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## Ed Sargent steps down

After some two and a half years, Edward Sargent of Elsmere will no longer be serving on the Bethlehem Planning Board in the capacity of chairman. He has recommended to the town board that long-time planning board member Charles H. Redmond be appointed to the post in his stead.

Sargent said this week that "I would like to emphasize that I am not resigning from an appointed post. I'm up for reappointment and I just think Charlie would have been the logical choice back when I was appointed if he had been available. Well he's available now and he's still the logical choice."

Redmond has recently retired from his position with New York Telephone. "I've talked to Ed," he said Monday, "and we both think it's a good idea. He's done a good job and he just wants to step down."

Redmond, who lives in Slingerlands, was appointed to the board in 1963. He was a close friend and ally of the late Edward Mocker, also a planning board member, during the years Mocker battled with former town Supervisor Bertram Kohinke.

Sargent's tenure as chairman of the

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Brad Korzatkowski's first haircut was a major milestone for the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Korzatkowski of Elm Ave., Selkirk.

The event took place recently at Anthony Morelli's barber shop on Jericho Rd., Glenmont.

## Life in the sand dunes

By Caroline Terenzini

What does it feel like to go to sleep under the stars and wake up as part of a sand dune?

Jim Gage of Voorheesville knows, having just spent two years with the Peace Corps in Mauritania, West Africa. "The experience was pretty heavy," he said recently. "I'm a different person from what I was when I left two years ago."

"But I have absolutely no regrets."

Mauritania is a long way, geographically and culturally, from Fordham University, where Gage, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gage, earned a degree in political science. After graduating in 1980, "I didn't want a 9-to-5 job and I was tired of school," he said. So, spurred by a friend who had joined the Peace Corps earlier, Gage signed up. His assignment was to help the inhabitants of five villages along the Senegal River adapt their agricultural habits to irrigation.

The Islamic Republic of Mauritania, formerly part of French West Africa, is inhabited by Moors in the north and black Africans in the south. French and Arabic are the national languages, and five African dialects are spoken there, chiefly Fulani, which after Swahili is the most common African tongue, Gage said.

Ninety percent of the country is in the grip of the Sahara Desert, and sand dunes are within five miles of the Senegal River town of N'Diorol, where Gage was assigned. Sandstorms there last two or three days, he said, and in the hot season, temperatures can reach 130 degrees in the daytime. Life in Mauritania is still pretty much a hand-to-mouth existence, with the Moors depending on oases and the Africans on the River. "It's really a Sixth World country," Gage said.

Mauritania's military government, chiefly run by the Moors, is "not organized enough to be repressive," Gage said. But the nation is among the most conservative Moslem countries; drinking and smoking are forbidden, and the hands of thieves are cut off. Women are distinctly second-class citizens, which created problems for the women among the 39 Peace Corps volunteers in Mauritania, Gage said. "You have to respect the culture," he said, "and also sometimes you have to compromise yourself."

Aided by a three-month rainy season and the river floodplains, the Africans

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Jim Gage

## New Scotland in line for tax credit...in 1984

By Nat Boynton

Tax warrants being mailed to New Scotland property owners this week contain a computation error that presumably will give the taxpayers a credit one year from now.

The error came to light late last week after Albany newspapers printed figures listing Albany County's tax levies on local property owners jumping from 10 to 42 percent, depending on the municipality. New Scotland had the 42-percent rise, by far the largest of the county's 10 towns and three cities.

When New Scotland officials challenged the figure last week, county officials acknowledged the error, but said it was too late to change the printed warrants going out to taxpayers.

New Scotland Supervisor Steve Wallace said the miscalculation means New Scotland taxpayers will ante some \$80,000 more in taxes this month than they would pay if the correct figure were in effect.

Wallace said he and Town Attorney Frederick C. Riester tried to persuade the county to give the town an immediate credit under the revised tax rate. The county demurred, Wallace said, choosing to follow the provisions of Section 808 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. That law permits a municipality to grant credit the following year for overpayments in the current year.

Dennis Santa Lucia, deputy director of finance for the county, confirmed the error along with the assurance that New Scotland taxpayers would receive credit in the next levy a year from now.

Santa Lucia and William E. Bailey,

New Scotland town assessor, agreed that the error stemmed from confusion over a change in the state's method of tax computation. The change, they said, involved the inclusion of partial exemptions this year in computing the total taxable valuation of each municipality. The formula is complicated.

Partial exemptions are granted to veterans and low-income senior citizens, and for solar and wind energy conversions as well as for certain business qualifications.

Bailey placed New Scotland's partial exemption figure at \$606,000 in a total of \$15,865,000. The miscalculation came when the county used the figure \$2,489,000, he said.

Presumably, a category of fully exempt property (school, government, religious, etc.) was included in the latter figure by error, Bailey said.

The shortfall caused by the New Scotland credits a year from now will have to be made up by increases in the levy on the other municipalities, but Santa Lucia indicated the impact on the county's other towns and cities would be negligible.

The rate change has no bearing on local school taxes or on the equalization rate on real property assessments, Bailey stated.

Although officials said that the corrected rate "puts New Scotland in the ball park" with the increases in other Albany County municipalities, the revised rate still would represent the largest increase in the county. According to Bailey, the corrected rate for New

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## □ Sargent

planning board saw great changes in zoning lines throughout the town as well as innovations in procedures for review of applications by the planning board and the town board of appeals. Most of these changes were originated by the planning board under Sargent.

Sargent will remain on the board in the capacity of board member. He will be joined by William Johnston Jr. of Delmar, appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Hyman Kramer toward the end of last year. Johnston, a former member of the town board, retired from that position four years ago. His planning board term expires in December, 1985.

The changes were approved by the town board at its annual organizational meeting Monday night. The board also:

- Reappointed Warren D. Kullman to the planning board for a new seven-year term.

- Reappointed Kathleen Becker to a new five-year term on the town board of appeals.

- Designated Karen Pelletier as the town's senior citizen coordinator, a job she had been filling first on a volunteer basis and later on a temporary basis in the Parks and Recreation Department. She will be paid \$5,980 per year.

## Girl hit on Delaware

A six-year-old Albany girl suffered only minor injuries after being hit by a car on Delaware Ave. near Memorial Park Wednesday. Meghan Matthews, of 34 Holes Ct., Albany, was treated at Albany Medical Center after the accident and released. No charges were filed against the driver of the car.

## A (relatively) calm weekend

Early Thursday morning Bethlehem police were called to the Miss Glenmont Diner because a man was driving recklessly in the parking lot. When they got there, the man was inside and the officers left him there to sleep it off. An hour later, they were called back to the nearby Big M Truck Stop, where the same man was tearing up the parking lot. This time they found him behind the wheel of his stalled car, and arrested him for driving while intoxicated.

Later that day, a Selkirk woman drove her car off the shoulder on Rt. 144 by the Texaco plant. She was not hurt, but Bethlehem police charged her with driving while intoxicated.

Those were the two most serious drinking and driving incidents in the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland over what has traditionally been a weekend of mayhem. Altogether, Bethlehem police made 13 DWI arrests last week, all but two of them the result of routine traffic arrests, including a pair stopped on Rt. 9W New Year's Eve because they had broken tail lights.

State police, their strength reduced because of Inauguration duty, made three DWI arrests in the Selkirk area over the weekend. And Albany County Sheriff's deputies reported no DWI arrests or serious accidents.

## □ County tax error

Scotland would be \$46.58 per \$1,000 valuation, up 25.9 percent from last year's rate of \$36.99. The rate applied to the 1983 printed warrants is \$52.73.

The Town of Colonie increase is 22 percent, compared to 19 percent for Coeymans, Guilderland, Knox and Rensselaerville. Bethlehem's increase is 13 percent, and the City of Watervliet's the smallest increase at 10 percent.

Overall, Albany County's \$150-million budget calls for a tax levy of \$16.4

million, a jump of 21 percent over the 1982 levy.

In contrast, New Scotland's 1983 town budget permits a cut of 23.5 cents in the town tax rate. The town rate drops from \$33.78 to \$33.55 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The town rates do not include levies for special districts such as fire protection, water, sewer and lighting, most of which are unchanged from a year ago.

## Store looted

The front window at Adams Hardware at the Four Corners was broken by a rock New Year's Day, and a thief (or thieves) helped themselves to three chain saws and a hot plate, according to Bethlehem police. The loss was estimated at \$888, plus the cost of repairing the windows.

## Computer review

The Bethlehem Personal Computer Group will preview an audiovisual instruction program at its next meeting, Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. For information, call Ross Guttman at 439-4758.

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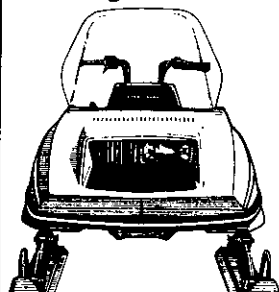
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# Winter carnival cut back

The Bethlehem Winter Carnival, which started as a skating party put on by the American Legion and mushroomed over the last several years into a town-sponsored affair at the Elm Ave. Park, complete with snow king and queen, is returning to its humble origins this year.

Bethlehem has decided not to sponsor the event this year because of lack of sponsor interest. Supervisor Tom Corrigan said Friday. "A couple of years,

because of the weather, it's bombed," he added.

But the Blanchard Post, American Legion, is again ready to pick up the ball. The post has notified the town that it will put on at least the skating part of the winter celebration in February at the park, and is busy firming dates and enlisting volunteers, post spokesman Charles O'Hara said Tuesday. "It's in our laps and we're happy to do it," he said.



A feature of St. Thomas School's first reunion on Friday (Jan. 7) will be a visual history of the school in scrapbooks and photo displays. Getting an advance look this week were, from left, Scott Smith, Joan Murray Smith, Colleen Smith, Phyllis Wilcox Marcotte and Natalie Marcotte. The two mothers are alumnae and their children are students. Priests, principals and teachers from the past 27 years, including Sister Ann Eleanor, principal from 1955 to 1964 and now living in Florida, have been invited to the reunion, a highlight of the parish's 75th jubilee celebration. *Spotlight*

## □ In the sand dunes

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along the Senegal have traditionally grown sorghum, cowpeas and millet, Gage said. But the advancing Sahara and devastating drought led the authorities to attempt to change the agriculture to incorporate irrigation and also to introduce a high-yielding strain of rice from China. Gage's role was to help the villagers adapt to this more intensive agriculture, teaching them that water is "costly" and that cooperation is necessary for cleaning irrigation canals and maintaining the water pumps.

Although he had been gardening since the age of 5 on his parents' four acres in Voorheesville, Gage found he had a lot to learn. "Rice?" he said. "To me rice was Uncle Ben's." He wasn't badly off, though, as some "city boys" in the Peace Corps who didn't even know what a tomato plant looked like.

Fifteen years in the future Senegal River flooding will be controlled by two dams that are being built by 12 foreign development agencies. The villagers will be forced to drop the traditional agriculture when the floodplains are eliminated. "I personally think it's a disaster," Gage said. "There are three countries involved, 12 funding agencies . . . and a lot of it is in their own self-interest."

In D'Niorol, Gage was given a mud hut with a mud floor. Through the Peace Corps, he was able to obtain some cement and laid a cement floor. The walls were plastered with river clay. Gage shared the rice, millet and dried fish of the villagers, but he supplemented with canned food and vitamins. When he was offered a drink of untreated water, he had to make a choice — risk his health or risk offending.

"I found myself getting paranoid about my health," Gage said. The nearest medical help was 25 miles away — "the big town" — and the only contact with it was by two-way radio. Stricken with typhoid fever, Gage had to leave the village. After 23 days, his 105-degree fever broke, just as he was weighing whether to return to the States.

Another Peace Corps volunteer in Mauritania, badly injured when a log fell on him, died as his colleagues struggled with a dugout canoe and then over bumpy roads to get him the 25 miles to Boghe, "the big town." The trip took seven hours. An experience like that "kind of freaks you out," Gage said.

During the months when farming was not possible, Gage, who had worked as a mason during earlier summers, helped some villagers build a school of clay bricks.

Gage said the Africans were curious about the United States and were amazed at the photographs in magazines such as "Adirondack Life" and "Conservationist" that were sent by his father. For the Africans, the United States was a land of big buildings and fast cars, not mountains, meadows and streams.

For Gage, just arrived home from Africa, the bountiful table set on Christmas day was "definitely a sensory overload. It would be hard for an African to take it all in."

Adapting to such a different way of life changed him, Gage said. "I've got a lot more patience now. Plus a lot more confidence in myself. I know that I can do something — the only question is, what do I want to do?"

The answer will come, but for now he wants to get reacquainted with family and friends and the American life style.

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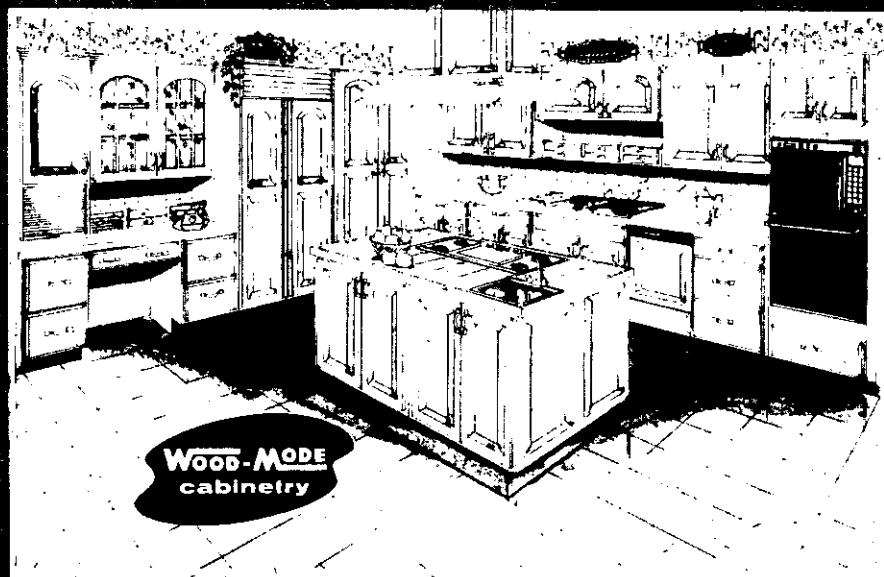
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# Local home buyers back in the market

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Lower interest rates have been a tonic to the market, as have an infusion of SONYMA funds (a state subsidy to first-time home-buyers), but some real estate dealers feel the surge was due anyway.

"The real estate business only holds its breath for so long," explained Bob Edwards of Roberts Real Estate. "The normal need to buy and sell always comes out."

That "pent up" demand was also identified by a spokesman for Nancy Kuivila Real Estate, who theorized that many potential home-buyers are "waiting for things to stabilize. Once confidence is back, we'll see a lot of buying."

What buyers probably won't see, however, is much lower mortgage interest rates. James Michaels of Rosen-Michaels, home builders, forecast that rates probably won't go lower than 11 or 11½ percent and will range between 11 and 13 percent. "I think we're in a new era," Michaels said. "(Investors) are used

to getting 10 percent on their money now."

Early in 1982, when mortgage rates hovered around 16 percent, the cost of borrowing "was beyond the means of most people," he added, "and even if they could afford it, it was too much money." Now, the decline in rates since July has "made it possible for a lot of people to afford a mortgage and feel they can live with it."

Bob Yaguda of Yaguda Realty said the recent 12½ percent mortgage loan rate was "the magic number — what people were waiting for." The more palatable rate combined with state-backed funding for first-time buyers have "created a rush back into the market," Yaguda said. "I see a strengthening of the market as long as rates stay at the level they're at."

Edwards, at Roberts Real Estate, found the state-backed SONYMA mortgages have had "quite a bit of effect" in the lower-priced market. But people in higher income brackets don't change their home-buying habits that much, he said. His forecast for 1983 is an excellent market and possibly even a real estate shortage.



The mild winter weather — up until this week — has been conducive to horseback riding rather than skiing and ice skating. The *Spotlight* photographer caught this trio on Kenwood Ave. near Oakwood Rd. last week.

## Commissioners installed

The Elmwood Park (formerly North Bethlehem) Fire District will hold a meeting at the North Bethlehem Fire House at 307 Schoolhouse Rd., this Thursday to install five newly elected fire commissioners. George Miller (five-year term), Norman Kellerman Sr. (four years), William Cleveland (three years), Floyd VanZandt (two years), William James Jr. (one year) and Paul Koepfel, treasurer, will be installed.

## Tax tips at the library

There will be a free income tax program, "Tax Tips," at the Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Gordon D'Angelo,

district manager for H & R Block, will review 1982 and 1983 income tax changes and discuss various strategies to help the taxpayer save money. For information call the library at 439-9314.

## Career change focus

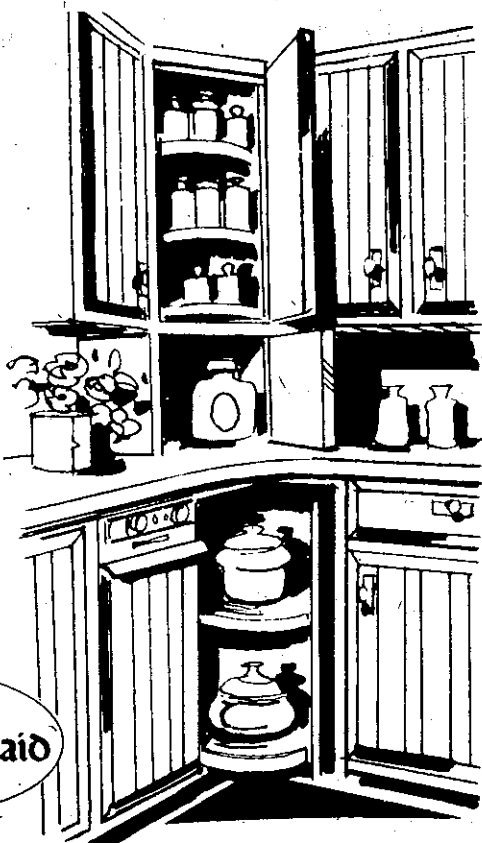
A free seminar on career-life decision-making will begin Tuesday, Jan. 11, and continue on consecutive Tuesdays through March 1 at the Bethlehem Public Library. The sessions will begin at 7 p.m. and are intended to help people considering a career change, or a return to the work force or school. To preregister before the Jan. 10 deadline, call the library at 439-9314.

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# A celebration of Albany's lowlife

By Vinny Reda

In order to explore a cosmos that connects the living with their dead, that invests the physically withering with soulful flourish, highly acclaimed local author William Kennedy took no shortcuts.

"I spent a lot of time sitting on a log on Madison Avenue, drinking muscatel and orange-soda," said Kennedy.

He sat even longer at a kitchen table in Albany's north end, as a boy, listening to tales of journeymen ballplayers, of slick about-townners, and of those he calls the "political wizards, fearless ethnics, spectacular aristocrats, splendid nobodies and underrated scoundrels" who comprised much of what thrived and thrives in Albany, New York — "an improbable city."

Yet it was his scholarly squats with those non-swells who settle for sweet wine and soda which probably had more direct influence on the fictional life of Francis Phelan; the hero of Kennedy's just released — and already much praised (*L.A. Times*, *Publishers Weekly*) novel, *Ironweed*.

This book, along with Kennedy's previous work *Billy Phelan's Greatest Game*, which explored the magic of the '1930's Albany night life through Francis's son, will be discussed by the author this Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Bethlehem Public Library.

"I've done a lot of thinking about hobos over the years. Back in the '50s as a young newspaperman on the *Times-Union* one of my first assignments was to go on a rescue mission, to a half-way house for bums. Usually these places were in churches, and they provided food and sometimes shelter for homeless men, and occasionally women. That was the beginning."

By the late '50's, Kennedy's journalistic view of life had turned into a literary vision, even though by that time he had become the managing editor and one of the founders of the *San Juan Star* in Puerto Rico. Amid interviews with Caribbean revolutionaries, he was creating characters of the Albany netherworld.

"I wrote a novel in the early '60s, *The Angels and the Sparrows*, based on the Francis Phelan character. It was pretty good — my first serious work. That's when I first met Saul Bellow, who read it and got me an agent and recommended me to a publisher. But nobody wanted to publish it; it was a big, downbeat book, focusing on a bum and his coming into a mission.

"When I came back in the '60's to the *T-U*, Bernie Kolenberg — a great photographer, killed in Vietnam — Bernie and I did a series of articles on bums. He took some great photos of bums and I talked to them. That's when I talked and drank with them on Madison Avenue, among other places.

"Out of that series came a book I called *The Lemon Weed*, a short non-fiction book. And I always wanted it to be published and to have Bernie's pictures in it. But it never got off the ground: nobody gave a damn.

"I turned it into a novella, even though it was still journalistic. But I added dialogue and scenes and moved



William Kennedy

things around, still called it *The Lemon Weed*, and circulated it to seven or eight publishers."

Still it was no go. "It was generally conceded to be of the wrong size and the wrong subject: bums. So I figured I had given it the best shot, and I put it away."

His first published novel was *The Ink Truck* in 1969, the fictionalized look at an earlier Albany decade's grizzly newspaper strike. In the 1970s came *Legs*, a mythic look at supreme Prohibition gangster Jack Diamond, and then *Billy Phelan's Greatest Game*, a fictional following of a two-bit gambler who finds himself involved in the kidnapping and rescue of the nephew of a make-believe Albany political boss in the late '30s (around the time Dan O'Connell's nephew was also kidnapped for real).

"The use of history is just exhilarating — it keeps you from falling asleep when you're writing about people. A lot of literature is without place and it's boring to me.

"But it's not these outside events that are really of interest to me in writing fiction. It's just so much psychic wallpaper. The only valuable thing about history or social movements is the way they can illuminate character, or offer an environment in which character can reveal itself.

"The kidnapping situation was one I wanted to use because it was a fascinating event in the history of this city. It also revealed that night life I had witnessed as a boy — the pool halls and the hoodlums and the night clubs. It seemed unique, so wide open, everybody gambling. I knew people who were a part of that life, and they loved it.

"Billy was one of those people, and I knew three or four Billies — but I knew one in particular and I was fascinated by him.

"And so it was essential to have a Phelan family, but the family itself wasn't something I was going to take on again — not then. But in *Billy* we also meet Francis, and I found him so rich in possibilities; that he could reveal the world where people drank and slept in weeds and barely survived, just as Billy revealed a world where people played."

Billy leaves Francis after getting the one-time ballplayer, scab-killer, family-deserter, bum-buster, drink addict out of jail, thinking it's the last time he'll see the old guy, even though he invites him home.

Francis is seen no more in *Billy*, but *Ironweed* shows, said Kennedy, that "Billy's invitation stays with him, because he's always really wanted to come home. That's the movement of the book, his movement to come home after talking with his dead son Gerald in the cemetery. It's also the movement through his whole history as an itinerant worker, a hobo."

There is fighting, wit, drink, deathless life and thriving death to be encountered all the more before Francis returns to the neighborhood. But those have been constants in all of Kennedy's novels. So too, will the family and friends of the Phelans, plus ancestors and descendants show up in Kennedy's continuing of his Albany cycle.

"I seem to see a greater coherence now in the material than I used to. I think that's reflected in the language and in the preceptions of the characters and what happens to them. There's some kind of overview of the way these lives intersect, and it creates a kind of story telling where you get several angles of vision of the same events.

"In this way I think you begin to understand just how fragmented the truth can be."

The reading and discussion will be sponsored by the library, the literature program of the state Council on the Arts, and by the Lincoln Hill Book Store. The Delmar Progress Club will sponsor a wine (not muscatel) and cheese get together with the author immediately following the talk.

## Clothes trace Cherry Hill history

"Not Just Another Pretty Dress," an exhibit of clothing and textiles from Historic Cherry Hill in Albany, will open Saturday at the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany.

A preview party is planned Friday for members of Historic Cherry Hill and the institute.

For the exhibit twenty-six mannequins will be dressed in clothing carefully kept by members of the Van Rensselaer family who inhabited the Georgian-style house on S. Pearl St. that was built in 1787 by Philip Van Rensselaer, the first supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem. Cherry Hill was in the township until it was annexed by the city of Albany in 1870.

Some 250 other objects from Cherry Hill also will be displayed, giving testimony to the lives of the Van Rensselaer, Elmendorf and Rankin families, who were relatives of the patron Van Rensselaers. The exhibit is being mounted at the institute because of space limitations at Cherry Hill.

Cornelia H. Frisbee Houde, project director and curator of clothing and textiles at Cherry Hill, began the research and planning for the exhibit several years ago. Consultants include Jane Nylander, a consultant and curator at Old Sturbridge Village, Mass.; Joanna Zangrando, Skidmore College professor, and Olof Jansson, of the institute. Funding came from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the state Council on the Arts, as well as from Historic Cherry Hill and the Albany Institute of History and Art. Other supporters include Key Bank.

### Steamship society meets

Members of the Hudson Valley Chapter of the Steamship Historical Society of America will meet Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. in the meeting room of the Key Bank, Delaware Ave., Delmar. Scheduled are an annual election and a presentation by vice chairman Kearney L. Jones of his trip to the Channel Islands in Scandinavia.

### Aerobics for men

The Albany Jewish Community Center will offer a 10-week aerobic exercise program for men only, beginning Jan. 5. The fee is \$18 for members, \$28 for non-members.

## Spotlight ON THE SERVICES



John McNamara

Roger Mielnik

Airman John P. McNamara Jr., son of John P. and Mary E. McNamara of 15 Burhans Place, Delmar, has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., after completing Air Force basic training.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the administration field. He is a 1981 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Airman Roger A. Mielnik, son of Mrs. E. Mielnik of 54 Murray Ave., Delmar, has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training.

He will now receive specialized instruction in the aircraft maintenance field.

Robert J. McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. McCormick of 56 Alden Ct., Delmar, has been appointed a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

McCormick is an aircraft inspector at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, with the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing.

His wife, Donna, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zeilman of 38 Asprien Rd. Glenmont. He is a 1978 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Kevin J. McKenna, son of John P. and Mary D. McKenna of Route 1, Voorheesville, has received a four-year Army ROTC Scholarship.

He was selected for the scholarship on the basis of comprehensive tests, high school scholastic achievement and extra curricular activities. The scholarship covers full tuition, textbooks and laboratory fees and pays a monthly subsistence allowance.

Upon graduation and completion of the ROTC program, the cadet will be commissioned as a second lieutenant. McKenna is a student at the University of Notre Dame, Ind. He is a 1982 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School.

Pvt. Brenda K. Miles, daughter of Jerry A. and Marilyn C. Miles of Voorheesville, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

She is a 1982 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Pvt. James D. Burnett, son of Rose Burnett of Rt. 3, Selkirk, has completed an Army food service specialist course at Fort Jackson, S.C.

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# VOORHEESVILLE NEWS NOTES

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



The New Year brings some new times to the Voorheesville Public Library. Starting Monday, Jan. 10, story hours for preschoolers will be held on Monday and Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Librarian Nancy Hutchinson feels that "story hours is a fun way to introduce young children to the fun of the world of books" and invites all preschoolers to come and enjoy a morning of old and new stories with her. She adds a wintertime reminder to all parents that if school is closed due to bad weather conditions that there will be no story hour that day.

Holiday parties and bills have been credited with sending blood pressures skyrocketing. To be on the safe side the Kiwanis suggests that it might be wise to add one more resolution to your list, that is to make a monthly visit to the free blood pressure clinic run by the service group at the Methodist Church on the second Tuesday of each month. This month's clinic will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

The holidays may be gone but those "party pounds" are here to stay! Anyone who has made a New Year's resolution to trim down and tone up may be interested in knowing that "Dancercise" classes will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 11. Designed to slim down and contour body lines, the classes consist of various dance exercises including aerobics, jazz and ballet, all done to contemporary music.

The classes will run from 7 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for 10 weeks and will be held at the Serendipity Day Care Center on Voorheesville Ave. Those interested may come on one or several evenings.

Anyone wishing to sign up or get more information may call instructors Jill DePasquale at 765-4973 or Pat Burnham at 765-4430.

Speaking of "exercise," good news for

all those arm-chair quarterbacks out there. A "Super Bowl Sunday" will be held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on Sunday, Jan. 30, starting at 3 p.m. For a donation of \$10 per person, any ardent football fan aged 19 and over may view the game on a 10-foot screen. Beer, soda and a buffet will also be provided. Attendance is limited to the first 150 people, with Jan. 15 being the last day to obtain tickets. Contact Joe Deeley at 765-2488.

Fran Arthur, director of secondary education classes at St. Matthew's Church, issues a reminder to all pupils in grades 7 to 12 that the second semester for religious education classes for junior and senior high school students will begin on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 9, 10 and 11. Classes will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 8:15 p.m.

Elementary school director Maryann Malark adds that religious education classes for grades 1 to 6 will begin the following week on Tuesday, Jan. 18, Wednesday, Jan. 19, and Saturday, Jan. 22.

A reminder of some of the important happenings at the high school this week. On Saturday, Jan. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m., Ellen Hunsinger, director of this year's PTSA variety show, will hold a sign up for all those interested in working on the "Vaudeville Revue" to be held on April 15 and 16. Performers, as well as behind the scenes workers, are needed.

On Monday, Jan. 10, a public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the district offices at Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School. The hearing, which precedes the monthly meeting of the board of education, will discuss raising the ceiling income of older property owners to qualify them for a tax break.

*In Voorheesville The Spotlight is sold at Voorheesville Pharmacy, Grand Union & Stewart's -*

## Salem Hills' Pat Arthur to run for village board

A Salem Hills resident who has publicly criticized the Voorheesville village board for its handling of the recent sewer rate negotiations has decided to run for a seat on the board.

Charles P. (Pat) Arthur, a controversial figure in a controversial issue, confirmed over the weekend that he plans to challenge two incumbents in the annual village election in March.

Arthur said "seven or eight" of his friends and neighbors had formed a committee to support his campaign for one of the two posts on the five-member board to be filled in the March balloting. He said that Kerry Meeker, an Albany banker living in the village, had agreed to serve as campaign treasurer.

Voorheesville trustees are elected for two-year terms, with two terms expiring April 1 of each year. Trustee Joseph L. (Larry) Dedrick has already told friends he will seek a second term, and Richard Langford, who successfully resisted a board effort to defeat him at the polls in 1980, is expected to run for a third term.

In the village election format, candidates are not required to file for a specific seat. The two candidates with the highest vote totals are elected, regardless of the number of candidates on the ballot.

Candidates must file petitions by Feb. 22, but not before Feb. 15.

Arthur was elected president of the Salem Hills Park Association last year, but resigned unexpectedly in November, several weeks after accusing the village board of mishandling the negotiations with the developer of the 278-unit single-family subdivision over monthly fees for the development's private sewer system. In charging that the board had not acted in the best interests of the residents, Arthur told Mayor Milton F. Bates and the trustees that the association would consider seceding from the village and seek the jurisdiction of the Town of New Scotland.

Arthur later denied that reaction to his statements had triggered his decision to resign from the association board, declaring that a recent promotion at the State University of New York at Albany required a travel schedule that left him no time for association business.

In a related development, officers of the association last week elected Olaf (Sonny) Hausgaard as interim president to succeed Arthur. Jeffrey Fox, association vice president, said that a replacement for Hausgaard as delegate-at-large would be made at the association's next regular meeting on Jan. 12, and that the person selected would also fill the vacancy on the association's board created by Arthur's resignation.

### New post office for Voorheesville

Voorheesville should have a new — and substantially larger — post office in time for the next Christmas season.

The U.S. Postal Service has announced it is taking bids on a new building, to be located somewhere in the village. The building would be constructed to Office specifications, and should take care of the Voorheesville office's space squeeze.

"It's very cramped in here, especially around Christmas," said Postmaster John Follos Monday of his "temporary" quarters at 22 South Main. The office moved down the street from 34 South Main two years ago to get more space, but a new building has been a long time coming.

In addition to the need for more working space and more parking, "we've been out of the large size and medium size boxes for quite a long time," Follos said.

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# Board posts are switched

New Scotland's roster of town officials remains virtually the same in 1983 with the exception of a switch involving the planning board and the zoning board of appeals.

When Lettie Pinney resigned from the town planning board last month, the town board appointed Mabel Brate, a member of the appeals board, to replace her. Robert Farrell, principal of the Voorheesville Elementary School, was appointed to fill the Brate vacancy on the appeals board.

The seven members of the planning board receive \$629.18 per annum, the five members of the appeals board \$401.81 each.

At its annual organization meeting on

## Fair to run seven days

Altamont Fair officials are gearing up for the first seven-day fair in a long time, having added a Sunday date. New officers, elected at the annual meeting in December, include Jean Cilberti of Altamont as vice president and Reid F. Northrup, also of Altamont, as secretary. Both also are directors.

Other new directors include Fred Hart of Altamont, Walter Miller and William Miller of Slingerlands, and Ernest Orsini and Betty Spadaro, both of Altamont.

## NEW SCOTLAND

New Year's Day, the town board cut the stipend for the town's civil defense director from \$950 to \$500 a year. William Cass of Voorheesville has been serving in the capacity, but the appointment, made annually by Albany County, has not been announced for 1983.

## Stolen cab

A Schenectady cab driver picking up a fare at the Selkirk rail yards Saturday evening found she'd been taken for a ride. When the cabbie, Gay Stanton, left her vehicle to look for her rider, someone took the cab. Bethlehem police found it about 300 yards away, parked under the Rt. 396 bridge, but minus \$105 that had been in the driver's purse.

## Speakers taken

A pair of speakers were taken from a car parked on Dykeman Rd., Delmar, Thursday night, according to Bethlehem police reports. The loss was set at \$50.

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We trust that you will continue to enjoy your favorite restaurants, and hope that on your next evening out, you will try one of the fine dining places advertised on this page.  
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# NEWS FROM SELKIRK AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM



Barbara Pickup 767-9225

Dr. Floyd Brewer, professor of Archaeology at Hudson Valley Community College, will be guest speaker at the Jan. 20 meeting of the Bethlehem Historical Association at 8 p.m. in the Cedar Hill School House Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk.

This past summer and fall, Dr. Brewer conducted a field work course in archaeology on the grounds of the Bethlehem House. Built between 1730 and 1736, the house is located off Rt. 144 in Cedar Hill. As a part of the course, his students who ranged from high school age to housewives with grown children, did research at local libraries and the county court house to find out about the people who lived at the site through the years. The classes spent over five weeks digging for artifacts. Hundreds of pieces of clay pipe and pottery were found as well as small tools and kitchen utensils.

Dr. Brewer will present a slide show of the work in progress and display some of the artifacts found. He will also discuss the significance of the find. The public is invited. Refreshments will follow the program.

On January 10 at 7:30 p.m., the newly formed Parents' Group will meet at the parsonage of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Meeting once a month, the program has been established to help parents with the difficulties related to raising children. Any interested adult is cordially invited to attend.

The Sno Ball presented by the Ladies of the B.P.O.E. No. 2233, Rt. 144,

Selkirk, promises to be a special kind of evening. One of the highlights of the winter season, the dance will be held Saturday, Jan. 22, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by the Townsmen. Free beer and snacks will be served during the evening, with hot sandwiches available after 11 p.m.

For tickets, contact Mary Jane Fliegel at 869-8278 or Alice Mae Ross at 756-2917.

The Selkirk 4-H, under the leadership of Edith Wagoner, have recently completed a course in basic photography. With Charles Le Gere as their instructor, 10 to 12-year-old girls were taught how to focus the camera, given instructions in judging distances and the use of lighting for special effects. The nine girls particularly enjoyed taking pictures of each other during the course.

## Underwrites 'House'

Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., which has a Fiberglas plant in Delmar, is underwriting a second season of "This Old House," the popular PBS how-to series on home renovation produced by WGBH-TV, Boston. The expanded 26-part series airs Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. on WMHT, Schenectady.

"This Old House" is a weekly half-hour program designed to take the mystery out of home renovation. This season, the series' fourth, finds host Bob Vila and master carpenter Norm Abram renovating an 1850s Greek Revival farmhouse in Arlington, MA, and turning it into an "idea house" for the '80's.

# Squad has new ambulance, but town status is delayed

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad has a new rescue vehicle, but is still waiting to see how it will be paid for — or how the squad itself will meet its expenses this year.

The problem is the complicated procedure of bringing the previously independent squad under control of the Town of Bethlehem, so that it can raise revenues through taxes. Because of delays in getting enabling legislation through the state Legislature last year the district was not able to get on the 1983 tax rolls; now it turns out that the state law is different than anybody involved in setting up the district expected. In effect, the ambulance service will be set up like a water or sewer district, rather than like a fire district, Supervisor Tom Corrigan said Friday.

Corrigan said he has asked Councilmen Scott Prothero and Robert Hendrick to work with the squad to find out exactly how it must be organized, and how the town can legally advance the squad enough money to make it through the year (the town would be repaid through future tax levies).

After that, the town board will have to hold a formal public hearing before establishing the new district.

In the meantime, the squad's new vehicle — a Wheel Coach on a Ford chassis — was put in service this week, and will begin rotating between the three Selkirk fire houses. Part of the \$47,000 cost was met by a recent fund drive, but the squad had to borrow money to buy the rescue vehicle, according to its president, Robert Harding.

"If we had paid for it all it would leave us broke," he explained. Once the squad is established as a town district, Harding said, the debt will be paid off and the town will get its money back the following year.



The new Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad rescue vehicle got a final going over last week by Dick Hummel, first assistant chief at Glenmont, and Hank Herchenroder, radio mechanic.


Spotlight

## Petrol station robbed

Two men, one of whom police think was armed with a knife or gun, held up the attendant at the Upstate Petrol station on Rt. 9W early Wednesday morning, running away with \$234.

Bloodhounds brought in from Rensselaer County found two hats about 300 yards away from the station, but lost the trail of the two men. Bethlehem police are continuing the investigation.

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# THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

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

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

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

**Bethlehem Youth Employment Service**, Bethlehem Town Hall, Mon.-Fri. 1-4:30 p.m. Call 439-2238.

**League of Women Voters**, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Susan Richmond, 439-5744.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, 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 smocking 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 Thursdays at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6**

**Elmwood Park Fire District** organizational meeting, North Bethlehem Fire House, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 7:30 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.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**

**Voorheesville PTSA Variety Show Signup**, Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School auditorium, 1-3 p.m.

**Steamship Historical Society** to hear about six-vessel trip to Channel Islands and Scandinavia, Key Bank community room, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 482-1873.

**Christmas Tree Recycling**, trees turned into mulch for use in gardens, at Garden Shoppes on Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, and 3699 Carman Rd., Guilderland. Information, 439-8169.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**

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

**Writer of the Month Series**, local novelist William Kennedy to read from "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**

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

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

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

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

**Voorheesville Public Hearing** on tax exemption for older property owners, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, 7:30 p.m. (immediately preceding Board of Education meeting).

**Selkirk Parents' Group**, meeting at 7:30 p.m. at First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

**Preschool Storyhour**, Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30.

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

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

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11**

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

**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.

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

**Delmar Progress Club** literature group to meet at Bethlehem Public Library community room, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9152.

**Free Blood Pressure Clinic**, United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 9-11 a.m., 7-9 p.m. No appointment necessary.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12**

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

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## 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, through Jan. 23, Tuesday through Saturday 8 p.m., Sundays 2:30 p.m. Reservations, Community Box Office or theater box office, 462-4534.

"The Good Old-Bad Old-Good Old Days" (entertainment, vaudeville style by Music Theatre North), Cohoes Music Hall, Jan. 13-23, Thursdays through Saturdays 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. Box office, 235-7969.

"Tintypes" (Patrice Munsel in musical review), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Jan. 16, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

**MUSIC**

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

Recital by cellist Douglas Moore and pianist Paula Ennis-Dwyer (Beethoven, Stravinsky and Rochberg), live broadcast from WMHT-FM studios, Schenectady, Jan. 9, 5 p.m.

Walt Michael and Company (traditional and original string band music), St. Mark's Community Center, Guilderland Center, Jan. 17, 8 p.m. Tickets from Boulevard Bookstore, Albany, Community Box Office and Old Songs (765-4193).

**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.

**ART**

"Not Just Another Pretty Dress: Two Centuries of Clothing and Textiles from the Van Rensselaer Family" (tracing social, economic and historical significance of the prominent Albany family who inhabited Historic Cherry Hill), Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Jan. 8 through April 10.

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

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

"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.

"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 Metropolitan Hall, Empire State Plaza.

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

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- "Elizabeth R" (part 1 of 6) Sunday, 4 p.m.
- Masterpiece Theatre: "The Good Soldier" Sunday, 9 p.m.
- "The Man Who Skied Down Everest" Tuesday, Jan. 11

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**Latter Day Sphinx**, a 1971 piece by Victor Colby, is one of more than 150 objects on display at the State Museum's current show, "Ancient Inspirations/Contemporary Interpretations."

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

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

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

**Second Milers**, Bethlehem retired men's group to hear talk on Easter Island, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, noon. Reservations, 439-2404.

**Free Income Tax Tips**, H&R Block representative to discuss tax strategies and tax law changes for 1983, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**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.

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

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

**Bethlehem Middle School Winter Concert**, Middle School auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Sign Language Workshop**, second of four sessions for children ages 7 to 11 to learn how to sign to the deaf, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m. Pre-registration, 439-9314.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14**

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15**

**Contra and Country Dancing**, United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 8:30 p.m.-midnight, \$3.50 admission. Information, Old Songs Inc., 765-4193.

**Christmas Tree Recycling**, trees mulched for use in gardens, at Garden Shoppes on Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, and 3699 Carman Rd., Guilderland. Information, 439-8169.

**Storyhours**, for children ages 3 to 5, 11 a.m.; for children over 6, 2 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, free.

**Snowshoe Workshop**, review of selection, maintenance and use of snowshoes, with hike if weather permits, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. \$2 fee. Registration before Jan. 12, 457-6092.

**Cross-Country Ski Workshop**, to review equipment selection and local ski sites, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Participants to provide own skis. Registration by Jan. 12, 457-6092.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**

**Sunday Afternoon at the Movies**, "Dodge City" starring Erroll Flynn, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17**

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

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

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18**

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

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

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

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

**Bethlehem Adult Book Discussion Group**, to review Isaac Bashevis Singer's "Shosha," Bethlehem Public Library at 7:30 p.m. Information 439-9314.

**AARP**, to hear Sue Ann Ritchko of Price Chopper discuss nutrition and consumer ideas, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19**

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

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

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

**Embroiderers' Guild**, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 966-5314.

**Delmar Progress Club**, antique study group to hear about steamboats on the Hudson, Bethlehem Public Library at 1 p.m.

# AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

## Events in Nearby Areas

**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.

**Home Aide Service Program**, "Home Health Care Services and How to Obtain Them," St. Vincent's Apts., Yates St., Albany, 7 p.m. Free.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 7**

**Christian Singles Covered-dish Supper**, Loudonville Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 869-8088; 797-3740.

**Natural Family Planning Course** for nursing mothers and couples having difficulty conceiving, St. Peter's Hospital, Room 3513, 8 p.m.

**Notre Dame Club Holiday Dinner**, for alumni, students, families and friends, Italian-American Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 6:30 p.m. \$9.50 reservations, 459-4857.

**Recreation Vehicle and Boat Show**, Siena College alumni recreation center, Loudonville, 1-10 p.m.

**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.

**Recreation Vehicle and Boat Show**, Siena College alumni recreation center, Loudonville, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

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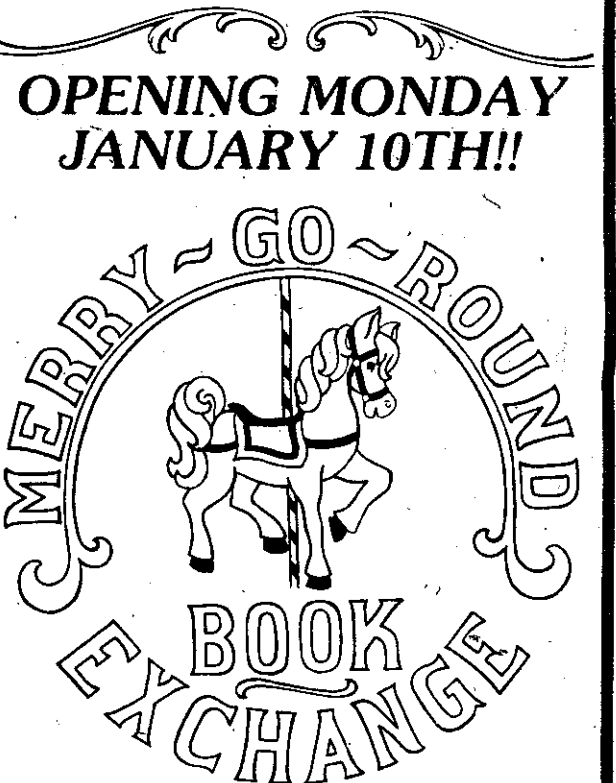
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I had occasion recently to visit the Soviet Union, where I met with many families eager to enhance their Jewish lives. I encountered Hebrew classes, drama groups, study sessions, all aimed at helping Soviet Jews recover their heritage after years of suppression and deprivation. When I asked whether this was similar to the upsurge of Christian church attendance which I had heard about, I received one particularly interesting reply: "Many of those attending services go not out of the love of God, but out of the fear of hell."

Love and fear — two contrasting motivations which are not, however, confined to the Soviet Union. How many religious broadcasts prey upon people's fears, fear of punishment, fear of death, of hell! How many people turn to religion out of their guilt, afraid of the consequences of their wrong-doing. How sad.

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Fear is as harmful a motive in our relationship with God as it is in family relationships. Imagine living in a home where the wife lives in terror of her husband's temper, where the husband is forever afraid of his wife's tongue. We are learning that an abused child can be one who has been emotionally assaulted, as well as physically hurt.

Over the years I have become convinced that religion based on fear can

produce abused followers similarly, as worshippers are spiritually and emotionally assaulted and terrorized. This would be bad enough if it only inflicted scars on their own souls. Yet just as the abused child too often grows into an abusing adult, so too with those who follow faiths of fear. Having themselves experienced spiritual terror, they then go forth to subject others to the same assault, either within the church or in the outer world.

Consider all those causes which seek to squelch others for their own good, while citing the highest motives. Consider all those crusades in which banners are unfurled bearing noble slogans, and which conclude with compliance through force and fear alone.

The prime example of this in our own time is the Soviet Union itself. As recently depicted in the movie "Reds," the Communist revolution was proclaimed in the names of the highest ideals — justice, equality, freedom from oppression. Yet it quickly emerged that its leaders were motivated not by the love of freedom, but out of the hatred of their former oppressors.

Fear became the basic weapon of the revolution, and so it continues today. I saw many more police on the streets of Moscow and Leningrad than you see in American cities, yet the Soviets boast of their low crime rate. Their very presence is a prime symbol of a state rooted in fear and intimidation.

Many of the Russian Jews I met had parents who had been convinced by the revolutionary slogans. Again and again I was told of parents who had served the Soviet state loyally, only to be swept away in purges where Jews were especial-

ly victimized. As the children of "traitors," their sons and daughters grew up in fear, vainly hoping that they could erase this stigma by their contribution to Soviet society. Now many tens of thousands see this as hopeless, and have decided to cease living a life rooted in fear.

They are turning to their ancient Jewish heritage not out of fear, but out of love. They seek to be reunited with their people out of love. And despite the immense handicap of growing up in an atheist society, many are finding their way back to God out of love.

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Which is as it should be. At the heart of the Jewish service is the declaration, "Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" This passage from the Torah continues, "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might." It is preceded by the blessing, "We praise you Lord, who loves his people Israel."

The lives of the Jews I met in the Soviet Union are being revived through love, not fear. Our own spiritual and emotional lives in this blessed land of freedom must also be rooted in love, not fear. This precious truth is one of the souvenirs I brought back from my ten thousand mile journey to Russia.

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Town of Bethlehem residents who head for the sunny South when the North gets cold are invited to the 15th annual Delmar Day in Sarasota, Fla., planned for March 7.

The reunion will be in the Recreation Hall of the Sarasota Mobile Home Park, 2100 E. Laurel St., Sarasota, with everyone bringing a picnic lunch at 11:30 a.m. A performance by the exhibition team of the Sarasota County Cloggers is planned, along with cake and coffee and a sing-along of such old favorites as "Give our regards to Delmar/Remember us to old Elsmere . . ."

Organizer Betty J. Roth said 100 or more persons have attended each of the past reunions, and all transplanted or vacationing residents of the Town of Bethlehem are invited. For details contact Mrs. Roth at 3075 Riviera Dr., Sarasota 33582.

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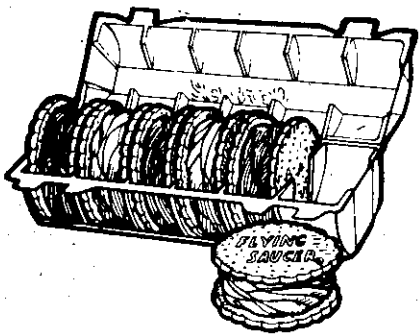
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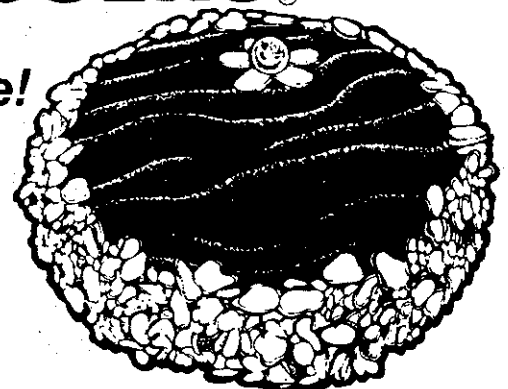
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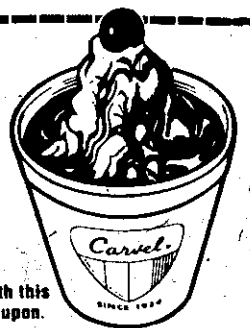
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# A conversation with the boys

"Happy New Year" rang out in style in our house this year. We have been very fortunate to connect with some wonderful people, young and old, parents and children, and they came to our home to share the turning of the year. Each has his or her own way of thinking about this world we all live in, but at the hour of the countdown to "Auld Lang Syne," the thirty or so of us were as one, happily crammed in front of the television with our funny little hats and unmusical noise-makers preparing for the onslaught of the falling ball over Times Square. At zero hour we unleashed our shouts and songs and hugs and handshakes, and welcomed the next annual episode of human history as a unified group of well-meaning friends who hope for better times.

Some of the young friends spent the night with our sons and eased into the first day of 1983 slowly rolling out of randomly flung sleeping bags to munch on leftover goodies from the night before.

As we sat around talking, watching TV and playing video games, I suddenly realized that this week's column begged my attention. As usual, I hadn't a clue what to write. As I approached the typewriter with customary hesitancy, I stopped and asked the boys if they would help me out by talking about some of their views on the world, ideas about the future. After I promised them anonymity they agreed, and I quickly devised a list of questions and began the conversation.

Being creative sorts the boys welcomed each topic as an opportunity to display their wit and mirth. Beyond the silliness, however, some sincere and serious thought came out, which I will share with you now. Bear in mind that the eight boys with whom I spoke may not be representative of all youth, but because they are vital members of their particular peer groups, hard workers at what they do, and part of the adolescent mainstream, their views are fair barometers of where our children think they are going and why.

## Why is rock music so popular?

"It's fun, entertaining." "It lets you get into fantasy." "It gives you a way to get rid of a lot of energy." One aspiring young musician exclaimed, "It's one way to get rich and famous. It's a real way to capture the American Dream." Another spontaneous remark that made everyone laugh, but had a note of truth was, "It bothers adults."

What do you think about recreational use of drugs and alcohol?

## Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



The initial comments were of the flag-waving variety. "If we are old enough to get shot at in the Army, then we are old enough to drink." "The drinking age should be lowered." The discussion that followed, however, revealed more considered opinions. "Doing drugs or drinking is really an individual decision." "Some drugs and alcohol aren't really dangerous if you use moderation." "Drugs like heroin and acid are really too dangerous to try even once, but drugs like pot and some downs (tranquilizers and depressants) can be done without hurting yourself, just so long as you don't overdo it."

## Do you think our country should be the strongest military power in the world?

One boy immediately answered "Yes." The rest hung back in thought and then offered, "I think we should emphasize defense, not offense." "I don't think we have to be Number One, just strong enough to defend ourselves." "It really doesn't matter how many times blow up the world or how many times Russia can." "We should keep up with technology in order to defend ourselves." One boy tried to emphasize the quality of life over the defense of it: "I think we should concentrate on making things fit for living so that life is worthwhile." I suppose his thought is that if life in this country isn't so good, then what are we defending? With that in mind, I asked the next question.

## Is our society becoming decadent and in danger of decline like the Roman empire?

The disturbing conclusion was "Yes, and if not in the immediate future, then soon after." I asked what the signs of decline were. They replied, "Our education is falling way below the Russians and Japanese and other countries. The U.S. doesn't look like the 'Good Guy' any more, especially after Viet Nam. Violent crimes are increasing."

## What must people do to help the human race survive and progress?

"Be yourself and don't put up a front." "Don't be violent." "Learn how to take

more responsibility for yourself." "Lighten up and have fun. If there were more clowns, we'd all be a lot happier."

## What turns you off some adults?

One boy said, "When they act like snobs or bigots." Another added, "When they try to act like us by using our lingo. It's phony." The unanimous opinion came through loud and clear: "When they try to impose their views and ideas on us. Just because they're older and have been around longer, they think they're smarter. It just isn't true all the time."

## What things in school help you most to prepare for your future?

The first reaction to this was "Having friends and learning to adapt to all kinds of people." A twist on that thought was "Learning how to stand up to teachers and other adults." As far as academic content is concerned, the view was "About a quarter of the subject matter is worthwhile." "It seems like every teacher tries to prepare you for a career in their subject, whether you're interested or not." "English and Social Studies are the best subjects. They're more relevant than the rest." One thought-provoking comment echoed by a few of the boys was "School helps you prepare for drudgery in adult life by forcing you to do the undesirable tasks over and over, things you'll probably never do again except in school."

## What famous person represents ideas you think should influence the world?

"Alan Alda. Jacques Cousteau. John Belushi. Lech Walesa. Stephen Spielberg. Jesus Christ. Buddy Rich. John Lennon."

I leave you with their thoughts, and yours.

## Christmas tree recycling

The Garden Shoppe, Inc., Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, and 3699 Carman Rd., Guilderland, will be recycling Christmas trees into mulch this Saturday, Jan. 8, and next Saturday, free of charge. Participants are asked to bring their own containers for the mulch.

The community Christmas tree recycling program is conducted in association with the towns of Bethlehem and Guilderland. Free coffee will be served.

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



Robert R. Windelspecht

## Promoted by bank

Robert R. Windelspecht of Delmar has been elected a vice president and deputy controller in the accounting department of Key Banks Inc. He has been employed by Ernst and Whinney since his graduation from Siera College. As a certified public accountant, Windelspecht is active in professional organizations. He is married and has one daughter.

## Keith Carr promoted

Keith M. Carr, a 1969 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has been appointed systems manager for mini-computer services for the National Park Service in Washington, D.C.

His office provides computer services for the White House social office and visitors' office, and is developing information systems for Park Service programs such as the National Register of Historic Places and the Historic American Buildings Survey.

Carr, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carr of Delmar, received the Parks Service's Special Achievement Award for his work in computerizing the budget-planning process. He holds a bachelor's degree in geography from the State University at Albany and a master's degree from the University of Oregon. He and his wife, Susan, reside in McLean, Va.

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# Eagles, Blackbirds both come out winners

By Nat Boynton

Bethlehem and Voorheesville basketball teams went on the road this week in their respective leagues, each the beneficiary of their momentous collision in the finals of the Helderberg Holiday Classic.

Coach Chuck Abba took his undefeated Blackbirds to Cohoes Tuesday for what may turn out to be a key matchup in the Colonial Council race, while Gary Przybylo and his Eagles faced a rugged test at Burnt Hills. On Friday Voorheesville will be at home against a good Mechanicville team while BC takes to the pavement again for a game at Columbia.

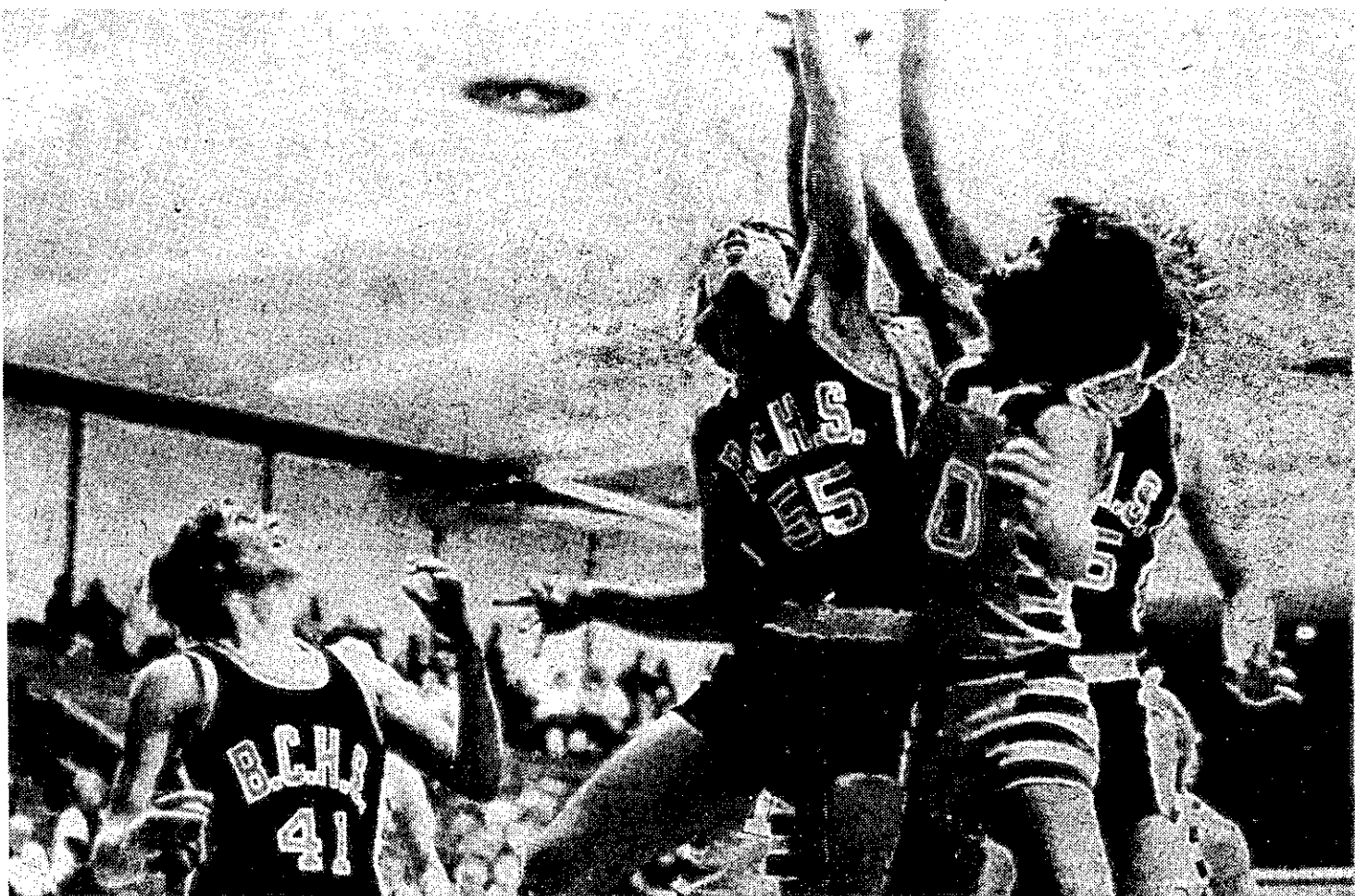
Both coaches were enthusiastic about the two-night tournament on Bethlehem's floor that produced a first-class crowd pleaser in Voorheesville's 48-45 victory over the host team in the Wednesday final.

For Abba, the highlight was the Blackbirds' precision thumping of a taller Guilderland team on opening night. For Przybylo the strong rally that almost caught up with Voorheesville in the second half of the championship game represented a turning point in the season that stamps the Eagles as a maturing team that could be a spoiler in the Suburban Council race.

Voorheesville, buoyed by Tuesday's 61-42 rout of neighboring rival Guilderland, took command of the Eagles in a slow first period, moved to a nine-point lead at halftime, and looked like an easy winner. But Bethlehem chipped away at the lead and almost pulled it out in the final two minutes.

It was a different BC team at the finish. Said Przybylo: "I was pleased with our kids. They played well against a very good team. This game meant a lot to them. They stuck with the game plan — be patient, work the ball inside to get (Mike) Lewis in foul trouble. They were behind 11 points, and they stayed patient. They did a good job. They're starting to believe in themselves."

Lewis, Voorheesville's 6-3 senior scoring machine and the tournament's outstanding player, picked up his fourth foul early in the third period and sat out for nearly seven minutes. With Lewis on



There was plenty of action under the boards in the Helderberg Holiday Classic championship final. Here Voorheesville's 5-foot-10 point guard, Dick Lennon (10), tangles with three Bethlehem 6-footers, Mark Gibbons (55) and Jim Dering as Ed Radzynski (41) moves on the play. On the cover: Voorheesville opponents often thought that Blackbird star Mike

Lewis (14) had four hands, but two of them in this photo belong to an unidentified player hidden from the camera. No. 25 is BC's Dering. Voorheesville's Chris Hogan (12) and Ray Connelly (44) back up the play. Lewis scored 53 points as the Blackbirds swept the tournament.

R. H. Davis

the bench, BC trimmed the deficit from 11 to six points with 4:20 remaining in the third, and matched the polished Blackbirds basket for basket. The period ended at 39-33.

With Lewis on the bench, the Blackbirds played cautiously, striving for ball control against BC's superior height. The Eagles got within four points two minutes into the final as the Blackbirds missed three shots from close range, but Lewis came back to mesh a free throw and John Zongrone banked in a layup on a rebound and it was back to a 7-point spread. Bethlehem went into a press with

3:30 left and the score 44-39, but Zongrone hit again.

Dick Lennon, Voorheesville's slick floor general, dribbled away a full minute, but when Mark Gibbons meshed a Kareem hook for BC, it was 46-43 with 1:17 on the clock. Again Lennon and Jim Meacham killed precious seconds until the Eagles intentionally fouled Lewis with 13 seconds to go. Lewis netted only one of the 1-and-1, and down court Gibbons pushed in a follow shot to make it 47-45 with four seconds remaining.

Again the Eagles fouled to get possession. Abba stationed everybody but the foul shooter in the back court to prevent the fast break. The Eagles, getting the ball for the last time, rushed to beat the clock, only to be thwarted by a travelling violation.

The turmoil of the closing seconds failed to ruffle the respect of the teams for each other. There was never a whimper at a call, and after the game the rival coaches had warm praise for the other's team.

Said Przybylo: "They (Voorheesville) played a beautiful game. When Lewis went out, we almost tied it, but they didn't lose their poise. They held the ball for almost two minutes and got a layup. That killed us."

Said Abba: "Bethlehem played a really fine game. They really came after us defensively. They were well prepared. They executed their game plan perfectly. They never quit."

With Voorheesville an obvious contender for the Class C Sectional crown this year, Przybylo said he would offer Abba the spacious Bethlehem floor in March to prepare for the post-season skirmishing. "We'll also scrimmage him if he thinks that would help," the BC coach added.

Abba felt the narrow escape in the Delmar final was a valuable lesson. The Blackbirds, an experienced team with four holdover starters, were perhaps too cautious in the second half. They also had a cold spell in the early stages of the first period, missing their first six shots from

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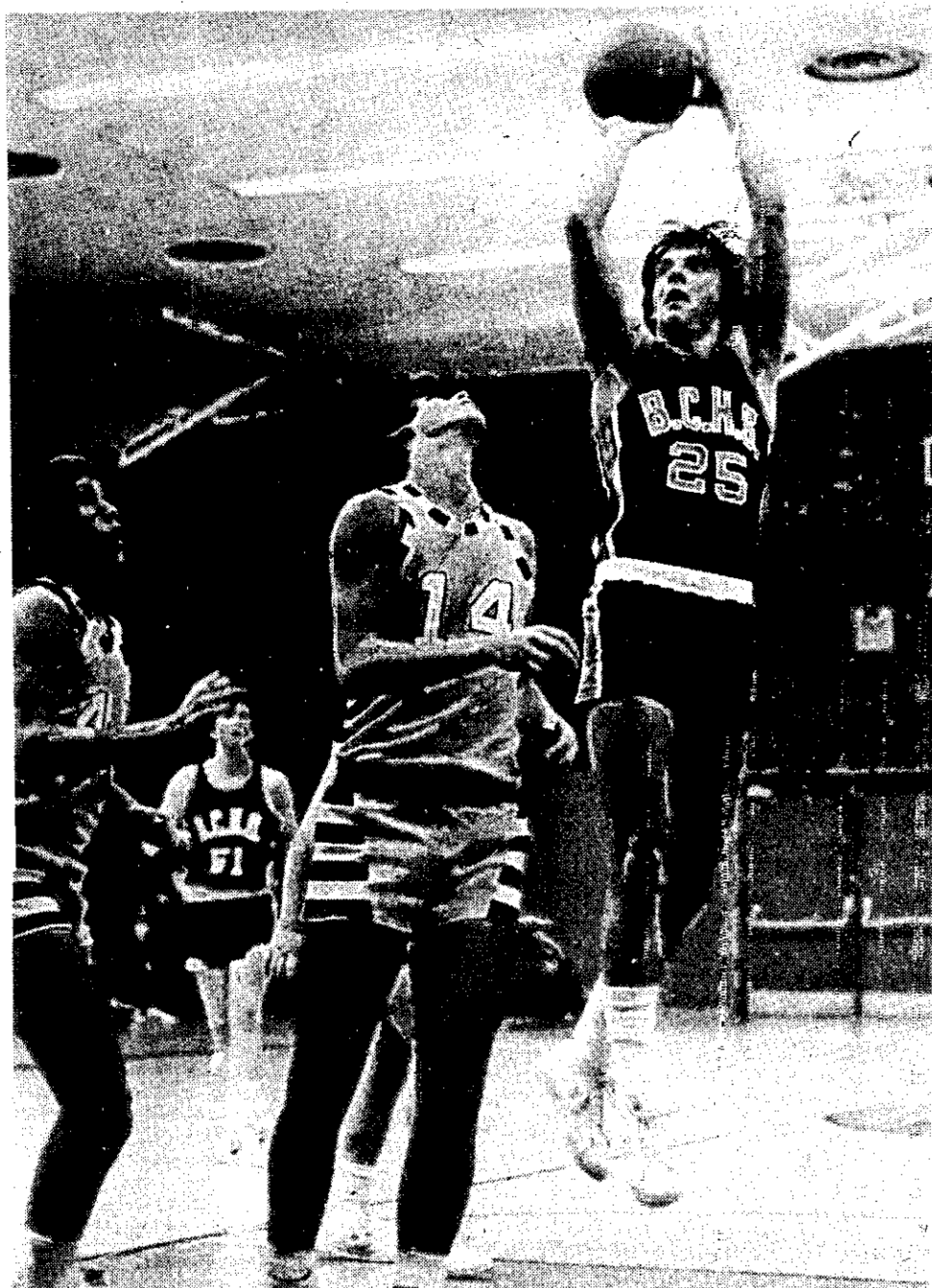
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Voorheesville's Mike Lewis (14) and Ray Connelly (44) arrived too late to stop Jim Dering (25) of Bethlehem from pushing in a short jumper in the Helderberg tourney final in Delmar. *R.H. Davis*

outside, shots they usually hit with regularity. On average, they might have been ahead by 25 points late in the second period instead of only 27-16.

"There was definitely a letdown," Abba remarked in the post-mortem. "We had geared ourselves mentally to Guilderland, which we figured would be the outstanding team in the tournament, 3-2 record and a win over Burnt Hills. Bethlehem had an easier game the first night, and were playing the final on their home floor."

Against Guilderland the Blackbirds clicked on all cylinders. Lewis was unstoppable, playing his best game of the last two seasons and pumping in 33 points. He added 20 against Bethlehem, but the going was tougher, eight came from the charity stripe. The Blackbirds were outscored from the field by 20-17, but they handled the ball and themselves so efficiently they were charged with only two fouls in the first 16 minutes.

Guilderland finished third in the tourney with a 67-57 win over Berne-Knox-Westerlo in the consolation final.

Bethlehem had beaten the Hilltoppers by 59-50 the first night.

Voorheesville's sweep gave the Blackbirds three straight over the larger schools in the Suburban Council. They upset Guilderland in the same tourney a year ago at Guilderland.

Lewis was a unanimous choice for the tournament's MVP. Named to the honorary all-star team were Gibbons and Howard Thompson of BC, Lennon of Voorheesville, Rod Willingham of Guilderland and Todd Slingerland of BKW.

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# Ravena hopes for easier going

Ravena basketball coach Tim Tucker is confident his struggling Indians can pick up ground against the weaker teams in the Colonial Council and get back in the race in the next two weeks.

After last night's (Tuesday) scheduled game at Mechanicville, the Indians will have finished their business with the serious contenders for the first round, and can fatten up on their less fortunate brethren, starting with a home game against Lansingburgh Friday.

Tucker remained high on his team's prospects despite two setbacks in the

holiday tournament at Gloversville. The Indians had a good first half both-nights, staying within 10 points of two superior teams, Gloversville the first night and Sachem, a tall Long Island team, the second night.

"They just wore us down," he said. "We played well, but we couldn't sustain the pace. Sachem had two 6-6 guys and one 6-10."

Tucker was elated with the emergence of De Bowie, the beanpole sophomore, as a scorer and rebounder, and Mike Kerrigan, the point guard, as a playmaker in the holiday scuffles. Bowie had 16 points against Gloversville and 10 against Sachem, and rebounded well, giving Ravena a solidly improved inside game, so needed in the dearth of outside shooters. Kerrigan for the first time this season took charge of the attack from the back court and gave the Indians the cohesiveness they hadn't showed in the earlier games.

## STAR BOWLERS

Bowling honors for the week of Dec. 26 at Del Lanes, Delmar went to:

- Men - Fred Oliver, Jr. 257-939, Tom Keyes 633.
- Women - Julie Moak 220, Jean Kaser 597.

## On college varsity

Molly Treadway, 14, East Fernbank Ave., Delmar, was a member of the Hamilton College women's tennis team, which concluded its 1982 season with an 8-3 record. The eight wins tied a Hamilton record for most victories in a single season, and included three shutout triumphs. Treadway, a sophomore, and doubles partner Christine Ayotte combined for a 7-3 record, and were among six team members selected to compete at the New York State Division III Championships. She was a member of the Bethlehem Central girls varsity that won the Suburban Council and Section 2 championships.

## Wins tennis playoff

Doug Pratt of Delmar teamed with Pat DeMuric of Albany to win first-place honors in the Southwood Tennis Club's men's doubles league playoffs last month. Pratt and DeMuric edged Bob Fraser and Ira Bloom of Delmar in a tiebreaker in the finals. Winter league sessions will get underway at Southwood on Jan. 9.

## On Cornell team

Dave Ruslander, a 1980 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is a member of the Cornell University wrestling team. Ruslander, a junior, wrestles in the 142-pound weight class. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Ruslander, 64 Kenaware Ave., Delmar.

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## Good decisions take time

Editor, The Spotlight:

This statement is my own personal opinion only. It may not necessarily represent the views of this board and should not be taken as a statement by the trustees.

For the past few months, several accusations have been made that the board has not always been working in the best interests of the people of this community. More specifically, some of us have been accused of not speaking up, taking a stand, and supporting the needs of our constituents.

Good decisions are rarely made fast and on-the-spot in public meetings. They are made carefully, thoughtfully, and with the best interests of the village in mind rather than for the sake of good public appearance. My stands on issues are made only after I consult those with training and experience and reliable information to help me form my opinions.

With respect to the sewer issue in particular, I am confident that I have met my responsibilities to carefully consider these questions. The sewer rate case is a complicated matter and I will not pretend to be an expert. Instead, I have relied upon those who are . . . lawyers, accountants, engineers and others with experience and knowledge in these matters.

When the issues become heated and the tensions build, we seem to find ourselves with all kinds of instant, self-made,

overnight experts . . . many of them appearing at these meetings. I am not and I will not be one of them.

In the many years that I have served this community as chief of the Fire Department and later as village trustee, I have always done my best to serve the needs of my community as I honestly see them. I do not now intend to let myself be turned away from my best judgement and threatened by any individual or group of individuals simply because they think my integrity requires that I agree with their point of view.

Joseph L. Dedrick

Voorheesville

Joseph Dedrick is a Voorheesville village trustee. His term expires in March.

## Emission Control

Editor, The Spotlight:

I recently called attention (your Dec. 1 issue) to the "natural downdraft" of windage that is a part of the Albany bowl, all with relation to the pollution of the area adjacent to the ANSWERS plant on Sheridan Ave. With your cooperation I wish again to call attention to the "natural downdraft" which also is manifest and effective as a problem in the Niagara Mohawk power house area and is a basic reason for high chimneys and stacks.

I think this to be a very serious matter in the design and makeup of that proposed expansion of the present power house. I am confident that NiMo is fully aware of the problem from many years' operations in the area as well as the fact that the higher the stack for emissions, the larger the area in all directions that is subject to contamination, especially to other states, and very similar to the present acid rain problem from western states now a problem, and vital, to our rivers, lakes and land.

As to Town of Bethlehem involvement,

which is a matter clear to me, consideration should be within the agenda as a problem of the state and federal government. Federal approach to thinking on coal, oil, gas and also nuclear energies is tied to political compulsion, persuasion and hard-to-evaluate control. Bethlehem, I believe, should not become involved in the issue, but provide full understanding and access to the problem to citizens. Opportunity is there for the town to suggest and be cognizant of the end results as it affects the entire town.

The clear fact that NiMo plans provide for future "scrubbers" if needed. But later cost would be excessive. It would appear to me that the solution is not one to attempt the reduction of SO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>, but elimination of those problems in favor of other methods — use of fuel, particularly solid waste and methanol which has been researched and developed by the experts at MIT and Lincoln Laboratory, all in cooperation with the federal government.

As to some questions on deposit of ash in landmass and heavy truck traffic interference, it should be remembered that slurry thru pipes is effective. This is not a new process but an actuality used many times to transport and settle by use of water.

NiMo is well able to solve these problems, with help and not argument, while at the same time producing fuel for usage and environmental development of trash from the local area, if local control of sewage and other pollutants are made a part of our lifestyle in our area.

The basics in the suggestion for NiMo to cooperate in the solid waste program with the local town governments, by addition of the plant facilities necessary for such a program, is to eliminate as far as possible SO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> because they are the one facility capable financially and necessary as a vital part of our area. Further, NiMo has the capability of usage of huge amounts of all types of fuel if equipped with solid waste plant addition to the existing power plant.

I suggest that all concerned remember and "think natural downdraft" which man cannot control or change. Hence, plan the plant. This is presented as a citizen effort to provide modern, positive and reliable information and thinking

where we cannot abuse Nature.

Nathaniel W. Blanchard

Delmar

## To set farm land values

The state Division of Equalization and Assessment has proposed lower agricultural land values that will affect about 75 percent of all lands receiving agricultural tax exemptions. The program, now entering its third year, provides exemption from property taxes for eligible farm land to the extent that the normally assessed value exceeds the agricultural assessed value. Application for the special assessment must be made annually to the local assessor.

A hearing on the proposed new values is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, in Meeting Room 1, Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Interested persons unable to attend the hearing may mail statements to the hearing officer, Nancy Swanson, state Division of Equalization and Assessment, Empire State Plaza, Albany 12223. Eight other hearings are scheduled in January and February throughout the state.

A schedule of the proposed values may be obtained from the agency.

## Library 'extravaganza'

The Bethlehem Public Library has scheduled a "storytelling extravaganza" for children of all ages on Saturday, Jan. 15. A preschool story hour for children ages 3 to 5 will begin at 11 a.m., and stories for school-age youngsters will be narrated at 2 p.m.

## BIRTHS

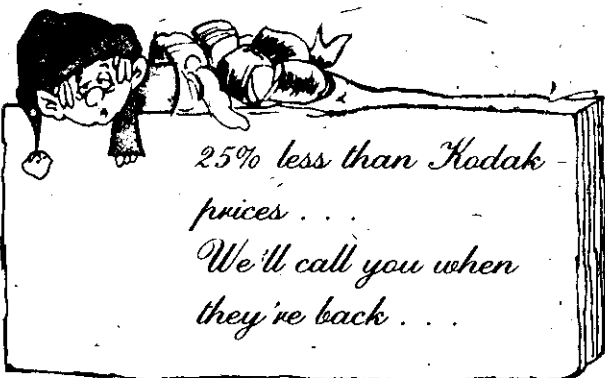


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Boy, Brian James, to Mr. and Mrs. James Huebner, Glenmont, Nov. 27.

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# Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

Jan. 2, 1958

Robert H. Rice, president of the Tri-Village Little League, has announced an area-wide bottle collection campaign to raise funds for the 1958 youth baseball program. Fathers and boys from each of the 18 teams will contact each home in the area for deposit bottles of all kinds, to be refunded to cover costs of refurbishing Magee Park this season.

Jan. 3, 1963

Edgar L. Potter, 23 Sunset Dr., Delmar, a town councilman for the past 14 years, has been appointed chairman of the Bethlehem Board of Assessors, succeeding Harry Swartout, who has retired. Charles H. Redmond, 45 Louise St., has been appointed to the Bethlehem Planning Board for a seven-year term. He succeeds Harold Williams of South Bethlehem, whose term has expired and who has been appointed to the town board to succeed Mr. Potter.

Winners in the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lighting Contest are: residential, Robert S. Kuhn, 43 Douglas Rd., first; Joseph S. McKean, 16 Kenaware Ave., second, and Henry E. Kalter, Rt. 32, Glenmont, third; business — Clayton B. LeGallez, Slingerlands, first; Delmar Pharmacy, second; Mullen's Pharmacy, third.

Jan. 4, 1973

CBA won the R-C-S Gold Medal holiday basketball tournament by defeating the host team, 67-52. In the first round CBA defeated Glens Falls and R-C-S won over Ichabod Crane.

Jan. 5, 1978

The towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland have held the line on property taxes for 1978, but the Albany County bite is deep, up 33.3 percent in Bethlehem and 23.7 percent in New Scotland.

The resignation of Town Justice Donald DeAngelis a week before the New Year has caused a reshuffling of appointments in the Town of Bethlehem as the Corrigan administration prepared to take office Jan. 1. The town board appointed Town Attorney Harry B. Rezzemini to replace DeAngelis on the town bench, and named Bernard Kaplowitz town attorney.

Voorheesville's basketball Blackbirds remained undefeated after winning their own holiday tournament by overwhelming Chatham and Ballston Spa on consecutive nights.

## Gray promoted

William J. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gray, 21 Heather Ln., Delmar, was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in the Norwich University Corps of Cadets for the current academic year. He is a senior.



Mr. and Mrs. Sean O'Connor

## Barbara Yungman married

Barbara Jean Yungman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yungman of Delmar, was married Oct. 23 to Sean Patrick O'Connor of Mattapoisett, Mass. The ceremony took place in St. Anthony Church, East Falmouth, Mass. Attendants were Susan Kelleher of Troy, the bride's sister, and Timothy O'Connor, the bridegroom's brother.

The bride, a graduate of Cornell University, is employed at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. The bridegroom attended Providence College and is employed by the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority. The couple will reside in East Falmouth.

## Family swim starts

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department's recreational swim program will begin Sunday, Jan. 9 and continue through April 10 at the Bethlehem Middle School pool.

Residents of the town and school district are invited to participate. The program features "family swims" between 1 and 4 p.m. every Sunday. Fees are \$1 per adult per swim and 50 cents for children 8-13. Children under 8 can swim free when accompanied by an adult.

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Mrs. Ronald A. Cross

## Couple wed in Selkirk

Dawn E. Drobner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Drobner of Selkirk, was married Nov. 13 to Ronald A. Cross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Cross, Jr., also of Selkirk. The ceremony took place in the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Selkirk.

Maid of honor was Dorothy Thomas, and bridesmaids were Candi Drobner, Tracie Roberts and Joanne Fiato. John Cross was the best man, and ushers were

Kenny Drobner, Steve Drobner and Keith Lezatte. The couple are graduates of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. They will reside in Selkirk.

## Wedding under sail

Mary Alice Harmon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Millard Harmon of Delmar, was married Dec. 12 to William Wallace Howe III, son of Dr. and Mrs. William W. Howe Jr. of Pittsford, N.Y.

The wedding and reception took place aboard the schooner Harvey Gamage under full press of sail in Pillsbury Sound, U.S. Virgin Islands. Rev. Dennis Bellew, president of the Blue Water Bible College, St. Thomas, officiated at the ceremony. The bride was attended by her sisters, Ann Harmon of Chapel Hill, N.C., as maid of honor; and Jane Harmon of Delmar. The best man was Captain David Billings of St. Thomas.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stout, and has a master's degree from the University of North Carolina. She teaches hearing impaired children in the St. Thomas public schools.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Denison University, and is captain of the yacht *True Love* of St. Thomas.

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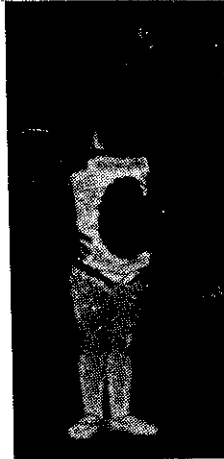
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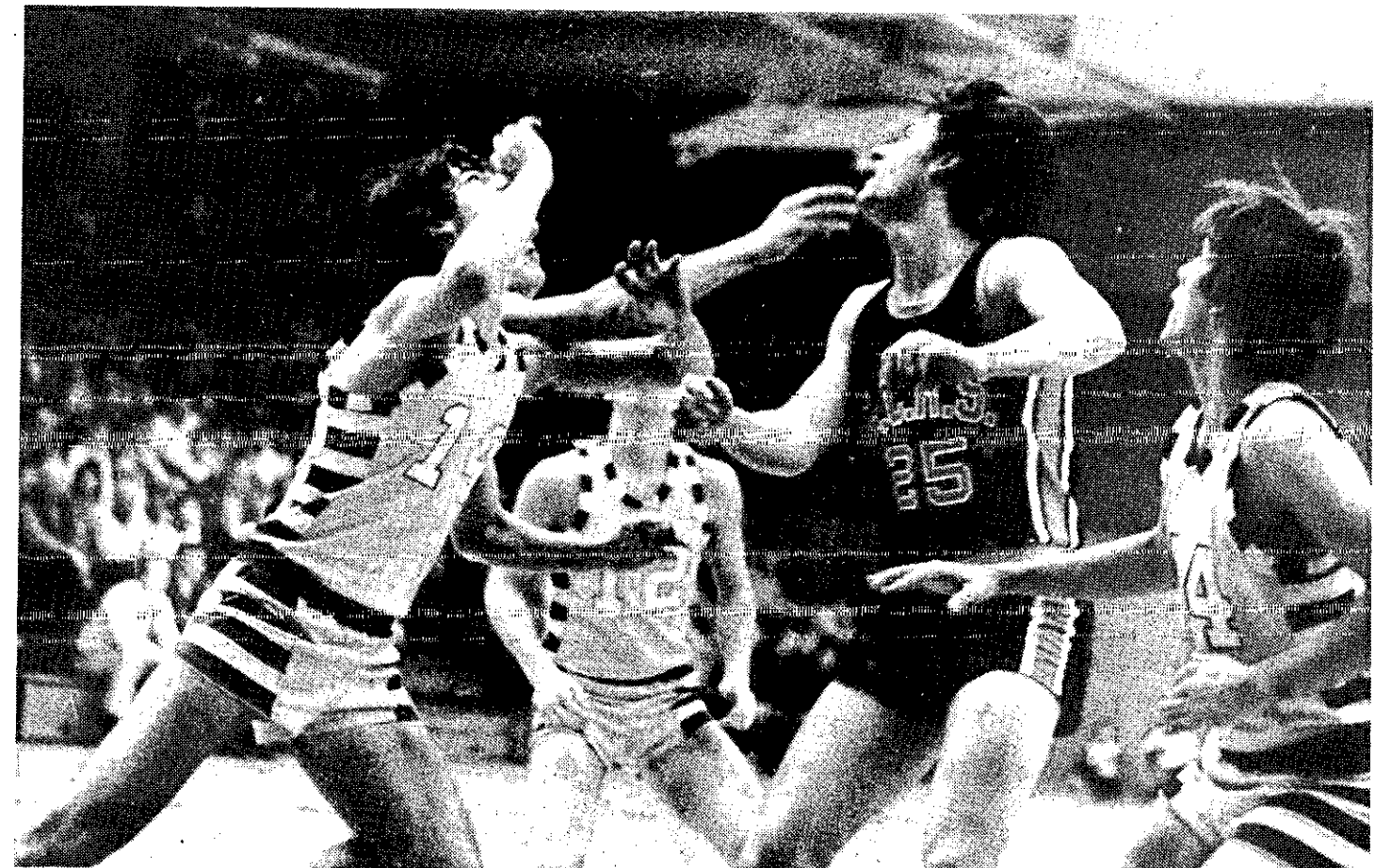
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