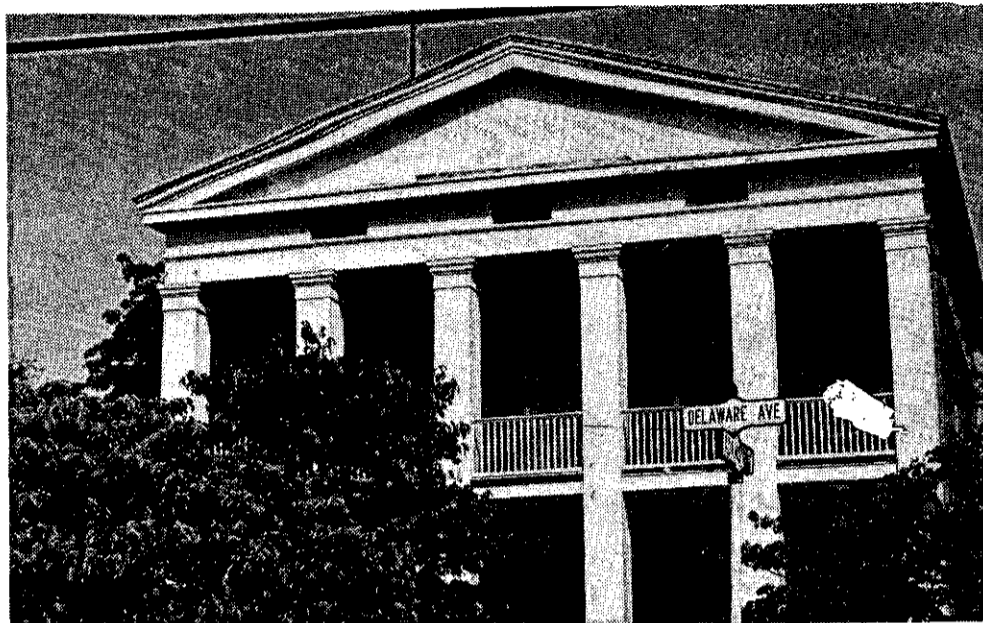


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The Adams House (the former Bethlehem Town Hall) at Delaware Ave. and Adams St., Delmar, is up for sale again. *Spotlight*

Board wants to sell two historic buildings

After only a few months as a landlord, the Bethlehem Town Board has decided that it will attempt to sell the old town hall, now known as the Adams House.

Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan said the main factors in the decision, made in executive session following last week's town board meeting, are the high cost of operating and maintaining the historic building and the high probability that the town will never be able to collect enough rent to cover those costs.

Also, he said, "there's a lot of activity right now... we've had several inquiries."

One factor influencing the market is the fact that a buyer would probably be eligible for a federal tax credit for 25 percent of all costs of repairs and rehabilitation work.

The Adams House was built in 1838 by Nathaniel Adams and was originally a hotel. It served for many years as the town hall, but was closed in 1980 when renovations were completed on the old Delmar Elementary School, which now serves as the town hall.

Corrigan said the board also decided to actively seek a buyer for the other historic property the town owns — the Bethlehem House at Cedar Hill. Also known as the

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Nicoll-Sill House, it is the oldest structure in Bethlehem.

But the supervisor acknowledged that this property will be more difficult to sell because of its location, in a rural area and next to the town sewage treatment plant. The building would not be suitable for residential use, he said, but could make an attractive office for a small company. It also would be eligible for the federal tax credit.

The Adams house is currently occupied by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, the Bethlehem Art Association and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Corrigan said he would "remind them" that their leases, signed this spring, specify that the town reserves the right to sell the building.

Last winter, the board debated for several months the wisdom of rehabilitating the building as space for civic groups. One major factor in the debate was the cost of necessary repairs and also the cost of heating the building.

New sewer rate for Salem Hills

After more than six hours of non-stop negotiating Monday night and Tuesday morning the Voorheesville Village Board and the Salem Hills Sewerage Disposal Corp. agreed on a new rate of \$33 per month — an increase of \$13 per month over the present rate.

Although the village's attorney praised the settlement as a considerable compromise for the company, which had asked for a \$69.26 per month rate, it was unclear Tuesday whether Salem Hills residents would go along.

"It's obviously too high," said Pat Arthur, one of the leaders of the Salem Hills Park Association. The group will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church to discuss its options, he said.

By law, the village board acts as the rate making body for privately-owned utilities. In an attempt to avoid the costly litigation that had settled the last rate case in Salem Hills, the board this year hired Jeffrey Stockholm, an attorney with experience on the Public Service Commission, as its counsel, and then sat down with the disposal company for face-to-face talks.

After considerable pressure from the homeowner's group, they were allowed to sit in on the negotiations. About 50 Salem Hills residents began the evening at Village Hall, and when the end finally came shortly after 2 a.m., 29 members were still there. It was evident that their

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presence — if not their voices — had had an impact.

As the board raised its offer to \$29 per month the homeowners became more and more vocal in their displeasure, Stockholm said. But, Stockholm added, he is convinced that the company came down quite a bit more than it had anticipated doing.

"Maybe I shouldn't compliment the board, since I represent it, but I can compliment the company and the Salem Hills residents for resolving a difficult situation," he said Tuesday.

Stockholm explained that only part of the \$33 is a permanent rate. A \$3.73 surcharge placed on the rate last December is due to expire in December, 1983. And two additional charges to amortize the company's costs in the rate making process — one for \$4.44 per month to cover the cost of going to court last year and one for roughly \$1.50 for the cost of the current negotiations — will last for approximately three years.

In effect, he said, Salem Hills residents will be paying about \$25 per month after three years. The exact figures are

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Hello, Prudential?

Dennis McCue got an unexpected birthday present last Wednesday. At 10:30 p.m. a large tree at his home at 86 Elsmere Ave. in Elsmere fell down — on his two cars. There was also minor damage to a neighbor's house. The apparently rotten tree snapped and fell without obvious cause or warning.

As you can see on this week's cover, the station wagon in the foreground took the brunt of the impact. McCue said it was totaled, and he was awaiting estimates on the damage to the other car and the neighbor's house.

His response to the calamity? He shrugs philosophically and says, "Wouldn't you know."

Shades of Saratoga on Waldenmaier Rd.

By Susan Casper

On a sultry afternoon J.P. will probably be sleeping under a fan, catching the breeze — give her a few years though, and she may be racing at Saratoga.

"They have the life," Alexandria Dunaif, the Walden Farm manager said. "C'mon gub guy. Say hello," she coaxed the few-months-old filly.

Dunaif kicked along hay as she spoke of life at the 85-acre thoroughbred horse breeding farm — what hay was loose in the neat yellow barn.

"Horses are creatures of habit. Things have to be done the same way every day," she said.

Even in the stillness of this farm on Waldenmaier Rd. near Feura Bush the presence of the aristocratic thoroughbreds makes one feel close to Saratoga.

Racing is not the main objective of Walden Farm, says owner Ted Sprinkle



Alexandria Dunaif, manager, and Ted Sprinkle, owner, with two of their beauties at Walden Farm on Waldenmaier Rd. near Feura Bush. *Spotlight*

Jr. None of the horses bred and born on the farm have raced at Saratoga yet. Sprinkle, a veterinarian, breeds mares and teaches them and their offspring to behave so they'll sell at auctions in New York, Florida and Kentucky.

"Some get broken in here," he said. But most go through formal training in the south during the winter before they are put out on the racetrack.

"When I bought this place in 1973 it was pretty much a rundown farm. I developed the farm as a hospital for horses." Sprinkle specializes in horse reproduction; shortly after he began operating the hospital, he went into the breeding business. The farm currently has a net value of approximately \$600,000 and a staff of 16.

His horses? They cost about \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year to keep and sell for oh, about \$55,000 to \$75,000. "The grey mare

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Thoroughbreds

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is worth about \$100,000," he said. "It can be a profitable business, but a lot of things can go wrong. A horse can die or abort," said Sprinkle.

"The average person bets two dollars at the racetrack and doesn't realize what goes on behind the scenes. Pedigrees are changing every day. This is not a static industry. There are nine races on the track every day. I go to Saratoga every day, but this is the age of computers. They keep you up to date," he said.

"What's unique about thoroughbred breeding is that it is the only industry that has natural breeding," Dunaif said. Other types of mares are bred with artificial insemination.

So thoroughbred mares have to travel to be bred.

"Thoroughbred mares are bred to stallions on other farms, depending on the best stallion for the bloodline of the mare. If it's nice you do it again. That's how you get popular — from pedigree and produce, which determine your price," Sprinkle said. "This is just like any other industry — it's supply and demand."

While he independently owns the farm, he has developed several partnerships with other investors. Among them is State Senator Howard Nolan, who part-

owns horses with Sprinkle. "We're very good friends," Sprinkle said.

As he leans forward at his desk, it is apparent that Ted Sprinkle is a businessman. But as he spoke of working with horses it is also apparent that money is not the only reason for being in the horse business.

A 1969 graduate of Cornell University, he has spent most of his life around horses. Now, Sprinkle said, he runs around in a truck equipped with medical supplies to deliver newborn colts and fillies, perform surgery or administer medicine to horses on different farms.

"I feel comfortable working with horses. I never get tired of working with them," he said.

The worst times are when the horses die. "You never get used to it. They test me though," he said. But sick horses are not brought to Walden Farm. He referred to the hospital part of the barn as a "fertility clinic."

Dunaif said that when a mare is about to deliver there is 24-hour coverage at the farm.

"It's exciting at birth when the colt is alive. It's easy for something to go wrong. It would be our fault if something happened that could have been prevented. The loss of a colt is a major one," she said.

Two things that human hands may have to intercede in is to keep the placenta from breaking and suffocating the newborn or to "reach in and turn a leg around."

Dunaif said one of her most exciting moments was when a horse that Dr. Sprinkle had cared for on a nearby farm won a race at Saratoga.

"You can't take me away from the farm. It's a disease. Everyone describes the love for horses as a disease. You get involved in them and you can't do anything else. I could work in an office job . . . oh for about a month. I have to work outside," she said.

Dunaif also has worked with horses for a lifetime. When she rode show jumpers touring the east coast, "I used to ride seven days a week, eight hours a day." The work she does now, though, is more "interesting and useful."

"I met Ted in New York at a horse show at Madison Square Garden. He asked me if I'd manage his farms."

On whether horseracing is cruel she said, "That's what they're bred to do. It's instinct — all they know — in their blood." And she has watched this pattern begin when they're quite young and chasing each other around a fence.

Has she ever gotten hurt while working with the horses?

She looked surprised at the question. "I wouldn't let them get wild. We take the upper hand."

New Salem

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expected to be available for the board's regular meeting next Tuesday.

The homeowners have two options if they wish to oppose the new rates, Arthur said. They could take the village board to court, or they could organize an economic boycott against the disposal company and its parent firm, Rosen-Michaels Real Estate in Latham, which built the subdivision.

The homeowners had asked the board to hold hearings before setting the new rate, and Arthur said he continues to feel that the decision against doing that was legally wrong. Last week, the homeowners delivered a petition with 381 signatures asking the board to present its negotiating position to village citizens before setting a new rate.

(See photo, Page 7)

VIPs wanted

The Albany County Probation Department will conduct its ninth training session for new Volunteers In Probation (VIPs) on Sept. 28, 29 and 30.

The VIP program trains volunteers to help juveniles who are under probation-supervision by providing tutoring, recreation, companionship and counseling on a one-to-one basis through the juvenile's probationary period. Volunteers must be 18 years of age and spend at least two hours per week sharing their talents, skills and interests with a probationer.

Interviews to determine VIP eligibility are conducted prior to the training session. Interested persons should contact Mary Anne Weinman by Sept. 1 at 438-6681 for an appointment.

New hearing date

The public hearing on the proposed Swift Rd. water district in New Scotland has been reset for Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m. in New Scotland Town Hall. The hearing was moved back a week in order to allow time for the required legal advertising, according to Town Clerk Corine Cossac.

Funny water taste fading

The complaints about the funny taste in Bethlehem's water seem to be slackening, which should mean that the problem is working its way through the 175 miles in the town's water system.

And Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor is positive once the musty taste is gone it won't come back. Water leaving the Vly Creek Reservoir has been treated with activated carbon and additional chlorine since the problem was discovered.

The taste is the result of the hot, sunny weather earlier this summer — water in the reservoir reached a high of 78 degrees, far above the usual highs of 65 to 70 degrees. That heat produced tiny algae that produced the taste.

An Albany County Health Department official said Monday the algae are not dangerous and that the county took no action in the case because Bethlehem has already corrected the problem.


Secor said it has taken longer than expected to flush the taste out of the system because water usage is down at several of the town's large industries. The dump fire at the Conrail yards this weekend did use a lot of water, but "it's going to take some time," he said. "We're still getting some phone calls."



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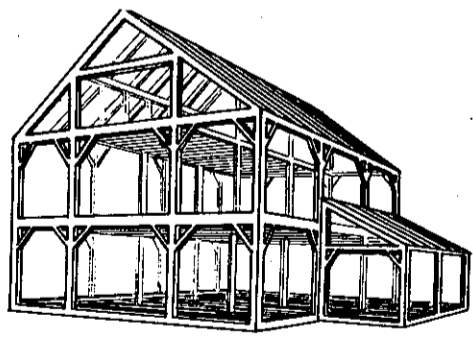
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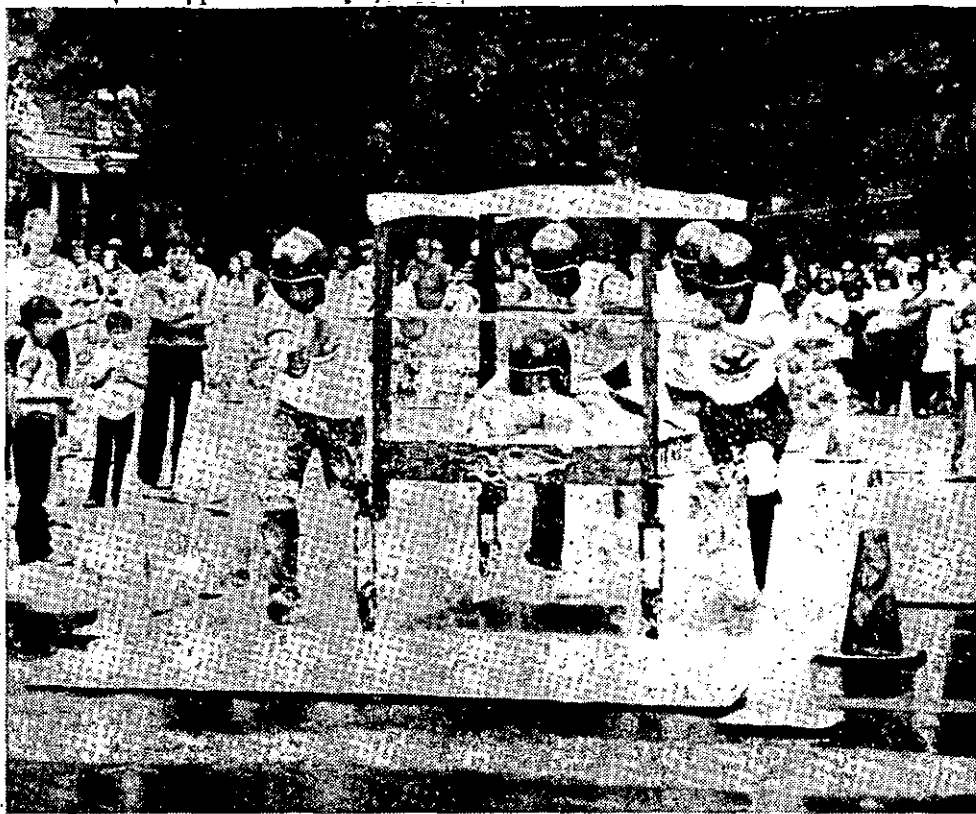
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Two of the entries in the Delmar Volunteer Fire Department's "First Annual Field Day and Moto-Cross Bed Race," held last Saturday in the parking lot of the Bethlehem Town Hall. Shown entering the course's "water hazard" are (top) the Village Volunteers, with rider Jeff Blodgett and pushers Tom Bruno, Steve and Dave Bub, and Jim Willey; and (bottom) the Bride of Frankenstein, with Tyna Krantz on board as Jim and Bob Shultes and John and Pat Mooney supply the muscle. Gary Zeiger



McKaig case in limbo

The unexpected failure of an Albany County grand jury to indict Clarksville bus driver Donald McKaig last week has set off a three-way cat and mouse game.

The Albany County District Attorney's office is trying to figure out how to get another grand jury to look at the case, while at the same time avoiding tipping its hand. McKaig's lawyer says he'll ask for a transcript of the first grand jury proceedings if a judge permits the case to be heard again. And the Bethlehem Central School District, in the uneasy position of having already fired McKaig, is waiting for the other shoe to drop.

District Superintendent Lawrence Zinn said Monday the grand jury action will have no effect on the district's position. "It amazed us," he said. "We wonder what happened to all that evidence."

McKaig had been charged with driving while intoxicated and 21 counts of reckless endangerment following his May 26 arrest by sheriff's deputies as he delivered a busload of children to the Clarksville Elementary School. The case had been set for trial before New Scotland Town Justice Kenneth Connolly next Monday and the DA's office had given no indication that it intended to move the case to the county court level.

That action increased speculation that the evidence against McKaig may have some problems. McKaig's attorney, Michael Gary, had attacked the results of the breathalyzer test given McKaig after

his arrest in his motions before Judge Connolly. And the 21 reckless endangerment counts weren't even presented to the grand jury. If there were witnesses to McKaig's condition the morning of the arrest it would have been logical for the DA's office to seek their testimony.

District Attorney Sol Greenberg acknowledged after the grand jury's 'no bill' that "one of the functions" of the grand jury is to compel reluctant witnesses to testify. He would not comment on whether witnesses had been called in this case, and maintained that his office had decided "a long time ago" to take the case to a grand jury, despite the trial date in Connolly's court.

Greenberg said his next step is to ask a county court judge for permission to resubmit the case to a grand jury; if he cannot obtain that permission McKaig cannot be tried before any other court and would go free.

Gary said Tuesday that if Greenberg does get permission to resubmit the case he will ask for a transcript of the first grand jury hearings — an unusual request because of traditional grand jury secrecy, he admitted. "We feel this is different because of the no bill situation," Gary said.

Zinn said the school district has had no formal communication from either McKaig, his lawyers or the union that represents BC bus drivers. "As far as we're concerned, the dismissal sticks," he said.

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Sue Ann Ritchko reports:

The Democrat plan to redistrict the legislative districts in Albany County won by a 23-15 vote at the August session. Two Democrats, Anne Gaffney and Thomas Callaghan, both of Guilderland, voted with the 13 Republicans against the plan that puts many voters from several suburbs into Albany city districts where their votes will be lost in the overwhelmingly Democratic machine-controlled city district.

The only recourse now left to Republican voters shifted without their consent is for the Republicans to challenge the redistricting proposal in the courts—a challenge many lawyers feel has an excellent chance.

A letter from the Town Board of Bethlehem opposing the plan was presented, but not read aloud by anyone.

I am quoting from the letter, signed by Supervisor Thomas V. Corrigan, so Bethlehem residents can learn how their town board views this question:

"As you already know, the proposed plan crosses election district lines and may require considerable expense to alter the present election districts.

"As a number of Republican Legislators have been redistricted out of their districts and since there does not appear to be redistricting in the case of Democratic legislators, we can only assume that the proposed plan is based upon political considerations only, with no regard to other considerations, such as geographic and unity of interest among voters."

The redistricting, mandated by the population shift shown by the 1980 census in which Albany city lost population while the suburbs generally increased, is scheduled to go into effect for the 1983 legislative elections.

Personally, I favored cutting the size of the legislature to 27 members. This would save county taxpayers much more than the \$21,000 a year in salaries, since legislators all receive retirement, medical insurance and medical prescription benefits. I believe that 27 members would make for greater efficiency, also. The Albany County Legislature is one of the largest in the state and unwieldy.

Members of the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club and members of the Upper Hudson Nuclear Freeze Campaign attended the session as spectators. As usual, no one in the back of the room could hear what was going on.

Anne Gaffney of Guilderland pointed out that the Democrat plan splits election districts right through the middle of neighborhood streets, so that voters living on one side of the street would have to vote in a different district from their neighbors across the street. Her amendment to change this was defeated.

The changes in election lines will all cost suburban towns money for new booths and other election expenses. Unfortunately, even though a great deal of money is involved here, a simply majority can pass a local law. Only bond issues require a two-thirds majority.

This August session marked the first time I have ever seen Bethlehem's Ed Sargent really angry. He had introduced a resolution calling for "an immediate mutual and verifiable U.S.-Soviet halt to the nuclear arms race," similar to the one recently passed in Bethlehem.

He said he had been promised by the Democratic leadership that this resolution would be considered at this session. Instead it was referred to committee—in other words, buried. Ed charged the Democratic leadership with breaking the faith, among other things.

Police officer, dispatcher appointed

Bethlehem's newest police officer doesn't have to travel far to take up his new duties, and he will probably have less to learn than the average rookie patrolman.

James Kerr has been involved in police work for almost three years as a radio dispatcher. He is also a member and former captain of the Delmar Rescue Squad, which responds to accidents, fires and other emergency situations in nearly half of the town.

Kerr's appointment to the force was approved last week by the Bethlehem Town Board. The new officer, who



This dump in the Conrail railroad yard in Selkirk caught fire last Friday afternoon and 100 firemen from Selkirk and Elsmere responded with over a million gallons of water. Some firemen sustained minor smoke injuries. The fire reignited Monday, when this photo was taken. The cause of the fire is still undetermined, and officials suspect it will continue to smolder for some time. *Spotlight*

replaces recently retired Officer Daniel House, was picked from a civil service list.

In other action last Wednesday, the board:

- Approved the appointment of George Ten Eyck as Kerr's replacement as a full-time dispatcher. Ten Eyck, a part-time dispatcher since November, is also Kerr's successor as captain of the Delmar Rescue Squad. The board also approved Safety Commissioner Ralph Tipple's request to send dispatcher Maureen Bartkus to a dispatcher's seminar in Colonie Sept. 18 and 19. Tipple said this is the first time a town dispatcher has been able to get outside training.

- Learned that Bethlehem Video, the town's cable television franchise holder, and the Bethlehem Public Library have finally come to terms on equipping the

library to operate a public access channel. That agreement had been one of the conditions to Bethlehem Video's rate increase, granted by the board last spring.

- Increased fees for election inspectors and other officials. Inspectors will be paid \$32 for primary days (up from \$29), \$27 for registration days (from \$24), and \$49 for election days (from \$44).

- Authorized architects Hartheimer, Bender and Estey to prepare plans for the repair of the roof over the police and town court wing of the town hall.

- Approved a rate of \$1.60 per 1,000 gallons for the sale of town water to New Scotland for the new Feura Bush water district. The rate, negotiated by Supervisors Tom Corrigan and Steve Wallace of Bethlehem and New Scotland, must still be approved by Albany, since Bethlehem buys part of its water supply from the city.

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Subdivision plan rejected

By Vincent Potenza
Following the advice of legal counsel, the Bethlehem Planning Board has rejected the proposed Norman's Gate subdivision off Euclid Ave. in Elsmere on the grounds that the developer's proposed access, through two existing lots on Euclid, would violate a previously existing subdivision.

Reading the summary of a brief prepared by Board Attorney Earl Jones, Chairman Edward Sargent stated after a rare executive session last Tuesday that the board was likely to get involved in a lawsuit over the case "one way or another," and suggested following Jones' recommendation. The board voted five to nothing to reject the proposal, which was the subject of a heated and overflowing July 13 public hearing.

In other business, the board:

- Gave a recommendation to the town board that it rezone some 12 acres on Rt. 9W in Glenmont from B-Residential to a planned commercial district for a Shop-Rite supermarket and several smaller stores, providing the developer of the project, represented by attorney Thomas Jeram and surveyor Paul Hite, could deal with traffic at the site, which is opposite the Delmar Bypass.
 - Granted a one-lot subdivision to Evelyn Essex on property she owns on Feura Bush Rd. opposite the Colonial Acres subdivision in Delmar.
 - Heard a preliminary presentation of a proposed one-lot subdivision on behalf of Ben Chi. The three and a half acre site is located at Rts. 114 South and 396.
- The board's next meeting is Aug. 24.

Found dead in car

A 52-year-old Delmar man was found dead in the front seat of a car in the Albany Public Market parking lot in Elsmere at 1 a.m. on Aug. 10, according to Bethlehem police.

An autopsy later revealed that William J. Bernick, 10 McCombe Dr., had died of "asphyxiation due to aspiration," according to the Albany County Coroner's office.

Chicken Barbecue

The New Salem Reformed Church will host a chicken barbecue this Saturday, with servings from 4 to 7 p.m. The menu will include a baked potato, cole slaw, corn on the cob, rolls, dessert and drink. There will be chicken available for take-out. Donations are adults \$5, children under 12 \$2.25 and take out chicken \$2.25.

Elm Ave. group in for long haul

The group from Dowerskill and Elm Ave. East that flooded the July 28 Bethlehem town board meeting is leaving nothing to chance in its fight to block a solid waste transfer station at the nearby town garage.

The group last week delivered a transcript of its presentation to the town board, complete with a set of questions it wants the board to answer. And, not satisfied with the town's answers so far, the group is doing everything it can to make sure the decision on a transfer station site doesn't get made until its questions are answered.

James Gleason, president of the Village Square Homeowners' Association, sat patiently through last week's town board meeting although he had been assured that the site question wouldn't be brought up. Later, he quizzed Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor in the hall on how the town decided against extending the present landfill operation.

That is one of the many questions the group wants the board to answer — whether, despite earlier statements to the contrary, an extended landfill would not be cheaper and more practical than joining the Albany ANSWERS project, with its requirement that all garbage and refuse collected in the town be taken to one central point and transferred to large trucks for the trip to the ANSWERS plant on Rapp Rd.

Gleason said his group has been told that the state would permit new landfills; Secor said the town was told that because ANSWERS is considered a better alternative than landfilling, no new landfills would be approved in this area.

That difficulty in pinning down the town's position is evident in several other areas. The Dowerskill group has asked before what the town plans to do with Elm Ave. East, an old, narrow road that may not be suitable for large trucks. And each time Supervisor Tom Corrigan has said there are no plans to repave the road. Friday, Corrigan said that statement assumes that there is no new building in the area in the near future; a situation that could change.

"Some of these questions are a little difficult to answer," he said.

The questions include how the transfer station would be operated — policies to avoid noise, loose refuse, insects and rodents — how the site would be developed and landscaped as well as discrepancies the group thinks it has found in Standard's analyses of the alternatives.

Corrigan said he does plan to answer the questions as best he can, but has not yet set another meeting to discuss the issue.

New teachers named at BC

New teachers in the Bethlehem Central School District for 1982-83 are, at the high school, David Angell, physics; Louise Ferris, music; Michelle O'Brien, basic skills; Robin Rapaport, English, and Jane Suprunowicz, EXCEL science.

At the middle school, new teachers are Steven N. Rider, math and science, and Elizabeth Thacher, foreign languages.

New elementary level teachers are Constance Frangos, at Clarksville; Daniel J. Furey, physical education at Glenmont and Slingerlands; Mary Jane Hughes, music at Clarksville; Alana Lucia, resource room at Clarksville and Elsmere; Diane Lyndaker, at Clarksville; and Charlene Miller, kindergarten at Hamagrael.

Other new staff members are Michele DePace in special education; Judy Miller, a Board of Cooperative Educational Services psychologist, and Lynne Perry, in health.

A Kellas Scholar

Barbara Marriott of Delmar has been named a Kellas Scholar for the spring term at Russell Sage College, Troy. The honor is for students who have been named to the dean's list for three consecutive terms.

Volunteers needed

The local chapter of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation is looking for volunteers to help in the

office and with special events being planned in the near future. For more information, call 783-9363.

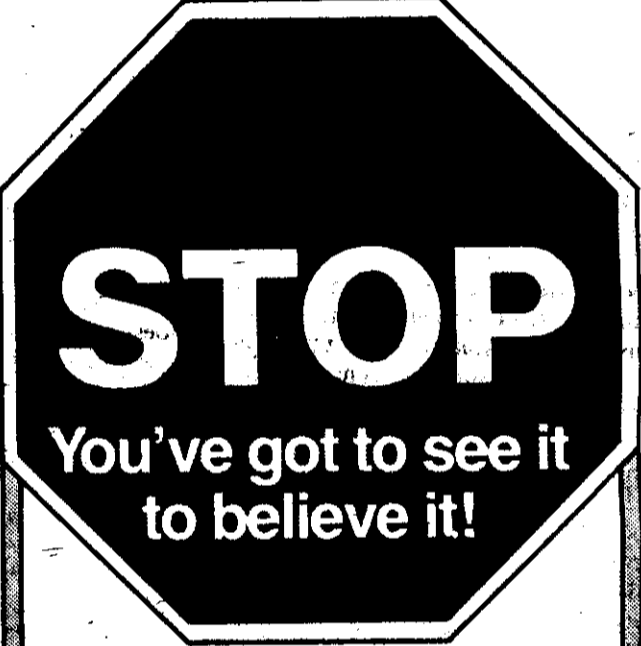
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Cherry Hill celebrates its 'secret'

By Vinny Reda

This Tuesday, Jesse Strang will be dead 155 years, dead by a hangman's noose, dead by verdict of a judge who deemed this Bethlehem hired hand slew a successful civil engineer after vilely coveting — and most-successfully seducing — the unfortunate man's young wife.

Was Jesse Strang guilty of the murder of John Whipple on the grounds of Cherry Hill that May day in 1827? More than likely he was. But what of Elsie Whipple, the victim's wife? Did she too have a bit of the finger on that gun which propelled a bullet through a back bedroom window of the mansion and into the back of husband John?

That is one of the questions addressed in *Murder at Cherry Hill*, a tingling new social history written by Louis C. Jones and published by Historic Cherry Hill, which will toast author Jones and commemorate the hanging of Jesse this Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at a reception in the mansion on South Pearl Street, complete with hors d'oeuvres, wine, a recounting of the tale and music by a Dixieland band.

The morbid strains of this murder, of course, took place away up north from Dixie, in the proud mansion built in 1787 by Philip Van Rensselaer, a descendent of the Patroons and the first supervisor of the new township of Bethlehem from 1794 to his death in 1798. (Cherry Hill was part of Bethlehem until annexed by the City of Albany in 1870.)

His son, Philip P. Van Rensselaer, had an indirect hand in the events of May 14, 1827, although he also did not live to bear their ignominy, dying earlier that year. What he did was allow Elsie Lansing and some other relatives of fellow sloop skipper Abraham Lansing to live at Cherry Hill (he was known to have money troubles, and may have owed Lansing).

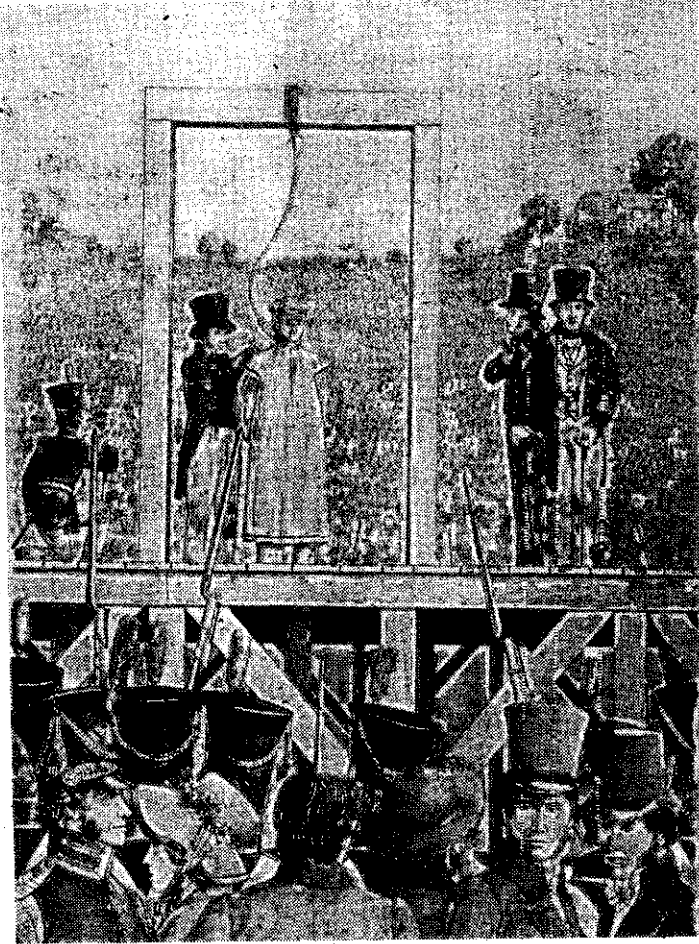
He watched helplessly in 1816 as the 14-year-old Elsie married engineer John Whipple, removing the guardianship of her later father's estate from the hands of Van Rensselaer to those of Whipple. And then he hired, in 1826, the man called Joseph Orton, nicknamed "The Doctor," but in truth a runaway from justice, Jesse Strang.

Was there some family guilt in Philip P. being an unknowing accomplice to the tragic events? Did it rankle the future generations of the family that Elsie Lansing may have had a distant cousin wed into the Van Rensselaer brood? Or was it simply the fact that blood was once spilled in violence at sedate Cherry Hill? At any case, the bloodline which ran through Cherry Hill never reacted positively to exploration of the tale.

"It's true that Mrs. Emily Rankin, when she donated the house in her will in 1963, apparently did not want the murder to ever be discussed," said Ted Corbett, the current director of Historic Cherry Hill.

"She was — I guess we can say it — ashamed, although I don't know why. The murder did not relate directly to her family."

Yet it was the family that could not stop Elsie from marrying the social upstart Whipple. "She had high animal spirits," says Corbett. Possibly they were high enough to eventually seek a way to free her money from the



The hanging of Jesse Strang, as depicted by illustrator Ron Toelke. (Courtesy Cherry Hill)

guardianship of Whipple — a possibility ruled nearly unthinkable by the Albany courts of 1827.

She "appears as a young woman . . . of a character light, frivolous, weak, vain, impudent and wicked, and guilty to a certain degree: a fit instrument in the hands of a designing man," said the judge at Strang's murder trial.

Still, she was calculating enough to meet the eye of Jesse — who changed his name after he ran out on his Ohio family in 1825 — in Bates' Tavern on the old Bethlehem Pike (now South Pearl Street), and un-purely driven enough to stop with Strang at an inn and share a room, where, according to the innkeeper, "only one bed was tumbled."

Truly, Miss Whipple, belying her name, was not, deep down, squeezably soft. Yet did she convince Strang to murder, or merely unknowingly seduce the fellow to the idea?

Jones, who has been studying local murders since 1936, when he explored the court proceedings and confessions surrounding Rensselaer County's Berlin Murder Case, is immersed equally in the facts and folklore surrounding the Cherry Hill Murder, is scheduled to offer some opinions on Elsie and Jesse this Tuesday, as well as autograph some books. Those interested in attending can call the museum at 434-4791.

Dean's List



University of Hartford (Conn.), College of Education and Allied Services — Ruth Leighton, Delmar.

Maryville College (Tenn.) — Timothy M. Fitzgerald, Glenmont.

Western New England College (Mass.) — Michael T. McGuire, Delmar.

Russell Sage College (Evening Division) — Daryl L. Devenpeck, Audrey Fisher, Denise Linstruth, Patricia Meany, John Pendleton and Fred Vogel, all of Delmar; Virginia Carl and Ruth Phillips, Glenmont; Nancy Meagher, Slingerlands; Robert Loveridge, Selkirk.

Russell Sage College — Allison Swick, Delmar.

State University at Stony Brook — Mandy V. Mason, Slingerlands.

Capital Rep's next season

Citing a goal of 2,000 subscribers by Oct. 15, an increase of 60 percent over last season, Capital Repertory Company has kicked off its 1982-83 subscription campaign. A first brochure mailing is en route to more than 10,000 Capital District homes, and the Albany based resident professional theatre company plans to distribute another 70,000 brochures by the beginning of October.

The Equity company's 1982-83 season, the second at the Market Theatre on North Pearl St., will run Oct. 30 through April 17. Six plays will be produced, each running an opening weekend plus three full weeks.

Opening the 1982-83 season will be Gardner McKay's lyrical love story, "Sea Marks." Following will be the Richard Wilbur translation of Moliere's classic satirical comedy, "Tartuffe;" Sam Shepard's compelling tragicomedy, "True West;" Lanford Wilson's thought-provoking drama, "The Mound Builders;" the premiere of a new American play, yet to be announced; and Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy, "The Skin Of Our Teeth."

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School tax rate right on target

By Elizabeth Bloom

The Voorheesville Board of Education set tax rates for the coming school year at its meeting last week, with Superintendent Werner Berglas reporting that the warrant is "right on target" with what the voters approved last May in the budget vote.

That means that New Scotland residents of the district will be paying \$206.91 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, up \$12.74 from last year, while the rates in Berne and Guilderland will drop slightly. The reason for the difference is in equalization rates set by the state — New Scotland's dropped 10 percent this year, while the drop in the other two towns was about three percent. New Scotland taxpayers will contribute 86 percent of the district's tax funds this year.

The board also heard a status report on the Gifted and Talented Program from the program chairman, Arthur Willis. There is a "spin-off" effect from this program, reported Willis. Students are more interested in group activities — for example, the Philosophy Club — and there is more interest in advanced academic courses. Board member Ann Balk commented that many Gifted and Talented programs cater exclusively to academically superior children. The program in Voorheesville incorporates performing arts and athletic skills along with academics.

When asked about recruitment procedures, Willis said that parents as well as teachers can nominate children; there have even been students who have nominated themselves.

In other business:

- Superintendent Berglas relayed a request by the Guilderland school district to borrow the Voorheesville driver

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education car. In this matter, the good neighbor policy prevailed, and the board gave their permission to lend out the automobile after the Voorheesville students were finished with their instruction.

- Berglas informed the board that Blue Cross/Blue Shield has agreed to reduce the cost of the student accident insurance policy from \$4.20 to \$3.60 per pupil. This represents a \$1,000 savings to the district.

- The elementary school will need some work, such as a new roof for the 1963 addition, which will cost \$25,000 to \$35,000. The platform and steps leading to the playground in the back of the building also need replacing, at an estimated cost of \$5,000.

- In the elementary school, Berglas said, teaching assistants will be taking classes in over-burdened subject groups starting this fall. To compensate for any lost teachers, these assistants, who are certified teachers, will act as the regular teacher every day in areas such as remedial or advanced reading groups. The assistants will receive an adjusted pay scale for the time they spend teaching their own classes, and on an hourly basis it averages out to an annual expenditure of \$3,600. Berglas said he anticipates no problems with this program, although it still must be presented to the professional staff in the elementary school.

- The lunch program ran \$6,000 in the red last year, according to Business Administrator Rodger Lewis. The board decided to increase the price of milk and ice cream by five cents, and the price of adult lunches will go from \$1.25 to \$1.50.



Keeping the pressure on the Voorheesville Village Board, members of the Salem Hills Park Association last week submitted a petition with 381 names asking for a voice in the sewer rate negotiations, conducted Monday night. Pat Arthur, right, passes the petition to Village Clerk Judy Gray as Tom Coats looks on. (See story, Page 1) *Spotlight*

Voorheesville News Notes

Maryann Malark
765-4392



Golf Day for St. Matthew's Church this Saturday has been moved from French's Hollow to Tall Timbers.

The Blue Team won the New Scotland Kiwanis Summer Youth Soccer program this year with a record of eight wins one loss and one forfeit. The team, coached by Alan Joseph, won the championship game 4-1. Players were Geraold Borg, Tim Burke, David Dunning, Eric Ferguson, Gardner Foster, Jim Hensel, Ed and Jeanette Kiegle, Chris and Jeff Smolen, Jamie Sanderson, Colleen Taylor and Mark Veeder.

There will be a free outdoor concert at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Voorheesville Elementary School, the culmination of the New Scotland Kiwanis summer music program that began last month. Nearly 100 young musicians have been participating in concert band, jazz band and taking lessons under the direction of David Bittner, a Voorheesville resident who teaches in the Guilderland School District.

High school Principal Peter Griffin has reported that three foreign exchange students will be staying with area families and attending Voorheesville School District classes this year. The students and their host families are: Christoph Sedmann, 17, from Sweden, staying with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flynn; Thomas Ubbens, 17, from Sweden, staying with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cillis; and Elvira Alonzo, 17, from Spain, staying with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Galusha.

Sewer work inches along

While contractors for two of Bethlehem's sewer project need time extensions to finish up their work, new work is springing up all over town.

According to Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor, work is expected to begin at the end of this week in the Marfield Gardens area of Bethlehem, where a new pumping station will be installed. Some traffic delays can be expected, he said.

Work on a new main in Slingerlands was to move from the Slingerlands Elementary School down Union Ave. to Kenwood Ave., causing some traffic delays. CDTA is rerouting buses that normally travel on Orchard and Union Ave. to go over Cherry Ave. to Kenwood Ave.

In North Bethlehem, crews will be working up Russell Rd. to the Thruway and should reach The Concourse next week, Secor said. Again, some traffic delays can be expected.

Meanwhile, the Bethlehem Town Board last week granted a 60-day extension to contractors finishing up work on the trailer courts on Rt. 9W in Selkirk. Only cleanup work remains to be done there, Secor said. Also, the board granted a 30-day extension or the South Albany sewer district project, which has been delayed by weather and late delivery of materials.

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Reaching deep inside

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It was a poem to my wife, who had helped me shed my defensiveness of appearing to be an "open" person, and truly become open. I had insulated myself from hurts and conflicts by assuming a posture of extreme tolerance and "good guy" stuff. Who would want to hurt me?

I have learned that feelings, or emotions, are critical fingers in the grasping of life.

In our marriage and parenthood I have learned a great deal more than to be open. Combined with the lessons of my professional practice, I have learned that feelings, or emotions, are critical fingers in the grasping of life.

First, let me define what I believe are feelings. They are charged experiences that combine our minds and bodies with the memorable event. They are attached, or fused, to our experiences and form positive or negative attitudes toward those experiences when they re-occur depending on whether they were painful or pleasurable.

Webster infers the source of the word "emotion" to be French and from a word meaning "motion." I agree that the word connotes movement, a quality of activation, dynamism and change.

Common terms describing emotions are fear, anger, anxiety, love, depression, joy, peacefulness and guilt. Each one of these inner experiences helps us recall those events that produce them and so becomes associated with those events. For example, just think of the feeling

Family Matters

Norman G. Cohen



"anger," and notice the memories of events that come to mind. It's almost like reliving the experience.

We develop relationships on the basis of feelings. When we are with people who make us feel good, we seek them out. If the good feelings persist and are mutual, we become friends. So long as the pleasurable feelings outnumber or outweigh the unpleasant ones, the relationship survives. When the unpleasant ones become one-sided or mutual, the relationship begins to wane.

Emotions teach us how to protect ourselves from danger. For example, when a child runs out into the street in the path of an on-coming car, the screech of brakes, the blaring car horn and the screams of onlookers produce a feeling of fear that survives into adulthood and protects us from ever repeating that careless and dangerous act.

Emotions teach us to strive for goals. We attach desire to an object or an event, and thus is created ambition, competitiveness, even greed. Emotion breeds motivation. What motivates you and what emotions drive you toward your goals?

. . . just think of the feeling "anger," and notice the memories of events that come to mind. It's almost like reliving the experience.

I have also found that the deeper one is able to experience feelings, the more self-confident is that individual to deal with success and failure, pleasure and pain, peace and turmoil. It seems that emotional experience is, like job experience: the more you have it, the better you get at it. Indeed, the voice of experience says: "I know what you're going through, because I've been through it and survived." Usually we are comforted by that voice, because it gives us hope in the human condition.

Finally, for those of you who block your emotions and restrict your feelings to the surface level, let me remind you that,

"for all the pain that's stung my core, when it's time to love, I can reach inside deeper now and give so much more."

Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

August 15, 1957

In the newspaper business, August is always a quiet month for advertising, and publishers feel fortunate if they can sell enough ads during the month to pay the printer. This week's 12-page *Spotlight*, however, had ads of varying sizes from such local businesses as the Delsmere Food Market at 449 Delaware Ave., corner of Borthwick; Rose and Kiernan Insurance, Hilchie's Terminal Hardware, F. Harris Patterson (lawn rolling, rototilling), Tork and Pafunda of Voorheesville (septic service), Delmar Lumber and Builder Supply, Fowler's Liquor Store, Bethlehem Co-Op Freeze Lockers, Bob Martin Auto Sales, McCarroll's Supermarket, Delmar Cab Co., Schnurr and Wood (feeds, hardware, paints), Herb's Shell Station, R.K. Martin (roofing and carpentry), Michaelson's Shoes (Four Corners), Dex Davis's Stonewell Shopping Center and Studler's Rambler Sales and Service (243 Delaware Ave.). Another ad announced that Salem Park Grove, formerly Dolders Grove on Rt. 85A between New Salem and Voorheesville, is under new management and open for clam steams and steak roasts.

August 16, 1962

The Delmar Department Store at Four Corners is having a summer sale featuring Bermuda shorts at \$1 and children's summer dresses \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$3. Across the street, Tad's Four Corners Men's Shop is advertising a back-to-school special of chinos and corduroys sizes 6-12 for \$3.95 and \$4.95.

August 17, 1967

Richard P. Dalton, 54 Nathaniel Blvd., Delmar, is entered in the national Rusty Nail Sweepstakes as a result of scoring a hole-in-one recently at the Ponderosa Country Club. The prize is \$1,000 and a trip for two to Scotland.

Dr. Tulio Mereu has begun a private practice of pediatrics at 785 Delaware Ave., Delmar. A native of Verona, Italy, he earned his degree from the University of Bologna Medical School and has been on the faculty of Albany Medical College.

August 17, 1972

The Tri-Village Tomboys hit the ball hard to sweep three games in the Miss Softball of America tournament at SUNYA and won the New York State championship. The local all-star team walloped Albany, 16-1, trounced Colonie

32-1, and outplayed the Albany team again in the state final, 25-20. Receiving medallions were Robin Jameson, Laura Bryant, Cindy Veltman, Wendy Hauser, Celeste Groesbeck, Alex Roberts, Julie Hornibrook, Pat Eberle, Wendy Weinberg, Joyce Dubuque, Judy Piechnik, Barbara McHugh, Susan Collins, Lisa Murray, Patty Collins, Sue Singer and Lynn Schlickeneider.

Lesley LeFevre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William LeFevre of Delmar, will leave Aug. 19 for Japan, where she will complete her senior year in high school as a Rotary Exchange student.

August 18, 1977

The appearance of small stakes with red flags along Rt. 85 in Slingerlands has raised fear and anger among local residents. The State Dept. of Transportation concedes that the proposed widening of the highway to 22 feet and shoulders another six feet on each side will force the removal of about 22 large shade trees. Slingerlands residents got busy over the weekend to organize a protest to block or kill the proposal, and several wrote angry letters to the Vox Pop column in the *Spotlight*, contending that the loss of the trees would destroy the charm of Slingerlands.

Youngsters were bouncing tennis balls against the smooth exterior walls of the closed-down Delmar Elementary School while town and school district officials bounced around the question of restoring the 51-year-old structure to a useful function. The school board has rejected a token offer of \$1 made by Town Supervisor Harry Sheaffer, but Councilman Tom Corrigan, designated the GOP candidate for supervisor, has announced a "simple ABC plan" for a businesslike solution" involving a panel of nine taxpayers independent of affiliation with either the town board or school board. "This is the unusual case of the landlord selling himself his own property," said Corrigan.

Fitness program in fall

"Take Fitness to Heart" is a comprehensive program being co-sponsored by the Bethlehem Central School District's Continuing Education program and Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

It is designed to promote good health and reduce risk factors associated with cardiovascular disease, and will be offered as part of next fall's adult education program. Participants must sign up for this course during the summer in order to have the necessary medical examination prior to the start of class on Sept. 21.

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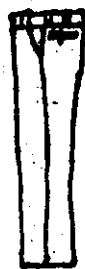
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these kinds of things on our own can discourage and defeat us. We may even seek some way to escape them without having to face them. If we have a belief in God, we may pray that God will protect us from the problems of being human. Then, if we are not delivered from our distresses; it is God who is assessed the blame.

Yet God can help us to transform our problems from enemies into blessings. Through a faith relationship with God, we can pray that God will give us the strength and the insight needed to see the crises of our lives in a new way. By the power of God's Holy Spirit at work in our lives, rather than being defeated, we can be transformed. Instead of asking God to help us run away, we can pray that God will walk with us in the way.

The Scriptures do not hold out for us the promise of an easy, problem-free, walk along the path. What they do hold out for us is the promise that even in the darkest moments in life's journey, God will be right there with us — supporting, even carrying us if necessary. With God in our lives, we can see the rich tapestry that life really is.

A poem entitled "Mountains" by Leigh Hanes has helped me to greet the challenge of bicycling. But it also applies to all of life's many mountains:

*God, give me mountains with hills at their knees,
Mountains too high for the flutter of trees;
Mountains that know the dark valleys of death,
That have kissed a pale star
And have felt its last breath;
And still lift the dawn in a golden-rimmed cup —
God, give me mountains
And strength to climb up*

Each day, we can pray that God will offer us the fullness of life and the presence of the divine Spirit with us in it. And so may it be!

another one!" I found myself becoming terribly discouraged and extremely disillusioned. Most of my thinking was taken up with self-pity, asking myself how I ever let myself get dragged into doing this and vowing never to let it happen again!

I even prayed that God would get me through this so I never would have to do it again. But God's response to our prayer is not always what we anticipate. In a way, I found myself coming to my senses, led, I am certain, by the Spirit. Instead of wallowing in my complaintive, pitying agony, would it not be better to make the most of the situation, even look upon it as a challenge? Rather than run away, why not look upon each hill as a new opportunity to grow.

Though my legs still hurt and the hills did not shrink, I discovered that the pleasure was worth the effort. Since that time, bicycling has become a source of blessing in my life and I have continued to travel with groups of young people, because God would not let me give up but pushed me, maybe even pulled me on.

Compared with the difficulty of climbing hills on a bicycle, some of the problems and crisis situations we face in life seem more like mountains that can never be crossed. We want to run away from them, hide away in a closet some place and pray that they will go away so that we won't have to deal with them.

No one goes through life without having to deal with some of these difficulties — illness, loss of work, family tensions, economic woes. Struggling with



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For information and registration call Barbara Goodrich, 439-5917, or Dorothy Cartwright, 434-2050.

A few years ago, a friend called and asked if I would be willing to lead a bicycle camp for young people. Although I had not been on a bicycle for a long time, I found myself drawn into saying yes. Here was an opportunity for a very special kind of ministry — and besides, it might do me some good to get some extra exercise. Thus it was that I found myself buying a bike and heading off to tour Vermont with a small group of teenagers.

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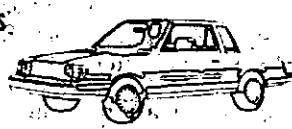
Actually, I was very proud of myself for undertaking this new endeavor. Nor did I think it was going to be terribly hard to ride close to 200 miles in five days. Everything went well — until I looked up as I was riding and saw the road was beginning to climb. Not only that, but it continued to climb. For the first time I was confronted with the reality of this project in contrast to the rosy picture I had painted for myself. Bicycling was not going to be easy; sometimes there were hills that needed to be climbed.

For a short while after that, every hill I came to was a threat to me. "Oh no, not

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Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

Concerned Parents of Bethlehem meeting at 7:15, Bethlehem Town Hall, Room 106. For information, 445-7888.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Last Summer Movie, "The Guns of Navarone," 2 p.m., Voorheesville Public Library, free.

Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals on application of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Bruno for a variance to permit construction of an addition at premises, 1342 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, Ross's Ice Cream Stand, 8 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

New Scotland Elks Lodge 2611 meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Happy's Coach House, New Salem, 8 p.m.

Delmar Fire District regular meeting second and fourth Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Last Summer Story Hour for preschool kids, 10:30 a.m., Voorheesville Public Library.

Career and Educational Advisement, 2-5 p.m. by appointment only, Bethlehem Public Library, free.

Summer Reading Club Party, grades K-3, 1 p.m., Voorheesville Public Library.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Summer Reading Club Party, grades 4-6, 1 p.m., Voorheesville Public Library.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Career and Educational Advisement, 2-5 p.m. by appointment only, Bethlehem Public Library, free.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

Preschool Arts and Crafts Week at Bethlehem Preschool, Rt. 9W, Glenmont.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

Babysitting Workshop, 10 a.m.-noon, open to children entering 6th grade or older, Bethlehem Public Library.

Summer Movie, "The War Between the Men and the Women," Bethlehem Public Library at 7 p.m., free.

Town of Bethlehem, Town Board, second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m.; Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays

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.

Town of New Scotland Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m.; Planning Board, second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., town hall, Rt. 85.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-noon. Call 439-2238

Elsmere Boy Scout Troop 58, Thursdays throughout school year, 7:30-9 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

Welcome Wagon, newcomers or mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Mon.-Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Preschool Story Hour, for children ages 3-5, Mondays and Tuesdays, 10, 11 or 1-1:30, Bethlehem Public Library.

Project Equinox Delmar satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contacts confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

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.

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

Tri-Village FISH, 24-hour-a-day voluntary service year round, offered by residents of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands to help their neighbors in any emergency, 439-3578.

Bethlehem Recycling town garage, 119 Adams St. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles cleaned with metal and plastic foam removed. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. - noon; Thursday and Friday, noon - 4 p.m. Saturday 8 - noon.

Food Pantry, Selkirk and South, Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-9140 (after 5 p.m.)

Voter Registration: You may vote in New York State if you are 18 on or before the election, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, city or village for 30 days preceding the election, and registered with the county Board of Elections. Mail registration forms can be obtained at town and village halls, from political parties, from the League of Women Voters and from boards of election. The completed form must be received by your Board of Elections by the first Monday in October. Information, Albany County Board of Elections, 445-7591.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m., third Wednesdays.

Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesday, Selkirk Firehouse No. 2, Glenmont Rd., 8 p.m.

Free Summer Film, "Where the Red Fern Grows," for older adolescents and children, Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m.

Republican Outing and Steak Roast, sponsored by Bethlehem Republican Committee, Picard's Grove, New Salem, 1 p.m. festivities with 6 p.m. meal.

Evening on the Green, featuring musical performance by Catskill Brass Quintet, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Free.

Handicap Awareness Workshop for children ages 10-13, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Call children's room to register.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

Summer Reading Club meeting for K-3rd grades, 3:30 p.m., Voorheesville Public Library.

Lions Picnic, Bethlehem and Sunshine senior citizens members, Elm Ave. Park.

River Cruise from Waterford dock, Senior Citizens Club, meet at Town Hall.

New Scotland Town Civic Assn., fourth Thursday each month, Rm. 104, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m. Discussion of pertinent town issues. All residents welcome.

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.

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Farmer's Market, fresh produce and crafts, St. Thomas the Apostle Church parking lot, Delaware Ave., 9-1 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.

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.

THEATRE

"When Angels Fall" (drama by Lanford Wilson presented by Circle Repertory, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Aug. 18-28 except Tuesdays, 8:15 p.m., Saturday matinee 2 p.m. Box office 567-3330.

"The Palace of Amateurs" (workshop production of John Fero Piroman's comedy), Unicorn Theater, Berkshire Theatre Festival, Stockbridge, Mass., Aug. 18-28, Tuesday-Friday 8:30 p.m., Thursday matinee 2 p.m., Saturday 5 and 9 p.m., Sunday 5:30 p.m. Reservations, Ticketron and Charge It (800-223-0120).

"Melody of a Glittering Parrot" (play by Tom Egan presented by The Other State of Williamstown Theater Festival), Nott Memorial Hall, Union College, Schenectady, Aug. 20, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

"You Never Can Tell" (comedy by G.B. Shaw), Woodstock Playhouse, through Aug. 22, Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 p.m., Sunday 2 and 7 p.m., Thursday matinee 2 p.m. Reservations (914) 679-2436.

MUSIC

"Gianni Schicchi" and "I Pagliacci" (two operas for the price of one at Lake George Opera Festival), Queensbury Auditorium, Glens Falls, Aug. 18 and 20, 8:15 p.m., Aug. 21, 2:15 p.m. Box office, 793-6642.

Summer Community Band (Mozart to Sousa), Maureen Stapleton Theater, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Geoff Bartley (Child to Chuck Berry), Eighth Step Coffee House, 14 Willett St., Albany, Aug. 20, 8:45 p.m.

"A Night and a Day in Old Vienna" (all-star cast in favorite moments from "The Merry Widow" and "The Desert Song"), Pine Orchard Artist Festival, Palenville, Aug. 21, 8 p.m., Aug. 22, 4 p.m.

"Jamming at the Plaza" (Ann Harris Trio and Sophisticated Jazz), Empire State Plaza, Albany, Aug. 22, 6:30 p.m.

DANCE

Metropolitan Opera Ballet with premiere of Donald Mahler's "Cinderella," plus other works, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Lee, Mass., Aug. 18-21, 8:30 p.m., Saturday matinee 2 p.m. Box office (413) 243-0745.

Vanaver Caravan, Woodstock Playhouse Dance Festival, Aug. 23, 8:30 p.m.

ART

Agricultural New York (implements and artifacts from 250 years of farming in the state), State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany.

"The Rebounding Surface" (19 contemporary works incorporating mirrors and mirror reflections), Blum Art Institute, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, through Sept. 24, Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 1-5 p.m.

Painter Lillian Hynes, Learning Resource Center, Hudson Valley Community Center, Troy, through Sept. 30.

The Hudson River 1850-1918: A Photographic Portrait, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Aug. 22.

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Altamont a family affair

Two cultural mainstays which go back before the turn of the century, the Altamont Fair and square dancing, will join today at 7 p.m. in the fair's Circus Museum.

Square dance clubs will be admitted free, according to fair officials, if they are in bona fide square dance attire and have badges signifying their memberships. The Grange will donate a trophy to the club with the largest number of dancers in attendance.

This 89th annual edition of the Altamont Fair runs through Saturday, and features the theme, "A Family A-Fair." The Hayes House Victorian Museum has built its show around family celebrations, one room having an old-time Christmas celebration, another set up for Thanksgiving, and the kitchen prepared for an old-fashioned Fourth of July picnic.

Other featured exhibits at the fair are the Antique Auto Museum, where a variety of vintage automobiles from 1917 (a Hudson) to the early '50s — including a rare "Vim" — will be on display; and the 1890 Carriage House, featuring a different village and buggies from previous years. Circus wagons, an elephant ring and life-sized animated gorillas, fat ladies and clowns will highlight the Clown Museum.



The clowns of the Royal Hanneford Circus are only one of the many attractions appearing at the 89th Annual Altamont Fair.

A recorder concert will headline the musical fare at the fair Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m., while piano recitals are scheduled for various times during the week.

'Clown Around' rewards

Children in Delmar who have participated in the "Clown Around" summer reading club at the Bethlehem Public Library have been awarded certificates. If your child was unable to attend our party, certificates will be held for distribution in the children's room until Sept. 10.



The Catskill Brass Quintet will be the featured artists at today's (Wednesday's) Evening on the Green program at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. The group's appearance marks the end of the season for the program.

Area Events & Occasions

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

Summer Movie, "Heaven Can Wait," Albany Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

An Evening with Al Cavalleri, dance to music of the forties and fifties, outdoor stage of Empire State Plaza, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Altamont Fair continues, featuring games, rides, piano and recorder concerts, circus, antique auto museum.

Square Dancing at the Altamont Fair, 7 p.m. Free for those wearing bona fides badges and dance attire.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

Information Session, Public Affairs Center and the Capital District Unit of Empire State College, State University of New York, 4 p.m. in Room 200, Environmental Conservation Building, 50 Wolf Rd., Colonie.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Family Film, "The Adventures of Sinbad," 1 p.m., Albany Public Library, free.

Rain or Shine Book Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in front of the library or, in event of rain, in the large auditorium, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave.

Albany Symphony Auditions for Chamber Orchestra, applications must be received by Aug. 20. Call or write Symphony office, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12207, 465-4755.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Craft Fair, Rt. 10, four miles south of Richmondville exit of I-88. Rain or shine.

Roast Beef Dinner, from 4:30 p.m., Thompson's Lake Reformed Church, Rts. 157 and 157A, East Berne.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Hudson Valley Poodle Show, Konig's, Catskill, noon. For information and directions, call 797-3010.

Bagpipe March, finale of International Celtic Festival at Hunter Mountain.

College at New Paltz alumni brunch, Turf Inn, Colonie, 11 a.m. Reservations can be made through the Office of Alumni Relations, State College at New Paltz, 12561.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

V.A. Medical Center Retirees meeting, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

"Christmas in August" Fashion Show, Turf Inn, 5:30-7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 783-9363.

"Murder at Cherry Hill" publication party at Historic Cherry Hill, 523 S. Pearl St., Albany (\$15 per person, \$25 a couple). Tickets by mail or at the door.

Japanese Flower Arranging, 12:15 p.m., Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany.

Summer Movie, "Butterflies Are Free," Albany Public Library, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Russell Sage Evening Registration, Aug. 25, 26, 30, 31 and Sept. 1, noon-6 p.m. Troy and Albany campuses of Russell Sage. Listing of courses, call 445-1717.

Irish Festival, with music, dance and Irish food, Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon-9 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Irish Festival, see Aug. 25.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Antique Auction to benefit restoration of Great Stone Barn. Preview 9 a.m.-noon, auction at noon. Mount Lebanon Shaker Settlement, Rt. 20, New Lebanon.

29th Annual Field Day and Picnic sponsored by Railroad Pensioners Club, Cool Park, Colonie, noon.

Musical variety

The musical program for the Wednesday, Aug. 18 "Evening on the Green" performance will be a varied one when the Catskill Brass Quintet takes center stage at the Bethlehem Public Library. The free show will feature music ranging from the 13th Century to present pop and

jazz tunes. Sponsored by the New York State Council on the Arts, the Quintet closes the "Evening on the Green" 1982 summer schedule.

Members of the group are Ben Aldridge and Carleton Clay, trumpet; Julia Hasbrouck Clay, horn; Charles England, tuba; and Donald Robertson, trombone.

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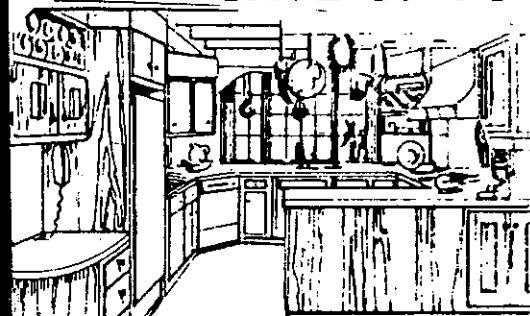
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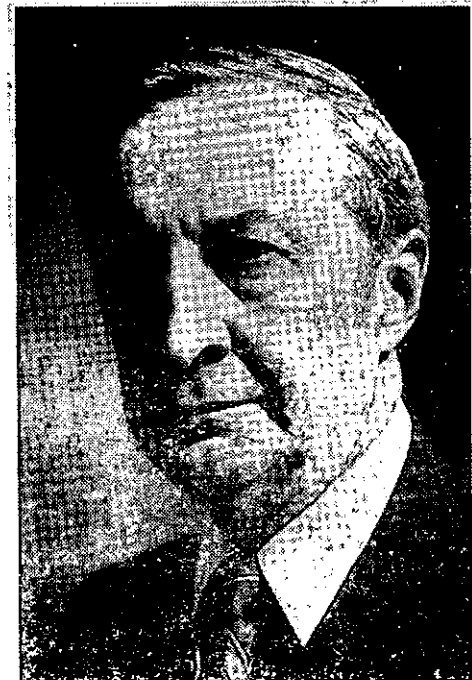
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Last week brought the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Key Bank in Elsmere. On hand Friday to celebrate the occasion were (left to right) Sergio Amitrano, administrative vice president of Key Bank N.A., branch manager Joan Whiting and Richard Haverly, regional vice president, as well as numerous town officials, including Supervisor Tom Corrigan (holding paper).



Rudolph Toffenetti

New job created

Jardine Ter Bush & Powell Inc. of Schenectady has announced the appointment of Rudolph F. Toffenetti to the position of vice president. He will be responsible for the management of the newly established Large Risk Department.

Spotlight
Toffenetti, who attended Loyola University, joined Jardine Ter Bush & Powell in 1970 and subsequently was named manager of the Commercial Property and Multi-Peril Department.

He, his wife Gloria and two of his six children live in Delmar, where he has been active in managing the well-known Delmar Blue Jays semi-pro baseball team since 1978.

Assumes Bar post

Bernard F. Ashe of Delmar, Albany general counsel for the New York State United Teachers, has assumed chairmanship of the American Bar Association's Section on Labor and Employment Law. He has served during the past year as chairman-elect of the 12,000-member section, one of the larger components in the 280,000-member ABA.

As chairman of the Section of Labor and Employment Law, Ashe will preside over development of policy recommendations for consideration by the entire association and over sponsorship of educational programs, publications, and other material. The section includes lawyers representing labor and management and focuses on issues affecting labor relations.

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Heads telephone Pioneers

Charles W. Reeves of Delmar has been named a special assistant to the president of New York Telephone for Pioneer matters.

The Telephone Pioneers of America, founded in 1911, is the world's largest industrial volunteer organization, with 540,000 members in the United States and Canada.

New York Telephone President Delbert C. Staley is senior vice president of the national organization and next year, in addition to his company responsibilities, will become president of the Pioneers.

The organization has 57,600 members in New York State and 3,162 here in the Capital District.

Pioneers have long been active in volunteer work, and members in New York State in the past year alone completed a half-million hours of community service and environmental preservation projects. Their work includes assistance to the blind and disabled. The Pioneers, for example, invented and developed beeping balls and bases that enable the blind to play "beep" baseball.

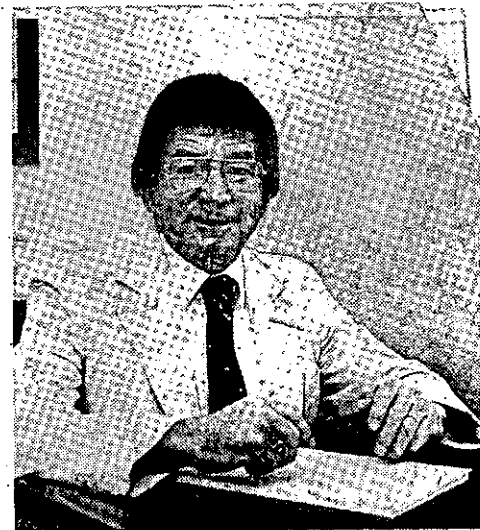
Reeves, a general manager for New York Telephone, will continue to live in Delmar. He has been a Telephone Pioneer for 12 years and is a former vice president of the organization's Region 11 in charge of members' activities throughout New York State. A graduate of Hamilton College, he began his telephone career in 1949. He is a director and member of the executive committee of Blue Cross of Northeastern New York and the Albany Chapter of the Red Cross.

Bowling club outing

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens' Bowling Club has planned an outing at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the town's Henry Hudson Park. Those who wish to attend should meet at the park, which is located on the banks of the Hudson River just off Route 144.

Participants should bring their own lunches. Those who wish to organize their own softball game are invited to do so and to use the park's softball field. For information, contact Ann Reardon, 439-2454.

In case of rain, the event will be cancelled.



Charles Reeves

Earns vacation

John W. Weidman of Glenmont was recently named Outstanding Sales Representative by Burns International Security, Inc.

For his achievements, Weidman will enjoy an all-inclusive vacation for two to Bermuda.

A Sociology major at Brockport State University, Weidman graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1973 and joined Burns in March of this year.

High speed chase

Albany County sheriff's deputies, with an assist from Bethlehem police, ran down a Voorheesville motorcycle driver who tried to give them the slip on Rt. 85A outside Voorheesville.

Darren F. Rivenburg, 18, of 2 Maple Ave., faces a felony charge of reckless endangerment and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest, endangering the welfare of a child (his 15-year-old female passenger), possession of a controlled substance and numerous traffic charges, according to Deputy Robert Hensel. He was remanded to Albany County Jail without bail by New Scotland Town Justice Kenneth Connolly.

According to Hensel, Rivenburg was observed on Rt. 85A driving at a high speed Thursday evening. As the motorcycle sped onto the Delaware Tpke., deputies radioed Bethlehem police, who set up a road block. He was finally cornered on Brockley Dr. by Hensel, assisted by Det. John Cox of Bethlehem.

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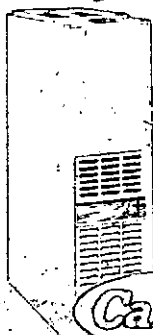
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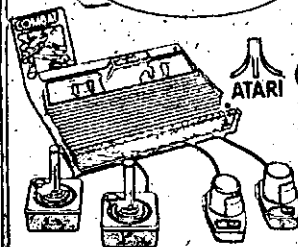
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All Around The Garden
Albany County Cooperative Extension

The sweet corn you grow in your garden will be a lot tastier if you pick it at the right time, and use it promptly after picking. The best time to pick it usually is about three weeks after the first silk appears. This is what to look for in deciding when to pick your corn:

1. Dry silks indicate corn is nearing maturity. Feel the ears to make sure they are full, including the tips. Then pull the husk back and peek inside. Kernels should be plump and golden in color. Whiteness indicates immaturity, unless you have planted a white variety.

2. Puncture several kernels with your fingernail. If the substance that leaks out is milky, the corn is mature; if it is watery, the corn is too young and will lack flavor. A doughy substance indicates the corn already has passed its peak.

After harvesting, place the corn in a cool place. But remember, corn always tastes better if you eat it immediately after picking.

As the growing season and outdoor activity peaks, so does exposure to poison ivy. This unpopular plant can be found almost anywhere, along roadsides and pathways, among hedges and shrubbery, hidden among other vines, or growing on tree trunks and utility poles. It is equally at home in a dry thicket or in a low moist woodland, in open grassland or shady places.

This common and widespread native American weed can be identified during the growing season by its alternate leaves, each with three leaflets. The new leaves in spring are often reddish in color; in the summer they are usually a bright green. Their fall color ranges from soft yellow to brilliant scarlet. The cream or white colored berries, when they are produced, are most noticeable after the leaves have fallen.

The poisonous principle in poison ivy is a sticky resinous substance known as urushiol and it is found in all parts of the plant at all times of the year. The greatest danger of poisoning is in spring and summer when the leaves and stems are easily bruised or broken through direct contact. But poisoning can happen in fall and winter as well, from contact with the leafless stems and roots of dormant or dead plants, or even plant parts sometimes found in peat moss.

Indirect contact with poison ivy can come about from handling clothing contaminated with the poison. Cats and dogs can come in contact with the plants and carry the poison to unsuspecting persons.

The smoke from burning poison ivy is especially dangerous.

There are even cases known of poisoning from eating the berries or chewing on the leaves of poison ivy.

In any case, poisoning occurs only when some part of the body comes in contact with the poisonous substance in poison ivy, directly or indirectly.

Symptoms of poisoning often appear where the skin is thin - between the fingers, on the neck and eyelids and on under-surfaces of the arms. Itching and burning are usually the first symptoms, developing in a few hours or even after several days. A rash may follow that often develops into watery blisters.

The best way to prevent poisoning is to avoid the plant. Learn to recognize it and leave it alone! If you must work where poison ivy is present, wear protective clothing, remove it carefully and wash it thoroughly before wearing it again. Decontaminate tools by washing them several times in strong soap and water.

If you think you have come in contact with poison ivy, wash the exposed area with strong soap and water thoroughly several times. Do this as soon after contact as possible.

Beth Bergeron

Young citizens

Several Bethlehem Central High School juniors and seniors were recently honored for their good citizenship and community spirit. Honored recipients of awards for these qualities were Sandra Thomason, the Anne Gibson Elbow Memorial Award; Laura Briggs and Matthew LaBarge, the Blanchard Post American Legion Award; James Ross, the American Legion Boys' State Representative; Gary Albright and Lori Guynup, the Bethlehem Tri-Village American Association of Retired Persons Award; Thomas Shaw, the Elmira College Key Award; and Marietta Angelotti and Pamela Hodges, the Gladys E. Newell Honor Society Scholarship Award.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Owen Michael, to Martha and Mike Smith, Delmar, June 16.

Girl, Dyrin Patrice, to Linda and Charles Dougherty, Feura Bush, July 21.

Girl, Amber Danielle, to Sharlene and Daniel Ryan, Glenmont, July 22.

Boy, Daniel Orin, to Robin and Lee Dunnells, Clarksville, July 26.

Girl, Caitlin Mary, to Sue and Joseph H. Stehr, Slingerlands, July 30.

Boy, Andrew James, to Sandra and James E. Gawinski, Voorheesville, Aug. 2.

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Children and young instructors in the town's tiny tot swim program do their one-on-one training in the Elm Ave. Park pool last week.

Spotlight

Young water rats swim for red stars

By Linda Burtis

Near the end of her first session, the four-year-old hadn't even made it into the pool. With her shy temperament and her apprehension about the water, it seemed that the young instructors at Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park pool might have a problem student on their hands.

The teenage instructor patiently rode out all those feelings with the girl, and then came up with the right verbal magic: "You can have five red stars if you walk to the rope with me." A few moments later one happy, wet pre-schooler climbed out of the pool, running off to get her stars.

Willie Sanchez is doing the crawl this year. Last year the handsome five-year-old was so fearful of the pool he was a sandbox hangout. Willie earned his first red stars simply by leaving the sandbox area to sit by the side of the pool. His tiny, incremental successes culminated in his ability to swim one year later.

Unusual success stories? Not at all. Would you believe that a program that costs Bethlehem taxpayers almost nothing, educates nearly 1,000 children yearly — with a 99 percent success rate — and provides jobs for Bethlehem teenagers never stops to blow its own horn.

The town summer swim program is

actually three distinct programs under one umbrella — learn-to-swim, diving and tiny tot swim. The learn-to-swim program is conducted in small groups, with offerings from beginning swimmer on up to advanced. The extent of the skills taught is considerable. One critical technique — one that goes a long way toward reducing parent nightmares — is survival float.

Springboard diving is taught to those children able to dive off a board and swim at least 20 yards. Classes are kept small and range from beginner to advanced.

Tiny tot swim, responsible for those red stars and remarkable success stories, is the foundation of the entire program. The basis of the program is one-to-one instruction; for 30 tiny tots there are 30 trained instructors, and having the same instructor for 10 continuous sessions offers instructor and child the opportunity to build a rapport that breeds its own success. The results are obvious.

The idea for Bethlehem's swim program emerged from a Boy Scout project by Roger Bone and has grown to 36 classes for youngsters between the ages of 4 and 14 years. Jack Wipple, supervisor of town aquatic programs, exerts a strong, guiding hand, particularly evi-

dent in the individualized instruction approach.

But a format as extraordinary as this one needs a personality stamp, which this program has in the person of Swimming Supervisor Fran FitzPatrick. In addition to her training in physical education, she brings 10 years experience teaching severely handicapped children. Fran applies all the tools of that trade, namely individualized instruction and goal flexibility. The start of each tiny tot session finds Fran gathering her young participants into a circle for a sort of dialogue pep talk. From their responses and behaviour — "I know the one person I'm allowed to splash; my teacher!" — it's obvious that she is a person who knows and enjoys children. She is clearly a high powered teacher with a very soft touch.

Tiny tot classes run for 30 minutes. There are no "snow days." Swimming movies are shown when rain prohibits getting into the pool.

Fran's goal is not to scout for future Delmar Dolphins or produce budding Olympic-quality swimmers. Rather, her expectations range from wanting to "have a child feel comfortable in a few inches of water on up to real swimming."

That means that every child can leave every session feeling successful.

Because the children are so young, that feeling is assured through concrete evidence — the famous red stars. During one recent session it was quite chilly and one youngster couldn't face the pool's cold water. Uh-oh, no red star, right? Wrong. Simply fill a plastic bowl with water, practice blowing bubbles or putting your nose in, and another potential swimmer is off and learning!

A spin-off from this teaching style is the concept of competing with oneself rather than others. Most parents are all too familiar with the frustration their children feel after a performance in which their only thought is: "how well did I stack up against my friends?" In tiny tot swim, the children are happily absorbed with the tasks given by their instructors and appear to take little notice of their peers. The result is a poolfull of 4 year olds, some sitting on the steps simply picking up rings, others splashing about with a kickboard, a few actually swimming. Each child is obviously pleased with what they are doing, despite the range of skills around them.

One father described the enthusiastic dinner-table conversations as his son

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galed him with the day's successes.

A mother whose child has learning disabilities spoke highly of tiny tot swim's ability to integrate her son smoothly. Parent and grandparent involvement peaked on the last day of the session; Polaroids and movie cameras were packed, 30 nimble water rats frolicked for the family album.

However, a lack of structured parent involvement appears to be a shortcoming. Fran FitzPatrick and her assistants are full of tips for introducing children to water. Parents would likely be keen to attend a lecture or receive specific guidelines for developing their child's swimming skills. A dialogue between parents and staff would expose parents to the teaching philosophy, as well as encourage carry-over both between the sessions and when the sessions are completed.

Tiny tot swim is entirely self-supporting. The fee for each child is \$17. The learn to swim part of the program is supported by a combination of federal and local monies. And plans are to continue offering town youngsters these swimming sessions. One thousand soggy, smiling, sometimes shivering children would tolerate nothing else.

Babe Ruth averages

Although only able to boast the fourth highest team batting average in the five-team Bethlehem Babe Ruth Baseball League at .262, the Blue Cross-Blue Shield squad walked away the undisputed regular season winner with an 11-5 record.

Topping the team batting averages at season's end was the National Savings Bank squad, whose .330 average merited Major League material. Led by Jim Dering, the Savings Bank batters were effective 131 times in 397 official at-bats.

In second place was Main Care Heating with a .285 average, followed by Skippy's Music with .266, Blue Cross-Blue Shield with .262, and General Electric's basement .221.

Many big league scouts would more than blink twice at the .274 league average, with the young players reaching base 521 times in 1,898 official chances.

St. Thomas wins again

St. Thomas weathered a 10-run, third-inning outburst by rival Glenmont and came back Thursday for a 12-11 win to capture its second straight Church Softball playoff championship.

Nautical bandits

Thieves snuck onto a sailboat moored on the Hudson River off Sinne Rd. in Selkirk and stole a rope and sails worth an estimated \$387, according to Bethlehem police. The boat's mast was also damaged.

Spotlight SPORTS

Winners bypassed

Several local swimmers were inadvertently omitted from last week's Spotlight account of the Adirondack Long-Course and Age-Group swimming championships at Delmar's Elm Ave. Park pool Aug. 6-8.

Susan Mallery of Delmar, swimming for the Albany Starfish team, won the 13-14 girls' 100-yard butterfly and, swimming "up" one level, captured the senior girls' 200-yard fly. Her times were 1:11.75 and 2:38.42 respectively.

Dirk Applegate, Voorheesville star, was a triple winner, taking the 100, 200 and 400 freestyle crowns. Swimming for the Albany Starfish team, he was clocked in 57.27 in the sprint, 2:08.97 in the 200 and 4:40.77 in the 400.

Two of his teammates on last season's combined Voorheesville-Guilderland scholastic swim team also won their events from competitors over a wide area of the state. Chris Martin of Voorheesville captured the 200-yard backstroke in 2:30.25, and Andy Renshaw of Guilderland took the 100 backstroke in 1:06.69 and the 100 fly in 59.74.

All three competed for the Starfish, overall winner of the group team championship and the boys' division title.

Concerned parents

Concerned Parents of Bethlehem, a recently formed organization, will hold its next meeting Tues., Aug. 24, at 7:15 p.m. in room 106 of the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Substance abuse, alcohol, marijuana, and responsibility will be the topics discussed. Marilyn Blum, assistant director of the Albany County Prevention, Education and Treatment Program for Youthful Substance Abuse will conduct the program with parent participation.

Parents who have not yet become involved are encouraged to attend. Call Nancy Haller at 445-7888 for information.

Dies in crash

A motorcycle accident on Rt. 85A north of New Salem Tuesday morning left Curtis Guba, 23, of Albany, dead in a cornfield, according to Albany County sheriff's deputies. Deputies said Guba's motorcycle went off the road, struck a telephone guide wire and he was thrown about 20 feet into the field.

Young and old score at Games

Jeff Clark outwrestled the flu. Janet Shaffer swam her reputation to a near standstill and some relative old-timers "mastered" much of their competition to highlight local finishers in last weekend's Empire State Games in Syracuse.

Clark, the Voorheesville High School star, won a first-place gold medal in the 123-pound division of scholastic greco-roman wrestling. Despite feeling under the weather, Clark remained over his opponent enough to grab a 7-5 decision in the final.

Miss Shaffer, a former Open 100-meter freestyle Empire Games champion, was nearly as spectacular this time, despite less pool time this summer, coming in 1.09 seconds behind winner Alicia Dugan of Pittsford for a silver medal in the time of 1 minute, 2.31 seconds. She matched that performance in the Open 50-meter freestyle swim, coming in second again in the time of 28.24 seconds, behind Syracuse's Connie Snedeker's 27.89.

The area's best performance in track and field was turned in by Kurt Boluch of Delmar, who shone in his heats in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles to qualify for the finals, where he finished a solid sixth.

The Masters Division in swimming was new this year to the five-year-old

Games, and did not count in the team scores, but there was no shortage of deserved pride in four local swimmers' individual performances. John Mackenzie of Delmar came away with four medals in two days of swimming, winning gold in the 200-meter individual medley and 400-meter freestyle and taking silvery seconds in the 100-meter breaststroke and 1500-meter freestyle, all in the 55-59 year-old division.

Bill Shaffer, in that same age group, earned certificates for his seconds in the 50 and 200-meter freestyles and for fourth in the 100-meter freestyle.

MaryLou Schulz swam unopposed in the 40-44 year-old division for women, but earned four golds by eclipsing Games' time standards in the 50, 100, 400 and 1500-meter freestyles. She also earned a certificate of merit for her first in the 50-meter butterfly.

Linda Salsberg found the 35-39 age bracket more competitive, but still earned three medals, a silver in the 100-meter breaststroke, and two bronzes (thirds) in the 50 and 100-meter freestyles.

Of other local note was scholastic boys' division swimmer Matt Holland, who made the finals, and finished sixth, in the 200-meter intermediate medley.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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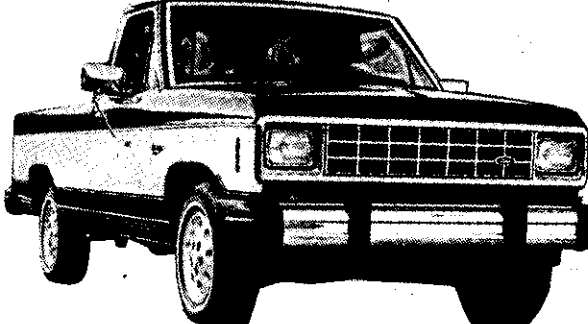
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Even the most grizzled of Capitol watchers in Albany, scarred and bloodied from many scenes of legislative legerdemain and political plundering in state government over the years, are shocked at the disclosure this month of the Cunningham Caper.

Seldom in recent years has a political ploy, even the blatant ones that surface periodically, left such a bad taste or been so widely condemned by private citizens. As a topic of conversation in neighborly gatherings, backyard cookouts, lunch conversations on Delaware Ave. and casual encounters at the postoffice or drugstore, the Cunningham gambit rates No. 1.

You recall the story . . . and there are certain to be followups: the revelation that an overpaid political lackey in the Carey Administration has been granted a one-year leave of absence to monitor a Harvard University program offering career training for state employees.

That in itself would hardly be newsworthy. The outrage here comes from two sources: one, the year's leave is being granted with full pay (\$47,600) as well as the state picking up the tab for the \$7,500 tuition, and, two, the fact that the beneficiary, one William T. Cunningham, is a political train-bearer for the governor with no visible professional contribution to any state agency or function.

The Albany Times-Union broke the story in its Aug. 2 edition, identifying Cunningham as a "political activist." The Times-Union played it straight, stating that Cunningham had participated in Carey's two gubernatorial campaigns, and had been appointed last month to the state Dept. of Transportation as a deputy commissioner. The paper also said that Cunningham had admitted he had no background in the transportation field.

The story attributed the ploy to the Office of Employee Relations, a unit of the Executive Dept. headed by Meyer S. Frucher.

The implications are nauseating to taxpayers, even those reasonably immune to political philanthropy in state officialdom as practiced by Nelson Rockefeller and continued by Hugh Carey. The shock element in the Cunningham horror is its blatant insult to hard-working citizens,

giving a lush administrative appointment to a campaign worker totally unqualified for the job, and then shipping him off to a campus vacation-with-pay without any plan or basis for putting that learning experience to gainful use for the benefit of the state administration or the taxpayers.

The whole thing would be amusing if it weren't so nauseating. The appointment gives the public an unintended glimpse into the inner conspiracies of the administration: witness the ludicrous confession of Cunningham that he had no background for the job, an admission apparently made to a newsman while the state PR man assigned to protect the ploy was out of earshot. Then you have the ridiculous spectacle of a reward to a political houseboy for campaign fidelity that will carry over to a new administration, perhaps even a Republican one.

The gambit has offended more than beleaguered taxpayers. The Organization of New York State Management/Confidential Employees, which reportedly represents some 3,000 of the 10,000 non-unionized management-level state employees, has filed a protest with Frucher's office, urging the director to revoke the Cunningham giveaway and others made under the "education" program.

But in these days of inflated digits, who cares about the numbers—\$47,000 salary, plus another \$14,000 in pension, Social Security, health insurance, etc., apart from the tuition and other fees?

Taxpayers do get one break, however. Nothing has been said in the papers on the matter of per diem—expenses paid state employees for lodging, meals, car mileage and other travel expenses while on state business. A spokesman at the Office of Employee Relations told the Spotlight that the state "has no intention" of paying per diem to Cunningham while he is on his boondoggle.

Presumably he will have to drive to his classes in his own car, pay for his own gas, meals and room, and even pay his own tolls on the Mass Pike when he comes home weekends.

For that matter, Cunningham presumably can go to as many or as few classes as he wishes, and do as much or as little assigned homework as he pleases. The program requires him to make himself available for employment to the state after completing the course, but the state is not obligated to give him a job when he gets back.

Let's hope the people who manage the state's affairs make better investments than this, at least most of the time.

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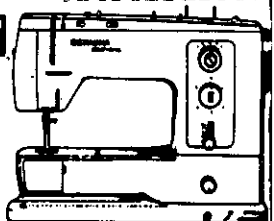


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Couple to live upstate

Linda Jean Whitman of Saranac Lake and James T. Engleman, Jr. of Plattsburgh were married July 24 in St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Engleman of Delmar.

Maid of honor was Nanette Gokey of Saranac Lake. The bridesmaids were Mary Whitman and Donna Littel of Rhode Island and Diane Medford and Donna Engleman, sisters of the groom.

The best man was Richard Herrmann. The ushers were David Whitman, brother of the bride, George Medford and Edward and Robert Engleman, brothers of the groom.

The bride, a graduate of the Rochester Dental Assistants School, is employed at the Federal Correctional Institution at Ray Brook. The groom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and State University College at Plattsburgh, is a customs inspector at Champlain.

Following a honeymoon in the Pocos, the couple will live in Plattsburgh.

Elaine Kansas married

Elaine Marion Kansas, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Peter G. Kansas of 101 Murray Ave., Delmar, and Michael John Falangus, son of Athan T. Falangus of Seattle, Wash., and the late Mrs. Helen Derezes Falangus, were married July 25 at the St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church in Albany. Stephen P. Natsis officiated.

Maria Nicole Kansas, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Cindy Seay, Deborah Ashton and Allison Doran, with Nicole Kansas, cousin of the bride, serving as junior bridesmaid. Ellie Tramountanas was the flower girl. Best man was Emmanuel Tramountanas, brother-in-law of the

groom, and ushers were George Peter Kansas, brother of the bride, Paul Dremousis serving as junior usher and George Kansas, the bride's cousin, as ring bearer. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hartwick College in Oneonta, where she received a BS in nursing. She is currently a registered nurse in Seattle. The groom is a graduate of Queen Anne High School, the University of Washington, where he received a BA in anthropology, and the University of Nevada at Reno, where he received a Master's in anthropology. He is employed as a computer programmer analyst at Boeing Computer Services in Seattle.

After a reception at the Albany Country Club, the couple left for a honeymoon in Aruba.

Consumer booklet out

A directory of more than 1,100 agencies and organizations that provide consumer information and services across New York State has just been issued jointly by the state Consumer Protection Board, the Attorney General's office and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Consumer agencies are listed county-by-county; phone numbers including toll free numbers and hot lines are provided. The reference book, the first of its type in New York State, also lists the addresses and telephone numbers for professional associations such as the State Bar Association and the Medical Society.

Write for copies to: Directory, New York State Consumer Protection Board, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, 12210, or the local county Cooperative Extension office.

Deborah Thorne married

Deborah Cornell Thorne, daughter of Mrs. Clifton C. Thorne, 65 Darroch Rd., Delmar, and the late Dr. Clifton C. Thorne, was married July 31 to Michael Anthony Mazzone, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Mazzone, Gloversville.

The candlelight ceremony was performed by Rev. Leon M. Adkins, Jr., at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar. He was assisted by Rev. William Gorman of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar and Rev. Michael W.

Fufferd of Albany, cousin of the bridegroom.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Evan Cornell Thorne of Delmar.

Cindy Cornell Thorne of Binghamton was maid of honor for her sister and Thomas F. Campion of Madison, N.J. served as best man. Ushers were Klemens A. Funke and Alan H. Lazarus, both of Gloversville.

A reception followed at the Fort Orange Club in Albany.

The bride, public affairs administrator for Continental Telecom Inc.'s New York Division headquartered in Johnstown, received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University of New York at Albany. Her father was president of Blue Cross of Northeastern New York.

Mr. Mazzone, an attorney in Gloversville, is a graduate of Colgate University and Cornell Law School. He is a former city attorney and city court judge in Gloversville. He is executive director of the Fulton County Tanners Association and president of the Fulton County Bar Association.

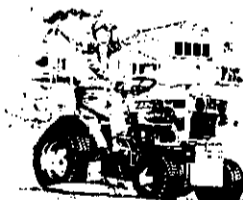
Kenneth Green married

Kenneth D. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Green of Delmar, was married recently to Anne M. Pickering of Fort Wayne, Ind. Tom and Betsy Green of Delmar were among the attendants at the wedding in Fort Wayne.

The bride is a recent graduate of Ball State University, Muncie, Ind., where the groom is a student.

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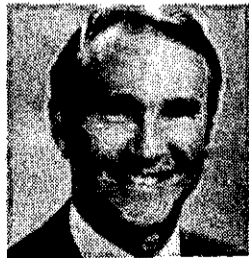
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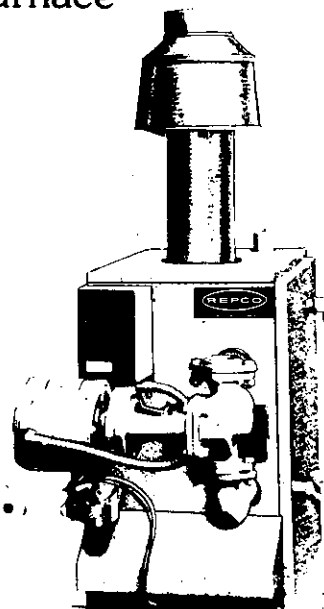
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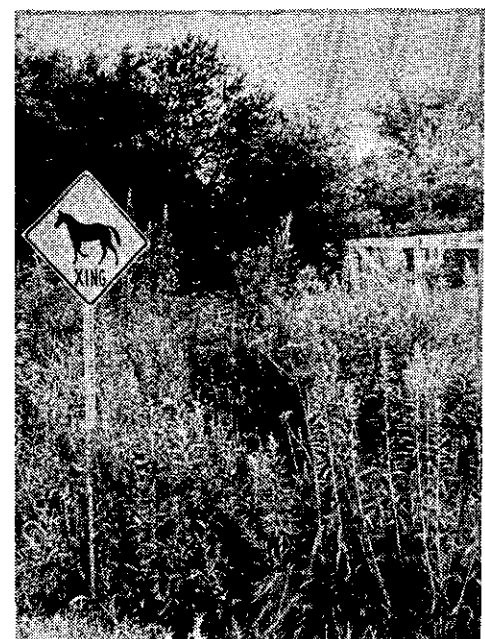
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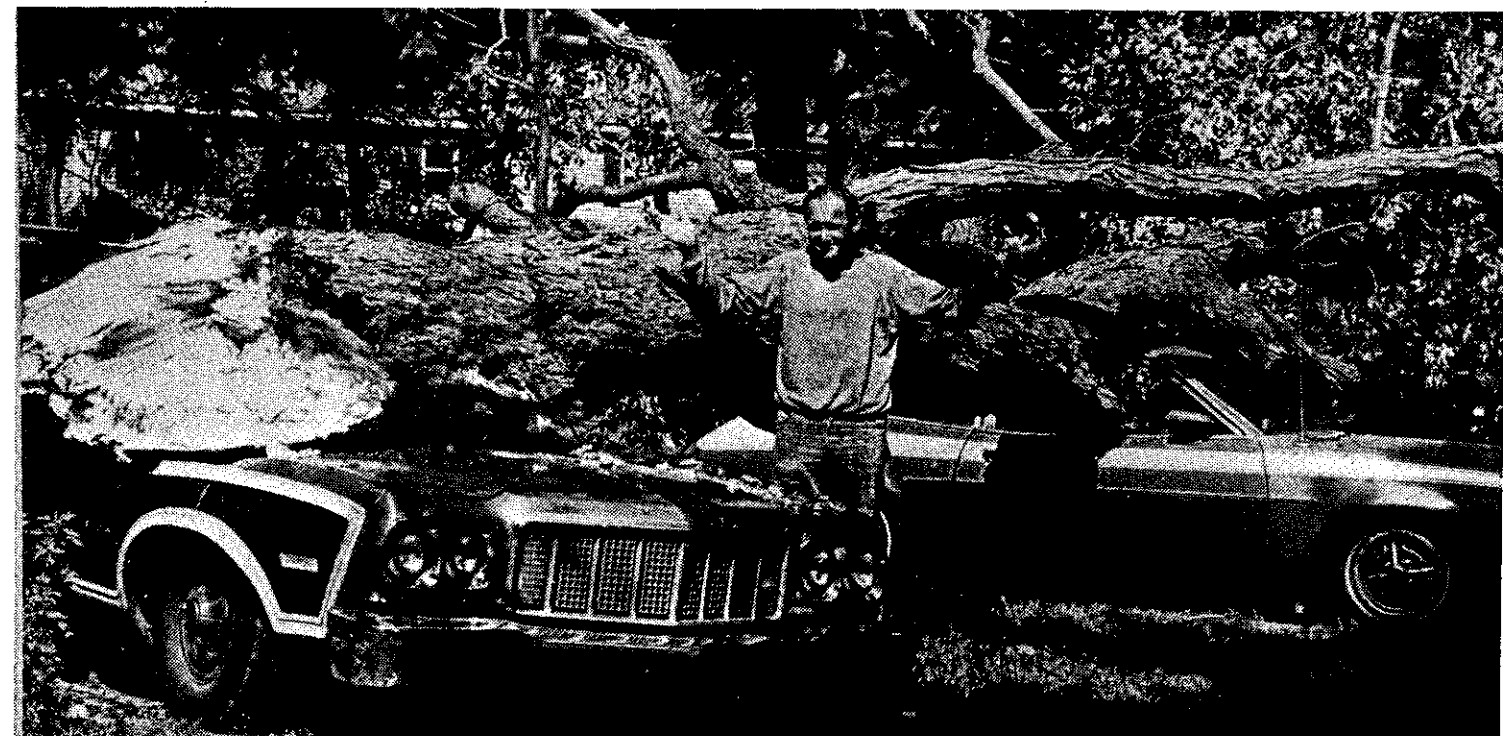
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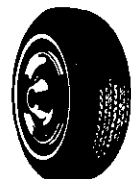
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