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Alcohol, town court a frequent mixer

By Caroline Terenzini

The hallway is lined with tight faces, in groups of twos and threes. Many of these people are young; they have friends or parents with them. Many are bolstered by bravado, too.

In the courtroom, there are more unsmiling faces. The few people who have no companion retreat behind a newspaper or a book; others retreat into wary conversation. The lawyers wear suits and ties, most of their clients don't. It's difficult to find a seat; it's hard to look around.

Then, at 7:30 p.m. the Town of Bethlehem Justice Court is gaveled into session and a long night begins.

Don't show up in court without some cash. The judge may be willing to dicker on the fine — "Do you have any money with you tonight? I'll fine you \$20 on the speeding." — but then again, he may not.

For a recent criminal court session, there were 98 cases on the agenda. In Bethlehem, criminal cases are heard every other Tuesday night, and it is not unusual for these sessions to last beyond midnight.

Why such a heavy caseload? Is Bethlehem a town of petty criminals? Are the neighbors drug sellers?

Probably not. The largest single category of criminal cases that come before the Justice Court involves drinking and driving. Of the 98 cases before the court that particular night, 39 involved charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Roger Fritts, who shares the duties of town justice on an alternating schedule with Peter Wenger, said a crackdown following a number of drink-related traffic deaths a few years ago, coupled with a more strict state law, has brought increasing numbers of drinking drivers before the bench. "Bethlehem is far and away the toughest town around," he said.

Then too, said Justice Wenger, the

district attorney's office has changed its policy on second-time DWI offenders, in response to public pressure, and the DA is now requiring a plea to the charge, not a reduction in the charge. "They've tightened up quite a bit," he said. With defendants in DWI cases having more to lose under the stiffer penalties of the 1981 law, more court hearings on suppression of Breathalyzer readings result and more trials are requested, and that means more late nights in town court.

Alcohol-related offenses, however, are not restricted to drivers. Alcohol-inspired disputes and burlaries committed under the influence of alcohol also come before the judges. Taken all together, alcohol-related incidents are the No. 1 problem local criminal courts face, Wenger said. The second largest category of crimes is petty larceny, such as shoplifting and issuing bad checks. Then comes marijuana.

"We're not seeing nearly as much in the way of drug crimes now," Justice Fritts said. "But the ones I see now are generally more serious — in part due to the direction of enforcement. Police are now going after sellers rather than users. But 10 years ago we would get a bigger percentage of kids freaked out on heavy drugs — amphetamines, barbiturates, LSD.

"We have more of an alcohol problem than a drug problem, unlike five years ago. I don't think we have an alcohol problem among our kids, but the kids I see have alcohol among their problems."

These kids aren't necessarily the neighbor's children. Wenger estimated that perhaps 40 percent or more of the defendants in town court are not residents of Bethlehem. He pointed out that major highways such as Rt. 9W, the Thruway and Delaware Ave. bring many transients to Bethlehem, some of whom find themselves before the Bethlehem court. And, he added, "Bethlehem draws people from the city. We know young people do come out to steal things. This is a middle-class community that does attract people up to no good."

Fritts pointed out that a number of



Roger Fritts

police agencies make arrests within the town boundaries, contributing to the caseload: the sheriff's department, Troop T Thruway police, Troop G State Police at Selkirk, and Conrail police, in addition to Bethlehem's own 31-member force, up from 24 members five years ago.

Or, in the press of business, the prosecutor may dicker at the bench: "You want to make it an attempted sodomy, third degree? Or sexual misconduct — Section 130.20?" "Okay, why don't we go with that."

One way courts deal with the many charges that crowd their dockets is plea bargaining, a compromise struck by a defendant's lawyer and the district attorney's office whereby the accused agrees to plead guilty to a reduced charge. Lesser charges such as misdemeanors and violations are dealt with in town courts, while felonies are handled in County Court. By law, the district attorney, a county officer, must handle all criminal cases, but "there's a limit on the number of cases that can be handled at the county level, so the prosecutor's office has to dispose of them as misdemeanors in local criminal court," Wenger said. "There's only so much time . . ."

Without plea bargaining, "the criminal



Peter Wenger

justice system would be crippled," in the view of Joselle Waters, who until recently was the assistant district attorney covering the Menands, Colonie and Bethlehem town courts.

Fritts, too, cited "the inability of the system to hear every case that comes along. Laws provide you with a measure and a system, but not an absolute in terms of enforcement."

Wenger agreed it is impossible for the system to dispose of all the cases that come before it without plea bargaining. Then too, prosecutors can use plea bargaining to dispose of a case they might otherwise lose. Both judges pointed out that the police, cognizant of the role that plea bargaining plays in the justice system, will generally file the highest charge that can be supported by the evidence. Then the district attorney and a defendant's lawyer have leeway to effect a compromise — a plea in exchange for a reduction. This bargain is then presented to the judge.

"You don't have time to review it in detail," Fritts said. "so you depend in great part on what the attorneys tell you."

A defendant also depends in great part



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Holiday contest winners

As the holiday spirit spread across the Town of Bethlehem, colored lights came out and beribboned wreaths went up, encouraged by the annual Bethlehem Garden Club decorating contest, jointly sponsored this year by the Chamber of Commerce. Winners were:

In the residential category, with a holiday theme: the Furey home, Montrose Dr., Delmar, first; the Riccardo home, on E. Wiggand, Glenmont, second; and the Berman home, Keith Rd., Delmar, third.

In the residential category with natural

decorations: the Ford home, E. Bayberry, Glenmont, first; the Dorsey home, Peel St., Selkirk, second; and the Douglass home, E. Bayberry, Glenmont, third.

For commercial properties, there also were two categories for judging. In the overall appearance category, first-place winner was Verstandig's Florist, Inc., 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Second place went to Nautilus, in the Mini-mall next to

Delaware Plaza, and third place went to Le Shoppe, 397 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Winning businesses in the theme category were Tri-Village Drugs, 340 Delaware Ave., Delmar, first place; Shuttle Hill Herb Shop, 243 Delaware Ave., Delmar, second, and the Village Shop, Delaware Plaza, third.

Awards are to be presented at a chamber dinner Jan. 13.

□ Town court

on an attorney. Not only for legal advice, but as a negotiator in plea bargaining. "You're likely to get a tougher deal without counsel," Wenger said.

When he takes the bench on criminal court nights, Fritts announces, "I will accept no plea of guilty to a misdemeanor unless you have had the opportunity to consult with counsel." His stipulation is a protection for all parties. A case could be reopened years later if a defendant was not given an opportunity to consult with counsel, and, too, by having legal advice the accused may escape having a criminal record or, worse, going to jail.

Jail isn't nice. Both justices said a visit to the county jail (Bethlehem has no lock-up) has a sobering effect on most people. "Sometimes you send a young person to county jail overnight and they don't ever want to see the inside of a jail again," Wenger said. For this reason, he has sometimes required a young person convicted of a crime to take a tour of the jail and send him a report. Wenger also has employed the alternative of community service, which can be a part of the plea bargain.

Other times, "what else are we going to do?" he asked. "Sometimes you do have to discipline people, you do have to punish them. I'm willing to people in jail now, though I didn't think I would be. It

was difficult to do at first, but not now." "A lot of people don't give it any thought until they've been arrested," Fritts said. "Kids don't realize they could be in state prison for what they've done — say, burglary."

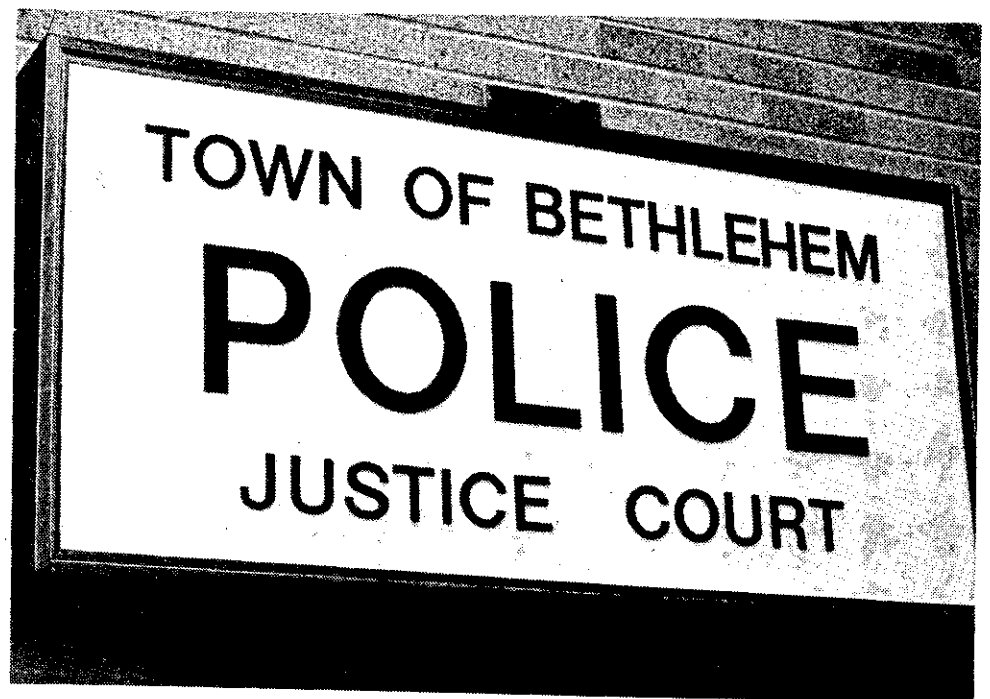
For most people who appear before the town justice, however, jail is a remote possibility. "We're not talking about hardened criminals," Wenger said. "We don't deal with them."

"Most people are chagrined to find themselves there in the first place," Fritts said. "In many cases, that's the person's first and only connection with crime. A lot of the young people you're not going to see again."

"It's humiliating to be there — it would be for me, I'm sure."

*For many called before the court, the system doesn't make sense. "I know I'm guilty in some way. But I wasn't bothering anybody."
"Do you want an adjournment to consult with an attorney?"
"I don't know — I've never done this before."*

Feelings of guilt and powerlessness before the court and the law are a strong disincentive for future transgressions for many people. Others may escape the



experience by recognizing when they are headed for trouble and seeking help. Project Equinox, which offers counseling for all ages, especially people involved with drugs, and Project Hope, which expects soon to offer counseling services in Bethlehem, Coeymans and Ravena, are examples of agencies that try to keep people out of court. "I'd like to see more people realize that they're having family problems and get help before they get to court," Wenger said. "Most people don't want to be in trouble, I don't think."

But when they're standing before the bench, they are in trouble, and the decisions that judges have to make can have a great impact on a person's life. Both justices have found the experience has had an effect on them, too.

"I didn't expect it would impact on me personally as much as it did," said Fritts, who is in the middle of his second four-year term. A graduate of Albany Law School, he was an assistant district attorney for three years before entering private practice. "I guess I expected to be more insulated from people in trouble coming before me all the time. It's brought to the fore the fact that there's a whole different world out there than I'd realized."

A young-looking teenager who police had stopped on a joy ride awkwardly carries his mother's handbag. She had warned, "Watch my purse!" as she left the courtroom and he seems acutely aware he's in a room full of lawbreakers.

Wenger, on the town bench since January, 1980, said, "It's not an easy job. It's not easy making these decisions." Also a graduate of Albany Law School, Wenger is a native of Delmar and went to grade school in the building where he now presides as justice. "On the other hand, I enjoy the job," he said. "You can have a positive influence on some people. You can require treatment for alcohol and drug abuse. You can require psychological treatment. Some people just need an outsider to help them solve their problems." He has some thank-you notes that testify to that.

The town justices put on long hours for

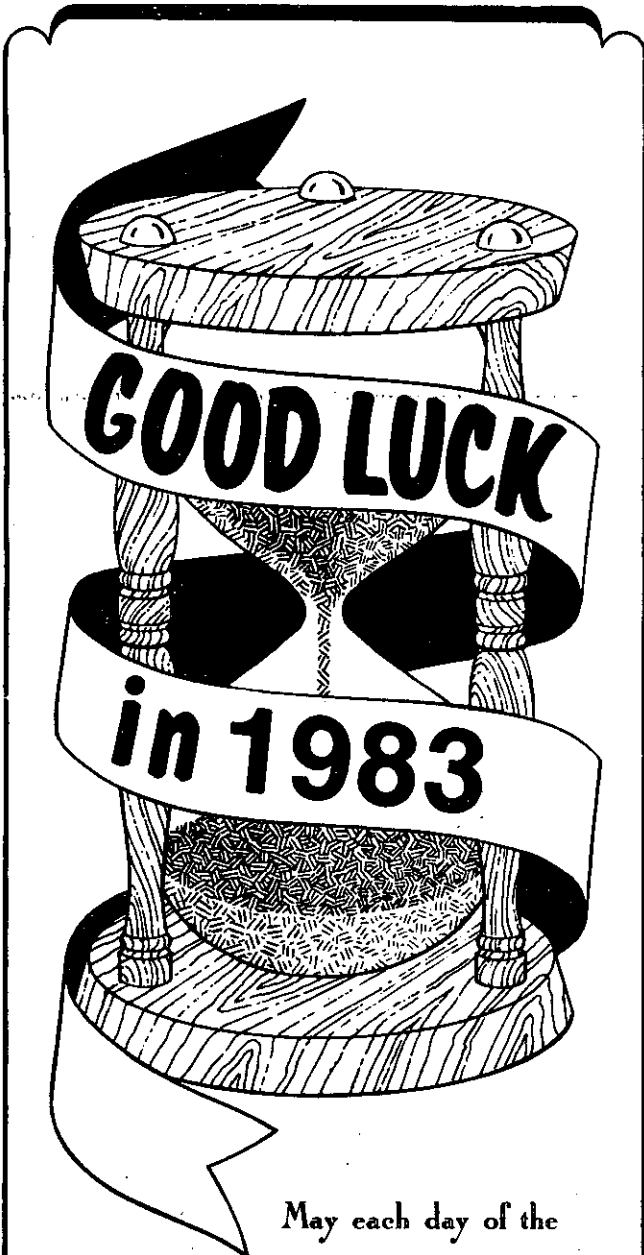
their annual pay of \$14,500. In addition to the criminal court sessions that alternate with vehicle and traffic court on Tuesday evenings, Monday and Wednesday evenings, and occasionally Thursdays, are given over to trials and hearings, and small claims and civil cases. Trials, including jury trials, also can carry over to Friday. That doesn't leave much time for family and other commitments.

What could be done to reduce the case-load?

"I have every expectation that some point we're going to need a third town judge," Fritts said. "The question is when." Adding a third justice would require an act of the state Legislature, which could take up to a year. Also, there is the \$14,500 salary to be considered for Bethlehem taxpayers. And a second courtroom would have to be found.

Adding a second criminal court session during the week would shorten the hours all defendants sit in court waiting for their papers to reach the top of the pile, but would run into obstacles in the schedules of the district attorney's and public defender's offices, whose representatives also must appear in other courts. A second criminal court session during the week would also create scheduling problems for many attorneys, as well as meaning yet another night of work for the town justices.

Right now, "we just keep going," said Marie Oakes, who has been court clerk



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Court's workload increasing

Figures from the office of Court Clerk Marie Oakes bear witness to the problem facing Bethlehem's two town justices. Mrs. Oakes emphasized that the figures include only those cases disposed of during the year; many other cases are pending at year end, when a tally is taken.

In 1976, 4,225 vehicle and traffic cases were disposed of by the town's two justices, and 399 criminal cases. Fines totaled \$40,370.

Five years later, in 1981, the tally shows 6,740 vehicle and traffic cases disposed of and 526 criminal cases concluded. Fines totaled \$106,464.

This year the count is higher. Mrs. Oakes estimated that vehicle and traffic tickets filed may reach 10,000 by year end, while dispositions may near 8,000. Through the end of November, fines totaled \$178,800, in part due to the heavier state-mandated fines for drinking drivers.

Mrs. Oakes stressed that these figures show only a portion of the workload, since pending cases, not included in the yearly count, may require judicial action such as a hearing or paperwork such as notification to the Department of Motor Vehicles of scofflaws. Then too, as new laws are passed, the requirements for paperwork mount for the two full-time and two part-time workers in the clerk's office. Plans are in the works for computerizing some functions of this office, such as the monthly report of fines to the state Department of Audit and Control, but this relief is still down the road.

for 15 years. "I don't see any obvious sign things are going to get better. People are people. Maybe it's the increase in population — maybe it's the economy. These past three years or so, I have a feeling a lot is due to the economy — bad checks, petty larceny, even grand larceny."

To handle all the paperwork, Court Clerk Oakes, who initially worked alone, now has two full-time assistants and one part-time. "There's no way I could do it all by myself now," she said. "People have no idea what goes on here!"

Genetic researcher

Joseph Mascarenhas of Delmar, a professor in the department of biological sciences at the State University at Albany, is one of only a handful of biologists in the world conducting genetic research on pollen. With the aid of a new \$95,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, Mascarenhas is undertaking a two-year research project that may some day help boost food crop quality and yields.



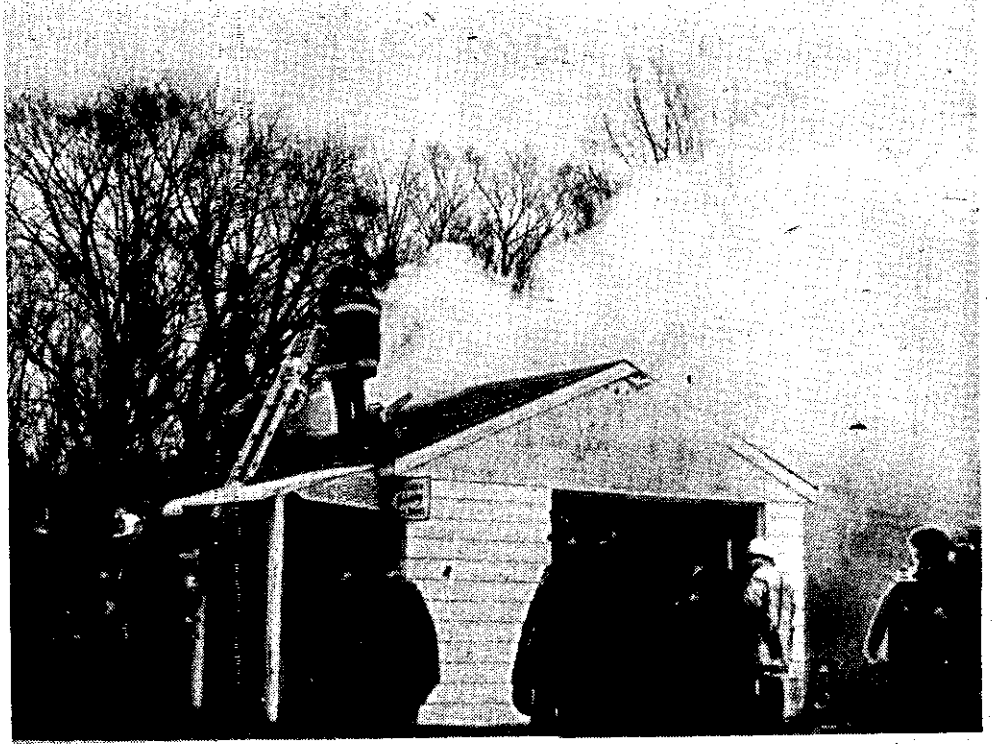
Henrik N. Dullea

Aide to Cuomo

Henrik N. Dullea of Delmar has been named director of state operations for the administration of Governor-elect Mario M. Cuomo. Dullea, associate vice chancellor for the State University, has had several administrative posts within the university system, including acting president of the College at Purchase.

From 1976 to 1980, Dullea was assistant secretary to Gov. Carey with responsibility for overseeing more than \$4 billion for education and the arts. Dullea received a bachelor's degree with a major in government from Cornell University.

His new post involves daily contact with the state's departments and agencies on behalf of the governor. The post was previously held by James Introne, also of Delmar, who resigned in September.



A fire did heavy damage to the shed used by Bethlehem Grinding Service on Feura Bush Rd. Friday morning. The Delmar Fire Department was at the scene. Dave Paepke

No takers

Two Albany men were arrested Wednesday after what Bethlehem police described as a "scam" failed to achieve its goal.

The two men had entered the K-Mart store in Glenmont's Town Squire Shopping Center, and one filled a cart with merchandise. Then, according to police reports, he attempted to get a refund from the store's service desk and, when that failed threatened the manager. After the two had left, empty handed, Bethlehem police issued a description, which was picked up in Saratoga Springs, where the two had been apprehended in a Woolworth's following a similar incident.

Anthony D. Miller, 32, and Willie E. Marchman, 43, both of 8 Sheridan Place, Albany, were arrested on misdemeanor petty larceny charges and brought back to Bethlehem. There police discovered that Marchman was wanted by Suffolk County police on the same charge; he plead guilty in Bethlehem Town Court, was fined and released on bail pending his return to Suffolk County. Miller was released on \$150 bail.

Vandals in Slingerlands

The vandals were out in Slingerlands Christmas Eve, lifting two mailboxes from their posts on Bridge St. and Kenwood Ave., according to Bethlehem police reports.

On Sunday, another mailbox was taken on Union Ave., according to the reports. Also on Sunday, two pieces of heavy equipment being used by Anjo Construction Co. on the sewer work near Bridge St. were damaged, with a mirror and two windshields broken.

Telethon auditions

Talent auditions for the local United Cerebral Palsy "Weekend with the Stars" telethon will be from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Turf Inn, Wolf Rd., Colonie.

The telethon will be conducted Jan. 22 and 23 at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center and broadcast locally over WTEN Channel 10. Auditions are open to the public. Participants must provide their own equipment; costumes are not necessary. For an audition appointment, call the Cerebral Palsy Center Development Office, 458-8810.

An edge in job search

The State University at Albany can help job hunters acquire practical skills through Careerstart, a skills-oriented program beginning Jan. 3 at the University's Division of Continuing Studies.

This intensive three-week program is aimed at adults with backgrounds in liberal arts, the humanities or the social sciences who need practical skills training. Courses are offered in a variety of formats ranging from five or six day courses to one-day workshops. The program introduces participants to some of the basic skills required for entry level jobs in their chosen field.

Available areas of study include commercial design and photography, commercial writing, writing workshops, computers, and office administration and business skills. The program will close with a seminar on resume writing and job search skills.

For information call the division at 455-6121 or write Husted 208, 135 Western Ave., Albany, 12222.

BIRTHS



St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Andrew John, to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Mahony, Delmar, Dec. 9.

Boy, James Ambrose, to Mr. and Mrs. James A. McCarroll, Slingerlands, Dec. 14.

Girl, Jessica Renee, to Mr. and Mrs. James Prior, Dec. 15.

Correction

The Guitarist in *The Spotlight's* photo of the Bethlehem Middle School's Christmas concert was incorrectly identified. It is Eric Lee.

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Colonial elegance on the Turnpike

If ever there was the perfect home that would warm women's hearts on a house tour it would be the home of James Van Dervoert on the Delaware Turnpike, between Delmar and Unionville. This lovely cream-colored Federal farmhouse is beautifully furnished and finished, in an appropriate and comfortable fashion that harks back to an earlier period in our nation's history.

The house has been taken back tastefully to an 18th century appearance, with some modifications . . . but not enough to detract from the farmhouse fabric of the prosperous early landowner . . .

The house has been taken back tastefully to an 18th century appearance, with some modifications made in the interest of modern functionalism, but not enough to detract in any way from the farmhouse fabric of the prosperous early landowners, John Van Der Heyden and his descendants. The formal front

TIMES REMEMBERED

Allison Bennett



entrance door is original, as is its door knocker and side lights with 10-pane windows. Overhead is a Palladian window which originally provided light and grace to the upstairs hall, but a small bedroom has now been made a part of that large hall.

This typical center entrance home has the hall traveling from front to rear. The back entrance boasts another lovely old door, which is entered from a sheltering porch. Adjacent is a brick terrace, spread out beneath the shade of some great old trees, that makes a perfect place for entertaining on a summer's evening.

The kitchen is near the back entry and was originally composed of three tiny rooms that opened from the parlor. The present owner, James Van Dervoert, took out the partitions, put in a new window and doorway and now has a modern kitchen, but one that is kept warm and mellow with wood tones and colonial kitchen accessories.

The room originally serving as a parlor, to the left of the front door, is now used as a dining room, furnished with interesting old Windsor and Hitchcock chairs and pieces of furniture that complement one another rather than matching in style and rigid order. Reproduction cotton resist-dyed fabric graces the windows and some of them have the original wavy green glass in the 8-over-12 window panes. The simple pine fireplace mantel is complemented by a stone hearth and wide-board floors, and white-plastered walls set off the colonial green color of the simple woodwork.

Across the hall from the dining room is another lovely large room with four big windows and a fireplace, now used as the living room, but probably originally the formal dining room. This room is furnished with a comfortable sofa and oriental rugs scattered over the wide board floors. Wing chairs flank the fireplace with crewel drapes at the windows that match the chair fabric. Period tables, chests and accessories add to the warmth of colonial elegance.

Down two steps from this room, one enters the stone section of the house into a family room or den that was originally the kitchen or keeping room of the house. This room also boasts a fireplace with its cooking crane still intact, and there are small deep windows cut into the stone walls. One intriguing original feature is the feather-edge boards that panel the fireplace wall and enclose a winding staircase to the upper level, all shuttered with a pine door. There is a simple mantel above the fireplace and the pewter accessories add a lived-in glow to the cozy room, as does the original wrought iron hardware of the doors.

This pine woodwork and sheathing had been painted many times over the years, but Jim Van Dervoert patiently scraped and sanded until the original wood was exposed. This little stone section may have been a part of the first dwellinghouse on the property, and the wooden, more formal house added in 1803 when the times and finances were right for it. The house bears a stone with the initials JDVH and 1803 incised upon it.

The elegant restraint of the stairway leads up to the bedroom area and the

large upstairs hall, with the small bedroom partitioned off across the front. There are two large bedrooms over the front rooms of the downstairs and one bedroom has behind it another small room that serves admirably as a library and snug retreat. Alot of these rooms catch the spirit of the decor of former days, and sleeping in the high post beds might bring dreams of sleigh bells and too much Indian pudding!

The progenitors of the family, which originally founded the farm, were John (Johannis) Van Der Heyden and his wife, Anna Peere (Perry). Their son, John, was born in 1774 and died in 1810, and it was he, with his wife, Maria Britt, who settled on this land and built the homestead. They had four children: John, Magdalen, Maria (or Polly as she was nicknamed) and Jenny Ann. Magdalen married Henry P. Bradt in 1815 and their son, John VanDer Heyden Bradt, eventually inherited the farm from his grandfather because his name was Van Der Heyden. The son of John and Maria, another John, died in 1823 and had no sons of his own to carry on the name.

John Van Der Heyden would indeed be much pleased if he could step back into the 20th century to view again the property he loved so well.

While it deviates from the Van Der Heyden story a bit, this local history may be interesting to some of our readers — Henry P. Bradt (wife Magdalen Van Der Heyden) lived on a farm between Unionville and Feura Bush. Henry provided each of his three sons with good farms, and in 1843 purchased the Unionville Hotel and 30 acres and placed his oldest son therein.

The Van Der Heydens also became related to the Oliver family because the grandson, John Van Der Heyden Bradt and his wife, Mary Ann Slingerland, married 1845, had a daughter, Mary Ann, who married Garrett H. Oliver Jr., who lived on the adjoining farm on Mead's Lane. Leonards and Meads also married into the family, all being near neighbors on adjoining properties. We have a copy of John Van Der Heyden's will of 1810 in which he bequeaths his dwelling house to his wife, Maria, for as long as she remains his widow, and gives the right to his mother, Anna, to remain



The Van Dervoert home on Delaware Turnpike between Delmar and Unionville.

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The dining room fireplace in the Van Dervoert home, still showing evidence of its farmhouse beginnings.



The property as it looked in the 1940's. The picture was taken when the last male owner, Van Oliver, had died and the contents of the barn and outbuildings were auctioned. The house remained in the family until Mr. Van Dervoert bought it in 1964.

in the house as a tenant in common with his wife as long as she remains his father's widow. He further willed to his wife "all of my colored tenants, Tom, Jim, Prime, Diana and Able, five in number" and the majority of the livestock on the home farm. Maria held in trust for the children several other farms and pieces of property, rents from such to be applied to the use of the children for decent clothing, schooling and educating. Any other profits above and beyond this were to be kept in trust for the children until they reached the age of 18 years. He bequeathed a house and lot and another lot in the city of Albany to his three daughters. To his son he gave his wearing apparel and his badges of honor, his library with all books, charts and all of his musical instruments, including an organ, and he also willed John his "old Holland clothes press." Upon condition that John received all these personal properties, he enjoined to lay out \$50 to each of the three sisters when they reached the age of 18, whereupon they were "to use the money for useful books, that is, each of them to have a large English Bible and a Psalm."

John Van Der Heyden would indeed be much pleased if he could step back into the 20th century to view again the property he loved so well.

Bird count slated

Bird watchers are expected to "flock" to the third annual New Year's Day bird count at the Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar. The program, which begins at 9 a.m., is aimed at the beginning birder who is interested in learning how to identify the common winter birds of the area. Warm clothing and hiking boots are essential for the free outdoor program. For details, call the center at 457-6092.

Honor roll at BC

Students making the high honor roll for the first marking period have been announced at Bethlehem Central High School.

Ninth Grade

Shannah Albert, Beth Ammerman, Sarah Axelrod, Steven Ayers, David Bebb, Jeffery Bielefeld, Peter Blaustein, Andrew Bourke, Kathy Bredderman, Trina Deitz, Suzanne Devine and James Edgar.

Also, Lee Einhorn, Colleen Emsing, Mary Farina, Jon Gibson, Maureen Goldman, Seth Graham, Aaron Halsdorf, Jennifer Hammer, Melinda Haven, Emily Holsinger, Kevin Honikel and Denise Jadick.

And, Margaret Jeram, James Kelly, Janet Lawrence, Melissa Lewis, Sarah Lewis, Geoffrey Mackey, Jeremiah Manning, Deirdre McShane, Michele Mecca, Jennifer Mosmen, Elizabeth Murnighan and Erin O'Connor.

Sheila Peek, Brian Portnick, Christine Roche, William Rogers, Kaylynn Romanski, Karen Rosewater, Kathleen Schrempf, Jennifer Scott, Susan Scott, Joyce Shen, Laura Silber, Tania Stasiuk, Rebecca Stellato, Mary Switzer, Rebecca Thomas, Lisa Tomlinson, Marula Townsend, Jennifer Tweedie, Christopher Vrooman, Patricia Weber, Kirsten Wehmann, Kelly Westerhouse, Leslie Yelich.

Tenth Grade

John Allen, Timothy Belden, Christopher Burns, Anne Comi, Aaron Corman, Andrea Cousins, Glenn Cross, Darrin Derosia, Kathleen Devane, Jean Diegel, Michael Ellenbogen and Andrew Gordon.

Also, Rachel Greene, Jennifer Grierson, Emily Haines, Theodore Harro, Carol Hernandez, Barbara Hipp, Matthew Holland, David Jones, Philip Kaminsky, Jared King, Robert Kovach, Nina Lempert and Krista Mackey.

And, Melinda Martin, Karin McCoy, Michael Miller, Peter Nelson, Dana Nuss, Christopher Oberheim, Eric Patrick, Joan Peyrebrune and Michelle Pregent.

Heidi Rheingold, Craig Richter, Kimberly Riley, Jay Rosenbloom, Frederick Rudofsky, Robert Scheinbaum, Lori Schimanski, James Seagle, Barbara Sheldermine, Carol Slaughter, Thomas Thacher, Loran Wasserstrom.

Eleventh Grade

Jaron Bourke, Kelly Burke, Tung Cai, Lisa Clark, Patrick Davis, Thomas Denham, Debra Dunston, Darrin Everleth, Dagmar Fuhs, Mark Gibbons, Robert Irvine, Wendy Kahalas, Margaret Kerness, Amy LaForte, Everly Macario, Kara Mackey and Clara Mascaro.

Also, Colleen Nyilis, Susan Odenkirchen.

Michael Quinn, Jeffrey Randles, Andrew Saidel, Thomas Schrempf, Aryan Shayegani, Jon Shipherd, Julie Sosa, Damian Switzer, Benjamin Walter and Beth Willey.

Twelfth Grade

Suzanne Adelman, Lisa Apicelli, Jonathan Bassett, Gretchen Brisee, John Buhac, Suzanne Callanan, Michael Cole, Thomas Connolly, Suzanne Cordi, Christine Crandall, Amy Davis, Mary Davis and Stephan Deibel.

Also, Elinor Dickey, Heather Dunkerley, Clement Edgar, Steven Gordon, Sheila Gould, Scott Gravlee, Doña Handwerker, Christina Karins, Pamela Leighton, Ronald Leonard, Elizabeth Maercklein, Charles Marden, Sheila McShane, Michele Meister, David Mindell, Margaret Norton and David Odenkirchen.

Catherine Parsons, Cheryl Richardson, Roger Rosen, James Ross, Michael Saelens, Kathy Salisbury, Thomas Shaw, Patricia Skerrett, Judith Syter, Sharon Talbot, Katharine Talmage, Josephine Vitillo, Lucy Wall, Maureen Walsh and Suzanne Zucker.

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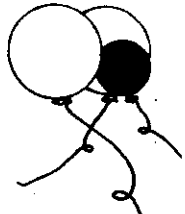
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Zone change urged for Rt. 9W land

By Caroline Terenzini

Jobs and dollars were offered as reasons why the Bethlehem Town Board should approve a zoning change for nearly 13 acres along Rt. 9W and the Delmar Bypass to permit construction of a Shop Rite supermarket and two smaller stores. Attorney Thomas Jeram, representing Big V Properties, told the town board last Wednesday, "We'd like to bring lots of dollars to the Town of Bethlehem."

Paul Hite, land surveyor in Delmar, outlined the property for which a zoning change from Residential B to Planned Commercial District is sought, noting that Big V had acquired a third parcel of land in order to improve access to the site and satisfy state Department of Transportation requirements concerning traffic flow. Hite also said an environmental impact statement had been requested by Edward Kleinke, consultant to the town planning board.

Architect Peter Barbone of Middletown said the 65,000-square-foot project would have parking for 360 cars. He estimated the construction cost at \$4 million to \$5 million. Trucks serving the stores would be required to exit onto old Rt. 9W, Barbone said.

The only public comment came from a resident of Bender Lane who forecast increased traffic on that street and urged a traffic survey at the juncture of Bender Lane and Rt. 9W. But he said he supported the construction as the "best use for that land."

In other business at a regular meeting interrupted by the hearing, the board:

- Appointed Anthony J. Morrell of Elsmere as assistant to town Building Inspector John Flanigan, effective Jan. 1, to help the town meet new state requirements for inspection of all places of public assembly. Supervisor Tom Corrigan said Morrell has worked for the county Health Dept. for 13 years as an inspector.

- Raised four employees of the Department of Public Works one grade on the Civil Service schedule, which means a pay raise of about 5 percent each.



Sam Bozzella leads the brass choir through carols during intermission at the Bethlehem Central Christmas concert last week. *Tom Howes*

- Created town election district 24 and redesigned other districts in order to bring town election boundaries into conformity with the County Legislature's remapped lines.

- Set fees for use of the town landfill effective Jan. 3 at \$1 minimum for commercial dumping, and 50 cents a cubic yard for noncompacted trash, \$2 a yard for compacted, \$1 a yard for

Sidewalks for Elm Ave.?

Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan plans to investigate whether the town can put in a sidewalk along Elm Ave. (County Rt. 52), from the Westchester Woods development to the high school, "although we can't do anything until spring."

A petition signed by more than 100 residents of the tract asked the town to construct a sidewalk in order to provide some measure of safety for teen-agers who must walk that route to school. The petition noted the volume and nature of traffic on Elm Ave., and the narrowness of the road, particularly when lined with snowbanks.

Corrigan, in announcing his plans to explore what the town can do, said, "I think we do have an obligation to provide sidewalks when we can."

demolition rubble and \$2.50 a ton for compacted trash to be taken to the ANSWERS plant in Albany. The town intends to accept only trash originating in the town, which will create a problem for some commercial removal services that collect in other municipalities as well. Corrigan acknowledged, "We've been keeping book on everybody dumping there for a month and a half," he said.

- Approved a contract with the Police Benevolent Association for 1983-1984 that grants a 6 percent raise in each of the

two years to the 31 members of the police department.

- Lowered the speed limits on South Street from the Cceymans line to Rt. 396 from 55 miles an hour to 30 and on Lasher Rd. from Rt. 9W to Rt. 356 from 55 miles an hour to 35.

- Approved hiring of a clerk for the tax department for one day to help prepare the 9,900 property tax bills that are to be mailed out Jan. 10.

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What you can do

We know there's a lot of pressure to drink. Many people who don't usually drink do drink on a party night. If there's even a remote possibility that this could apply to you, here's what you should do: If you do have a few drinks, and you're driving, or riding with someone who's been drinking call home or a friend and ask to be picked up. Think that will embarrass you? It shouldn't. Consider the alternatives — being arrested by the police or being involved in an accident. You're still not convinced?

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What you as a friend can do

Too many party nights have ended in tragedy. Even with the best of intentions, some people will end up driving under the influence. If they are stopped by police and found to be impaired or intoxicated, they'll be arrested. New York State is determined to get drunken drivers off the road — no matter who they are. We think you ought to do your friends one big favor. Tell them that if they need you, you'll be waiting to drive them home. No ridicule. No comments. No questions asked. Tell them straight out that you'll respect their decision. You know you'd rather get a call from them than from the police or a hospital. Tell them that.

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Garbage pickup routes are set

For most Bethlehem residents who use the town's garbage pickup service, adjusting to the new once-a-week schedule that goes into effect next Monday won't be too difficult — it's just a question of remembering which of the two days you have now will remain pickup day.

In brief, the new routes cover Elsmere on Monday, the Hudson Ave. and Kenaware Ave. sections of Delmar on Tuesday, the rural parts of the town on Wednesday, Delmar on Thursday and Slingerlands and North Bethlehem on Friday.

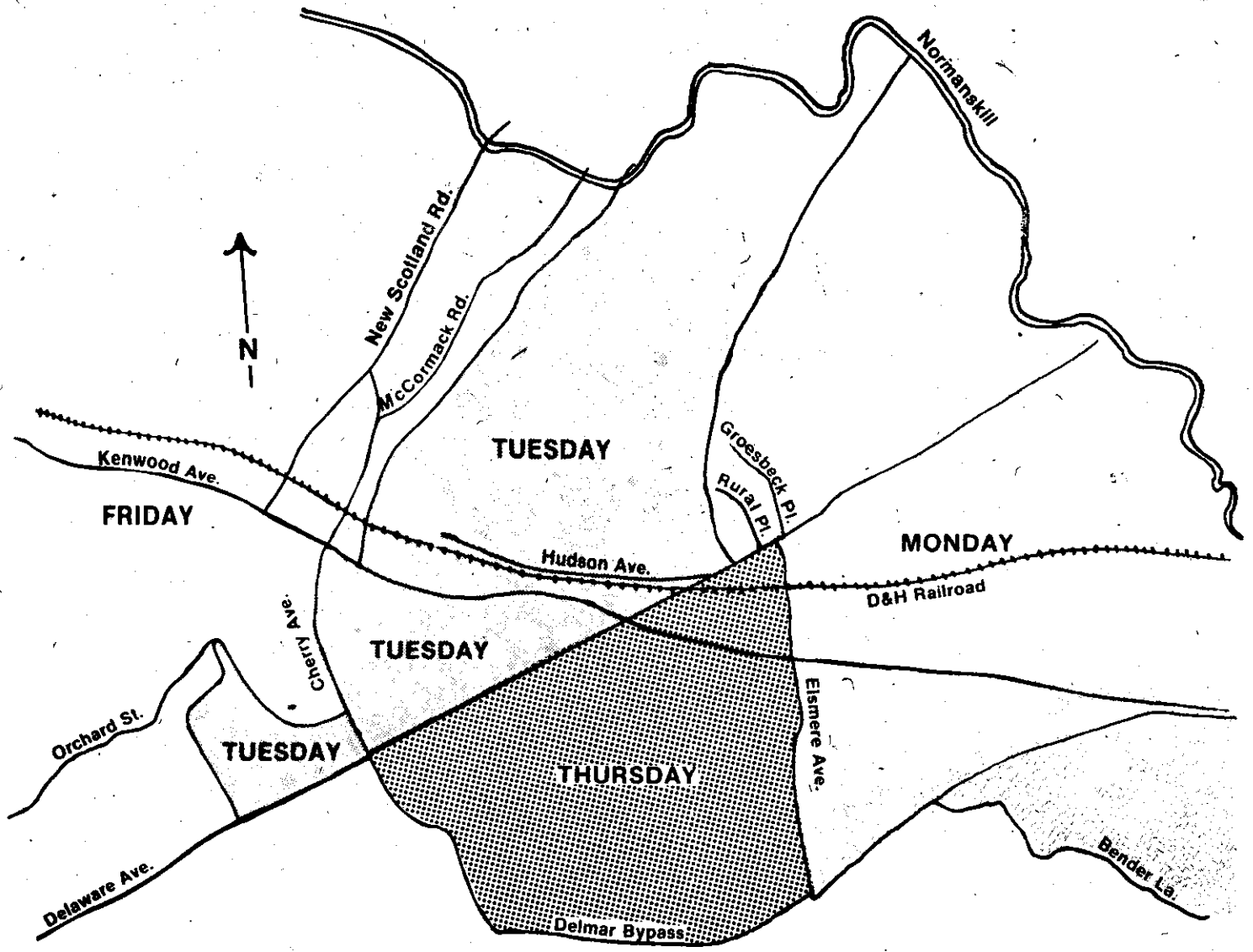
The new schedule was worked out by Highway Superintendent Martin Cross with an eye toward economy, but also with the aim of making as few changes as possible. Unlike the old, twice-a-week system, each day of the week will have a different pickup route. But like the old system, the town trucks will take only food waste garbage; residents must either haul their own trash and refuse to the town landfill or hire a private contractor.

Here are the new routes, day by day:

MONDAY: The truck comes up Elsmere Ave. from Feura Bush Rd., covers Delaware Ave. to the Four Corners, and then all of Elsmere east of Rural Place and Elsmere Ave. and as far south as the Delmar Bypass and Bender Lane. (This area was previously picked up on Mondays and Thursdays.)

TUESDAY: The truck covers the Hudson Ave. area of Delmar (north of the railroad tracks), then the triangle between Delaware Ave., Cherry Ave. and Kenwood Ave. (but not Kenwood Ave. itself); the Evelyn Dr., Brockly Dr. and Brookview developments to the west of Cherry Ave., and then fans out to pick up Van Dyke Rd., Feura Bush Rd., Laura Lane development, Murray Ave. south of the bypass, Brighton, Wood and Colonial Acres. (This area was previously picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays.)

WEDNESDAYS: This is long-distance day for the truck, which must cover most of the rural parts of the town: from Elm Estates to South Bethlehem, Selkirk, Cedar Hill and Van Wies Point and back up through Glenmont. (These areas used to be picked up on Mondays and Fridays.)



Bethlehem's garbage trucks will follow a different route each weekday under the town's new once-a-week pickup system, shown on the map. (see story). *Spotlight map*

THURSDAYS: The truck covers all the rest of Delmar, bounded by the Delmar Bypass on the south, Delaware Ave. and Elsmere Ave. on the west and east. (This route was covered on Mondays and Thursdays.)

FRIDAY: The truck makes its way out Kenwood Ave. from the Four Corners, then covers Slingerlands and North Bethlehem. (These areas were picked up Tuesdays and Fridays under the old system.)

In Slingerlands The Spotlight is sold at the Convenient Food Market, Toll Gate, Snuffy's, Stonewell and Falvo's.

Ready to quit?

The American Lung Association of New York State is ready to help smokers keep one of the most frequently made New Year's resolutions — quitting. The Lung Association is sponsoring a special Freedom from Smoking Clinic, beginning Tuesday Jan. 18, at the ALANYS office, 8 Mountain View Ave. in Colonie.

"A majority of smokers want to quit," Tim LaPier, the association's smoking education specialist said, "but most need help and the Christmas Seal people want to lend their expertise and facilities to help those of our area who will be making the quit-smoking resolution this new year."

The seven-session clinic, preceded by the Jan. 18 orientation from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., begins on Jan. 25 and winds up March 8 with all classes being held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The program provides mutual support and focuses on health concerns, withdrawal difficulties, learning to cope without the habit and methods of relaxation.

Duck pins

A motorist under the influence lost his bearings on Rt. 144 near Clapper Rd. Thursday night and mowed down 12 mail boxes, a power pole and the flag pole at the Schoolhouse Museum, according to state police.

Troopers arrested Thomas L. Raymond, 38, of Newark, N.Y., for driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident. He was not hurt.

There were four other driving while intoxicated arrests in Bethlehem last week, all of them by town police who had stopped motorists for traffic violations on Delaware Ave., Rt. 9W and Kenwood Ave.

Skates stolen

An Elsmere man left his car unlocked in a driveway on Montrose Dr. overnight Friday and discovered on Christmas day that he had lost a pair of skates. Other items in the car were not touched, he told Bethlehem police.

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Groups maneuver for hearing status

By Linda Anne Burtis

The bureaucratic process didn't let a little event like Christmas hold it up last week. The question of whether Niagara Mohawk's Glenmont steam plant has coal in its future had its second airing at Bethlehem Town Hall, this time with a more limited cast of characters.

A contingent of Niagara Mohawk officials traveled from Syracuse four days before Christmas to appear, and staffers at the state Department of Public Service had burned the midnight oil to answer requests from Administrative Law Judge Daniel Louis before their appearance at the conference.

But the timing was too much for one of the groups expected to appear. The Environmental Defense Fund failed to send a representative from New York City to argue its case for party status, sparking the only conflict of the conference.

"In my mind they should be excluded," said John Keib, senior spokesman for Niagara Mohawk. David Engel, attorney for Environmental Conservation, made it clear he didn't want that to happen.

"Is that a request?" he demanded several times of Keib, despite admonitions from Judge Louis to be silent. Louis said he would make the ruling himself regarding party status for the environmental group.

This may be just a preview of the conflicting interests between the parties. Judge Louis, of course, has his own interests, with efficiency appearing near the top of his list, and several times urged the groups to consolidate their testimony.

Unlike the full-scale public hearing Dec. 16, future hearings on Niagara Mohawk's plans to convert its generating



Administrative Law Judge Daniel Louis presided at both the public hearing and the conference last week at Bethlehem Town Hall. *Spotlight*

plant on Rt. 144 so that it can burn coal as well as oil and natural gas will be limited by expert testimony. The purpose of the conference conducted by Judge Louis last Tuesday was to name those key issues involved in the conversion and to grant party status to interested persons or groups. Party status means that those so designated can present expert testimony for or against the proposal and can cross-examine witnesses.

Other parties at the conference represented the State Energy Office, the Adirondack Park Agency, the Sierra Club, and the Town of Bethlehem. Since the Energy Office is in favor of coal conversions throughout New York State, its representative expressed a benign attitude towards the power company's proposal. The Adirondack Park Agency and the Sierra Club representatives were both interested in acid rain, which they said will increase with coal burning. The

Sierra Club also plans to look at emission control alternatives, especially flue-gas desulfurization systems, or "scrubbers," and will be addressing impacts on neighboring states.

Bethlehem Supervisor Thomas Corrigan accepted permission from Judge Louis to make a limited appearance. The judge informed him that local government could grant three permits: a flood plain management permit, a special use permit and a building permit, which would address smoke stack height. Corrigan expressed his intent to follow EnCon's lead because "they have the horsepower."

Niagara Mohawk's attorney, Michael Murphy, presented his company's view of the key issues. They consist of three main topics to be studied: solid waste disposal, air quality and economics. Solid waste or ash disposal includes the issues of site location, noise impacts, traffic impacts and land use. To meet air quality regulations, the proceedings must look at emission control alternatives (such as scrubbers) and acid rain. Economics refers to an analysis of capital costs, operating and maintenance costs and impact on ratepayers.

But NiMo announced that it can no longer use the cost figures in its environmental impact statement because they are out-of-date. The company will submit new figures in late January or February. EnCon and Public Service representatives said they would both like to have input on the assumptions that will be going into these new figures.

Judge Louis asked the various speakers if anything of importance was omitted from the company's environmental impact statement. Jack Lebowitz, attorney for Department of Public Service, said that health effects was one

area not given much attention.

Louis also frequently asked questions of the participants relating to consolidation. Seeking to prevent duplication by streamlining testimony, he asked most of the groups to consolidate their environmental testimony with EnCon. While all of the representatives agreed to consolidate where possible, all opted to maintain their own independent positions in the event they later disagreed. EnCon's Engel pointed out that this particular coal conversion case only involves "a handful of parties," and that there is no way at this point of knowing if the interests of the various parties are in agreement. He added that the acid rain testimony at the EnCon hearings in New York City were multi-faceted, rather than repetitious.

Judge Louis will next release a report, making a determination of the issues and identifying who has party status. There are three days to respond to that report and the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation then has five days to answer the response. Once this occurs, a formal hearing will be announced.

A grant for Equinox

Project Equinox, headquartered on Lark St. in Albany, is one of 40 agencies nationwide that will receive a \$500 grant from the newly formed National Fund for Runaway Children. Project Equinox, which provides services to runaway and homeless young people, will use the grant to sponsor a conference this spring that will give special attention to teen-age prostitution. Mark Yolles, executive director of Project Equinox, said area agencies interested in youth in crisis will be welcome to participate.

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Energy center opens

A rehabilitated Energy Center has made its debut at the Cooperative Extension's Resource Development Center in Voorheesville. The Albany County Rural Housing Alliance and the Extension's Weatherization Program will have offices in the center, which is made up of two federal surplus mobile units and a new solar atrium-greenhouse.

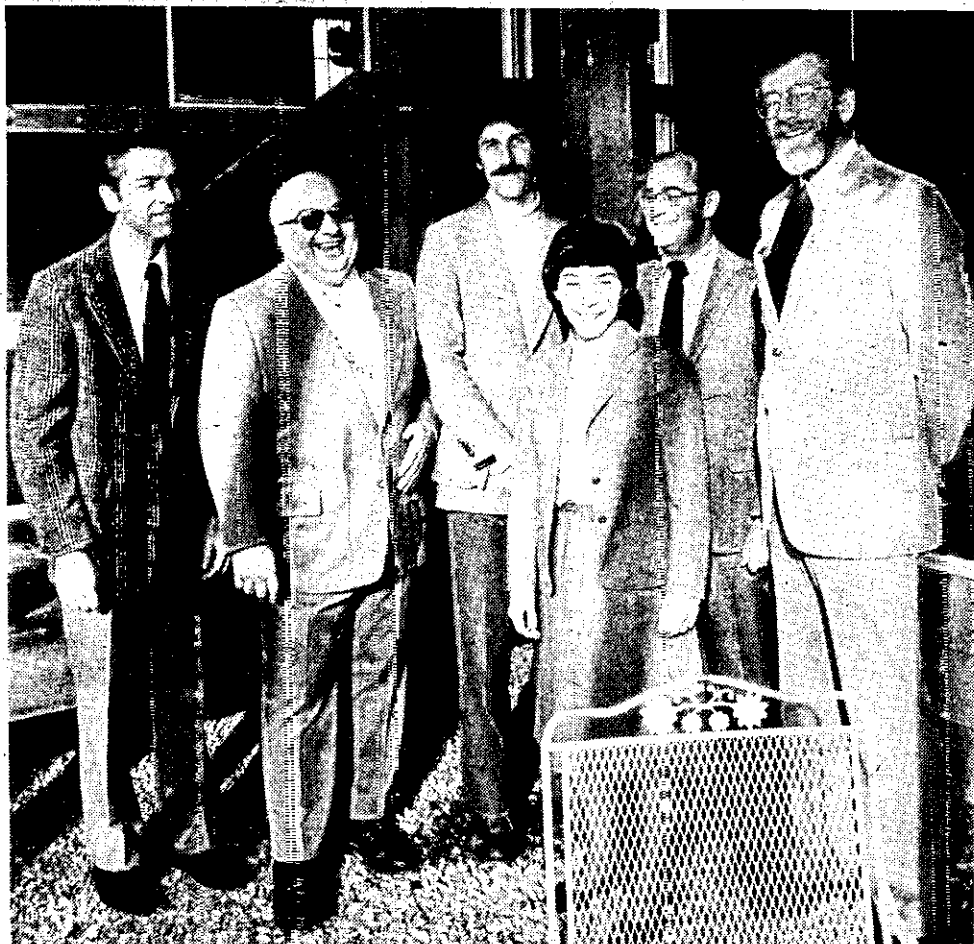
The center is open to the public to provide information on innovative housing construction techniques, financing alternatives and energy saving.

The Energy Center design work was done by Richard Montena Systems Design, and the project was funded by Albany County and the County and the Cooperative Extension. The greenhouse will have vegetable, flower and house plants. Energy-efficient materials will be tested there, as well as in the center, and there are plans to install a fan to circulate the warm air in the greenhouse throughout the center. A newly developed urethane roof tops rigid and fiberglass insulation that provides an R value of 40 for the center's ceiling.

VOORHEESVILLE

The Albany County Rural Housing Alliance, which is funded in part by the state Division of Housing and Community Renewal, helps meet housing needs primarily in the towns of Berne, Coeymans, Knox, New Scotland, Rensselaerville and Westerlo. The Alliance offers housing and financial counseling, rental assistance, and help with specifications and grant proposals, as well as information about energy conservation, home repair, housing rehabilitation and new construction.

Present at the dedication of the new energy center in Voorheesville were, left to right, Ron Pearce, board member of the Albany County Rural Housing Alliance, County Legislator Mike Ricci, ACRHA board members Bob Mitchell, Pat Canaday and John TenEyck, and Cooperative Extension on Director John Walker. Tom Howes



NEWS FROM SELKIRK AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



"Westward, Ho," may not have been the exact words used as Ann DiNino and Jim Selkirk bid family and friends farewell, but it could have been. Departing from Selkirk Oct. 31, the couple's destination was California. With a sense of determination, they left not in a car, as might be expected, nor in a covered wagon, as in days of old, but on bicycles. Like many who in years past attempted the coast-to-coast trek they were forced to brave the elements and met with unexpected adventure and misadventure.

One such incident has caused them, at least temporarily, to abandon the hope of pedaling to California. While traveling through Kentucky, Ann lost control of her bike, went off the road and flipped over. The accident resulted in shoulder injuries to Ann and a badly damaged bike. Delayed in Kentucky while she recovered from the worst of the injuries, Ann and Jim have now returned home — by bus.

Jean Canuteson will preside at the Jan. 5 meeting of the United Methodist Women at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Kathy Wheeler, an active member of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Association, will demonstrate emergency first aid procedures at the meeting, which will begin at 8 p.m. Devotions will be led by Joan Kerker. Refreshments will be served by hostesses Wilma Currey and Myrtle Cheney. All women of the church are invited.

The Youth Group that meets monthly at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem is planning an ice skating party for Sunday, Jan. 9. Depending on weather conditions, the group plans to meet at 1:30 p.m. at the church to go to either the Bethlehem town park or the South Mall in Albany for an afternoon of skating. All junior and senior high school age students are invited.

The Sunshine Senior Citizens will begin the new year with a meeting Jan. 10 following a covered-dish luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Seniors in the South Bethlehem and Selkirk area are invited to join the group, which meets regularly at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Anyone attending the meeting is asked to bring a dish to share.

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Winners in a toy-making competition in James Hladun's Wood Tech I class at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville recently were (standing, left to right), Ed Kiegle, first prize; Tim Houle, second prize; Ken Kertur and Tom Corcoran, honorable mention; Dave Whitely, third prize, and (seated), Ed Donohue, honorable mention. Prizes were donated by Crannell Lumber of Voorheesville.

VOORHEESVILLE NEWS NOTES



Lyn Stapf 765-2451

It has been said "it is better to give than to receive." Apparently many community groups in Voorheesville thought this was especially true at Christmas time.

At the elementary school, teachers and students joined together to "adopt a family," donating clothing, food and gifts for a family recommended to them by an area social services agency. At the high school, students in several of Jane Willey's business classes canvassed fellow students and neighbors, collecting \$173.30 for the Times-Union Christmas Fund for the needy aged.

Two area 4-H groups also were busy. The 14 members of Cheryl Appleby's group, "Osborn Corners," collected \$55 for WGY's Christmas Wish Fund, which contributed to treatment and diagnostic equipment for area hospitals and children's homes.

Gladys Chamberlain's group, "The Lucky Four Leaves," dressed dolls for the Salvation Army to distribute to area children, including young patients at St. Peter's Hospital. The dolls were displayed at Colonie Center before being sent to recipients. Thirty seventh grade wood-working students at Clayton A. Bouton High School also helped out, making wooden toys to be donated to Parsons Child and Family Center in Albany.

The teens at St. Matthew's Church did double duty. The youth group donated \$175, the proceeds from a recent dance, to the Human Concerns Committee, which provides food and financial assistance to local families in need. Also students in the religious education classes in grades 7 through 12 donated gifts for several Albany families that would otherwise have had a bleak holiday. These projects certainly made Christmas a little merrier this year for many families.

Getting a jump on the new year,

Director Ellen Hunsinger has announced a signup day for those who would like to perform in or help in any way with this year's PTSA variety show, "Vaudeville Revue." Acts are needed, as well as people to work behind the scenes. Anyone interested in helping with the show, scheduled April 15 and 16, may report to the Voorheesville High School auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 8, between 1 and 3 p.m. Persons unable to attend may contact the director at 765-4846.

Members of the Class of 1983 at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High thank all those who supported their fall fund-raiser and note that tapes, records and cassettes ordered should be arriving soon. Some magazines will start arriving in December, while others will be coming in January and February. Anyone who does not receive an order by Feb. 1 should contact senior magazine drive adviser Jane Willey at the high school, 765-3314.

The Voorheesville Central School District has scheduled a public hearing on Monday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the district offices at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School on Rt. 85A. The hearing, which will precede the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Education, concerns a proposed change in the exemption given to older property owners in the district. A property owner now may qualify for an exemption from taxation on up to 50 percent of the assessed valuation of the property if the owner is at least 65 years of age and has an annual income of no more than \$9,200 the preceding year. The proposed change would raise the ceiling on the yearly income to \$10,500.

District Superintendent Dr. Werner Berglas said the program helps older members of the community who must contend with fixed incomes with little effect on other taxpayers.

State to appeal decision on Clarksville waste firm

James Domermuth and Domermuth Petroleum Equipment and Maintenance Corp. of Clarksville are free from charges of illegal dealing in toxic and hazardous wastes for the first time in nearly a year. But, according to a spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Conservation, the state will pursue the case through the higher courts.

Domermuth and his company have faced a variety of charges relating to hazardous waste since last February, when the newly formed state Mid-Hudson Hazardous Waste Strike Force announced that the firm had become the first company in the state to be charged with felony violations under new laws governing hazardous wastes.

Domermuth is licensed to deal with industrial wastes but not in hazardous wastes. The indictments charge that the company failed to obtain the proper

permits or properly account for hazardous wastes stored at its Clarksville facility and at a leased facility in Troy. At no point was the company accused of improperly handling the materials or causing a hazardous situation at either storage site.

On Dec. 14, Rensselaer County Judge M. Andrew Dwyer dismissed the Rensselaer County indictment on the grounds that the state had failed to give due notice of the new regulations to the waste treatment industry, and that the Environmental Conservation Department regulations governing hazardous waste storage had not been in effect at the time of the violation.

Following that action, according to department spokesman John Moore, the Albany County indictment was also thrown out.

"The department does not agree with the reasoning in either case and we will appeal," Moore said Monday.

Snowshoe, ski tips

Two modes of winter transportation will be discussed Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar. From 10 a.m. until noon, an "If You Can Walk, You Can Snowshoe" workshop will cover selection, maintenance and use of snowshoes. Weather permitting, a snowshoe hike will follow. The center will provide snowshoes for those who don't have them. The course fee is \$2, and interested persons should register before Jan. 12 by calling 457-6092.

Skiers from the staff of Latham's "Trail North-Azimuth" will lead a cross-country ski workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. Equipment selection and local ski spots will be discussed, and skiing techniques will be demonstrated outdoors, weather permitting. Participants must bring their own skis. Registration deadline is Jan. 11. The workshop is free.

It's all Greek

Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, Whitehall Rd., Albany, will offer Greek language classes for adults beginning Jan. 6 at the Saint Sophia Community Center. Classes will be offered for all skill levels by Christos Theophilides. Interested persons may call the church at 489-4442 or Theophilides at 438-5429. The fee is \$25 for 15 weeks of instruction.

Greek folk dancing classes for adults will be conducted Sunday evenings, beginning Jan. 8, at the Community Center. Chris Damascos will be the instructor for both beginning and advanced classes. Tuition is \$25 for 10 weeks. More information may be obtained by calling the church.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Children's Film, "Charlotte's Web," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Vacation Film, "The Red Pony," Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

Vacation Bingo and Short Films for grade school children, at Voorheesville Public Library.

Holiday Puppet Presentation, at Bethlehem Public Library, 11 a.m. for preschoolers and 3 p.m. for school-age children.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

Legion New Year's Eve Party, with live band and buffet, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Delmar, tickets \$6.

BPOE New Year's Eve Party, Lodge 2233, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Public Library closes at 5 p.m., reopens 9 a.m. Jan. 3.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1983

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Five Rivers Bird Count, outdoor bird identification program for beginning birders, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9 a.m. Free. Information, 457-6092.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

Delmar Progress Club, business meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

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

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

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

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

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

Delmar Progress Club, creative arts and garden groups to remove library decorations, Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

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.)

South Bethlehem United Methodist Women to meet, 8 p.m.

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

Delmar Progress Club creative arts group to study smoking techniques, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m. Reservations, M. Johnston, 439-3350.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

Bethlehem Art Association members' critique for budding artists to get others' reactions to their work, Adams House, 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. \$1 donation from non-members. Information, 439-5069.

Sign Language Workshop, first of four sessions on consecutive Thursdays for children 7 and up to learn how to sign to the deaf, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m. Pre-registration, 439-9314.

Bethlehem High School Orientation, walking tour and introduction for Middle School students and their parents, BCHS, 8 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

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.

St. Thomas School Reunion, for all former students in classes of 1956 to 1982, St. Thomas School auditorium, 6-10 p.m.

Children's Films, "Andy the Lion," "The Wizard" and "Mickey's Trailer" for pre-schoolers, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.; "Winter of the Witch" and "Bear Country" for grade school children, 4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

Sunday Afternoon at the Movies, "Adventures of Robin Hood," starring Erroll Flynn, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Writer of the Month Series, local novelist William Kennedy to read from "The Iron Weed" and discuss Albany's role in his writing, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

Church Youth Group Ice Skating, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Selkirk, 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

"Sunshine" Senior Citizens Pot Luck Luncheon, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

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

Delmar Progress Club, literature group to meet at home of Mae Blackmore, 9 Hartwood Dr., Elsmere. Information, 439-9152.

Clarksville PTA, Clarksville Elementary School, 7:15 p.m.

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

Career/Life Decision-Making Seminar, eight-week course on consecutive Tuesdays to help people considering a career change or a return to the work force or school, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Free.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

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

area arts

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

THEATER

"True West" (area debut of Sam Shepard's drama of brothers in conflict; presented by Capital Rep), Market Theater, Albany, Jan. 1 through 23, opening night 7 p.m., then Tuesday through Saturday 8 p.m., Sundays 2:30 p.m. Reservations, Community Box Office or theater box office, 462-4534.

MUSIC

"The Merry Widow" (The Manhattan Savoyards and the Albany Symphony Orchestra perform Franz Lehár's operetta), Palace Theater, Albany, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m., to be followed by benefit gala at Legislative Office Building, Empire State Plaza. Tickets for "Merry Widow" from Palace box office, 465-3334, or Community Box Office; tickets for gala from Albany Symphony office, 465-4755.

Rosalie Sorrels, singing songs and telling stories in special concert, Eighth Step Coffee House, 362 State St., Albany, Jan. 5.

ART

Antique Carpenter Tools used in the Albany area, from the collection of Lewis A. Swyer, Albany Public Library, through December.

"Divergent Views" (works by eight faculty artists at State University College at Cortland), Plaza Gallery, State University Plaza, foot of State St., Albany, through Jan. 31.

"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.

"Ancient Inspirations/Contemporary Interpretations" (works of 75 New York State artists and craftsmen), State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Feb. 20.

"The Original Print: Art on Paper from Mucha to Motherwell," Posters Plus Galleries, Robinson Square, Albany, through Dec. 31.

"Design in Buffalo" (tracing design as art in Western New York State), State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Feb. 27.

Graphic artists Connie Saddlemyre and Cynthia Blake (prints and lithographs), Temple Gates of Heaven, Eastern Parkway and Ashmore St., Schenectady, through Jan. 2.

"Harlem Heyday: The Photography of James VanDerZee" (Harlem during the 1920's and '30's), State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Jan. 9.

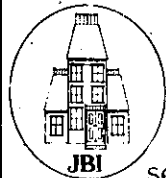
"A City of Neighborhoods" and "World City," additions to New York State Museum's Metropolis Hall, Empire State Plaza.

FILM

"Joseph Mallard-William Turner," film about the artist, Art at the Plaza Film Series, 12:10-1:10 p.m. beginning Jan. 5, Meeting Room 6, Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Viewers invited to bring their lunch.

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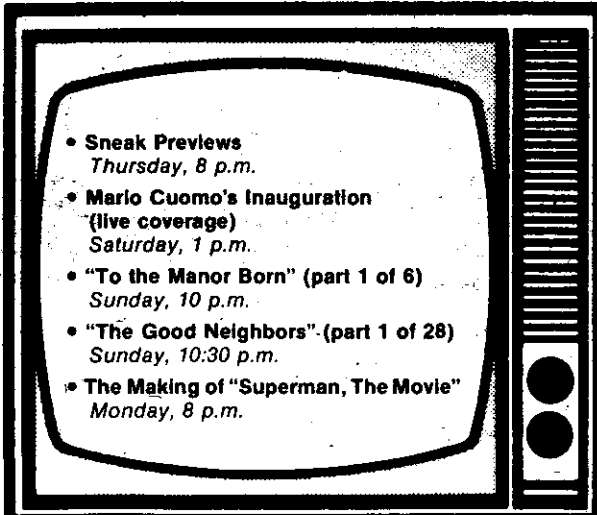
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The Delmar Community Orchestra in a recent concert.

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They love to play

By Caroline Terenzini

"I think the orchestra has become a mutual admiration society," said Anna Sullivan with a laugh. "We all just love to play!"

Mrs. Sullivan has played piano with the Delmar Community Orchestra for 10 years, and is in a good position to know. "I probably speak for most members when I say we are just happy to be able to be with other musicians," she said.

Andrew Gordon, who plays first clarinet, agrees. "It's an easy going group," said the Bethlehem Central 10th grader, "not a stressful group. It's a fun group to be in."

Formed in 1940, the orchestra was originally a Methodist men's group. The membership gradually broadened and women were welcomed in 1965 (a change that was "long overdue," Mrs. Sullivan said). The orchestra practiced in the basement of the Methodist Church in Delmar for many years, and now practices at Bethlehem Town Hall Monday evenings.

Among the approximately 55 members this year are many talents and ages. Andrew Gordon's brother, Steven, a senior at Bethlehem, plays French horn, and two other students also are members. Other players have been members for many years. "We are all amateurs," said Dr. Samuel Kantor, president of the organization and concertmaster. "Some are good, some not very good. But we don't have auditions; we carry everybody."

The group plays perhaps 10 concerts a year at such places as the Jewish Community Center in Albany, Good Samaritan Home in Delmar, the German-American Club and the Daughters of Sarah nursing home, both in Albany. Dr. Kantor said a benefit concert for

Camp Thacher is planned in May, possibly at the Palace Theater.

"We're getting many requests to play, which is nice," Mrs. Sullivan said. And when the orchestra has a performance, "everybody goes," she added. "The conductor (Robert McGowan of Voorheesville) does not augment the orchestra in any way, and does not select out." The group welcomes even occasional players and "there are no restrictions on the amount of talent," Mrs. Sullivan said. Interested musicians may call Dr. Kantor at 489-4161 or McGowan, 765-4610.

This non-competitive approach enhances the enjoyment for the orchestra's members, but the caliber of the group can vary, too. "Sometimes we're just awful!" Mrs. Sullivan said. "For the first concert one year, we had had only three weeks of practice. The whole concert was absolutely awful. We were making mistakes we probably invented that night!"

Many members come from families that also are musical, Mrs. Sullivan noted. And some members are music teachers, including one who wound up playing violin in a marching band in Florida. Musicians "carry their music with them" wherever they go, Mrs. Sullivan observed. And some who have gone return and rejoin the group.

For many years, member contributions were needed to buy music — the biggest expense — and music stands. For the past three years, the orchestra has received small grants from the state Council on the Arts. The group also received a small grant from an insurance company and occasionally receives honoraria, Dr. Kantor said.

For the members, though, what is important is the music and the pleasure of playing it.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Wine and Cheese Social, live entertainment and refreshments for area college students home for the holidays, Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., 9 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

Free Puppet Show, "A Children's Midsummer Night's Dream," by the Bennington Puppets, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30
"Electric Body Arts" for Children, free dance-play, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

Children's Clown Show, performed by Skoopy's Fun Technicians, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Free.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1983
Knights of Columbus Open House, at Albany Council, 375 Ontario St., Albany, 1-4 p.m. Information, 439-6968.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

PACCT (Parents and Children Together), support group for children who are or will be open-heart surgery patients and their parents, Colonie Town Library, Albany-Shaker Rd., 7 p.m.

Aquatics for Pregnant Women, 12-week course on consecutive Tuesdays for women who are pregnant or post-partum, at Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

Epilepsy Association, with John Wan, Ph.D., discussing recent research, First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett sts., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8085.

Information about Diabetes, four classes on consecutive Wednesdays, taught by registered nurses, dealing with symptoms, causes and treatment of diabetes, St. Mary's Hospital, Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 272-5000. Free.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Therapeutic Touch Workshop, one-day seminar by Judy Schultz on how the hands can heal, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Course fee \$50. Information, 489-8860.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

Economic Conference for Clergymen, four-day seminar for local clergymen of all faiths to improve understanding of economic concepts and value conflicts, Russell Sage College, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Registration (at \$25) and information, 445-1717.

CPR Course, one-day training in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$10 fee. Information, 438-6651.

Gore Mountain Family Racing Challenge, weekly downhill ski races for two-member family teams, preliminaries for regional competition, Gore Mountain, North Creek, 1 p.m. Information, 783-1333.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Films from India, famous directors' film series to open with Apu Trilogy, "Pather Panchali," "Aparajito" and "The World of Apu," directed by Satyajit Ray, in Bengali with English captions, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Working Women Conference, for elementary and secondary teachers and high school students to hear college faculty discuss economic education and job opportunities for women, Russell Sage College, Troy, 8:30 a.m. Free. For reservations, 270-2226.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

Women's Assertiveness Training Workshop, role-playing experience for participants to express themselves in on-the-job situations, Russell Sage College, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. To continue Jan. 22; \$40 registration, 270-2306.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

American Legion Oratorical Contest, county competition at St. Theresa Social Center, Hollywood and New Scotland aves., 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Cerebral Palsy Telethon begins at 11 p.m. on WTEN-TV, continues until 6 p.m. Sunday. Public invited to Telethon headquarters at Empire State Plaza convention center, Albany.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

Scoliosis Workshop, information on history and treatment of the disease, sponsored by the Easter Seal Society and led by Dr. Alan Moskowitz, orthopedic surgeon, 1 to 4 p.m., Colonie Town Library, Albany-Shaker Rd. Information, 434-4103.

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

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

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

Delmar Fire Department Auxiliary, meets second Thursday

of each month except August, at the firehouse, 8 p.m.

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Unemployment. Certainly this is a headline topic of today.

What did the master Christian, Jesus Christ, teach us about unemployment? You recall the Bible tells us that when he was only 12 years old his parents thought that he had run away. Where did they find him but in the temple, "sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions." And what did Jesus say to his parents in explanation of apparent misdeed, "Wist ye not that I be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49).

Now since we claim God as our Father, can't our concept of employment be that of being about our Father's business — listening for God's guidance and expressing Him in our daily work.

But one may say, "I've been unemployed for weeks. My unemployment benefits will run out before too long. How can God's business put bread on my family's table?" Jesus also fed the multitudes while on his Father's business. How did he do this? By knowing that "the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." (John 14:10)

Our real employment then is to be about our Father's business, knowing that we express His right activity as His children. God is good, infinite Love, so there is good, infinite caring for each of his children. Our need is to pray with assurance that we express God's goodness, that he is governing our lives and caring for us every moment.

When we understand the infinity of God's goodness as Jesus did in multiplying the loaves and fishes, then we won't feel trapped by the kinds of jobs advertised in the day's newspaper or fearful of

increased percentages of unemployment. We can gain confidence that God has work for us to do and then listen for His guidance in following the human footsteps of the employment process. Our desire to work and give service expressing God's plan for us will attract employment.

Jesus even showed us how to pray about employment and supply in this line of the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread." What is our daily bread? Our bread is Truth. It is right ideas, inspiration of God, which enable us to do an effective job.

Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, said, "God gives you His spiritual ideas, and in turn, they give you daily supplies. Never ask for tomorrow: it is enough that divine Love is an ever-present help; and if the wait, never doubting, you will have all you need every moment."

Some years ago a rundown store property adjacent to our home was for sale. The idea came to me to convert the building into apartments needed for housing teachers in our town as well as improving the appearance of the building. While pondering the wisdom of this big step because neither my husband nor I had any experience with rental property, much less extra money for investment, I heard two businessmen discussing how this statement of Mrs. Eddy's had helped them. I realized that the plan for the building was a God-given idea and that we could trust God for the unfoldment. The project went forward, though not without lots of labor and even more prayer on our part. The building proved



Debra Cohn and Tim O'Brien of Delmar listen as Health and Human Services Secretary Richard S. Schweiker has a discussion with Congressman Sam Stratton at a recent meeting of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation in Washington, D.C. Miss Cohn is a senior at Georgetown Law School and O'Brien serves on the committee.

to be not only of benefit to our community but provided a part-time job for me while raising our daughter, and a good investment for us over a 10-year period, one we never could have planned. It had come from trusting God to supply our needs.

We cannot outline how God's goodness is going to appear. Our needs is to pray daily for His good, being ever grateful for every scrap of his power and presence we see. That is truly being about our Father's business and will bring about the manifestation of all supply we need.

St. Thomas reunion

St. Thomas School's first reunion is set for Friday, Jan. 7, from 6 to 10 p.m. in the school auditorium. All former students from the classes of 1956 to 1982, whether they attended St. Thomas for one year or all nine years, are invited to return and compare notes with former classmates.

Honored for hospice work

Christine Thompson of Slingerlands, a volunteer with St. Peter's Hospital Hospice, was recently a runner-up for the National Hospice Organization's Volunteer of the Year Award.

A native of Holland, Mrs. Thompson has lived and traveled extensively throughout the world. She is a graduate of Smith College and received a degree in physical therapy from Duke University in North Carolina. She worked for many years as a physical therapist at Duke University Hospital.

Mrs. Thompson moved to Slingerlands in 1977 with her family and has been active in community affairs. She began her affiliation with St. Peter's Hospice shortly after it opened in 1979. As a Hospice volunteer she has worked on volunteer recruitment and training, bereavement and with families providing a variety of services.

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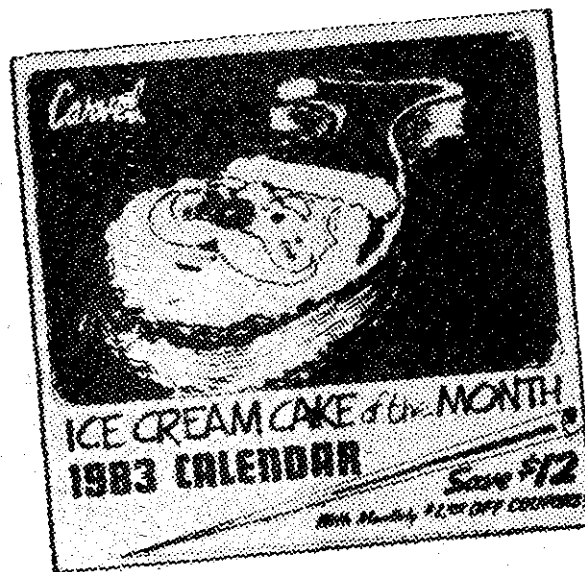


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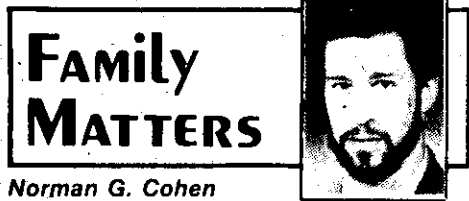
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Some immodest proposals

Anyone who has studied Romance languages knows that they were engendered with gender, that is, they are replete with rules and references based on the male and female distinction. I am at a loss to explain why Italian milk is male, French and Spanish doors are female, and German boats are neuter. Perhaps the consideration afforded to gender in those societies is the reason their languages are called "Romance" languages.

American English, on the other hand, has no formal device for distinguishing the guys from the gals in everyday common grammar. But in our everyday lingo, well, that's another story. We have managed to infuse the separation of the sexes into our phraseology in such a way as to make it quite clear who's the dominant one and who is not.



Norman G. Cohen

focus on actual sexual connotations to make them right. Consequently, I suggest we rename that cyclical event in the lives of our female population, and call it "womenstruation." This condition would naturally commence at the onset of "womenses."

On the male side, given the incidence of this particular condition, I say we call it a "hisnia" rather than a hernia. When is the last time you heard of a woman being asked during a physical examination to turn her head and cough? And given the frequency of female sufferers as well as males, shouldn't there also be a syndrome called "hersteria?"

Furthermore, with the recent epidemic of venereal diseases, I think we should distribute the responsibility more equally and diagnose "hispes" as well as herpes. It makes sense to me.

Looking at the assigned attributes of male and female personalities, I suggest we include "femalevolent" as a counterpart to malevolent. There are certainly as many ill-willed women in this society as there are men; they ought to be recognized in the language. By the same token, as there are as many snakes in the grass among men as there are among women, we should study "hispetology" as much as we do herpetology.

On the religious side of life, shall we not sing "hyrs" as well as hymns? And shouldn't God be the Creator of all personkind? And if the Church is going to mandate laws for all the people, shouldn't it also "womandate" an equal number of laws?

Strides have already been made in the arenas of politics, business and video games. We now elect Congressmen and Congresswomen, and we have Board Chairpersons and Ms. Pac-Man. Even the race car circuit has deferred from the traditional salutation, "Gentlemen, start your engines," in favor of a more apropos invitation.

However, we still remain bogged down in such anachronisms as Animal Hus-

bandry, midwifery and Manwich. Well, perhaps "Womanwich" wouldn't ring quite right given our barbaric history in that area.

Yet, couldn't we call on Laddy Luck to get us through a tight poker game? Or would it be improper to gaze into the guyaxy of stars and wonder about life on other planets? Or couldn't some inventive composer, preferably female, write a "daughterata" to contrast the same old sonatas we hear so often?

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The United States Postal Service better get its act together, too. I don't know quite how to solve the problem, but now we have female mailmen. Shall we call them "female mailwomen"? Or "Femailmen"? Or "Female Mailfemales"? Or simply "Mailpersons"? It poses minor problems when trying to come up with a suitable holiday present for that person who trudges through sleet, snow, rain and lots of heavy rain.

I would like to see more "womangers" of businesses. Cognizant of the growth in commercialization of masculine cosmetics and clothing styles, I think there ought to be a place for the "Homme Fatale." And to cap the whole feminist thrust to bring women's contributions to light, we should provide a revised high school curriculum including the study of prominent females, called "Hertory."

Finally, we should wipe out the arbitrary separation of blouses from shirts, and button everything from one side or the other. We should consolidate all male and female undergarments into the foundations section of department stores. And we should encourage development of more women deserving of the complimentary remark, "You are a lady and a scholar."

Whatever we do to equalize the sexes

and form a truly balanced power base from which we can all live and prosper, I still believe that we should preserve and maintain that basic sanctuary of distinction so we can exclaim, "Vive la difference!"



Colin W. Getz

Colin Getz retiring

New York Telephone vice president Colin W. Getz of Delmar is retiring after 36 years in the communications industry.

He began his telephone career in 1946 in Buffalo and after a number of assignments throughout the state, was named an officer of the company in 1967. Getz, who has been vice president for residence service, previously was vice president for upstate New York and the company's state region. He was also vice president and comptroller.

Following graduation from Michigan State University, he served as an officer in the Navy and participated in the Okinawa invasion and minesweeping operations in Japanese waters after V-J Day. He is a director of the State Bank of Albany and the Albany Institute of History and Art, and a trustee of Siena College and the Fort Orange Club. He has been chairman of the board of trustees of St. Peter's Hospital, president of the Fort Orange-Uncle Sam Boy Scout Council, trustee of Hartwick College, president of Albany Country Club and director of Albany Area Red Cross. He was also general chairman of the 1973 United Fund drive campaign and chairman of Siena's first capital fund drive.

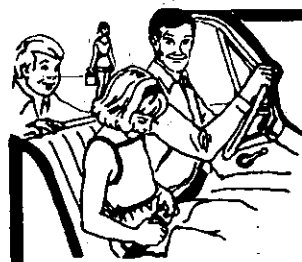
He and his wife, the former Delma Snyder of Detroit, plan to keep their residence in Delmar after retirement.

Language tends to reflect the times while evolving from past tradition. ... I believe we are in that sort of period right now.

If you wish to denote power, then use the male reference. The commander of our daily schedule is Father Time. The recruiter of our military has always been Uncle Sam. The concept of God itself is dubbed the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace. However, if you want to convey nurturing or carrying (as in the womb), then use the female gender, such as Mother Earth, Mother Nature, Mother Ship and Mama Celeste.

Language tends to reflect the times while evolving from past tradition and accepted usage. In certain periods of change, this can produce curious problems and more than a few humorous results before the transition to the next lingual plateau is achieved. I believe we are in that sort of period right now given the feminist movement toward equality of the sexes and the balance of opportunity and power. In keeping with the times, I offer the following suggestions for a New Year of progress toward conceptual and grammatical logic to help solidify the gains made by those forces of egalitarianism in our speech, thought and action patterns.

Initially, we must attack the basic difference between the sexes directly and



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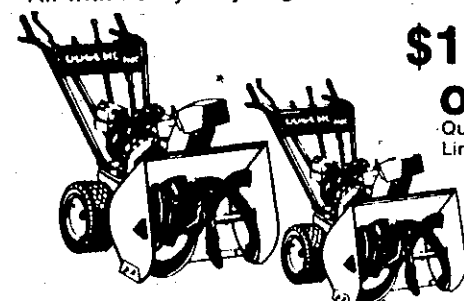
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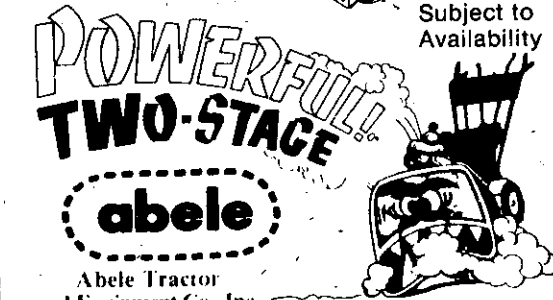
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Classic could be Blackbird showcase

This could be an historic week for Voorheesville basketball. The Blackbirds are playing at least one and possibly two Class A schools on consecutive nights with a chance to show the bullies on the block the caliber of Class C basketball among the small schools in the Colonial Council.

No matter about Voorheesville's undefeated record, six straight in their own class. It's rare to have the opportunity to play Guilderland, which the Blackbirds did last night (Tuesday) and maybe even Bethlehem tonight (Wednesday) if the struggling Eagles got by another small school, Berne-Knox, in the four-team tournament in Delmar.

The occasion is the second annual Helderberg Holiday Classic, and the scene is the big Bethlehem Central gym. Last year, with Guilderland playing host to the same teams, the Blackbirds were intimidated by Bethlehem, but came back the following night to upset Guilderland in a stirring game.

The site isn't the only thing different this time. In 1981 the pairings were pre-arranged both nights so that the two Suburban Council schools would not play each other. The confrontations this week are in a championship format. It was big school vs. small school in last night's openers, then the winners in tonight's nightcap following the consolation game between the first night losers.

In this context, Chuck Abba's 6-0 Blackbirds, perched atop the Colonial Council, met Guilderland of the Suburban Council in the first game, while BC and BKW tangled in the afterpiece. The Dutchmen, sad last year, are more than respectable this year, and with the Blackbirds presenting an experienced and cohesive team, the tournament opener could be the best game of the whole format.

Abba last week prepared for the encounter by taking his team on a pre-holiday junket to SUNY-Cobleskill for a scrimmage with Middleburgh. Abba's purpose was to acclimatize the Blackbirds on a big court, hoping to avoid the experience of a year ago when his boys were awed by the spacious shed and were woeful against a mediocre Bethlehem team.

The informal perspiration at Cobleskill also helped relax the Blackbirds, who bear the added burden of protecting an unbeaten slate. No score was kept, but Abba said his team looked okay.

"We're really excited about the game with Guilderland," he said after giving his wards three days off over the weekend. "We know it means a lot to our fans and the community, and we hope we don't disappoint them."

John Zongrone, the talented junior forward who has been a key cog, was

forced out of the Ravena game last Tuesday with a twisted ankle, and did not exercise at Cobleskill. Abba felt he needed rest more than anything else, and is hoping the damaged limb was in good repair for the tournament.

None of the other teams in the Delmar convention this week has a player of the stature of Mike Lewis, the big senior scoring machine. Zongrone's point production and rebounding make Lewis's effectiveness all the more pronounced, and it will be interesting to see how the bigger schools handle him.

In the Blackbirds' most recent outing, a home game with Ravena last Tuesday, Lewis was his usual consistent self with 18 points, despite playing a little more than half the game and only a few minutes in the third and fourth quarters. Zongrone added 13 before he was injured, and Dickie Lennon, the point guard, had 19 in the 67-36 win.

In that one, Voorheesville was never in trouble, moving methodically to a 16-6 lead after 8 minutes and padding it to 31-14 at intermission. Lennon was the only starter who played most of the fourth period, Lewis only 2½ minutes, Jim Meacham and Zongrone not at all.

Youth hoop to start

Young basketball players will have a chance to play in Saturday leagues sponsored by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. starting Jan. 8 and continuing through Feb. 19. The clinic for grades 5-6 will meet at the Middle School boys' gym from 9 to 10:30 a.m., and for grades 7-8 from 10:30 to noon.

Clinics and game play for grades 2-4 will be held from 3 p.m. during the same period. There is a fee for the program, and registration can be made at the first session. The program is open to residents of the town and school district.

Basketball for adults

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. has announced the return of one of its most popular adult programs, basketball. The program is open to residents of the town and school district, and participants can sign up to play one night or two nights a week.

The program will be held at the BCHS lower gym and there is a limit of 50 participants per session. Session I will be from 8 to 10 p.m., Mondays, Jan. 10 through March 21; session II will be 8 to 10 Thursdays, Jan. 13 through April 7. There is a \$10 fee and pre-registration, in person or by telephone (439-4131) is required at the Elm Ave. Park office.



Voorheesville's Ray Donnelly and Ravena's Don Baker hit the boards as Mike Constantine (25) and Dek Bowie (33) look on. *R.H. Davis*

Fitness at the Y

The Albany YMCA is offering a variety of health enhancement and fitness programs this winter.

JOY is an aerobic dance program that produces measurable increases in strength, flexibility, and endurance. Many confirmed non-exercisers have become dedicated, enthusiastic aerobic dancers.

The Y's Way to Physical Fitness is a cardiovascular health program. It consists of a series of progressive exercise classes designed to yield total body conditioning. Certified instructors monitor each individual's development through fitness evaluations. Classes are offered throughout the day to fit a variety of work schedules. People at any level of

fitness are invited to participate.

Enhancing strength and flexibility of the key postural muscles and reducing tensions are the goals of the Y's Way to a Healthy Back program. Classes consist of progressive exercises done at the Y and at home to strengthen abdominal muscles and increase hamstring flexibility.

Grade school aerobics

The Town of Bethlehem will offer a musical exercise class for grades 1-5 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays, from Jan. 10 through March 7 at the Middle School girls' gym. To pre-register, call 439-4131, the Elm Ave. Park office, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays. There is a \$10 fee. The class will be limited to 30 students.

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RCS regroups for tourney

Ravena's basketball Indians, battered by Colonial Council foes and plagued by injuries, are hoping to be back at full strength tonight for the opening game in a two-night tournament at Gloversville.

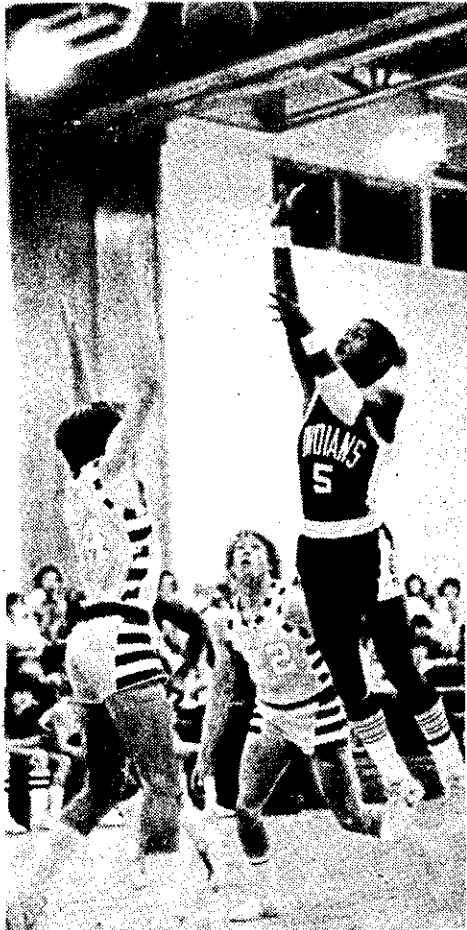
RCS will be the smallest school in the four-team elimination, hence it's one of those situations where there's nothing to lose and everything to gain. Besides the host team, which goes into the tourney leading the strong Foothills circuit, the competitors are Saratoga of the Suburban Council and some people called Sachem High School from basketball-wacky Long Island.

In this environment it is imperative that Coach Tim Tucker has Dan Baker, Tony Pearson and Bill Lipscomb in good health. In last week's disaster at Voorheesville, Baker was handicapped by an ailing elbow; Pearson, the point guard, was ditto with an injury to the lower arm, and Lipscomb, a 6-3 center forward, played lethargically until Tucker discovered his best jumper was bogged down with the flu.

Lipscomb was reported as over the bug this week, and the rest Baker and Pearson got over the Christmas weekend should put them in better shape for the Gloversville skirmishes. The Indians meet Gloversville in the second game (8:30) tonight and face either Saratoga or Sachem Thursday.

"We're a young team," says Tucker. "We're getting experience every week, and we'll be a lot better in the second half of the season."

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Ravena's Tony Pearson (5) gets past Voorheesville's Ray Donnelly (44) and Jim Meacham (22) for two points in basketball action last week.

R.H. Davis

Eagles have little to lose

For a developing team that needs experience, there's nothing like a tournament where the games don't count in league standings.

Bethlehem Central's first-year varsity basketball coach Gary Przybylo views the four-team, two-night Helderberg Holiday Classic as a stepping stone to respectability for his beleaguered team. The Eagles had a comparatively good game against Scotia, now tied for first place in the Suburban Council's Gold Division, in their last outing before the Christmas break, and Przybylo thinks the tournament will be just what the doctor ordered.

The second-annual Helderberg ingathering was pitting neighbor-against-neighbor, starting last night (Tuesday) in Delmar. Guilderland was to meet Voorheesville in the 7 p.m. opener, followed by BC and Berne-Knox at 8:30. Tonight (Wednesday) the winners play for the cup and the losers for the consolation prize.

Mark Gibbons blossomed as a first-rate basketball player as the Eagles dropped a six-point decision to Scotia on the home planking last Tuesday. It was clearly BC's best game of the young campaign, despite mental errors and turnovers. Gibbons had 20 points and 20 rebounds, a remarkable performance for a player in his first year on the varsity.

The Eagles had a good first period for a change. They were up by 16-10 against a good team. "It should have been more," lamented Przybylo in the recap. "We missed some easy layups, and we missed five free throws in the first period alone.

We could have put the game away."

As it was, BC clung to a minuscule 31-30 lead at halftime. They shot ahead by eight points in the middle of the third period only to bog down on mental errors. "We turned over two in a row, and they scored five points in 30 seconds that gave them momentum," groaned the BC coach.

The final score was 71-65, but Przybylo found reason for optimism. "We could have won," he said later. "Even with the errors and turnovers, we played our best game. I feel we can be competitive. The kids are getting better each game."

Ed Radzynski chipped in with 15 points against Scotia, and Mike Mooney had 12 in a good all-around game.

New conditioning program

The Town of Bethlehem will offer a new program for adults, "Stretch, Smooth and Swing," beginning in January. The program is timed so that participants can attend on the way home from school or work — sessions will be held from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 12 and ending Feb. 16.

The program will be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall and will be open to residents of the town and school district. Participants should bring a mat and wear flexible clothing and athletic shoes. Pre-registration is required and can be made by telephone (439-4131) or in person at the Elm Ave. Park office, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. There is a \$7 fee and class size is limited to 30.

BC gymnasts have smallest team

By Julie Ann Sosa

Bethlehem Central's varsity gymnastics coach Denise Minnear is used to a small turnout, which inevitably puts the team in last place in the sectional meet. This year only 15 of the 19 girls who came out for the first day of practice survived training camp, making the 1983 combined JV and varsity squad the smallest in Minnear's four years as head coach. Chris Gudewucz, an ICU nurse with gymnastics experience, will be in her first year as assistant coach.

"We'll be competing against teams whose varsity squads are twice the size of our combined team," explained Minnear. "But our program allows flexibility in letting the girls compete at the JV level in their weaker events and at the varsity level in their specialties."

Minnear will feel the loss of all-round competitor Patty Belden, bars and vault

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specialist Lauren Harder and floor technicians Leanne Jacobs and Doris Davies, all of whom graduated last year. Davies missed a chance to advance to states last year by finishing 11th when only the top 10 girls advance.

Captaining this year's squad will be seniors Lori Lanahan and Jill Riley. Lanahan, a varsity vaulter, has had early season conflicts with job responsibilities that have left her short on practice time. Riley is a varsity vaulter and bars specialist. Also competing at the varsity level will be juniors Anne Peyrebrune, who vaults and walks the beam. Alesia Harder, a vaulter, and Eileen Berry, sophomore Robin Taft and freshman

Kathleen Elliot on the bars.

Kim Riley, a sophomore with three years of team service, is Minnear's bet for varsity all-rounder by season's end. Although her strength still lies in the floor exercise and vault, sophomore Debbie Blodgett could well join her classmate as a varsity jack-of-all-trades. The coach also has her hopes up for freshman Cindy Ferrari, whose first month at the sport has shown her able to adapt well to all the equipment and a candidate for all-rounder.

Spending most of their time at the JV level will be first year gymnasts freshmen Jackie Riede, Sue Elletson and Katie Dowley and juniors Simone Daoletti and Lauren Thomas.

To keep in condition during the off-season, Riley, Taft, and Elliot go into Albany to train at the Yuri School of Gymnastics as well as the American

Health and Racquetball Club. Many BC gymnasts have gone to summer gymnastics camps, while several teach gymnastics in the evening during the fall and winter at the Middle School.

The BC gymnastics double-season begins Jan. 6 against Scotia and Guilderland at Guilderland.

Teen aerobics to start

Teenagers in the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central school district are invited to join a rock aerobics program, sponsored by the town. The program will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 13 through March 10, at the Middle School girls' gym. It will be open to the first 30 teenagers who register at the Elm Ave. Park office, either in person or by telephone (439-4131), between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. There is a \$10 fee.

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'Frosh' team also showing their wake

Freshman teams rarely, if ever, get a mention in the papers, but when a school like Bethlehem Central is working to preserve one of the longest and strongest dynasties in Capital District scholastic sports, the freshman-swimming team is a vital step in the program.

So it is with BC's freshman swimming team, winners of their first two dual meets against Adirondack Swim Conference teams. The Eagle frosh defeated Glens Falls, 65-48, and left Albany Academy in their wake, 68-47. The next meet is with Shaker on Jan. 5.

This year's BC freshman team is a misnomer in two ways: only three of the 16-member squad are bona-fide 9th graders, and girls outnumber boys by 9-7. The squad, coached by a former Canadian professional, Buzz Jones of Troy, has eight 8th graders and five 7th graders.

And those 12-year-old 7th graders make a splash. Keith Dix won the breaststroke in both meets, captured the 50-yard freestyle at Glens Falls and was second in the 50 against the Cadets. Kristin Mallery won the 100 free against Academy, was second in the 100 IM in both meets and second in the 50 butterfly in the Academy meet. Jenny Halsdorf had two third places, Brink Hartman a second and third, and all made strong contributions to the relay teams. Against

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Academy, the BC frosh won the opening 200-yard freestyle relay with three 7th graders. (Dix, Mallery, Hartman) in the foursome.

Peter Greenwald, an eighth grader, won the 200 free and the 100 back in the Academy meet and had a second in the backstroke at Glens Falls as well as anchoring the winning freestyle relay. Aaron Halsdorf, 9th grade, won the 200 at Glens Falls and the 100 IM against Academy.

Jones is especially pleased with the development of Bernie Culligan, 13, an eighth grade who won the diving in both meets in his first year on the boards.

The roster: 9th graders — Aaron Halsdorf, Denise Jadick, William Rogers; 8th graders — Amber Cole, Bernie Culligan, Peter Greenwald, Dorothy Hartman, Joe Kowalski, Tracy Piazza, April Silk, Anne Jameson; 7th graders — Keith Dix, Jenny Halsdorf, Brink Hartman, Marianne Hvalsmarken, Kristin Mallery.

In the only varsity meet last week, Jack Whipple's juggernaut rolled to another easy win, 87-38, over Albany Academy.

Winning tradition goes north

Bethlehem swimmers make waves far from Delmar. Up north in St. Lawrence County, Martha Tomlinson got a rare opportunity and made the most of it.

The 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Tomlinson, a junior at St. Lawrence University in Canton, took an unusual off-campus job this fall—coaching the girls' varsity swimming team at the high school in Canton.

Taking over a team that had finished 2-8-0 for their fourth straight losing season in the Northern Adirondack League the year before, Martha led them to a 6-4-0 record this year. Five of the 18 swimmers on her team qualified for the state championship meet in Syracuse.

The Canton weekly newspaper gave her a rave review, and quoted several of

the swimmers in praise of their new coach:

Leslie Wells—"Martha's a neat person and a super coach."

Bali Davis—"Martha's a good coach. She's friendly and gets along with us. Even though she's young, we respect her."

Gretchen Wells—"She's great. She knows what she's doing and cares about what she's doing. Martha makes you want to win."

Competitive swimming is nothing new to Martha. She swam for the Delmar Dolphins and the BCHS girls' varsity before college. At St. Lawrence she is pointing for graduate school and a career in special education.

Rescue squad members commended

Several members of the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad have been awarded commendations by the Regional Emergency Medical Organization for documented life-saving actions taken while on Rescue Squad calls.

Scott Anson, Robert Boyea, Elwin McNamara and Joseph Wendth were commended for successful treatment of a Slingerlands resident who experienced cardiac arrest. The patient's son, who had begun cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) prior to arrival of the Rescue Squad, was similarly commended. The patient responded to the medications administered by squad members, and was able to talk with the ambulance crew prior to arrival at the hospital.

Commendations were issued to James Kerr, Theresa Simon, Michel Rynderman and Willis Haker of the rescue squad as well as to Officer Raymond Linstruth of the Bethlehem Police for successful treatment of an area youth who ceased breathing after an automobile accident. A Delmar woman, unconscious due to severe blood loss after an apparent suicide attempt, was revived by the actions of James Reagan, Scott Anson, Richard Root and Willis Haker. Each received a commendation from the regional organization.

The Regional Emergency Medical Organization (REMO) provides training and medical leadership for emergency medical personnel in a six-county region which includes Albany County. Commendations are awarded after a committee of physicians review actions by field personnel which can be shown to have saved a life.

The Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad provides paramedic ambulance service to residents of the Tri Village area. The Squad's members will answer more than 800 calls for assistance during 1982. The squad includes personnel from the Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands fire departments.

New fitness class

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer a nine-week physical fitness class for adults, "Awake, Aware and Active" at the Bethlehem Middle School girls' gym the week of Jan. 10. Participants can opt to attend evening sessions on Mondays only, Thursdays only, or both. Fees are \$10 for Mondays or Thursdays only, \$20 for Mondays and Thursdays. Pre-registration is required, in person or by telephone at the Elm Ave. Park office, (439-4131) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. There is a limit of 50 participants per night.



Kim Ballanger (12) spikes one past three Schalmont defenders in recent volleyball action at Voorheesville. Tom Howes

Voorheesville girls take giant strides

From last place to second in the span of one year. That's the story of the Voorheesville girls' basketball varsity under the tutelage of Coach Robin Lock.

And the Blackbirds narrowly missed winning the Class C Sectional title, losing in the final to Cairo by 15-10, 4-15, 15-9 just before the Christmas recess.

The turnaround came after a 1-9 season in 1981 that left the Blackbirds in the basement of the Colonial Council. This year they were 8-2 in the league, 13-2 overall, good for second place. In the Sectionals they rolled over Lake George in the semifinals in straight sets, 15-9, 15-10.

So efficient was the starting lineup that the seventh player, senior Sue Childs, described by Lock as a strong player and exceptional server, found it difficult to

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get into the lineup.

The team, captained by senior Lynn Sickinger and junior Beth Mattfeld, was led by Kim Genovese, a versatile senior who was the team's best server as well as all-around player. Kim and Bonnie Rafferty were the setters and Jodie Decker the spiker with help from Mattfeld, Sickinger and Kim Bellanger.

What about next year? Well, that's another story. Five of the first seven are headed for diplomas in June. That will leave Mattfeld and Bellanger, the only sophomore in this year's starting lineup, to carry most of the burden in 1983.



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They take their Sunday mornings at a run

By Vinny Reda

Early on a Sunday morning this winter, while some of you may be bundled up to attend the day's first church services, and while others are hoping the kids do not go on the prowl and prevent your sleeping away a long Saturday night, an intrepid group of your neighbors are taking to the streets.

They take to running, these folk, and they take to each other as well. Officially, they are the Bethlehem Sunday Morning Road-Running Group.

"But affectionately, we call ourselves the Doris Davis Group," said Tom Swasey, a Motorola sales representative and free-lance cartoonist from Slingerlands, who only started running seriously a year and a half ago, when the group started forming.

"Just make sure you say that's *only* affectionately," said Doris, a pretty, eminently congenial part-time English teacher, who probably was voted most popular in her high school class a few short years ago.

"The group all gave me a surprise fortieth birthday party last year," she said with a chuckle, but with some pride as well.

Doris earned the position of the group's namesake — if only affectionately — by innocently accounting for its origins. "I started this with two friends one Sunday morning in June of 1981," she says. "Then the following week I asked a fourth and then the next week a few others, and they brought some friends and..."

They grew to their present size of about 20 people who show up often, and who often bring friends, and at least 10 or 12 who rarely miss a Sunday. "That's why I don't want it known as the Doris Davis club, because there's so many people who go into making it as good as it's become."

Any guest is welcome to meet, greet and move your feet with the group just before 8:30 a.m., starting at the Stewart's shop on Delaware Ave. "It's simply convenient," says Doris of the locale. "We can all meet back there at the end for the Sunday Times and coffee."

"There are some steady customers at Stewart's, and if one of the regular runners doesn't show up, they'll ask him or her the next week, 'So where were you?'"

On one recent Sunday morn one fellow, Jim Blandell, was chided by the others for getting his coffee *before* the group had set off. Jim shrugged knowingly, however, he having run for more years than almost anyone else in the group and therefore entitled to complex training methods.

It was a group of 22 this morning, some taking off slow, some mighty quick. "It may be the largest Sunday morning group around, and the fastest," said Mike Waldenmaier, who took off for the front with Jim Poole and Don Barnabe.

"I push hard on Sundays," Don would add later. "If someone finds he has to take a pit stop, we don't wait for him."

"Some really race," admits Doris, "but it's a very diverse group and abilities vary. Mostly, it's very conversational."

This is certainly the case with Doris and Ann Drapo as they take off this day. But it is no easy jog, and it is not a turn around the block, either. As the group has grown, so has its distance.

"The very first time we ran we had two people who had just run the three-mile Father's Day race at Hamagrael School and they wanted to go a little farther," says Doris. "Well, it turned out to be more like seven miles, and now we often do nine or ten. And when some members trained for a marathon, they did 20."

Running with Doris and Ann this morning was Bonnie Witbeck, a clerical worker for the state, who had her doubts about the nine miler ahead. "I just hope

there's some place I can turn off," she said through huffs and puffs.

"Oh yes," said Doris, arms swinging, "that's the beauty about this run. There's plenty of spots to do that."

The group took Kenwood Ave. to New Scotland and then onto Font Grove Rd., hitting a nice-woody section. Most of the run would be in low traffic areas, even for a Sunday morning.

The conversation at the back never lagged, but when it reached someone just having hung divine curtains, it was time to move up. At the middle, Tom Swasey's wife Judy was keeping up with some high strutting medical men from Albany Med, who were getting down to cases.

"In the group is Dick McDowell, who's a general surgeon, Fred Minnear, a physiologist, and Don Rivard, a urologist," says Doris. "Our own supply of doctors — it's terrific!"

Moving up further, Tom Swasey was just behind the leaders, turning onto pretty, rural Fisher Blvd., timing himself at six minutes, 42 seconds per mile. He talked about races and his own training, which started but a year and a half ago.

"My wife Judy and I were smoking two and half packs of cigarettes a day. And then we saw the Blue Cross-Blue Shield race last year and decided we'd like to start running. We met Doris and she told us about this group, and we came — and we've been running ever since."

And one would judge at a better and better pace, which Tom holds through the hills on Orchard St., back to Delaware and Elm Aves., through Birch-

wood Acres, Adams St., and eventually back to Stewart's — 10.2 miles in all.

There, nearly all the regulars check in. Don Barnabe's wife, Elaine, a 3:16 marathoner, is still out (home) with injuries. Jim Poole's wife, Fanny, doesn't make it when Jim does ("They take turns," says Doris — "one stays with the baby.") Chris Smith, a native of England who found the group a great way to meet new friends in a new place, finishes his last-run before a return visit to England. Andy Stokes, Bob Salamone, Hank Steadman and Lynn and Carolyn Riley all converse at the Stewart's counter, one man saying he envies the women who can run in nylons for warmth.

"Yes," chimes in Doris, "and they also hide the lines in your legs."

Ann and Norm Drapo — he the oldest at 50 — are marathoners and look maybe the freshest of all. "I'll tell you," said Ann. "I got injured once and I could only swim — it was terrible! You could only talk 10 minutes in the locker room and that was it! Running is so much better," she smiled.

And Bonnie Witbeck was there, her face reddened but happy. The newcomer had gone the whole way, never cutting off. "I feel fantastic!" she said, between breaths. "Depending on my schedule, I'm going to try it again. I can see why people keep coming back."

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PRESENT: Mr. Corrigan, Mrs. Bickel, Mr. Geurtze, Mr. Prothero, Mr. Hendrick.

ABSENT: None.

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York does hereby amend the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem adopted on the 17th day of July, 1968, and last amended on the 10th day of November, 1982 as follows:

I. Amend Article I, STOP INTERSECTIONS, Section 1, Paragraph (ww) to read as follows:

(ww) Parkwyn Drive is hereby designated as a through highway between its intersection with Pheasant Lane and its intersection with Albin Road and a stop sign shall be erected at the following entrances thereto:
1. Pheasant Lane
2. Jordan Boulevard

and

II. Amend Article II, SPEED LIMITS, Section 1, Paragraph (c) Thirty (30) miles per hour by adding thereto:
63. South Street (County Road 101) from Route 396 to the Coeymans Town line.

and

III. Amend Article II, SPEED LIMITS, Section 1, Paragraph (b) Thirty-five miles per hour by adding thereto:

5. Lasher Road from 9W to Route 396.

The foregoing amendments shall take effect ten (10) days after publication.

The foregoing amendments to the Traffic Ordinance were presented for adoption by Mr. Hendrick, were seconded by Mrs. Bickel and were adopted by the following vote:

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AYES: Mr. Corrigan, Mrs. Bickel, Mr. Geurtze, Mr. Prothero, Mr. Hendrick.

NOES: None.

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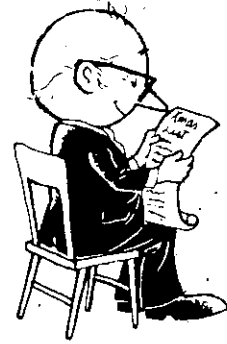
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A fifth grader's trip to Lapland

Matthew Jacobson is a fifth grader at Elsmere Elementary School in Marion Oro's class. He wrote the following report on his trip last summer to Russia and Finland in a Challenge class taught by Marilyn Terranova.

By Matthew Jacobson

Our tour bus was moving along steadily. I looked up and saw a sign that said, "You are now crossing the Arctic Circle." There was not much around us, except some trees. While I was looking, two reindeer dashed out of the woods.

This happened on my trip to Lapland, Finland, last June with my Grandmother. We were traveling through Finland and Russia. It was strange to cross the Arctic Circle; there was not much ice and snow as I had expected.

Reindeer are plentiful in Lapland and form in large herds. The reindeer are very important. They provide many resources for the Laplanders; for example, food. Reindeer can be cooked in many ways: as a meatloaf, in patties, or in stew, etc. I think that reindeer meat is tasty! A Lapp family usually eats some reindeer every day, along with fish, eggs, wheat, coffee and a drink of water with lemon juice added.

Another resource the reindeer provide is their fur. Their skin and fur is used for toys and clothing. I bought a pair of reindeer fur slippers decorated with brightly colored felt for my sister. In the past, the Lapp people always wore reindeer boots stuffed with lichens from the ground to insulate their feet.

In Lapland, most families own a great herd of reindeer. In the spring, families have a round-up of their great herd. They can tell a reindeer is theirs by the brand on them, because at birth all reindeer are branded. After three to four years, they are slaughtered.

One day on our trip, we were behind schedule and we had to stop at a Lapp home to make a telephone call. The house was small, but it had two stories. The people were friendly, and they showed us some reindeer toys and crafts that we could buy. While I was there, I noticed that there was a ladder on the side of the house. All Lapland houses have a ladder so they can brush the snow off the roof easily. It snows six months out of the year, and sometimes it even snows in the summer. When I was in Lapland in June, it snowed. The bus driver and I had a snowball fight!

Today, the Laplanders still herd reindeer, and they still have some of the old traditions, but, many things have changed. Now, schools are forming, but not all the kids go to school yet. Also, small businesses are moving in, and Laplanders don't have to provide everything for themselves any more.

On the way back to Rovaniemi, Finland, we stopped at a museum of Lappish history. I learned that during World War



Matthew Jacobson at the Museum of Lappish History with a model of a traditional Lapp costume.

II, Finland and Germany were enemies. When the German troops attacked Russia, the Russians chased them out. The Germans fled through Finnish Lapland and burned everything in their path so the Russians could not get through and follow them. All the forests and many homes were burned. Today, the trees you see in Lapland have mostly grown since the end of World War II. The Lapp people have worked very hard to rebuild their land.

Driving north from the heart of Finland into Lapland, you notice a change in the trees you see. As it gets colder, the spruce trees die out. Further north, and colder still, the pine trees begin to die out. Still further north, even the birch trees die out and you see only shrubs and lichens, the food for the reindeer.

A highlight for me on our trip was to have a Lapp baptism. We all stood around a bonfire and were served tea by a Laplander. Another Lapp smudged charcoal on our foreheads and cheeks. Finally, a Lapp served reindeer milk to us — very sour reindeer milk! The ceremony was their way of sharing their culture with us. I know I'll always remember my Lapland vacation and I know I'll always feel part Lapp.

Vox Pop

is open to all readers for letters in good taste on matters of public interest. Letters longer than 300 words are subject to editing and all letters should be typed and double-spaced if possible. Letters must include phone numbers; names will be withheld on request. Deadline is the Friday before publication.

O Little Town

Editor, The Spotlight:

At this joyous time of the year, what a feeling it is to spend an evening of Christmas Caroling to persons who are ill and shut in, returning home full of the spirit of the holidays, only to find some of the lighted decorations on your front shrubbery lying on the ground with bulbs removed from 11 sockets.

Several years ago we discontinued to decorate our front light post with colored lights when we found the bulbs removed and smashed in the street. Our first impulse was to remove the decorations and forget the whole thing, however, we do have a handicapped son who does not ask for many things, but he does take the meaning of the season seriously even though, we are sure, he does not fully understand it. He became extremely upset when mention of removing the decorations was made. We will, therefore, replace the decorations and bulbs as needed.

We wish to extend the happiest of holiday and forgiveness to the person or persons responsible, and sincerely hope that nothing meaningful is ever taken from them. May they feel a sense of pride when they stand before their lighted Christmas tree on Christmas morning.

Howard Gregory

Delmar

Enters new field

Angelo J. Cocco of Bethlehem Terrace, Slingerlands, has joined the brokerage firm of Reid and Gilmour, Colonie, as an account executive.

Cocco holds BS and master's degrees in education from New York University, and has completed work for the MPA degree at State University at Albany. He worked with the New York State Training School for Girls in Hudson as assistant superintendent, and the Tryon School in Johnstown as facility director. Active in the field of labor relations, Cocco has been affiliated with the Civil Service Employees Association as president of the Kings Park chapter, chairman of the Metropolitan Conference and member of the statewide board of directors. He formerly wrote a column for New York State's Civil Service Leader. He and his wife have two daughters.

Gymnastics offered

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer a gymnastics program for children in grades 2-12 Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 11 and ending March 22. The program will offer a session for beginners from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and a session for intermediate and advanced gymnasts from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School boys' gym.

The program is open to residents of the town and school district. There is a \$12 fee and classes will be limited to 45 each. Pre-registration is required at the Elm Ave. Park office, in person or by telephone (439-4131). Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.



Albert B. Washko, right, of Glenmont, newly appointed director of the Albany Veterans Administration Medical Center, receives a certificate for completing a VA training program from James T. Krajeck of Slingerlands, his predecessor, who was recently named Northeast regional director for the VA. Washko previously was associate director of the VA medical center in Palo Alto, Calif.

Badminton anyone

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer badminton for adults, at the Middle School girls' gym, Tuesdays

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Scout does good deed for town

Tom Denham, a Bethlehem Central High School junior, approached Town Supervisor Thomas Corrigan with a proposal last spring: to take 10 acres of heavy brush at the Henry Hudson Park in Glenmont and in six months convert them into a half-mile cross country ski and nature trail.

"He liked the idea," Denham said. "I guess they were going to build the trail anyway. When they found a kid wanted to do it, it saved the town time and money."

Denham got the community service job done with the help of his fellow Troop Boy Scouts and their parents. The five-year scouting veteran's physical labor and leadership have made him eligible for the organization's highest echelon, the rank of Eagle Scout. He organized work parties that put in over 150 man hours to complete the clearing of the new trail.

During the summer, Denham laid out the proposed trail and mapped it with the help of town engineer Bruce Secor and surveyor Michael Cirillo, Philip Maher, Bethlehem's director of parks and recreation, approved the scout's plans, and in August Denham and his work squads began cutting brush and clearing the trail. By October, the path was finished.

Nature identification signs and path

Study and shop

The State University at Albany's Division of Continuing Studies and Macy's, Colonie Center, are expanding the Learn and Shop Study program. This venture provides easy mall access to timely courses and workshops. To accommodate the busy lifestyle of today's working adult, all offerings are scheduled in the evenings and on weekends. Twelve courses are available this winter.

The course selection includes workshops on assertiveness, "conscious eating" and picture matting, with other sessions focusing on gardening, career changes and personal finance.

For a free Learn and Shop brochure or to register call 455-6121 or write Division of Continuing Studies, Husted 208, 135 Western Ave., Albany, 12222.



Tom Denham

covering will be finished by the town this coming spring. With the help of Alan Mapes, director of the Five Rivers Environmental Center, Denham is preparing a nature trail guide with a map and information about the plants and wildlife found along the park path.

Denham, a high honor student, is a member of the BCHS student senate, ski club, and varsity soccer and track teams. He expects to be able to add the Eagle Scout award to his 21 other badges in February.

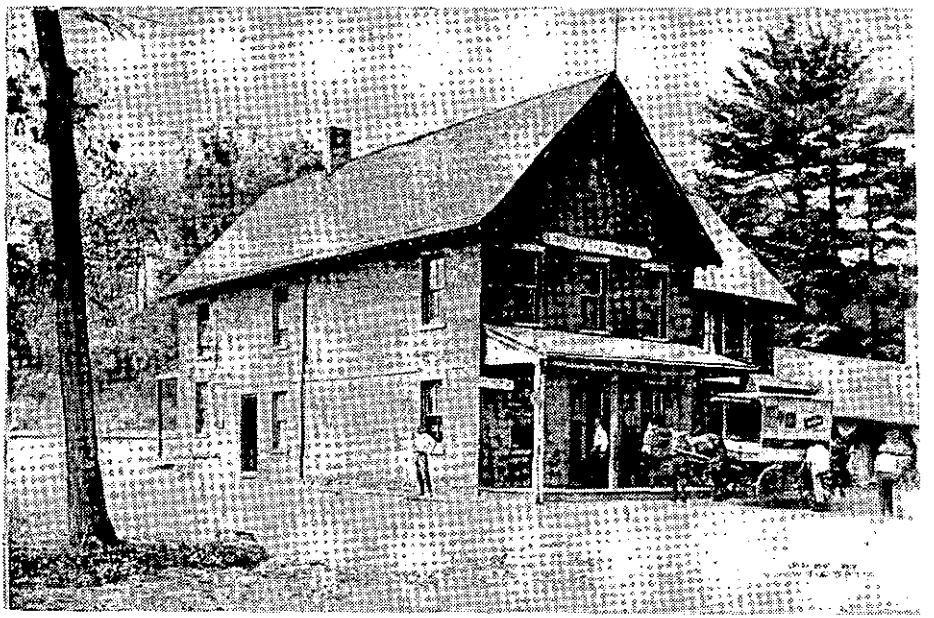
New Year's greetings

New Year's greetings in the form of new tax packages from the Internal Revenue Service will begin arriving today for about 800,000 Northeastern New Yorkers. Delivery should be completed by mid-January.

"The biggest changes are for short form users," IRS District Director John B. Langer said. "This year there are two short forms: the 1040A, which almost half of our taxpayers used last year, and the new 1040EZ, a very streamlined form for single people with no dependents. Both are included in the short form package, along with substantially revised instructions."

In Glenmont The Spotlight is sold at Van Allen Farms, Heath's Dairy, Three Farms Dairy, Five A's Superette, Stewart's and Grand Union.

Looking back



The former post office and grocery store on New Scotland Rd. in Slingerlands, just east of the D & H railroad underpass. The picture is from the early 1900's, with a horse-drawn United Bisquit Company delivery wagon in the foreground. The building now houses a ceramic studio and shop.

Courtesy A. Bennett and Canal Museum, Syracuse.

Has jazz program

Eric Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bryant of Delmar, is on the staff of WMRT, a stereo FM radio station

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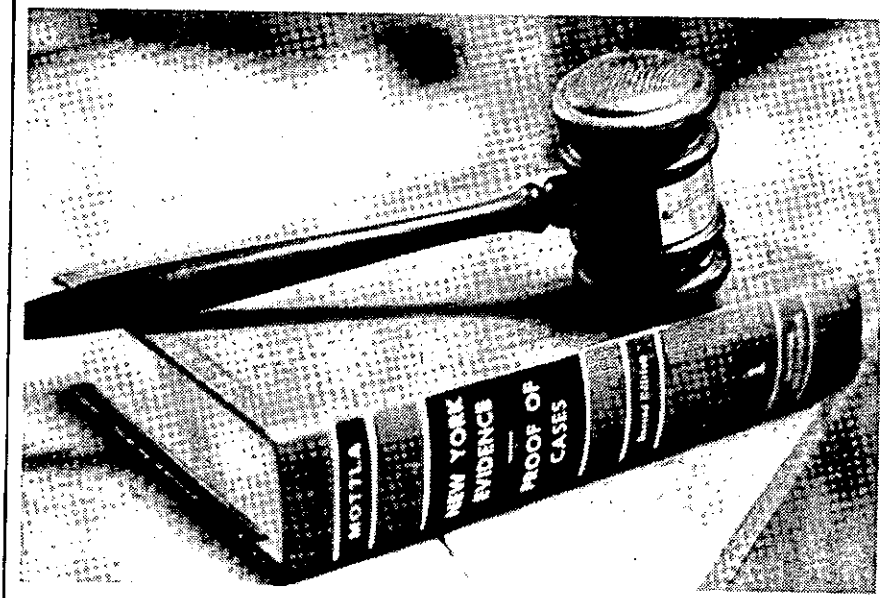
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