then pull back onto the road, then weave again. The officers followed, and

saw the driver veer into the left-hand lane as he attempted to take the curve by the Blue Cross/Blue Shield building. They stopped him.

As they talked to the driver, an Albany man, the two officers "noticed" an odor of alcohol, according to their report. So they asked him to

breathe into a small gadget they always carry with them.

machine, the town's new Intoximeter.

The machine, which looks like a pocket calculator, is called a "prescreening device" and it gives the officers a preliminary reading on whether an individual is legally intoxicated. This driver failed, so he was driven to the Bethlehem police station, where he was asked to blow into a bigger

That test read .16, well above the .10 which is legally defined as driving while intoxicated. The results are printed out and are admissible in court. The driver was arrested, charged with DWI and failing to keep right and told to appear in Bethlehem Police Court Feb. 2.

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exactly the same time and place LaChappelle arrested a Watervliet woman. Again, he reported the driver was weaving, and when he stopped her there was a smell of alcohol. Again he asked her to use the prescreening device, and when she failed he took her to the station for the Intoximeter.

Routine. The Bethlehem police make about 140 such arrests every year. Unlike many police departments they don't wait for accidents or the obvious incidents they look for drunk drivers, and they're not afraid to admit it.

It began in 1978, says Inspector Richard LaChappelle (who is, coincidentally, Wayne's brother). That year there were 11 fatal accidents in the town, resulting in 13 deaths. The figure shocked a lot of people.

"Each accident was either alcohol or speed related, or both. Because of that, we felt we had to use the tools that we had available to us to reduce the number of fatalities," he says.

So that's what they did. Most of the DWI and speeding incidents take place between the hours of 8 p.m. and 4 a.m., so officers on those shifts are furnished with radar guns and the prescreening devices.

These devices give a digital read-out like the larger machines, but they are not accurate enough to be used as evidence in court; rather, the officer

may use them as a guide to determine whether to bring a subject into the station for testing.

Has it worked? LaChappelle is reluctant to draw hard conclusions because of the number of variables. But the facts speak for themselves. In 1979, the first year of the push, Bethlehem had four traffic fatalities and posted a 50 percent increase in DWI arrests (194 arrests). In 1980, while DWI arrests dropped 20 percent traffic fatalities dropped to one. In 1981 there was one traffic fatality and LaChappelle says the number of DWI arrests was about the same.

Bethlehem's program got some publicity last week when the town was selected as one of only four in the state to get the new Intoximeter. These "state of the art" devices cost \$4,500 each and use infra red rays to measure the alcohol level on a subject's breath. The results are then neatly printed out on a strip of paper, ready for court.

But the new machines, supplied by the state Division for Criminal Justice Services, don't signal any great change in the town's efforts. They simply replace the old breathalyzer, which is slower and more temperamental, but just as accurate, say state officials.

LaChappelle promises "more of the same" in 1982 a prospect which should cause at least a few drinkers to think twice before starting that

drive home through Bethlehem. And perhaps save some more lives.

On the cover: Sgt. Richard Vanderbilt and David S. Rockefeller of the state Division of Criminal Justice Services trained Bethlehem police officers to operate the new Intoximeter 3000 last week.

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The Helderview Garden Club springs into 1982 with an announcement for the whole community and all club members. After many letters, phone calls and a final meeting on Dec. 4, the Helderview Garden Club has received approval from state

Dept. of Transportation Property Manager David H. Pasiuski to beautify the triangular area of Routes 155 and 85A. Mrs. Shirley Greene, community chairperson, met with Pasiuski and received official permission for the club to do perpetual plantings in the center of the triangle. The club will do appropriate plantings for each season of the year summer annuals, holiday greens, and tulips for the Spring. Bill Hotaling, Village Public Works superintendent has agreed to work with the organization in this project.

The January meeting features Joyce Holtzer as guest speaker on the topic of Japanese Flower arrangements. Chairperson for the Jan. 14 meeting, which begins at 7:15 p.m. in the Voorheesville Methodist Church, are Rose Symula, Bert Blair and Joyce Brett. For more information call Joann Donohue, 765-

4400, or Shirley Greene, 765-4074.

The Home Economics Program of the Cooperative Extension of Albany County will present an "Energy Saving Window Treatment" class. Eleven new energy efficient window treatments will be discussed. The class will be offered on Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Cooperative Extension Office, Martin Rd., Voorheesville and is open to the public. For information and to pre-register call 765-2874.

Robert Murphy, head automotive mechanic for the Voorheesville Central Schools, has been certified an approved school bus driver training instructor by the state Education Department. He was awarded the certification after completing the state school bus driver instructor training program.

Murphy has been employed by the Voorheesville School District for six years. He is a long-time Voorheesville resident.

Russell W. D'Entrone, Director of Youth Services for the American Red Cross, sent a letter of thanks to the Voorheesville students for their participation in the

November Bloodmobile held at the high school. Director D'Entrone commended the students on their recruitment efforts. Of the 83 registered volunteers 53 were first-time donors. Dick Leach, Voorheesville District Health Coordinator was the faculty advisor for the project.

Adult auditions for the PTSA variety show, "Junction Jamboree," will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the high school auditorium. This year's show, which will run from Feb. 26 to 28, follows a country western theme. There are still openings for singers, dancers and skits.

The Community Nursery School of Voorheesville will sponsor a parents' meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m. in the social hall of the Community Methodist Church. After a short business meeting, Dr. Jack Basal, psychologist and father of one of the students, will speak on the subject of daycare. The community is invited to attend.

The First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville is participating with three Bethlehem churches in a program of choral music at

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7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar. The program is sponsored by the Tri-Village Clergy Assn. and the public is invited.

Explore winter

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center is offering two programs in mid-January for teachers, youth leaders and the general public.

A workshop on teaching out-of-doors will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon. Designed especially for teachers, scout, and youth leaders, the workshop will cover tips for teaching outdoors in winter, and teaching resources suitable for many age groups. Participants must pre-register by calling 457-6092, and should come prepared to go outdoors. This workshop will be repeated on Wednesday, Jan. 20 from 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. for those who cannot attend the Saturday session.

Also on Saturday, Jan. 16, a guided public walk at 2 p.m. will explore the pond environment in winter. Even though the pond displays an icy, frozen surface, life continues both beneath it and around it, and the walk will explore the pond area for signs of life.

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Whitson Brathwaite, consultant in neighborhood preservation and formerly with the Historic Albany Foundation, will be the featured speaker at the Jan. 21 meeting of the Bethlehem Historical Association at 8 p.m. in the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum located on Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd. in Selkirk.

He will give a slide presentation of ornamental ironwork, hand rails, window brackets, etc., done in the 1800's primarily in the capital hill area of Albany.

Food stamps in Bethlehem

The Albany County Department of Social Services will hold a food stamp certification program from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

A representative from social services will be available to accept applications for food stamps. No stamps will be distributed during the program. Persons in need of food stamps on an emergency basis should contact the Social Services Department at 28 Howard St., Albany.

Blood pressure check

There will be a free blood pressure clinic at the Bethlehem Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19.

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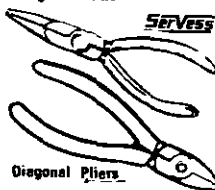
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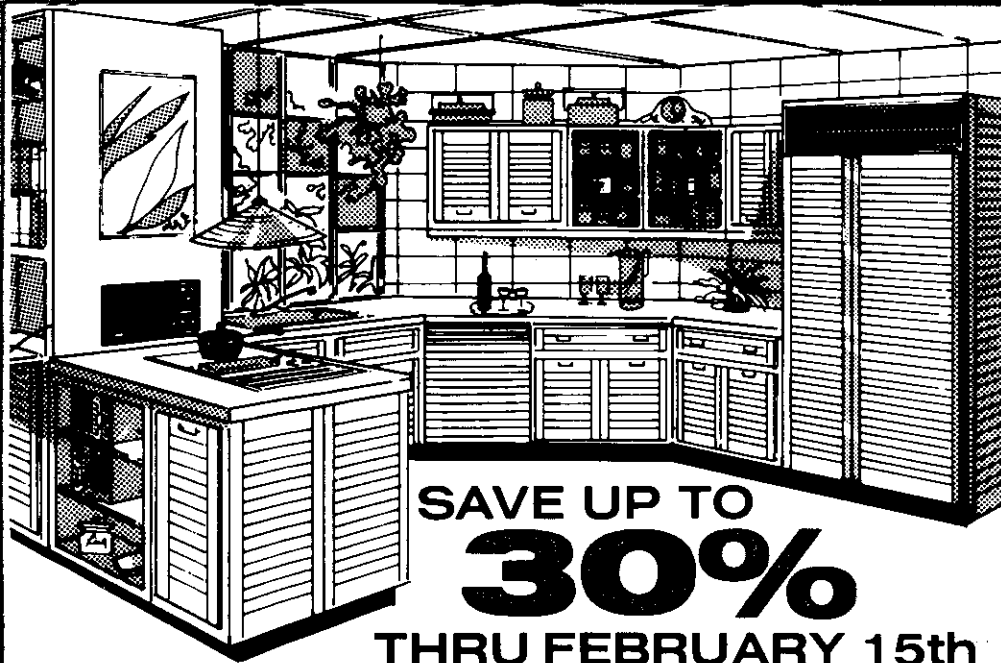
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Choirs celebrate prayer week

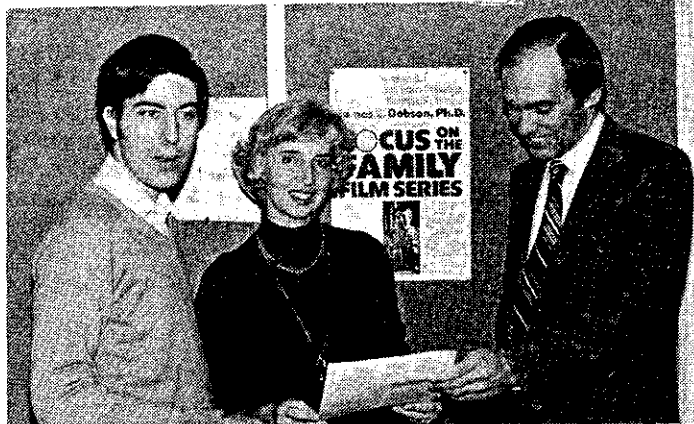
The Tri-Village Clergy Association is sponsoring a program of choral music to highlight the national Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Choirs from area churches will present music from their denomination's heritage at the musical celebration Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Participating choirs include First United Methodist Church, Delmar; St Thomas Roman Catholic Church, Delmar; Community United Methodist Church, Slingerlands; and First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville.

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Two local churches have joined in sponsoring a seven-part film series entitled "Focus on the Family." Planning the Sunday evening (7 to 9 p.m.) series starting Jan. 24 are Robert McCauley, left, coordinator for the Bethlehem Community Church; Carol Budliger of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, publicity chairman, and Rev. Warren Winterhoff, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The first film, "The Strong Willed Child," will be shown at 7 p.m. Jan. 24.

Needleworkers meet

The monthly meeting for the Capital District Chapter of the Embroider's Guild of America will be held at the Delmar Methodist Church on Jan. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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These days there's a lot more to be said for skiing close to home.

But many of the local family-type ski areas, the ones within an hour's drive of the Capital District, have survived the lean snow years in remarkably fine shape.

Innovation is the key — they offer alternatives to the traditional drawbacks of skiing in the east, the long drives, the longer lines and the cost.

Some are investing heavily in improvements — snow-making is now standard —

while others emphasize their competitive rates, their family atmosphere or their special programs.

The weather is still important, of course (Plattekill ski area in the Catskills holds a nondenominational worship service Sunday mornings because "we know where to get our help from.") But the big news is that weather doesn't dominate Eastern skiing the way it did even 10 years ago. The technology of snow making has advanced so far that many areas survive

the thaws and long snowless periods with no trouble at all.

So it's possible to find pretty much the kind of ski area that fits your needs within an hour's drive. And it doesn't hurt that this is shaping up to be one of the best ski seasons in a long time.

Here's a thumbnail sketch of local ski areas and what they're offering:

- Adirondack Ski Center of Rt. 9N just north of Saratoga Springs is an example of the smaller area able to maintain its niche with lower rates and short lines. The area has T-bar, lifts, wide slopes for beginners and is open during the day on weekends and on Wednesday and Friday nights.

- Brodie Mountain, on the other hand, is the prototype of what heavy capital investment and intensive promotion can do for a ski area. Located in the Berkshires (take the Rensselaer exit off I 90 and follow Rt. 43 over the Massachusetts line), Brodie offers a variety of special discounts to go with its \$17 per day standard lift price. Tuesday is ladies day, Wednesday is men's day, and students and seniors can ski for \$5 for half a day (except on holidays), and there are special packages for night skiing and lessons. Brodie also offers lots of after-ski activity, including tennis and racquetball. Not to mention the slopes, with 1,250 feet of vertical drop served by

four chair lifts and two rope tows, with snowmaking covering 90 percent of the slopes. Brodie boasts the largest night skiing coverage in the area.

- Belleayre, in the Catskills, is one of three ski areas owned and operated by New York State. Belleayre offers a 1,265 foot vertical drop with an emphasis on intermediate trails and has four chair lifts, T-bar and a J-bar. The area depends on natural snow, with 24 percent coverage by snow making, but has very attractive prices. All day tickets are \$15 and there are a number of special deals, including a \$22 per couple package on Mondays. Belleayre boasts it will design a class for any skier, including racers, and features a play ski school for the 4 to 6 age group. Take I 87 to Kingston (exit 19) and follow Rt. 28 west for 37 miles.

- Cortina Valley is one of the smaller areas in the Catskills, with a 625 foot vertical drop, two chairs and snow making on 95 percent of its terrain. Trails are geared toward the novice and intermediate skier and the area boasts limited ticket sales to keep lines down. The basic rate is \$15. Get off I 87 at exit 21 and follow Rt. 23A west to Haines Falls.

- Hunter is one of the major ski areas in the Catskills — 42 trails with a 1,600 foot drop served by eight

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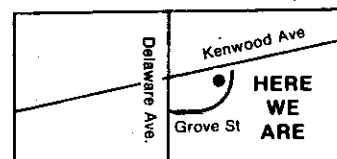
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double chairs, a triple chair, two poma lifts and two rope tows. It is also one of the most reliable ski areas in the east, boasting that in 20 years it has never closed down after an opening. The entire mountain is covered by snow making equipment. Rates are \$17 per day. Get off Rt. 87 at exit 21 and follow Rt. 23 20 miles west to Hensonville; then follow the signs.

• Jiminy Peak, Brodie's near neighbor in the Berkshires, is also going the route of capital investments, with new snow making on the expert trails and more lights for night skiers. One of the more interesting mountains in the area, Jiminy has four double chairs, 25 runs and a 1,140 foot vertical drop. The area is also attracting attention with its innovative pricing, including a 3½ hour ticket good any time of day and discounts for New Yorkers on Tuesdays and Fridays.

• Plattekill, on the western edges of the Catskills, is another small area with attractive lift prices and low-key, family-type atmosphere. Situated in a natural bowl, Plattekill has 10 miles of trails and slopes and a 1,050 foot vertical drop. Snowmaking covers 90 percent of the mountain. Tickets are \$10 weekdays and \$13 weekends and holidays, with discounts for youngsters, college students and seniors. Take 188 to Rt. 30, then south to Roxbury.

• Just up the road is Scotch Valley, long a favorite for family skiing. Three double chairs, a T-bar and a pony tow serve this 750 foot drop. The area has snow making to cover 60 percent of the slopes, and will return your money after a half hour for credit. Eight-hour tickets are \$10 on week days and \$14 on weekends, and four-hour tickets are \$7 and \$11. Get off 188 at the Richmondville exit and take Rt. 10 south.

• West Mountain is just a hop up the Northway, within sight of the Glens Falls exit. Another area with ticket pricing to meet every situation, West offers day, night and twilight skiing on 19 trails served by three chairs.

• Willard Mountain, in Washington County, earned its reputation as a prodigious teacher of youngsters, with classes for all levels and a Star Program to build confidence in the young skiers. Snow making covers three quarters of the mountain. To reach Willard get off the Northway at exit 9 (Clifton Park), take Rt. 146 to Mechanicville, Rt. 67 east to Rt. 40, and Rt. 40 north eight miles.

• Ski Windham in the Catskills has new management, new snowmaking, new lifts and new trails this year to compliment what has long been one of the largest and most varied areas nearby.

Management says it's doing everything to attract new skiers and keep them, with improvements in the lodge as well as on the slopes. Twenty trails in a 1,550 foot vertical drop. \$14 weekdays and \$18 weekends and holidays with a number of special packages. Take Rt. 23 west from exit 21 of 187, or take Rt. 32 (Feura Bush Rd.) south from Delmar to Rt. 23.

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On the cover: The end of the holiday season — old Christmas trees get ground for mulch at the Garden Shoppe in Glenmont. The mulch program, which is repeated this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., is a joint project of the Town of Bethlehem and the nursery.

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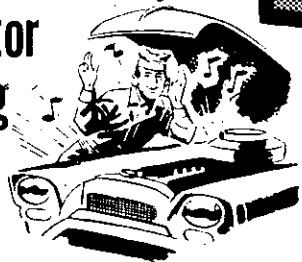
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Local area makes jump to "world class"

In the ski business these days there are apparently only two ways to go — stand pat and hope the weather cooperates or invest and hope the skiers respond.

Ski Windham in the Catskills has chosen the second course and is waiting to see if the gamble — nearly \$3 million so far — will pay off.

"Our philosophy is to make this a first-class ski area," says Sepp Gmuender, Windham's Swiss-born manager since last January. "We have to draw more skiers to make it a viable business. And to do that, this

has to be a quality operation from start to finish."

The most dramatic infusion of quality (and money) into the Windham ski picture is \$2.5 in new snowmaking equipment. Virtually all of the old system was scrapped and new pipes, pumps and guns installed. Included are three huge airless snow cannons, monsters which seem to create their own blizzards.

"Last night we pumped about 2,100 gallons of water per minute," Gmuender said in a recent interview. "That comes to about two million gallons in a night, which

translates to about eight million gallons of snow — 270,000 cubic feet."

Gmuender talks snow making the way a villonist talks about his Stradivarius. Artificial snow, he says, has many advantages over natural snow — it has a greater tolerance to use (up to seven times as great) and melts at a higher temperature. "You can make it a very fine powder or you can make it coarse," he explains.

Windham, for years a private club and for the last two years public but teetering on the brink of bankruptcy, was purchased a year ago by Ski Roundtop, a Pennsylvania outfit which has the cash to turn falling areas around.

They brought in Gmuender, who has run ski schools and ski areas in Western Canada, Michigan and Washington State as well as at Roundtop, and who installs ski lifts and snow making equipment as a sideline.

Gmuender's agenda includes more snow making "capable of covering the mountain from the top to the bottom" and many trail improvements. This season skiers are already enjoying the new 2.4 mile Wrap-Around,

which meanders from the top in a series of sweeping curves. It's a run suitable for beginners, but Gmuender has very definite ideas about building to keep the interest of more advanced skiers.

Above all, he says, a ski area has to be attractive from top to bottom these days. Windham's lodge retains a bit of that private club feel, with attractive settings for the brown-baggers as well as the sit-down diners. And there can't be too many ski areas anywhere which boast a Chinese restaurant on the premises — especially a Chinese restaurant as well known as Little Bear of Woodstock.

"It had to be first class," says Gmuender. "And it's being used quite nicely."

Windham's new motto is "World Class Snow," a presumptuous statement for an eastern ski area. But Gmuender is serious: don't be discouraged by the weather reports, he says. If Ski Windham says there's snow, there is snow.

"A ski area operator must tell the truth to the public conditions or they won't last long," he says. "I think the word is out."

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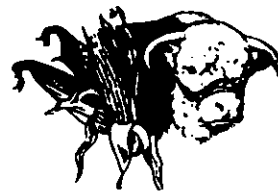
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Skaters enjoy Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park rink last week (before the winter turned so cold). The rink will be the site of the town's winter carnival. *Spotlight*

BETHLEHEM
Town makes plans for winter carnival

Bethlehem's 1982 Winter Carnival will be held Feb. 6 at the town's Elm Ave. Park. A full day's schedule of events is planned and all are free.

Beginning at noon, movies for outdoor enthusiasts will be screened in the park office building. The schedule is noon, "Distress Signals (Winter)"; 12:30 p.m., "Fire Making and Shelters"; 1 p.m., "Frostbite and Snowblindness"; 1:30 p.m., "Ice Fishing" (parts I and II); 2 p.m., "Ice Safety"; 2:30 p.m., "Miracle on Ice"; 3 p.m., "Ski Jumping Daredevils"; and 3:30 p.m., "Winter Wonders in New York State."

There will be two ice skating shows beginning at noon

on the hockey ice. Skaters from the Achilles Figure Skating Club, based in Schenectady, and from the Capital and Ice Skating School, which practices at the Empire State Plaza, will perform.

At 1 p.m., there will be a hockey clinic on the hockey ice, featuring instruction by the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute hockey coach and players from the RPI hockey team.

The Snow King and Snow Queen will be presented to Winter Carnival goers at 1:30 p.m. The Snow Royalty Contest is sponsored by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040,

American Legion, will sponsor ice skating races for skaters of all ages beginning at 1:45 p.m. on the hockey ice. Skaters should be sure to arrive about a half hour before the races are slated to begin to sign up.

From 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., members of the Helderberg Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club will offer rides, for a 25 cent donation, on the snow-

mobile course to the south of the park's maintenance road. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Cerebral Palsy Association.

At 3 p.m., winners in the Bethlehem Lions Club Snow Sculpture Contest will be named.

And, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the Bethlehem Elks Club will sponsor a moonlight skating party on the recreational ice.

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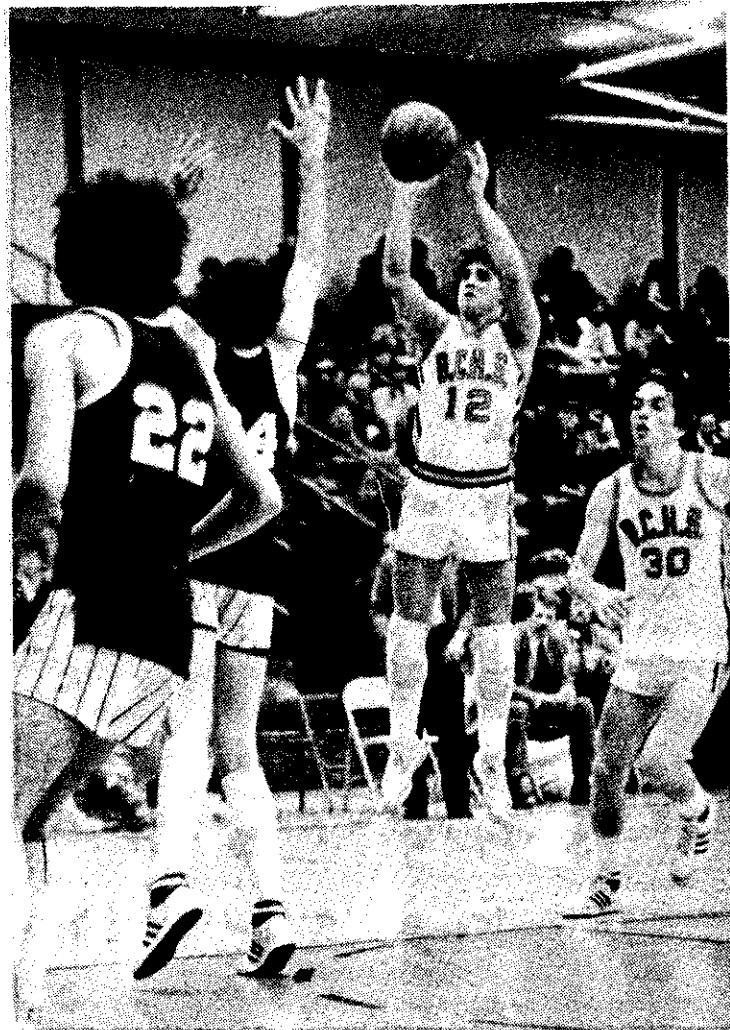
In normal years, three losses at this time of year would knock a Suburban Council basketball team out of the race, but not this year.

Take Bethlehem Central. The Eagles dropped two out of three last week, but are mathematically in the thick of the chase. That's because no fewer than five teams have two losses already, and it's a cinch no one will go undefeated from here in.

The two setbacks and one triumph left the Eagles at 4-3

going into Tuesday's game with Guilderland at home. Ahead of them in the standings are five rivals with two losses each, which inspired Coach Jim Tedisco to say over the weekend that "we're tied for second place (with Mohonasen)." Actually, with the quintuple tie at the top, the Eagles entered the week in sixth place, but they could rise higher in a hurry if they keep their laundry clean.

The real heartbreaker was last Tuesday's 65-56 loss to



Bethlehem's Tom Dexter (12) pushes one in from the outside against Shenendehowa. Pete Gillespie (30) waits for the rebound.

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Shenendehowa on the Delmar planking. The rivals were even in marksmanship from the floor, but BC's foul shooting was bad enough to drive Tedisco to the bridge. Each team had 28 tosses from the charity stripe, but the Eagles converted a paltry eight while the invaders were canning 17. A third-grade arithmetic pupil could figure that that made the difference.

On Friday the Eagles were bombed at Saratoga, 99-56. Let the coach tell it the way it was: "We had problems in ball handling. They pressed full-court the whole game, even when they were leading by 25 points. That forced a lot of turnovers."

Lacking the speed and ball handling skill of most of the other teams, Tedisco has installed the "patient" game.

Against a team that plays the firehouse brand of run-and-shoot, the patient game doesn't work when you get behind by 10 or 12 points. Bethlehem was trailing by 44-30 at halftime, and when the Eagles came out cold in the third period and fell behind by 20. Tedisco finished the game with his second and third stringers. Saratoga's race-horse style outscored BC by 31-5 in the disastrous third quarter, which made it 75-35 by the period break. "I think it will be a lot different when we play them down here," he said.

Everybody felt better the next day. The Eagles took care of Niskayuna on the road by 59-43. Tom Dexter, the senior playmaker who was charged with 11 turnovers at Saratoga, had zero turnovers

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at Niskayuna for the first time in his three-year career, and tossed in 16 points. Pete Gillespie had 14 points and 12 rebounds.

"It was a nice game, and I'm real proud of these guys," said Tedisco later. "They came back after a long road trip and a bad loss late at night for a 2 o'clock game the next day. We needed that win."

Ahead are Mohonasen in Delmar Saturday and a trip to Shaker Tuesday, the first of three straight road games.

Handicapped swimming

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department has begun a swim program for handicapped children and adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Bethlehem Central Middle School pool. The program continues through March 23.

For further information, contact Jack Dennis at the Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services Center, 473-7851. There is no fee for the program.

BASKETBALL

Blackbirds face league's big boys

Coach Chuck Abba is hoping that home cooking will be more appetizing for his Voorheesville Central basketball varsity than those road trips to hostile camps.

The Blackbirds, chastened by two straight reverses on the road, were slated to play two of their next three games in the friendly confines of the VCHS gym. The only hooker is that those two games are against the Colonial Council's top teams, Watervliet on Tuesday of this week and Schalmont on Friday of next week. In between there is a date at Waterford this Friday, a rough place to go on any night of any week.

The Blackbirds took a pounding at Mechanicville, 62-35, last Tuesday and lost a heart-stopper at Lansingburgh, 51-49, Friday. That left them at 4-3 in the league with a chance to make up ground by dusting off the big

guys, Watervliet and Schalmont.

For a couple of stretches at Lansingburgh it seemed that someone had nailed covers on the baskets. "We had poor shooting in the third quarter, but we were behind only by 38-36. We were still off target in the fourth period and they went ahead 46-38 with about four minutes left. We reorganized and cut the lead to two points, and we had to foul to get the ball. They missed their free throws, and we matched their baskets. We missed a sideline jump shot with 15 seconds left, and then

got the ball on an out-of-bounds play with five seconds left. We set up a nice play and had a 12-foot jumper that missed, but in those last four minutes we showed the same kind of spark that won the game at Guilderland. We got back the aggressiveness we had been lacking."

At Mechanicville earlier, the Blackbirds never threatened, and the less said about that one the better. "We really had a very poor game. We didn't handle their pressure well," said Abba. "But I think we're going to have a good second half of the season."



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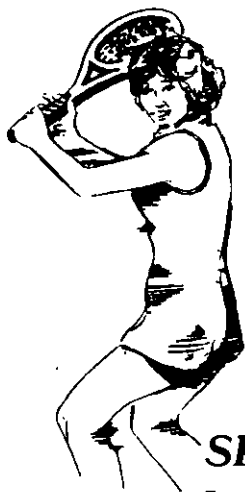
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Only Beresford Farms, Helderberg Mountain and White Birches rent equipment.

- Beresford Farms, Delanson with 16 miles of marked trails (2 miles lighted for night skiing); trail fee \$3 per day, special rates for children; equipment rental \$10 a day, including trail fee; lounge, day lodge and snack bar, with restaurant and overnight accommodations; hours 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; ice skating also available. Take Rt. 20 west to Duaneburg, left on Rt. 7 for 2 1/2 miles, left on Chadwick Rd.; phone 895-2345.

- Helderberg Mountain (Helderberg Family Campground), East Berne, 9 miles of marked trails for all abilities; \$2.50 a day, special rates for children; equipment rental \$10.70 a day, including trail fee; warming room and snack bar; hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends. Drive west on Rt. 443 (Delaware Ave.), 10 miles past high school, right on Pinnacle Rd., two miles; 872-2106.

- White Birches, Windham, 15 miles of trails, all abilities; trail fee \$4 a day; rentals \$8 a day, \$6 1/2 day, \$11.50 a day for mother, father and unmarried child; lessons \$5 a person; cafeteria style restaurant; Thruway Exit 21, then Rt. 23 to Windham; 734-3266.

- Overlook Mountain, Tannersville area; four miles of intermediate trails; take County Rt. 16 in Tannersville toward Platte Clover for about 6 miles, a Department of Environmental Conservation sign indicates a turnoff to the south (right) on Prediger Rd., trails starts at the end on "red" markers.

- Indian Ladder Farms, Altamont, 5 1/2 miles of trails, \$2 fee; farm store open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 to 5 on Sundays; west on Rt. 85A to Rt. 156; 765-2956

- Heldeberg Workshop, Voorheesville; 260 acre site, marked trails for all abilities; \$2 trail fee, \$1 for children; noon to 4 p.m. weekends only until Feb. 28, free instruction for novices from noon to 1 p.m.; 482-9121.

- Thacher Park, East Berne, 7 miles of marked trails for novice and intermediate, park maps available; two heated comfort stations along trails, no food facilities; hours 8 a.m. until dusk seven days a week. Take Rt. 85 past New Salem, right on Rt. 157, about four miles from turn; 872-1237.

- Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Bethlehem, one 2-mile marked trail, beginning at parking lot; pavilion on trail, Interpretive Building open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday; trail open during daylight hours seven days a week. Delaware Ave. west to Orchard St., right on Orchard, left on Game Farm Rd.; 457-6096.

- Elm Avenue Park, Delmar, 2 miles of marked trails beginning at tennis courts, one for beginners, one for intermediate skiers, trails not groomed, skiers asked to stay out of arboretum; warming area open, no food facilities; 9 a.m. to dusk seven days a week; at end of Delmar Bypass, left on Elm Ave.; 439-4360.

- Huyck Preserve, Rensselaerville, approximately 10 miles of trails around a lake, most not marked, "generally conspicuous old farm roads,"

brochure with map available at local post office and Catalpa Inn in village; no warming or food facilities at preserve; open 24 hours a day, unsupervised; Rt. 443 west to Rt. 85, right onto Main St. in Rensselaerville, right on Pond Hill Rd.; 797-3440

• Partridge Run Wildlife Preserve, Berne, 8 miles of marked trails; open 24 hours a day, unsupervised; no warming or food facilities; Rt. 443 west to Berne, left on Switzskill Rd. (first left after high school), right on Sickie Hill Rd. (Rt. 13) and up mountain; operated by state Dept. of Environmental Conservation; 457-2500.

• Tawasentha Park, Guilderland, about 2 miles of marked trails for beginner and expert ("not a lot of flat ground here"), open dawn to dusk, warming building near ice rink open weekends, no food facilities; Rt. 20 west to Rt. 146 South; 456-8220.

• Albany Municipal Golf Course, Albany, no trails as such. call to see if there is

adequate snow cover, 8 a.m. to dusk seven days a week; club house and bar; New Scotland Rd., right on O'Neil Rd. (just before Thruway); 462-8681.

In general, say cross-country skiers, golf courses are not good places for skiing because of the possibility of damage to the greens.

The Capital Area Ski Touring Assn. has identified many other, more distant cross-country skiing areas, and has listed them in a handbook, with a map. Maurice Rivard, vice president for administration for the club, can be reached at 377-1855.

Snowmobiles to race

Snowmobile oval racing is scheduled for Warner's Lake, East Berne, Sunday, Jan. 17 and Jan. 31, with registration starting at 8 a.m. and the first race at 11:30. The races are sponsored by Scholz's Zwicklbauer Hofbrau and the East Berne Volunteer Fire Co. Information. 872-0560.

Ski club makes sense

The Bethlehem Central Ski Club is the largest club at the high school and with good reasons.

Skiing is becoming a costly addiction. Although the economy continues to push skiing rates higher and higher, the liftlines continue to fill to overflowing. In 1982, group rates seem to be the only feasible method by which a skier can defray the skyrocketing lift rates.

The club, with approximately 125 members, runs eight to 10 trips per year to

such areas as Jiminy Peak, Bromley and West Mountain. About 30 to 50 students attend each excursion.

The advisor to BC Ski Club, Dom DeCecco, recommends BC students go skiing with the club. Besides saving money on tickets, he notes that the kids have a lot of fun going to the ski areas on the bus. The bus usually costs between \$6 and \$8.

The BC Ski Club's president is George Kansas. The vice president is Jim Mylod and the secretary-treasurer is Aaron Leiberman. See you on the slopes!

Felice Zoota

Ski Area	Location	Regular Day Rates	Group Day Rates
Hunter	Hunter, N.Y.	\$17.00	\$16.00
West	Glens Falls, N.Y.	14.50	12.00
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Jiminy Peak	Hancock, Ma.	17.00	14.00
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Fri., Jan. 15	Swimming, Voorheesville, away 4:00 Girls Basketball, Shaker, away 8:00 Wrestling, Saratoga, home 6:00
Sat. Jan. 16	Basketball Mohonasen. home 8:00
Tues., Jan.19	Basketball, Shaker, away 8:00
Wed., Jan 20	Swimming, Shaker, home 4:00 Girls' Basketball, Colonie, away 8:00

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WRESTLING

VC grapplers pull an upset

According to Coach Dick Leach, it's too early to tell whether Voorheesville's varsity wrestling team has a shot at the Colonial Council crown or the Sectionals, but he admits last week's convincing win at Mechanicville was highly significant.

Led by the Clark brothers, Jerry and Jeff, the Blackbirds pinned defending league and Sectional champion Mechanicville with its first league loss in three years. The score was 43-26, and it evened the team's record at 1-1 in the league (2-3 overall).

If the Blackbirds were to take Albany Academy Tuesday of this week, it would throw the Council mat race into a three-way tie. Academy was 2-0 going into the Voorheesville meet as this newspaper went to press.

"Mechanicville was a very big win for us," said a happy Leach over the weekend. "We have a young team and a lot of talent, but it will take time to find out how good we are."

Leach, in his 12th year coaching on the Blackbird mat, missed second place in the league tournament last year by a single point while finishing fifth in the league itself. Jerry Clark, 8-1 this season, is the only senior in the varsity lineup, wrestling at 155 pounds. There are only three juniors, Vince Perry, John Hannmann and Andy Schwartz.

Two-thirds of the starters have two to four more years of scholastic wrestling after this season, a factor that could put the Blackbirds in the catbird seat in Class C for the next few campaigns. Leach has five sophomores, a freshman and two eighth graders. They are certain to get some lumps this year, but with experience are sure to be tough in the years ahead.

Jeff Clark, at 15 a state and national champion in his weight class and one of the area's best wrestlers, leads the sophomore contingent that includes Matt Beals, Chris

Zeh, Sean Rafferty and John Ryan. Jeff Genovese is the lone freshman on the squad, and Mark Gillenwaters and Brian DeDe have made the varsity as eighth graders.

Jeff Clark, 15 is 8-0 at 112-119 this season after his brilliant season at 98 pounds last year. He was selected to participate in the Olympic 200 Project, which sponsors a summer training camp in Colorado. He won a tournament there and went on to win a first-place trophy in the National Sports Festival in Syracuse. He also won a class championship in Greco-Roman wrestling at the Empire State Games in Syracuse.

Voorheesville fans will have a chance to see the team in action on Thursday, Jan. 21, in a home encounter with Watervliet. By that time the Blackbirds will have grappled Cohoes and Averill Park in addition to Academy.

Judo program set

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is offering a judo program for students aged 13 and older. The program is held Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the Bethlehem Central Middle School, with sessions from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The judo program is open to residents of the town and Bethlehem Central School District and there is a fee of \$2.50 per student per session.

Jeannette Quinn, first degree black belt, is instructor.

'Coping with Loss' class

Dr. Alan Robertson is leading a four-week class on "Coping with Loss — The Job Connection" as part of the adult education program at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. The study group will look at the Book of Job as it relates to dealing with personal loss. The class meets Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the church library through Jan. 31.

BASKETBALL BC girls off to fast start

Breakaway after breakaway came Sandy Shelmerdine's way last Wednesday when she and the other 14 members of the Bethlehem Central girls' varsity basketball team suited up for their season opener against Scotia. The senior guard wasted no time in converting opportunities into layups that netted her 22 points in the first half and a game-high 27 by the last buzzer. Thanks to this fast start, BC extended its 37-10 first half lead to a 65-27 rout that effectively silenced the Tartans' home fans. Thirteen players scored for Bethlehem.

Center Nancy Davis' 11 points were sufficient to place her at the top of the Eagles' scoring column when they edged past Columbia, 30-27, at home on Saturday. Far from being another offensive shoot out, Coach Kenneth Hodge's second victory of the young season came with very physical and defensive play. Shelmerdine played well defensively, as did junior Kathy McNamara and freshman standout Kim Zornow, whose blocks proved sufficient to stifle Columbia's second-half comeback.

Junior Kathy McNamara and senior Karen Bruni are forwards, while Sandy Shelmerdine and sophomore Beth McLaughan (who had 10 points against Scotia) are strong, fast guards. At center Hodge places his tallest girl, Kim Zornow, whose 6-foot height and basketball camp experience help in rebounding. Perhaps the team's greatest strength is its bench.

This week the Eagles hope to preserve their clean start when the Shaker Bison, pre-season favorites to win Sectionals, visit Bethlehem on Friday. The JV team will take the court at 6:30 p.m., with varsity to follow at 8 p.m. A large home crowd is hoped for to boost the Eagles.

Julie Ann Sosa

SWIMMING Kathy is back in the swim

Kathy Riley got a big welcome from the combined Voorheesville-Guilderland swim team last week, but her presence failed to avert two more defeats in the Adirondack League.

The Mergers' understaffed team, with eight boys and a girl including two eighth graders, lost a 42-40 thriller at Troy High last Wednesday, and were beaten, 96-69, in Queensbury's six-lane pool Friday.

Kathy, a Guilderland senior who was required to put in 13 practice sessions after being declared eligible by school officials, had third places at Troy in the 1M and 200-yard freestyle, and swam a leg on the 400-yard relay foursome that finished second in the final event.

"We were ahead by a point, and we had to win the last relay," groaned Coach Nadine Bassler. "He (the Troy coach) put in two teams, but we only had enough members for one. We got four points for second place, but they got seven for 1-3. It was just a question of bodies. We didn't have enough."

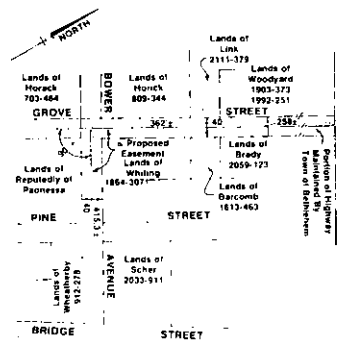
The thin ranks were even more costly in the big tank at Queensbury. The V-Gs have no divers, so they concede six points to everybody in that event, and in a six-lane pool there isn't enough personnel to fill all the events. This time Riley had a third in the 200 free, second in the 500, and helped the final relay quartet to a second place.

Again the Mergers' star swimmers did their thing in top form. Dirk Applegate, one of the best in the area, won the 100 butterfly and the 200 free at Troy, and took the two freestyle sprints at Queensbury in addition to relay duty. Ricky Bult broke the Troy pool record by two full seconds with a 5:15 in the 500, and Carl Renshaw won the backstroke and the 200 1M as well as a leg on the winning medley relay.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Sewer District have petitioned the Supreme Court of the State of New York at a Special Term thereof to be held in and for the County of Albany, in the City of Albany, New York, in the Third Judicial District, on January 21, 1982 at 9:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard for an order for the acquisition of the following real property by the exercise of the power of eminent domain:



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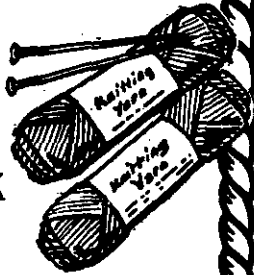
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The above described easement being more fully shown on a map entitled, "MAP OF EASEMENT, TO BE GRANTED TO BETHLEHEM SEWER DISTRICT AND TOWN OF BETHLEHEM", dated November 23, 1981 and made by Paul E. Hite, Licensed Land Surveyor.

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 (Jan. 14)

TAX NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes and Assessments for the Town of Bethlehem, have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes and will receive payments thereon Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York for properties assessed upon such Roll.

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KENNETH P. HAHN
 Receiver of Taxes & Assessments
 445 Delaware Avenue
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 January 1, 1982
 (Jan. 14)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND FOR MODIFICATION OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR FEURA BUSH WATER DISTRICT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT WHEREAS, a petition has been made to the Controller of the State of New York for permission to establish the Feura Bush Water District in the Town of New Scotland pursuant to resolution of the Town Board dated September 16, 1981, and WHEREAS, it has become apparent that the petition in its present form will not be approved by the Controller due to the costs of the system, and

WHEREAS it is proposed to revise the preliminary plan and report submitted by the engineers to provide for construction of the system in three phases. Phase 1 to service the lower part of the Hamlet of Feura Bush to an elevation of 340 feet, being the intersection of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation easement and U.S. Route 32. Phase 2 to include County Route 308 (Unionville/Feura Bush Road), Fissette Drive and Jones Avenue. Phase 3 to include Route 32 from County Route 308 (Unionville/Feura Bush Road) to Rowe Road, Rowe Road, Onesquethaw Creek Road, West Street and Western Ave. It is therefore Ordered:

1. This Board shall hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 196 of the Town Law on the Modification of the Water Supply System set forth in the aforesaid petition to the Controller for the purpose of considering any objections which may be made thereto.
2. The hearing shall be at the Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, New York, on Tuesday, January 26, 1982, at 7 p.m.
3. All persons interested in the subject of the modification of the water supply system for the Feura Bush Water District shall be heard.

DATED: January 11, 1982

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EXTENSION NO. 14**

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USEPA-NYSDEC C-36-1096**

Sealed proposals for Extension No. 14 of the Bethlehem Sewer District of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York for Construction of the following work:

Contract No. 1A Construction of approximately 4,500 feet of 8" diameter gravity sewers including manholes, house service connections and other appurtenances,

will be received by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, at its office in the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, until 2:00 p.m. (local time) on Wednesday, February 17, 1982, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Plans and Specifications for the proposed work are on file and are now publicly exhibited at the Office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and at the Office of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, P.C., Consulting Engineers, 620 Washington Avenue, Rensselaer, New York. Copies of said plans and specifications can be obtained at either of the above addresses.

A deposit of \$50.00 will be required for each set of plans and specifications furnished to prospective bidders,

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which sum will be refunded only to those submitting a formal bid, if said plans are returned in good condition within thirty (30) days after the award of the contract. If additional sets of plans and specifications have been obtained, one-half the amount of the deposit will be refunded upon the return, in good condition, of each additional set. Refunds will not be made to non-bidders or materialmen.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, drawn upon a National or State Bank or Trust Company, to the order of Thomas V. Corrigan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, or a bond with sufficient sureties in a penal sum equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, conditioned that if his bid is accepted, he will enter into a contract for the same and that he will execute such further security as may be required for the performance of the contract. A separate Performance and Payment Bond, each equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required of the successful bidder, and the bonds shall be satisfactory to the Town Board.

The Contractor shall not include in his bid sales and compensating use taxes on the cost of materials which are to be incorporated into the work.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Orders No. 11246 and No. 11375, which pertain to non-discrimination in employment.

Any Contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bids are expected to be funded in part by a grant from the United States Environmental

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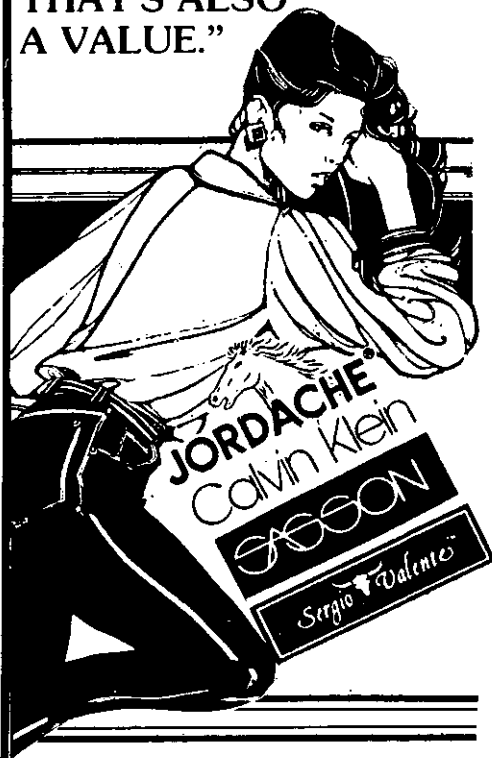
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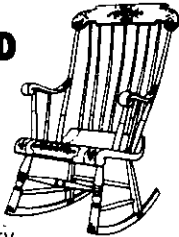
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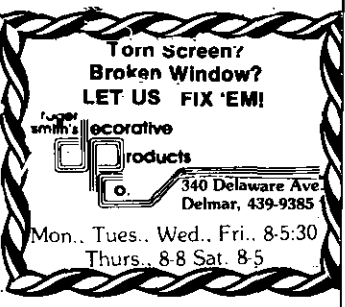
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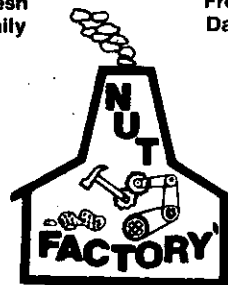
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Those chemicals again

Editor, The Spotlight:

I find myself in some confusion and with some consternation over an article appearing on pages 10 and 11 of the Dec. 31, 1981, *Spotlight*. The article states that the Bethlehem Town Board at their regular meeting on Dec. 23 approved bids for chemi-

cals for the water department: sulfate of alumina, Calgon T.G. 10 (sodium zinc phosphate), liquid chlorine, and copper sulfate. Are these for our water? Only one, chlorine, is added to our water for public health reasons. Did Mr. Geurtze, Mr. Prothero, and Mrs. Bickel miss or sleep through that part of the meeting while Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Hendrick voted approval?

If I remember correctly all the way back to February, 1981, the majority of our town board decided against a CHEMICAL with proven public-health benefits because it was, in their opinions, potentially harmful. They did not want potentially toxic, corrosive, or carcinogenic additives in our water supply. Mr. Prothero in particular

insisted our water must be kept pure! Since all of the chemicals listed in the article are extremely dangerous, they would not dare put them in our water supply! The outcry of a few of our citizens, as it was last February, would be intolerable. Can I rest assured knowing that these dangerous chemicals are only being used by Water Department personnel for their backyard swimming pools, or some other suitable purpose?

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N.Y.S. Cheddar Cheese (sharp)	\$2.20 lb.
Land Of Lakes American Cheese	\$1.89 lb.
Cooked Salami	\$1.49 lb.
Cooked Ham	\$2.29 lb.
Cooked Roast Beef	\$3.85 lb.
5 lb. Loaf of American Cheese	\$1.79 lb.
Bologna	\$1.67 lb.
Turkey Breast	\$2.59 lb.

SPECIAL ITEMS — DAIRY PRODUCTS

1 lb. 3 Farms Cottage Cheese	76¢
1 Gallon Homogenized Milk	\$1.75
½ Gallon 3 Farms Ice Cream	\$1.65
1 Pound 3 Farms Tub Butter	\$1.55
1 Qt. Farms Fresh Churned Buttermilk	57¢
½ Ga. Tropicana Pure Orange Juice	\$1.70

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fluoridation used to be bad-mouthed."

The above is an editorial run in the New York Times on Thursday, Jan. 7. The Times is evidently unaware of the controversy in the Town of Bethlehem, or they would not have said what they did. It is unfortunate that fluoridation is still a dirty word in Bethlehem.

Stanley L. Zalen
Delmar

Volunteers alert

Editor, The Spotlight:
We would like to commend the Delmar Volunteer Fire Dept. for their spirit of professionalism on Christmas night. They promptly responded to our call for assistance when the chimney flue of our house on Heather La. dropped shut and the house

filled with smoke. Well-equipped volunteers arrived and efficiently cleared the fireplace, after ventilating the house. Members of the Volunteer Fire Dept., we hope that we did not spoil your holiday, and thank you for your well-coordinated efforts.

The Vogels
Delmar

Thanks to Elsmere

Editor, The Spotlight:
Members of the Elsmere Fire Company would like to thank the residents of Elsmere for their support during our recent donation drive. Once again, because of your generosity our drive was most successful.

Robert Irish,
President
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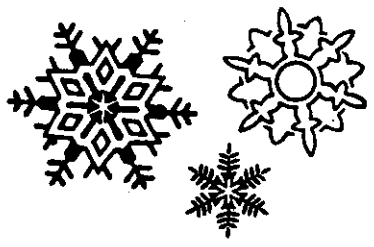
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