

## The costs and benefits of coal conversion

By Linda Burtis

Sulfur dioxide released into the air from Niagara Mohawk's generating plant on Rt. 144 in Glenmont falls to the ground as acid rain in the Helderbergs, the Berkshires and the Adirondacks. For many years, the plant burned coal, the fuel that produces the greatest quantities of sulfur dioxide and other air pollutants, but in 1970 it was converted to oil and then in 1980 to natural gas, which releases the lowest amount of sulfur dioxide of the three fuels.

Now Niagara Mohawk is proposing to reconvert the plant so that it can burn coal as well as oil and natural gas. The cost is estimated at \$164 million and the conversion will be completed in 1986.

Burning coal will not mean a return to the old days of billowing smoke and ash that coats nearby homes and farms. New "baghouse" technology will eliminate the "particulate emissions" problem that made coal-burning utilities so unwelcome in the past, says Niagara Mohawk.

But the question of sulfur dioxide emission is not so easily resolved. The choice facing Niagara Mohawk — and the state Department of Environmental Conservation, which will make the final decision — is whether to use existing technology to drastically reduce sulfur emissions at its reconverted Glenmont plant, or whether to accept other, less costly options that reduce sulfur emissions somewhat.

The technology is called FGD, for Flue

### Costs—Benefits Of Controlling SO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

Alternatives	Capital Costs	Coal Costs Per Year	Operating and Maintenance	Savings to Average Rate Payers*	SO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (Thousand tons per year)
NiMo Proposed Action	\$0	\$92,250,000	\$0	\$1.26 Mo.	26,000
Scrubbers (FGD-Dry Lime)	\$102,000,000	\$76,500,000	\$15,100,000	.30 - .50 Mo.	4,280 to 8,560
Low-Sulfur Coal (0.7%)	\$0	\$106,250,000	\$0	\$1.00 Mo.	13,340

\*Source: Environmental Defense Fund

The three alternatives available to Niagara Mohawk for controlling sulfur dioxide emissions from its Glenmont plant after reversion to coal are listed above, each with its costs and benefits. The utility is proposing to burn 1.4 percent sulfur coal (the first alternative), but could also install scrubbers and burn

cheaper high sulfur coal (the second alternative) or could burn more expensive low sulfur coal. All figures except the column on projected savings to rate payers are from Niagara Mohawk's draft environmental impact statement.

Spotlight

Gas Desulfurization, but it is more commonly known as "scrubbers." Scrubbers are at once "the most effective and the most expensive option," available to cut SO<sub>2</sub> (sulfur dioxide) emissions, says David Wooley, a special assistant to the state Attorney General's Environmental Protection Bureau.

NiMo's proposed action argues that it will not be increasing SO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Between 1970 and 1981, NiMo burned 2

percent sulfur oil, which produced emissions that fell within acceptable federal and state air quality limits for the Capital District. The utility is requesting approval from Environmental Conservation to burn 1.4 percent sulfur coal, rather than use scrubbers. The company estimates in its draft environmental impact statement that burning coal with a 1.4 percent sulfur content will keep SO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the same level that existed when the plant burned oil. But, as required by law, Niagara Mohawk's impact statement does provide costs and benefits for the other options available to it, and those options will be explored at a series of hearings, starting Dec. 16, that the state Department of Environmental Conser-

vation will hold on the reversion plan.

According to Ronald Harvey, who is reviewing the Niagara Mohawk proposal for DEC, "a scrubber is basically a chemical plant." The scrubber system is set up to remove the SO<sub>2</sub> from the gas generated by the burning coal before releasing it through a stack and into the air. The SO<sub>2</sub> not emitted into the air must wind up some place, and in this way significant amounts of sulfur-filled solid waste are created. This solid waste is a potential pollutant if dissolved in water, but according to a chemist at the state Energy Office, the solid waste can be safely landfilled. Some scrubber systems

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Scouts from the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council will begin taking orders Friday for the annual Girl Scout cookie sale. Seven varieties of cookies will be on sale for \$1.75 a box. Preparing their order forms are, from left, Tracy Harrington, Ellen Urell, Alecia Krieger and Lisa Koch, members of Junior Troop 646, Delmar. R.H. Davis

### Freedom is short lived

James G. Bennett, 19, of 175 Jay St., Albany, who already faces felony arson charges in connection with the fire that destroyed a barn on Feura Bush Rd. in Glenmont this fall, now has an additional charge of escape third degree to worry about.

In Bethlehem Town Court Oct. 26, Bennett jerked free of the officer who had him in custody and ran out of the building, according to Bethlehem police reports. He was apprehended by Officer Joseph Sleurs after he tripped in front of

Delmar Antiques, on the other side of Borthwick Ave.

Back in court, Bennett was brought before Judge Roger Fritts. "And you can add an escape charge, judge," he said.

Fritts corrected him: "Attempted," he said.

The arson third degree charge was presented to an Albany County grand jury, which indicted Bennett earlier this month. A trial date has not been set.

### Variance is withdrawn

By Vincent Potenza

Jess Turner has withdrawn his controversial variance application for his property at 499-401 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The variance, officially granted by the Bethlehem Board of Appeals Sept. 28, and which has since been challenged in the courts by neighbors of the site, would have permitted the firm of Welt and Stockton to set up legal offices in a residential zone.

Turner, a resident of Florida, claimed at a Aug. 4 public hearing that as an absentee landlord he did not receive an adequate return on his investment in the property and that attempts to sell it for a residential use had proven fruitless. He and his attorney, Samuel Whiting, claimed at the hearing that this represented a hardship that could only be alleviated by the granting of a variance.

The Bethlehem Planning Board, which last year had decided that the part of Delaware Ave. west of the Adams House (the old town hall) should remain residential, attempted to object to the proposed change, but were prevented from making a formal statement. The Albany County Planning Board also objected to the variance, saying the matter should be addressed as a zoning change.

Nevertheless, the board of appeals

unanimously approved the variance Sept. 28 and seven neighboring families then sued the board. The neighbors challenged the board's decision on a number of technical and procedural grounds, and also produced new evidence to support their argument that Turner had failed to show genuine hardship.

But last Wednesday Turner, in a letter to the board read by Whiting, said that the court proceedings would only "make an existing financial hardship worse." Whiting explained that Welt and Stockton had asked to be released from their contract to purchase the site because of the expected length of the court case, and that Turner couldn't bear the financial hardship of having the property vacant during litigation.

Whiting, making his own statement to the board after Turner's letter was read, emphasized that the request for withdrawal of the variance had "nothing to do with the merits of the case." "We're losing by default," he said.

Welt, who was also present, said he and Stockton had "no objection to the request of the Turners for withdrawal of the (variance) petition."

The board of appeals then unanimously passed a resolution voiding the variance it granted on Sept. 28 on the grounds of cancellation of the contract between the Turners and Welt and Stockton.

## Forum on coal conversion

A forum titled "Coal Conversion: What Does it Mean?" is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Bethlehem Public Library. A seven-member panel will discuss the impact of the planned conversion of Niagara Mohawk's generating plant in Glenmont to burn coal. The plant now can burn both oil and natural gas.

The panel will be made up of: John Keib, senior system attorney; Robert Pohl, project manager, and Raymond W. Cummings, environmental manager, all from Niagara Mohawk; and John Cianci from the Department of Environmental Conservation; William Lilley, state Public Service Commission; David Wooley, assistant to the attorney general, and James Cannon, from INFORM, a New York City-based group that has conducted independent research on coal conversion.

The forum is jointly sponsored by the library and the Albany County League of Woman Voters, and a League member will be moderator.

An opportunity for public comment on the utility's plan is scheduled Dec. 16, at the town hall.

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produce a marketable sulfur by-product instead of solid waste.

Perhaps the strongest case that can be made for scrubbers is its endorsement by the federal government. The federal Clean Air Act mandates that all new power plant construction include scrubbers. The NiMo proposal is not legally considered new construction, but a re-conversion. Thus, the utility is exempt from that requirement. Scrubbers can be 90 percent efficient at removing SO<sub>2</sub>; no other alternative comes close.

There are two strong arguments against scrubbers: they are expensive and they are a new, unfamiliar technology. Capital costs as well as operation and maintenance are high. The New York State utilities are inexperienced at operating scrubbers. James Cannon of Inform described scrubbers as "a big headache."

However, NiMo is the only New York

State utility with a scrubber in operation. And a state official monitoring the case sees the Glenmont plant as an excellent scrubber candidate. The NiMo proposal calls for practically rebuilding the plant, a logical time to go to scrubbers rather than pay an enormous cost to retrofit after the coal conversion is completed, he said. Also, NiMo has experience with scrubbers and their own cost-benefit figures support the argument for a return on the investment.

The high costs of scrubbers can be somewhat offset by burning higher sulfur coal. The cost spread in low to high sulfur coal costs is significant and, according to Niagara Mohawk's own figures, will continue to grow. This is because the demand for the "cleanest" coal outstrips demand for the "dirtiest" coal.

According to Ron Harvey at EnCon, there will come a time when the scrubber option will actually save more money than the non-scrubber option. Although

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it is impossible to establish the crossover date precisely, Harvey estimates that it may come as early as 1992 — six years after the conversion is completed.

Niagara Mohawk acknowledges this in its impact statement: "If in the future low sulfur coal costs increase sufficiently to make an EGD system (scrubbers) at Albany Station economically viable, a dry lime FGD system will be the preferred choice."

A second alternative is to avoid scrubbers altogether, instead burning a very low sulfur coal. NiMo proposes to burn 1.4 percent sulfur coal, but the company's own research finds an adequate supply of 0.7 percent sulfur coal available to it. Burning this coal would reduce SO2 emissions by almost 50 percent.

Since the lower sulfur coal costs more, there is an economic trade-off that would be made for the environmental gains, but this alternative avoids all the equipment headaches created by scrubbers. Howard Fromer, counsel for the state Energy Office sees "tremendous potential with the low sulfur coal option." Also alleviated are any solid waste difficulties that may be generated by scrubbers.

Although it is strong pressure from the state Energy Office that is prompting utilities across the state to switch to coal, there are also strong economic incentives. Adopting any of the three scenarios for conversion of the Glenmont plant will save Niagara Mohawk, and its rate payers, a great deal of money.

So the issue is how much savings should be traded for what level of sulfur dioxide emission. State regulations on environmental impact statements require industry to show how adverse environmental impacts can be minimized, and simply to show how closely existing standards are being met. But the law does not mandate any particular choice — only that the proposal be analyzed from this perspective.

The process by which these choices will be made is just beginning. The range of options — from the high cost, high return of scrubbers to the lower cost, higher savings of burning 1.4 percent sulfur coal — will be raised at the Dec. 12 public

hearing at Bethlehem Town Hall. The hearing will be the one chance residents of the town who are not experts on the complex reconversion program to express an opinion on the question of air quality and its costs.

### Smoking and children

The American Heart Association has a new brochure, *Children and Smoking: A Message to Parents*.

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The principal objective of *Children and Smoking* is to teach parents how to counter the peer pressure that often leads young people to start smoking and to provide a home environment that does not encourage smoking.

For a free copy, contact the Heart Association, 257 Osborne Road, Loudonville.

### Air force grad

Airman Linda M. Geel, daughter of John and Gloria Lent of Selkirk, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force administrative specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Geel will now serve with the 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas.

She is a 1980 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

### Time to write Santa

The Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau will give Santa Claus an assist with its "Letters to Santa" program again this year.

Children who wish to write a letter to Santa are invited to "mail" their letters at special "mailboxes" in several locations in Bethlehem by Dec. 16. All children who write will receive a reply from Santa himself.

Special "mailboxes" will be at Atcheson's Five A's Superette in Glenmont, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar Card Shop, Johnson's Stationers, McDonald's and The Paper Mill. Also, Santa's helpers in the police department will collect letters which have been "mailed" at elementary schools in the town and letters to Santa mailed at post offices within the town.

### 4-H club reorganizing

The county-wide 4-H Poultry Club, the Funky Chickens, will have a reorganizational meeting and Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at the Resource Center, Voorheesville. Boys and girls 8 to 19 who have an interest in poultry are invited.

This will be the second year for the club, which is under the leadership of Fred Hillicoss of Latham.

### Discussion on stress

"Coping with Stress the Holidays Bring" will be the topic of an informal armchair gathering at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, in Stott Lounge of the First Unitarian Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave. The public is invited. Rev. John Corrado, minister, will speak.

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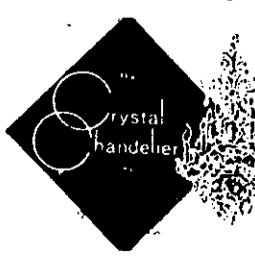
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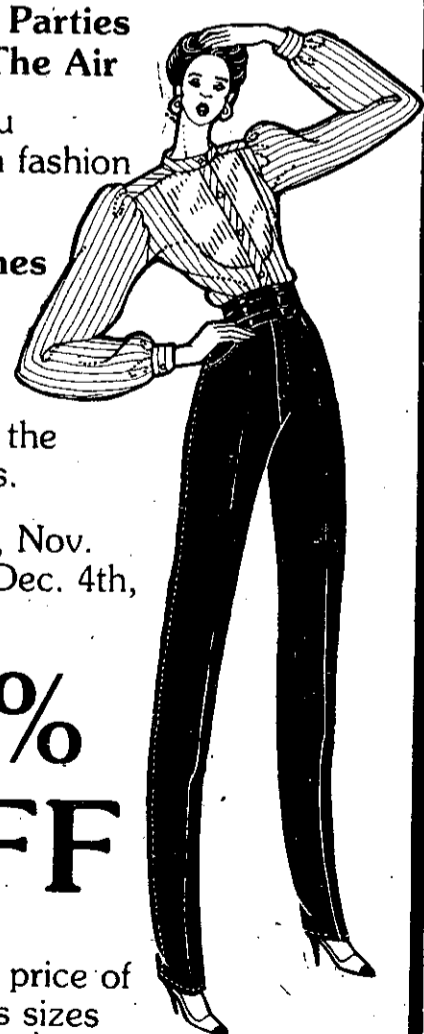
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# Town ready to sign solid waste contract

With most of his questions answered, Supervisor Tom Corrigan says he's ready to bring Bethlehem into the Albany solid waste system, ANSWERS.

Corrigan and the town board had balked at agreeing to the city's terms for taking the town's solid waste at the board's Nov. 10 meeting because of questions about the tonnage limits, about increased costs to the town if the city was to landfill its waste and about cancellation clauses.

But Corrigan said Friday he'll tell the board tonight (Wednesday) that he's satisfied with the answers he's gotten from Albany officials. "I'd like to go ahead and sign this thing," he said.

Albany adjusted the tonnage limits in the contract to levels Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor considers reasonable, Corrigan said. The concern over whether Albany could start charging the town \$12.50 per ton, rather than the \$2.50 the contract calls for, if it has to start burying refuse rather than burn it has been lessened by the city's assurance that that rule would be applied across the board, rather than selectively, to all customers. And the five-year cancellation clause, which had worried some board members, appears to be standard for this size operation, Corrigan said.

If the board does authorize Corrigan to sign the contract, the next step will be to work out a method of reimbursement with the private firms that collect refuse and garbage in Bethlehem. Under an interim agreement, the packer trucks will go directly to the ANSWERS shredding plant on Rapp Rd., where they will be weighed before and after they dump their loads. Then the town will be billed, and will in turn bill the haulers.

But Corrigan said he has decided not to entirely eliminate the town's own twice a week garbage collection service, which has often been criticized as wasteful (town trucks pick up only garbage, not other refuse). Instead, that service will be cut back to once a week, he said. "That appears to be a reasonable compromise for a lot of people who don't have refuse collection," Corrigan said. For the time being, he added, the town may dump garbage it collects at its own landfill, rather than haul it to the ANSWERS plant. The question is

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whether the one collection truck, which will follow a different route each weekday, will collect a full load, making the long trip to Rapp Rd. worthwhile.

The direct trips to the Rapp Rd. plant are to be permitted only until Bethlehem builds its own solid waste transfer station, but Corrigan has said he will not ask the town board to pick a site for that until he finds out what, if any, state aid will be available for the project. That probably won't happen until the legislature passes funding bills next year.

## Traffic signal out

A stuck gas pedal accounted for an expensive signal control box plus two parked cars Saturday. As a result, motorists at the intersection of Delaware Ave. and Elsmere Ave. had to make do with a blinking yellow light for several days.

The damage was done by a car driven by Winifred C. Lubia, of 53 Thorndale Rd., Slingerlands, according to Bethlehem police reports. When she started her car at the CVS drug store at the intersection, the gas pedal stuck, propelling her first into one parked car, then into the signal box and then into a second parked car, according to the reports. There were no injuries, but the signal box had to be replaced by the state Department of Transportation, which was scheduled to do the work Tuesday.

## The wrong move

A Delmar youngster narrowly escaped, serious injury when he stepped in front of a car on Kenwood Ave. Thursday. Bethlehem police reports said that Patrick Clausen, 4, of 117 Winne Rd., Delmar, was crossing the street with his mother when he stepped in front of the car. Patrick was treated at St. Peter's Hospital for bruises on his back and arms, but did not require hospitalization.

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# Rt. 9W shopping center adds land

The developers of a proposed shopping center on Rt. 9W opposite the Delmar Bypass have picked up an additional acre of land to make access to the site easier. The acquisition will probably allow the project, in limbo since last summer, to go to the public hearing stage, but whether the additional acre solves the traffic problems for the center remains to be seen.

The amended plot plan for the development was presented to the Bethlehem Town Board at its meeting Nov. 10. The board took no action, pending recommendations from the town planning board and the state Department of Transportation. But the potential solution of the traffic problem clears the way for public hearings first on the requested zone change to Planned Commercial District and later on the developer's specific plans for the site. Thomas Jeram, representing Big V properties, had said a Shop Rite store is planned for the site.

In other business at the Nov. 10 meeting, the town board unanimously and without comment passed the 1983 town budget and set the sewer assessment roll for 1983. The budget calls for a \$1.02 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation tax hike, which comes to a 3.8 percent increase on the current \$26.65 per \$1,000 tax rate. The budget carries a six percent wage increase for most town employees, including elected officials, but negotiations with the Police Benevolent Association for an increase for members of the Police Department are still in progress.

The zoning change for the shopping center had been approved in concept by the Planning Board in August, but the town board had refused to consider it until questions about the access were resolved. The parcel is situated so that cars going east on the Delmar Bypass have to go almost directly across Rt. 9W to get into the shopping center.

To solve that problem, DOT officials recommended that the developer buy land to the south, so that the access road could be situated away from the intersection.

"We're trying to avoid a signal," said Jan Meilhede, a traffic and safety engineer for DOT's Region One. To do that, he calculated, the developer would need about 500 feet of additional frontage on Rt. 9W. But the parcel Jeram presented to the town board has only 275 feet of frontage on Rt. 9W.

The meeting, which drew residents from the Dowerskill area concerned about a solid waste transfer station in their area and also foreign students from Doane Stuart School, brought these other actions from the town board:

- Approval for a pair of stop signs for Montrose Dr. at its intersection with The Crossway, so that Montrose will remain a through street with cars stopping on The Crossway. The change was requested by area residents, and approved by the board after a public hearing at which nobody commented.

- Agreed to hold off on the proposed block party ordinance until after the first of the year with the understanding that

there won't be any need for the ordinance until spring.

- Instructed Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor to work with residents of Olympian Gardens in North Bethlehem to come up with an interim plan for treating sewage from the small subdivision. The treatment plant for Olympian Gardens was deemed inadequate last year by the county health department, and the town is handling the problem until new sewers are completed next spring. The board told Secor he should be sure town taxpayers do not end up paying for the subdivision's sewage treatment.

## Arrests follow accidents

Three men face driving while intoxicated charges following traffic accidents in Bethlehem last week. Two people were injured in the accidents, and one of them was still in the hospital Monday.

Charles W. Coulter, of RD 1, Delmar, was charged after his car hit the rear end of a car on Delaware Ave. near the Hess

station Thursday, according to Bethlehem police. No one was injured.

On Friday, police arrested Joseph Fitzgerald, of 15 Euclid Ave., Elmsere, after his car was involved in a head-on collision on Delaware Ave. at 7:45 a.m. The driver of the other car, Daniel Baker, of 1328 New Scotland Ave., was treated at St. Peter's Hospital and released.

Dale Houghtaling, 22, of New Scotland Ave., Feura Bush, was charged with driving while intoxicated Saturday after police found his pickup truck broadside to the road on Meads La. Houghtaling told police he had been forced off the road by an oncoming car and hit a tree. His passenger, Christine Willsey, was taken by ambulance to St. Peter's Hospital, where she was listed in satisfactory condition Monday. In all, nine persons were arrested for driving while intoxicated by Bethlehem police last week.

## Early breakfast

The Clarksville firehouse on Plank Road will be the site of the third annual Hunters' Breakfast put on by Unit No. 4 of the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company this Sunday from 5 a.m. to noon.

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Yet, many dog owners in the town allow their animals to roam free.

In order to combat this growing problem, the town's dog warden has ordered several "humane traps" for apprehending loose dogs. As soon as the traps are delivered, they will be placed in areas where the most frequent complaints originate. All animals caught in the new traps will be transported by the dog warden to the Hudson-Mohawk Humane Society, whether such dogs are licensed or not. Owners of dogs caught in the new traps will be subject to an appearance ticket.

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# 'Challenge' diploma not to board's liking

By Caroline Terenzini

The Bethlehem Central school board last Wednesday found little to praise in an administration proposal for a Challenge Diploma. Even a name change was urged.

The new diploma was among proposed high school curriculum changes submitted by Assistant Superintendent J. Briggs McAndrews.

The Challenge Diploma plan was described as identifying a program "of academic rigor" and providing "an incentive and reward" to the most capable and productive students. McAndrews estimated that 8 to 10 percent of Bethlehem high school students could meet the requirements, but that fewer would participate. A lead time of three years was suggested so students could choose the option early in their high school careers.

Board President Bernard Harvith, apparently mindful of criticism that has been directed at the elementary level Challenge enrichment program over the last two years, suggested a name change. He also objected to the lack of flexibility in the proposed program and cautioned, "There is something after high school. We might do better with some kids by not pushing them so hard."

Other board members had other concerns, such as the rigor of the courses required affecting a student's chances for acceptance at the college of his or her choice, the hours of study that would be required, and anxiety that might be created.

Board member Marjory O'Brien said, "This is a time to branch out and explore things. You're locking them into a lot of decisions way too soon."

McAndrews said he would get back to the board with revisions.

In other business, John Clyne, commenting on bills to be paid to food suppliers, such as \$1,175 to Frito-Lay, asked, "Are we sacrificing nutrition to get

the lunch program back in the black? Are we paying attention to what some mothers told us last year?"

Snack foods such as cookies, chips and granola bars, and a soup-and-sandwich alternative have been added to the lunch offerings this year in an effort to attract buyers.

A report from Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer showed an 18 percent increase in school lunch purchases in October this year compared with that month a year ago. The dollar increase in sales for the month compared with a year ago was \$3,443. The lunch program is operating in the black, he said, after several years of deficit operation.

### Bookmark winners

Winners of the Bethlehem Public Library's bookmark design contest are Kristen Jones, preschool; Samantha Gordon, K-3; Joshua Adams, grades 4-5; Gwen Jones, Middle School, and Justin DeFazio, 13 and up. All entrants' bookmarks are on display in the children's room until the end of November. Copies of the winning designs are available to all.

### Flag stolen

The American flag that usually flies at the Bethlehem Memorial Park on Delaware Ave. ended up on top of a trailer parked in a vacant lot on Hudson Ave. Sunday, according to Bethlehem police reports. The flag was to be restored to its rightful place this week.

### BC '77 gets together

Five years out of high school, the Bethlehem Central class of 1977 will get together to "compare notes" Friday, Nov. 26, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Americana Hotel in Colonie. The evening's admission fee is \$10, and reservations are not required. For details, call D. Craw at 439-2313 after 6 p.m.

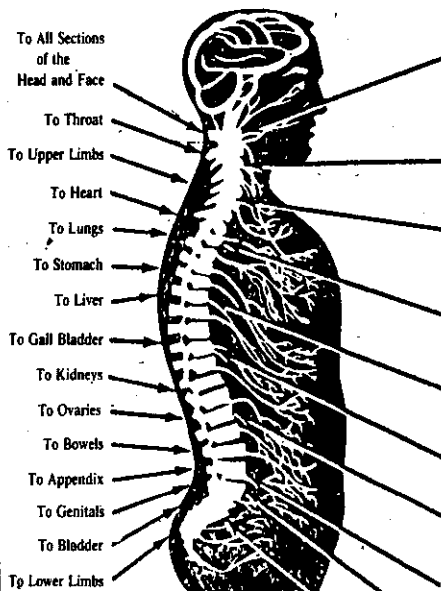
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# Elsmere celebrates 60th

The Elsmere Fire Company will celebrate its 60th anniversary in a big way with a dinner dance Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Turf Inn in Colonie. The evening will begin with a 6:30 p.m. cocktail hour. Dec. 4, 1922, marked the fire company's first official meeting.

The idea for an Elsmere Fire Company A, Inc. was born in June, 1922 when concerned residents started the necessary legal procedures to start a volunteer company. Subsequent meetings and petitions saw a Nov. 18 special town board vote pass the proposition. In May, 1923, the company was incorporated and a board of directors elected.

Its first fire engine was a second hand model T Ford chemical truck that continued in active service until a replacement "Buffalo" pumper was bought in 1929. Affectionately nicknamed "Dinky," the model T is still owned by the company and is brought out of storage for parades.

The original two-story fire station to house the company was erected in 1929, when a coded siren alarm system was also installed to replace the ring system used up to then to sound the alarm by hand. 1963 saw the building remodeled to house three pumpers. The aerial platform was added in 1969.

Now at the ripe old age of 60, the fire company has a headquarters that houses a classroom for training and offices for elected chiefs. It periodically uses the town-owned training building to practice firefighting, and alarms possessed through a town-operated dispatching system alert individual firefighters at home or at work. The company is also plugged into a town and county mutual aid system that makes additional manpower and equipment available from surrounding areas.

Unlike the 1922 squad, the 64 volunteer firemen in Company A today are fully equipped with protective equipment and breathing devices. Many have taken special training courses, while others are paramedics.

The company sponsors a community fire prevention program and jointly works with the Delmar Fire Department's rescue squad to provide ambulance service to Elsmere residents.

## For kids at the library

The Bethlehem Public Library will be hosting a wide spectrum of children's programs in December to appeal to girls and boys, aviators and puppeteer-poets. The library will kick off the program Thursday, Dec. 2, with a "feminist" storyhour featuring tales about why "girls are great" at 4 p.m.

On Thursday and Friday, Dec. 9 and 10, at 4 p.m., the library will be the scene of a poetry writing session for aspiring poets 14 or older. A book of poetry will be compiled from the brainstorming session. Preregistration is suggested.

Paper airplanes will be built and flown for a library contest Thursday, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m. The program is open to amateur aviators who are at least 7 and registered.

A holiday presentation of "Around the World in Eight Puppets" will be held Thursday, Dec. 30. The 11 a.m. showing is for pre-schoolers and the 3 p.m. presentation for school-agers.

To sign up for any of these programs, call the library at 439-9314.

## Holiday workshop

The Cooperative Extension of Albany County will be holding a "Holiday Centerpiece Workshop" at the Resources Development Center in Voorheesville.

The program will be held on two days, Dec. 2 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and on Dec. 3 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring their own container. The class fee is \$3 per person, and preregistration is necessary as class size will be limited. Call 765-2331 for reservations.

## Syracuse alumni plans

The Syracuse Alumni Association of the Capital District has scheduled a number of activities during the year, including a bus trip to the Syracuse-Boston College game Feb. 19, and a tentative bus trip to the NCAA East Regionals at the Dome in Syracuse. Also planned are an assist in the Channel 17 (WMHT) membership drive in March and a June picnic. Interested alumni can contact the association at P.O. Box 12782, Albany 12212.

## Spotlight ON THE SERVICES



Navy Capt. Thomas J. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Moore of 568 Delaware Ave., Delmar, has assumed command of Naval Station Norfolk, Va.

As the commanding officer, Capt. Moore is responsible for the completion of the station's missions and the overall supervision and well-being of assigned personnel. Known as the "Navy Capitol of the World," Naval Station Norfolk is "home" for numerous commands and activities and provides support for Atlantic Fleet ships.

A 1954 graduate of Vincian Institute, Albany, and a 1958 graduate of St. Lawrence University, Capt. Moore joined the Navy in 1958.

Paul Giordano, son of Marion R. and Salvatore Giordano of Selkirk, has been appointed a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Giordano is a construction control specialist with the 380th Civil Engineering Squadron at Plattsburgh Air Force Base, N.Y. He received an associate

degree in 1980 from Hudson Valley Community College, Troy.

Navy Mess Management Specialist Seaman Apprentice Thomas J. Frankovic, son of John V. and Roberta A. Cleary of Rt. 9W, Glenmont, has completed the Basic Enlisted Course at the Naval Submarine School, Groton, Conn.

During the six-week course, he was introduced to the basic theory, construction and operation of nuclear-powered and diesel submarines. In preparation for his first assignment, he studied shipboard organization, damage control and submarine safety and escape procedures.

Marine Pvt. Harry W. Tompkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tompkins of 6 Grove St., Delmar, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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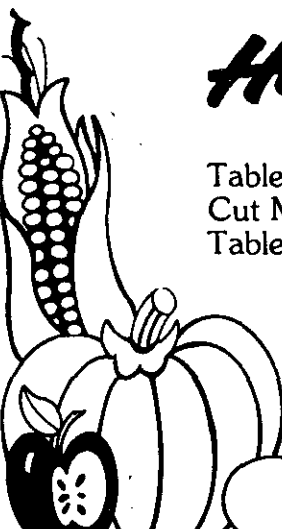
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# Vote Tuesday on school energy conservation plan

A \$714,000 project that includes energy conservation measures and building improvements for the Voorheesville Elementary School will be aired at a public hearing Monday, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clayton A. Bouton High School. Voting on the plan will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, also at the high school.

The work, detailed in a brochure sent to all district taxpayers, incorporates four projects: heating system improvements at the elementary school, \$597,000; adding insulation and weather protection, \$40,000; roof replacement at the school, \$62,000; and replacement of sidewalk and steps by the side entrance of the 1929 portion of the building, \$5,000.

A federal grant in the amount of \$29,572 matched 60 percent by funds from the state and the remainder from local taxpayers. The remaining cost of the projects is to be shared 60-40 by the state and district, with the district outlay offset by some \$27,300 in energy cost savings projected annually over the 10 years of the debt. The net local cost of \$131,800 will have no impact on the district tax rate in 1983-84, but will mean \$2.20 per \$1,000 assessed valuation the following year; \$2.30 per \$1,000 in 1985-

## VOORHEESVILLE

86, and then declining amounts over the remaining years, according to district projections.

The work calls for replacement of the heating system in the portions of the elementary school built in 1929 and 1949. The district said some parts of the system have been in operation for 53 years. New burners will be able to use both natural gas and fuel oil, whichever is less expensive, and the system will provide hot water instead of steam.

Architect for the work is Leslie L. Bender, of Hartheimer, Bender & Estey.

## DEAN'S LIST

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# She brings her history north

Billie Touchstone Hardaway believes "we need better children's literature," so she did something about it. To date, she has written and published "These Hills, My Home," and "One Small Drum," historical fiction set in the Arkansas Ozarks.

Her first book, "These Hills, My Home, A Buffalo River Story," relates the lives of the early settlers, complete with some tall tales. Her second book for young people, "One Small Drum," takes place during the Civil War years and has many of the same characters.

And she has a third manuscript ready to go: "Girl in a Pirotue," with a 12-year-old heroine among the Cajun French in Louisiana. ("Pirotue" is Cajun French for a kind of boat.) Ms. Hardaway plans more historical fiction, and is beginning research on a story about a young girl in this area during the Revolutionary War.

Born in Mississippi, the author spent her childhood in northern Louisiana, which she calls "redneck country." While rearing six children, she wrote articles and short stories, but "all my life I wanted to come to New York. I thought it was the place to be — a dream I'd always had." And come to New York she did, Albany, in fact.

"It was just the best thing I ever did," she said happily. "I'm here to stay."

The years in redneck country have also gone into a book, "Redneck Country Cookin'," which is due out this month. "Actually, it was because of my children," Ms. Hardaway explained. "They said, 'Why don't you write a cookbook of recipes from the South?' There's quite a bit of me in it, and how I raised my family."

These books have been published by Twin Oaks Co., in Homer, La., a small firm she and her husband formed, but the author is looking for a publisher here now.

"I've got the door open a crack," she said. "I think I can take off now."

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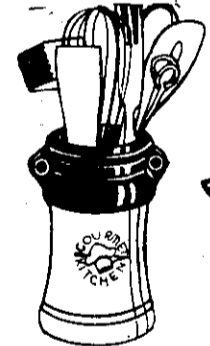
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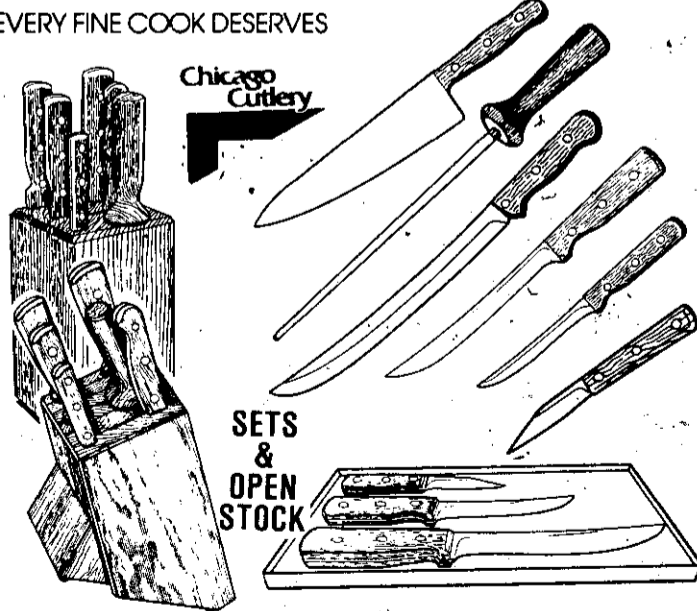
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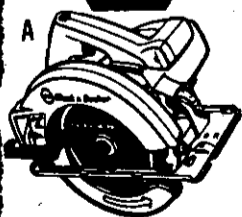
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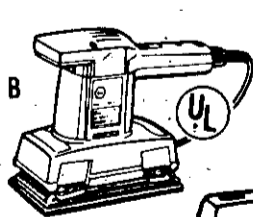
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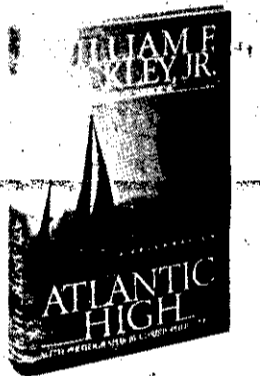
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# VOORHEESVILLE NEWS NOTES

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



An important reminder to the residents of the Voorheesville Central School District that a special referendum will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 30, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. The purpose of the referendum is two-fold: to approve needed work on the heating system at the elementary school, and to approve the acceptance of a federal grant for \$29,000 to implement a series of energy conservation measures.

Detailed letters are being sent to all residents and a public hearing will be held on Monday, Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m., to discuss the proposals and answer questions. Both the referendum and public hearing will be held at the high school.

Be Prepared! Soon area Girl Scouts and Brownies will be knocking on neighborhood doors because its cookie time again! On Friday, Nov. 26, scouts will start canvassing locally to take orders for cookies baked especially for this annual drive.

Back by popular demand this year are Samoas and thin mints, as well as a new cookie, chocolate chunks, and four others. The price of each is \$1.75, with \$1.02 of the cost being a tax-deductible donation. Receipts will be available for those who want them for income tax purposes. The drive closes on Dec. 4. Cookies will be delivered at the end of January, with payment being due at that time.

Proceeds are used to provide services and equipment to local scouts. Calendars — the large book type and pocket size — are also available at 75 cents each. Those who would like to order cookies and/or calendars and are not approached by a

scout may call Hazel Lonnstrom at 439-5981 or Diane Guyer at 765-2529.

Field trips are a common occurrence at the elementary school but on Friday, Nov. 5, teacher Judy Douglas and her first graders took a special trip to "A Special Place," the pediatric facility at Albany Medical Center.

This unique tour of the center is offered on a limited basis to area classes. Application for the trip was made over two years ago, and this is the first Voorheesville class to participate in this highly innovative and informative program.

The children visited the pediatric emergency center and were able to closely examine various medical equipment. The highlight of the tour aimed at alleviating apprehension about the hospital, was meeting C3H6, the hospital's "robot in residence," who showed the children a film about having an operation. The students left with a healthy outlook on the world of medicine.

Speaking of Albany Medical Center, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Voorheesville Fire Dept. would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of their election day bake sale which netted almost \$175. This amount was donated by the group to the burn unit at the center in memory of Eleanor Loveday, a deceased member of the auxiliary.

Calling all senior citizens! Mary Ann Heinrich, room mother coordinator at the elementary school, is issuing an open invitation to all senior citizens, as well as



Bow hunter John "Reggie" Haskell of New Salem Rd., Voorheesville, here with his wife Chris, bagged this 14-point buck Nov. 12 in Southern Albany County. Department of Environmental Conservation officials give the rack an unofficial point score of 134, which means that Haskell goes into the New York State record book.

any other members of the community who find they have a little time they would like to spend with area youngsters. Volunteer help is always needed at the grade school in assist with class projects as adult reading partners and even as chaperones on field trips. Anyone who would like to help may contact Mary Ann at 765-2234.

The financial aid workshop, originally scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 1, has been postponed until Wednesday, Jan. 19. Sponsored by the guidance department, the workshop is aimed at assisting parents in applying for financial aid for college-bound students.

adjusted at all colleges to accommodate the delay. Anyone wanting information may call the high school at 765-3314.

Congratulations are in order for Gwendolyn Farrell, who has been commended by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. Such commendations are given only to those who rank among the top 50,000 in the national competition, which included over one million participants.

The daughter of Roberta Farrell and Dr. Laurance Farrell of Voorheesville, Gwendolyn plans to attend college in September to pursue her interest in medicine.

Deadlines for the forms will be

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# NEWS FROM SELKIRK AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM



Barbara Pickup 767-9225

For most, Christmas is a special time of year, a joyous experience of giving and receiving. But for others it is just another cheerless, lonely day.

The women of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Cedar Hill, are attempting to help some who might otherwise be forgotten. Hoping to brighten Christmas for people suffering emotional disabilities, the women are collecting gifts to be distributed in the Capital District Psychiatric Center and community residences.

Anyone wishing to make contributions may leave small gifts such as dusting powder, talc, combs, notepaper or scarves at the lodge before Dec. 10. Although not a necessity, wrapping the gifts and marking them for a boy or girl would be very helpful.

The auxiliary would also appreciate contributions of handmade or purchased mittens for their mitten tree. This is an annual project for disadvantaged children.

Francis Pomakoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Pomakoy of Selkirk, was named winner of the annual Bausch & Lomb Award at the RCS Senior High School. The science award, a bronze medal, is presented each year to winners at more than 8,600 participating schools throughout the United States and Canada.

According to school principal Victor J. Carrk, the award is significant because it recognizes the senior student who has attained the highest scholastic standing in science subjects. As winner of the award, Francis is eligible to compete for one of several four-year science scholarships at the University of Rochester.

The arrival of winter always seems to bring problems, slippery roads, frozen fingers and inevitably costly fuel bills. For some the additional expense causes an extreme hardship.

The emergency food pantry at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem was established to aid anyone in the area needing temporary assistance. Anyone is eligible and no affiliation with the church

is required. Confidential requests may be made by calling the church at 767-2243 or Mrs. Wiedmann at 436-8289 days or Mrs. Arlene Jordan, 767-9140 evenings.

As November draws to a close, The Florida Fruit sale at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church also comes to an end. Anyone planning to place an order for the Indian River oranges or grapefruit must do so by Nov. 30. The fruit shipped directly from Florida is promised to arrive in time for Christmas.

For information or to order, call 767-9087.

The public is invited to a ham dinner at the Bethlehem Grange Hall, Beckers Corners, Selkirk, on Dec. 4. The dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. Handmade gift items and home baked goods will be available for purchase. Tickets at the door. For information call Mrs. Helen Raynor 767-2770 or Clarence Klihn 463-0693.

Area Junior Grange members were honored Friday during Awards Night at the Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Selkirk. Entered in New York State Junior Grange projects competition under the leadership of Matron Helen Raynor and Patron Randall Drobner, the Junior Grangers can be proud of their achievements.

Debbie Lawrence won first place in the 12-15-year-old division for her straw flower arrangement.

Their entries for clothespin crafts earned Jeremy Stanton first place in the 5-8-year-olds, Bernie Lawrence took first place in the 12-15 division.

For their artistry in salt dough, sculpturing, Bernie Lawrence won first place in 9-11 and Debbie Lawrence took first place again in the 12-15 level. Randy Drobner earned the Junior Deputy Recognition Award, second place.

Rebecca and Jennifer Bull will appear on television as a lead on for a PM Magazine feature on Friday, Nov. 26. The girls will be shown with their two



Jennifer Bull with her prize ewe Ebony, and sister Rebecca with her ram, Doug. Their experience with sheep led to a spot this week on PM Magazine. *Spotlight*

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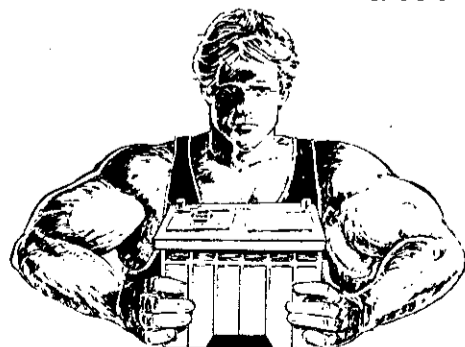
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Award winners from Bethlehem Grange in the state junior crafts competition included, from left, Bernie Lawrence, 10; Jeremy Stanton, 5, and Debbie Lawrence, 14.  
Tom Howes

flocks of prize-winning sheep. The program, which airs at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 10, will display their talent at spinning and weaving.

Starting four years ago as a simple Easter present of two sheep, Rebecca and Jennifer have developed their hobby into an involved enterprise. There are now 24 sheep, including two rams, at Twin Maple Farm, where Rebecca and Jennifer live with their parents on Rt. 396 in South Bethlehem. They have won blue ribbons showing their registered white corriedales and their second flock of colored (black to silver) sheep in competition in New York, New Jersey and New Hampshire.

Learning to spin and weave, the girls have made sweaters from their own wool. Excess fleece not sold to local hand spinners is sold in Maine.

### Energy grant help

Help in applying for Home Energy Assistance Program grants will be available Thursdays beginning Dec. 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town

Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Harold Maher will help applicants file for aid with heating costs. Income guidelines for the state Department of Social Services program have been revised, and families that did not qualify for aid last year may this year.

### Gas stolen

An Albany County Highway Dept. truck left unattended at the South Bethlehem substation Wednesday night lost 40 gallons of gasoline and a battery to thieves, according to Bethlehem police reports.

### St. Clair demonstration

Helen St. Clair, whose laurels include a Center Gallery one-woman show and the Purchase Prize from SUNY for a painting collage, will demonstrate her art at the next meeting of the Bethlehem Art Association on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Adams House (old town hall) in Delmar. The meeting is open to the public.

# RCS looks at solar energy

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board is taking a look at using solar energy at the district's junior high school. Delmar architect Benjamin Mendel, Jr. recently told the board the school building is well suited for a solar energy installation for several reasons. It has electric heat, which is most compatible with solar energy installations, and it is an energy efficient building in that it has minimal glass area, two stories and a new insulated roof.

District Clerk Charles Emery said that while some board members and administrators toured a solar energy installation at a Ballston Spa school, discussion of a similar project at R-C-S is in preliminary stages. "We have yet to decide whether we want to hire an architect to do cost estimates for us," he said.

"It's a very simple installation, but costly," Emery added. "You couldn't budget it in one year."

The Ballston Spa system, in operation for four years, uses water instead of

chemicals. About 60 percent of the energy used at the school comes from the solar collection system, according to Brian May, who did the engineering work for the installation.

Emery added that while about 13,000 such installations have been approved by the federal government, only about 10 percent of these are in operation today. Many such systems were studied before the Ballston Spa project was put in, he said.

The R-C-S District last year undertook a \$950,000 project to increase the energy efficiency of its buildings, including the new roof on the junior high, insulating walls and reducing window-area at the high school, and adding microcomputers to control electrical demand.

### Window broken

A piece of brick was thrown through a picture window on Montrose Dr., Delmar, Saturday night, according to Bethlehem police reports.

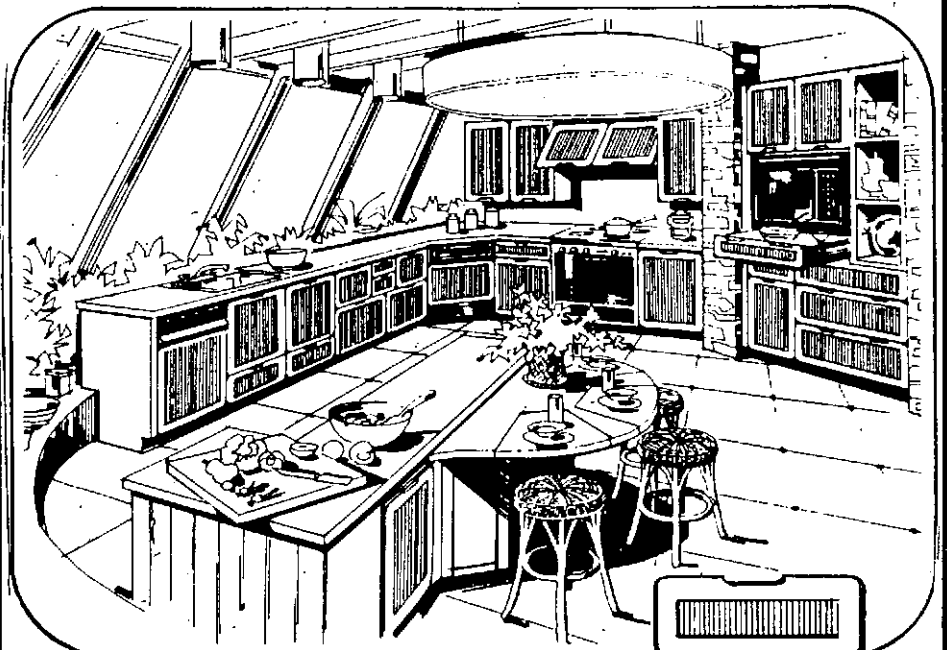
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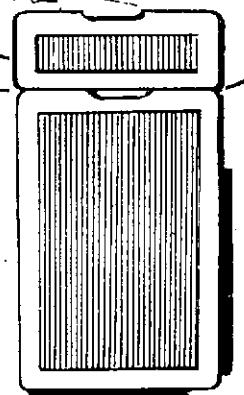
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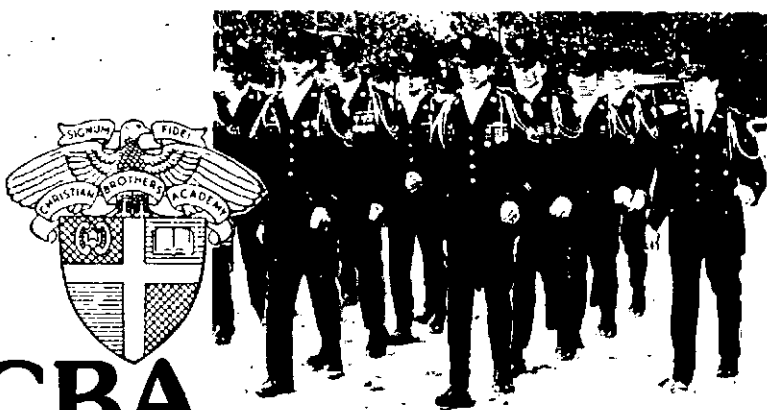
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**Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees,** fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

**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.).

**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.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**Annual Community Thanksgiving Service,** sponsored by St. Matthew's Catholic Church and First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, at the Methodist Church on Maple Rd., 7:30 p.m. Open to all members of the community.

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

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

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

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

**"The Shop,"** crafts, bakery, preserves, gift items, Slingerlands Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., 9-12 Saturdays till Christmas.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

**Medieval Movie, "The Magic Sword,"** about St. George and dragons, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

**Hearing, energy conservation** measures and heating system improvements for the Voorheesville Elementary School, Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**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.

**Clarksville Boy Scout Troop 89** meets Mondays at Clarksville Community Church, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2977.

**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.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

**District Voting** on the energy conservation measures and heating system improvements for the Voorheesville Elementary School, polls open 2-9 p.m.

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

**Coal Conversion Informational Program,** panel presentation on conversion of Niagara Mohawk's Glenmont plant to coal, Bethlehem Public Library at 7:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

**Albany County Cooperative Extension** meeting on generating electricity with wind power, Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

**Delmar Progress Club,** creative arts and garden group, to decorate Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m.

**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 Board of Education** business and informational meeting on computers in district mathematics programs, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.



Suzanne Marley will play the saucy maid in the Capital Repertory Company production of Moliere's satirical comedy, *Tartuffe*, running Nov. 27 through Dec. 19 at the Market Theatre in downtown Albany.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

**BC Class of '77 Reunion,** at Americana Hotel, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. \$10 admission. Information, 439-2313 after 6 p.m.

**Hunters' Breakfast,** sponsored by Onesquethaw Unit No. 4 volunteers, Clarksville Firehouse, Plank Rd., 5 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-9653.

**Voorheesville Board of Education,** District Office, Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School, 7 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

"Shenandoah" (musical staged by Ragtime Productions) dinner theater at Albany Thruway House, Nov. 24, 26-28, Dec. 2, 5 and 9. Reservations at Community Box Office or Thruway House.

"Tartuffe" (Moliere's comedy in Richard Wilbur's translation), Capital Repertory Company, Market Theater, Albany, Nov. 27, 7 p.m., through Dec. 19 (Tuesday through Saturday 8 p.m., Sundays 2:30 p.m.). Reservations, Community Box Office or theater box office, 462-4534.

"Oliver" (the musical version of Dickens' classic story, presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company), Proctor's Theater, Dec. 1-5, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

### MUSIC

Mauricio Roma (music and folk songs from Spain), Eighth Step Coffee House, 14 Willett St., Albany, Nov. 27, 8:40 p.m.

Findlay Cockrell piano recital, Recital Hall, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Nov. 30, 12:05 p.m.

Albany Symphony Orchestra (Robin McCabe performs two piano concerti by Ravel), Palace Theater, Albany, Dec. 4, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, Community Box Office or theater box office, 465-3334.

### DANCE

"The Dollie Sisters" (mime with a jazz setting), special performance for the Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area, at the Louise Corning Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, Nov. 28, 2:15 p.m. Reservations, 465-3325.

"The Fir Tree" (ballet adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen story presented by the Children's Ballet of Albany), Meeting Room Six, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Nov. 28, 4 p.m. Free.

"Dance America Dance" (original work by eba Dance Theater), Chapter House, Hudson Ave. at Lark St., Albany, Nov. 30, 8 p.m. Reservations, 465-8916.

### ART

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

"The Ornamental Painter, 1820-1860, Neglected But Not Forgotten," exhibit of American painted tinware and stencilled furniture and woodenware, Historical Society of Early American Decoration, Inc., Harmanus Bleeker Center, Dove St. and Washington Ave., Albany, Fridays 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, noon-3 p.m.

"A City of Neighborhoods" and "World City," additions to New York State Museum's Metropolis Hall, Empire State Plaza.

High School Drawing '82 (annual competition sponsored by College of Saint Rose), Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, through Dec. 12, with reception Dec. 5, 2-4 p.m.

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

"Grand Central Terminal: City Within the City" (engravings, charts, maps, photos, greeting cards and a model of the station), Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through December.

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# AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

## Events in Nearby Areas

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

**Junior League St. Nicholas Party** for children of League members to trim trees and make ornaments, 419 Madison Ave., Albany, 10:30 a.m.

**Craft Fair**, second of three days, New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. \$1 admission.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

**Craft Fair**, first of three days of high quality crafts made by 80 professional artisans, New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, noon-7 p.m. \$1 admission.

**Christmas Craft Day**, church-organized gift-making workshop for adults and children, St. Patrick's Church, 283 Central Ave., Albany, 2-5 p.m. (Donations to cover materials' costs appreciated.)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

**Holy Names Alumnae Day**, reunion for all graduates of Holy Names and Maryrose Academy, upper school auditorium, New Scotland Ave., 11:30 a.m. liturgy.

**Craft Fair**, New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$1 admission.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**Jewish Community Center Turkey Trot Dance**, with music by Bethlehem Central High School band "Stange Anatomy," Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 9 p.m. For 9th graders and older; admission \$2 for center members, \$3 non-members.

**Albany Diabetes Association**, with guest speaker Edward Bradley, M.D., president of New York affiliate of national organization, Temple Beth Emeth, Academy Rd., Albany, 8 p.m.

**Apple Cider Making**, using antique hand press, Rensselaer Junior Museum, 106th St. and 5th Ave., Troy, 1 p.m. 50-cent donation.

**Senior Citizens Christmas Shop**, four days of handmade crafts, knitted and crocheted items, baked goods, decorations and music by senior citizen organizations, Empire State Plaza south gallery concourse, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Music and Immigration Entertainment Program**, featuring Irish and Jewish immigration songs and Ellis Island film for family, New York State Museum, 1-4:30 p.m. Free.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**Transcendental Meditation Lecture**, introductory program, Hudson Valley Community College library, 8 p.m.

**Albany Symphony Orchestra Preview**, with featured pianist Robin McCabe speaking, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., noon.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2**

**"Women of 19th Century Troy" Lecture**, Russell Sage College's Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy, 7 p.m. Information, 270-2282.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**Emma Willard Children's School Open House**, private, non-sectarian nursery and primary school, at the school, Troy, 6-8 p.m.

**"Stop Smoking" Program**, five-day, church-sponsored program, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Western Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. \$5 materials charge. Information, 456-0077.

**Jawbone Reading Series**, three State University at Albany seniors to read their award-winning poetry, University Humanities Lounge, noon-1 p.m.

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The Delmar Community Orchestra played a concert at the Ohav Shalom synagogue in Albany last Monday, and will perform at the German American Club at Schussen Park Dec. 4.

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

**Public Hearings**, Bethlehem Board of Appeals on application of James Morrissey, Jr. for variance to permit three-family dwelling at the Concourse, North Bethlehem, 8 p.m.; and Lula Dotter, Wellington Rd., Delmar, for variance pertaining to existing structure at premises, 8:15 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2**

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

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

**Bethlehem Art Association**, with local artists Helen St. Clair and collage demonstration, second floor of Adams House, 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar; life drawing classes for a \$6 fee on other Thursday evenings.

**United Methodist Women Interfaith Tea**, with music by BCHS "Sound System" and "Choraliers," United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1:30.

**"Feminist" Storyhour**, for children to hear stories with theme "girls are great," Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

**Holiday Centerpiece Workshop**, two-day Cooperative Extension program on arrangements, Resources Development Center, Voorheesville, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Friday 1:30-3:30 p.m. Class fee \$3. Reservations, 765-2331.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**Children's Christmas Film**, "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer," Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30 a.m.

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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4**

**Grange Ham Dinner**, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Selkirk, 4-7 p.m.

**Elsmere Fire Company Dinner Dance**, Turf Inn, Wolf Rd., Colonie.

**Slingerlands Ham Dinner**, at Community Methodist Church, New Scotland Rd., 5-7 p.m. Adults \$5, children 5-12 \$2.50.

**Contra and Country Dancing**, music by "Fennig's All-Stars," First United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 8:30 p.m. Admission \$3.50 a dancer.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

**Afternoon Movie**, "The Court Jester," starring Danny Kaye, Bethlehem Public Library at 2 p.m. Free.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6**

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

**Delmar Progress Club**, holiday tea honoring new members with pianist Findlay Cockrell, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1-4 p.m.

**Single-Parent Support Group**, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-6136.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

**Delmar Progress Club**, government council group's introductory session to Legislative Forum, 10 a.m., meeting place to be announced.

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

**Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club**, first Tuesdays, Five Rivers Environmental Center, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

**Clarksville Winter Concert**, Clarksville Elementary School, 8 p.m.

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

**Delmar Homecrafts Club**, annual Christmas meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6420.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**Red Men**, second Wednesday at St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**Red Cross Bloodmobile**, Bethlehem Town Hall, 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For walk-in donors, ages 17 to 66, and those with appointments (439-4955).

**Delmar Progress Club**, evening group's hors d'oeuvres, desserts and decorations, home of Mae Blackmore, 7 Hartwood Dr., Elsmere, 6:30 p.m.



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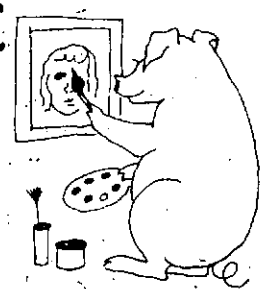
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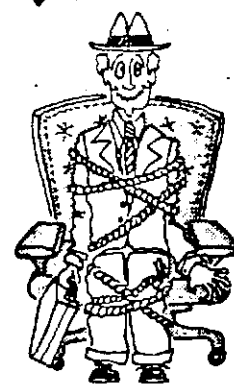
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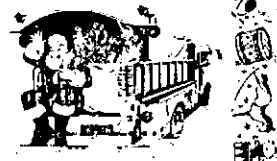
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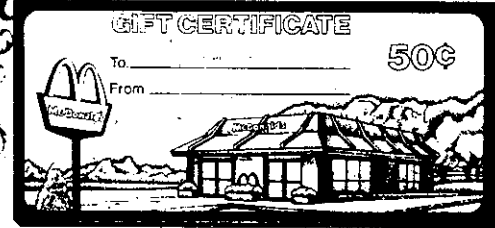
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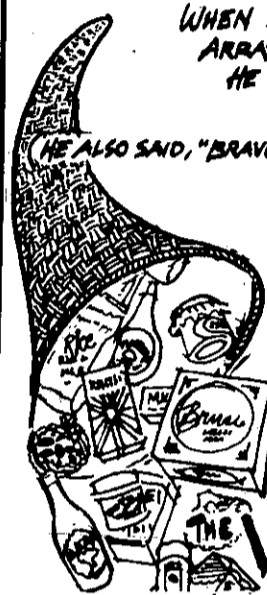
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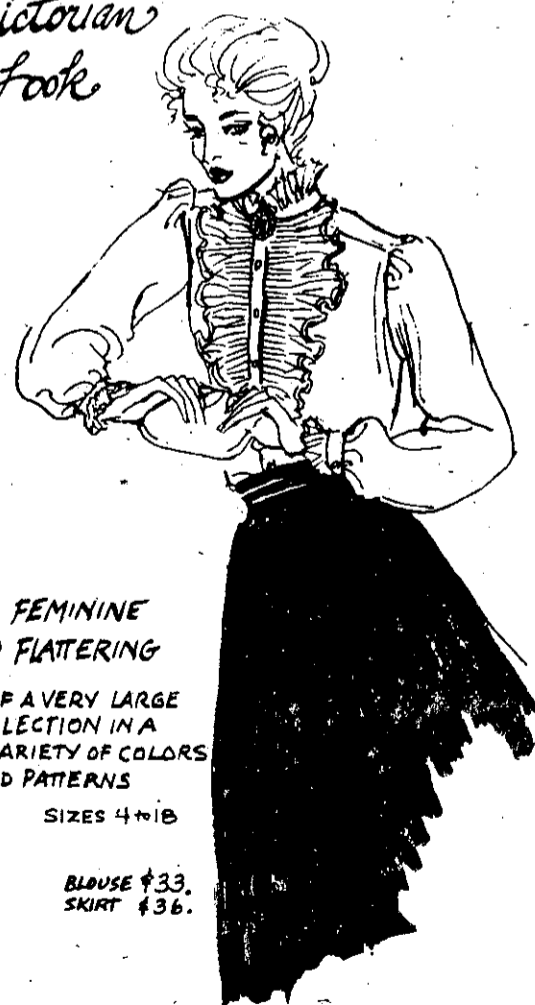
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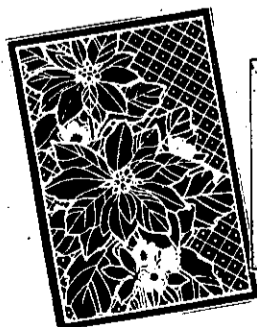
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# Focus On Faith

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I have to confess that I truly despise the greeting "Happy Turkey Day." Yuck. Why in the world are we embarrassed to say "Happy Thanksgiving Day?" Or is it that eating has replaced thanksgiving? What strikes me is how the business world (except for stationery and grocery stores) avoids it. One store in Elsmere has had Christmas trees displayed for weeks already! It's not that Thanksgiving Day has come and gone. It never came at all!

*Somehow our need today is to find a means whereby we can say thanks to God in the midst of comfort and security and wealth and health.*

Maybe all of this has something to do with our lifestyle and world scene. We want lots of things in our life: wealth, health, happiness, long life — the list goes on. The amazing truth is that many of us have what we want but never say, "thank you!" The trouble lies in our failure to go to the source of gifts: God Himself.

Some of you know the story Jesus told about the 10 lepers. They were unclean, outcasts, in need of healing. Once they were healed, once security was there again, once they were comfortable again, they found it difficult to give thanks.

Recall the story with me: Jesus is somewhere between Samaria and Galilee. He is met by 10 lepers. They talk at a distance of 100 feet because of a requirement in the law that forbids getting any closer to one who is clean, since the disease is so contagious. They

shout: "Have mercy on us." Jesus tells them to go to the priests to be examined. They leave Jesus and on their way to the priests, they are healed. What excitement there must have been. They are healed. They are secure. They are content. Later only one bothers to return to find Jesus to give thanks. And even Jesus is astonished. Where are the other nine? Is there only one who gives glory to God?

It's so hard to give thanks when everything is going our way. Yet somehow our need today is to find a means whereby we can say thanks to God in the midst of comfort and security and wealth and health. For in a real way, our ability to say thanks is a measure of our faith. Jesus tells us that. When only one person returned to thank Jesus, Jesus said to him, "Go your way. Your faith made you well." There it is again — a deepened faith offers thanksgiving — only the one who returned grasped that his healing was a gift of God. Only he was healed inwardly as well as outwardly. Only he knew the joy and peace that God had laid hold on him.

That is what we need to rediscover again and again, we who live in the midst of the good life. God is the giver and God deserves the praise.

## New Methodists

The United Methodist Church in Delmar welcomed 16 new members at the end of October. They are: David and Carol Swartz, Jim and Jill Murphy, Laura and Leroy Vadney, Susan and Joan Philippo, Judy and Joe Lamprecht, Carol, Jim and Beth Willey, Carol Weitsen, Margo, Veazey and Sharon Fernandes.



Delmar Progress Club will hold its Christmas tea honoring new members on Dec. 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. At the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Findlay Cockrell, noted Delmar pianist, will play. Lynn Mather, left, if program chairman, and Helen Schoenthal will lead the seasonal singing following the program. *Spotlight*

## 'Person to person'

WQBK FM and AM in Glenmont, Project Equinox and the Visiting Nurse Association of Albany, Inc. will kick off the "Person to Person Holiday Appeal" to benefit Project Equinox and VNA clients today. Holiday gifts, food, heat, clothing, phone expense and special personal needs will be solicited.

## Baked ham at church

Baked ham will be the main course at the Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., this Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. The supper, which is being sponsored by the Methodist Men's Club, is priced at \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children between 5 and 12.

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# A gift of thanks

As each of us gathers around the Thanksgiving table, be it in public or private surroundings, we will at least momentarily embrace some thoughts of thankfulness. However, for some groups of people holidays are particularly hard, and especially one where the main theme is the giving of thanks.

It is said the less a person has, the more thankful he or she is likely to be for the little there is. Perhaps that holds true for an impoverish society, but not for one as ours, where the standard of living is set through transparent store windows and TV screens and high gloss magazine ads. While millions of pet cats and dogs will revel in scraps from the Thanksgiving tables across the land, millions of human beings will simply have to make do with scraps of food on their tables.

*In all walks of life in all its forms and whatever path you find yourself on, the giving of thanks is a recognition of your place in the order of things.*

Human struggles and conflicts typically arouse hard feelings and firm postures to support the effort at seeing the difficult period through to its conclusion. During the conflict, whether the battlefield is on the homefront, in the marketplace or a court of law, a softening of feelings and a lowering of guards renders a warrior vulnerable to attack. Those people whose horns are locked in feud with family, friend, boss, neighbor, whomever, may have trouble laying down their arms to raise the cup of kindness.

The most difficult moments in life are those when we have suffered tragic and catastrophic loss. The loss might be the death of a friend or relative, a disabling accident or illness, or an economic turn of events like the loss of job or a business failure. At such times we are hard-pressed to find anything for which to be thankful, let alone anyone to thank.

Many individuals in our midst are not a part of us or any of our groups which we form and join. Such people are alone and isolated either by choice or circumstance. They are the homeless, the hermits, the disabled, the detached, the rejected, the rovers and the frail old. They fade into our landscapes left to scavenge from the meager opportunities presented them by

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a scant life. They shun many of society's rules and customs, owing nothing to anyone and, in turn, distrusting handouts with strings attached. Unlike the fiercely independent pilgrims who detached from their homeland to celebrate the first Thanksgiving together in a new world, the detached people of this day and age will most likely join with no one other than themselves on Thanksgiving Day.

I am not trying to inject a "downer" into an otherwise festive holiday. Nor am I suggesting that the have-its feel guilty while stuffing their turkeys and then themselves. What I am saying is that Thanksgiving is a day that poses a pointed opportunity to ponder thankfulness and how we experience it and for what.

In all walks of life in all its forms and whatever path you find yourself on, the giving of thanks is a recognition of your place in the order of things. It is an affirmation of your knowledge that there are greater and lesser than you. It is your statement of humility for walking on the face of the earth and of gratitude for having a chance to shine from the darkest pit or the highest peak.

To have something for which to be thankful is a gift of life; to have someone to thank for it is a sharing of that gift. It brings us together. Thank you.

## Food for needy

The first regionally-based foodbank in Northeast New York has been established by the Regional Emergency Food Taskforce at the Central Warehouse at the corner of Colonie and Montgomery streets in Albany.

The REFT Foodbank will be a collection and distribution point for foods donated by processors, manufacturers and distributors. Donations of surplus stock, mispackaged product, cosmetically damaged foods and product near its expiration date are being solicited. Food collected by the foodbank will be distributed to emergency food pantries and non-profit human service agencies operating feeding programs in the 10 counties in and around the Capital District.

## Triangle tickets ready

Tickets for the Princeton Triangle Club's 93rd touring musical comedy, which is returning to Delmar for the first time since 1964, went on sale today at the Paper Mill, Delaware Plaza.

The 1982 show, "Stocks and Bondage," a campus satire on the world of business, will be staged at Bethlehem Central High School auditorium Monday evening, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for the first 15 rows, \$6 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets also can be ordered by mail from George Carpinello, P.O. Box 549, Albany, N.Y. 12201 (see coupon on page 13).

The Delmar stopover will be one of 13 on the college troupe's tour of the East and Midwest. Local residents and high school students interested in theatrics who wish to house one or two members of the cast, orchestra or stage crew are asked to call Meredith Meislahn (439-7885) or Barbara Boynton (768-2695). Host families will be guests of the Princeton Alumni Association at an informal cast party at the Starlight Restaurant, Bethlehem Center, following the show.

## Science service Thursday

A special service of thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 25, at 11 a.m. will be held at the Christian Science Church, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The latter part of the hour-long service has been set aside for expressions of gratitude. The Thanksgiving meeting is open to all. Free care for very young children is available at the church during the service.

The meeting will be conducted by Diane McNamara, currently serving the congregation as First Reader. Dean Coughtry, second reader, will read from the Scriptures.

## 'Oliver' on stage

The Schenectady Light Opera Company's production of "Oliver" will be presented by Proctor's Theatre Dec. 1-5. For tickets call the box office, 346-6204.

## Craft show planned


The Colonie Youth Centers' Craft Festival will be held at the Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Ave., Albany, Dec. 4-5 from noon to 6 p.m.

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Aaron Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Fox of Voorheesville, is one of the first area youngsters to get an early audience with Santa. The jolly old fellow, impersonated by Alan Hilchie, will be at Hilchie's ServiStar Hardware in Elsmere Friday and Saturday. *Spotlight*

## Blue Cross considering move if expansion blocked

Having tested the waters by presenting an expansion proposal to the Slingerlands Homeowners Association, Blue Cross-Blue Shield executives may have decided they were too hot.

William Batchelder, public relations officer for Blue Cross in Slingerlands, said Friday, "The planning process is more tentative now than when meetings were held locally. Nothing resembling a plan has been formulated."

The insurance company owns property directly across Maher Rd. from its front door, and was considering removing the old house on the site and erecting a small office building or possibly a warehouse. The shape of the property dictates that any structure be limited in size. At present, the company uses a garage on the site for storage.

"We do have space problems, we have to do something," Batchelder said. The company uses storage space in Voorheesville and has sales people on Western Ave., he said. Two alternatives, with their associated costs, are to be presented to

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the board of directors, Batchelder said.

The alternatives include, at the moment, using space that is being developed elsewhere in the area or moving the whole operation, according to Batchelder. The meeting with the Slingerlands Homeowners Association was "an informal exploration," he said, and "right now we're going in another direction."

Adding to the present building would be difficult, Batchelder said, because of the terrain. During its construction, footings were put in much deeper than expected, he said.

### Strolling minstrels

From Dec. 12 through 23, Stuyvesant Plaza will be celebrating the holidays by presenting Christmas carols in the manner of minstrels, roving from store to store. The carols will be performed by various area musicians, including the Brass Ensemble of the acclaimed Empire State Youth Orchestra and Grandma's Boyfriends, an area barbershop quartet which recently won the New England District Chorus Championship.

The entertainment will be presented from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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### Pratt-Vail expands

Pratt-Vail Associates has expanded its accounting offices at 278 Delaware Ave. to make room for its new computer.

Partners Thomas Pratt and David Vail have increased their business activity and client capacity thanks to their purchase of a Vector 64K computer. The computer, which also serves a sister office in the Clifton Park area, can calculate and compute individual income tax returns, maintain business accounting records, and prepare amortization schedules. The Vector 64K makes them a first in computerized accounting in the Delmar area, the partners said.

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# Decorating contest announced

As the Christmas spirit hovers, ready to descend after Thanksgiving, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and Bethlehem Garden Club have jointly announced the annual holiday decorating contest for homes and businesses. This is the first year the chamber has participated in the contest.

Peter Merrill, president of the chamber, said commercial entries will be judged in two categories: theme and overall appearance, including balance and appropriateness of inside and outside displays.

Entries in the residential decorating contest will be judged in two categories also — those that use natural materials such as pine cones and greens, and those that use board figures and other artificial materials. Contestants may decide if they want their display judged lighted or not.

Five judges will be named, two from the Chamber of Commerce, two from the garden club, and a town official. Judging will be Dec. 22.

Mrs. Clifford Bowdish, chairman of the garden club's Beautification Committee, said the window boxes that have carried holiday plantings in Bethlehem business sections for so many years will be stored this season until they can be repaired.



Joseph P. Richardson

## Banker at seminar

Joseph P. Richardson, vice president of State Bank of Albany, has completed a loan management seminar sponsored by the Robert Morris Associates (RMA) at Ohio State University, Columbus. RMA

presents the week-long seminar twice yearly in cooperation with the university.

Richardson began his banking career as a management trainee in 1963. He joined the commercial loan division in 1972. He is a native of Bedford Village and received a BA from St. Lawrence University in 1963. He makes his home in Delmar.

## 1983 almanac ready

The 1983 edition of Ray Geiger's "Farmer's Almanac" is available free at offices of the State Bank of Albany. This issue marks the 166th consecutive year of publication for the almanac, which includes gardening tips and jokes among the weather predictions. The current edition, with a hole for hanging, has woodcut reproductions and recipes contributed by the editor's wife, Ann. The almanacs will be available after Dec. 1.

## Aging office moves

Effective this week, The Albany County Dept. for Aging offices have moved to 112 State St., Room 710, Albany. The phone numbers have also been changed as follows: services 447-7717, administration 447-7180.

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Cooperative Extension and the Albany County Planning Board have received a grant from the state Energy Office to offer citizens of the county a wind-monitoring service to determine the

feasibility of generating electricity through wind power on a specific site.

The service will be available to private land owners, municipalities or business owners. Extension will install the equipment on the site and the planning board will analyze the monitored data on its computer facilities to see whether the average wind velocity would make wind-generated electricity economical. Information on the new service will be available at the Dec. 1 meeting.



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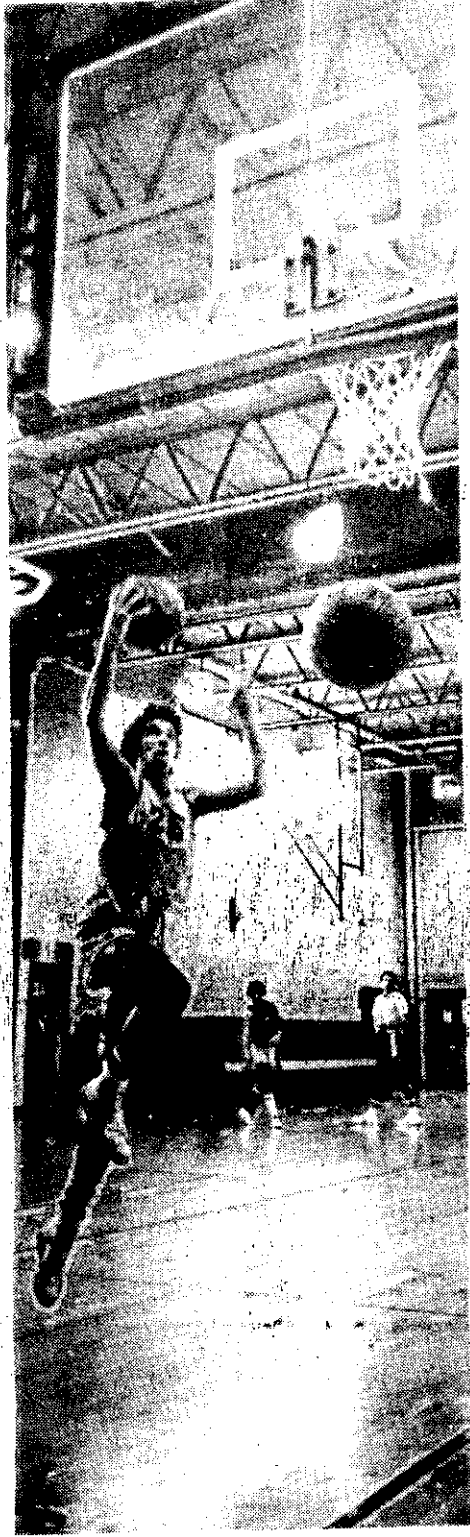
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## Spotlight SPORTS



John Zongrone goes in for a layup as Voorheesville's Blackbirds drill for their basketball opener next week.

Tom Howes

# Blackbirds need outside shooting

Voorheesville's second-year basketball coach, former Union College scoring star Chuck Abba, is blessed with two returning starters and two "sometimes" starters, but a dearth of height may give the Blackbirds problems under the boards.

Mike Lewis, a three-year starter and one of the highest career scorers in Voorheesville annals, at 6-4 is the biggest man on the squad, and there are no Probsts around to help in the higher elevations. Lewis, who averaged 17 points a game last year, packs 185 pounds and can handle himself in heavy traffic close to the hoop, but when the Blackbirds tangle with teams having a lot of big men, they'll have to get some extra springs in their sneakers or ring in a muscular fullback or two.

Dickie Lennon, a guard who started every game last year, is expected to direct the attack. Jim Meacham and John Zongrone were starters off-and-on, and Abba can be expected to put their experience to work this season. Zongrone, the only junior with a chance to get regular playing time, is 6-1. The only other 6-footers — barely — are John Minozzi, John Schultz and Ray Donnelly, the leading scorer on the junior varsity coming up at 6-1. Also up from JV is Ken Hunter, a 6-1 senior.

The height deficiency will put pressure on Voorheesville's shooters. Abba is hoping Lennon and Meacham will develop into double-figure marksmen from 15 feet away or more. Zongrone popped a few from outside last year, and if he can sharpen his eye for the basket from a distance, the Birds could be in good shape.

Abba isn't planning any changes in style. "We will have pretty much the same offense, try to push the ball upcourt and get inside when we can. We will stress ball control and try to be patient on our shots. We'll have to wait and see what develops after the first games."

On defense, Abba is working toward tightening things up. "I want to reinforce and re-teach what we were doing last year. We may add a few things defensively, maybe use more zone than in the past, but that will depend on the situation at the time."

The Blackbirds will have experience on the bench, which is a major plus. Chris



Coach Chuck Abba, former Union star, and Mike Lewis, Voorheesville's high-scoring senior, take a moment for the Spotlight cameraman during a practice session.

Tom Howes

Hogan and Dave Haaf had substantial playing time last year and will probably see even more service this time.

The Blackbirds may not break any speed records, but they may have enough quickness to get by. "I would say we have adequate speed, not outstanding speed. We'll find out soon enough once the season starts."

The season starts a week from Friday, Dec. 4, with a non-league neighborhood visit to Duanesburg. Colonial Council warfare gets underway the following week with Watervliet providing the opposition in the home opener Dec. 7.

The Blackbirds will play four more conference games before the Christmas break. They have been invited back to the Helderberg Holiday Tournament at Guilderland Dec. 28-29. This tourney, which drew good crowds last year, will embrace the same four teams, but a different format: instead of having two pairings of big-school versus small-school, the 1982 shootout will have a championship format. Voorheesville will face Guilderland in the nightcap on Dec. 28, with Berne-Knox taking on Bethlehem Central in the opener. The winners will play for the plums the next night, the losers will play a consolation.

## Delmar mermaid places

Lynn Apicelli, Bethlehem Central freshman swimming standout, matched her Sectional clocking in the 100-yard butterfly in the state championships at Syracuse, but it was good for eighth place instead of second.

The 15-year-old Delmar student was timed in 1:01.71 in Saturday's finals, the identical clocking she turned in a week earlier at the State University pool. In the Section 2 meet, she was runner-up to Gail Armstrong of Cats Falls; at Syracuse Armstrong set a new state meet record of 58.46 seconds in the final.

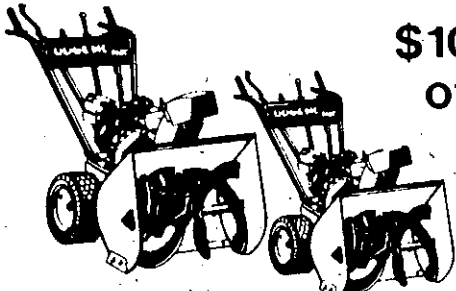
Mary Kavaney, swimming for the combined Voorheesville-Guilderland team, broke the Section 2 record for the 50-yard freestyle with a 24.54-second performance at Syracuse. Overall, the Section 2 contingent placed fifth of the state's 11 sectional teams.

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# Bethlehem: 'we'll run more'

Decimated by graduation and the loss of their only star player to CBA, Bethlehem Central's basketball forces face a year of uncertainty when the Suburban Council race gets going next month.

For the Eagles, who have been struggling for most of the past decade, it is like starting from Square One — a new coach, and almost an entire new team.

When Pete Gillespie, a two-year starter and double-figure point producer, transferred to CBA, the Eagles lost their only experienced player. Ed Radzyminski, a 6-2 senior, was a varsity reserve a year ago, and that's about as far as the experience goes.

But Gary Przybylo, the new varsity coach replacing Jim Tedisco, has the advantage of moving up from the JV with most of his team, so he knows what they can do — and what they can't do.

"We're not good ball handlers," says Przybylo in an appraisal after two weeks of practice. "We're going to run more, move the ball up quickly before the defense can get set. We're going to set the tempo."

Brave words for a coach inheriting a team so thin on experience, but BC's new varsity mentor is impressed with the spirit and determination of his charges. "The kids are working hard," he says. "We're going to take each game one at a time and see what develops."

What develops depends largely on four juniors slated for starting berths, Mike Mooney, Mark Gibbons, Jim Dering and Dan Piazza. Dering, a 6-3 center, is assigned to the bucket. Gibbons, also 6-3, sat out the season last year with an injury, but looks good this year and will team with Radzyminski up front.

Mooney, a 6-1 receiver on the football team, and Piazza will bring the ball up. Mooney may be the best all-around player on the roster, but he is aggressive and is certain to get in foul trouble more times than not. When that happens, Przybylo will call on Mike Schrempf, a jayvee starter last year who can hit from



Bethlehem Central's new varsity basketball coach, Gary Przybylo, is counting on senior Ed Radzyminski to be a starting forward this season. — Tom Howes

outside, and Mike Devane, a senior with no previous basketball experience who has shown modest talent in pre-season workouts. Howard Thompson, who can play forward or in the backcourt, also has been hitting from 15 feet or better.

Much depends on Dering and Gibbons throwing their height and weight around in melees under the boards. Says Przybylo: "They can be very physical inside, and if Thompson and Schrempf can hit from outside, we should be OK."

Przybylo will go into the Suburban Council dogfight with a 12-man squad, bolstered by Tom Schrempf, Mike Curran, Dave Talmage and Jim Lockman. There are no permanent captains: the coach will appoint captains for each game.

BC fans will get a preview of their 1982 edition in the Ravena Invitational weekend after next, just a short ride away. BC will face Gloversville in the season's opener in the first game of the

RCS tournament Dec. 3 while the host team entertains South Glens Falls. The winners will meet Dec. 4, with the semifinal losers playing the consolation game at 7 p.m. The first league game for the Eagles is Niskayuna at home on Dec. 10.

## Clothing for 'Oliver'

"Oliver" is in rehearsal at the Bethlehem Middle School, and the call is out for costumes. The cast needs drab, used clothing, preferably wool, in sizes 8 to 14. Other clothing appropriate to the story also will be gratefully accepted, according to Norine Vancans. She can be reached at 439-2896. The production is scheduled to go on stage Jan. 21 and 22.

## It's Dave, not Jim

Maybe it's because he played with a Jim Young in his youth, or years later had a close associate and friend named Jim Young, that the *Spotlight* sports writer couldn't get it into his head that Bethlehem Central's varsity quarterback is Dave Young, not another Jim Young.

For two of the last three weeks of the BC season, these pages reported the exploits of young Mr. Young with the wrong first name. It just came out that way in the typewriter, and we apologize. We're glad Dave Young has another year to play for BC, and we're going to knock that Jim person right out of our head in 1983. Just watch.

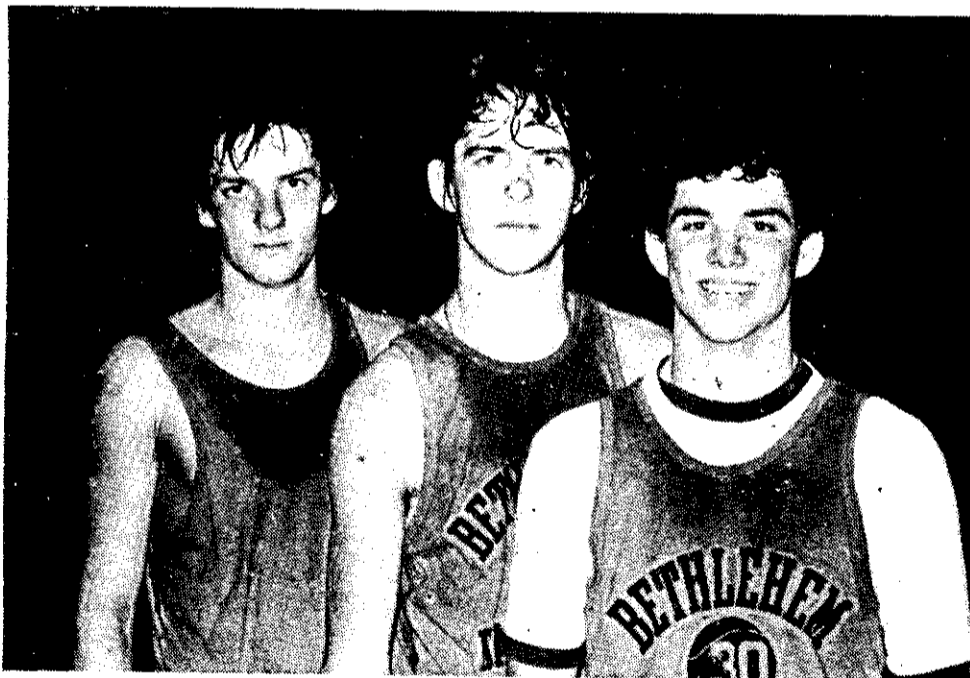
## Basketball clinics set

A three-session series of mini-clinics in basketball for grades 5-8 sponsored by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. will be held Saturdays at the Middle School starting Dec. 4.

Grades 5-6 will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for three consecutive Saturdays, and grades 7-8 from 10:30 to noon. Clinics are open to residents of the town and school district. Registration may be made at the first session, \$4 per player.

## Meeting for diabetics

The Albany Diabetes Association's next meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. at the Temple Beth Emeth on Academy Rd., Albany. Speaking to the group will be Dr. Edward Bradley, president of the New York State affiliate of the American Diabetes Association. He will describe the functions of the newly formed Capital District chapter as well as formally present it with its charter.



Bethlehem basketball fans are looking to Mark Gibbons, Mike Mooney and Jim Dering to lead the attack when the season opens weekend after next. — Tom Howes



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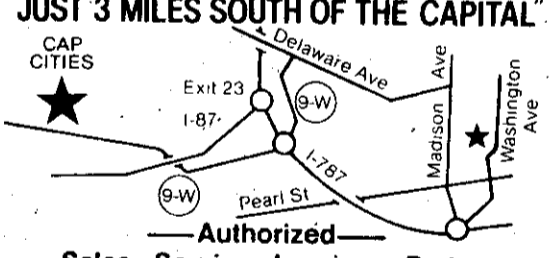
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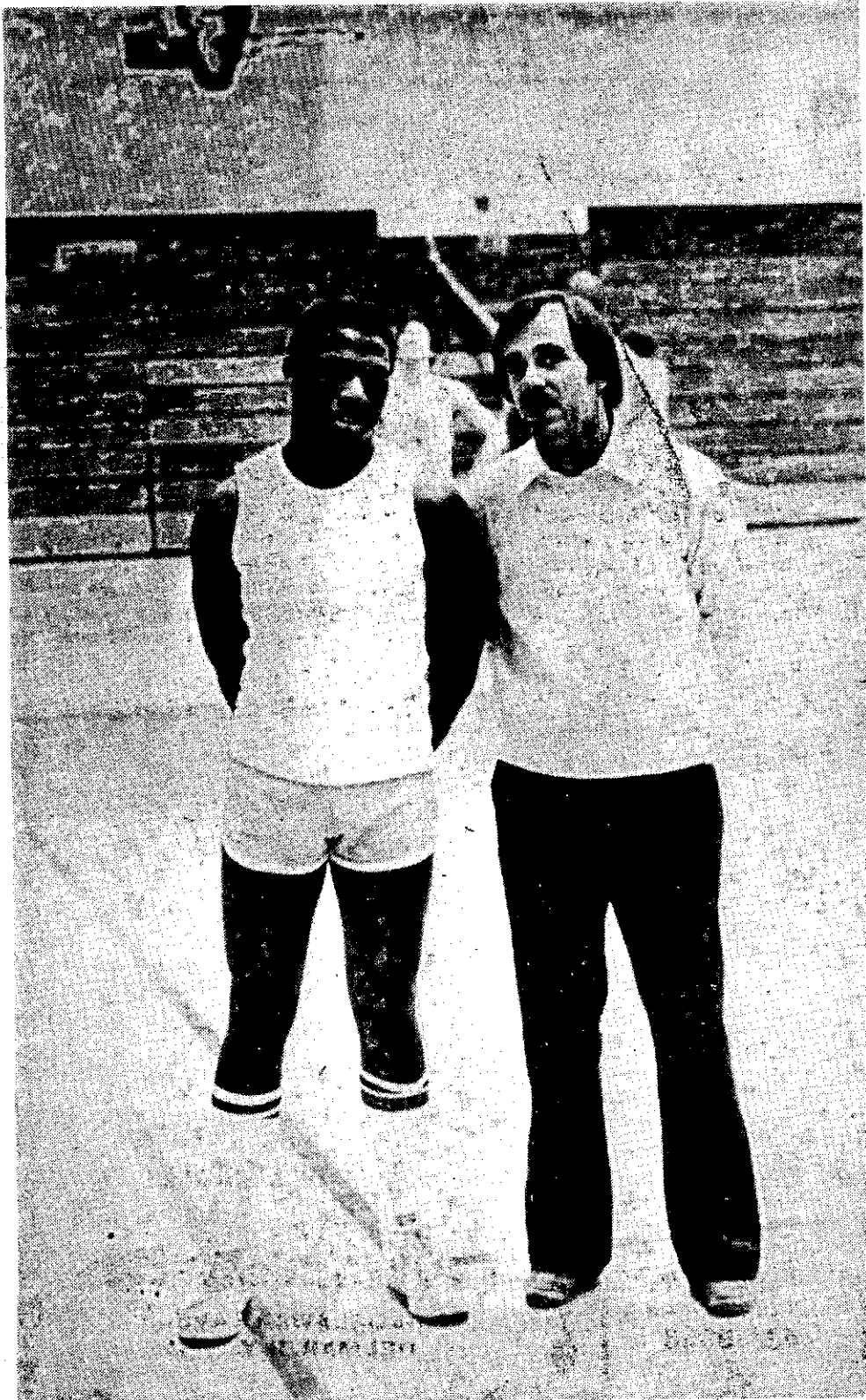
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Coach Tim Tucker and Capt. Joe Motley will lead Ravena's basketball with high hopes for a winning season in the Colonial Conference. *Tom Howes*

# Depth, size make Ravena coach glow

If you think RCS basketball coach Tim Tucker is fortunate in being able to send four guys on the floor who can stuff the ball and eight others who could be starters, just wait till next year.

The Indians have only three seniors on the varsity roster, and their brightest prospect is a sophomore. That's Dekovin Bowie (pronounced Boo-ee, as in Kuhn), 6-foot-3 and still growing.

Tucker is having a hard time trying to contain his excitement. "We're a much improved team," he told a reporter last week in a restrained moment. "We'll be 6-3 up front with a lot of leaping, and 5-8-or-9 in the backcourt. The team is pretty quick, and we have enough depth so that I can play all 12 in a game with very little difference."

With only two veterans returning from last year's 6-14 team, his first as head coach, Tucker's happiness stems from the talent coming up from the 12-2 jayvees. He also has two newcomers, Bowie and Wayne King, a well-traveled 5-8 senior guard who played at Fort Plain and Berne-Knox before transferring to RCS. Bowie is a half brother of Torell Harris, the star of Ravena's 20-0 team of six years ago.

The holdovers from last year's undistinguished array are Capt. Joe Motley, a stocky 5-8 guard who is a good rebounder for his size, and Dexter Greenlee, 6-3 and 220 pounds. Up from the JV are two 6-3 jumping jacks who are virtually certain to be starters, Billy Lipscomb and Don Baker.

Both are juniors. Lipscomb is a great leaper, and Tucker looks for a lot of scoring from Baker. With Bowie a sure starter and Greenlee at center, the Indians will have a front line of 6-3 across no matter how Tucker slices it.

There is abundant talent in the backcourt as well, and it will make little difference who starts and who relieves. Tucker can shuttle Motley and King with Tony Pearson, a strong guard who is as

quick as anyone on the squad, and Mike Kerrigan, a point guard who is small but gets things done.

Tucker is carrying six guards, the aforementioned quartet and John Frazetta and Bob Mosley. "With those six, we'll press the dickens out of anybody," says Tucker.

And if Greenlee's bulk gets him in foul trouble, Tucker has Mike Constantine, a 6-3 junior pivotman. Another big man is Howard Countaway, a 6-3 senior out for basketball for the first time.

All that altitude should give the Indians extra inches in rebounding, but there is one major question mark. Somewhere Tucker has to find an outside shooter if opponents start jamming the inside. For the moment, the Indians have to get pretty close to take their shots.

Tucker is hoping Ravena's pre-season tournament will provide a long-awaited matchup with Bethlehem. RCS has invited the Eagles along with South Glens Falls and Gloversville for a two-night embroglio Dec. 3-4. Opening night pairings are BC and Gloversville in the 7 p.m. tipoff, and RCS-South Glens Falls at 8:30. The winners meet for the title Saturday, the losers for the consolation, hence it's possible the two neighborhood rivals may not meet.

"We've been looking to establish a rivalry with BC for a long time," said Tucker, who has been teaching psychology and political science at RCS for 15 years. He coached the Indian JV for 10 years while his father, the legendary Howie Tucker, guided the varsity. When Howie retired in 1977, Tim took a two-year stint coaching Schenectady Community College.

Now he's back on Rt. 9W full time, directing a rebuilding job on Ravena's basketball program that had fallen into disrepair lately. Last year RCS didn't have even an eighth grade team; this year they're working with third graders and filling the pipeline to Tucker's varsity.

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# Poor serving, loose elbow contribute to Colonie loss

"We played horribly," said a disappointed Coach Carol Walts of Bethlehem Central's girls' volleyball team after Wednesday's game against Saratoga. After Thursday's game that pitted the Eagles against rival Colonie, she was even more definitive: "It was a disaster."

Skill errors, a low serving percentage, and out of bounds spikes saw BC struggle to down a traditionless Saratoga team, 12-5, 15-10, 15-6. With the girls seemingly keyed for the next day's Colonie game, Walts played only her top nine players of the 12-woman squad.

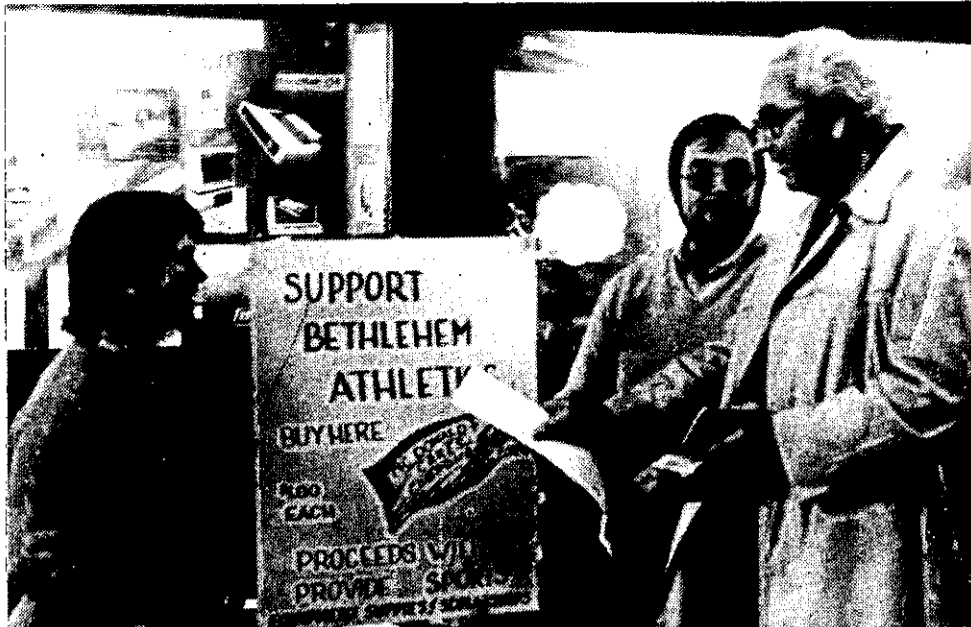
But a 47 percent Bethlehem serving success rate was no match for Colonie's 90 percent plus serve-in-play level. Intimidated, the Eagles faced a too-handed wall at the net in the person of 5'11" Pat Munhol, who did much to crush

## VOLLEYBALL

BC singlehandedly. BC's Ann Howell spiked a ball nicely and simultaneously elbowed fellow Empire State Games veteran Cathy McNamara. McNamara had to leave the game with a bloody nose. All contributed to a BC embarrassment, 15-6, 15-3.

Bethlehem, 2-1, will not have to face Colonie again in regular season play. BC and Shaker, tied Suburban Council titlists in 1980-81, have both lost to Colonie early, but still hope to finish among the top four Suburban Council teams in order to secure a berth in the sectional round-robin tourney.

Julie Ann Sosa



The Bethlehem Athletic Association sold more than a few of their McDonald's tickets at last weekend's winter sports mart, but needs to sell many more. The \$1 tickets, available at Handy Andy, Delmar Card Shop, the Paper Mill and McBoogles, entitle the bearer to \$1 worth of food at the Delmar McDonald's; the BAA gets 40 cents, so everybody comes out ahead. Here Al Manzella and daughter Kathy sell a ticket to Frank Sheridan of Delmar.

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## STAR BOWLERS



Bowling honors for the week of November 7, 1982 at Del Lanes, Delmar, went to:

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Major Girls — Kristi Flanigan 202.

Jr. Boys — Peter Tompkins 164, Mike Lee 449.

Jr. Girls — Patty Gallup 162-355.

Prep Boys — Matt Dennin 169.

Prep Girls — Kim Dale 147-383.

Sr. Citizen Men — John DeFlumer 243, Ed Plass 550.

Sr. Citizen Women — Cindy Erickson 188-485.

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Jr. Girls — Jenny Miller 164-419.

Prep Boys — Vince Tompson 110.

Prep Girls — Kelly Many 111-262.

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### Slashing tires


People who live near the Slingerlands Elementary School were victims of a tire slasher last weekend. According to Bethlehem police reports, seven cars on Arthur Terr., Grove St. and Edgewood Ave., as well as at the Convenient Food Mart had their tires slashed Friday night. Two more slashings were reported Saturday night.

### Second drug arrest

Bethlehem police have arrested a second area youth for drug possession following a tip about drug selling at Bethlehem Central High School Oct. 19. The Voorheesville 15-year-old arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal possession of a controlled substance fifth degree was referred to Albany County Family Court, police said. An arrest of a 16-year-old Delmar boy was made Nov. 12 stemming from the same complaint.

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Any Candidate wishing to be named on the ballot shall file a nomination petition subscribed by twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District with Frank A. With, R.D. #2, Selkirk, N.Y. 12158, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Fire District, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the election.

Dated: November 15, 1982

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The polls for said election shall be opened for receipt of ballots at 7:00 P.M. and shall be closed at 10:00 P.M.

Dated: November 24, 1982  
Elsmere Fire District  
W. Gordon Morris, Jr.  
Secretary (Nov. 24)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE**

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Take notice that pursuant to Section 175 of the Town Law the annual election of the Slingerlands Fire District will be held at Slingerlands Fire Hall #1 on the second Tuesday of December (14th December) 1982 between the hours of 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM for the purpose of electing one commissioner for a term of five years to fill the office of Thomas W. Scherer whose term expires.

Take notice that pursuant to Section 176, Subdivision 7, of the Town Law, it has been resolved that candidates for district officers shall file their names with the secretary of the fire district at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such fire district elections and in addition require that such nominations be submitted in petition form subscribed by twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the fire district. Thereafter the ballots prepared for the election of fire district officers shall specify the names of the candidates and in addition provide proper blank spaces for each office to be filled at such election.

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Attest: Walter J. Roberts  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 1, 1982 at 8 p.m. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of James J. Morrissey, Jr., 852 Chestnut Street, Albany, New York for a Variance under Article V of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance to permit use of existing structure as 3 family dwelling at premises, The Concourse, North Bethlehem, Town of Bethlehem.

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## Many contributed

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thank you for your recent article about the BCHS Girls' Soccer banquet. It was the first banquet held for the three levels of girls' soccer. Thanks go to Pat Fritts, Lynn Perry and Kitty Burke for arranging it.

One concern I had about the article was that the title was misleading. Although the Soccer Club did present awards, the trophies were made possible through the generosity of Delaware Plaza Merchants Association, That Designing Woman, McBoogles, Rogers Sporting Goods and The Paper Mill. The letters and certificates are given by the school district.

We are looking forward to your continued coverage of all the sports in the High School.

Connie Tilroe

Delmar

## A threat to Slingerlands

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am concerned over growing commercial blight along New Scotland Road in Slingerlands. Recently, Ross's Drive In (the Ocean State Seafood place) and the Hess Station have been allowed to expand with no input from the community. Taken alone, these may be incidents of relatively little importance.

Combined with talk of a shopping center at Kenwood and New Scotland, and a proposed major expansion of the Blue Cross complex, they show a disturbing pattern of commercial expansion in an historic residential area. The Blue Cross proposal is particularly alarming since it means tearing down the

Etling house and taking over residential zoned land for commercial use. At least the zoning change should force the town to hold a public hearing before allowing further commercialism.

I hope that we have learned our lesson from what has happened along Delaware Avenue and will not let the same pattern of commercial blight take root along New Scotland Road. I ask all residents of Bethlehem to join me in making your voices heard at town hall and to potential developers.

Robert G. Knighton  
Vice President,

Slingerlands Homeowners Association

## Shades of the Lincolns?

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a Republican I am a little disconcerted to say the least by the way in which Mr. Gordon Morris announced his candidacy for supervisor next year. The conventional way to seek nomination is to place your name before the town Republican committee at the spring meeting and seek their support.

In the event another is chosen by the committee, Mr. Morris has the option of circulating a nominating petition to enrolled Republicans, and if he is successful in obtaining 5 percent of the enrolled Republicans' signatures, then there is a primary election. The winner then becomes the Republican candidate.

Mr. Morris apparently wants to change things. He has not only contacted committeemen but also members of the fire department seeking their support. This is reminiscent of 1961, when Mr. Morris and a few other misguided individuals decided to "take over" the town by forming a third party, the "Lincolns." This resulted in a three-way race in which they were soundly beaten by the the loyal, regular Republicans.

A few years ago a "Let Bygones be Bygones" attitude prevailed and the Republican committee worked for Mr. Morris's successful election to the position of Albany County legislator representing the Town of Bethlehem.

Apparently Mr. Morris's premature campaign is done to knock other possible

candidates out of the box, or else he doesn't intend to play by the rules. Obviously, Mr. Morris wanted to take over the town hall in 1961 and he still wants to do it in 1983. Let Mr. Morris be advised that his divisive tactics didn't work then, and they won't work now.

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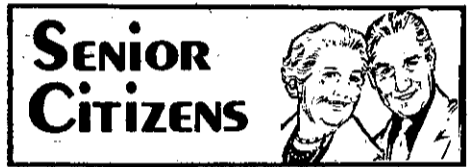
## SUNY reception

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Nov. 11, nearly 500 persons attending the Northeastern Conference on International Education in Albany were treated to a wonderful reception hosted by the SUNY Women's Organization. Our special thanks to their president Dotie Seagle, and Pat Mascarenhas, who coordinated the event. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the warm hospitality, and the excellent food and drink provided for our New York Harvest Celebration.

Robert B. Ericksen

Director, International Student Services  
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The last day for area senior citizens to sign up for the Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization Christmas get-together has been set for Thursday, Dec. 2, when interested seniors can make reservations at the organization's regular meeting, 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

The Christmas party, to be held at the Aurenia Club in Albany on Wednesday, Dec. 15, will begin with a cocktail hour at 12:30 p.m. Dinner and music will start at 1:30 p.m.

# Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

Nov. 21, 1957

Ned Harkness, hockey coach at RPI will be the speaker at a Sports Night program at the Blanchard Post honoring the post's American Legion baseball team. Also on the program are Josep Guerrera, Bethlehem Central athletic director and varsity football coach, and Virgil Tompkins, principal of Bethlehem Central Senior High School.

Walsh's Record and Appliance Center at 154 Delaware Ave., Elsmere, will have its grand opening on Nov. 21.

Nov. 23, 1967

The Bethlehem Central Girls Athletic Assn. will hold its annual alumni field hockey game Thanksgiving weekend at the Junior High School field because of construction at the high school. In the event of bad weather, the game will be basketball, and will be played indoors.

Nov. 23, 1972

Over 1,100 people filled the BCHS gym for an evening of donkey basketball sponsored by the Bethlehem Lions Club. In the first game, Rotary defeated the Lions, 6-2. In the second game, Elsmere firemen outscored the Delmar firemen, 8-2.

Nov. 24, 1977

When BCHS students were asked in an informal "sidewalk poll" whether the teachers' union's current work-to-rule procedure was affecting them, some students quickly said "yes" while others said they had not noticed any difference. Under work-to-rule, teachers protesting the stalled contract negotiations observed strictly the 7½-hour work day and embargo extra activities under the contract. Several students decried the lack of help, and a number said they enjoyed watching the teachers assemble in front of the building each morning and walk in together at 7:30. One student called the mass morning march "stupid," and another pointed out that the practice was abandoned on rainy days and appears to have been forsaken altogether with the advent of cold weather.

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Margaret Elizabeth Kissinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Kissinger of Wilmette, Ill., and Lawrence Alden Boynton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel A. Boynton, Clipp Rd., New Scotland, were married Sept. 25 at St. Francis Xavier Church, Wilmette.

Rev. Jerome Hartmann, pastor of the church, and Rev. Joseph Mazza, rector of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Wilmette, officiated at the 3 p.m. ceremony. A reception followed at the Michigan Shores Club.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Mrs. Thomas Warden of Chicago, as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Monica Mary Kissinger of Wilmette, sister of the bride; Cornelia L. Boynton of Belmont, Mass., and Elizabeth G. Boynton of Brookline, Mass., sisters of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Terence Belton of Ann Arbor, Mich. Patricia Jean Kissinger, a sister of the bride serving with the Peace Corps in Zaire, Africa, was honorary bridesmaid in absentia.

Christopher Peters of Madison, Wis., formerly of Slingerlands, was best man. Ushers were John M. Kissinger, William S. Kissinger, Jr. and Daniel Kissinger, brothers of the bride; Robert K. Diddlebock of Denver, Colo., and Robert D. Brooks of Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Boynton is a graduate of Regina Dominican High School and DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., and is a staff reporter on the Cincinnati *Post*. Her husband is an alumnus of Bethlehem Central High School and Hartwick College, and is assistant editor of the Scripps-Howard *News*, Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. Boynton are living in Cincinnati following their return from a wedding trip to Bermuda.

### Appearing in play

Timothy Fitzgerald of Glenmont is appearing in the musical "Shenandoah" in the current Ragtime Productions dinner theater production at the Albany Thruway House, Washington Ave. Fitzgerald was active in the theater at Maryville College, Tennessee, where he graduated last May.

"Shenandoah" will play through Dec. 9. Reservations may be made by calling the Thruway House or Community Box Office.

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Stephen Flansburg and Theresa LaBarge

### LaBarge-Flansburg

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. LaBarge of The Crossway in Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Maura, to Stephen L. Flansburg, son of Mrs. Nancy Peck of Delmar and Gary Flansburg of Berne.

Both are graduates of Bethlehem Central High School in Delmar. Miss LaBarge is employed as a senior stenographer by the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc., and her fiancé is employed as a supervisor for D.L. Movers of Delmar.

A May 14 wedding is planned.

### McIntosh celebration

On Nov. 7 Mr. and Mrs. Willis McIntosh Jr. of Olive St., Clarksville, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a party given to them by family members Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sala of New Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Voorheesville.

The party was held at the Clarksville Fire House where a candlelight buffet was attended by 65 relatives and friends. Mrs. McIntosh is the former Vivian Coonley of Cherry Ave., Delmar, and the couple were married on Nov. 7, 1942, at the Delmar Methodist Church.

### Reaches a century

The cake for Frank Frederick's birthday last month must have been ablaze with candles — the Clarksville resident marked his 100th year. He was born in the Town of Guilderland, on the family farm near Meadowdale. He and his wife, the former Robie VanDeusen, celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary in October.

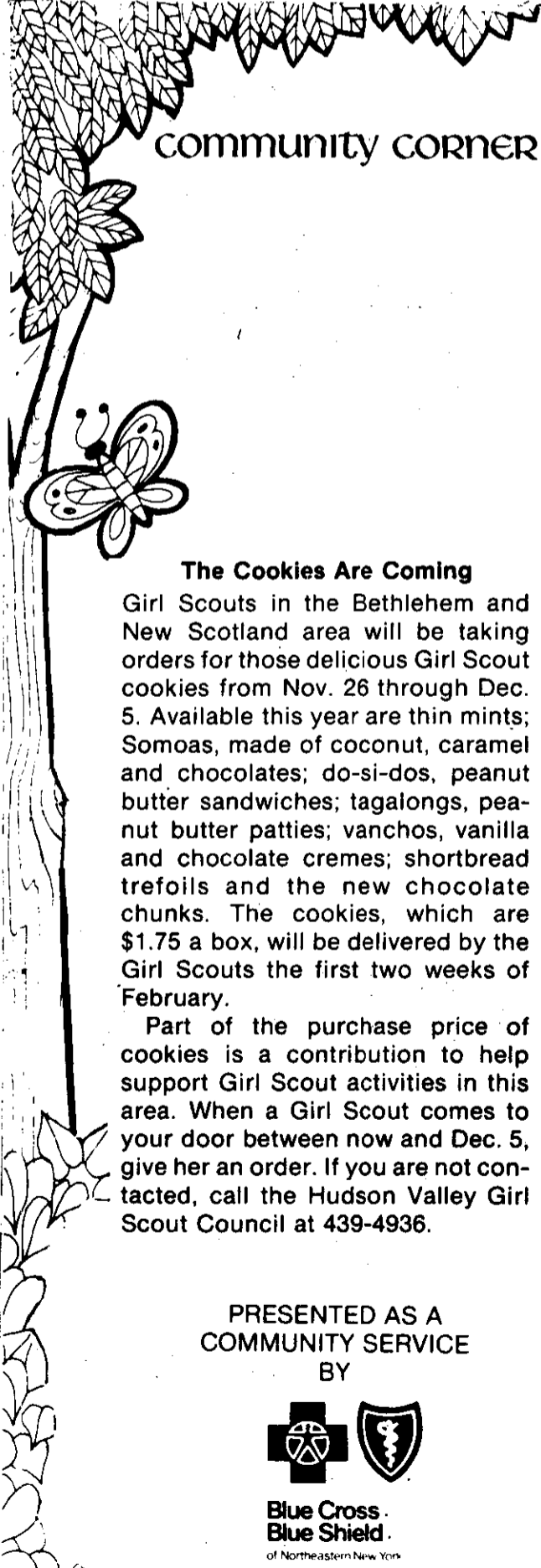
The birthday observance brought cards, gifts and flowers, including greetings from Congressman Sam Stratton and visits from county Health Department nurses. The cake was served by Eva Colby and Mildred McNab, and Rev. Stephen Wing took pictures. That same day Mr. Frederick recalled the Blizzard of '88 for listeners on WGY radio.

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Part of the purchase price of cookies is a contribution to help support Girl Scout activities in this area. When a Girl Scout comes to your door between now and Dec. 5, give her an order. If you are not contacted, call the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council at 439-4936.

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### Interfaith tea planned

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, invite all women of the community to the 13th annual Christmas Interfaith Tea to be held in Fellowship Hall at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 2.

The program will begin with music provided by the Bethlehem Central High School "Choraliers" and "The Sound System", directed by Joseph Farrell.

The U.M.W. are sponsoring the sale again this year of "Self-Help Crafts" in the church lounge. The entire proceeds go directly to the skilled artisans in poor countries, and/or refugees, handicapped persons or members of a disadvantaged minority who created the variety of crafts, including wood items, embroidery, baskets and jewelry. This year there will also be articles from H.O.M.E. Crafts in Orland, Me., which aid the elderly and low-income people of Maine.

Babysitting will be provided.

### Panhellenic party

The Albany Panhellenic Association has set Sunday, Dec. 5, for the annual holiday cocktail party and buffet at the Albany Country Club. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Richard Ingraham, Delmar, party chairman. All members of national collegiate sororities and their guests are invited.

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**Costs—Benefits Of Controlling SO2 Emiss**

Alternatives	Capital Costs	Coal Costs Per Year	Operating and Maintenance	Savings to Average Rate Payers	SO <sub>2</sub> E (Thou. lb)
NiMo Proposed Action	\$0	\$92,250,000	\$0	\$126 Mo	4
Scrubbers (FGD-Dry Lime)	\$102,000,000	\$76,500,000	\$15,100,000	\$0	30-50 Mo
Low-Sulfur Coal (0.7%)	\$0	\$106,250,000	\$0	\$1.00 Mo	4

\*Source: Environment

The three alternatives available to Niagara Mohawk for controlling sulfur dioxide emissions from its Glenmont plant are: 1) the second alternative, low-sulfur coal, which is the cheapest; 2) the first alternative, scrubbers, which is the most expensive; and 3) the proposed action, which is the middle alternative.

When it comes to the environment, every action has a cost and a benefit. Niagara Mohawk's plan to reconvert its Glenmont plant to burn coal raises a classic cost-benefit dilemma in controlling sulfur dioxide emissions. As the Bethlehem public hearing on the reconversion plan approaches, The Spotlight looks at the utility's options in dealing with sulfur dioxide, and the costs and benefits that flow from these options.

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