

Annual battle of the budget begins

Bethlehem: a \$2 hike?

Bethlehem's tentative 1982 budget carries a tax increase of 7.5 percent — a figure that makes one of its drafters, Councilman Robert Hendrick, not at all comfortable. "The board may not go for that," he said last week.

The proposed document contains a modest \$130,000 for employee raises, plus money for new positions in the police, public works and code enforcement departments. There is money to buy a new computer and to pay for reroofing part of the town hall. The police will get fewer new cars this year than in years past, but Supervisor Tom Corrigan is scheduled to get a new car and the dog warden will get a new truck.

The total general fund is \$4,698,891, up \$424,000 over this year. That is partially offset by a \$252,000 increase in revenues.

That means the tax rate "could conceivably go up as much as \$2," Hendrick said. He stressed that the figure is "still ballpark." The current rate is \$26.65 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The town board was scheduled to get its first briefing on the budget Tuesday afternoon, but usually there is little real action until board members have a change to digest the document. Hendrick, appointed to the board late last year to fill the late Edward Mocker's seat (and subsequently reelected on his own), is a former state budget examiner and has been working closely with Corrigan to prepare the budget. He was to present the budget Tuesday night for Corrigan, who is on vacation this week.

The final budget will probably not be approved by the board until Nov. 3, the day after election day.

As usual, there are a number of intangibles in the tentative budget. On the revenue side, town officials are betting that revenue from the county sales tax (which they have underestimated in past years) will not continue its downward slide. The current year's estimate of \$1.65 million "may be a bit low," said Hendrick.

On the expenditure side, personnel costs remain the big question mark. Employee benefits — retirement, social security and various forms of insurance — cost Bethlehem \$697,000 this year and will jump about \$57,000 next year, Hendrick estimates. The town has virtually no control over those items, but did decide last year to add one new

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New Scotland holds the line

If New Scotland Supervisor Steve Wallace's calculations are correct, his town will spend \$2,050 more next year than this year. With a slight increase in town-wide assessed valuation, that means taxes can drop about 23 cents per \$1,000 in the town, and perhaps by two cents in the village of Voorheesville.

"And that's about as tight as you can go in a budget," Wallace said last week.

The tentative budget was to be delivered to town board members this week, and Wallace said he will probably schedule formal meetings and a public hearing for later in the month, with passage to come by the end of October.

Major changes in the 1983 budget have to do with the town landfill and with highway funds.

New Scotland is closing its landfill, which means funds set aside for operation of the site can drop from this year's \$58,000 to \$13,000 for next year. "That's not really as good as it looks because we have to float a bond for \$400,000 to close it," Wallace said. That project is now out for bid, and the yearly debt service on the bond is estimated at \$34,000, which means the actual savings is only about \$11,000.

The new budget also projects that it will cost the town \$33,000 next year to join the Albany ANSWERS waste disposal system. That includes \$23,000 in tipping fees and about \$10,000 for extra wear and tear on the town's garbage truck.

For highways, the town is anticipating \$41,000 under CHIPS, the state's new comprehensive highway funding program, but Wallace said he recently discovered that New Scotland will be losing \$10,000 under the old highway program. "So it won't really be a big bonanza," he said.

Wallace said he is planning on six percent less revenue next year from the county sales tax based on projections from county officials. And assessed valuation for the town went up only about \$150,000 (from \$8.8 million) for the town because of the slowdown in the economy, he said.

The current town-wide tax rate is \$20.67 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, and that would drop to \$20.44 under the proposed 1983 budget. In Voorheesville, the rate is \$13.12, with \$13.10 proposed.



Eleanor Brown brought her cat Gerard to St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar Saturday to be blessed as part of the festivities honoring St. Francis of Assisi. The event is part of the church's Diamond Jubilee celebration this year. Upcoming events include the burial of a time capsule and the planting of a tree. See Allison Bennett's column, Page 16.

Tom Howes

She's a mother to injured animals

By Pam Bachman

Has anyone seen "Trixie the Squirrel," "Iggy the Skunk," or "Sniffles the Bunny?" No, they're not cartoon characters — they're orphaned animals who are flourishing today because of the steadfast care they have received from their "foster mother," Mary Lou Riccardo. Mary Lou, a Glenmont resident, is one of 150 volunteer animal rehabilitators licensed statewide by the state Department of Environmental Conservation to house and care for distressed and orphaned wildlife.

During two years as an instructor at Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar, Mary Lou became aware of the many calls from concerned people wanting to bring hurt or motherless animals to the center for care. Five Rivers was no longer equipped to perform such a service, although at one time it was a game farm.

A chance encounter with a licensed rehabilitator at a flea market prompted Mary Lou to apply for her own license. With her solid background in nature lore and a deeply ingrained love for wildlife, she had no trouble passing her DEC interview and obtaining her license two

years ago. Since then, she has raised or rehabilitated squirrels, raccoons, woodchucks, rabbits, skunks, and birds of all kinds, including a sparrow from a broken egg.

Looking at the Riccardo's quiet suburban home and immaculate yard, no one would guess that so many birds and animals have found refuge there. Mary Lou's husband, Frank, builds the cages. Apparently, having a raccoon named after him softened him up for the job.

In the living room, a small aquarium lined with a heating pad and rabbit skin comforts a tiny rabbit only a few days old. In the laundry room, two phoebes are caged. In a tree outside, an injured robin recuperates safely in a cage. At the end of the yard, beyond a rail fence and backed by a wooded area, are the well-kept cages of Mary Lou's tribe of raccoons. Five older raccoons find adequate space in a large walk-in cage, and two babies play together in a small cage. Within a year, the Riccardos hope to add another large cage adjoining the present one to house animals more comfortably or to serve as an aviary.

Mary Lou receives no pay for her services or reimbursement for food and supplies. Relying on donations and earnings from her Five Rivers job and her summer job as a nature counselor at Camp Nassau, she has learned to conserve and to cut corners.

She will not, however, sacrifice cleanliness, safety or diet. For her birds, she raises her own mealworms, a high protein diet absolutely essential for birds (hamburger is not adequate) but costing two cents apiece in pet stores. Mary Lou has used more than 10,000 worms already this year. "Smokey the Raccoon" owes his shiny coat to Protodiet, a high quality dog food, but Mary Lou also feeds her animals as much natural food as possible so that they can easily readjust to their natural environments.

Releasing her adoptees is difficult for a dedicated "mother" like Mary Lou, but she does so as thoughtfully and carefully as possible. As soon as they are ready, all of her animals and birds go to protected environments around the area. None are let go near her home or in another well-populated areas.

"I don't want my animals to be a

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Mary Lou Riccardo raised "Smokey" from a cub after he was rescued from a Delmar chimney, a frequent nesting place for suburban raccoons. Five months old now, Smokey will soon be released.

Gary Zeiger

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police officer position (in anticipating coming retirements) and will be considering a new slot in public works to handle the additional workload brought on by the expansion of the sewer district and a new inspector position in the building department. That latter position is mandated by changes in the state code and will be covered by a state grant, Hendrick said.

Finally, there is the question of raises. The town board has been negotiating with the Police Benevolent Association since last spring, but has yet to get down to cases on the money issues. Raises for other employees usually follow the PBA settlement, although Corrigan has been quick to point out that the second does

necessarily correspond to the first.

The tentative budget provides \$25,000 for the new computer for town hall and \$30,000 for a new roof for the police wing of the building. In both cases, there is money carried over from the present budget, Hendrick said. Also planned is some exterior work around the building, he said.

In the Parks Department, money is set aside to give raises to the part-time people who teach the recreation programs and man the pool and other facilities. The department will also get \$22,000 to operate and maintain the Adams House, which the town is now actively trying to sell.

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Dogs after sheep

Dominick Cubello, whose farm off Oakwood Ave. in Elsmere has been the subject of frequent neighbor complaints, and who is currently facing charges following a cow-automobile accident on the nearby Delmar Bypass, has a new problem.

Within the space of 24 hours, he told Bethlehem police Sunday, dogs have invaded his farm and killed three sheep and one goat. Another sheep was badly injured. Police said the town dog warden is working on the case.

Meanwhile, Cubello's reckless endangerment charge resulting from the cow-auto collision was adjourned in town court to Oct. 26.


Damaged bridge closed

The Jericho Rd. bridge over the Conrail yards in Selkirk, damaged by a derailment last month, is expected to be reopened to highway traffic next week, according to a Conrail spokesman.

The span was closed on Sept. 16 after a support column was hit by a freight car that had left the rails during the switching operation in the yards. The bridge is owned by Conrail, but the Albany County Dept. of Public Works is responsible for the road surface on the structure.

Conrail is replacing the damaged column. The bridge will be inspected by the county before the road is reopened.

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nuisance to anyone," says Mary Lou, "and I've never had a complaint."

She does her share of worrying over her newly-released "children" and recalls her recent walk with "Iggy the Skunk", the last they had together.

"I crept away as quietly as I could and left him on his own. The next morning when I woke up I heard rain and thought about poor Iggy alone in the rain. I hope he found himself a little place to hide."

Occasionally, animals or birds cannot be saved and must be "put down" with ether. "I've just this year gotten strong enough to do this myself," Mary Lou states sadly, "since taking them to the vet just took too much time."

Mary Lou is required to keep a log of all her wildlife caretaking. She is careful to report any animal suffering from an unknown or possibly dangerous ailment.

Within a year, Mary Lou hopes to have her refuge cited by the National Wildlife Federation as a Wildlife Habitat Backyard. She also remains active in a local group of Rehabilitators known as "Volunteers for Distressed Wildlife".

Probably their most dramatic emergency arose last year when, as many readers will recall, a South Bethlehem farmer used an illegal poison to rid his fields of birds he thought were ruining his corn. The farmer had intended to kill starlings and red-wing blackbirds, and he succeeded.

Mary Lou and other volunteers spent five days trying to rescue at least 10 different species of birds affected by the poison, including song sparrows, morning doves and Cooper's hawks. The birds' feet were paralyzed and they were drowning in irrigation ditches by the hundreds. Besides trying to rescue the dying birds, the volunteers also acted as human scarecrows, trying to keep the healthy birds away.

"Five days was all I could take," Mary Lou recalls. "I began having nightmares. The mistake that farmer made has consequences we can't realize right away. Foxes store the poisoned birds to feed their young. Scavenging birds eat the poisoned dead birds. The whole food chain is upset."

Mary Lou is justifiably proud of her work. With her two daughters in their

teens, she now has time to dedicate to her special projects, including talks to senior citizens' groups and visits to schools.

"I'm a Rehabilitator because I love the work. I meet fantastic people and it's good for my spirit to see how many people will go to great lengths to help an animal in need. It's great finally having the time to render this service."

Mary Lou has some advice for anyone who comes across animals in distress. This is especially relevant in spring and early summer when new life is born. Be as sure as you can that the animal or bird really needs your help. Don't be afraid to touch them unless they appear dangerous or diseased. The mother will not desert babies handled by humans. Also, it's illegal to hold most forms of wildlife captive, and besides, wild animals do not make good pets. Calling a rehabilitator can help determine whether or not the animal could survive on its own or is truly orphaned.

Persons who need advice or help with a distressed animal may call Mrs. Riccardo at 462-1746, or they may call Five Rivers. Donations of money or such equipment as heating pads, cages, carrying cases and aquariums would also be appreciated.

Wreck on Elm Ave.

An Albany man escaped serious injury, but not a driving while intoxicated charge, after he lost control of his car Sunday on Elm Ave., hit a utility pole, a tree, a mailbox and a fire hydrant. The driver, Gerald N. Pierce, of 212 Allen St., was charged with speeding and DWI by Bethlehem police after treatment at Albany Medical Center for "apparently minor injuries."

The DWI arrest was one of 10 made by Bethlehem police last week — all of the others involved traffic infractions rather than accidents, although one Schenectady woman was stopped only after she lost a wheel on Rt. 85.

Al-Anon anniversary

The Delmar Al-Anon Family Group will observe its first anniversary at 8:30 p.m. Monday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elm Ave. Speakers, book raffles and refreshments are planned. All are welcome.

Dinner at fire house

Roast beef will be served, family style, at the sit-down dinner planned for Saturday, Oct. 9, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the North Bethlehem firehouse on Schoolhouse Road. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary, the admission tickets will be available at the door.

Buttons were winners

Members of the Half Moon Button Club were among the winners at a recent national convention in Rochester. The club's next meeting will be at noon Oct. 13 at Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, with a program on clear and colored glass. The public is welcome.

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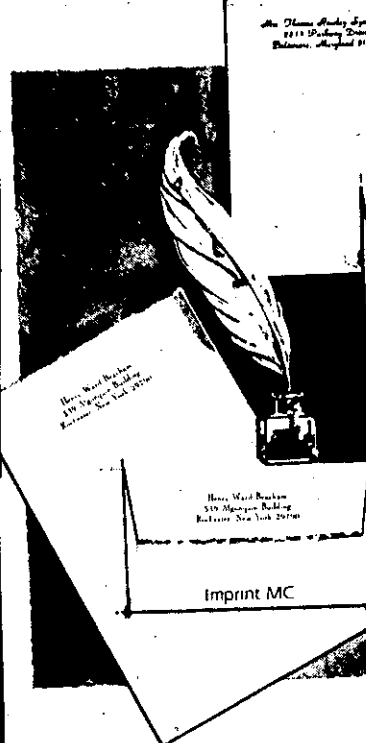
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Appeal eyed in Turner case

By Vincent Potenza

As expected, the Bethlehem Board of Appeals at a special meeting last Tuesday night granted a variance that will permit legal offices in a residential zone on Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

A group of neighbors tried in vain to get the board to reopen discussion of the controversial case. After the board voted they said they would consider legal action to overturn the decision.

Jess Turner sought the variance for his duplex at 399-401 Delaware so that he could sell the property to the law firm of Welt and Stockton for conversion into office space. Turner claimed at an Aug. 4 public hearing that as an absentee landlord he did not receive an adequate return on his investment in the property.

Turner and his attorney, Samuel Whiting, argued at the hearing that the site was not saleable as a residence, and this fact, along with the difficulty he has managing the property from his residence in Florida, constitutes a hardship that could only be alleviated by the granting of the variance.

The Albany County Planning Board objected to the variance, saying in a letter to the board of appeals that Turner's hardship was self-imposed. The county board also said that if a commercial use was desirable for the site then Turner

should apply for a change in zoning.

The Bethlehem Planning Board informally expressed its disapproval of the variance after it received a request for a state Environmental Quality Review assessment for the proposal.

At the hearing for the case five area residents went on record as being opposed to the proposal and no one but the applicant spoke in favor of it.

Last Tuesday, however, the board of appeals, in a lengthy resolution read by its attorney Donald DeAngelis, said that Turner's property was in the midst of commercial uses and that granting the variance would not cause a change in the neighborhood.

And incorporated into the resolution was a section that stated the granting of the variance should in no way be construed as a precedent.

Before the board could vote on the resolution, Henry Peyrebrune of 420 Delaware Ave. asked board members about a petition to deny or at least delay the variance until its implications could be discussed with the 19 homeowners on Delaware and Nathaniel Blvd. who had signed it.

Chairman Charles Fritts said board members would discuss the petition after the vote. After the resolution was passed, board members told Peyrebrune that

formal consideration of the petition was not allowed because it came to the board after the public hearing. Fritts said that the board had to vote on the case at that time or the applicant would "win by default," since the time limit for action by the board was almost over.

Sally Peyrebrune stated that the county planning board had not recommended the site be rezoned, as the board's resolution read, but rather that an application for rezoning was in order. If that had been done, she said, there would have been ample time for discussion. (A rezoning request routinely goes to the planning board for its recommendation and then to the town board, which alone can make the actual change.)

DeAngelis replied that he interpreted the county board's letter as a recommendation for rezoning.

Peyrebrune then said that area residents were considering legal action to prevent similar events from occurring.

And Chester Burrell, of 427 Delaware, asked the board to justify its findings of hardship in the case. The resolution seemed to skip over that, he said, and he wondered if board members could explain their reasoning since he was out of town when the hearing was held.

Whiting, however, who was also in the



"Max", a rock band from Troy, thought it was number one at last Saturday's Battle of the Bands at Bethlehem Central High School. But a last-minute recount found that some good old-fashioned electioneering had taken place and "Strange Anatomy", a Delmar group, was declared the winner. "Max" still collected the \$400 prize because they played all night, but the local group is to get its chance later on. Gary Zeiger

audience, stood up to object to a "rehearing." The board had already made its decision, he said, and a rehearing was not in order.

Board members agreed. "We're in that 30-day period," Fritts said, referring to the time limit within which the board's decision can be appealed in court.

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'Anything Goes' again at BC

Will the Class of 1983 win again? Will the faculty squad improve upon its last place finish? Now is the best time to place bets on the Bethlehem Central Key Club's second annual "Anything Goes" competition set for this Friday, at 7 p.m. in the high school gym.

Tickets to the "Superstars" travesty are \$1.75 presale and \$2 at the door. Key Club, a community service group and Kiwanis affiliate, will give all proceeds to the Arthritis Foundation.

Each BCHS class voted for six athletic representatives — three boys and three girls — to represent them against a fifth sextet comprised of high school teachers. They will compete for honors in bizarre events invented by the teams themselves. Last year's program included a shoe fetch, obstacle course and an ice cream eating contest.

Representing the seniors will be

Alunda Smith, Laurie Weinert, Louise Richardson, Marc Futia, Rich Jadick and Jeff Guinn, while the juniors will be represented by Kelly Burke, Julie Corbett, Terri Plunkett, Mike Mooney, Mark Gibbons and Tom Denham. The tenth grade delegates include Lee Ann Stokoe, Nina Barringer, Jill Kaplowitz, Mike Whitney, Chris Jadick and Tony Bruno. Freshman competitors are Heather McGuire, Denise Jadick, Vicki Manion, Paul Burke, Scott DiLillo and Mark Frye.

Gamely wearing the faculty's colors will be school principal Charles Gunner, making his second "Anything Goes" appearance, social psychology teacher Joanne Smith, language instructor Connie Jensen and phys ed teachers Denise Minnear, Ken Hodge and John DeMeo.

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Shift in political winds means new look at 85A

With New Scotland now included in the new 104th Assembly District, the town's plea for shoulders on Rt. 85A last week got political attention a month before the November elections.

Under the most recent legislative reapportionment alignment, the Town of New Scotland has been removed from Assemblyman C.D. (Larry) Lane's district and is now allocated to Assemblyman Richard Conners's 104th. Lane is a Republican, Conners a Democrat, both incumbents.

Accompanied by New Scotland's two Democratic councilmen, Kenneth Tice and Herbert W. Reilly, Jr., both of Voorheesville, Conners last Friday made a brief inspection of the highway that links the village of Voorheesville with the hamlet of New Salem and which serves as the only access to Voorheesville Junior-Senior High School.

In the inspection party was State Transportation Commissioner William Hennessey, whom Conners persuaded to make the tour and whom Conners and town officials will henceforth try to persuade to get the DOT to make the road safe for bicyclists, joggers and pedestrians. Not invited was Town Supervisor Steve Wallace, a Republican.

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Also persuaded to make the trip were at least one television news crew and several newspaper photographers.

In a news release distributed in advance by Conners's office, Tice was quoted as saying that "we contacted Dick Conners because we felt the road needed immediate attention and that the assemblyman could and would be of assistance." The release quoted Reilly as saying, "Rt. 85A is used year-round by pedestrians and cyclists. During the school year it is used as a school route, a cross country and track course, and in the summer as a means of travel to the summer swim program and the town park. Many people walk this road and it is vital their safety be assured."

After a quick tour of the road, Hennessey hurried back to his Albany headquarters without making any public commitment to the New Scotland project.

In Voorheesville The Spotlight is sold at Voorheesville Pharmacy, Grand Union, Stewart's, and Ricci's Market.



State Transportation Commissioner William Hennessey, center facing camera, got a guided tour of Rt. 85A from local politicians Friday. His chaperones included New Scotland Councilmen Ken Tice and Herbert Reilly (backs to camera) and Assemblyman Richard Conners, right, all Democrats. *Spotlight*

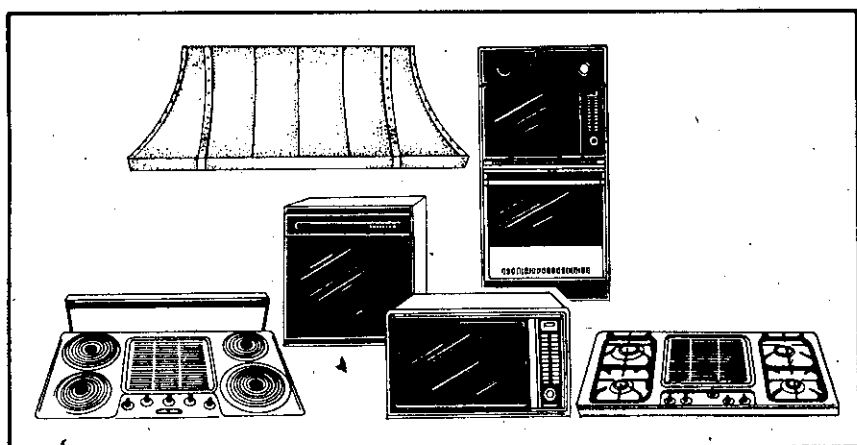
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K of C seeks members

Celebrating their 100th anniversary this year, the Knights of Columbus will be holding a fall membership drive on Monday, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m. at the Key Bank community room at 343 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. A fraternal organization, the Knights of Columbus membership is open to any Catholic male over 18 years of age. For more information, call Michael Quinn at 439-6968.

Fashion show due

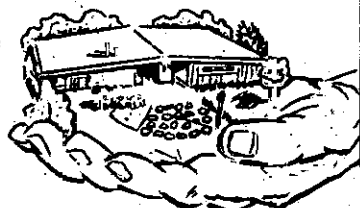
The Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium will be the setting for the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club card party and fashion show Monday, Oct. 18, at 8 p.m. Chairwoman for the event is Joanne Gerdes. Tickets are \$2, and may be purchased from Ruth Bickel, 439-4473, or at the door. Fashions will come from Flaks at Colonie Center.

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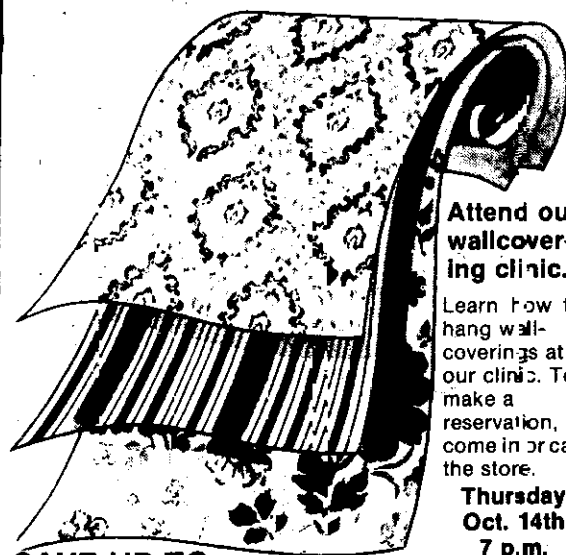
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A look at old New Scotland

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Travelers on the 35-mile route will have an opportunity to visit the pre-Revolutionary War Teunis Slingerland House, on Indian Fields Rd. Two churches along the route will offer light lunches and snacks. Saturday only, the New Scotland Historical Association will present slide shows of early buildings in the town. The town hall is on Rt. 85, a quarter mile west of Rt. 85A.

Outdoor classes set

A variety of one-day outdoor classes for children and adults who are out-of-the-ordinary hobbyists, from spelunkers and archers to safari naturalists, will be offered by the Heldeberg Workshop, An Adventure in Learning, Inc., on Saturday, Oct. 16. From 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., registrants can have an "adventure in learning" at a cost of \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and younger. Except for the spelunking course, the workshops will be conducted on the workshop's land on Picard Rd., Voorheesville.

Scheduled courses include making and flying paper hot air balloons, archery for the beginner to the advanced bowman, spelunking in the Clarksville cave system, wreath making, a nature safari for those interested in exploring the workshop's fields, and a games workshop for families to learn better communication methods.

For details and registration, call Mike Nardacci, 482-9121.

Second Milers meet

The Second Milers, a group of retired Bethlehem men, will meet for lunch and a film-talk on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at noon in the First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Parsons Child and Family Center representative Wayne Fry will deliver the program.

Visitors are welcome. For reservations, call 439-2404.

Lehrman vote drive

Friends of Lew Lehrman, a Bethlehem Republican group headed by Robert Oliver of Delmar, is joining in a statewide letter-writing campaign to drum up support for election of Lehrman as governor. The drive is directed at members of political groups and independents alike. Kickoff is today at 8 p.m. at the Polish Community Center, Washington Ave., Ext., Albany.

The local Republican organization delivered an 85 percent plurality for Lehrman in primary voting Sept. 23.

Theater returns to BC

Members of the Bethlehem Central Student Theater Committee have been planning live theater productions for the 1982-1983 school year. The first performance will be "Jubilant Dance Company" on Nov. 3 for primary grades and Nov. 4 for intermediates. These professionals, graduates from the School of Performing Arts, have appeared on the TV program "Fame" and in the Broadway show, "The Wiz." They use a technique called Kiative dance developed by their choreographer, Kevin Jeff. The performance will be 9:45 a.m. at the High School.

In March, Michael Parent will be going school to school bringing his unique style of storytelling. Hopefully, this Charlottesville, Va., resident will be well received since this fall there will be a workshop for students and teachers to learn about the history and the techniques of storytelling and to have an opportunity to meet Parent and to try it for themselves.

In the spring, Danny Orleans from Chicago will mystify, enthrall and entertain with his magic. Enjoyed by the students at the Middle School last year, he will gear his performance for both primary and intermediate grades. Older children will learn about misdirection as a technique of magic. Dates are to be announced, and the programs are scheduled for the high school.

Student Theater is an organization of

volunteer parents and school district personnel dedicated to providing the best in performing arts. Past performances have included music, dance, puppetry, pantomime, drama and storytelling. For many years parents have seen the need to bring performances to the schools to help broaden the children's education.

The cost of the performances is covered by the sale of season subscriptions. The payment of \$5 is for these three presentations. Each school has several volunteers on the committee. Mrs. Steven Einhorn is chairman for the intermediate grades and Mrs. Jan Dorman for the primary. Mrs. Jeffrey Altman serves as treasurer. Mrs. Robert Barron, Elsmere librarian, is liaison to the committee for the school district, and Richard Herrmann, Elsmere principal, represents the school administration.

Local vocalists perform

Bethlehem's country music sweethearts, Mirinda and Cathy Anderson of Glenmont, will be featured vocalists at the musical salute to "America USA" on Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Polish Community Center, Washington Ave., Extension, Albany. The patriotic country and gospel music is a salute to the Columbus Day weekend. Starting at 4 p.m., food and beverages will be sold and table seating will be available. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, under 10 free.

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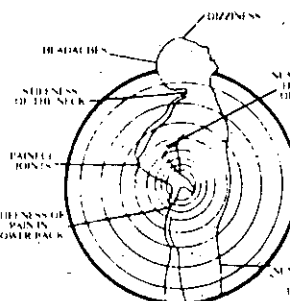
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News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



The Bethlehem Historical Association will present a program on "Dolls" at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, in the Cedar Hill Museum on Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk. Mrs. Ursula Mertz, who has an extensive collection of dolls, will be featured in a slide-tape narration produced by Lois Dillon. Mrs. Mertz will be present to discuss her collection and the dolls on exhibit in the museum during an informal question period that will follow the narration.

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served. The doll exhibit will continue to be open to the public on Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. through October.

Anyone who attended part of, or had the pleasure of enjoying the full day's events at the United Methodist Church of South Bethlehem on Saturday, Sept. 25, can attest to the success of this year's Fall Festival. A beautiful autumn day, the only thing the various committees had been unable to arrange themselves to guarantee a success, was provided. A countless number sought bargains at the garage sale, flea market and auction, and made purchases at the handicraft and baked goods booths. With over 200 people being served, the chicken barbecue dinner brought the day to a close.

Plans are being finalized for the annual turkey dinner and fair to be held on Nov. 4 at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. Anyone having items such as plants, vegetables, Christmas decorations, handicrafts, white elephant items or can provide baked goods, your contributions would be gladly accepted.

Parents of college-bound students have been invited to RCS Central High School Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior High Library. Such topics

as college applications and financial aid will be discussed. Two area colleges are also presenting programs to aid students in making plans for the future. Union College will have theirs on Tuesday, Oct. 12, and Columbia-Greene Community College on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

All women of the area are invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of The United Methodist Women this evening (Oct. 6) at 8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. There will be devotions, refreshments and Mrs. George Ann Cass will present a slide show of Mexico.

The women will be having a "Bake In" at the church on Oct. 15 and a pie sale the following day on Saturday, Oct. 16.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Bethlehem Lodge BPOE 2233 are making preparations for their annual Country Store, to be held Nov. 7. They invite any dealers or anyone interested in selling handcrafted items to sign up for a table. To make arrangements contact Rita Townsend at 462-2864.

The South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens hold their regular monthly meetings the second Monday of each month.

Weather permitting, this month's meeting on Oct. 11 will be held at the Henry Hudson Town Park, Winnie Rd., Selkirk. They welcome any senior citizen who would like to join them for a potluck picnic at noon, followed by a meeting, bingo and an afternoon of relaxation.

Parents of school-age children are invited to a special dessert at the parsonage of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem on Tuesday, Oct. 12. The



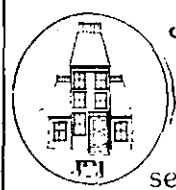
Sunday's flea market at the Selkirk fire house drew a crowd.

formation of a group where parents can share their struggles, difficulties and offer support to one another while trying to raise children is under consideration. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to call 767-3406.

The youth of the United Methodist Church are running a paper drive. Anyone who has papers to contribute or can help with the collections, is asked to

contact Mary Dushek (767-3400).

The menu for Senior Projects of Ravena (hot meals served to senior citizens) Thursdays, Oct. 7 is pot roast, Friday, creamed cod, Monday, Beef stew, Tuesday, corned beef, Wednesday, chicken chow mein, Wednesday evening, roast beef, Thursday, Salisbury steak and Friday, cheese omelet. Reservations must be made by 3 p.m. the day before, and by 3 on Friday for Monday.



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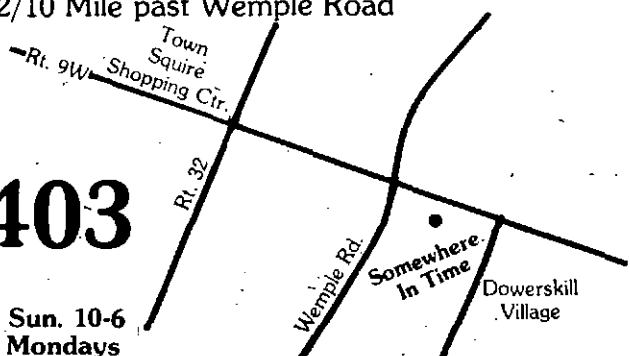
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State identifies dust

State Department of Environmental Conservation analysts have determined that samples of dust that has been a nuisance to some Selkirk area residents contain "components of cement — limestone, shale, gypsum and coal. Also a trace of iron oxide, and a trace of rubber," according to Sloan O'Donnell, a spokesman for the department.

O'Donnell said the department is trying to trace where the dust came from and "then" do something about it. He speculated that the traces of rubber might be from highway traffic.

Robert Van Slyke, an executive with Atlantic Cement Co., Ravena, said results of the company's analysis of dust samples "were very positive. We're as puzzled as anyone else," Van Slyke said. "This is an industrial highway (Rt. 9W), and trucks with shale and limestone go up and down it all the time. There are a lot of

Voters again reject busing

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District voters turned thumbs down Thursday on a resolution that would have restored the 20-mile limit for transportation of district residents to non-public schools outside the district. The vote was 795 to 619.

A budget defeat in June reduced the limit to the legal minimum, 15 miles, instead of the 20-mile limit the district had used for many years. Thursday's vote was the second on the resolution.

The cost to the district was estimated at \$15,000, about \$13,500 of which would have been reimbursed by the state the following year. Some 115 pupils attend schools outside the district.

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quarries down here besides us." He mentioned Callanan Industries.

Van Slyke said Atlantic's environmental engineering department will set up an appointment this week with conservation department representatives. He emphasized that there has been no change in plant operations "in the past 10 years."

Soprano at RCS

Soprano Anne Turner is slated to perform a "Singing is Super" program next Wednesday (Oct. 13) for pupils at Ravena Elementary School. The public is welcome after the morning performance, which is made possible by a grant from the State Council on the Arts.

Last month, Mrs. Turner presented familiar children's songs as well as opera to grades 3-5 at Pieter B. Coeymans School. She has appeared as a soloist with numerous Capital District performing groups.

Beautify a public spot

Channel 10-WTEN, Albany County Cooperative Extension and the Holland Bulb Institute will sponsor a Community Beautification Contest to promote the use of tulips. Individuals or groups interested in planting a tulip bed in a public location (senior citizen centers, schools, etc.) are asked to identify the location, specify who will do the planting, where the planting will be and how many tulip bulbs you will need. A small sketch is helpful.

This information should be sent to Beth Bergeron, Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville 12186 by Oct. 15th.

BC '52 sets reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School class of 1952 is planning its 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Normanside Country Club, Elmsere. A social hour at 6 p.m. will precede the dinner.

Friends of classmates interested in attending the reunion or knowing the whereabouts of any of the following should contact June Eilers Johnson, 531 Wayne Pl., Delmar, (439-5767). The committee is anxious to locate these classmates:

John Adams, Barbara Allen, Sue Bailey, Fred Bradley, Edward Bradt, David Braun, Carl Craw, Fred Daingerfield, Joanne Denniston, Brett Gutsche, Sue Heyl, Marilyn Kitch, Wilford Larson, Gerald Lather, Ruth McKinney and Leo Metchick.

Also, John Minihan, Robert Murray, Shirley Meyers, Ruth Noble, John Parker, Alan Pense, Ralph Reynolds, Ronald Scofield, Richard Steffen, Russell Steinke, Robert Sundell, Marsha Swartfigure and Evelyn Venus.

Economic update

The Bethlehem Central Social Studies department is sponsoring another in a series of in-service programs to bring teachers up-to-date on various economic

issues of national and global concern. Participants will learn economic theory and practice, become acquainted with D.E.E.P. (Developmental Economic Education Program) of the Joint Council on Economic Education and receive materials and information to help teach economics.

The program is designed primarily for educators, although it has been the practice in the past to accept a limited enrollment of non-institutional people. The seven-week course runs from Oct. 7 through Nov. 19, meeting Thursdays from 4 to 6:30 p.m., with the exception of a Wednesday, Nov. 10 meeting. The \$30 fee will be waived for senior citizens. For more information call or write Dominick DeCecco, BC social studies supervisor.


Stand gets variance

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals has granted a variance to Lawrence Bruno, 281 Delaware Tpk., Delmar, so that he can construct an addition to Ocean State II (formerly Ross' ice cream stand) at 1342 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands.

The board also received a variance application from John Smolinsky and Ellen Prakken. They want to build a garage on their property at 202 Orchard St. in Delmar.

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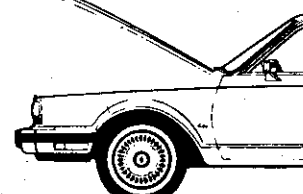
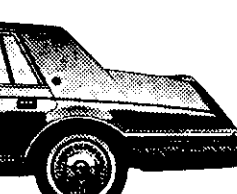
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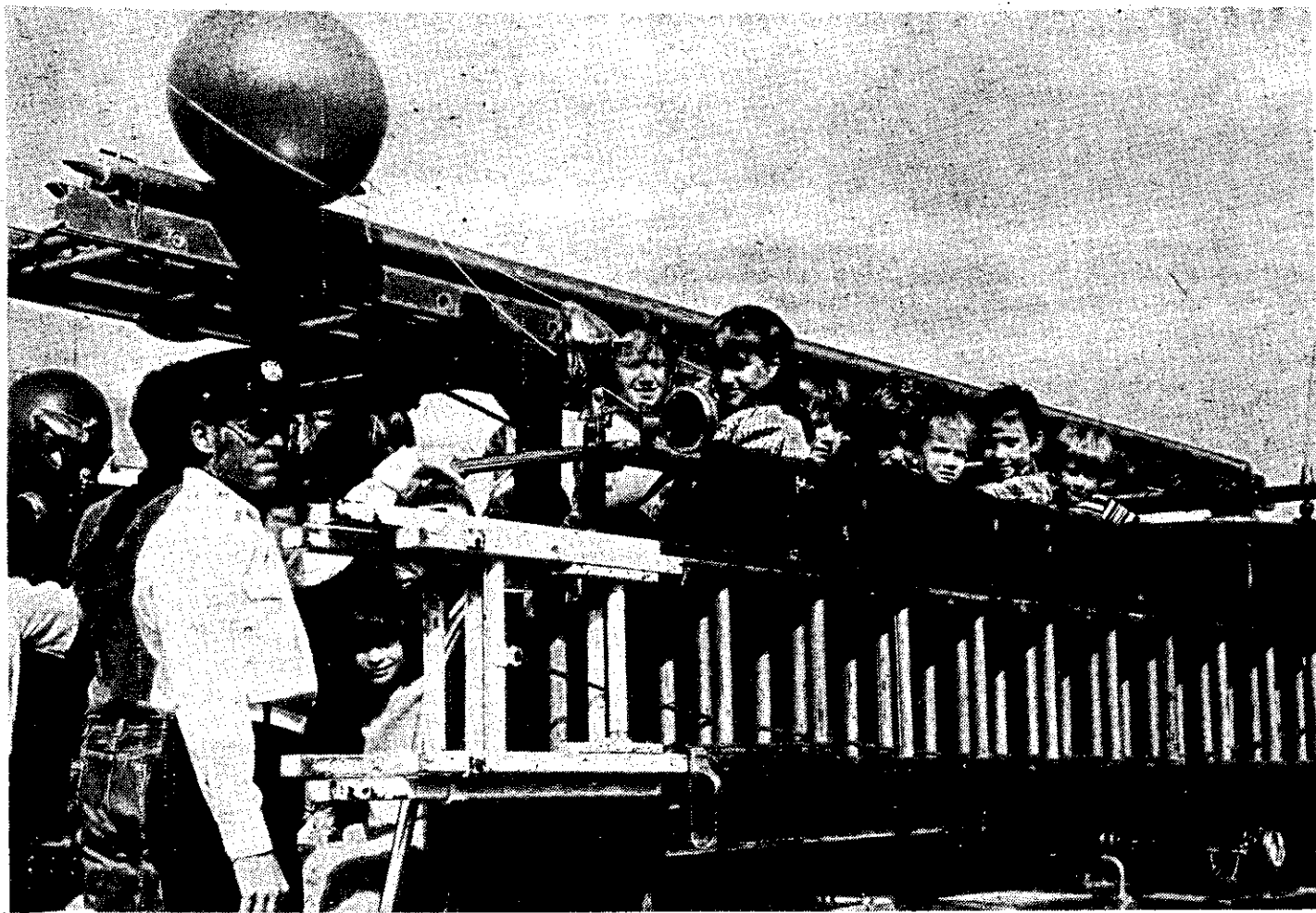
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The Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department held an open house on Sunday that featured fire truck rides and cider and donuts for the kids. Volunteers gave demonstrations of fire

prevention techniques and explanations of firefighting apparatus.
Tom Howes

Voorheesville News Notes

Maryann Malark
765-4392



"The Big Sleep," a program about Rip Van Winkle, will be presented at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Voorheesville Public Library. Anyone who is 8 or older may attend this free program.

Understanding Your Solar Domestic-Hot Water System, a mini-course offered by the Adult Education Dept. at Voorheesville High School, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12 and 19. Both sessions will meet in the wood shop. To register call Jim Hladun at the high school, 765-3314.vvpWx76O.

The Helderview Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Voorheesville United Methodist Church. Following the business meeting, a wreath creation workshop will be held. The public is invited. For information call 765-2576.

Kevin McKenna, a 1982 graduate of the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, was chosen from over 200 contenders to play in the Notre Dame Marching Band. Kevin, a freshman at the university, plays the saxophone. He is the son of John and Mary McKenna, Old New Salem Rd.

Trash disposal change set

The Village of Voorheesville is joining with the Town of New Scotland in delivering trash pickups to Albany's ANSWERS system.

Mayor Milton F. Bates told residents at last week's village board meeting that full collections will be continued in the village, but it was uncertain whether the cost will remain the same.

Bates said the village was setting up a special trash disposal account to cover payments of \$2.50 a ton for delivery to ANSWERS. He estimated that cost to be approximately \$100 a week. The alternative, he said, would be \$12.50 a ton for a village dump.

New Scotland is closing its landfill this month in preparation for transfer to the

ANSWERS project. The village collections are made by a private contractor, John O'Meara, under an \$18,000 contract for the current year.

Bates said the village "did not anticipate" the cost of switching to ANSWERS. He authorized setting up a special account to cover the cost of trash disposal, including \$5,000 transferred from the Salem Hills sewer disposal rate case account. That account was established to cover legal expenses.

"4-H Pathways to the Future" is the theme for activities for the 800 4-H club members in Albany County who are observing National 4-H Week, Oct. 3-9. In Albany County the Cooperative Extension is located on Martin Rd. in Voorheesville. Many 4-H clubs will have exhibits or programs in their communities to tell others about their activities. The Albany County 4-H Leaders' Association is sponsoring a cookie sale this week.

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Bond issue proposed

The Voorheesville Board of Education is proposing a \$714,600 rehabilitation and energy conservation project for the aging elementary school building. But before district taxpayers go into shock over the cost, they will learn also that better than 60 percent will be covered by state and federal grants, and that savings from the energy conservation measures will put a large bite into the remaining costs.

At its meeting Monday night, the board of education set the referendum on the measure for Nov. 30, with a public hearing scheduled for Nov. 29. In the meantime, the *Helderbarker* will be carrying articles by Superintendent Werner Berglas explaining the details of the program, and a special brochure will be mailed to residents prior to the vote.

The work includes replacing the heating system in the original (1929) building and in the 1949 addition, as well as weatherstripping and insulation work. The 1963 roof will be replaced and new sidewalks and steps will be built around the original building.

One argument officials will use to convince voters of the merits of the project is the district's experience with energy grants. The work done at the high school three years ago under a \$164,000 federal energy grant is producing an annual \$40,000 savings, district officials say.

The proposed project includes a \$29,500 federal grant, obtained in stiff competition, according to Berglas. State aid will pay 60 percent of the remaining costs, the superintendent said.

Berglas has calculated the district's annual energy savings at \$27,300. That means in the first year (1983-84), the project will cost taxpayers nothing because the costs will be offset by the federal and state grants plus the energy savings. The following year, with the federal grant used up but the state grant still coming in, the net local cost will be \$25,900, or \$2.20 on the tax rate, Berglas calculates. Over a 10-year period, the local cost will gradually decline to 30 cents on the tax rate in 1992-93.

Halloween at the library

Halloween will be celebrated in a big way at the Bethlehem Public Library, where three holiday programs for school-aged children will be sponsored on consecutive Wednesdays at 4 p.m. On Oct. 6, aspiring young decorators can create their own creepy creature of paper or yarn in the Children's Room, while Oct. 13 will be the day to bring a scary ghost story to tell in a terrifying storytelling contest. On Oct. 20, the children should bring their own pumpkin to decorate and transform into a jack-O-lantern.

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Village weighs sewer takeover

Voorheesville's village board continues to wrestle with sanitation problems amid new developments that saw two major issues formerly unrelated merging in center stage.

One issue has been concentrated in the Salem Hills residential subdivision, one of the largest in Albany County, the other involves the other sections of the village.

Salem Hills residents have been embroiled in a series of legal battles with the subdivision's developers, Rosen-Michaels, Inc., for more than three years. The controversy is basically financial: the developer keeps trying to raise the rates homeowners must pay for the subdivision's private sewer system and treatment plant, the residents keep insisting the rate increases are exorbitant.

The litigation leaves the village board, which also sits as a municipal regulatory body in the mould of a public service commission, squarely in the middle.

Meanwhile the village board has been working with Clough Harbour and Associates, Albany consulting engineers, on a feasibility study for a proposed sewer system serving all other sections of the village. The study, funded primarily by federal and state grants, has been conducted on the basis of several geographical areas of the village itself, and has involved house-to-house interviews and public information meetings for each section.

When the village board held its regular fourth-Tuesday meeting last week, the Salem Hills brouhaha and the village sewer projects came together in this way:

- A petition signed by some 360 residents of Salem Hills was presented to the board, requesting the board to proceed with condemnation of the Salem Hills sewer system and treatment plant with the objective of purchasing the system.

- The final Clough Harbour report, due in late October or early November, is expected to include a takeover of the Salem Hills system and integration of the treatment plant into a proposed village system as one option.

At last week's session, the board took no action on the sewer issue(s), but devoted more than an hour to a discussion with Salem Hills residents and others who filled the second-floor hearing room in the village hall.

Mayor Milton F. Bates told the capacity audience that once the engineering report has been received and digested, the board will "hold a public hearing and referendum — possibly three referendums" on the sewer issue.

Kenneth J. Connolly, an Albany attorney who lives in Salem Hills, sat with the board as special counsel in the absence of Village Attorney Donald Meacham, hospitalized with a heart attack. Also absent was Jeffrey Stockholm, Albany attorney who represented the board in negotiations on the sewer rate. Stockholm was reported in the hospital for gall bladder treatment.

Connolly told the audience the Appellate Division ruling on the drawn-out Salem Hills rate case is due next

Wednesday (Oct. 13). The Salem-Hills Sewerage Disposal Corp., the private utility owned by Rosen-Michaels, appealed a State Supreme Court decision upholding the \$14 monthly rate set by the village board in 1979.

Two months ago, negotiations involving the board, Salem Hills residents and Rosen-Michaels reached a temporary compromise of a sewer rate of \$33 a month, \$24 as a regular levy and \$9 as a special surcharge. The surcharge covers legal costs and other extraordinary expenses having to do with rate negotiations. The utility had sought a rate of \$69 a month.

The petition urging condemnation of the Salem Hills system was presented by Olaf (Sonny) Hausgaard. Hausgaard told the board: "We don't know what the system is worth, and we don't know what

they (the utility) own until we have an appraisal. When are we going to ask how much they want?"

Connolly told the audience that the developer had deeded the streets of the subdivision to the village, but not the mains. Left unanswered was the amount of taxpayer money that should be allocated to a takeover.

Outside Salem Hills, the proposed village system remained controversial. The attitude survey taken by Clough Harbour reportedly showed substantial opposition by residents of several sections, primarily for reasons of cost to individual users despite septic problems in several areas.

It was understood that any decision on the village sewer project hinged on federal and state funding, which is uncertain at this stage.

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Village of Voorheesville. Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday 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. 1-4:30 p.m. 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 Susan Richmond, 439-5744.

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, OCTOBER 6
Bethlehem Board of Education meets, Educational Services Center, Adams Place, Delmar, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Businesswomen. dinner meeting with attorney speaking on DWI, Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-4445.

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

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

Public Hearing. Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Amerada Hess Corp. for a special exception to permit demolition of structure, and construction of storage building and additional 10,000-gallon tank at premises, New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

Healing Seminar. first lecture featuring Rev. Robert Sprunger, former research chemist, on "Faith Healing," Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club creative arts group with calico wreath-making demonstration, Bethlehem Public Library board room, 1 p.m.

Halloween Decorations for children. work with paper and yarn for school-aged children, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

United Methodist Women. at the church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Evening Farmer's Market. fresh produce from area farmers, plus baked goods, crafts, children's clothing, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, Wednesdays 4-7 p.m. Booth information, 732-2991.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7
Bethlehem Art Association meets on second floor of Adams House, 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar, first Thursday. Life drawing classes for \$6 fee on other Thursday evenings.

Candy-Making Mini-Course. part of adult education, Voorheesville High School, Room 26, 7-9:30 p.m.

Fall Rummage Sale. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Ave. and Poplar Dr., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information, 439-5568.

Preschool Storyhour. Voorheesville Public Library, S. Main St., 1:30 p.m.

United Methodist Women Luncheon. with installation of officers and speaker from Parsons' Child and Family Center, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, noon.

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

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8
Bethlehem Schools Closed today for faculty in-service workshop and Monday, Columbus Day.

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

Q.U.I.L.T., mini-demonstrations of Christmas gift-making, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. Information, 482-0752.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
Roast Beef Dinner sponsored by North Bethlehem fire department auxiliary, at the firehouse, Schoolhouse Rd., 4-8 p.m. Tickets at door.

Boy Scout Sale. many items from Troop 71 families for sale, 5 Herber Ave., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 439-6987.

Selkirk Yards Amtrak Day. Gateway tour of equipment displays and 12-mile ride on tracks in Selkirk and Rensselaer yards, to leave Rensselaer facility at 10 a.m. Reservations, \$6.

BCHS 30-Year Reunion. Normanside Country Club, Elsmere, 6 p.m. Those with information on members' whereabouts call 439-5767.

Fall Changes Program. guided outdoor walk to admire fall foliage, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Free.

Bethlehem Babe Ruth League baseball tryouts for 13-15 year olds, Bethlehem Central Middle School field, 1-3 p.m., no registration necessary.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Elks Pancake Breakfast. all you can eat, to benefit Cerebral Palsy Assn., Elks Lodge 2233, Selkirk, 8 a.m.-noon.

Doll Exhibit. Bethlehem Historical Association Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, open Sundays 2-5 p.m. through Oct. 31.

Bethlehem Babe Ruth League baseball tryouts for 13-15 year olds, Bethlehem Central Middle School field, 1-3 p.m., no registration necessary.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

Bethlehem Babe Ruth League baseball tryouts for 13-15 year olds, Bethlehem Central Middle School field, 1-3 p.m., no registration necessary.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive. sign-ups for Catholic men over 18, Key Bank community room, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

"The Hobbit" Film. Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

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

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

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

Delmar Al-Anon Family Group. first anniversary meeting, with speakers, book raffles and refreshments, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Slingerlands Home Bureau. second Tuesday of each month at Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club literature group to review "Conversations with Katherine Anne Porter," Bethlehem Public Library community room 1:30 p.m.

Home-School Assn. board meeting, Hamagrael Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Elsmere Open House for parents of children in kindergarten and grades 1 and 1-2, Elsmere Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Red Cross Bloodmobile. to visit United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 9-11 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. No appointment necessary; proof of age required.

"Understanding Your Solar Domestic Hot Water System." mini-course in two sessions, Voorheesville High School, 7-9 p.m.

RCS Parents Night. for parents of college-bound students, to discuss applications and financial aid, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, 7:30 p.m.

Concerned Parents Group. dessert meeting for parents of school-aged children, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. Information, 767-3406.

Delmar Rotary meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

Red Men (oldest patriotic organization in U.S.), second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Garden Club miniluncheons at homes of various members.

Half Moon Button Club. with part two of "Clear and Colored Glass," Bethlehem Public Library, noon.

Delmar Fire District regular meetings second and fourth Wednesdays, Delmar fire station, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Elks Auxiliary meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. second Wednesday of month.

Delmar Progress Club evening group with slide show on "Old Houses in Bethlehem," Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Healing Seminar with Sister Jean Roche, chaplain of St. Peter's Hospice, Albany, speaking on "Inner Healing," Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

Ghost Story-telling. scary story-telling contest for school-aged children, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

Second Milers. luncheon and discussion on Parsons Child and Family Center, Delmar Methodist Church, noon. Reservations, 439-2404.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

Bethlehem Middle School Open House. for parents of sixth graders, Bethlehem Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. board of directors meeting, chamber office, Adams House, 11:30 a.m.

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

Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post 3185 meets second Thursday of each month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9836.

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

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

Delmar Progress Club. garden group workshop demonstration on "arraying fall plant materials," Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m.

Heldervlew Garden Club workshop on wreath creation, Voorheesville Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

Preschool Storyhour. Voorheesville Public Library at 1:30 p.m.

Personal Computer Group. Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4758.

Dolls Program. presented by Bethlehem Historical Assn., Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 2 p.m.

Children's Movie. "The Big Sleep," about Rip Van Winkle and other Catskill characters, Voorheesville Public Library, 4 p.m.

Candy-making Mini-course. part of adult education, Voorheesville High School, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

"Anything Goes." Key Club contest pitting faculty against students, Bethlehem High School.

Y-Indian Guide and Princess Program. new member sign-up for father and child 5-7 years old, Bethlehem Public Library Community Room, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

Bake Sale. sponsored by Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, Delaware Plaza.

Contra-Country Dancing. music by "Swallowtail," First United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$3.50.

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.

THEATER

Tukak Theater of Denmark (Eskimo troupe performs myths and stories based on their culture, with dance and mime), Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, Oct. 9, 8 p.m., Oct. 10, 3 p.m.

"Starting Here, Starting Now" (contemporary musical review presented by Music Theatre North), Cohoes Music Hall, through Oct. 10, Thursday-Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. Box office 235-7969.

"I Do, I Do" (a "musical romance"), Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham, through Oct. 17, Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., matinees 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Box office 392-9292.

MUSIC

Boston Shawm and Sackbut Ensemble (period wind instruments in a program of Venetian and Netherlands music), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Oct. 6, 8 p.m.

Pianist Findlay Cockrell in first of a series of "Noon Concerts," Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, Oct. 7 (weekly through Nov. 18), 12:05 p.m.

David Tanenbaum. classical guitarist (Villa-Lobos, Bach, Mozart and Dowland), Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, Oct. 8, 8 p.m.

Glenn Whiser and Linda Baker (classically trained guitarists with folk and topical songs), Eighth Step Coffee House, 14 Willett St., Albany, Oct. 9, 8:45 p.m.

Gymanfa Ganu (festival of Welsh songs by the St. David's Society of the Capital District), Westminster Presbyterian Church, State St., Albany, Oct. 10, 3 p.m.

Albany Symphony Orchestra (Wagner, Parry and Tchaikovsky), Palace Theater, Albany, Oct. 16, 8:30 p.m. Box office, 465-3334.

DANCE

American Ballet Theater II. Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, Oct. 8 and 9, 8 p.m.

ART

Images from Purchase (prints, drawings and photographs by artists at SUNY College at Purchase), Plaza Gallery, State University Plaza, Broadway at State St., Albany, through Nov. 19.

Katherine Kadish (paintings and monotypes), Picotte Hall, College of Saint Rose, 324 State St., Albany, Oct. 10 through 31.

Golden Day. Silver Night: Perceptions of Nature in American Art 1859-1910," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Oct. 22.

Willie Marlowe and Nance Gore. mixed media painting and collages, Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Oct. 4-21. Hours, Monday-Wednesday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., Thursday and Friday, noon-3 p.m.

Edward Koren. Prints and Drawings (The New Yorker artist and illustrator), University Art Gallery, State University at Albany, through Oct. 10.

"Industrial Troy" (photographic exhibit), Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Oct. 22, Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Video Art (television tapes by local video artists), Albany Public Library, Oct. 14 and 28, and Nov. 7, 8 p.m.

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Heideberg Workshop, one-day outdoor classes for children and adults, Picard Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$5 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. Information, 482-9121.

Family Portraits, by Alan De Fazio of School Pictures, Inc., Bethlehem Middle School, 9 a.m.-noon, \$8.95. For appointment, 439-9237 or 439-6885.

New Scotland Drive It Yourself Tour, see Oct. 16 listing.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18
Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary Post 3185, VFW, third Monday, Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Temple Chapter 5, RAM, first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

Slingerlands PTA, Slingerlands Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Card Party and Fashion Show, Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 8 p.m. Tickets available from Ruth Bickel, 439-4473, or at the door.

Preschool Storyhour, Voorheesville Public Library at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Community Orchestra Concert at: United Methodist Church fellowship hall, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

Red Cross Bloodmobile, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-noon and 7-8:30 p.m. No appointment necessary; proof of age required.

Cutting Energy Costs, workshop, "Save Energy, Save Dollars in Community Buildings," County Resource Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Information, 765-3635.

"Understanding Your Solar Domestic Hot Water System", mini-course in two sessions, Voorheesville High School, 7 to 9 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club fall dinner and fashion show by "Slimline," Colonie Country Club, 6 p.m.

Bethlehem High School Open House.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

La Leche League, informal discussion group for mothers interested in learning rewards and difficulties of breastfeeding, third Wednesdays, home of Ann Schucker, 8A Valley View Dr., Glenmont.

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

Bethlehem Board of Education, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Healing Seminar, "Physical Healing," by Jane Crowther, Delmar Reformed Church at 7:30 p.m.

"How to Take Charge" Workshop, personal skills workshop for businesswomen, Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$6. Information, 765-3635.

Tri-Village Little League Registration, for new and old players born between Aug. 1, 1967 and July 31, 1976. Photocopy of birth certificate required. Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 6-9 p.m. Information, 439-9691 or 439-9010.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

Preschool Storyhour, Voorheesville Public Library at 1:30 p.m.

Area Events & Occasions

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Epilepsy Assn., general informational meeting on epilepsy for patients and family and friends, First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett Sts., 7:30 p.m.

Barbarshop Quartet Performs, featuring "Sweet Adelines, Inc." at Empire State Plaza convention center, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Public Auction, 33 motor vehicles and used restaurant and office equipment to be auctioned by State Thruway Authority, "division" headquarters, Interchange 23, Rt. 9W, 1 p.m.

Quality Circle Seminar, on how business and industrial firms can increase productivity, quality and employee morale by using the circle technique, SUNYA's College for Continuing Studies, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 455-6121.

Management by Objectives Workshop, Junior League of Albany, 419 Madison Ave., 3-9 p.m. \$10 registration. Call 489-4791.

Winslow Homer Film, "Yankee Painter" documents his famous watercolors, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 12:10 and 1:10 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

Troy Diabetes Assn., with Dr. A. Muthiah speaker on "How to Recognize Diabetes," St. Mary's Hospital, Seton Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 272-5000.

Third District Federated Garden Clubs meeting, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 9 a.m. registration. Information, call 851-5441.

Christian Science Lecture, "Spiritual Man Discovered," on healing experiences, First Church of Christ, Scientist, Madison Ave., Albany, 8 p.m.

Firefighters Benevolent Assn. Exhibition, day-long display of fire safety materials, fire prevention lectures, children's programs, Empire State Plaza concourse, free. "All-hands" program 7:30. Convention Center, admission \$8.

Empire State College Information Session, with representatives on hand to answer questions about the Saratoga-based program, Environmental Conservation Building, 50 Wolf Rd., Colonie, 4 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Fuel Quality Regulation Hearing, public meeting to discuss quality of fuel oil and waste fuels and pollution, Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Rd., Albany, 1:30 p.m. Information, 457-5400.

Flu Immunization Program for senior citizens, including blood pressure clinic, 9:30 a.m.; la-sagna luncheon, noon, \$1; flu immunizations for persons 60 or older, 1 p.m., \$3, Louise Corning Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany. Information and registration, 465-3325.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8
St. Peter's School of Nursing Alumni Banquet, honoring 25th and 50th year graduates, Aurania Club, 25 S. Allen St., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, call 438-6304.

Lastcon Too Science Fiction Convention, with guest speakers, autograph sessions, banquet, art show and costume competition, Ramada Inn, Western Ave., Albany, \$16 for four-day membership. Information, 434-8217.

Fall Foliage Festival, three days of foliage tours, crafts, antiques and flea markets, contests, square dance exhibitions, hay rides and bike-boat tours, all at Cooperstown. Information, (607) 547-9983.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
Runners' Clinic, with top NCAA runners and Olympian Frank Shorter teaching distance running techniques, Gore Mt. base lodge, North Creek, 1 p.m. Free. Continues Sunday with race. Information, 668-9230.

Italian Community Center Banquet, celebrating 10th anniversary. Information, 462-6677 or 456-7264.

Farmers' Market-Neighborhood Fair, with fresh produce, 4-H foods, books and clothes, S. Pearl St. and Fourth Ave., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 436-8777 or 436-8644.

Larkfest, music festival with rock and jazz bands, mime, jugglers, sidewalk sales, book fair, artisans, Lark St. from Washington to Madison Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

"Shipyards in the Age of Sail", lecture on Upper Hudson Valley shipyards in colonial times, New York State Museum, 10 a.m. Free.

Stencilling on Fabric, workshop on decorating coverlets, curtains, clothing, Museum of Early American Decoration, Dove St., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. \$10 registration. For information, call 462-1676.

Erie Canal Folk Program, with folk songs and tales of canal, New York State Museum, 1-4:30 p.m. Free. For whole family.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Mended Hearts Covered Dish Supper, for new and old members, Veterans Administration Hospital auditorium, 4:30 p.m. Information and reservations, 459-5880.

Country Music Jamboree, gospel and country music, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 4 p.m. \$5 adults, \$3 children.

Art Under FDR, documentary film and discussion of New Deal artists by historians and producer-film director, Institute on Man and Science, Rensselaerville, 4 p.m. Free.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

"Death in Life: Survivors of Hiroshima", lecture on nuclear war by Yale University Professor Robert Lifton, Siena College Serra Hall, 8:15 p.m. Free.

Suicide Survivors Support Group, for those who have survived suicide of loved one, Friends Meeting House, 727 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 482-3601.

Hope House Dinner, Century House, Latham, 6 p.m. Dinner tickets \$20 a person, \$35 a couple. Information, 465-2441 or 465-7879.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

College Information Program, with representatives from more than 200 colleges on hand to talk to high school students and parents, Union College, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Red Cross Vital Signs Course, two-part course for laymen on how to take temperature, pulse, blood pressure, respiration, Red Cross Chapter House, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m.-noon. Fee \$7. For registration, 462-7461.

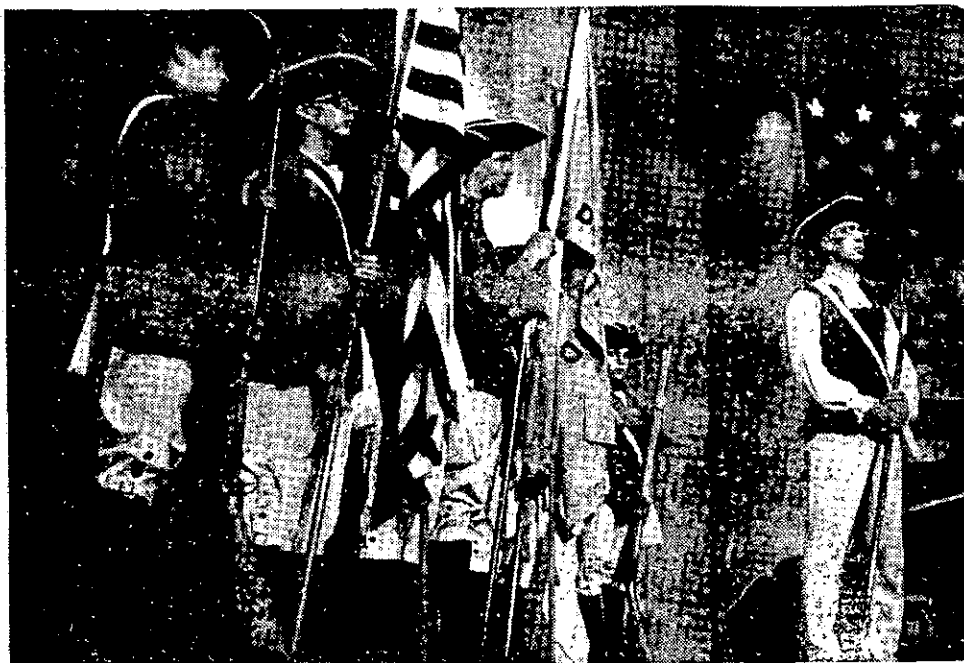
Noon Book Review, journalist and free-lance writer Sister Mary Ann Walsh to discuss "Thy Brother's Wife," Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m. Free.

World Food Day, with speakers and displays about world food supply, Empire State Plaza concourse, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free.

"Dutch Agriculture in 17th Century New York", third of six lectures, Catskill High School, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Registration \$16 for series. Information, 828-4181 or 943-5965.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Walt Whitman Film, "Walt Whitman: Poet for a New Age," documenting his literary and political beliefs, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., 12:10 and 1:10 p.m.



Delmar's fife and drum corps made a hit at SPAC this summer.

Village Volunteers need volunteers

The acclaimed Village Volunteer Fife and Drum Corps is drumming up recruits. Anyone 10 or older is welcome, and no experience is necessary.

A special recruiting session and demonstration is slated Thursday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethlehem Public Library's Community Room.

The Village Volunteers has traveled widely in the Northeast, and has been top-ranked in many competitions. It was the only fife and drum corps invited to participate in Flag Day ceremonies in June at Saratoga Performing Arts Center. The group's tunes come from old fife manuscripts as well as contemporary publications, and some involve five-part harmony.

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Since the Bible records for us religious moments in the history of chosen people, then we know that certain people authored the various books. But since we know that many of the books were composed over a long period, we might also have authors of sections of a book or even editors.

The author who wrote an entire book is easy to understand. Someone actually wrote the book of Revelation or the Epistle to the Romans, but it is more difficult for us to think of one author of the book of Genesis or even a gospel, since we know that these books contain sections that pre-dated what we might call a publication of the book. The author of the first five books of the Bible used many sources when he compiled his collection. Each evangelist also used existing sources as they created their gospels. Most of the prophets did not write the books associated with their name, but they were responsible for the content that was actually written.

Some books of the Bible are actually compilations. The Book of Proverbs is a collection of collections of proverbs. Psalms is a collection of songs used for various liturgical celebrations.

Some people can be called authors in the sense that they initiated the writing or are responsible for the thought. Jeremiah did not write the book ascribed to his name, but rather the book is a collection of material about Jeremiah, some of his meditations and some of his actual

preaching gathered together by a follower of the prophet. Yet we can call Jeremiah the author because he was responsible for most of the content.

Each evangelist created his gospel to suit the needs of a particular group of people and chose some of the material about Jesus that would best suit his audience. These authors wrote from a community and for a community and were more interested in what effect the gospel would have on its listeners than in the preservation of their own names.

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Today we are fairly sure none of the gospels was written by an Apostle. Even the gospels of Matthew and John were not actually written by the apostle associated with that name. They are all anonymous documents coming from authors who saw the need in their community and responded to that need by writing, editing, compiling what we have come to call the four gospels.

In the past we might have thought of each book written by a single author at a



Members of Tawasentha Chapter, DAR, enjoyed a luncheon program Saturday at Slingerlands Community Methodist Church that featured a 75th anniversary cake, historical readings and displays of photos, scrapbooks and memorabilia.

definite and limited time period. Today we know that the literary activity that resulted in the Old Testament stretched over hundreds of years from the year 1000 BC down to the year 200 BC. The New Testament has a history that begins with the earliest letters of Paul around 50 AD to the last book written in the New Testament, probably the second letter of Peter written sometime after 100 AD.

No one should become alarmed when we think that the Bible is a result of a literary process involving many different people, most of whom are anonymous. The Bible is the record of the religious experience of the Jews and early Christians written to help us in our own relationship with God. Who wrote what book at what time is not nearly as important as what the book actually means.

When we can recall that historically God chose many people to make their contribution to the final work and that God was present to the community of faithful believers as they expressed in writing what they had experienced of God, the Bible has resulted from the activity of many faithful believers and to them we owe a debt of gratitude even if we will never know their names.

Church honors worker

Mrs. Ethel Rathbun of Delmar will be honored Sunday, Oct. 17, by the congregation of Delmar Reformed Church for her 25 years of service as flower chairperson. Mrs. Rathbun is resigning from the post. She will be honored at a gathering in Bennett Parlors following the 10 a.m. service.

Science lecture set

"Spiritual Man Discovered," a free public lecture on Christian Science's philosophy, will be delivered on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 8 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, 768 Madison Ave., Albany. Lecturer is John Tyler, a former university professor and a Pennsylvania member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. For information, call 765-4494.

As the colors change

An outdoor program entitled "Fall Changes" will be presented at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m. The guided walk will discuss the reasons for increased activity of animals and the colorful fall foliage. The program is open to the public and is free. Sturdy, hiking shoes are suggested. The program will be cancelled in case of inclement weather.

Four in all-state band

Four Bethlehem Central School musicians have been selected to play in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) All-State Conference Orchestra and Band. The musicians, all of whom received a 6A+ rating at the state-wide NYSSMA solo competition held at BC in April, are Gretchen Brisee, and Kim Lostetter, violin; Steven Gordon, french horn; and Henry Peyrebrune, string bass.

This will be Henry Peyrebrune's second time playing with the all-state orchestra, which will be playing Nov. 28 to Dec. 1 at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake.

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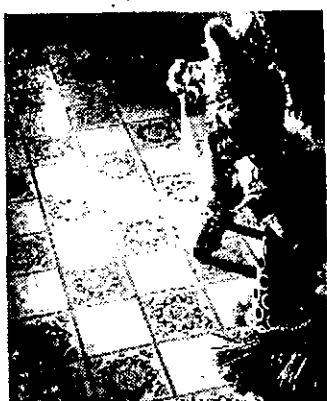
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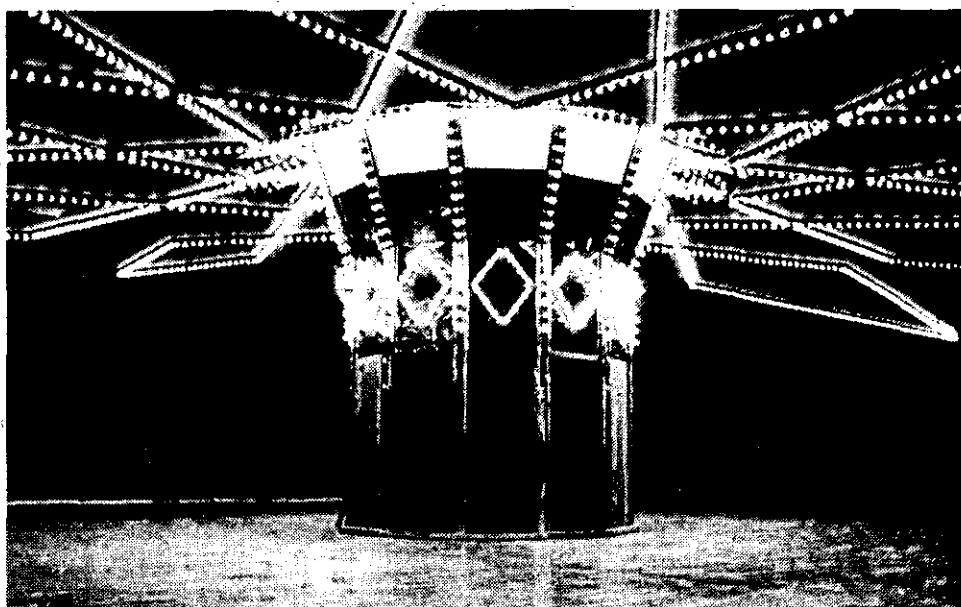
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How St. Thomas grew with the community

Congratulations are to be tendered this year to St. Thomas Parish in Delmar, celebrating its 75th anniversary of inspiration and service to the Catholic community in the Tri-Village and its surrounding 10 square mile area. The numerical and physical composition of the present church community is a testimony to the enthusiasm and dedication of its members.

It was a vastly different picture however, when in July of 1907 His Excellency Rev. Thomas Burke, Bishop of Albany, appointed Rev. Thomas F. Phibbs pastor of the new parish of Saint Thomas the Apostle in Delmar. At its founding, St. Thomas Parish had 12 families living in the Delmar area who were desirous of a church near their place of abode rather than driving in to the city to attend Holy Mass. So great was their desire for a place in which to worship that they placed various homes at Father Phibbs disposal and he ministered to them and celebrated Holy Mass in the homes of the parishioners.

From its infant beginnings the congregation grew in number and strength and in 1910 purchased the property on the corner of Kenwood and Borthwick

Times Remembered

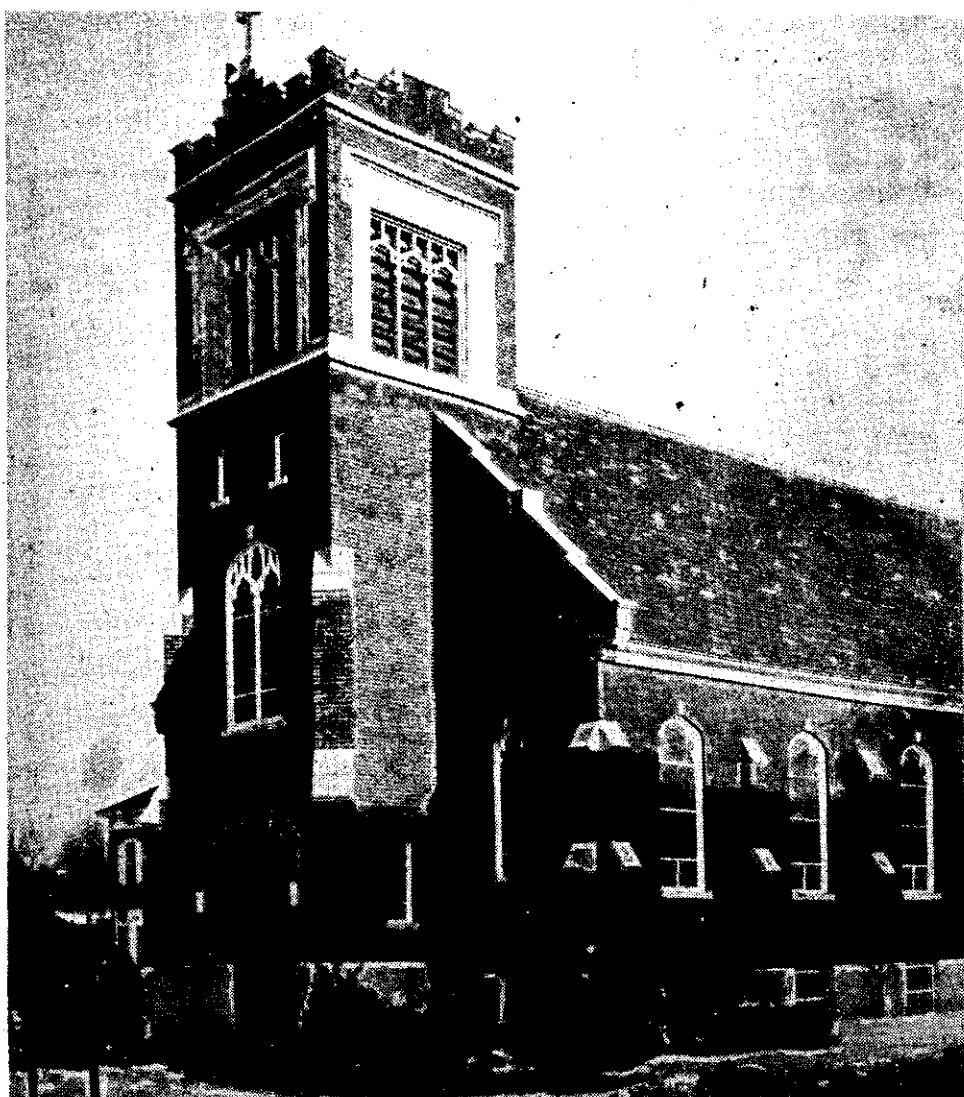
Allison Bennett



Avenues where they met for worship for several years.

These early days were indeed times of struggle and devotion, but they laid the foundation for a strong religious community which now exists at St. Thomas. In 1922 Rev. William C. Heffern was appointed to the pastorate at Delmar and his labors in behalf of this parish are still impressed on the memories of many of the long-time members of the congregation.

In September, 1923, Father Heffern began the monumental task of collecting monies and supervising the building of a new church edifice on land that had been purchased along Delaware Avenue, east of the Four Corners. The church building was completed the following year and served the congregation until 1962 when



The first St. Thomas Church building on Delaware Ave. was razed when the present edifice was erected in 1962. The site is now a parking lot serving the parish.

the present church structure was dedicated. This first church was the setting for much devotion and application of Christian principles and, through the religious atmosphere it generated, the

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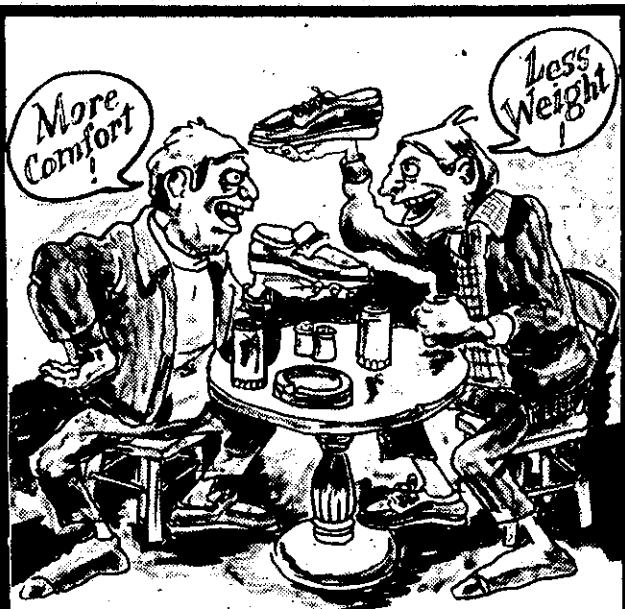
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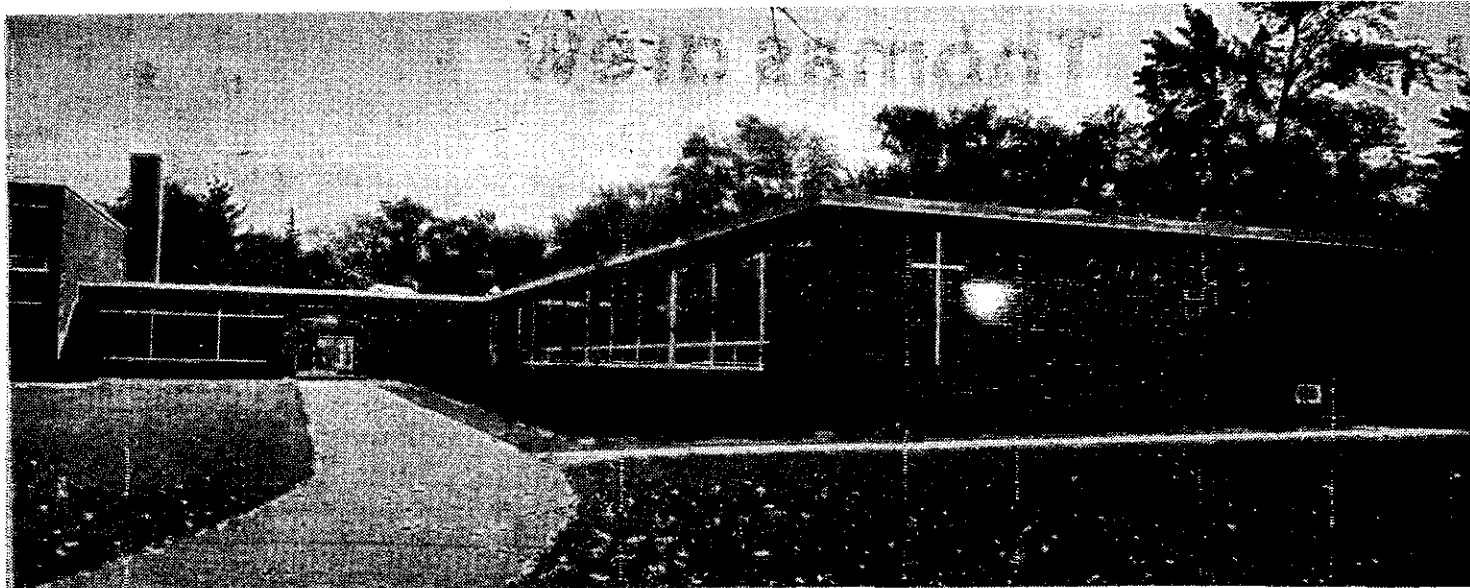


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In 1947 Father Heffern was called away from his earthly labors and Rev. Daniel H. Markham was appointed parish priest. The first assistant pastor, Rev. Edward D. Whaley, also arrived in Delmar in 1947, for by this time there were five masses held on Sunday. There was also a growing desire among the parishioners for a school of their own vocation that would teach not only the standard educational curriculum, but also inculcate a greater understanding of religious beliefs among the parish children. These desires were equated into the planning and consummation of a vast building program for the complete complex that we now know as St. Thomas church and school property.



The St. Thomas School complex in Delmar has grown steadily since its beginnings in 1957 and now accommodates 270 pupils.

In January of 1957 the pupils moved into the partially completed new school facility in grades K through 4. Classrooms were added each year.

In the early 1950's a fund drive within the congregation netted \$1,200,000 and the planning for a parochial school was begun under the guidance of Father Markham who had served in Delmar for eight years. He was succeeded as pastor by Monsignor Raymond F. Rooney, and with him came Father Fitzgerald and a little later Father Bondi and Father Jupin.

The parochial school had its beginnings in 1956 in classrooms that had been set up in the old rectory and the basement of the Delaware Ave. church. In January of 1957 the pupils moved into the partially completed new school facility in grades K through 4. Classrooms were added each year until the school now contains grades K through 8 with an attendance of 270 pupils. The sisters who

taught in the school were housed in a convent purchased in 1968 at 360 Kenwood Avenue.

At those early days there were only one or two lay teachers at the school, the remainder being of the religious vocation. With the changing patterns of the years the school now employs only lay teachers and Sister Mary Frederick is the only member of a religious order on the staff. She was at St. Thomas School for a number of years, then was called to Florida for a period of time, but was asked to come back to head the school, which she is now doing very capably. Since there is no longer need for a convent that building was sold three years ago.

There were also plans to build a new rectory to house the parish priests and the present rectory on Adams Street was completed in October, 1958. The next step was to build a new church to house the ever-growing numbers of communicants, and the present church structure was raised on Adams Street in July, 1961, and completed and dedicated in September of 1962. The old church was torn

down and a parking lot to serve the present church was put on that land.

The beautiful new church is Gothic in style and will seat 868 in the nave, 42 in the Lady Chapel and 42 in the choir. The exterior is of brick and has limestone trim. It features a majestic Gothic arch of limestone, crowned with a stained glass rose window. The interior of the building has been richly finished in oak, marble and bronze, which provides a subdued atmosphere of elegance and devotion.

"If God built not the house, they labor in vain who build it."

In 1968 Monsignor Brennan was called to the pastorate of St. Thomas Church, but served only a brief period of two years, passing away in Delmar in 1970. Father James Daley came to fill the vacancy and still serving in a dynamic capacity, along with two assistants, Fathers Gorman and Alban. They maintain a busy pastoral schedule conducting a Saturday evening worship

service, five Sunday masses and holding two masses each day in the Lady Chapel.

The Diamond Jubilee of St. Thomas Parish will be reflected in many planned activities from now until Easter, 1983. It will also be a time of prayer, study and reflection as the members plan for growth and renewal in the years ahead. The vitality of their parish is a crowning achievement in a program that had its beginnings 75 years ago and is the result of so much labor and love by many dedicated religious and lay people. Surely the Biblical quotation, "If God build not the house, they labor in vain who build it", has sustained and nurtured them.

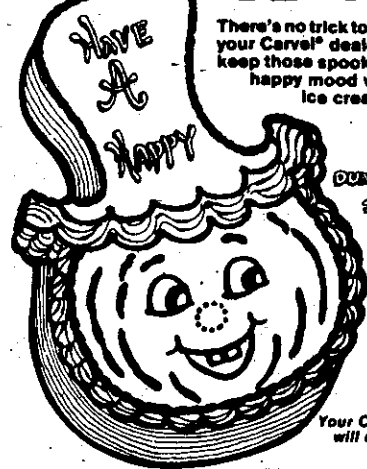
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The program, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. will cover topics such as lighting, heating efficiency, utility billing, heat recovery and refrigeration. Unusual problems of religious buildings, including cathedral ceilings, large window masses and antiquated heating systems will be discussed.

Sponsored by the Albany County Cooperative Extension, the New York State Energy Office and Cornell University, the event is open to the public with no charge. For information, call 765-3635.

Workshop for women

"How to Take Charge," a personal skills workshop for businesswomen, is set for 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the Resource Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, sponsored by the Albany County Cooperative Extension. Maryluise Satterfield, director of the Women's Development Service, Guilderland, will present the program. Cost of the workshop is \$6. To register, call Judith Merrill at the Cooperative Extension, 765-3635.

Benefit bake sale

Kitchen smells will waft in the air of the Delaware Plaza turned bakery on Saturday, Oct. 16, when the Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary holds a bake sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Albany County Burn Fund.

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Larkfest II a big draw

Larkfest II will be held this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Albany's historic Lark Street between Washington and Madison Avenues.

Last year, Larkfest drew a crowd of more than 15,000 people. This year, with the greatly expanded schedule of music and events, and the Oktoberfest Beer Garden, the Lark Street Area Merchants Group anticipates between 25,000 to 30,000 people. Music groups will include an ensemble from the Albany Symphony and there will also be an assortment of rock and jazz bands. The schedule of special events will include an antique flea market, a craft and art show, a new and used book fair and street theatre, with jugglers and mime. Area merchants will also be offering sidewalk sales, promotions, and specials.

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Victor J. Riley, president and chief executive officer of the Albany-based holding company, has announced a contractual agreement with Q and R Clearing Corp. to establish a discount brokerage division in Albany. Scheduled to introduce services on Nov. 15, Key Brokerage Services will operate through the Key Banks Inc. trust subsidiary, Key Trust Co. Key Banks is the first commercial banking organization in New York State to announce discount brokerage services.

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How dangerous is this situation?

In last week's *Spotlight* there appeared a Letter to the Editor entitled "A Dangerous Situation." The letter was written by "Name Submitted," a college student and recent graduate of Bethlehem Central. The letter dealt a scathing blow to that "significant number" of high school students who are "drinking and doing other illegal and immoral things."

The letter described those "typical Friday night parties" luring "15-year-old daughters" of unsuspecting parents to engage in such activities as "drinking a little, getting high and cavorting about with the first male who catches their bloodshot eye." The letter urged Delmar parents to "go to the high school one day, and see how you like the deteriorating conditions where your offspring are educated."

I wonder what it must have been like for this innocent soul to have paid passage through Bethlehem Central High School and never have witnessed (or been aware of) Friday night parties.

The letter hazarded a guess that "75 percent of the kids in the high school have tasted alcohol by the time they have reached 17," and that "these vagabond youths get rowdy, resulting in much vandalism (as can be substantiated by police reports)." The letter concluded with its purpose, that is, "to expose a stinking situation."

What a letter! What a dangerous situation! And, from the point of view of

Family Matters

Norman G. Cohen



the author of that letter who sat down with an overdose of righteous indignation after attending "a few teenage parties" last summer, it must have been quite shocking to come back to Bethlehem for the summer and witness the decline of Delmar society before his or her very eyes. I wonder what it must have been like for this innocent soul to have paid passage through Bethlehem Central High School and never have witnessed (or been aware of) Friday night parties. I wonder if Friday night parties have really changed much from a few years ago, or, indeed, from a few generations ago. I wonder where the letter writer has been all these years.

Mostly though, I wonder if the exaggerated statistics and the amplified insinuations of the letter have any thread of truth in them. Do you know where your children were last Friday night? And what they were doing? Were you awake when they arrived home? Were they drunk, or stoned? Were they brought home by police with charges of vandalism that you had to settle out of court?

I recognize and applaud the writer's intentions and courage to do something about a perceived problem. However, I question the way in which it was done, and would redirect the message to the parents of the town's children. Instead of pointing fingers at nonchalant or self-involved parents who do not "keep a

closer grip on their kids," as the author suggests, I would first examine the facts of the situation to see if we do indeed have a problem of the magnitude that warrants the label "A Dangerous Situation." Then I would mobilize the forces to address the problem, depending on what I found. More important, I would gain the support and trust of those involved in the problem so I could work with them. The letter simply takes what appears to be a pot shot at wayward teens and their out-of-touch parents. Nobody can benefit from that kind of attack.

I don't know of any study that has compiled the nature or extent of teen drug and alcohol abuse. What I do know is that Bethlehem is rich in human resources and can pretty much accomplish anything it sets its community mind to.

What does benefit people is accurate information about a problem, sincere motivation to do something about it, mutual support from other people involved in the problem, and finally, recognition for trying even if unsuccessful. Our community is not lacking in effort to address teenage drinking and

drug abuse. Both public and private groups have formed to mobilize resources of the area in attempts to help parents and youths prevent or remedy drug and alcohol problems. The professional community has its presence here as well, and provides an array of services to individuals and families in need.

I do not believe our high school is "deteriorating." I do not believe that Friday nights in Delmar bear any resemblance to old Pompei, Italy. I do not believe that alcohol-related vandalism is running rampant down the streets of the Tri-Villages. I do not believe that our community reeks of social stench or dangerous decadence.

However, I don't have the facts to bear out my beliefs. I don't know of any study that has compiled the nature or extent of teen drug and alcohol abuse. What I do know is that Bethlehem is rich in human resources and can pretty much accomplish anything it sets its community mind to do. I join with the young writer in one challenge, that is, for the community mind to focus more of its public and private resources on the problems of teens and families, and to define those problems accurately and to develop solutions within the time and space occupied by all of us.

First concert slated

The Delmar Community Orchestra is getting tuned up for its first fall concert on Monday, Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Proceeds from a collection will benefit the World Hunger Fund. The public is invited. For information, call 439-5298.

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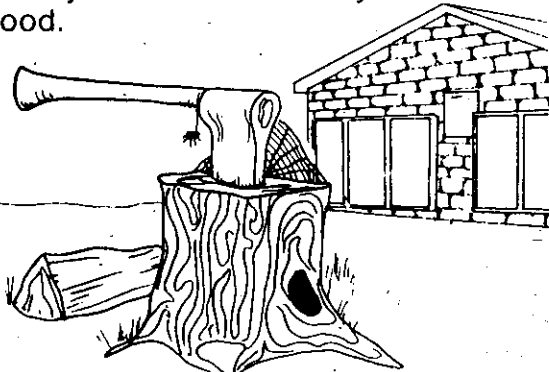
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Defense the key to Blackbird win

By Nat Boynton

Coach Tom Buckley leads his Voorheesville forces into one of the Capital Football Conference's most perilous snakepits Saturday. The Blackbirds play at Watervliet against a team smarting from an upset at Ravena last week.

The accent was on offense in practice sessions this week in the wake of last Saturday's 13-0 victory over Chatham. It was a triumph for the defense, which set up both scores and effectively shut down a worthy opponent.

"We played a really outstanding game on defense," said Buckley after enjoying a Sunday morning's weekly film session with his board of strategy. "We had very few (defensive) penalties, almost no breakdowns that led to long plays, and what was especially gratifying was the four times they had first down inside our 12. They only completed three passes, all in the fourth quarter."

Buckley had kudos for the whole bunch. "Mike Galusha and Kevin Rafferty, our defensive ends, were outstanding. So were the defensive tackles, Jim Connolly and Tom Flynn, who moved from linebacker to tackle and did a superb job. John Ryan, our nose man, was the leading tackler, John Minozzi is one of the best linebackers around, and Chris Zeh did a fine job moving into the linebacker spot. In the secondary Ray Donnelly, Dave Haaf, Jim Meacham, Pete McMillan and Sean Rafferty contained their attack. It was a good job all around."

Connolly set the tone of the day when he blocked a punt on Chatham's first possession. The Blackbirds lost little time in going to work; Meacham connecting with Ed Mitzen, the sophomore halfback, for 27 yards to the 2-yard line. Mike Ricci took it in two plays later, and Mitzen

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kicked the point.

The Blackbirds were knocking on the door again in the second period after recovering a fumble on the Voorheesville 48. Meacham rambled for 17 yards, then threw to Haaf inside the 20. Another pass, this time to Tom Hannmann in the end zone, looked good for a TD, but a holding penalty nullified the play, and the chance dissipated with a fumble on the next play.

Moments later the Blackbirds came back and this time they made sure of it. Rafferty blocked another punt, and Voorheesville had the ball on the visitors' 15. Meacham threw incomplete on the first play, but on second down rolled to his left and fired the ball to Haaf in the left corner of the end zone.

The Blackbirds held Chatham to 160 yards total offense, and for their own part, ground out 134 by land and 69 by air. Meacham was 5-for-13 with two interceptions, and was the leading ground gainer with 65 yards on 10 carries. Haaf caught three passes for 29 yards and a touchdown.

Chatham had an opportunity late in the final stanza after pulling off a 42-yard pass-run play, but Zeh picked off a pass on the goal line and peeled off a 54-yard runback to preserve the shutout.

Buckley was laboring to get the kinks out of his offense this week before tangling with one of the better teams in the league. "We're still bothered by mistakes and penalties," he said Monday. "We need a lot better execution."

Ravena pulls major upset

It's Ravena's turn to take on Albany Academy's football juggernaut this week, and the Indian coaches are cooking up a conspiracy in an effort to surprise the undefeated Cadets.

The strategy is centered on devising new formations from Coach Chuck Engelhardt's "veer" attack. The Indians hope to get big Dexter Greenlee out into the open while the Cadets are keying on Shawn Leonard, Ravena's not-so-secret weapon.

Leonard showed last week that his 95-yard kickoff return in the opener at Chatham was no fluke. He gave his fans a repeat performance against Watervliet, and this time his 88-yard dash ignited a spectacular rally that enabled the Indians to come from far behind to pull off a major upset. Trailing 18-6 with less than 7 minutes remaining in the game, Ravena stunned their undefeated visitors by scoring 24 quick points.

Watervliet had been in control all day, and when they scored in the fourth quarter, the 12-point lead looked safe. But Leonard's electrifying run, featuring a quick move on the left sideline that left two defenders empty-handed, lit up his team like a pinball machine going "Tilt."

Robbie Nolan sneaked in for the conversion and it was 18-14 with 6½ minutes left. On the next kickoff, a crunching tackle by Mike Snyder jarred the ball loose, and Greenlee recovered on the Watervliet 30. Five plays later Leonard, running to the right on a veer from the wishbone, went in from the 9. When Nolan threw to Jay Askew in the end zone, it was 22-18 Ravena, and shock was numbing the enemy.

In a daze, Watervliet again fumbled the kickoff, and Ravena prepared to run out the clock from midfield. Trying to sit on

the lead with one minute left, Nolan on the first play faked to the fullback and cut back to the left. Expecting to be hit, he ran through the middle, broke into the clear, and scooted 49 yards to the goal line. A pass to split end Mike Frazzetta iced the cake at 30-18.

Mike Kerrigan scored the first Ravena TD. Watervliet was trying to protect a 12-0 halftime lead when Kerrigan, a junior split end, took a third down pass from Nolan for a 37-yard TD in the third period.

Red Cross courses

Water safety and first aid classes are being offered by the Albany area chapter of the American Red Cross. Advanced lifesaving instruction for swimmers 15 or older will begin Dec. 1 at Bethlehem Central High School. Swimming instruction for impaired, disabled or handicapped persons is being offered Saturday mornings at the Cerebral Palsy Center, Albany. Standard and advanced first aid classes begin this week at the chapter house, Hackett Blvd., Albany. To register, call 462-7461.

Arrested for dealing

Bethlehem police picked up two Delmar men last Wednesday on warrants charging them with selling illegal drugs. Both ended up in Albany County Jail.

Joseph J. DeGrush, 22, of 17 Rural Pl., is charged with two counts of criminal sale of marijuana and one count of criminal sale of a controlled substance (LSD). The identity of the second man, 17 years old, was withheld pending possible youthful offender status. He was charged with selling one ounce of marijuana. Both appeared before Town Justice Roger Fritts and were remanded to jail.

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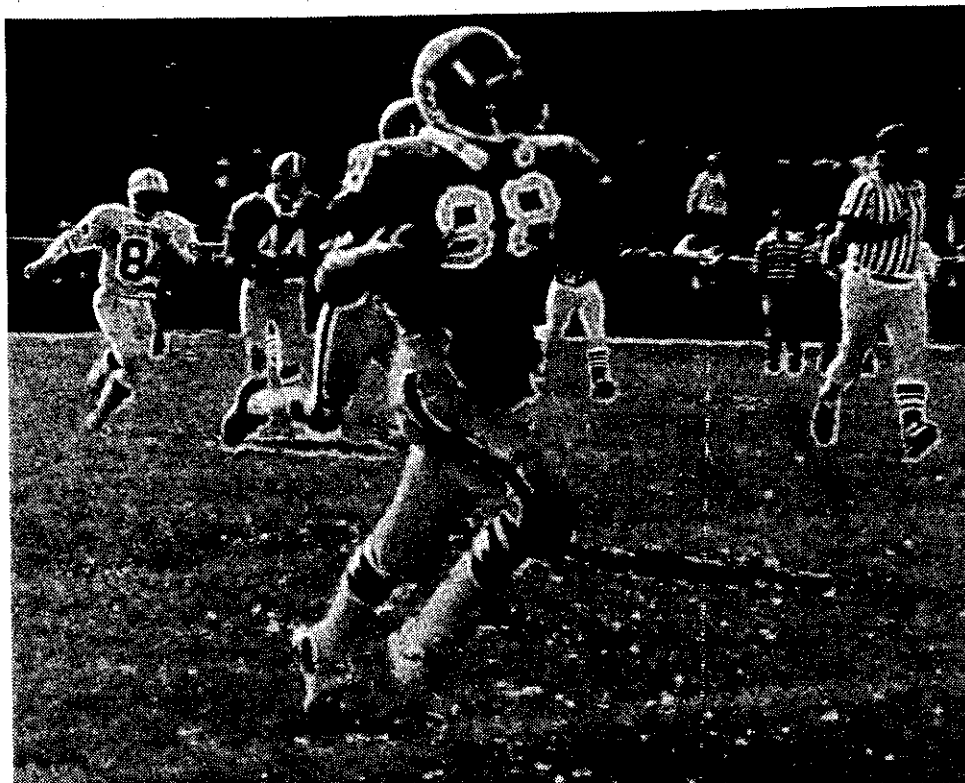
On the road for the first time this season, BC absorbed a 32-0 thumping at Burnt Hills from a team that was far superior in the physical department, in skills and talent, and in experience. (Bethlehem coaches have no record of an alleged touchdown reported in Sunday's Albany Times Union as a 25-yard run by Todd Snively.)

Two early blows caused deflation to set in at the outset, dealing BC a shock it couldn't shake off. Snively ran the opening kickoff back 75 yards for a touchdown, and BC fumbled away the ensuing kickoff. Burnt Hills ran the ball in quickly, and it was 13-0 before Bethlehem had run a play from scrimmage.

Let Coach John Sodergren take it from there:

"We came up against a better football team. The kickoff return and the fumble put us in a deep hole before we were even on the field. But there were some very positive signs. Defensively we made substantial improvement over the week before. Their last two touchdowns were scored against our second-stringers late in the game. That means that between the first two and the last two, we held them to one touchdown for most of the game, and that is encouraging for a team as physical as they were. Our kids hung in there and gave it everything they had. We could have been beaten a lot worse."

There was, however, no offense to speak of, and that disappointed Sodergren. "We were very inconsistent. We didn't establish anything. We need to find



One of the few bright spots for BC Saturday was an interception by Fran McHale (88), who ran the grab back for 45 yards. McHale was named player of the game by Bethlehem coaches.

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somebody to lay one on. We need a win to reward the effort these kids have been making."

The odds are against that this week, although in high school football anything can happen, as fans who saw the 1981 upset of Guiderland can testify. On the coming Saturday, the Eagles entertain Columbia, a rugged team that tied for the Suburban Council crown last year and two weeks ago held Shenendehowa to 14-13 at the half.

Sodergren and his staff had the lights burning far into the night Sunday after

running the weekend films through several times. The biggest problem is the running game.

"We're up against another good team," says Sodergren. "The coaches have to come up with something new, especially on offense but also defensively. Columbia is big up front, they can beat anybody. They use the shotgun and a lot of spreads, so we must make defensive adjustments."

The coaches' weekly award for the player-of-the-game went to Fran McHale, corner linebacker and offensive tight end. McHale, a senior playing his

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first year of competitive football, was cited for "improvement and a fine all-around game." He and Chris Braga, the inside linebacker, led the team in tackles, and McHale also contributed a 45-yard runback of an intercepted pass.

Dennis Dottino was named the top offensive lineman and Mike Whitney the top offensive back. Whitney, the 5-foot-5 sophomore quarterback, played all but the fourth quarter, and was cited for his poise in the face of "tremendous adversity" because of his size and age.

Braga, with 23 tackling points in the coaches' ratings, was the defensive leader. There was no selection this week in the specialist category.

Little League officers

The Tri-Village Little League Board of Directors has elected its officers for the 1983 season. Jim Dillon has been re-elected president. The other officers are John Skilbeck, executive vice president, Don Graham, player activities director, Frank Mengel, treasurer, and Bill Davies, secretary.

Player registration for the 1983 season will be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, Oct. 20, from 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 23, from 10 to 2 p.m. All returning and new players must register at these times. Any child whose birth date falls between August 1, 1967, and July 31, 1976 is eligible to register. New players must provide a photocopy of their birth certificate for league files. For questions, call Don Graham at 439-9691 or Jim Dillon at 439-9010.



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Style but no punch thwart BC title bid

A strange allergy to enemy nets has taken Bethlehem Central's soccer team out of contention for a divisional title in the slam-bang Suburban Council race, but the Eagles could be a strong challenger in the Sectionals.

Three straight defeats have virtually eliminated the locals as far as the Gold Division is concerned. Going into this week with a record of 2-3-2, the Eagles can redeem themselves with a vengeance in the Sectionals if they pay attention to business from now on.

To qualify for the post-season playoffs, they need to win six of their remaining nine games. That seems within reach if they play to their potential and find the formula for scoring goals.

The Eagles, a fine team to watch, play the league's best teams better than even between the goal stripes, but have major difficulty hitting the strings. Last week they outplayed undefeated Gunderland in the open spaces but lost by 2-1, and played mighty Shenendehowa, also unbeaten with a 7-goal scoring average per game, to a standstill on the field but lost by 2-0. On Saturday the Eagles had a letdown, but still held defending champion Burnt Hills to 0-0 in the first half before bowing by 2-0.

"We're playing beautiful soccer but not scoring goals," lamented a disappointed Coach Gene Lewis. "We get a lot of shots at goal but not on goal, and putting the ball in the net is the name of the game."

With any kind of scoring punch, Bethlehem might be atop the league today. Gunderland's Billy Muller, a blond speedster as good a forward as any around, scored at 7:18 of the first period.

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in Tuesday's struggle, and it stayed 1-0 until Muller, left uncovered in the fourth period on a mixup after a Bethlehem injury, jammed in another goal at 8:25. Randy Dean's cross to Rob Leslie at 18:10 averted the shutout, but came too late to change the outcome.

Shenendehowa had scored 36 unanswered goals in five games prior to meeting Bethlehem. They got two more in the first period, but that's all. The Shens apparently were surprised at BC's ball control throughout the game. The Eagles had two excellent chances, a chip shot by Dean that was inches high of the net as the keeper came out, and a bullet by Jeff Guinn through the goal mouth that a brilliant dive by the keeper barely tipped around the post. Bethlehem had five corner kicks to the Shens' two, but the Plainsman goalie had only four saves in 16 shots by the Eagles.

At Burnt Hills Saturday the Eagles had trouble getting their passing game organized. Burnt Hill's style is to keep the ball in the air, which is destructive to a controlled offense. Bethlehem stayed with the champions, however, yielding two second half scores, one on the rebound of a direct free kick after an injury to BC keeper Chris Essex. Tim Caulfield, coming in cold from the bench, stopped the direct, but the rebound beat him 13 minutes into the third quarter. The final goal came five minutes later.

This week BC has Columbia Tuesday



and Troy High (non-league) Thursday, both at home, before starting the second round Saturday at Mohonasen. To make the playoffs, the Eagles must fatten on the weaker teams without a misstep.

Star Bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of September 27 at Del Lanes, Delmar, went to:

Men Jim Steadman 277, Lee Stevens 271, Al Whitney 652.

Women Peggy Were 251-612.
Major Boys Bill Gallup 204, Tom Moore 531.

Major Girls Lisa Flynn 228-511.
Junior Boys Kevin O'Brien 189-468.
Junior Girls Patty Gallup 175-434.
Prep Girls Michelle Ortiz 172-399.

Swimmers take a rare loss

A swimming score buried deep in the agate type of the Albany papers' sports summaries looked at first glance to be a typographical error. It was Shaker 80, Bethlehem 46.

That tally, however, was correct. Bethlehem residents accustomed to a succession of undefeated teams and Sectional championships, blinked last week when they saw this one. Devastated by graduation and by the loss of the area's top freestyler to a private school, Bethlehem Central's girls' varsity was 2-1 in three meets in the first week of the campaign.

A 73-50 victory over Voorheesville-Guiderland's combined team and a 67-59 non-league triumph over Chenango Forks sandwiched the Shaker setback in Delmar. The loss snapped a string of 22 straight wins dating back to the 1979-80 season when Glens Falls edged the Delmar mermaids.

"We've got a young team and we'll be

getting better every week," said Ray Sliter, BC's athletic director who took over the coaching chore two years ago. "We have no seniors, only a few juniors, a lot of promising sophomores and freshmen, several eighth graders and a seventh grader."

Nucleus of the team are Kathleen Henahan and Becky Freidlander, juniors with varsity experience and veterans of the Delmar Dolphins club meets; both distance swimmers; Julie Green and Lynn Apicelli in the breaststroke, Mary Ellen Burda in the backstroke, Sandy Blendell, a sophomore sprinter, and Sue Mallory, a versatile eighth grader who can do almost everything. Apicelli, a freshman, also does the individual medley.

The Eagles have also inherited a talented breastroker in Carolyn Schultz, a sophomore who swam for the G-V Mergers before moving with her family from Voorheesville to Bethlehem during the past summer.

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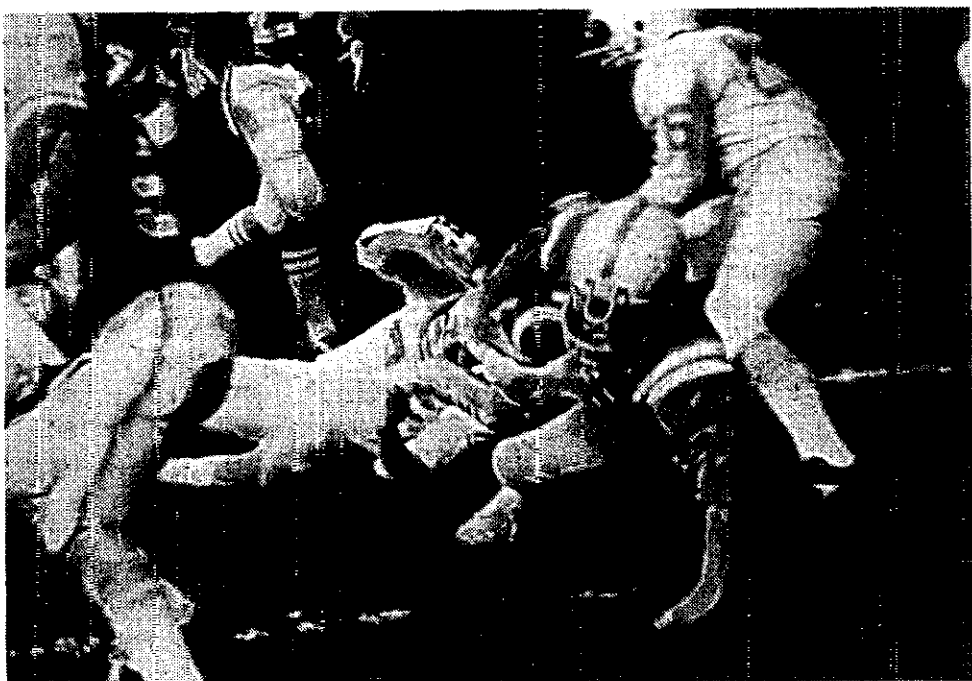
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"Hawk" David Allegretta goes in for touchdown on a quarterback sneak in Bethlehem Pop Warner action Sunday.
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Falcons, Hawks score easy wins

The PeeWee Falcons routed the East Greenbush Blue Devils 21-6 Sunday in Bethlehem Pop Warner action. Kevin Ryan led the charge with two TD's, both up the middle. Ryan also tallied 129 yards for the day.

With lineman Paul Vichot scattering the defenders, Neil Fitzpatrick was able to score from 12 yards out. The extra point came on a throw from quarterback Travis Hagen to Peter Klein.

Jamie Dillon contributed two points for the Falcons when he sacked the Devil quarterback in the end zone.

In other Pop Warner action, the Junior Midget Hawks blanked South Troy, 33-0. John Lindsay tacked up 12 points with end sweeps, one from 52 yards out and the other from the 4C. Other scorers were Rich Gray, Mike Mosley and Dave Allegretta. Allegretta contributed extra points on the ground and in the air, with Corey Willes receiving. Gray also ran the ball in for an extra point.

The Midget Eagles had a harder time of it, with Eric Larkins scoring on a 40-yard end sweep as the squad bowed to East Greenbush, 26-6.

This Sunday the PeeWees will host Brunswick at the Hamagrael field at noon. The Junior Midgets will face East Greenbush there at 2 p.m., and the Midgets will be in Rensselaer, also at 2.

Area standouts pace CBA harriers

Several Bethlehem runners are among the leaders in Christian Brothers Academy's most impressive cross country season in recent memory. C.B.A.'s win at the recent 41st Proctor Invitational Cross Country meet in Utica was the first for a Section Two team since 1960 and came at the expense of the defending state champions, Corcoran High of Syracuse, which finished second.

C.B.A. was led by senior co-captain Tom Thorp of Glenmont, who finished in seventh place. Senior Dennis McKenna of Delmar was the fourth C.B.A. finisher, in 20th place in the 140-man field. Ravena's John Hogan contributed a 23rd place finish in the junior varsity race.

In freshman competition, Jamie Thorp of Glenmont added the Proctor indivi-

dual title to the one he picked up at the Gloversville Invitational as he won the "A" race in 6:02 for the 1.2 mile course. Delmar's Ken Dandeneau was the winner in the freshman "B" race.

Coming up is a dual meet against Bishop Gibbons, ranked fourth in the state, next Tuesday.

Vandals in Elsmere

The sharp October air apparently brought out the tricksters Sunday night as a number of residents on Lavery Dr., Kenwood Ave. and Clermont Dr. in Elsmere reported damage to their cars. Most were soaped; one owner reported catsup, tomato juice and hot chocolate on his upholstery.

Tennis team still undefeated

Three more easy victories have put Bethlehem Central's girls varsity in a solid position to take the Suburban Council tennis championship. The only obstacle is a match at Niskayuna next Wednesday (Oct. 13), when the 1981 champions will be loaded to atone for their September 8-0 wipeout in Delmar.

The Eagles remained unbeaten and unpressed at 9-0 last week by taking Saratoga by 6-2, Gunderland by 8-1 and Shenendehowa by 7-1. This week Burnt Hills was due in Delmar Monday, Columbia today (Wednesday) and Scotia Thursday.

The shooting at Saratoga last Wednesday was more decisive than expected. Except for Laura Treadway, who lost the No. 1 singles to Fran Paston, the top player in the league, and Julie Liddle,

who lost in three sets at No. 6, the Eagles swept the others in two sets each.

BC's three doubles teams are undefeated, a rare phenomenon in these times. Leanne Cory and Laurie Gould play No. 1 doubles, Carolyn Cross and Laurie Weinert No. 2, and Tina Manion with either Maureen Walsh or Maggie Whitney at No. 3.

Babe Ruth tryouts set

Bethlehem Babe Ruth League tryouts are scheduled 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the Middle School field. All 13- to 15-year-olds may try out. Rain date is Oct. 16. For information, call Bob Cronin, 439-6166.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
Voorheesville Central School District
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The Board of Education of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that a special district meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, in Voorheesville, New York, in said School District, on the 30th day of November, 1982, at 1:45 o'clock P.M., Prevaling Time, for the purpose of voting by ballot upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of

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collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued, and that the balance of such maximum estimated cost, in the amount of \$29,572, shall be provided from a grant to be received from the United States Department of Energy for energy conservation measures.

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Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

Sept. 28, 1967

Robert G. Sowers, former manager of the appliance department of John G. Myers Co., Albany, and more recently manager of the Melody Manor Magnavox Center, Colonie Center, has purchased Delmar Appliances, 239 Delaware Ave., and will operate the business as owner-manager.

The board of trustees of the Slingerlands Nursery School announces the appointment of Mrs. J. Wesley Thurlow to the position of teacher-director. Mrs. Thurlow, a native of Glens Falls, attended the NYS College for Teachers at Albany and received a BS degree in education from Syracuse University.

Sept. 28, 1972

The Dept. of Environmental Conservation has issued an official report refuting newspaper and TV reports and columns that the draining of the pond at the Five Rivers Center in Delmar resulted in the killing of thousands of 4-6-pound bass. The DEC statement said the media assertions that the fish were "deliberately and wantonly" killed was "grossly incorrect." The official statement said the accident occurred during repairs to a faulty flow control gate valve, and that a team of fish biologists who surveyed the fish population by the boat electric shocker method two months before the accident found only 27 largemouth bass with a total weight of 33 pounds, and only five weighing between 3 and 5 pounds. The ratio of game to non-game species, the survey found, was 1:4.

Oct. 3, 1957

The Delaware Plaza Merchants Assn. has received so many entries of such fine quality for their photo contest celebra-

ting the Plaza's second anniversary that they have extended the entry deadline to Oct. 12.

Delmar Elementary School PTA is planning a "Get Acquainted Supper" and open house at the school on Oct. 8. Mrs. Robert Wilmot, chairman of the Grade Mothers, will be in charge, assisted by Mesdames Harold Garinger, John Boddie, Charles Alford, Peter Verardi, James McGraw, John Bylsma, Stanley Hummel, Marvin Sagor, Frederick Dearstyne, L.H. Clark, Thomas Thornton and George Smith.

Oct. 4, 1962

The newly formed Delmar 4-H club, "Little Women," held its first meeting at the home of their leader, Mrs. Gilbert C. Dormandy. The nine members are Barbara Pellitier, Carol Dormandy, Ann Quirk, Lisa Gittlesohn, Carolyn Kass, Deborah Petersen, Cathy Hooper, Christine Schohner and Diana Baker.

Earl B. Robinson of Delmar has been elected lieutenant governor of the Capital District of Kiwanis at a meeting in New York City. Mr. Robinson has been president of Delmar Kiwanis and is active in church and community affairs.

Oct. 5, 1967

The state Dept. of Transportation has released a map showing the proposed connection of the Slingerlands Bypass with Kenwood Ave. at the intersection of Cherry Ave. The spur would span the D&H tracks, cross McCormack Rd. and New Scotland Rd., and connect with the proposed extension of the Slingerlands Bypass to the Stonewell area. The Bypass now extends only to Maher Rd.

Oct. 5, 1972

Delaware Plaza merchants this week are celebrating their 17th birthday and also welcoming a new store, Denby's.

John G. Myers Travel Center in Delmar is advertising a one-week cruise to six Caribbean islands from \$329 (inside upper cabin), two weeks and four islands in Hawaii from \$499, and a week in Acapulco and Mexico from \$269.

Media Rare

An occasional commentary on the world of newspapers, radio and television.

By Nat Boynton

I love it when Rip Rowan picks the college football games. He picks them against "the computer."

Being of the opinion that Channel 10's news staff is the most professional of the three local competitors — a shade ahead of Channel 13 — I inherit Rip's alleged sports commentary by default. If I tune him out for the other two channels, both of whom have far superior sports coverage, I'm liable to miss Bob Kovachik, by all odds the best TV weather man hereabouts.

What I love about Rip, who talks at Middle School level and often to the chagrin of his English teacher, is when he picks college football games and disagrees with what he refers to as "the computer." The computer, which can be blamed for many things in today's society, presumably has calculated the mathematical and trigonometric odds on the week's college games. Jimmy the Greek in Las Vegas has input in this calculation; so do the notorious Jersey Book (which flourished before the Atlantic City boys muscled into the action) and the integrated input of professional gambling syndicates in such outposts as New Orleans, Miami, LA and others.

These boys, whether they are closely or just nominally connected with the syndicates in their assigned territories, have megabucks on college football, now more than ever with the pros duped into a strike by handful of aggressive union activists.

Into this scenario charges our Rip, with his single-syllable perspective and timeworn cliches on the sports scene. In reciting the gamblers' point spreads on the week's college slate, Rip repeatedly

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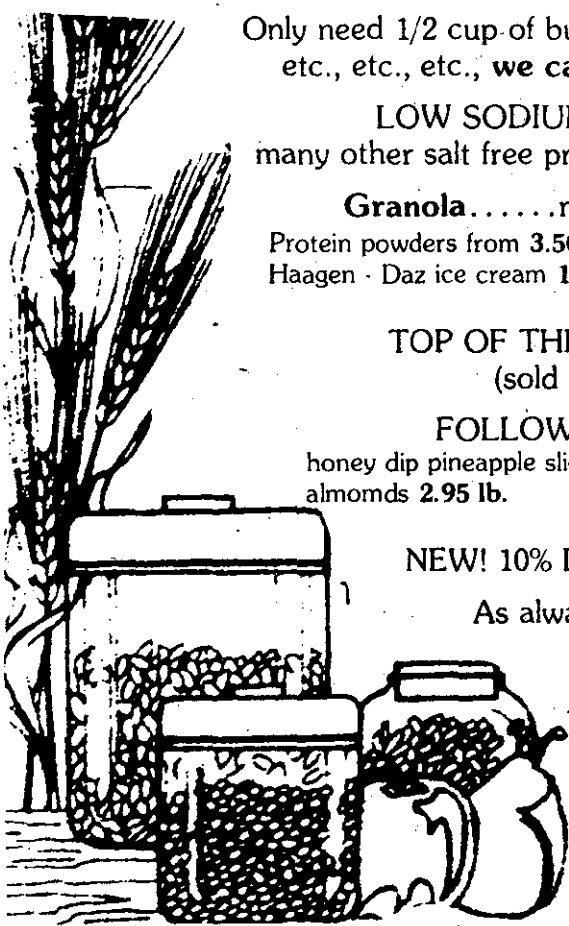
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followed Somebody over Somebody by 6, "I agree," but when it came to the hired hands of Mississippi State and Georgia, "I don't agree."

This profound statement, which may have had little impact in Las Vegas, told me and Rip's Pop Warner audience that our man had information on this momentous confrontation that the syndicates might have overlooked. What could this be? Did Rip, unaware of the relative merits of Capital District soccer teams and incapable of naming a high-ranked local tennis player, somehow glen an inside tip from the Miss State or Georgia locker room that the Las Vegas-Atlantic City syndicates didn't know?

I just loved that.

From time to time during my long, jaded career as a sports editor and sportswriter, I was on the "list" of reputed experts selected to vote in the weekly college football ratings. I never succumbed to the temptation to vote, figuring that the weekly ratings in football and basketball constitute one of the most insipid shams ever foisted on the sports-loving public. Since few of the voting writers have the chance to see more than half a dozen teams in action, especially in the first several weeks of the season, these characters set themselves up as sagacious experts, closely tuned to the relative merits of 5,000 athletes on 200 teams. Some have never seen a game before they vote.

That's why I got such a kick out of Rip's challenge to the computer on the Georgia game. I can only assume that

after watching both teams play several games last month, and talking in depth to the coaches, he could predict the outcome more accurately than the gamblers.

In a way it's sort of like the *Times Union* and *Knicker*, who still insist on glorifying the bookmakers by devoting space to the Las Vegas odds and spreads (not once a week, but every day!) in their efforts to lure Little Leaguers and Pop Warner players into the clutches of baseball and football gambling. My complaint is not this outrageous campaign to corrupt our youth, but the fact that the newspapers (and the Rip Rowans of our society) fail to tell us where we can place our bets. They never give a hint (or sell a commercial) to a bookie, local or syndicated, who will take our three units on the White Sox at 5½-6½ at home with somebody called the Mariners, or the Phillies at pick-em if Carlton isn't pitching. How the heck can I get my son interested in gambling if they don't tell us where the bookie parlor is?

I write this treatise on Friday, before the thousands of Rip Rowan's listeners have rushed to call their bookies to change their bets on Mississippi State and Georgia. I'll leave a line at the bottom of the column to tell you whether the Jersey Book or Rip came out rich on that classic. (Note to Friday night typesetter: please hold for line to be added.)

(Sunday add: The computer came pretty close on this one. Georgia won by 7 points. The syndicate point-spread was 4, and Rip's network computer was, I think, 6.)



Nancy Brown

Brown-Peters

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cameron Brown, Jr. of Wellington Rd., Delmar, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Patricia, to Keith F. Peters of Matamoras, Pa.

Miss Brown attended Hollis (N.H.) High School and is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She took undergraduate courses at SUNY-Plattsburgh and Hunter College in New York City and completed her bachelor of science degree at SUNY-New Paltz. She is a fourth grade teacher at Bicentennial Elementary School in Port Jervis, and is completing studies for a master's degree.

Her fiance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Peters of Matamoras, graduated from Delaware Valley High School in Matamoras. He received a bachelor of science degree at Mansfield (Pa.) State College and a master of science degree from Marywood College, Scranton, Pa. He teaches seventh grade at the Port Jervis Middle School.

The wedding will be on Thanksgiving weekend at the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany.

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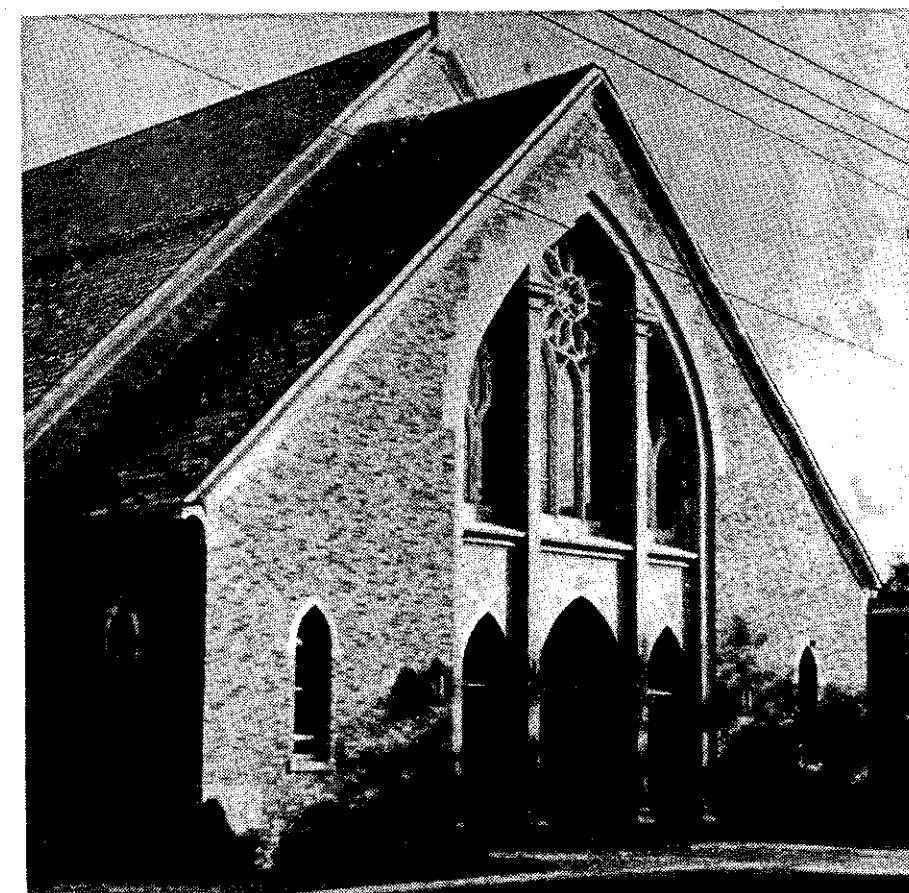
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As the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar begins to celebrate its 75th anniversary, Allison Bennett this week recounts the history of a parish that began with 12 families and has grown as dynamically as the community it serves

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