

## Split ballots the rule in large voter turnout

Warm weather and clear issues helped to bring out the voters last week, when 12,778 Bethlehem residents went to the polls. There were no upsets, but there apparently was some ticket-splitting, most of which benefited Democrats. In the solidly Republican towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, Democrats won six of 13 state and county races.

In keeping with the heavy turnout statewide, 1,576 more voters in Bethlehem came out than had for the previous gubernatorial election, in 1978.

Although he came in second statewide, Republican Lewis Lehrman bested Governor-elect Mario Cuomo in Bethlehem, 6,925 to 5,742. In New Scotland, the vote was Lehrman, 2,255, and Cuomo, 1,853.

New Scotland voters, now assigned to the new 104th State Assembly District, made it a tight race between Assemblyman Richard J. Conners, who had Democratic and Liberal endorsement, and Robert J. Bain, on the GOP and Conservative lines. The vote was 1,902 for Bain and 1,898 for Conners, who was the winner districtwide.

Democrat Bernard C. Melewski of Coeymans, trying for the 102nd Assembly District seat held by Clarence "Larry" Lane of Windham, garnered 4,954 votes from Bethlehem residents, while Lane, with the Republican and Conservative lines, tallied 6,811. The new shape of the district, redrawn following the 1980 census, may have been a factor in the 7,285-vote margin of victory for Lane, who in 1980 running against John A. Mattoon, rolled up an 18,115 margin. In 1978, against Barbara Selmer, Lane's winning margin was 16,511.

Congressman Samuel Stratton garnered 7,543 votes from Bethlehem residents and 2,675 in New Scotland in rolling up more than 167,000 votes across the new 23rd Congressional District and handily winning re-election to his 13th term. Stratton was the single largest vote-getter of any candidate for Congress in the nation where there was major party opposition. Challenger Frank C. Wicks, with Republican and Nuclear Freeze lines on the ballot, received 3,647 votes in Bethlehem and 1,025 in New Scotland, while John G. Dow, whose campaign focused on a nuclear weapons freeze and who bested Stratton in Bethlehem in the primary, took 793 votes on the Liberal line in Bethlehem and 279 in New Scotland.

In the 42nd State Senate District, Democrat Howard C. Nolan won a fifth term with a total of 9,385 votes in Bethlehem and New Scotland, while Republican James Sheehan ran up a 6,287 total and Conservative Paul C. Morgan had 321.

County Court Judge John J. Clyne of Delmar, with Democratic and Conservative support, turned back a challenge from Republican Joshua Effron, also of Delmar, with Clyne polling 8,041 votes in Bethlehem to Effron's 4,144. Ten years ago, Clyne lost in the Town of Bethlehem while winning his first 10-year term. In New Scotland this year, the vote was 2,640 for Clyne and 1,335 for Effron.

Three ballot lines weren't enough to put challenger Florence Sullivan ahead of Daniel P. Moynihan in the contest for Moynihan's U.S. Senate seat. In Bethlehem and New Scotland combined,

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Thirteen 4-year-olds at Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School were presented with a flag, plaque and patriotic coloring books by Frances Gathen, left, president of the Bethlehem Memorial VFW Auxiliary, and Marie E. Privler, auxiliary conductress. Jimmy Dahne and Brad Heath, standing, accepted on behalf of the class and Debbie Gall, right, teacher. The local VFW auxiliary will march in Albany's Veterans Day parade Thursday, and will serve refreshments at the VA bingo party, also presenting a plaque honoring Dorothy A. Schmidt, Dept. of New York VFW VAVS representative who died in February after long service as a VA Hospital volunteer. *Spotlight*

## Hardship? My foot, say variance foes

By Tom McPheeters

The seven Delaware Ave. families that are suing the Bethlehem Board of Appeals over the Turner variance have done some research into the financial "hardship" claimed in the case. Their findings indicated the board of appeals may not have done its homework before granting the variance.

The lawsuit, filed in state Supreme Court last week, challenges the board's decision to permit Jesse Turner, a Florida resident, to sell the two-family house he owns at 399-401 Delaware Ave. for use as law offices. It is returnable Nov. 26.

The case has generated considerable notice, and the neighbors had said after the board's Sept. 28 decision they planned to appeal. But they did more than appeal on legal grounds — they set out to investigate every aspect of the case.

"We feel like we had second full-time jobs," said Sandy Hackman of 421 Delaware Ave., a spokesman for the group. "But in a way it's been very good for the neighborhood."

The issue, and the work that went into the lawsuit, has generated such community feeling that there is talk now of starting a neighborhood association, she said.

The Turner house is two doors west of the Delmar firehouse, on the edge of what the Bethlehem Planning Board decided last year should remain an A-Residential zone. On the other side of the firehouse, toward the Four Corners, the zoning is commercial.

The court papers filed by the neighbors sketch a picture of new families moving

difficult for him to make a reasonable income from his investment. Turner did that by claiming that because he lives in Florida it was difficult and unprofitable for him to rent the building, and that he had been unable to sell it as a residential property. He had figures to back up his contention that he was making very little money off the property.

***The Delaware Ave. families fighting the board of appeals have done their own investigation of Turner's hardship claim. In the process, they've grown a lot closer as a neighborhood.***

in, attracted by the large old homes available at reasonable prices. Many of them have invested a considerable amount of money in restoring their homes, the papers said.

Because of the zoning, Turner needed what is known as a "use variance" in order to convert his building to the law office use. And in order to get that variance, he had to show hardship — that some special circumstances made it

The board of appeals, which has no staff of its own, apparently accepted Turner's figures without checking them. But the homeowners and their attorney, Rosemary Nicols of Albany, did check, and came up with a major discrepancy: Turner's claim that he was paying \$2,772 annually on his \$14,000 mortgage seemed out of line.

To pay that much on a mortgage obtained in 1960 for 25 years would have

meant a 19.5 percent interest rate — high even in today's extraordinary times but unheard of in 1960. Particularly since FHA mortgages, which is what Turner had, were going for 5½ percent in 1960, say the homeowners.

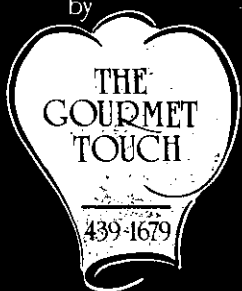
If Turner's net income from the property is calculated on this lower interest rate, say the homeowners, it comes to about \$2,000 a year, which works out to a 33 percent annual return on the original (1960) \$6,000 investment.

As for Turner's inability to sell the building as a residential property, the homeowners found nine of 34 buildings in the immediate neighborhood that have changed hands in the last five years, all residences. Did Turner try all that hard to sell? He has admitted at the hearing that he never retained a real estate agent to help him sell the building.

"On those rare occasions when the property was for sale through a hand-lettered sign on the front lawn, no one was available to answer telephone inquiries about the property at the listed telephone number," say the court papers. That assertion is backed by an affidavit by the Charles E. Snow family, one of the petitioners, who were looking for a house

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## □ Vote

Moynihan polled 9,601 votes, while Mrs. Sullivan tallied 6,977.

Democrat Paul Cheeseman, who also had Conservative and Liberal party backing, tallied 8,230 votes in Bethlehem and New Scotland compared with 6,957 for the Republican contender for Family Court judge, Howard Alpert.

Although unsuccessful in her bid for the job of Albany County sheriff, Lady Rucinski led incumbent George Infante in the two towns, polling 8,695 votes to Infante's 7,044.

Comptroller Edward Regan scored a lopsided victory in his re-election bid, swamping Republican Raymond Gallagher in Bethlehem and New Scotland, 12,193 to 3,752. And Atty. Gen. Robert Abrams also handily defeated Republican challenger Frances Scalfani, 9,525 to

### League topic is education

Financing of education will be the subject of the November unit meeting of the Albany County League of Women Voters. In light of the Appeals Court reversal of the 1978 Levittown decision, the league will present updated information concerning financing public education.

The Bethlehem unit will meet Thursday, Nov. 18 at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave. Babysitting will be available. For additional information Susan Richmond at 439-5744.

6,465 in balloting in the two towns.

Republican Estelle Kearns outpolled incumbent Democrat Guy B. Paquin in combined voting in Bethlehem and New Scotland for the post of county clerk, 7,933 to 7,431, while losing countywide. For county coroner, Republican Samuel Ouimet polled 6,563 votes in the Town of Bethlehem, compared with 4,814 for Democratic incumbent William Loetterle, the winner. In the Town of New Scotland, the vote was 1,898 for Ouimet against 1,775 for Loetterle.

## □ Hardship

in 1978 and tried the number on the sign for weeks at a time with no success, the affidavit states.

Turner's lawyer, Sam Whiting, said Monday he had not seen the neighbors' papers and could not comment on their figures.

The lawsuit also repeats many of the issues raised when the variance was being considered by the board of appeals. They claim that Turner did not follow the proper procedure in first going to the building inspector's office, that the board of appeals engaged in spot zoning and is overriding the property rights of the neighbors, that the town is following incorrect procedure in applying State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) laws, and that the Bethlehem Planning Board was "equally frustrated" in its attempts to address the social and economic consequences of the variance.

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# Water, consultants budget hearing topics

The annual public hearing on Bethlehem's town budget, this one a \$6.3 million affair that projects a 3.8 percent increase for 1983, drew more questions than criticism, and more criticisms aimed at budgeting than at policy questions. The two major exceptions were consultants and water.

The town board took no action on the document, but could act at tonight's (Wednesday's) regular meeting.

Most of the hearing featured the sort of fencing matches that have become a regular feature of these sessions, with Supervisor Tom Corrigan on one side and a contingent of town Democrats on the other. Many of the questions by town Democratic Committee Chairman Michael Breslin appeared designed to lay a basis for campaign issues in next year's local election — plans for a solid waste transfer station on Elm Ave. East, the paving of that road to accommodate heavier vehicles, and whether Bethlehem will end garbage pickup service.

To those questions, Corrigan replied that no decision had been made on the transfer station, or ending garbage pickup, and that there are no plans to pave the road.

Much of the fencing between Democratic Committee Chairman Michael Breslin and Corrigan centered on the question of consultants, which the town uses for engineering work on large projects such as sewers or new subdivisions. Breslin wanted to know why the 1983 budget shows more money for consultants than this year's \$49,700.

## BETHLEHEM

"What's pushing it up so high?" he asked, apparently still not satisfied with the answers he had been given on the transfer station decision. Again Corrigan denied there was any connection between the consultant budget and that project — the increase was in anticipation of a pickup in building activity, and would be balanced by increased revenue from builders, he said.

"I don't see how you can run a plant as big as this one and not spend some money on consultants," Corrigan said.

The board also heard one protest over the proposed increase in water rates for large users, from David Greenhallgh, plant manager for Airco's Selkirk plant. But Greenhallgh said he was speaking for all of the industrial users in the town's southern belt, and his comments appeared to carry some weight with the board.

The increase, which will mean an additional 10 cent per 100 cubic feet for customers who use more than 12,000 cubic feet, will make a significant dent in his budget, Greenhallgh said. "It does not make us feel appreciated."

But Corrigan disputed Greenhallgh's contention that the increase will make industry pay a disproportionate share of the town's water costs. "We find ourselves in a position now that we have to go for additional sources of supply," the supervisor said, noting that the town's



Winners in the Bethlehem Art Association's recent show were presented awards by association president Barbara Hallenbeck, right. Winners were, from left: Helen St. Clair, honorable mention; Florence Becker, second; Lillian Longley, honorable mention; Lorraine Shapiro, third and honorable mention; Jane Bloom, honorable mention, and Barbara Wooster, first prize. *Spotlight*

contract with Albany requires buying water for more than it sells it to residents and businesses.

Later, Corrigan calculated that with the cost of Albany water factored in

Bethlehem is paying about 58 cents per 100 cubic feet for water it supplies to residential customers at 60 cents per 100 cubic feet, and to larger users at 50 and 40 cents per 100 cubic feet.

## NiMo hearing extended

The public hearing on Niagara Mohawk's plan to convert its Glenmont generating plant so that it can burn coal will have evening hours after all.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation, which is the lead agency reviewing the environmental impact statement for the project, had originally set the hours for the Dec. 16 hearing for 1 to 4:30 p.m. The new hours are 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m., all on Dec. 16. The change is "in response to requests from the public," a department spokesman said Tuesday.

The hearing, conducted by an administrative law judge, will be the only opportunity for the average citizen to comment on the environmental issues, including possible water and air pollution, raised by the coal conversion plan.

Judith Enck, executive director of the Environmental Planning Lobby, an umbrella organization for about 80 environmental groups, said Monday she had requested Law Judge Daniel Louis to extend the hearing into the evening hours to allow working members of the community to give testimony.

The hearing will be held in the Bethlehem Town Hall Auditorium. A later hearing will be held to take sworn testimony from experts.

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# 'Bumping' jostles board

By Caroline Terenzini

A divided Bethlehem Central school board voted last Wednesday to lift its prohibition against letting an athletically talented seventh or eighth grader "bump" an older player off a team.

After long discussion, including a 15-minute executive session, the vote was 4-3, with Marjory O'Brien, Robert Ruslander and Jed Wolkenbreit opposed.

In 1980 the board authorized use of selection classifications in the district's athletic program. That procedure, as detailed by the state Education Department, allows an athletically talented seventh or eighth grader who meets certain standards of physical fitness and maturation to be eligible to try out for freshman, junior varsity or varsity teams. This spring, eight girls and seven boys in the district gained eligibility in this way to compete in swimming, golf, freshman cross-country, girls' varsity tennis, field hockey and soccer.

Old concerns were revived Wednesday when the athletic department, which is headed by Raymond Sliter, asked the board to remove its ban on bumping. Ruslander, who had urged the ban originally, wanted it to remain. "The concept of an athletic program, as I see it," he said, "is to provide every student who wants to participate an opportunity to do so. The exceptional eighth grader is going to have his own playing time."

Robert Zick was concerned about the "late bloomer" having no chance to play, and Mrs. O'Brien was too. "We're cutting them out way too soon," she said. "For

# Readers and writers at Hamagrael

At Hamagrael Elementary School this week, they're teaching reading and writing and more writing. It's all leading up to the Home School Association's annual book fair Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Friday, Nov. 12, at a 2:30 p.m. assembly, young authors will read poems and stories they have written, and parents and friends are welcome to come and hear them.

Also Friday, seventh graders, who did a study of authors for young people, will visit the fourth and fifth grades to share their new knowledge. And high school seniors in the creative writing class will share their ideas and experiences with second and third graders.

Already the school walls are covered with portraits by the children of their favorite storybook characters.

Books for the Book Fair will be set out Monday for previewing after school. Tuesday, browsers and buyers will be welcome from 3:30 to 5 and 7:30 to 9 p.m. The Book Fair is being done with the help of Lincoln Hill Books, Delaware Ave., Delmar.

"It's really a three-week endeavor," Principal Joseph Schaefer said. "The kids are learning about books and authors and how they can become authors themselves. When they write a story or poem, they ARE authors."



Second grader Leigh Meislahn and her fourth-grade sister, Brooke, look over books getting ready for the Hamagrael School book fair next Tuesday. *Spotlight*

many kids, high school sports are their last chance to play on a team. Now we're saying that if you don't make it by Middle School, forget it."

Mrs. O'Brien expressed dismay when Sliter said older players may be on the bench, as opposed to bumped, because a more talented seventh or eighth grader makes the team.

Robert Salamone, who coaches freshman football, eighth grade basketball and varsity softball, said, "There's always somebody at the bottom of the ladder. There's always somebody who has to be cut. Sports are competitive. When it

comes to court time, I'm going to play my five best players."

Sheila Fuller called the board's previous position "unfair to students and coaches. We expect our teams to win. We ought to give some credence to what our coaches are saying."

In the end, enough board members were persuaded.

In response to another request from the athletic department, the board was unanimous. The vote was 7-0 to allow seventh graders meeting selection classification criteria to compete in interscholastic wrestling under modified rules and eligible eighth graders to try out for JV and varsity wrestling. The board previously had excluded strenuous contact

sports from the selection classification list, but agreed with Superintendent Lawrence Zinn and the coaches that because of weight matching, wrestling is not hazardous in ways that football is.

In other business, the board:

- Agreed to let football booster construct a storage building on school property, "subject to the approval of the superintendent."

- Approved a change order with Tougher Industries adding \$3,850 to the cost of plumbing work at the high school. Business Administrator Franz Zwickbauer said the money was going to have to be "found" in the budget, but it was pointed out that the district had no alternative to having the work done.

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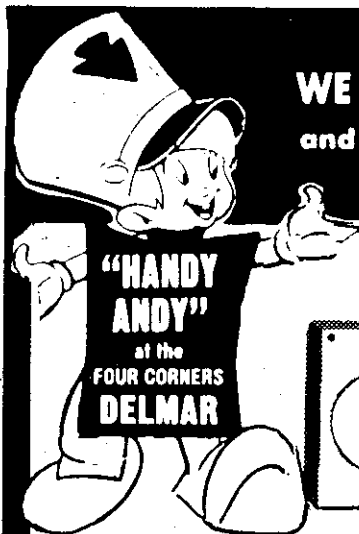
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## Search on for new coach

Bethlehem Central will have a new varsity basketball coach next week as the Eagles prepare for another Suburban Council campaign.

James Tedisco, former Union College standout who has guided the Eagles for the past four seasons, resigned last week after completing a successful campaign for a seat in the New York State Assembly. Tedisco, who has been on leave of absence from his teaching duties for the first semester, has maintained his home in Schenectady and has been a member of the Schenectady city council.

Gary Przybylo, junior varsity coach, is directing the first week of basketball practice at BCHS, which started early basketball drills this week.

Ray Sliter, director of athletics at the school, would not comment on reports Przybylo would be moved up to the varsity spot. "The job has to be posted for 10 school days," he said. "And we have a number of applicants."

Tedisco succeeded Dale Walts as Bethlehem mentor, but was unable to produce a contender for the league title. Tedisco also directed the school's overall basketball program, including elementary grade clinics Saturday mornings.

Other coaching slots for winter sports have been filled as follows: Gary Przybylo, junior varsity boys' basketball; Bob Salamone, eighth grade basketball; John Whipple, varsity swimming; Robert Keens, JV swimming; Dick Poplaski, varsity wrestling; John DeMeo, JV wrestling; James Guiliano, freshman wrestling.

Also, Merle Miller, varsity bowling; Ray Sliter, JV and varsity volleyball; Carol Walts, girls' varsity volleyball; Nancy Smith, girls' JV volleyball; Joanne Smith, girls' freshman volleyball; Denise Minnear, girls' gymnastics.

Also, Kenneth Hodge, girls' varsity basketball; Jesse Braverman, girls' JV basketball, and Eugene Lewis, girls' freshman basketball.

## Visit to the Elks

The Town of Bethlehem Senior Citizens will visit the Bethlehem Elks Club on Rt. 144 in Selkirk at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, for a dinner and music. Those who plan to attend should provide their own transportation.

Information about this Senior Citizens Organization event, and future events can be obtained at the group's regular meeting from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

## Orchestra performs

The Delmar Community Orchestra will travel to the Ohav Shalom Synagogue's community hall to make music on Monday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. The local musicians will be performing for the Ohav Shalom B'Nai B'Rith, and Thurlow Terrace senior citizens retirement centers.

## Poetry workshop

Youngsters ages seven and up aspiring to write rhyme and verse can set their poetry to paper at a two-day workshop at the Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 18 and 19, at 4 p.m. The group will be creating an original book of poetry that will become part of the children's room collection. To preregister, call the library at 439-9314.

## Recovers battery

A Douglas Rd., Delmar, resident, saw a young man under the hood of his car, parked in his driveway, Saturday afternoon. The resident gave chase as the man took off on foot with the battery; he lost the thief but found his battery about 50 yards from the car, according to Bethlehem police. No one has been charged with the crime.



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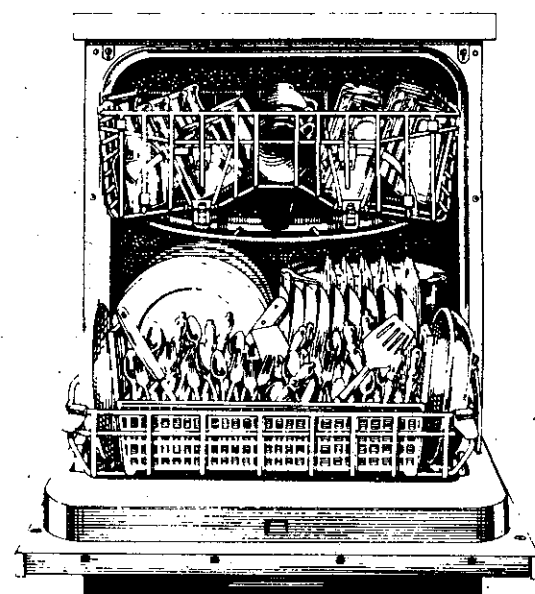
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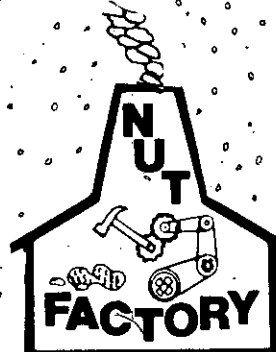


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**The early morning mist was pea-soup thick when we boarded the boat at Shed 1 at the Port of Albany. A huge banana boat from Central America dwarfed our little packet . . .**

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## TIMES REMEMBERED

Allison Bennett



of the early boats that plied the canal and transported settlers westward to new lands. The last commercial passenger boat left the canal in 1912, many people thought for good.

The early morning mist was pea-soup thick when we boarded the boat at Shed 1 at the Port of Albany. A huge banana boat from Central America dwarfed our little packet, especially since the docks are so high above the water to accommodate ocean going ships, and one could only see the top deck of *Emita*, on a level with the paved surface of the dock. The captain and owner, Peter Wiles, looking much like a Dutch skipper with his white hair of straight, longish cut protruding from beneath his Greek fisherman's cap, with white chin whiskers to complement it, handed us down the gangplank into a watery world that would last for three days.

By the time all passengers were aboard the fog was beginning to lift and the sun

shone through as we cast off into a new adventure. Captain Wiles is an avid student of history and the natural sciences and constantly embellished our ride with facts as we passed upriver, gazing at the towering spires of Albany. Everyone was up top as they did not want to miss anything and we glided along smoothly past the Watervliet Arsenal and the tattered waterfront at Troy and approached the Federal lock above the city.

The locks have a scheduled opening every half hour for pleasure boats but must open on demand from commercial boats, which we were considered to be. Life in Lansingburgh is closely tied to the river and there were little back yards sloping down to the river bank, many with their owners' boats tied to a tree along the shore. It was a lovely morning and clotheslines were flapping their contents in the fall breezes.

Soon we were making a bend in the river and passing into the Mohawk at the Village of Waterford. There are five locks in the flight at Waterford, with a total rise of 184 feet in elevation. The guard gate to the first lock looks like a guillotine, but it maintains the water level in lock #6. Beside the present locks are the remains of the old stone-sided canal and flight of locks that served when the canal was first constructed in 1825. The excess water from the lock cascades down these stone steps and makes a pretty sight. Behind us loomed the hills of Brunswick, above Troy.

When we reached each lock the Mid-Lakes station wagon, which always accompanies the boat, was already there, with its driver, one of our crew members, acting as lock attendant to catch our ropes and help guide the boat through the lock. The young person driving the wagon for the day would also run errands between locks for passengers who needed film, suntan lotion or some other forgotten item.

Several different newspapers were provided each morning so that we could keep up on the world's doings. However, the present rarely intruded and we lost all sense of hurry and haste as we glided along in our own vacuum, with the boat itself being our world for three days.

At Crescent we passed into the big lake that was formed by the Crescent Dam, built in 1915 for the canal. Bordering this section are many summer cottages and marinas, filled with white pleasure boats. One wonders why this is the favorite color — probably because it is easy to see on the dark water.

**The old canal town of Crescent looms on the far hill, crowned with its Greek Revival homes of an earlier time, while further upstream modern apartment houses command a splendid view of the river . . .**

The old canal town of Crescent looms on the far hill, crowned with its Greek Revival homes of an earlier time, while further upstream modern apartment houses command a splendid view of the river and its traffic. Passing under the Koskiusko twin bridge of the Northway the Mohawk becomes narrower as it passes through shale outcroppings and the banks are again lined with summer cottages in various states of dilapidation or grandeur.

It was time for a hearty and delicious buffet lunch to be served aboard, and the day being lovely, everyone brought their filled plates to the top deck, which was comfortably furnished with tables and cushioned couches. The grey and white seagulls must have caught a sniff of our food for they hovered very near, hoping for a few morsels. Where do these gulls go in winter when the river and canal is solidly frozen? Perhaps they go to New

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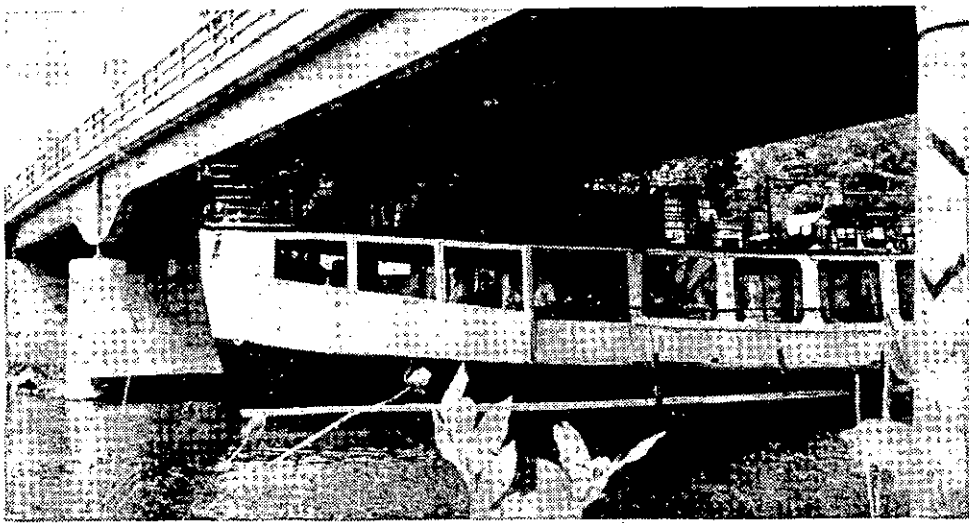
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The pastoral serenity all about us, the calm water and the gentle throbbing of the engines made life's hustle and bustle seem a world away — perhaps the answer to the lure of boating. After such a lunch one could easily be lulled into taking a little nap and that is just what some of the passengers did, stretching out on the benches in the warm sunshine.

Above Crescent we entered other locks; before the trip was over we would have gone through 23 in all. If one has never gone through a lock in a boat it is a novel experience to say the least. The lock itself is a kind of concrete or steel sarcophagus with gates at either end and the water therein is at the level at which the boat enters. You are hardly in the lock when the huge gate swings shut behind your boat and water from underneath begins to fill the lock. When the water level in the lock reaches the level of the canal beyond, the front gate is opened and the boat proceeds out of the lock and goes on its way forward. Fishermen in folding chairs were always sitting along the dykes that form the lock entrance, enjoying the beautiful day — are they really catching anything or is it just an excuse for a chance to find a little peace and quiet?

Church spires towering over a distant tree line announced that we were approaching Schenectady, as did the former Alco plant along the river bank,

now owned by General Electric Co. The original canal went right through the city on what is now Erie Boulevard, but we were on the Mohawk that divides Schenectady and Scotia. Going westward from the city, one is reminded that Steinmetz used to travel these same waters, paddling his little canoe to his summer cottage that was located along one of the river's bayous. This famous cottage is now installed in the museum village of Greenfield at Dearborn, Mich. The stately white painted brick Glen-Sanders homestead is sitting snugly up a branch of the river, as imposing as it ever was in the colonial days of our nation. Further along the shore is the very Dutch-style farmhouse outpost of Jan Mabie, built before 1700 and nestled close to the river bank, where traders and Indians could have easy access to bring ashore their furs and trade goods.

Beyond Schenectady the view opens up and the terrain becomes more hilly, with the Thruway in constant view, as is Rt. 55. The cars and trucks whisk by at a distance and people blow the horns and wave but it does not disturb the tranquility. We are sure they must be very envious of all of us, sitting on deck in the sun. Every so often we pass little streams, emptying their contents over the rocks and into the mother stream with a tinkling splash.

By dinner time we are near Amsterdam and we go below into the glass enclosed

salon to enjoy a delicious dinner of prime ribs or roast lamb, prepared in home-like style in the tiny galley by the Captain's daughter. One can never go hungry while aboard since there were doughnuts and always available beverages every morning, an ample lunch and snacks of cheese and crackers or fondue served at four o'clock, along with your favorite drink from the bar if one so desired. With evening came the hearty dinner, to cap off a day that did not help the waistline measurement one bit. Our sleeping time was spent in motels and a bus waiting at the dock in Amsterdam took us to the local Holiday Inn. In the morning when we came back to the boat we were greeted with a substantial breakfast, the bacon and eggs prepared by the Captain himself.

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Casting off from Amsterdam we went but a short way to the next lock where we all disembarked and Captain Wiles showed us the huge metal-toothed arms that operate the lock gates and we toured the other buildings that house the machinery for lock operation. On the premises was Guy Park Manor, a state-owned historic site that was the home of Sir William Johnson's daughter Mary. We were given a guided tour of the house interior. Further along on our route we saw the New York State Fort Hunter Canal Park, with its picnic tables and the remaining examples of the old canal locks and towpaths. Occasionally you get a glimpse of an ancient house or a Dutch barn of ample proportions, nestling among the trees along the shore.

We passed the riverside home of General Nicholas Herkimer, the hero of the Revolutionary War battle at Oriskany. And just as the sun was setting we came into the lock at Little Falls, a rise of

forty feet and one of the highest locks in the world. The fading light made it seem an eerie scene as our boat passed through rocky clefts and into the deep lock, our anchor man so far above us on the lock wall, throwing down a long rope to secure the boat. This was in portion a man-made canal, and it passed through the lock and the little village with houses and factories on either side, but later we returned to the Mohawk River.

After dinner aboard we glided under the Thruway bridge at Herkimer where we made fast for the night and proceeded to our lodging ashore, most of us deciding that a brisk walk would precede going to bed. The next morning we proceeded up the river past Utica and at Whitesboro left the Mohawk, starting into the long stretch of the dug canal, straight as an arrow. After an early lunch our Captain announced that he had a surprise for us — a bus would be waiting at the next lock to take any who wanted to go and visit Fort Stanwix National Monument at Rome. Most decided the trip would be worthwhile, but some stayed aboard to meet us in two hours at a lock further along the way. Sure enough, as our bus returned to the lock, there was the Emitta gliding into the lock — perfect timing. Further along the canal remains of an old canal store near New London were being dismantled and a few Greek revival farmhouses dotted the shoreline. Late in the day we entered Oneida Lake, through which runs the course of the canal. The lake is large but shallow and 22 miles in length. We docked at its further end in Brewerton.

Here again a bus was waiting to take us to a nearby restaurant for a final dinner and then back to the Port of Albany that evening. After farewell kisses and handshakes to our Captain and his crew of young people, many passengers stated that they were coming back next year and "do" the remainder of the canal from Syracuse to Buffalo. Certainly some things along its shores haven't really changed that much since its hey-day of bustling travel and commerce. Today it's a trip back in time and the idea is to relax and enjoy every minute of it.

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# Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



For anyone planning on doing some early holiday shopping, Voorheesville is the place to be during the month of November. This Saturday, the seventh annual Heritage Fair will be held at the Voorheesville Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Heldeberg Business and Professional Women, the proceeds of this craft show are used for their scholarship fund.

The fair itself originally began as a bicentennial project designed to display the wares and talents of local craftsmen whose art had been passed down to them generation after generation — thus the name heritage fair. This year the fair will be the largest yet, with close to 50 local artists and craftsmen showing gifts in many categories, from stained glass to dried flowers, macrame to ceramics — the fair will have something for everyone. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. For information, or to rent a booth, call Mrs. Briggs at 765-3117 after 5 p.m.

Down the road and 'round the bend, other area artists will be displaying their unique crafts. The Locust Knoll Artisans will hold their annual Christmas Show and sale on Friday, Nov. 12, Saturday, Nov. 13 and Sunday, Nov. 14. Held in an old converted barn and stable, the show will be open each day mentioned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with extra evening hours on Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.

The nucleus group is composed of area residents Bonnie Foster, Linda O'Connor, Linda Hladun and Jeannie Petre, whose crafts include pottery, quilting, stenciling and candle making, respectively. Also taking part in this year's show are several guest artists including Gloria Scannell, who does weaving; Dominick Coppa, who works with stained-glass; Linda Scherer, a confectioner; Peg

O'Connor, who does toll painting, and Howard Coughtry, a woodworker.

Also available will be knitted goods, toy dolls, and herbed vinegars.

For those who would rather not venture out, shopping is as close as the front door. Within the next few weeks several community youth groups will be visiting friends and neighbors with a wide range of articles suitable as holiday gifts.

Presently, Cub Scout Pack 73 is holding its annual fund drive by selling two dozen items that would make ideal gifts. Ranging in price from \$1 to \$6, the articles cover all ages and interests.

The Community Nursery School of Voorheesville is also holding its annual Christmas Current drive, featuring cards, books and other holiday gifts. For more information contact Lyn Stapf at 765-2451.

Both groups promise delivery in time for Christmas.

Ballyhoo's back! Ballyhoo Bookworm, the loveable host of the PTSA Book Fair, is back in town and ready to help with the annual sale to be held at the Elementary School Library during Children's Book Week. The fair, which will run from Monday, Nov. 15, through Friday, Nov. 19, will offer a wide variety of books geared to every interest. Most books available are suited for preschoolers and elementary school students with a few books aimed at older readers. (A May fair is planned with books for junior and senior high students.)

Grade school students will get a chance to preview books during their library time and may return with their parents in the evening to purchase books on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Ballyhoo reminds parents that this is an excellent time to do a little early



**The Locust Knolls Artisans are holding their annual craft show this weekend. Joann Shiekh and her son Tarig of Delmar found much to admire at last year's show.**

holiday shopping for their own little bookworms. For information contact Jean Goldstein, book fair chairman, at 861-6213.

The Voorheesville Public Library is also planning to celebrate Children's Book Week with some special activities for area youngsters.

On Monday, Nov. 15, the regular preschool story hour will be treated to a program of stories for young children by local storyteller, Mary Murphy. Beginning at 10:30 a.m., the presentation will last about half an hour.

On Thursday, Nov. 18, the classic movie "National Velvet" will be shown at 4 p.m. Starring Elizabeth Taylor, the movie is open to everyone.

The third week in November is not only Children's Book Week, but American Education Week as well. Besides the book fair at the elementary school many other interesting activities will be happening, including parent visitations at both the high school and grade school. Parents will be able to view regular and special classes in progress during the district's first day-time open house. Special seating will be provided for parents in each classroom and visitors are

asked to sign in at the office before proceeding to classes. More information concerning specific times, grade level days and other general facts will be included in letters sent home this week.

In conjunction with the program at the high school there will be a special meeting for parents of students in grades 7-12 on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m. The main topic of the meeting, to be held in the high school auditorium, will be "Micro Computers and How They Relate to Our Future," and will feature speakers who will discuss the role of computers at home and in school.

Money is tight everywhere, but several area families are especially hard pressed due to inflation, unemployment and federal cutbacks. To help these residents of the community the Human Concerns Committee of St. Matthew's Church is sponsoring a Price Chopper Fund Day on Tuesday, Nov. 16. Shoppers may make their purchases at any one of five area Price Chopper stores with five percent of the total spent being donated to the group. A Fund Day form is required and car pools are being set up for those who need a ride.

As an added help, shoppers are encouraged to purchase \$5 and \$10 Price Chopper gift certificates that will be given to area families in need.

Based at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, the committee is composed of members from several area churches and serves almost a dozen families of different denominations.

To obtain a required form, make arrangements for a ride or find out more about the Human Concerns Committee call Marie Hill at 765-4254.

A special Thanksgiving gathering will take place this year in Voorheesville when the class of 1962 from Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School will hold a 20 year reunion-celebration the weekend immediately following Thanksgiving. Beginning with a get-together Friday, Nov. 26, at 8 p.m. at Happy's Coach House in New Salem, a fun-filled weekend is planned for the alumni.

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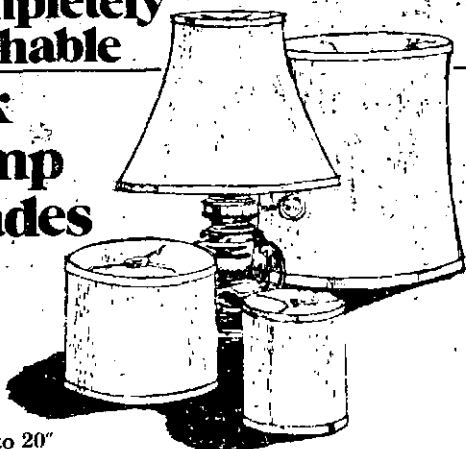
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# News from Selkirk AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



The RCS High School has announced the names of students who earned recognition at Cobleskill College during High School Day competitions at the college:

Data Processing — Susan Gleason, second place; Garth Wright, Andrew Guthrie and Tracy Griffin, all fifth place winners.

Rapid Calculation — Tony Judware, first place; Heather Frueh, fifth, Brian Koonz, seventh.

Biology — Andrew Guthrie, sixth place; Kyle Zolner, seventh; Cheryl Scalzo, ninth; Sally Campbell, 10th.

Chemistry — Wendy Hoose, ninth place; Francis Pomakoy, 10th.

Math 10 — Andrew Guthrie, first place; Cheryl Scalzo, second; Susan Gleason, fourth; Garth Wright, fifth; Beth White, fifth.

Math 11 — Tracy Griffin, second; Janet Bourguignon, third; Kyle Zolner, fourth place.

RCS, as a whole, won third place in the baking competition.

A Fall Dance sponsored by the Selkirk Fire Dept. No. 1 will be held Saturday, Nov. 20, at the firehouse on Maple Ave., Selkirk. The evening begins at 9 p.m. with square dancing and music of the fifties and sixties provided by the Sundowners.

Beer, chips and dips will be available. As a special treat cheeses and five foot loaves of bread will be baked and served during the evening. For tickets call Sally Gudz at 767-3080 or Elsie Wilsie at 767-9545.

One way to become interested in genealogy is to buy property with a

farmhouse dating back to 1830 with a private burial ground of the original family on the land. Jean Balint, chairman of the Bethlehem Historical Association Genealogy Group, did just that. She will tell about her Wyncoop property on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2:30 p.m. in the Cedar Hill School House Museum.

On Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. Robert M. Parmenter, historian of the Town of New Scotland, will present a slide program, "New Scotland Area Landmarks." A short business meeting will precede the program as well as a memorial service for members who have died this year. The public is invited to attend both programs that will be held at the museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk.

A Mended Hearts Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, at the B.P.O.E. Lodge 2233, Rt. 144, Selkirk. The dinner, sponsored by the Mended Hearts organization and the Elks Lodge, benefits heart patients and helps fund nursing scholarships. Fr. Ben Kuhn will be guest speaker.

A family style roast beef dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. followed by dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Ticket information may be obtained by calling the B.P.O.E. Lodge at 767-9994.

The Hannakrois chapter of the DAR will meet on Nov. 13 at 12:30 p.m. with Ganasvort, Mohawk, Old Hellebergh and Tawasentha chapters at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, for a dessert luncheon. Mrs. Walter L. DeVries, DAR school chairman, will present the program.

An executive board meeting of the

DAR will take place at the home of Mrs. Stephen C. Coyne, Hannakrois Regent, on Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

A new committee composed of Becker School students has just been formed. The Parents Advisory Committee has been organized hoping to improve communications among teachers, parents and administration. The group, under the leadership of Mrs. Arlene Jordan, president, hopes to have a definite influence on the education of its children.

The committee is open to all parents of Becker School students and is scheduled to meet again Nov. 18 at the school.

## Seniors' holiday party

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization will hold its annual Christmas Party from 12:30 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Aurania Club in Albany. Reservations for the party must be made at the group's regular meeting, Thursday, Nov. 18, between 12:30 and 4 p.m., at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

The Christmas party will be the group's final get-together and final meeting of the year. Meetings will resume Jan. 6.

## More traveling

A Guildreland man tracked down by Albany County sheriff's deputies last Wednesday has some more traveling to do — he faces 18 charges in three area justice courts following the chase at speeds up to 100 m.p.h. through New Scotland, Voorheesville and Guilderland. Deputies said Michael J. Prysmont was arrested at his Lydius St. residence after the chase, which started on Rt. 157 in New Scotland and led to Rts. 85 and 85A through Voorheesville into Guilderland. A patrol car driven by Deputy Robert Henzel was slightly damaged in the chase, but there were no injuries.

## NEW SCOTLAND

# Bullock Rd. wants water

Residents of Bullock Rd. in the town of New Scotland have petitioned the town board to set up a new water district that would serve approximately 48 single-family dwellings.

The petition containing 29 signatures was presented by Joseph Petrone at last Wednesday's regular monthly meeting. The board, which recently established a new water district in Feura Bush, is in the process of setting up a separate district for the Swift Rd. area pending engineering surveys and applications for funding.

Petrone, who is vice president of the New Scotland Town Civic Association, said the proposal would extend a water line from the main Bethlehem trunk beneath Rt. 85 to the farm of Glenda Armstrong, a distance of 1.6 miles along Bullock Rd.

New Scotland residents living outside Voorheesville and a narrow strip along Rt. 85 between New Salem and the Bethlehem line in Slingerlands currently depend on private wells for their water, and most of the wells are heavily infiltrated with sulfur and mineral content. A number of wells in various parts of the town also are vulnerable to dry spells.

The board reappointed Walter Miller, town building inspector, to a seven-year term on the town planning board. The appointment had been delayed while the board studied a possible conflict between the post of building inspector and the planning board, but Supervisor Steve Wallace said he himself had served in the dual capacity during a seven-year stint on the planning board "and we never had a problem." Councilman Herbert W. Reilly, Jr. dissented in the 4-1 vote.

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# The Mental Health Players

Last week I attended a locally held statewide conference and had the delightful privilege of witnessing the Mental Health Players from the Capital District Psychiatric Center do their thing. Although I have not used my column to endorse particular people or organizations, this one you've got to see. Besides, they do their thing free of charge — that is, financial charge, because the emotional charge is quite high.

You will get the chance to be there on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School cafeteria when the Parent Faculty Organization of that school sponsors the Players and a

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refreshment/de-briefing period following the performance. Holly Billings, the PFO president, told me that the Players will focus on parent-child relationships, supervision and discipline problems, teen parties, drug and alcohol abuse and other issues, some of which I have attempted to address in past columns.

If you think you would be attending one of those community meetings that bat around common issues of concern only to come away with the conclusion that prime time television would have been a better investment of your time, then you are mistaken. Although not every community meeting is uninteresting, and some even produce answers and action, the Mental Health Players do not propose answers, only action. And you become part of it, if you choose.

The Players, you see, are comprised largely of Capital District Psychiatric Center employees, not all of whom are clinical staff. Other cast members are lay persons who either have some acting experience or simply a strong interest in doing what the Players do. And they all do it very well.

What do they do? Well, they perform improvisational theater. They do not use

## Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



scripts or cue cards. They assume character roles set up by the Players' moderator who gives a brief description of the scene to be enacted. And from that point on, you have difficulty remembering that these are actors and not real people exposing their trials and tribulations in front of you.

The Players have accomplished a fine mesh of spontaneous drama and here-and-now relevance to the concerns of each audience to whom they play. The proof of their skillful impact unfolds at the end of each skit, when the moderator opens up the issue to the audience. It is at this juncture that the real drama begins, because the actors never once abandon their character roles while taking on the audience in full commitment to whom they seem to be.

It is during the audience's interaction with the Players when the real issues in the community are aroused and discussed and, on occasion, answered. Yet, the stated objective of the Players is to raise the consciousness and sensitivity of the audience members to promote their own personal resources toward seeking answers to problems. The Players do not try to impose answers, only questions.

One of the scenes I viewed at last week's conference offering found a "mental patient" taking on a "therapist" cramming down his therapizing throat every ill of the system, from bureaucratic burnout to overutilization of medication to keep the patient "in control." With each point scored by the outspoken patient, the audience laughed and exclaimed vocal support of the patient's accusations.

However, during the interaction period between the actors and audience, the audience's rebelliousness subsided in favor of empathy with the therapist and how sincere were his efforts to help the patient and how frustrated he was in coping with the patient's resistance in light of the overburdened system of mental health services operating with insufficient staff, dollars and "cures."

Later on, when actors' identities were revealed, the "patient" turned out to be an employee of the CDPC Business

Office and "therapist" was the Chief of Service at that state facility. I am certain that many in the audience internally reviewed their perceptions and biases toward the characters against the realization of who they really were, and gained new understanding.

Role-playing has long been employed to enhance the treatment process in mental health work. It has also been used as a training technique for the education

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of professionals and community members alike. But here, as is occurring across the country with other Mental Health Players' groups, people with a flair for the dramatic and an ability to portray real life roles are exposing themselves onstage in front of all kinds of audiences and are attempting to present the problems and concerns of those audiences as they really are, and then do something about it.

Bethlehem residents will have the opportunity to partake of this well-done offering, which spans serious community problem-solving and pure entertainment. The local contingent of Mental Health Players have their act together and ask nothing more of you than to attend and make the effort to get your act together. It's their only reward for the performance, and yours too.

### Retired teachers meet

The Albany Area Retired Teachers Association has scheduled its next regular meeting for Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 12:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Speaking to the group of former educators will be Dr. Sheldon Tobin, executive director of the Ringel Institute of Gerontology, who will talk on "Experience of Old Age."

Call Flossie Smith at 439-3883 for more information.

### DAR meets on schools

Tawasentha Chapter will sponsor a district-wide meeting on DAR schools on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Elks Club, Rt. 144, Selkirk.

Mrs. Walter L. DeVries, State Chairman of the DAR School Committee, will speak.

Mrs. H. Carlton Kelley, state vice chairman of schools for District III, has asked that those attending bring adult and children's clothing for the underprivileged school children in the mountain areas of the country.

### GOP club meets

The Bethlehem Women's Republican Club will meet on Monday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. County Legislator Sue Ann Ritchko will entertain the group with slides from her recent trip to China. For details, call Mary Anne Phelan at 439-4596.

### Life drawing classes set

The Bethlehem Art Association will be resuming its life drawing classes on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Adams House (old town hall). Student members can attend the classes, which are held weekly on Thursdays except for the first Thursday of every month and Thanksgiving for a \$6 fee.

Contact Lorraine Schapiro at 439-5069 for details.

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## Christian rite discussed

St. Thomas the Apostle Church will host a special event in honor of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Delmar parish entitled "The Parish of the Future."

Rev. Aidan Kavanagh, O.S.B., a monk of the Archabbey of St. Meinrad and Professor of Liturgics at Yale University Divinity School will speak Nov. 19 and 20 on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (the RICA) and its impact on the American parish as the church moves toward the twenty-first century.

On Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Father Kavanagh will give an address in St. Thomas School Auditorium on the

RCIA, focusing on how we can build toward a fuller understanding of the parish faith community of the future.

On Nov. 20, Father Kavanagh and Father Richard Fragomeni of the Diocesan Liturgy Center will present a workshop on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for pastors, ordained ministers, members of liturgy and religious education committees and interested adults. This workshop will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in St. Thomas School. Pre-registration is necessary for the workshop by phoning St. Thomas Religious Education Office (439-3945) or the Diocesan Liturgy Center (438-6681).

## Focuses on seniors

Nov. 9 is the first day of a new session of the Albany YMCA's Focus on Seniors. The program stresses the importance of exercising and an active lifestyle as components of general well-being.

Classes consist of 20 minutes of gentle exercise followed by an hour in the pool, with both free swim and aquafitness. The participants then gather in the game room for ping-pong, foosball, air hockey and bumper pool, along with a bring-your-own lunch and health-related discussions.

The program is \$1 per day, and all seniors ages 55 and above are welcome to join.

## Breakfast for all

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church-turned-dining-hall will be the site for a pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 13, from 7 to 11 a.m. Adults can sit down to eat for \$3.75, while children ages five to 12 can breakfast for \$1.75. The public is invited.

At a recent meeting of the church's youth group, the following local teenagers were elected to office: Bonnie Reed, president; Eric Boluch, vice president; Nathaniel Greenman, treasurer, and Paul Stracke, Jr., secretary. Future projects on the group's agenda are doing yard work for local shut-ins and a Schroon Lake retreat.

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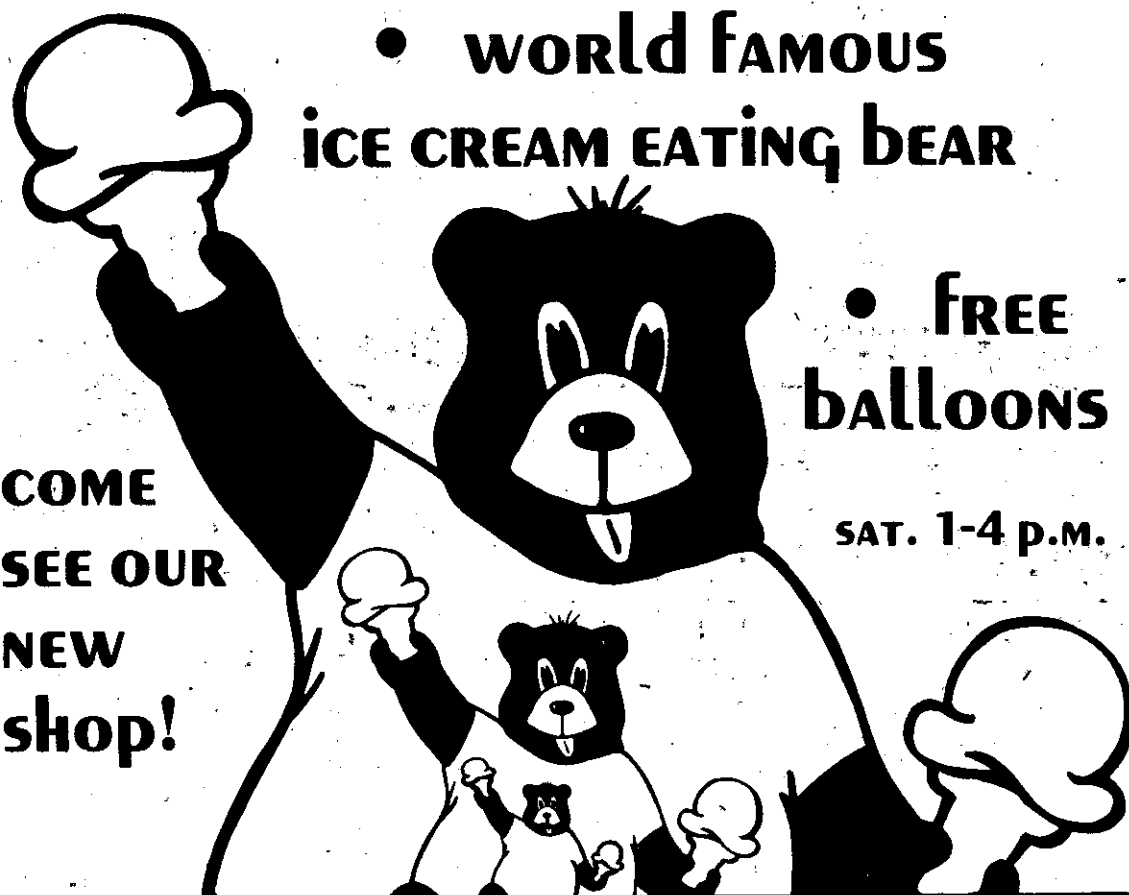


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**Village of Voorheesville.** Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

**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.

**Bethlehem Board of Education** meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

**Voorheesville Board of Education** meets second Monday of each month, 8 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

**The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education** meets the first and third Mondays of the month, 8 p.m., at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

**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.).

# THE Spotlight Calendar

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

tion of Richard Baldwin, Glenmont, to permit operation of part-time photography business at premises, 8 p.m.; L.H.R. Properties, Inc., to permit laundry at Town Squire Shopping Center, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 8:15 p.m.; Susanne Babcock, Glenmont, to permit dog kennel to house three dogs at premises, 8:30 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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



**Gunner MacCormick and Julie Corbett** get into the spirit of the old-fashioned mellerdrammer, *Ten Nights in a Barroom*, to be staged at Bethlehem Central High School Nov. 12-13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the high school box office between 2 and 4 p.m. Gary Zeiger

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

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

**Holiday Film.** Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

**Parents Program.** child psychiatrist Dr. David Gottesman to speak on how one can defend a child's rights by being a good consumer, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Bethlehem Personal Computer Club.** Bethlehem Public Library. Information, 439-4758.

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

**Presbyterian Church Friendship Tea.** with bake sale, bazaar and quilt drawing, sponsored by church women's group at Delmar Presbyterian Church, 1-3 p.m. Information, 439-6391.

**Preschool Story Hour.** Voorheesville Public Library at 1:30 p.m.

**Helderview Garden Club** monthly meeting and macrame workshop, United Methodist Church, 7 p.m. Public invited.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

**Ham Dinner.** "all you can eat," North Bethlehem Fire Dept., Schoolhouse Rd., 4-8 p.m. Tickets at door.

**Tawasentha Chapter, D.A.R.,** meets at Bethlehem Elks Club, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 12:30 p.m.

**Rosary Society Trip to New York City.** to leave St. Thomas parking lot at 7 a.m. Round trip bus fare, \$16. Information, 439-7210 or 439-0623 evenings.

**Holiday Bazaar.** with country store, plants, bake sale, crafts, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Heritage Craft Fair.** Voorheesville Elementary School, Rt. 85A, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information and booth reservations, 765-3117 after 5 p.m.

**Onesquethaw Dinner.** Clarks-ville firehouse, 4:30-7:30 p.m. 25 cents a spoonful.

**Lutheran Pancake Breakfast.** Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elm Ave., Delmar, 7-11 a.m. \$3.75 for adults, \$1.75 for children 5 to 12.

**D.A.R. Dessert Luncheon** at Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 12:30 p.m.

**Mended Hearts Dinner Dance.** Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.-1 a.m.

**"The Shop."** crafts, bakery, preserves, gift items, Slingerlands Methodist Church, New Scotland Rd., 9 a.m.-noon.

**Locust Knolls Artisans.** Christmas crafts show and sale, Rt. 85A and Picard Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**"Ten Nights in a Barroom."** Act I student acting troupe melodrama, Bethlehem High School auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$3 adults, \$2 students.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

**Bethlehem Historical Assn. Genealogy Group** at Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 2:30 p.m.

**Work in American Life.** free films and discussion by SUNYA faculty member on midlife career changes and retirement, Bethlehem Public Library at 2 p.m.

**Locust Knolls Artisans.** Christmas craft show and sale, Rt. 85A at Picard Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary Post 3185, V.F.W.,** third Monday, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

**Temple Chapter 5, R.A.M.,** first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

**Voorheesville Village Board.** public hearing on local law for sewer rate applications procedure, village hall, 8 p.m.

**Produce Information for the New Parent.** third in a series of programs on pregnancy and childbirth; moderator, Diane Snyder Ptak, Albany County Cooperative Extension, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Al-Anon Group.** support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

**Selkirk Fire Commissioners.** at Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

## area arts

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

### THEATER

"Rebels" (unconventional play about life of Emma Goldman, unconventional labor organizer, by Union's Daro Beninati), Nott Memorial Theater, Union College, Schenectady, Nov. 11-12 and 18-20, 8 p.m., Nov. 14 and 21, 2 p.m. Tickets at Union box offices.

"Calamity Jane" (the myths and realities), The Egg recital hall, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Nov. 12 and 13, 8 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office or the Egg, 473-3750.

"The Bakkhai" (Euripides' disturbing drama), Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, Nov. 16-20, 8 p.m. Tickets, 457-8606.

"The Runner Stumbles" (drama presented by Second Act Players), Second Floor Theatre, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Nov. 12 and 13, 8 p.m.

"The Odd Couple" (Neil Simon's comedy mounted by River-view Productions), St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, 10 N. Main Ave., Albany, Nov. 12 and 13, 7 p.m., Nov. 14, 5 p.m. Reservations, 462-3822.

"Yentl" (musical drama based on a story by Isaac B. Singer), Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Nov. 13, 8:30 p.m., Nov. 14, 8 p.m. Tickets at the center or Community Box Office.

"Sea Marks" (Gardner McKay's poetic love story presented by Capital Repertory Company), The Market Theater, Albany, through Nov. 21, Tuesday-Saturday 8 p.m., Sundays 2:30 p.m. Tickets, Community Box Office or 462-4534.

"Fanny" (musical set in Marseilles of the 1930s), Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second St., Albany, through Nov. 14, Friday-Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Ticket information, 462-1297.

### MUSIC

Wiener Strauss-Capelle (waltzes, marches, polkas from the master), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Nov. 11, 8 p.m. Community Box Office or Proctor's, 346-6204.

Ray Rettig and area jazz artists, Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, Nov. 12, 8 p.m.

Albany Symphony Orchestra (guest is Lorne Munroe playing Saint-Saens' cello concerto), Palace Theater, Albany, Nov. 13, 8:30 p.m. Box office, 465-3334.

"Peter and the Wolf" (Prokofiev's music played by Albany Symphony Orchestra, with Sesame Street's Bob McGrath as narrator), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Nov. 14, 2 p.m. Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

Findlay Cockrell, pianist, and Ann Turner, soloist, an afternoon of music at Alumni House, State University at Albany, Nov. 14, 2 p.m. Reservations, 457-4631.

"Music of Other Lands" by the Monday Musical Club, Albany Institute of History and Art, Nov. 14, 2:30 p.m. Free.

Obernkirchen Children's Choir, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.

### ART

Thomas McKnight (paintings and silkscreens), Posters Plus Gallery, Robinson Square, Albany, through Nov. 27.

"Interior Landscapes and Blue Dreams" (ceramics by Theresa Swidorski and Susan Nowogrodzki), Rare Earth Potters, 296 Hudson Ave., Albany, through Nov. 20.

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

**Bethlehem Women's Republican Club**, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4596.

**Children's Storyteller**, Mary Murphy's tales for young children, Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30 a.m.

**Elsmere School-Community Organization**, Elsmere Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

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

**Delmar Community Orchestra Concert**, Ohav Shalom Synagogue, Albany, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

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

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

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

**"Peacemaking in the '80's"**, Sister Barbara DiTomaso, St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, speech geared to grades 9 through 12, parents and public invited.

**Hamagrael Parents Meeting**, Hamagrael Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

**School Financial Aid Workshop**, Bethlehem High School.

**Hamagrael Book Fair**, with books provided by Lincoln Hill Books, Hamagrael Elementary School, 3:30-5:30 and 7:30-9 p.m.

**Voorheesville Village Board**, public hearing on federal flood insurance, Village Hall, 8 p.m.

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

**PTSA Book Fair**, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7-9 p.m.

**Book Discussion Group** for adults, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

**Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233** meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays (third Wednesday during July and August).

**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.

**Second Milers**, second Wednesdays, Delmar Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m., except June, July and August. Reservations, 439-3569.

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

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

**PTSA Book Fair**, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7-9 p.m.

**Retired Teachers Association**, Bethlehem Public Library at 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-3883.

**Chiropractic Care Educational Meeting**, Bethlehem Public Library, 8 p.m.

**Estate and Financial Planning Seminar**, Wednesdays, teaching how best to use wills, trusts and gifts to reduce estate taxes, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Pre-registration, 439-9314.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

**Seafood Savings**, Cooperative Extension workshop, Albany County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$5 registration. Information, call 765-2874.

**Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner** sponsored by Bethlehem Lions Club, Blanchard Post, 4-8 p.m.

**CDPC Mental Health Players Perform** for PFO and public, Bethlehem Middle School auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Free. Information, 439-9647.

**Fall Pops Concert** with student music groups, Bethlehem High School.

**Audubon Society** to hear Syracuse University's Dr. Judith McIntyre speak on "The Loon, A Bird of the Adirondacks," Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m.

**PTSA Book Fair**, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7-9 p.m.

**Delmar Progress Club**, garden group's wreath-making demonstration and workshop, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m. (Bring your own evergreens, clippers and wire.)

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

**Bethlehem Art Association** life drawing classes for \$6 on Thursdays other than first of month, Adams House (old town hall), 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5069.

## AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

### Events in Nearby Areas

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

**Thruway Authority Auction** to sell cars, trucks, office equipment, Albany Division headquarters, Interchange 23, 1 p.m. Information, 449-1750.

**Biological Humanism Lecture**, "Biological Humanism: Implications for Exercise and for Sex Roles," presented by Springfield College professor Edmund Burke, Ph.D., Russell Sage College Fine Arts Center, Troy, 7:15 p.m.

**Transcendental Meditation Program**, Hudson Valley Community College library, 8 p.m.

**American Education Week Salute**, performances by school bands, choruses, government officials and art displays, Empire State Plaza Convention Center, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free.

**Latin American Economy Lecture**, "Latin American Foreign Policy and Its Consequences," by senior IBM economist Dr. Philip Reinertsen, Russell Sage Campus Center, New Scotland Ave., Troy, 4 p.m. Free.

**St. Peter's Hospital Associates** to hear Blue Cross of Northeastern N.Y. President Chester Burrell, St. Peter's Hospital Cusack auditorium, 6 p.m.

**B'nai B'rith Women**, Gideon Chapter 583 to hold public affairs meeting and crafts bazaar, Temple Beth Emeth, 7 p.m.

**Albany Roundtable on R.P.I.**, lunch forum to hear "Technology Project at R.P.I.: Impact on the Capital District" from assistant director of Rensselaer Technology Park, State Museum, noon, \$6. Reservations, 474-5842.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

**"The Rising Tide of Toxic Chemicals"**, Key Bank, Guilderland branch, Twenty Mall, Rts. 20 and 155, 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Israeli Conflict Program**, "What Validates Territorial Claims? Israel and the PLO," by two local college professors; Russell Sage College, 7:30 p.m.

**American Association of University Women**, cross-cultural patchwork group to meet at home of Marion Mayfield-Johnson, 420 Sand Creek Rd., 10:30 a.m. Information, 459-1760.

**Cello Mini-concert**, principal cellist Eric Samuelson to give mini-performance previewing Albany Symphony Orchestra's upcoming season, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., noon. Free.

**SUNYA Faculty Member to Read Work**, Don Byrd, 1976 Elliston Book Award finalist to read from new work, SUNYA Humanities lounge, 1 p.m. Free.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

**Christian Singles**, Thanksgiving covered-dish supper, Loudonville Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 869-8088 or 797-3740.

**Amateur Radio Assn. Auction and Flea Market**, Bethany Community Church, New Scotland Ave., Albany, 6:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

**Guiderland Roast Beef Supper** at McKownville United Methodist Church, 4:30-7 p.m. Adults \$5.75, children under 12, \$2.75.

**Christmas Bazaar**, hand-made gifts and decorations, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Menands, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Church Ham Dinner**, Third Reformed Church, Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, 5 p.m. Tickets \$5 adults and \$2.50 children.

**Church Bazaar and Smorgasbord**, Helderberg Reformed Church, Rt. 146, Guiderland Center, bazaar 11 a.m.-7 p.m., smorgasbord 3-7 p.m., admission \$5.50 adults, \$2.50 children under 10.

**Comedy Crime Novelist Honored**, Donald E. Westlake to be honored as "Albany Author of the Year" at Friends of Albany Public Library luncheon, Washington Ave., 12:30 p.m. \$8.50 reservations, 449-3380 mornings.

**Franco-American Traditions Family Program**, with music, crafts, tales and dance from French-influenced upstate New York, State Museum, 1-4:30 p.m. Free.

**Warrensburg Sawmill Lecture**, free program on historic industrial site, State Museum, 10 a.m.

**Tours for Connoisseurs**, Historic Cherry Hill, Schuyler Man-

sion and Crailo state historic site. Information, 434-4791.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

**Hunger Project Benefit Dinner**, Quintessence Restaurant, Albany, 6-9 p.m. \$12.50 reservations. Information, 489-0818.

**Dutch Settlers Society Tea** to hear SUNYA professor emeritus speak on "Living Stones: A Little History of English Churches," Ten Broeck Mansion, Albany, 3 p.m.

**Project Equinox Youth Shelter Benefit Party**, featuring sampling of French cheeses, wines and cooking techniques, Latham Holiday Inn, New Loudon Rd., 4 p.m. Reservations \$7.50; information, 465-9524.

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**Expectant Parents' Night** for parents-to-be to meet hospital staff and tour labor and delivery suites, nursery and patient rooms, St. Peter's Hospital cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1515.

**Delmar Community Orchestra Concert**, Ohav Shalom Synagogue, Albany, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**Women's Center Films**, "A Woman Rebels," starring Katherine Hepburn and "The Spring and Fall of Nina Polanski," Capital District Psychiatric Center, \$2.50 admission.

**Alcohol and Special Interests Seminar**, seventh annual John Smith Seminar with workshops on Vietnam veterans, Empire State Plaza, 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Pre-registration, 454-1550.

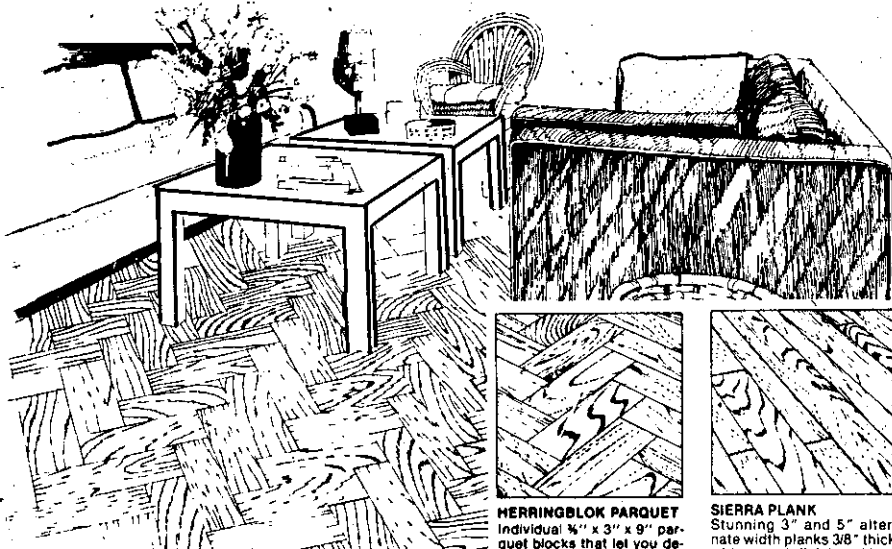
#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**"Bringing Back the Bluebird"**, slide talk by Five Rivers Center Director Alan Mapes, at SUNYA Lecture Center 7, 8 p.m. Free.

**Albany Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary Luncheon**, to hear guest speaker Dr. Carl Wirth on sports medicine and knee injury repair, Albany Medical Center, C-1 dining room, 12:30.

**Starting a Small Business Workshop**, for prospective small business owners and those in business less than three months, Sheraton Airport Inn, Colonie, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration \$10; information, 447-4385.

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and hope when you're dealing with problems?

If my judgement is at all accurate, we may buy many more Bibles than we read and covet the contents more for what others say is in this book than for what we've encountered within its pages.

Perhaps the Bible is so little read because we tend to think of it as a manual: It simply tells us how to become Christians then leaves us on our own. It contains the plan of God and the steps of faith; but beyond that it is irrelevant to everyday life. Perhaps we view the Bible in much the same way we do a driver's

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St. Paul is very specific in this conviction, as J.B. Phillips reveals in *The New Testament In Modern English*, "all scripture is inspired by God and is useful

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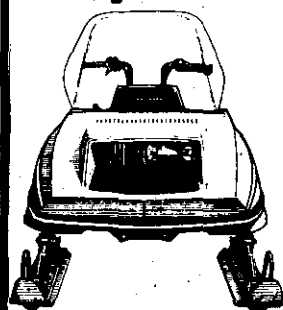
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Zuckerman, financial consultant and past president of the Albany Association of Life Underwriters, and Gordon, a certified public accountant specializing in income tax return preparation for individuals and businesses, have conducted a similar course at the Shenendehowa High School.

Attendance is limited, and pre-registration is required by Tuesday, Nov. 16. For information or to pre-register call the library at 439-9314.

## New ideas in Glenmont

Stewart's newest shop in Bethlehem, on Rt. 9W in Glenmont, has several innovations for the Saratoga Springs-based company. It will be open 24 hours a day, and will have its own bakery and deli, complete with a breakfast menu and sandwich service.

The shop is the second Stewart's to open in Bethlehem in a month. The Elmsere shop recently moved down Delaware Ave. to the old Stop-N-Go. It is still managed by John Lehman with the same hours, but now sells gas as well as food.

The new Rt. 9W shop, managed by Darryl Wands, a Glenmont native, is scheduled to open today (Wednesday). The 24-hour service was suggested by a customer and will be given a trial, according to a company spokesman.

The shop will also sell gas, including diesel fuel. During the first four weeks, any purchase of gas will entitle the customer to free newspaper and a free cup of coffee. Free cones and coffee will also be given away this Friday through Sunday.

## BUSINESS

### New chamber officers

Peter Merrill of Elmsere, of Professional Kitchen Design, Ltd., has been elected president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. He succeeds Edward Danner of Slingerlands.

Other officers elected last week are Marvin Elliott of Key Bank, vice president; Joanne Davis, secretary, and Anthony Gordon, a Delmar CPA, treasurer.

### Chiropractic talk

Chiropractics as an effective health care system will be the topic of an educational meeting to be given by two local chiropractors Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Prospective patients attending will hear from Drs. Barile and Bernhardt, as well as watch an informational film on the field.



Dignitaries at a ground-breaking ceremony for the new picnic pavilion at Bethlehem's town park on Elm Ave. took advantage of mild weather last week and comfortably beat the first frost of the winter. The pavilion is being funded by a \$25,000 grant from the General Electric Foundation. Turning the first spadefuls were, from left: Clifford E. Montgomery (GE), Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan, Philip M. Gross (GE) and Phil Maher, park administrator. Town employees are doing the construction work, and the structure will be ready for spring.

Spotlight

### 'Woman of the Year'

Margaret VanDenberg of Schoolhouse Rd. has been named Woman of the Year by the Helderberg Business and Professional Women's Club.

A charter member of the club, Mrs. VanDenberg has served as its vice president and as program chairman. She is on the advisory board of the com-

munity residence operated in North Bethlehem by Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services.

She also has been active in the North Bethlehem Fire Dept. and in Christ Lutheran Church. She recently retired as cook and teacher in the food service department at Gunderland Middle School after 19 years of service.

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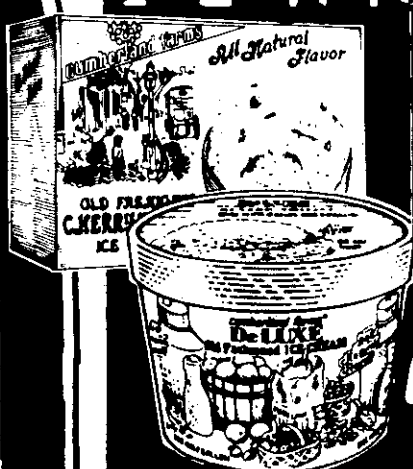
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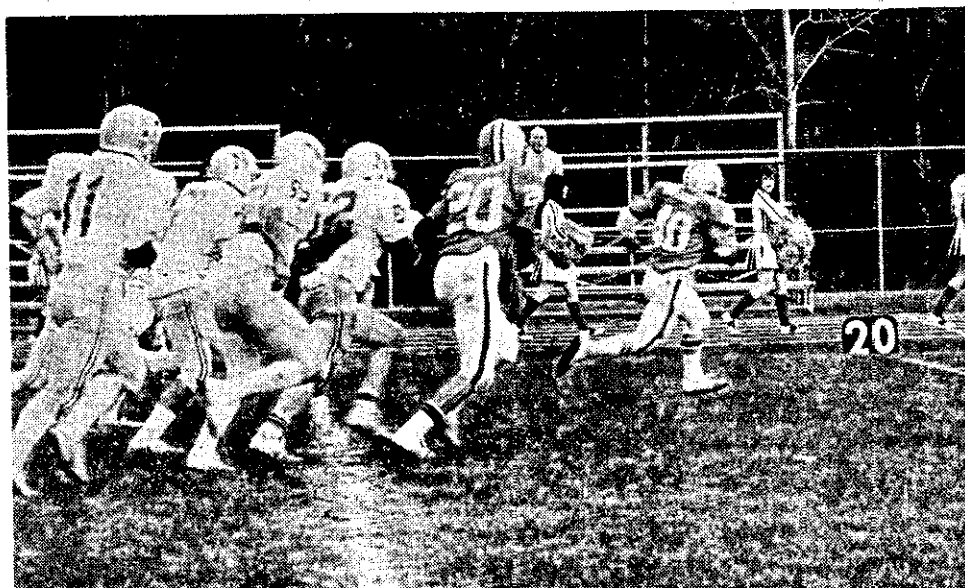
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Chris Hoffman (40) broke away for 30 yards on this play in Bethlehem Central's 21-0 conquest of Niskayuna, but there was a flag from an official and the gain went for naught.  
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## A touch of nostalgia

It was almost like old times — a good-sized crowd, lots of pep and hoopla, and a solid performance on the field that included a couple of spectaculars.

And this time there was a marching band, possibly a first for Bethlehem Central football.

The happy mood of the onlookers and the BC players after nearly four years of frustration was reflected on the scoreboard in the closing moments of Saturday's Suburban Council game with Niskayuna on the home terrain. It read Home 14, Visitors 0, with the final seconds ticking away. Niskayuna had the ball on their own 31 and the crowd was heading for the exit. Suddenly the Eagles recovered a fumble; there was time for one play, and Coach John Sodergren sent little Mike Whitney in for the pocket-sized quarterback's last home appearance in BC colors.

Whitney unloaded a 30-yard spiral to Mike Mooney on the goal line, Dave Talmage kicked the third of his extra points (he hasn't missed a conversion kick all year) and it was 21-0.

No matter what happens in this week's final against mighty Shenendehowa, probably the top football team within a 75-mile radius of Albany, the Eagles are assured of their best season since the 1978

league championships. Bethlehem's record is now 2-5-1, and only five of the 10 schools in the Council have better records.

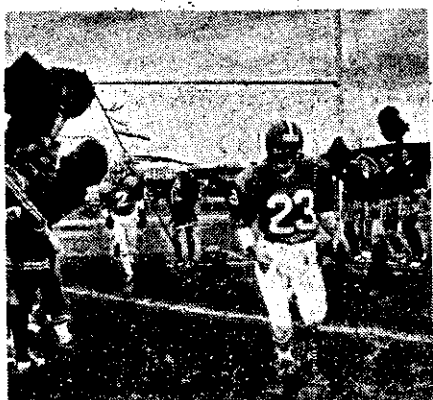
"We played collectively — offense and defense — as well as we have all year," enthused Sodergren. "The kids played with a lot of intensity, they were into the game, and they were excited by the crowd. They showed they could move the ball on the ground and score on big plays. And they really wanted that shutout. You could see the pride out there."

Niskayuna, a longtime rival with a proud history of their own, came to Delmar with a chance to win their first game of the season. The Eagles crushed those hopes with two touchdowns in the second period, the first on a 50-yard drive with Whitney handing off to Chris Hoffman, John Zucker and Tim Fox. Hoffman got away for 20 yards on the key play in the advance, and carried the last four yards to paydirt.

Dave Young, the junior quarterback whose return from the injured list has sparked the Eagles to two victories in their last three outings, chaperoned the second score in just two plays that covered 75 yards. On the second play he fired a 10-yard strike to Mooney over the middle. The talented receiver broke two

## Hoopla for Eagles

Tom Howes Photos



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tackles getting outside and was off for 65 yards down the right sideline.

Mooney's heroics earned him a designation as Player of the Week, along with Fran McHale. The coaches had a lot of discussion before deciding to split the award two ways. Mooney for two touchdown receptions, an interception and a fumble recovery, McHale for 34 tackling points (highest for BC this year), two receptions and two recovered fumbles.

Other citations went to Pete Kelly, offensive lineman of the week; Hoffman, offensive back for 73 yards on 12 carries in his best game of the year, not counting a 45-yard run and another long gainer both nullified by penalties. Rich Jadick, again named the top defensive lineman, McHale the defensive back and Talmage the specialist of the week. The bench award went to Whitney, the sophomore sparkplug who will play his last game for BC at Clifton Park this Saturday before rejoining his family in their move this month to Montpelier, Vt.

The Eagles had a total production of 350 yards, their best in four years while recording their first shutout in three years. Fox, a sophomore, added 69 yards to Hoffman's 73, and Zucker had 40 in 13 sorties. Young threw two completions in eight attempts for 111 yards and two interceptions. Whitney was 2-for-4 and 39 yards.

The Eagles should be loose going into the finale at Shenendehowa with a chance to pull an upset of historic proportions. The Plainsmen have won or shared the Suburban Council crown for seven of the last eight years, interrupted only by Bethlehem in 1978, and are undefeated, untied and unpressed in 1982.

"We're going to make this week as much fun as possible," Sodergren said on Monday. "Shenendehowa is big and strong, they run over you. We look forward to the challenge, and we'll move around a lot on defense. If they haven't seen us lately, they may be in for a real surprise."

### YBA for everyone

The YMCA Youth Basketball Association (YBA) will begin its seventh season at the Albany YMCA on Jan. 15. YBA is open to both boys and girls, ages 9 to 14. Registration for the program is slated to begin on Dec. 11, 2 p.m. for ages 9 to 11, and 3 p.m. for ages 12 to 14.

YBA teams are composed of nine players and each team member must play a specific amount of time in each game. In YBA, there are no tryouts. Each youngster registering is assigned to a team according to age or grade category.

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## Blackbirds play well in loss

Voorheesville's football Blackbirds picked their final home appearance to play their best game of an otherwise disappointing season. Coach Tom Buckley's charges staged a furious fourth-period rally against favored Watervliet Saturday before yielding by 22-14.

"We played an excellent football game," Buckley said after the contest. "The defensive unit was outstanding, and we might have won except for one long bomb and another one of those fluke fumble recoveries that went for a touchdown."

This week the Blackbirds wind up their campaign in a Capital Conference crossover game at Averill Park. The league's season-ending slate calls for matchups of Colonial Division teams against their Southern Division counterparts according to the league standings.

Averill Park, coming off a convincing win Saturday over Ravena, is 5-3. Voorheesville is 4-4-1, including Saturday's forfeit from Mohonasen and the Watervliet loss, which does not count in the league standings.

Watervliet, which had won the earlier meeting by a large margin, had tougher sledding this time. They got two touchdowns in the second period, one a 60-yard pass play, and it was only 14-0 starting the second half. Ray Donnelly gave the crowd a thrill when he took the kickoff on the Voorheesville 25, ran through half a dozen tacklers zig-zagging across the field trying to get to the outside, and had only one man to beat when he was gang-tackled on the 33. The ball popped loose, and for the second week in a row took a favorable bounce (for the opposition) that led to a breakaway touchdown.

That made it 22-0. The Blackbirds struck back for two scores in the final period, and had momentum when the clock expired.

Jim Meacham, playing his last home game, engineered the fourth-quarter drives. The first covered 53 yards in seven plays, six of them passes. On the seventh, Meacham ran Buckley's patented option, was stopped but broke the tackle, cut back across the field and sprinted 30 yards to the end zone. Meacham's flip to Tom Hannmann made it 22-8.

Watervliet drove deep into Blackbird territory after the kickoff, but Pete McMillen picked off a pass on the 10. Meacham then put on a passing show, throwing six completions, four to Dave Haaf. He moved the Blackbirds 90 yards in 11 plays. Haaf crossing the last stripe on an 11-yard toss. A strike to Ed Mitzen accounted for the final two points.

Meacham ended the afternoon with 12-for-22 for 139 yards, one touchdown,

two conversions and no interceptions. He ran for 87 additional yards on 10 keepers, with fullback Mike Ricci adding 55 on eight trips. Haaf had seven receptions for 95 yards.

Buckley praised his defense for "an exceptional job against a very strong team." He cited Donnelly, tackles Tom

Flynn and Jim Conley, and Mike Galusha, linebackers John Minozzi and Matt Beals, and noseguard John Ryan, who was in on eight tackles and recovered a fumble, but the coach said he should list the whole defensive roster.

Saturday's kickoff at Averill Park is 1:30 p.m.

## Hawks round out winning season

Bethlehem Hawks, playing in the Junior Midget Division, had one of the best records for a Bethlehem team in Pop Warner football in recent years, closing out the season at 6-2-1 with a 32-12 win

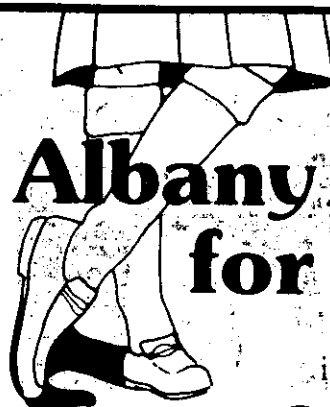
over Saratoga Sunday.

John Lindsay carried the ball for a total of 298 yards and four touchdowns against Saratoga. Corey Wiles tallied the other TD on a 30-yard sweep around end. Dave Allegretta passed to Art Burnett for one conversion and scored the other on a keeper.

Bethlehem Eagles wound up their Midget Division season in a 32-12 loss to Hudson. Quarterback Mike Kelly scored on a 20-yard jaunt and Scot DeLillo slammed into the end zone from the 3 for the final TD.

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## Hamagrael race draws crowd

Tom Dalton, a former Siena College runner, set a new record for the 3½-mile Delmar course starting and finishing at Hamagrael School in a Hudson-Mohawk Roadrunners event co-sponsored by the Bethlehem Running Club on Sunday. Dalton was medalist in 16:38, more than a minute and a half ahead of Tom Bulger in second place.

Bo's Oates of Delmar was second in the submasters' category, one second behind Dale Keenan in 18 minutes 14 seconds. Paul Montanus of Delmar was 10th overall in 19:32, good for third in the high school division.

A total of 250 runners participated in the 3½-mile event, and 131 in the one-mile race for children.

Other winners were:  
High school — Al Sunukjian; masters — Bill Drake; veterans — Greg Samolis.

Boys' one-mile race — 12-14 — Chuck Rogers, Voorheesville; Mike Siler, BG, and John Fowler, BG; 10-11 — Dieler Drake, Guiderland; Chris Nolan, Albany, and Steve Stasiak, Delmar; 8-9 — Kyle Drake, Guiderland; Greg Sorentino, Guiderland, and Dave Stasiak, Delmar; 5-7 — Willy Hall Delmar; Scott Stalker, Ravena, and Jeremy Veranini, Averill Park; under 5 — Sean Donahue, Guiderland; Matt Ryan and Philip Ke gley, Rotterdam.

Girls' one-mile race: 12-14 — Kelly Varanini, Averill Park; Kori VanZandt, Cohoes, and Ilana Unge-man, Latham; 10-11 — Jeanine Magin, Cohoes; Colleen Gilligan, Cohoes, and Barbara McCuen, Delmar; 8-9 — Meg Connolly, Selkirk. Tara Hein, Cohoes, and Kira Stokes, Delmar; 5-7 — Tara Gilligan, Cohoes; Leigh Meislahn, Delmar, and Erika Drake, Altamont.

## Wouldn't go

James G. Close, of Jerico Rd., Selkirk, found himself in Albany County Jail Sunday facing assault charges after what started as a minor trespassing case escalated into violence, according to Bethlehem police reports.

According to the reports, police were called to a Delaware Ave. residence whose owners said Close was trespassing. After attempts were made to talk Close into leaving, police tried to arrest him. But when handcuffs were put on Close he became violent and struck Officers Paul Roberts and Robert Samsel. He was still violent when brought to the police station, so he was arraigned on two assault second degree charges and sent to Albany County Jail. Additional charges are pending, according to police.

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## Slow start sinks RCS

Whatever hopes Ravena entertained of being selected for a wild card playoff spot bit the dust last week in a 34-14 loss to Averill Park. Now the prize will probably go to Watervliet on comparative record.

The Indians will have a chance to make it a winning season by taking Rensselaer this Saturday in a Capital Football Conference crossover game across the bridge. Ravena ended its Colonial Division slate in second place, 4-1 behind Academy, but is 4-4 overall. Rensselaer is 4-1 in the Southern Division behind Hudson, and is 4-3-1 overall.

Coach Chuck Engelhardt's tribe may have left their best game at Voorheesville the week before. They came out flat against Averill Park, and the visitors took a 24-0 lead before Shawn Leonard broke loose for a 56-yard TD jaunt just before the intermission. Leonard's scamper came on the first play after the Parkers' third score.

Leonard got another touchdown in the fourth quarter, that one on a screen pass from Robbie Nolan good for 64 yards. Leonard ended the day with 102 yards rushing on 12 carries. Jay Askew was 8 for 36.

Shawn Labunski again led the defense, getting in on 13 tackles. Askew was credited with 12 and Dexter Greenlee with 11.

## Arrow fells buck

Joe Mastriano of Selkirk, a member of the Bethlehem police department, killed a 10-point buck with a bow and arrow Monday morning. Mastriano declined to give a location other than the deer, estimated to weigh about 170 pounds dressed, was felled "in Slingerlands."

Doug Underhill of Slingerlands reported felling an eight-point buck weighing 205 pounds Monday.

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## Doubles team picks up trophy

Bethlehem Central's top doubles team of Laura Treadway and Aryan Shayegani gave Capital District scholastic tennis a major boost by capturing the consolation trophy in the New York State intersction-tournament in Syracuse.

The BC juniors, who played first and third singles on Bethlehem's undefeated league and Sectional championship team this season, were eliminated by a strong Suffern team in the first round at Syracuse last weekend, but came back to win four straight matches for the consolation title.

In the consolation final they shared the spotlight with another Section 2 combo, the Graziano sisters of Colonie Central. After defeating doubles combos from Section 5 (Rochester), Section 10 (Nassau County) and Section 9 (Orange-Clockland), Treadway-Shayegani topped the Grazianos, 6-4, 7-6. It was the third straight time they had beaten the Colonie girls in recent weeks, all closely fought matches.

Bethlehem's other entry in the state-

wide draw, Jodie Jones and Sheila Gould, survived their first-round match at Syracuse with a 7-6, 2-6, 6-2 win over Section 11 (Suffolk), but lost in the second round to a Kingston duo (Section 1), 6-1, 6-4, in a match that was closer than the score indicates.

## Making waves for money

Swimmers with stamina interested in lapping out funds for the Delmar Dolphins' swimming program and national U.S. Swimming Organization can participate in a swimathon on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Bethlehem Central High School pool. The money-making water marathon, which is open to any area swimmer, will start at 10 a.m. and finish by 2 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded by age group to those boys and girls collecting the most money. T-shirts will go out to athletes earning more than \$50, and Delmar Dolphin memberships to non-Dolphins coming back with more than \$25.

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# BC swimmers in Sectionals

Thirteen Bethlehem Central swimmers plus two relay teams have qualified for the Section 2 girls' championships at Albany State this weekend.

Coach Ray Sliter's varsity won three dual meets last week to close out an 11-2 season. The Eagles were 10-2 in the Adirondack Swim League, good for third place behind Shaker and Glens Falls.

Highlight of the season was last Monday's 65-62 come-from-behind win over Shenendehowa that went down to the last event for the decision. Sliter's strategy in moving Kathleen Henahan from the first relay team to strengthen the second foursome paid off as the Eagles took the vital third place in the final relay.

Bethlehem was trailing in the meet with three events to go, but pulled out the meet

with a 1-3 finish in the backstroke, 1-2 in the breaststroke and 1-3 in the freestyle relay. Sue Mallery and Mary Ellen Burda took first and third in the backstroke, and Lyn Schultz and Julie Green were 1-2 in the breaststroke before the decisive relay.

Jessica Demarest moved into Henahan's spot in the No. 1 relay quartet and contributed a good leg with Lynn Apicelli, Mary Pat Henahan and Mallery. The clinching third place was produced by Becky Friedlander, Jackie Hackett, Erin Morrissey and Kathleen Henahan.

Friedlander also contributed valuable points with an unexpected first place in the butterfly. She was clocked in 1:08.9.

Subsequent meets against Albany High and Hudson High were waltzes for the BC girls.

## Loose shot foils BC women

The 1982 Section 2 field hockey finals was a rematch of 1981, pitting number three seed Hudson Falls against number four seed Queensbury. The two Foothills Council teams downed the Suburban Council favorites, Shaker and Bethlehem Central, in the semifinals.

Beth Jeram, who shared injured Lisa Rehbit's slot on the shuffled front line, scored the only BC goal against Hudson Falls last Wednesday. Elin Swanson gallantly stopped a penalty stroke, but couldn't keep two other shots out of the cage. Bethlehem lost, 2-1.

"That second goal was pure chance. It was shot from outside the circle but touched a loose stick on the way in. There was really nothing the defense could do," admitted disappointed Coach Julie Wendth. (According to game regulations, a credited goal must be hit from within the circle.)

In her first year of coaching two years

ago, Wendth led her team to Sectional finals. In order to advance that far in 1983, she must rebuild the entire team around the two juniors and two sophomores who will be left after graduation.

Carol Kendrick, Kristen Boluch, Gabriella Mirabelli and Jess Mantaro.

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### The danger persists

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is a thank-you to all who supported my run for Congress in the Democratic primary and my effort on the Liberal line in the election.

Although I said much in the campaign about jobs and Reaganomics, it did seem essential to point out the danger to our civilization which a nuclear war would be. I tried to make that major point.

The danger still persists, and those who are concerned will keep on speaking about it. I will continue to try for a post in the public service where I can do more. Hope lies in our working all together.

John G. Dow

Albany

## Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

November 7, 1957

Color Lab, Inc., processors of color film, will open in the new Henry Klett building on Delaware Ave. near Van-Dyke Rd. on or about Dec. 1, according to present plans. Already in the building is School Supply, Inc., operated by Herbert Swain of Delmar.

November 8, 1962

A whopping 82.2 percent of Bethlehem's registered voters cast ballots in what local politicians refer to as an "off-year" (non-local) election. Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and his ticket won an overwhelming victory, as expected.

The 50-piece Delmar Men's Orchestra will present a concert Nov. 10 at Voorheesville High School under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland.

Nov. 9, 1967

Bertram E. Kohinke was a landslide winner in his bid for reelection as Bethlehem town supervisor, 7,785 to 2,667 for Democrat Bob Connolly. George Butman and William Segur were council winners as 95 percent of the town's registered voters gave the Republican slate a sweeping victory. Martin J. Cross, Jr. led the GOP ticket with 8,597 votes for the post of highway superintendent.

Nov. 9, 1972

A Citizens Budget Committee is being formed to advise the Bethlehem Board of Education during the early stages of development of a school budget for the school system. The board will hold a public hearing on the budget on Dec. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. George Frueh, 16 Orchard St., Delmar, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on Nov. 3.

Nov. 10, 1977

Bethlehem Central's varsity soccer team ended its 1977 season in dramatic fashion Saturday, losing in triple overtime to top-rated Burnt Hills, league champions, 2-1, before a large crowd that braved poor weather at a neutral site in Gunderland. In football, BC thrashed Shaker, 22-14, to raise its record to 6-2, 4-2 in the league.

New Salem firemen have received their new custom-built 1,500-gallon pumper, driven from the Indiana factory by a four-man crew led by Chief Fred Carl. The shiny yellow machine has a 310-hp engine with a special gear ratio designed to handle the long uphill climb on Rt. 85 on fire calls on the Helderberg escarpment.

### IRS owes money

The Internal Revenue Service has more than \$100,000 it wants to return to northeastern New York residents it can't find. Among them, according to an IRS list, are Francis H. and Carol A. Trombly of Glenmont and Paul D. McGinnis of Delmar, whom the IRS lists as deceased.

Claimants may call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-343-900 or write IRS, Attn: TX:W, Clinton Ave. and N. Pearl St., Albany, 12207. They should provide the name, address and Social Security number as they appear on the tax return, as well as the year involved. Also, anyone still waiting for a refund may contact the IRS at the above telephone or address.

## Media RARE

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

Some public relations jobs are more difficult than others. In this context, have compassion for New York State's commissioner of commerce; he has perhaps the most frustrating in the territory at the moment.

Coming on the heels of the Commerce Dept.'s highly successful "I Love New York" promotional campaign for tourism, the new promotion is, to put it mildly, challenging. George Dempster, the commissioner, has the job of bringing more business and more jobs into New York State, or, at best, stem or slow down the steady flow of jobs out of the state.

If you were the commissioner, or if you were on his PR staff or on the department's account at the ad agency, what would you do to tell the right people what a wonderful place New York State is to do business? (Audio, -fade in "I Love N.Y." music; video, pan Adirondack scene in fall foliage, then close-up island in Lake George.)

One of the things you should do is talk about New York's beauty, its modern transportation facilities, its populous market, skilled labor force, etc., etc.

Avoid, however, all references to business climate, economics, taxes and the political setup.

One of the things you should NOT do is squander your fat advertising budget on radio and TV commercials in New York State. Listeners to WROW, WGY, the local commercial TV channels and others currently are bombarded with these expensive messages — but we're the wrong audience. We know all about New York State, including the cost of doing business here. Why us, and not expansion-minded executives in near and distant states who should get the full thrust of the selected messages?

Ah, says the department, but we want to make sure you stay here.

Good point. In the 1970's, the flow of businesses to more sympathetic states totalled something like 680,000 jobs. Insiders in Albany concede (when no one's within earshot) that the emigration is continuing.

This is Careyconomy, no relation to Reaganomics. It is, however, related to New York's state legislature, which last spring dealt businesses large and small a bitter blow by uncoupling changes in the income tax law at the federal level.

By refusing to go along with federal revisions that liberalized depreciation formulas, the Legislature gave its businessmen two shots below the belt: one, it deprived businesses the break given them by the feds to stimulate the economy, and, two, it forced businesses in this state to keep two sets of books for income tax purposes, thus adding an extra expense to the cost burden.

All this in a state that has one of the highest corporation franchise tax rates in the nation.

Give the department credit for staying away from statistics, coating over the bad numbers with such vapid declarations as "New York makes every kind of product people need" or some such generality. But sometimes the commerce people get a bad break, as witnessed by a recent issue of *Business Week*: highly expensive double-page ad extolling the alleged virtues of doing business in New York State was followed two pages later by a news item on an independent research report that listed the 10 critical criteria business uses to select locations for new plants or facilities. The survey listed 40 states ranked by compliance; New York was not on the list.

Also to be avoided are comparisons with other states relative to economic growth. Between 1975 and 1980, New York ranked 49th in growth of jobs in the private sector, 43rd in growth of manufacturing jobs, 46th in construction jobs. There were others: wholesale-retail jobs, 50th; finance, insurance and real estate jobs, 50th; transportation and public utility, 49th, and so on.

Perhaps this year legislative leaders may get the drift and do something about it, but hardly likely. Even when they see New York's population growth (1975-80) as the 50th highest of the 50 U.S. states, they may not lend a hand to the poor fellows in PR in the Commerce Dept.

You don't have to feel sorry for these blokes when they squander those advertising millions on the wrong audience, but look kindly on the copywriter who is trying to sell New York's business climate. Even their own Legislature won't help them.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Sharpe

### Susan Graf married

Susan Marie Graf and David Gardner Sharpe, both of Mashpee, Mass., were married on Oct. 9 at St. John's Church, Sandwich, Mass. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Graf of Old Ox Rd., Delmar. The groom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Gardner Sharpe of Maynard, Mass.

Attending the couple were Joan and Victoria Graf, sisters of the bride, both of Delmar.

A reception immediately followed the ceremony at the Daniel Webster Inn, Sandwich. Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fish of Glenmont.

The bride is a graduate of the Academy of Holy Names, and attended Trinity College, Burlington, Vt. She received her B.A. in European History from Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, Mass.

The groom attended schools in Maynard, Mass., and is retired from the United States Marine Corps. Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe will make their home in Mashpee on Cape Cod.

### Voorhees-Contompasis

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Voorhees of Delmar have announced the engagement of his daughter, Carol Ann Voorhees, daughter of the late Peggy Mack Voorhees; to Charles E. Contompasis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Contompasis of Schenectady.

Miss Voorhees attended the Albany Academy for Girls and graduated from The Newport School in Rhode Island. She graduated from Bennett Junior College in Millbrook, N.Y., and completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at Syracuse University. She is affiliated with Douletta Inc., a subsidiary of her fiancé's business.

Her fiancé graduated from Linton High School in Schenectady and Pratt Institute, with a degree in Fine Arts. He is president of Keryakos Studios, Cohoes, where decorator and apparel fabrics are produced.

No date has been set for the wedding.



Mrs. Michael Forbes

### Mary Balluff married

Mary Virginia Balluff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Balluff of Delmar, and Michael A. Forbes were married at the Chelton Baptist Church, Dresher, Pa. on Sept. 18, with Rev. Glenn R. Blossom officiating.

Laura Balluff, sister-in-law of the bride

from Winter Park, Fla., was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Judy Baker, Warminster, Pa., formerly of Delmar; Carole Jameson, Drexel, Pa., formerly of Delmar; Angela Morgan, Delmar, and Sandy Nagahashi of Philadelphia, Pa.

Best man was Rudi Paul of Philadelphia. Ushers were: Paul Balluff, brother of the bride, Gerald Forbes, brother of the groom; Howard Kauffman of Philadelphia and Duane Neisley of York, Pa.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Messiah College, Grantham, Pa. She is employed by ACCESS, a Christian social services agency in the Philadelphia area.

The groom, also a graduate of Messiah College, is presently employed by the college as plant operations manager at the Messiah campus at Temple University, Philadelphia.

A reception was held in the Blair Mill Inn in Hatboro, Pa. The bride and groom left for a brief honeymoon in Bermuda. They will reside in North Philadelphia.

### Thanksgiving tradition

This year marks the 13th year Refer Switchboard volunteers, with the help of the community, will host a Thanksgiving dinner for the community, the event, which will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, the corner of State and Willett Sts. in Albany, Nov. 25 from 1 to 6 p.m., has become a tradition to many people in the area.

This dinner, which is free of charge, was served to 2,400 area residents last year. That figure includes 900 dinners that were delivered to home-bound people unable to attend the festivities at the First Presbyterian Church.

The feast is a community effort, so donations of food, money and volunteer time are needed. Volunteers can expect to do anything from putting up posters to peeling vegetables, to basting turkeys to doing dishes. People with cars and free time are needed to help pick up donations and food during the week of Thanksgiving. If you can help in any way or want more information, contact Refer at 434-1200.

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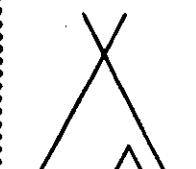
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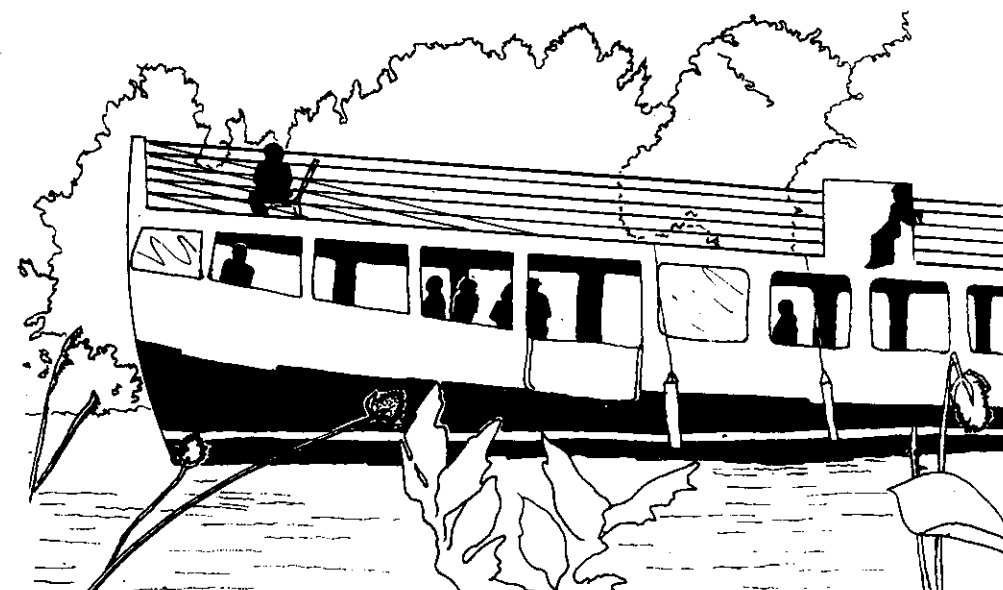
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