

## Pipeline seen a threat to Bethlehem reservoir

By Tom McPheeters

Among the many conclusions drawn from the energy crisis that struck the United States in the 1970s was one that could soon threaten the reservoir that supplies water to the Town of Bethlehem.

That conclusion was that the northeastern part of the country was overly dependent on foreign fuels, including natural gas. As an outgrowth of the energy crisis, Tennessee Inc. and one of its subsidiaries, Tennessee Gas Pipeline, was given the go-ahead to plan a pipeline to bring natural gas produced in Canada and the western United States to the East.

The pipeline is a massive undertaking, spanning six states in the Northeast. In New York State, one 112-mile spur will follow the path of an existing Tennessee Gas pipeline through the towns of New Scotland and Bethlehem before it crosses the Hudson and continues on into Massachusetts.

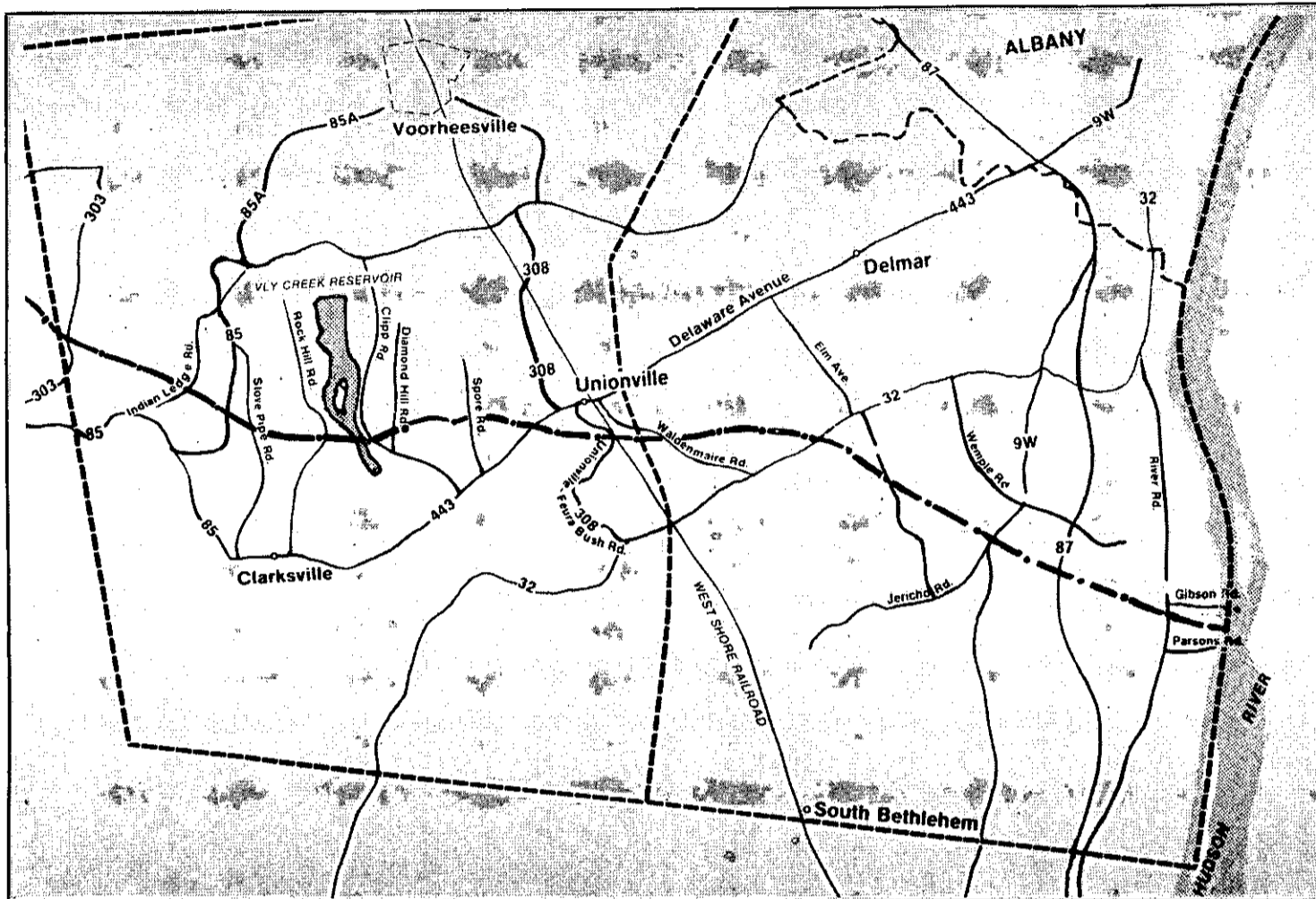
Along the way, the pipeline — as now planned — will go right through the southern leg of the Vly Creek Reservoir in New Scotland, which is the source of most of Bethlehem's water.

And that has Bethlehem's public works commissioner, Bruce Secor, more than a little worried. Not only is there the danger, however faint, of a pipeline rupture, but the process of laying the pipe exposes the reservoir to the hazards inherent in a construction accident or an oil spill, he says.

"My feeling is you have to look at a way of laying it around the reservoir," Secor said Friday.

"Their feeling is that it would be too expensive."

The decision will be made in Washington, D.C., where the complex environmental impact statement process is already under way. Hearings have started on the need for the new line and the financing. The final environmental impact statement is due out Jan. 28, and that will contain the views of the staff of the "lead agency" on the project, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, on — among other matters — Bethlehem's reservoir. After that, an administrative law judge will solicit reactions and more testimony, and finally make a recommendation to the full commission.



The proposed natural gas pipeline would follow this route through the towns of New Scotland and Bethlehem, paralleling an existing pipeline. Bethlehem officials are concerned about the town's Vly Creek Reservoir, which would be intersected by the pipeline. For the most part, the line runs through rural areas, but

it does slice through the middle of the Dowerskill Village development off Rt. 9W near Elm Ave. East, and state officials have suggested that an alternative route be found for that area also.

Spotlight map

For Secor, hundreds of miles from the center of the action, all this is hardly encouraging. So far, his protests have not stirred much interest in the bureaucracy, he says.

"I just keep writing more letters and sending out more copies to more people and hoping I ring the bell," he said.

Secor's last letter, a Dec. 22 response to a detailed explanation by Tennessee Gas Pipeline as to how they would cross the reservoir and why other routes are impractical, was brief:

"Just because someone took a ruler and drew a straight line across New York State does not mean that straight line is

irrefutable . . . We remain of the opinion that in a project of this magnitude, it *must* be possible to go around such a critical facility."

Secor has enlisted some support. Albany County Health Commissioner William A. Grattan wrote Jan. 2 to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that an alternative route "must be chosen to prevent potential contamination of this public water source." Dr. Grattan also noted that the proposed route would violate Bethlehem's and the state's regulations regarding the protection of watersheds.

At the state level, the staff of the Public

Service Commission (the lead state agency on the project) has also recommended that alternative routes be considered, according to Richard Powell, an analyst in the Department of Public Service. The PSC, however, has not come out as flatly opposed to crossing the reservoir, Powell said.

The existing pipeline was already in place when Bethlehem began construction of the reservoir in the mid-1950s, according to Secor. The town took on the responsibility of encasing the line in concrete counterweights so that it would not

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## Adams St. blossoms as Delmar commercial area

New retail enterprises and the expansion of several established local businesses have projected the Adams St. area of Delmar into new commercial focus.

Spring and the advent of warm weather are expected to bring major cosmetic changes that will boost the short block between Kenwood Ave. and the D&H rail route as an emerging off-the-avenue business section.

Most significant will be the conversion of the Sporthaven bowling alley into an expanded Peter Harris Clothes outlet and new landscaping on both sides of the street.

Peter Elitzer, managing partner of the Latham-based Peter Harris discount clothing stores, confirmed this week that the long-rumored purchase of the bowling alley site is expected to be



Sporthaven bowling alley at the corner of Kenwood Ave. and Adams St. is to become the new home of Peter Harris clothing. Tom Howes

finalized in a late-January closing.

Extensive renovations, still on the drawing boards, are expected to get underway in May at the conclusion of the

contract bowling season. The present structure will be expanded and the main entrance shifted to a redesigned parking lot off Kenwood Ave., Elitzer indicated.

The move is expected to generate new retail traffic to the block that has spawned new commercial activity on at least four other fronts within the past two years. They are:

- Extensive refurbishing of the exterior and interior of the Newsgraphics building, the former town community center familiarly known as the Bethlehem Coffeehouse at 125 Adams St. The 3,900-square-foot one-story structure now houses the editorial and production staffs of the *Spotlight*, typesetting and commercial printing operations of Newsgraphics of Delmar, Inc., and a new Delmar business, Video Connection, a retail franchise specializing in TV recording cassettes, video tape equipment, video games and a library of movie tapes for home consumption.

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float, and has never had any trouble with the line, he said.

Following the existing line would allow Tennessee Gas Pipeline to avoid the costs of new surveys, engineering and right-of-way acquisition. In a Dec. 16 letter to Secor, Tennessee's manager of civil engineering, H.M. McLeod, explained that one alternative route would require approximately 2,400 feet of virgin right-of-way, another would require difficult side hill construction, and a third would mean obtaining 2.5 miles of right-of-way and building part of the pipeline under a power line.

McLeod said Tennessee would use the "bottom pull" method to get the 30-inch pipeline across the reservoir. After digging a trench, crews would piece

together the line on one bank and use winches to pull it across the reservoir the other side. Then the trench would be filled in. The entire process would take about four weeks, McLeod said.

Secor said it is possible to seal off the section of the reservoir that the pipe would pass through. If the decision is to allow Tennessee Gas Pipeline to go through the reservoir, he will insist that the work be done during the summer months, when the water level is low, and that the construction crews be held back a minimum of 150 feet from the high water level, Secor said.

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- Move of Delmar Printers from 121 Adams St. to expanded quarters across the street at No. 118, the former home of the Bethlehem police and justice departments.

- Leasing of space in the 118 Adams St. building by the National Casket Co., expected to be open within the next two weeks. The 4,000-square-foot building, long vacant, now is fully rented to the two tenants.

- Opening of the Merry-Go-Round Book Store in the former Delmar Printers building at No. 121. This is Delmar's newest commercial venture, operated as an exchange of "pre-read" paperback books by two local residents.

The three new businesses (Video Connection, Merry-Go-Round Books and National Casket) and the three expanding businesses (Spotlight, Delmar Printers and Peter Harris) on the same short block join a successful 25-year enterprise, L&H Brake and Front End Service at No. 114. The only other immediate neighbors are the Town of Bethlehem's sewer garage, a two-story structure at 114 Adams St., and a vacant two-story warehouse currently on the market. The Masonic Temple next door to the Newsgraphics Building fronts on Kenwood Ave.

Off-the-street operations are Bob Pulfer's Heritage Woodwork shop in the rear of 423 Kenwood, and the town's recycling center at the rear of the municipal parking area adjacent to the *Spotlight*.

Within a few hundred feet of the emerging block is another new business, Precision Electronics, at 414 Kenwood across from the bowling alley, and a new location for the Eaton and Breuel Realty office at 135 Adams St. on the corner of Nathaniel Blvd. Existing establishments within 200 feet of the bowling alley are Leonardo's hair styling, the Delmar Liquor Store and Tebbutt's funeral home.

Town officials have indicated a willingness to improve the cosmetics of the Adams St. block by installing sidewalks and curbing to replace the wall-to-wall blacktop that currently mars the appearance of the area. Property owners have agreed to plant shrubs or trees to enhance visual appeal.

## The Spotlight story: still growing

The steady growth of *Spotlight* readership has led to two increases in the newspaper's weekly press run in the last seven weeks.

Richard A. Ahlstrom, publisher of the Bethlehem-New Scotland area weekly newspaper, said the average distribution is now 5,200, the highest since the switch from a primarily free distribution to fully paid circulation in 1976-77.

Paid circulation has gained more than 10 percent in the past two years, Ahlstrom noted. He attributed much of the gain to the change in format from an 8½-by-11 inch magazine page to tabloid size last March. The change, he said, has doubled the news and photo content of the paper from an average of approximately 600 column inches to an average of 1,200 column inches in the present format.

At the same time, the *Spotlight's* advertising lineage record was broken twice in the four-week period just prior to Christmas.

The paper, which first appeared as a four-page advertising flyer in Delmar on Dec. 1, 1955, was founded by Mrs. Tracy Walsh of Delmar, who sold it two years later to Robert G. King, a former Albany *Times-Union* ad salesman. Nathaniel



The *Spotlight* moved into the old Bethlehem Coffee House a year and a half ago, and completely remodeled the building, inside and out.  
Tom Howes

A. Boynton, a Slingerlands resident, purchased the paper in 1975 and established a full-coverage news policy. Boynton took the paper off the free-distribution list, and sold to Ahlstrom, a retired vice president of Westchester-Rockland Newspapers, in 1980.

The *Spotlight* and its commercial printing operation, Newsgraphics of Delmar, Inc., now has 12 full-time employees and more than two dozen editorial and photographic contributors.

### Local cookbook

Favorite recipes of Delmar Presbyterian Church members have been compiled in a cookbook to mark the 20th anniversary of the church. The Women's Association collected more than 250 recipes for the book, and is making it available for \$3. Copies may be obtained from Joan Laffin, 439-1920; Nancy Scholes, 439-7759; Barbara Talmage, 439-2983, or Carolyn Tweedie, 439-4463.

### Learn about scuba diving

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will offer a free slide show and discussion on "Diving into History," for persons interested in learning about scuba diving. The program will be conducted by Richard Boileau and Suzanne Potts, who are certified scuba diving instructors. The program will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 17, at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

### New treasures

Dr. Floyd Brewer will present the slide program "Archaeological Discoveries Bethlehem House" at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd. in Selkirk on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 8 p.m. The program is based on excavations done by Dr. Brewer and his students last summer.

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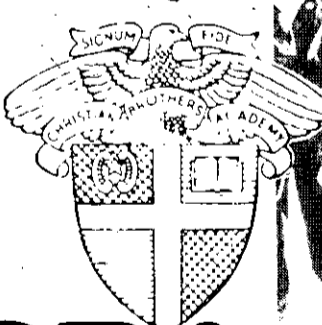
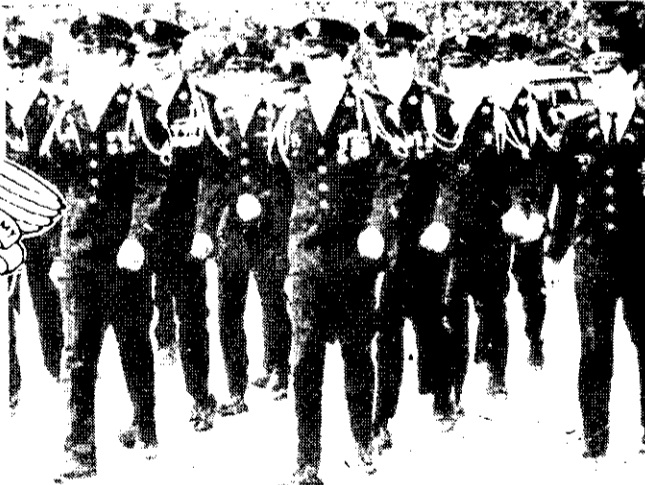
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# Grand Union moving to Denby's site

Grand Union has signed a lease for the old Denby's building at the Delaware Plaza and will be enlarging the building for what the company calls a "full service food market," a spokesman said Monday.

The announcement confirms rumors that had circulated since Denby's closed this fall, and signals a new round of changes at the plaza. Plans are to divide the current Grand Union space in the center of the plaza into several smaller spaces, according to the plaza's managers.

"We want to keep a good mix here," said Kay McKabe of HMC, the management company. She said there is always a possibility that a single store could be attracted to the space, but it would have to be something not already represented at the plaza.

Grand Union plans to occupy its present space until the new store is ready next fall.

Other changes at the plaza will take place somewhat sooner. The Off Track Betting parlor at the east end will move to new quarters in the rear of the main building, and McBoogles, the popular video arcade, will take over the OTB quarters. A new one-day photo service, Speedy Photo, will take the McBoogles space, McKabe said.

Grand Union plans to put "in excess of \$1 million" into expanding and renovating the Denbys building, Gary Perino,

the chain's public relations manager, said Monday.

The new Grand Union, Perino said, will be different from the current store in three respects. There will be virtually no "non edible" merchandise. There will be an expanded variety of food items. And there will be a heavy emphasis on natural foods and hard-to-find items.

The organization will also be different, with specialized departments coming to the fore there will be an in-house bakery, a fresh fish market, a "Cook's Harvest" shop with grains, coffee beans, etc.; a deli, a custom butcher and a cheese shop. Each department will have its own



manager, who will take special orders and advise customers.

This "new generation of food service," as Perino calls it, has arrived elsewhere in the Capital District, but has so far not reached the attractive Tri-Village area market. It is doubtful whether Grand Union will be alone, however.

Albany Public Market is already expanding and renovating its Elsmere store. And Price Chopper has been exploring a move into the old A&P building at Delaware and Elsmere Ave. for the past six months but so far has no announcement.

## Asleep at the wheel

A Delmar man told Bethlehem police he fell asleep at the wheel before his car ran off the shoulder on Elm Ave. near Longwood Dr. Friday night and flipped over. But the officers at the scene decided that Timothy Davitt, of 39 Huntersfield Rd., may have had good reason to fall asleep, and had his blood tested when he reached St. Peter's Hospital. After the test, he was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Davitt was treated at the hospital and released.

The arrest was one of eight drinking and driving arrests made by town policemen last week. All of the others came after police stopped motorists for routine traffic or vehicle violations.

*In Clarksville The Spotlight is sold at Clarksville Super.*



Memories came in waves at St. Thomas School's first reunion Friday, a major event in the parish's jubilee celebration of its 75th anniversary. Among the celebrants was Marie Koonce, left, who has taught at St. Thomas for 23 years, shown here pointing out the graduation picture of her son Joe's class in 1966 to her grandson, Clayton, a third grader. Sister Ann Eleanor, principal of the school for its first nine years (1955-64) came from Kissimmee, Fla., where she is parish education director, to cut the reunion cake, and found time to chat with former students James, Brian and Kevin Shea.

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# Planners will appeal Norman's Gate ruling

By Vincent Potenza

The Bethlehem Planning Board will appeal the decision of Supreme Court Justice Deforest Pitt that overturned the board's denial of the proposed Norman's Gate subdivision, to be located off Euclid Ave. in Elsmere.

The developer, Van Euclid Co., had proposed putting a road through two lots it owns on Euclid Ave. as access for the development, but the planning board decided this would be a violation of a previously existing subdivision. The board was informed of the judge's decision on Dec. 12.

Board Attorney Earl Jones, addressing the board at its meeting last Tuesday, said "I don't think the board can be faulted because no proof was offered to the contrary," referring to Van Euclid's group of experts and their contention that the proposed road off Euclid Ave. was the only viable way to create access to the site so it can be developed. According to Jones, the board's decision was overturned because the court felt the board had not demonstrated that there were other means of access.

Board member Edward Sargent made the motion for appeal, saying the court's

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decision had "lots of practical implications." The board unanimously voted to appeal.

The board also had its first opportunity to exercise its new power of commercial site plan approval. Weber Bros., Inc. came before the board with a plan for a 42-foot by 73-foot addition for property located at 262-264 Delaware Ave., the site of Kex Copysource and Pagano-Weber Real Estate. The approval was necessary because the addition constituted an area greater than 50 percent of the original building. The plan was unanimously approved.

In other business, the board heard a preliminary presentation from Carl and Audrey Halverson for their proposed Woodrow Estates, 17 lots to be located in a cul-de-sac off Beacon Rd. The board set a public hearing for Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was the first at which long-time board member Charles H. Redmond presided as chairman. He succeeds Sargent, who stepped down but

remains on the board as a member. New board member William Johnston Jr. also attended his first meeting.

## Two variance hearings set

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals received two requests for variances at its meeting last Wednesday night.

Dr. Eric Spooner, 36 Tierney Dr., Delmar, requested a variance for an addition to his home.

Lois Hotaling applied for a variance to convert property she owns at 36 Blessing Rd. from a single to a two-family home.

The board set public hearings for Jan. 19 at 8 and 8:30 p.m., respectively.

## Arrests in Selkirk

Bethlehem police arrested two Selkirk residents Thursday on felony charges of criminal possession of stolen property second degree after an Onondaga County businessman said he recognized goods stolen from his store at their house.

Arrested were Richard Stackiewicz, 17, and Lynn Coons, 25, both of Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Both were released in their own custody after arraignment before Town Judge Peter Wenger, and are due back in court Jan. 25. According to the businessman, a bicycle, a motorcycle, a wood stove and a bucket seat taken from his store in Camillus were found in the house on Rt. 9W near the Hess station.



Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park hasn't seen much in the way of winter sports activities lately — the closest winter has come recently was the light dusting of snow Monday that soon turned to warm rain. *On the cover:* Students at Elsmere Elementary School took advantage of the brief snowfall Monday.

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# Do voters care about BC budget?

By Caroline Terenzini

The people who are picking up the tab aren't paying much attention to what's on the bill, Bethlehem Central school board member Robert Zick contends.

And, while no one disagreed with his contention last Wednesday, there also were no solid suggestions on how to drum up interest among district taxpayers before the bottom line on the school district budget is reached.

"My biggest frustration in seven or eight years on the board has been the lack of community interest," Zick declared. He appealed to fellow board members for suggestions on how the board might get more input into the budget. "Maybe resulting in more support," from district residents.

"We need a big issue," board Vice President Sheila Fuller said. "We'll have one," Zick promised.

Beginning in February, the school board conducts budget work sessions following its regular meetings. Extra sessions, including Saturday meetings, are scheduled as the April deadline nears. But generally only board members, administrators and a reporter or two attend the budget meetings, at least until the figures become firm enough for a tax rate increase to be forecast.

Board President Bernard Harvith noted that, because of government mandates, as well as mandates voted by district residents, less than 10 percent of the district's budget is subject to board decisions. Board member Robert Ruslander observed that it is frustrating for residents to come to meetings and find so many budget decisions have already been made. He suggested that parent groups associated with the schools "sit down

now and say what they'd like to see done with the money."

The board agreed with Zick's proposal that it abandon the practice of meeting at each of the district's seven schools during the first part of the year, a move originally intended to stimulate attendance, but which Zick called "a waste of time and almost an imposition."

"Okay, we'll have our meetings here (at the Educational Services Center, Delmar)," Zick said. "Now, should we issue invitations or what?" Other than posting the schedule of budget sessions prominently, there were no answers.

In other business, the board approved participation by the district in development of a statewide elementary science curriculum. The three-year project also is intended to devise computerized tests that would provide a printout showing what a child needs to learn. June deHart, a fourth grade teacher at Hamagrael School, and Steve Rider, a sixth grade teacher, would work on the project about two days a month, according to Asst. Superintendent J. Briggs McAndrews. The project is under the Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady Board of Cooperatives Educational Services, and there would be no cost to the district during the first two years.

Superintendent Lawrence Zinn, in presenting enrollment projections, said, "The decline seems to be tapering off. It's hard to tell yet, but I think we're in a changing era."

B.J. Lornell, district social worker, reported to the board on her responsibilities, which include counseling of students and, often, their parents; attendance activities, follow-up of students in special placements, and petitions to Family

Court. She said she also has recently begun a support group for children in single-parent homes. Of the school's role in counseling children, she said, "Who else has the child eight hours a day? Who knows him better?"

Zick, agreeing with Mrs. Lornell, said, "At budget time, people ought to realize there are a lot more than the basics in schools. Many things have been added to our cost of doing business."

## Teaching babysitters

Aspiring babysitting instructors will be taught the tricks of the trade at the local Red Cross chapter house, Hackett Blvd., Albany, on Monday evenings, Jan. 17 and 24, from 7 to 10 p.m. Enrollees will be shown how to teach babysitting training courses to youth in schools and the community as a registered Red Cross instructor.

Curriculum materials cost \$22. To register for the two-part class, call the Albany chapter house at 462-7461, ext. 257.

## Getting a better fit

A workshop on altering sewing patterns for better fit is planned by the Albany County Cooperative Extension, beginning Tuesday. Five consecutive Tuesday sessions are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. at the Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville. Participants will construct a basic dress and pants pattern to use as a guide. To register call Cooperative Extension at 765-2874.

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Boy, Daniel Evan, to Alice and Allen Israel, Delmar, Dec. 24.

Boy, Craig Steven, to Denise and Joseph Dragon, Selkirk, Dec. 25.

Boy, Evan Michael, to Joyce and Harvey Gingold, Delmar, Dec. 30.

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Girl, Jada, to Teal and Peter Schaming, Voorheesville, Dec. 12.

Boy, John Earl Harden Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Raby, Feura Bush, Dec. 16.

Girl, Julie Lynn, to Susan and Jerry Silverstein, Delmar, Dec. 19.

Boy, Daniel James Gerard, to Patricia and John Shaw, Delmar, Dec. 25.

## For recorder players

Players of the recorder are invited to a meeting of the Capital District Chapter of the American Recorder Society at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Frederick House, Rt. 146, Guilderland Center, next to the Helderberg Reformed Church. Persons who play other traditional instruments also are welcome. Medieval, Renaissance, baroque, ethnic and modern music are played.

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Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Anyone who has ever required a ambulance during an emergency can readily understand the necessity to respond as rapidly as possible to any call for assistance. Unfortunately, in the past a prompt response from the well-trained Bethlehem Rescue Squad was too often hampered by the mechanical inconsistencies of their ambulance. Through a very vigorous fund-raising campaign, the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Association has finally been able to replace their unreliable ambulance.

According to Dave Pratt, co-captain, the white and gold 'Wheeled Coach' with Ford chassis is said to be one of the best available. It is equipped with a stretcher designed to be manipulated by just one attendant, has additional lighting for added safety and provides easier accessibility for stretcher patients.

Put into service Dec. 31, the new vehicle was first used in response to an emergency 2 a.m. New Year's morning. Serving a 32 square mile area, the new ambulance should provide an extra measure of security for the residents of South Bethlehem, Selkirk and Glensmont.

A representative for the Parent Advisory Committee appeared before the R.C.S. Board of Education Monday evening. The committee presented the board with a suggestion to have a news letter sent at regular intervals to the district tax payers to promote closer communications with the board, administration, teachers and parents. Citing Bethlehem Central, Voorheesville, Gunderland and East Greenbush as examples of school districts that provide

such newsletters, the committee said it believes this would enable taxpayers to be more knowledgeable on issues when the annual budget is presented.

The Parent Advisory Committee will meet again Jan. 18 at the Becker School. The topic for discussion will be the budget and attempting to obtain what the parents believe is needed for the students.

The Bethlehem Grange will be host to the Pomona Grange Jan. 19 at the Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Selkirk. Representatives from the seven area granges will be present. The evening will begin with a dinner served at 6:15 p.m. followed by a special program and meeting. Anyone wishing to attend the program and meeting at 7:30 is cordially invited.

For a lot of fun, mixed with possibly just a little frustration, try an evening of bowling Scotch Doubles. The Adult Fellowship Group of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem plan to try their luck Saturday, Jan. 22. The group will meet 9 p.m. at Del Lanes, Delmar. There couples will be paired up. Ladies will bowl the first ball and men the second as each team competes for high score.

## Blood clinic Tuesday

The Town of Bethlehem will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18 at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. No appointment is necessary.

## Project Hope to open unit

Project Hope, a division of Hope House, Inc., in Albany, Monday will open a unit to serve teenagers in Bethlehem, Coeymans and Ravena in space donated by the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W.

Unit director is Joan Levine, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, and she will be hiring the remainder of the treatment staff, according to Mary Ann Finn, program director for Hope House. Mrs. Levine has a master's degree in social work and has worked in the field 16 years.

Project Hope, which has had a satellite program in Gunderland for two years, was established in 1976 to provide counseling for troubled young people ages 13 to 15 and their families. Funding for the new unit is being shared by the municipalities served and the Albany County Youth Bureau and county Department of Social Services.

Office hours for the local unit will be 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and program hours will be 3:30 to 5:30. The staff will include an assistant director and two part-time counselors and two part-time family therapists.

## RCS board mulling energy study

A decision by the school board on whether to invest possibly as much as \$20,000 in a preliminary study on the use of solar energy at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High School could come within six weeks, according to Charles Emery, district business administrator. Board members have asked for current figures on energy use at the school.

The nine-member R-C-S board heard a proposal for the project from the Albany architecture firm of Mendel, Mesick, Cohen, Waite after several board members last fall toured a solar installation at a Ballston Spa school.

The pay-back period for the conversion of the R-C-S building to solar energy has been estimated at 12 or 13 years, Emery said, emphasizing that it is strictly an estimate.

Another decision before the board is whether to accept the suggestion by

several district residents that a newsletter be sent periodically to district taxpayers to keep them informed about school and board activity.

The next board meeting is scheduled Monday at the district offices in Selkirk.

## Workshop gets grant

Heldeberg Workshop, in Voorheesville, has received a grant from the state Council on the Arts Decentralization Plan to fund development of new courses in art, theater and music for the workshop's summer program. The workshop, which was founded in 1961, also is offering free cross-country skiing and snowshoeing Jan. 23 and 30 on its property at the base of the Helderberg escarpment on Picard Rd., Voorheesville.

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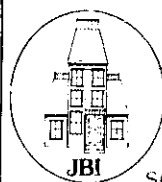
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# Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



Parents looking into summertime fun for their youngsters may be interested in this: David Teuten, president of the board of directors at Pyramid Lake Camp, announces that the Roman Catholic Diocesan Camp will hold a special "summer-in winter" reunion on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the College of Saint Rose. Former campers from Pyramid Lake, Camp Tekowitha and Marian Lodge as well as prospective new campers are invited to come for an afternoon of swimming, refreshments and fun.

News of the 1983 camping season will be available and registration will be taken at 1982 rates. Located in Paradox, Warren County, the camp is open to boys and girls ages 6 and up. For information call Teuten at 765-2642 or the Pyramid Lake office at 463-4411.

For many, the most exciting time of youth was that special night reserved for "the Prom." To bring Voorheesville out of the post-holiday doldrums the PTSA has planned a "prom night" to be held on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 8 p.m. at the Voorheesville Legion Hall. Tickets for the event, which will have a Winter Wonderland theme, are \$10 and will include valet parking, beer, wine, punch, (both spiked and non-alcoholic), snacks and music.

Since the theme is definitely not casual, people are asked to dress appropriately, keeping in mind that a Prom King and Queen will be chosen along with a prom court. The public is invited, but tickets are limited. Those planning to attend should contact chairmen Lyza Nueffer (765-3676) or Sheila Glock (765-4725) to make reservations.

Still on the subject of PTSA: an important PTSA board meeting will be held tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. in the faculty room at the elementary school. The meeting is open to the public, and anyone interested in the future of PTSA is urged to attend. Membership, finances and future leadership will be discussed. To join PTSA, call Sheila Glock at 765-4725.

The Helderview Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville. Following a brief meeting, a Victorian Wreath Creation workshop is planned. The public is invited. For information call Kazy Gainor (765-2576) or Shirley Greene (482-5445).

Five members of the Voorheesville High School Student Council recently joined with 400 students from throughout the state to participate in the 11th annual conference of New York State Secondary School Student Organizations at the State University at Albany from Jan. 6 through Jan. 9. The organization, formed 10 years ago, holds yearly conferences to provide a forum for student discussions on education and other pertinent topics. Representing Voorheesville were Brian McKenna, Jenny TenEyck, Debbi Galusha, Robin Shrager and Dorothy Ungerer.

A financial aid workshop will be held in the Voorheesville High School cafeteria on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. Originally scheduled for Dec. 1, the meeting was postponed due to a delay by



Monday's brief dusting of snow made the roofs in the hamlet of New Scotland stand out in contrast to gray skies over the Helderberg escarpment in the background, as seen through the camera's "long" lens from Rt. 85A. Tom Howes

the federal government in resolving key issues concerning the program and the required forms.

the forms before Jan. 15 so that they may complete them before the meeting.

Guidance Director Ken George and Richard O'Boyski, director of financial aid at the Schenectady Community College, will discuss the many aspects of securing aid and will assist parents in completing forms.

Financial Aid Forms (FAF) are available at the guidance office at the high school. Parents are asked to obtain

Arthur Willis, chairman of the Social Studies Department in the Voorheesville Central School District, was recently invited by the state Education Department to assist with a critical review of the proposed Comprehensive Examinations in Social Studies (the pre-publication phase of the Regents Examination). Willis' assistance has been requested several times in other testing activities.

## Sewer hearing postponed

The hearing on Voorheesville's sewer project has been rescheduled for Feb. 17 in the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School auditorium, Rt. 85A. Both written and oral statements concerning the proposal will be accepted. Written statements should be sent to Mayor Milton F. Bates by Feb. 28. The engineering firm of Clough, Harbour & Associates has recommended a municipal sewer system for the central portion of Voorheesville, and copies of its report will be available by Friday at the village library and the village hall.

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**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.

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

**Delmar Progress Club**, play reading, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19**

**Delmar Progress Club** Antique Study Group to study silver and pewter, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m.

**La Leche League**, informal discussion group for mothers interested in learning rewards and difficulties of breastfeeding, third Wednesday, home of Ellen Poczlik, 93 Fernbank Ave., Delmar.

**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.

**Bethlehem Grange Dinner**, Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Selkirk, 6:15 p.m.

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

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

**Public Hearings**, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Dr. and Mrs. Eric Spooner, Tierney Dr., Delmar, for variance to permit construction of addition, 8 p.m.; Lois Hoteling, Blessing Rd., North Bethlehem, for variance to permit conversion from one- to two-family dwelling, 8:30 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20**

**American Legion Luncheons** for members, guests and applicants for membership, post rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, noon.

**Personal Computer Group**, preview of audiovisual instruction program, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4758.

**Sign Language Workshop**, third of four sessions for children 7 to 11 to learn to sign to the deaf, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

**Albany Audubon Society** slide program on Utah's canyon country, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m.

**Archeology Slide Program**, "Archeological Discoveries—Bethlehem House," Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21**

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

**Bethlehem Middle School Musical**, "Oliver," auditorium, 8 p.m.

**YMCA Indian Guides-Princesses Recruitment**, for children 4 to 7 and parents from Guilderland, Voorheesville and Altamont areas, 20 Mall Key Bank community room, 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22**

**B.P.O.E. Ladies' Snow Ball**, Post 2233, Selkirk, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**Selkirk First Reformed Church**, adult fellowship Scotch doubles at Del Lanes, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9 p.m.

**Bethlehem Middle School Musical**, "Oliver," auditorium, 8 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23**

**Sunday Afternoon at the Movies**, "They Died with Their Boots On," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24**

**Voorheesville Board of Education**, Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School, 7:30 p.m.

**Spring Storyhour Registration** for toddlers and preschoolers, Bethlehem Public Library at 9 a.m.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25**

**Bethlehem Central High School PFO**, meets at the high school, 7:30 p.m.

# AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

## Events in Nearby Areas

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12**

**VAACR** (Volunteer Administrators Association of the Capital Region), brown-bag lunch to hear discussion on creativity and volunteerism, Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Ave., Albany, information, 489-4791.

**Lunchtime History Talk**, slide lecture on "New York-Cradle of the American Circus," State Museum auditorium, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 12:10 p.m. Free.

**Visiting Nurse Association** slide show to explain services provided by Ravana Home-maker Cooperative Ext., at home of A.V. Turner, Buren Ave., Ravena, 2:15 p.m. Information, 489-2681.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 13**

**Capital District Recorder Society**, for local recorder players at all levels of proficiency, at the Frederick House, Rt. 146, Guilderland Center, 7:30 p.m. Information, 473-7605.

**Albany Chamber of Commerce**, final breakfast meeting before merger with Greater Colonie Chamber, Albany Hilton Hotel, 7:15 a.m. Reservations \$7.

**Draft Registration Talk**, on legal rights of draft registrants and alternatives to military service, Union College's Carnegie Hall, Strauss Lounge, 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Ireland Lecture**, "The Two Irelands, North and South: 1921 to 1980," by Connecticut College professor, Helen Mulvey, Union College Social Science Building, Room 016, 8 p.m. Free.

**Eye Screening for Persons Over 60**, to check for glaucoma, cataracts, general eye health, Westview Senior Service Center, 680 Central Ave., Albany, 11:30 a.m. Free. Registration, 482-2120.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14**

**Working Women Conference**, "Women in the Labor Market," for high school juniors and seniors and their teachers, Russell Sage College's Schact Fine Arts Center, Troy, 8:30 a.m. Free. Information, 270-2226.

**Parents Without Partners**, three-day conference with elections, dinner and dance Saturday night, Turf Inn, Wolf Rd., Colonie.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15**

**Pyramid Lake Camp Reunion**, for past campers of Albany diocesan camps Marian Lodge and Camp Tekakwitha, College of Saint Rose activities building, Western Ave., Albany, 2-5 p.m. Information, 463-4411.

**Siena College Las Vegas Night**, refreshments for public after basketball game, Rathskeller, Foy Campus Center, Loudonville, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

**Eastern N.Y. Solar Energy Society**, to hear architect-author Alex Wade on "Housing and Energy Use in Japan and China," Union College Social Science Building, Room 116, 9 a.m.-noon. Registration \$3 for members, \$5 for public, 863-4338.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**

**Transcendental Meditation Lecture**, Saratoga Public Library, 8 p.m.

**Soroptimist Club** to hear Joan Townley, president of Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce, speak on new merger, Sign of the Tree Restaurant, Empire State Plaza, noon. \$15 reservations, 447-5917 days.

**Albany County Historical Assn.** to hear Guilderland-Altamont historian Roger Keenholz, Ten Broeck Mansion, Albany, 3 p.m.

**Local Author**, Bill Kennedy, to read from "Ironweed" and autograph copies, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 3 p.m.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17**

**Expectant Parents' Night** for parents-to-be to meet hospital staff and tour nursery, labor and delivery suites, St. Peter's Hospital cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1551.

**Albany Pro Musica Auditions**, singers in all voice ranges to compete for ensemble's 40-50 openings, SUNYA Performing Arts Center, Room B-78, before and after 7 p.m. rehearsal. Information, 457-8280.

**Babysitting Instructor Course**, American Red Cross Chapter House, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7-10 p.m. (to continue Jan. 24), \$22 registration, 462-7461, ext. 257.

**Women's Center Film**, "Women in Cuba," CDPC, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 473-7521.

**Russell Sage Evening Division Spring Registration**, RSC, Troy, noon-6 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

**Woman's Club of Albany** monthly business meeting at the clubhouse, 725 Madison Ave., 1 p.m.

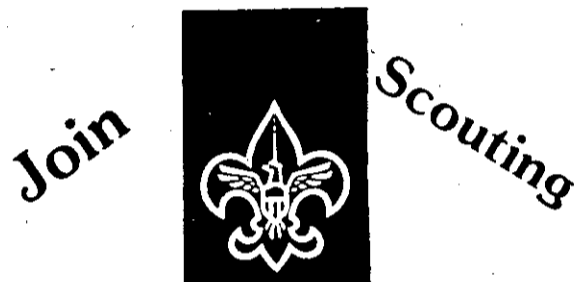
**Red Cross Vital Signs Course**, learn how to take temperature, pulse, respiration, blood pressure, Chapter House, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m.-noon (to continue Jan. 19), \$7 registration, 462-7461, ext. 257.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18**

**Buddhist Class Begins**, nine-week study of "Mindfulness and Awareness" offered by Dharma Study Group of Albany, 637 Morris St., 7:30 p.m. \$1 fee per Tuesday lecture. Information, 489-7358.

**Dermatology Clinic for Seniors Over 60**, to check for rashes, lesions, dry skin problems. Second Ave. Senior Service Center, 6 Krank St., Albany, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Free.

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**Jan. 16: Beyond Babble.** The myth of Babel and the way we can misuse words to confuse rather than enlighten and enrich.

**Jan. 23: Measuring up.** How would Unitarian Universalist pioneers — such as Ralph Waldo Emerson — stack up during a job interview today?

**Jan. 30: Question Box Sermon.** The minister tackles written-in-advance questions from the congregation.

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# They make books go 'round

With 2,000 volumes on hand and more coming in each day, the Merry-Go-Round Book Exchange at 121 Adams St., Delmar, officially — and happily — opened its doors Monday.

Co-owners Pat Matarrese and Jean Sliter, both of Delmar, have their shelves well stocked with pre-read paperbacks, all categorized and alphabetized, and offered at half-price. There's even a children's section. And that's not all: the shop also carries paintings and craft items on consignment (including cloth book covers), as well as plants and antiques. And "we're open to suggestions," Mrs. Sliter said.

The paperback stock (including some new volumes) changes hourly, she said.

Even before the official opening as many as 10 people a day were bringing in pre-read paperbacks. The books must have covers and be in readable condition. Only paperbacks are sought at the moment. "Suppliers" are issued a credit slip, which they can turn in right away for books, or they can run up an account, Mrs. Sliter said.

The idea for the Merry-Go-Round Book Exchange came when Mrs. Sliter visited a similar shop on Cape Cod this summer. "I'd love to have one of these!" was her reaction. "It's a wonderful way to recycle paperbacks, which have gotten so expensive."

She and Mrs. Matarrese are trying to work things out so the enterprise "will be

fun." Business advisor has been Mrs. Matarrese's husband, Dick, who is owner of the Paper Mill at Delaware Plaza, Elsmere.

The name was chosen, of course, because the books are going around again. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

## To take 'vital signs'

A self-help Red Cross course to teach lay people how to take vital signs will be offered by the Albany chapter house, Hackett Boulevard, on Monday and Wednesday, Jan. 17 and 19, from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn how to take temperature, pulse, respiration and blood pressure.

Course materials cost \$7, which is payable before the first session. To register, call 462-7461, ext. 257.



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## A NEW SPOTLIGHT FEATURE

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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.

In any case, be sure to watch this space each week for specials and for dining suggestions. Bon appetit!

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# How to tell you're in Mid-Life Crisis

Mid-life is defined by nature after-the-fact. If you live to be 60 years old, then your mid-life is around 30 years of age. If you are into your 80's, then mid-life hits in the 40's. Whenever that turning of events occurs, when at all, it is much less defined by age than it is by your response to it.

Simply put, if you begin to react to daily events as though they are of momentous proportion rather than merely of the moment's passing, as though in and of themselves they are critical matters, then you have entered "Mid-Life Crisis."

I have entered mine. I am sure of it. Far be it from me to attempt to predict my longevity, but this must be mid-life or else it's senility, one or the other. The signs are clear, the meaning unmistakable. Everything I ever read or studied or observed confirms it. With all humility that I may (I hope) to be mistaken, permit me to pass along to you what I have noticed as telltale warning signals of that dread phase of modern psychosocial development called "Mid-Life Crisis." And remember, please, that no one symptom is sufficient to conclude your self-diagnosis; it is more likely to be the whole shooting match that adds up to pinning the label on yourself.

If you have any doubt about your particular characteristics, then immediately consult your nearest mid-life medical specialist. He or she will know — that is, if he or she is not yet in that crisis him or herself, or has successfully passed it. Otherwise you will get a flat denial of your condition, or an exaggerated reaction to it.

*Note: if your doctor wants to write you up in the New England Journal of Medicine, it is he or she who is in mid-life crisis, not you.*

You are in mid-life crisis if:

## Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



- You hate putting on your socks or stockings in the morning because your back hurts;
- You ask your kids to change the TV channel for you while they are doing homework in the other room;
- Your kids ask you gingerly if they can watch TV while you're doing work you brought home;
- The TV picture tube blows and you blame your kids for watching TV too much;
- The light in the basement was left on all night and the thought of it ruins your whole day;
- You think about taking up smoking again;
- You think about substituting Life-savers for cigarettes, and wind up doing both;
- You sleep through the night and wake up feeling like you didn't sleep a wink;
- You don't sleep well at night, but get the nods during your 2 p.m. seminar and nearly fall backwards in your chair;
- You don't eat the pickle on your club sandwich plate anymore;
- You believe the ringing telephone you failed to get to in time was the local radio station offering a free Florida vacation if you had only answered the call;
- You look forward to the weekends for relief from work and you also look

forward to Mondays for relief from the weekends:

- Your superiors on the job begin looking younger and younger, and are;
  - Your subordinates on the job begin looking older and older, but aren't;
  - Your pet cat or dog seems to be offering you solace when they jump on your lap or nudge your hand;
  - You begin putting on sweaters in the evening to stay warm;
  - You start noticing the obituary column in the newspaper;
  - You make an appointment with your insurance agent to review your policies;
  - You cash in your insurance policies and take a trip to the Virgin Islands;
  - You give all your Kennedy half-dollars and Susan B. Anthony dollars to your children;
  - You know how to spell "sphygmomanometer" and what it means;
  - Your children, nieces and nephews ask you what it was like in "the olden days;"
  - You vividly remember what it was like in the old days, and prefer it;
  - You circle round and round a parking lot to wait for a space close to the front door of the store;
  - When you find that parking space, but a shopping cart is in the middle of it, you begin nudging it away with your car instead of getting out and removing it manually;
  - Food particles frequently get stuck between your teeth and flossing only makes your gums bleed;
  - Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.
- I must stop now, because I am tiring, and, perhaps, so are you. Regardless of your age or mind-set or phase of

development, however, life is full of crises at all stages. If we can get through them, even with a few scars and some wear and tear, we can hold our heads high for having gained passage on those bridges over troubled waters, and go on. For it is true that we are only as old as we feel.

## A reunion of 'Spirit'

"Spirit Image," a former group of Christian Music Ministries, Feura Bush, will reunite for "An Evening of Musical Praise" at the Bethlehem-Lutheran Church on Saturday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from the Christian Music concert will go to support Fred Schnur, a missionary with "Celebrant Singers," an international touring group whose outreach tour has included Kenya, Greece and Yugoslavia.

## Campers reunion

Camping alumni of such Albany diocesan camps as Pyramid Lake Camp, Marian Lodge and Camp Tekawitha can get together for a reunion on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the College of Saint Rose Activities Building, Western Ave., Albany. The former counselors and campers can swim in the college pool, play games in the gym, watch slides and videotapes and renew acquaintances.

For information, call 463-4411.

## Kaleidoscope

Kaleidoscope, an "artistic fun night," is planned in the Bethlehem Middle School cafeteria Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The event, sponsored by the school Parent-Faculty Organization, is for Middle School students and their parents only. Participants are to go armed with imagination; supplies have been donated by Empire Plaza Pharmacy, Johnson's Stationers, Plaza Pharmacy and Woolworth's. Pizza and soda will be sold. Reservations can be made by calling the school, 439-4921.

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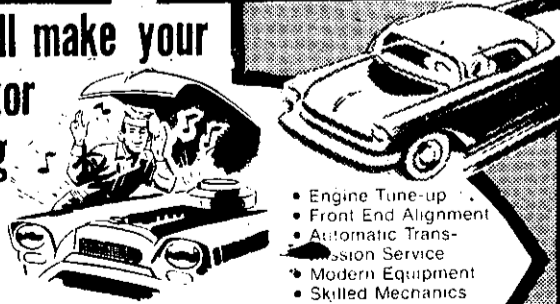
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# Cohoes victory gives Blackbirds a breather

Voorheesville's basketball express continued to roll on Track One last week, and after a night off Friday, it was apparent that only an off night would slow down the train.



**Dick Lennon**

The Blackbirds won their only game last week, a 50-40 triumph at Cohoes, home of the defending Colonial Council champions. They won despite a careless offense. They took command at the outset, stayed ahead comfortably, and had a 10-point bulge at the half. When their hosts shaved the margin to four points at 40-36 late in the fourth stanza, the Blackbirds went into their patented routine of playing deliberate basketball, waiting for layups and sinking their free throws.

It was a trademark type of game for Voorheesville. Mike Lewis and John Zongrone carried the brunt of the scoring with 21 and 12 respectively, while Dick Lennon and Jim Meacham controlled the

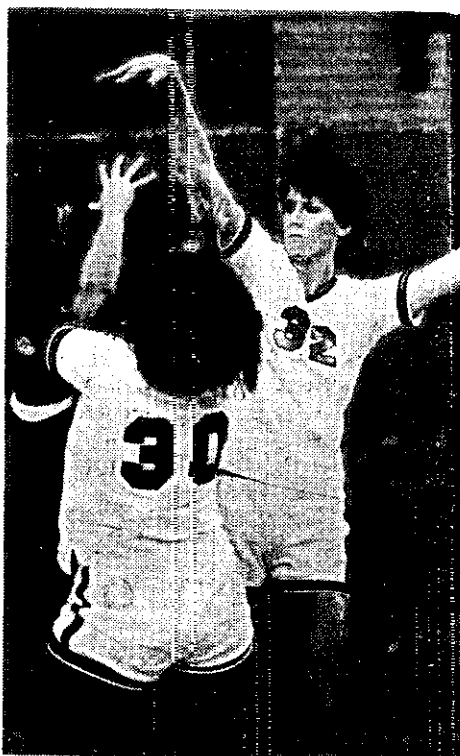
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flow of the game from the backcourt and the perimeter of the offensive zone, waiting for the openings and feeding the front men.

What pleased Coach Chuck Abba most was the consistent defense, which he considers the key to winning in scholastic basketball. "The kids played an excellent game on defense, but they were a little sloppy on offense," he summarized. "The Cohoes game showed how important defense is. Ours has been so good in recent games that we've been able to get away with letdowns on offense."

The Blackbirds went into this week with their unbeaten skein at nine and facing two home games that wind up the first round of conference play. They were paired with Mechanicville last night (Tuesday) and will have their first look at Lansingburgh Friday. The second round starts next Tuesday at Watervliet.

## Spotlight SPORTS



**Alunda Smith (30) and Kathy McNamara (32) team up for BC to block a Mohonasen shot in Suburban Council girls basketball.**  
Tom Howes

# Lady Eagles have high hopes

By Julie Ann Sosa

Frustrated Bethlehem Central basketball fans who are still waiting for something to cheer about from their struggling boys' varsity squad finally have a girls' quintet that could be the answer to their dreams. Thus far the Lady Eagles' court record is 2-0.

Last year Coach Kenneth Hodge's hopes for BC to occupy the coveted fifth Suburban Council slot in the Sectional tournament were dashed by a five game losing streak at season's end that saw the team finish 6-11. He hopes a team facelift, accompanied by new flexibility in positions and starters will make the difference in 1983.

Starting center Kim Zornow, a 6'1" sophomore, kicked off her second year on varsity with a 12 point game against Niskayuna last Wednesday that saw Bethlehem's strong second and third quarters (when BC outscored Nisky 26-14) make the difference in a 44-33 romp. But it was 5'8" forward Ann Howell, co-scoring leader with 12 points, that was chosen by the coaches to be the "Lady Eagle" of the game for her strong performance rebounding, passing and defense against the Silver Warriors' press. After missing a week of practice, Kathy McNamara, a six foot senior now in her third year on varsity, came off the bench and capped off an eight point game with a blind shot at the final buzzer.

Recalling Sandy Shelmerdine's 27 point game in 1982, Zornow pulled off 17 points, 14 rebounds and six blocked shots Saturday afternoon to help treat the home crowd to a 42-36 win over Mohonasen. Her performance was enough to make her the recipient of the second "Lady Eagle" award of the young season. Good outside shooting from Mohonasen and early BC foul trouble were also negated by McNamara's 15 points, 13 rebounds and four blocked shots.

In order to defeat a council great like Colonie today, Hodge will have to rely on the rest of a balanced team. So far his starters have also included senior Alunda Smith, team-elected co-captain with Howell and replacement for Beth McGaughan, senior Maggie Fitzpatrick and junior Kelly Burke.

"I play 10 players every game. My bench people have been doing a good job for me and I'm giving them more playing time," explained Hodge. His reliable subs include seniors Paola Castaldo (four points for two games), Mary Brooks (four points), and foreign exchange student Eva Ehnstrom and juniors Justine DeVost (two points) and Terry Plunkett.

# Eagles looking for Council win

Shenendehowa's mighty Plainsmen, spread-eagling the Suburban Council basketball race at 10-0 as of last weekend, will be on display in Delmar this weekend when they visit BC for a Saturday game.

At the other end of the standings is the home team, 0-6 in the league and 2-7 overall, the two victories coming at the expense of Class C schools. But BC coach Gary Przybylo refuses to concede that his team doesn't have prospects to win some games.

The Eagles lineup dropped two more conference games last week, 77-66 at Burnt Hills and 84-49 at Columbia. The Eagles gave Burnt Hills a good battle, but the East Greenbush mismatch was total: Columbia's starting five played very little after the first period.

"They played their reserves most of the time, and if they hadn't, they could've destroyed us," observed Przybylo. "We were outclassed by a really superior team. Columbia made us play badly; they are

by far the best team we've played this year."

The Burnt Hills story was more encouraging for Bethlehem's young team, which has only one senior in the starting quintet. The Eagles got off to their usual bad start at 12-2, trailed by 17 at intermission, played even the third quarter, and climbed to within four points with a minute and a half remaining.

"That comeback was nice," the coach remarked later. "Anytime you can cut their lead from 17 to 4, you're doing a lot of things right."

Mark Gibbons had 25 points and 13 rebounds against Burnt Hills, but was overpowered at East Greenbush. A bright spot last week was Jim Lockman, the 6-2 junior forward, who had 13 rebounds and drew five offensive fouls. The latter pleased Przybylo more than the 13 points he put through the cords.

This week the Eagles had a Tuesday

date at Guilder and an extra day to prepare for the Shenendehowa invasion. "We'll just have to be patient," said Przybylo. "We'll concentrate on not turning the ball over. We'll play a zone, but they're so big... 6-4, 6-3, a big team and good. We can just hope they don't have a good shooting night."

## BC boosters meet

The Bethlehem Central Football Boosters Club will kick off its second year with a meeting Thursday, Jan. 20, in Room 46 at the high school, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Parents of players and cheerleaders, as well as other interested persons, are urged to attend. Officers and executive committee members will be elected, and program committee members will be named.

## Pound party

Members of the Elsmere Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary are asked to bring a wrapped gift weighing a pound to the group's meeting Thursday. The executive committee meeting is at 7:15 p.m. and the "pound party" begins at 8 p.m.

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| Wed. Jan. 12   | Bowling, Alb. Academy, home                    |
|                | Basketball, Girls, Voorheesville, home, 6:00   |
| Thurs. Jan. 13 | Wrestling, Alb. High, home, 6:30               |
| Fri. Jan. 14   | Basketball, Waterford, away, 6:30              |
|                | Basketball, Girls, Schalmont, home, 3:45 (JHS) |
| Sat. Jan. 15   | Wrestling, Catskill/Hudson, home, 1:00         |
| Mon. Jan. 17   | Bowling, Watervliet, away                      |
| Tues. Jan. 18  | Basketball, Schalmont, home 6:30               |
|                | Wrestling, Mechanicville, away, 6:30           |

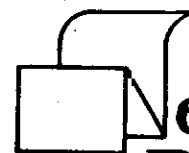
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| Thurs. Jan. 13 | Wrestling, Cohoes, home 6:30                      |
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## BC swimmers lower times

For the first time in several meets, Jack Whipple permitted some of his Bethlehem Central varsity swimmers to swim their specialties, but elsewhere in the lineup he continued to experiment.

The BC tank tutor's major problem is how to keep his swimmers competitively sharp when they are rarely pressed by Adirondack conference foes. Last week the Eagles swamped Shaker by 82-45 and torpedoed Queensbury 93-33, sweeping every first and second place except the butterfly, where the second-place Eagle was disqualified.

This week Whipple's talent-rich team was facing three more league meets, all at home, with little chance that Hudson, Niskayuna and Albany Academy would offer much resistance. There will be four more dual meets before the first of three intersectional meets, a Feb. 4 date with Chenango Forks from the Binghamton area. Then come the annual confrontations with Rome and New Hartford in which the Eagles will need every resource they have.

In last week's cakewalks, Doug Schulz turned in the fastest 200 IM in Section 2 with a time of 2:10.7 against Shaker, and three days later was clocked in 1:54.8 in the 200 freestyle, likewise the fastest 200 in the Section this season and his own personal best.

Scott Apicelli, another of Whipple's versatile standouts, had a moment of glory in both meets. In the butterfly at Latham he came from behind in the last few yards to win by a touch in 1:00.7. Back home on Friday he won the 50-yard freestyle in 24.6 seconds, his personal best and his first varsity victory in a freestyle sprint.

## Eagles face Shenendehowa tonight

### WRESTLING

A schedule change gives Bethlehem's growing legion of wrestling enthusiasts a chance to see two of the area's top teams in hand-to-hand combat, but it's on short notice. Coach Rick Poplaski's grapplers, leading the Suburban Council's Gold Division at 3-1, entertain powerful Shenendehowa, currently atop the Blue Division at 4-0, in a 6:30 p.m. collision tonight (Wednesday) at BCHS.

The Eagles ran their undefeated string of dual meets to six last week with a convincing 33-21 victory over Mont Pleasant, but had a chastening experience in fast company at the Tri-State Invitational tournament at Middletown, Orange County. With 16 teams from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and

New York in congress, there were no soft spots anywhere, especially in the presence of such wrestling superpowers as Bethlehem (Pa.) Catholic, one of Pennsylvania's top teams, and New Paltz, a perennial Section 9 juggernaut.

In the face of all this, BC's Paul Callanan got a third place in the 119-pound eliminations, Wayne Peschel was fifth at 126 pounds, and Chris Essex got a sixth place in the 145-pound division. "It was a great experience for all of us," Poplaski said on his return. "We will continue to enter the strongest tournaments we can find, even with little hope of winning the team title."

At Mont Pleasant the Eagles got pins from Mark Lindell (145), Rich Jadick (167), Dave Boettcher (177) and Essex, wrestling at 155, one class above weight. Peschel won his 126-pound match by decision, as did Mike Tinsman at 88 pounds and Rob VanAernem at 105.

## Better luck on the road for Ravena cagers?

Maybe it's a good thing that Ravena's Indians are playing four of their next five basketball games on the road. The Indians put on an exciting show at Mechanicville last Friday to overcome one of the Colonial Council's better teams, then came home to lose in a lackluster performance.

"We had a bad second period, a six-minute cold spell without a point," groaned Coach Tim Tucker after the 59-46 loss to Lansingburgh. "But the final score was deceiving. We were down by only six points with a minute left, so we had to go for the ball. They were on the line six times and made most of them."

In that one the Indians had a 14-13 lead at the quarter post, only to run into the refrigerator and fall behind by 27-21 at halftime. It was 43-31 before the Indians

started to close the gap in the fourth.

Lansingburgh also got a lift from their big scorer, Marty Safford, who had a hot night with 32 points. Donny Baker meshed 12 for Ravena and was the only local in double figures.

The story at Mechanicville last Tuesday had a different script. The Indians got on the warpath early, opened up leads of 10 and 11 points consistently with good shooting, and kept a press that threw their hosts off stride. "We played exceptional defense," said Tucker.

But when the shooting reverted to normal late in the game, Mechanicville narrowed the gap and tied at the buzzer. In the first overtime, Mechanicville went

up by three baskets, but Baker and Tony Pearson canned outside shots to draw even. The Indians had the ball in the final seconds, but missed the shot that would have done it.

In the second overtime Pearson pumped in all seven points, including three baskets from outside that put the game away. Pearson had 21 points for the night and Baker added 15.

This week the Indians were traveling to Watervliet last night (Tuesday) and have a date at Waterford Friday. "We have a good shot at both of them," Tucker said over the weekend. Next week Schalmont comes to Ravena, then it's back on the bus for Albany Academy.

## Mallery tops in SUNYA meet

Susan Mallery, a 13-year-old Delmar swimmer competing for the host Albany Starfish Swim Club, won two events and placed high in two others in a SUNYA Invitational meet at the Albany State pool Saturday.

Two pre-teen members of the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club placed in the top three in individual events, and the Dolphin boys' 11-12 medley relay team churned to a second place in fast competition. Drew Patrick was second in boys' 9-10 breaststroke, and Chris Drew placed third in boys' 11-12 backstroke. The Dolphin foursome of Chris Drew, Mike Miller, Chris Engstrom and Justin Baird covered the 200-yard medley course in 2:21.02.

Mallery, a member of the Bethlehem Central girls' varsity, turned in the best times of her career in three of her four events. Competing in the girls' 13-14 class, she won the 100-yard freestyle in 56.47 seconds and the 100-yard backstroke in 1:06.05. She was runnerup in the 200 IM with a clocking of 2:23.89, her personal best, and was third in the butterfly in 1:04.16.

Other Dolphins who earned spots in the first six places in individual events in the various ages groupings were Lisa Ogawa (3 events and medley relay), Jennifer Mosley (2 events and medley relay), Justin Baird, Jonathan Scholes and Tracie Mull.

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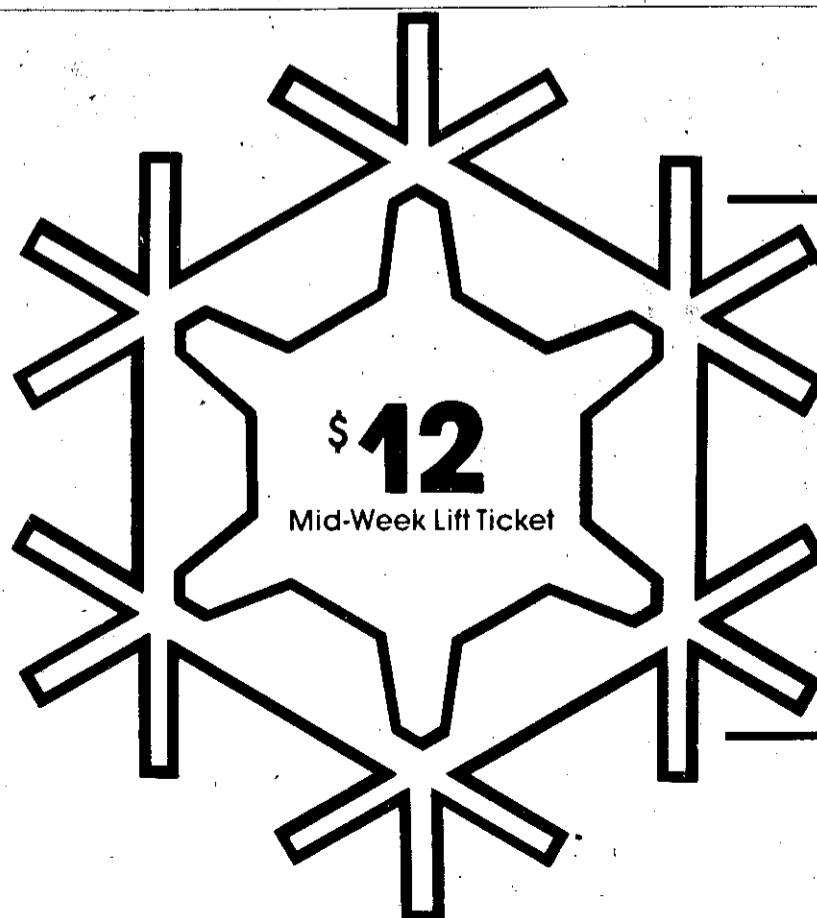


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(Jan. 12)

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the recommended alternative and gain additional comments from the public. All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Hearing and submit oral or written statements. The Public Hearing will remain open until all parties wishing to be heard have had the opportunity to be heard. Although it is recommended that statements be submitted in writing, written and oral statements will receive equal consideration and become part of the record. Written statements will be received until February 28, 1983 and should be addressed to Milton F. Bates, Mayor, Village of Voorheesville, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Avenue, Voorheesville, New York 12186.  
Copies of the draft Report and relevant material will be available for inspection on or about January 14, 1983 at the Voorheesville Public Library and Village Hall. Additional information regarding the project may be obtained from Mr. William J. Clarke, Chairman, Voorheesville Sewer Commission, at 457-2672, Mr. John R. Dergosits, Coordinator, Citizens Advisory Committee, at 457-9288 or the Village Hall at 765-2692.  
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needs of his fellow men. Undoubtedly someday this paper will publish a flowery obituary for "Doc" Sargent that must necessarily understate his real contribution to his times. Perhaps it is more meaningful to make note of such merit now while we all have a chance to say "Thank You" to one of the truly class gentlemen of this or any time.

We honor people who sacrifice their lives for others. Why not similarly honor those who in life spend and consume themselves in the service of their fellowman? Such a man is Edward "Doc" Sargent — our neighbor.

Robert Roche

Delmar

Robert Roche is a former county attorney, a position appointed by the Democrat-controlled Albany County Legislature. Edward Sargent is a member of the Republican minority in the legislature.

Charles Redmond, a member of the Bethlehem Planning Board for 20 years, was elected chairman last week to succeed Sargent, who remains a member of that board as well as a county legislator.

### Why Ross variance opposed

Editor, The Spotlight:

This an open letter to Mr. Charles Fritts and the entire Bethlehem Board of Appeals. Although I find you, Mr. Fritts, an affable enough person, I find that standing before the entire Board of Appeals is an intimidating experience, especially when one is attempting to throw some light on a situation which seems to be of an esoteric nature, understood only by those of us living in Slingerlands, and in my area in particular.

I did attend the Aug. 25 meeting, and I did cast a negative vote against the Ross variance. Apparently, the board does not consider a simply stated negative vote, unembellished with epithets, sufficient enough opposition to be considered valid, because the variance was, indeed, granted in spite of several negative votes.

To prevent you from confusing

restraint with complacency, I feel compelled to write and tell of the reality of living just a soda can's throw from Ross's and within hearing distance of Hess and Pvt. Benny's.

Our home is located directly across the street from the home which is adjacent to Ross's. Initially, we were plagued with cars making U-turns in our circular drive doubling back to Ross's for ice cream. In addition to this we are now subjected to the nauseating smell of fish oil which permeates the neighborhood. There is no seasonal respite; the parking lot is used year 'round by big rigs and trucks (including town trucks), which churn up clouds of dust and debris in their comings and goings. Such use is hardly compatible with a residential area.

Another year-round use of the handy location is used by the police, who use the site for setting up roadblocks for checking registration and inspection stickers. This creates a massive traffic back-up, complete with more U-turns in the drive, tires screeching and at least one rear end collision that I was witness to.

These sights, sounds and smells are hardly conducive elements to the resident returning home in the evening from a day's work, but they are only the introduction to the noise pollution throughout the night. I am awakened by a dinging coming from the Hess area and the sounds of drivers peeling out from the Pvt. Benny area.

Mr. Fritts, although you contend that no expansion of patron facilities at Ross's occurred, let me point out that the building was enhanced and therefore, the business was given a boost. The garage has not been removed, and any enhancement of these businesses only adds to the devaluation of our neighborhood. I don't want these businesses here, but since I am stuck with them, I say, LET THEM ROT! Don't encourage them! Do they really bring in such great tax revenues that they merit this gradual and disheartening disintegration of an AI Residential area?

As for Mr. Bruno's contention that the variance would ease his financial situation, let me ask why the board seemed to have forgotten the request made by Mr.

Bruno a few months earlier for a variance to place his "antique" cars on the premises? A rather expensive hobby for someone in such penury, wouldn't you say?

Mr. Fritts, in the few years that we have lived here, my family and I have strived to create an attractive residential atmosphere, in keeping with the tradition of Slingerlands. The morning glories refuse to flourish on the mailbox post because of the exhaust pollution. Two trees died before one finally grew in the front yard, and the trash tossed out of passing cars and onto our lawn could fill a dumpster. We are close enough to these businesses to have them affect our health and our lives, but we are not close enough to be informed of special hearings "as required by law." If the board is really concerned with input from its citizens, keep us informed. Even Blue Cross has the courtesy to involve us in its planning. Reach above the "requirements of the Law." It's an admirable quality to care and one which could only be appreciated and approved of by those of us who really want to maintain a high standard for Slingerlands and the Town of Bethlehem.

Grace A. Thompson

Slingerlands

### Ritchko to speak

The Bethlehem chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will hear a talk by Sue Ann Ritchko, an Albany County legislator and director of consumer services for Price Chopper supermarkets, at a meeting Jan. 18 at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. A social hour at 12:30 p.m. will precede the 1:15 p.m. talk on nutrition and consumer ideas.

### Tax credits the topic

Town of Bethlehem Assessor John F. Thompson will talk about business investment tax credits at a meeting of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce at noon Thursday at the Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Also Thursday awards will be presented to winners in the holiday decorating contest jointly sponsored by the chamber and the Bethlehem Garden Club.

### Record number served

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your recent holiday article concerning the Bethlehem Festival was timely and well reported by Caroline Terenzini. As you were going to press our joint community and school effort, referred to as "Christmas Sharing," was increasing in numbers until we reached a record number of 63 families. This means a total of 297 people were helped in our own Bethlehem.

I thank you for your interest and support.

B.J. Lornell  
School Social Worker  
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### An uncommon man

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is reported that Ed Sargent is "stepping down" from his present town post in favor of another person whom "Doc" considers the appropriate and correct choice to carry on this appointed position.

Ed Sargent is incapable of stepping down in favor of anyone more qualified than he is — there is no such person. We extend our best wishes to Mr. Redmond, but recognition of what we have been privileged to have in Doc Sargent is appropriate.

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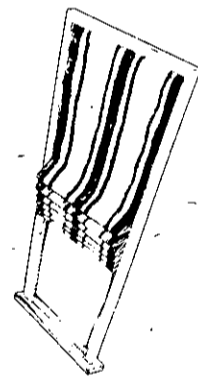
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# Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

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The Bethlehem Community Association has requested the town board to consider adding fluorides to the town's water system when the new reservoir in New Scotland is put into use. The association, headed by Robert Van Raden, has appealed to all citizens to familiarize themselves with the benefits of fluoridation, and to write the town board or supervisor stating their position.

While a capacity crowd was celebrating New Year's Eve at the Elsmirian Restaurant in Delaware Plaza, plate glass doors in several stores in the plaza were smashed. Robbers took six pounds of hot dogs from Tom Mooney's Dari-Delite, six exposure meters from Charlie Schellhaas's camera store, and cash register change from Clayt Albright's Center Hardware Store. Police Chief Arthur Blodgett said an attempt to remove the hinge pins from the door of Helen Rasker's Town and Tweed shop was unsuccessful. The chief said night patrols will be increased in the area, and better lighting will be provided.

Jan. 10, 1963

Ice skating facilities are available at three schools as part of the Town of Bethlehem's recreation program. Glenmont and Slingerlands schools have areas available to the public after school hours. The Junior High area is located in back of the school on the tennis courts, after school hours and from 7 to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Jan. 12, 1978

Bethlehem's dragged-out contract negotiations with the teachers' union came to an end with the board of education ratifying the agreement by a 5-2 vote. Dissenting were Bertold Weinberg, who called the new contract "irresponsible," and John H. Clyne, who termed the agreement "an absolute sellout." The new contract calls for step increments and pay raises averaging 17.4 percent over a three-year period. At the meeting, Weinberg read a prepared statement sharply criticizing the union's chief negotiator, social studies teacher Gordon Molyneux. Weinberg said Molyneux "deliberately withheld" information that terms of the contract could have been settled before the end of the school year the previous June, thus avoiding the bitterness of job-actions by the union that had negative effects on schoolchildren and their parents.

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Philip Grenz, left, plays the title role in the Bethlehem Middle School's production of *Oliver*. In the scene at right, *Oliver* appears with the Artful Dodger, played by Brian Saelens, and



Fagin, played by Todd Googins. The popular Dickens classic will be presented Jan. 21-22 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tom Howes

## 'Oliver' at middle school

Local theater goers who enjoy Dickens and musical drama needn't go to Broadway to see "Oliver!" The Bethlehem Central Middle School will present their version of the musical based on Charles Dickens "Oliver Twist" on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 21 and 22, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets will be available pre-sale from cast members and at the door.

Starring with their names in lights will be Philip Grenz as Oliver, Todd Googins as Fagin, Brian Saelens as Artful Dodger, Mike Manzella as Bill Sikes, Jillian Shipherd as Nancy, Erica Kesselman as Bet, Matt Manzella as Mr. Bumble, Allison Holsinger as Mrs. Corney, Dan Kerness as Mr. Burnlow, Eric Lee as Mr. Sowerberry and Sarah Poczic as Mrs. Sowerberry.

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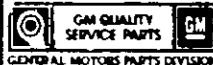
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