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Rulings could affect NiMo coal hearings

By Linda Anne Burtis

An administrative law judge has denied a key environmental group permission to participate fully in the coming hearings on Niagara Mohawk's proposal to convert its Glenmont plant to burn coal, and has also announced a second issues conference to consider whether health issues should be made part of the proceedings.

The two surprise rulings were made Jan. 7 by Administrative Law Judge Daniel E. Louis of the state Department of Environmental Conservation. Ultimately, Louis will accept, deny or impose modifications on Niagara Mohawk's proposal.

The second issues conference will be held Jan. 25 at 10:30 a.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall. It appears likely that the health issue will be dropped after that conference, since no state agency or private organization has so far decided to defend its importance.

Denial of "party status" to the Environmental Defense Fund, a New York City-based environmental group, narrows participation to two environmental groups, one of which, the Sierra Club, cannot even afford its own lawyers. Scrutiny of the industry's proposal is restricted by this decision. Environmental Defense Fund is a non-profit, watchdog-style organization that has expressed concern about "local air quality, including public health, acid rain with impacts of SO₂ and various alternative fuel options." No EDF representative attended the first issues conference in December, but EDF did submit the required information to achieve "party status." Party status is the most critical legal role to have in the proceedings because only those so designated can present testimony and cross-examine witnesses.

James Tripp, counsel for EDF, said Monday he plans to appeal any decision that excludes his group from testifying. "If it is their policy to exclude EDF, the process is meaningless," he said.

Tripp said he believes EDF was not granted party status because it did not appear at the December conference, despite the fact that he had told Judge Louis he could not make it and had filed all of the required papers.

BETHLEHEM

The public health consequences of burning coal has received very little attention, taking a back seat to the acid rain issue. Neither the state bureaucracies nor Niagara Mohawk have expressed an interest in examining health impacts. However, if the utility's proposal is approved, the stack at the Glenmont plant would emit 23,600 tons annual of sulfur dioxide. This is a legally acceptable amount. It would also release 327 tons annually of small particles, 2,400 pounds of mercury and 8,180 tons annually of nitrogen oxides.

Dr. Leonard Hamilton of Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island has data that show health hazards even at acceptable levels of sulfur dioxide. His findings show an increase of asthma attacks among susceptible individuals who are exercising. He is also concerned about nitrogen oxide emissions, which he claims damage the lungs, particularly of children.

But John Cianci of the state Environmental Conservation Department noted the difficulty of using public health data because the studies do not lend themselves to intensive cross-examination. Even Dr. Hamilton concedes only a "60 percent certainty" with his results, but believes the studies are strong enough to use as evidence.

According to Judge Louis, "Niagara Mohawk does not consider the topical area of public health an issue material to its application." EnCon and the Public Service Commission do not have the medical expertise to adequately analyze impacts on public health. Those agencies that do have the expertise are keeping a low profile.

Dr. William Grattan, commissioner of the Albany County Health Department, said he agrees that it is "plausible to speculate that lower amounts of SO₂ are better than higher amounts." But, he added, "since we don't have solid data, we can't take a stronger position." The state Health Department's role is "specifically

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Children's librarian Iris Dagostino peers through a hole on the shelves; the book that should be there cost \$49.50 and disappeared after one week. Tom Howes

'Borrowers' leave hole at library

By Caroline Terenzini

Miss Bth is taking a lot of books out of the Bethlehem Public Library and library Director John Hodges is unhappy about it. That's because Miss Bth is the symbol used in the Albany Public Library's computerized circulation system — which Bethlehem shares — for "missing-Bethlehem." And the number of books entered in the system that come up with the tag Miss/Bth is upsetting the library staff and its board alike.

"The staff suffers," Hodges said, "because it's embarrassing to go to the shelf and find that a requested book is not there. The computer says it's there and the card catalogue says it's there, but it's not there. It's embarrassing."

For example, Alex Comfort's "Joy of Sex" is "always missing," Hodges said. "Maybe people are too embarrassed to check it out . . ." When the computer was queried, four of the nine copies in the system were checked out to "missing." Hodges also told of finding empty record covers tossed into bushes near the library.

Hodges acknowledged that missing items are a perpetual problem for libraries, but with the computerized circulation system, "we have a much better handle on it now." And it now costs the library about \$22, as an average, to put a book on the shelf, including labor costs and postage. In the reference section, the

problem is most acute. Among the 3,000 items classified as reference materials, about 150 titles are missing, including volumes from the encyclopedia. While single replacement volumes can be obtained, it is expensive, said Ethel Birchenough, chairman of the library's board of trustees. The annual cost for replacing missing items now is near \$4,000. "I'd rather spend it on something else," Mrs. Birchenough said.

Which could be any number of things. "The demands just keep coming," she said. "The highly educated people in this town want more and more. The library is extremely important here." This is borne out by the circulation figures, which make the Bethlehem Public Library No. 3 in circulation among public libraries in towns of comparable size statewide. The 100,000 items in the library's collection also put it in the top ranks. "Other librarians just go ga-ga over this system," Mrs. Birchenough said.

"The people in this town are very good when you go to them with something," she continued. "All you have to do is explain" and townspeople will support the library, she said, citing the overwhelming vote in favor of financing a new roof a year ago.

The alternative is a costly detection

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Catherine St. house is gutted

Fire swept through an empty house at 41 Catherine St., Delmar, early Thursday morning, leaving extensive damage. Bethlehem police are investigating the cause of the fire, but have not determined that it was arson, according to Detective John Cox.

Cox said the Allen Ofstein family was living in a motel because of a dryer fire Jan. 1 that left heavy smoke damage at the house. The family, which includes six children, was renting the house from Valatia builder Marcel Saint-Onge.

Photographers Kurt Uhl and Dave Paepke were on the scene as Delmar firefighters battled the blaze (far left). The following day the wreckage looked like this from the rear of the building.



□ Borrowers

system, Hodges said. This would require sensitized plates in every item and a detection gate at each door — plus \$12,000 out of the library's budget. "I'd hate to see something like this happen," Mrs. Birchenbough said.

"Some people are absent-minded, not malicious," Hodges said. "It just would help if people would check out their books."

Playing and learning

Parents of pre-schoolers will learn how play experiences can be learning tools at a Glenmont PTA-sponsored workshop Monday, Jan. 31, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Glenmont Elementary School. Dr. Olive Bray and Joanne Cunard, associate professors of education at the College of St. Rose, will discuss "Education Through Play Activities" and make parents familiar with different games that can be made and done at home to increase a child's attention span and independence.

The workshop is free. To register, call 463-1154 days or 439-2482 evenings.

Accident on bypass

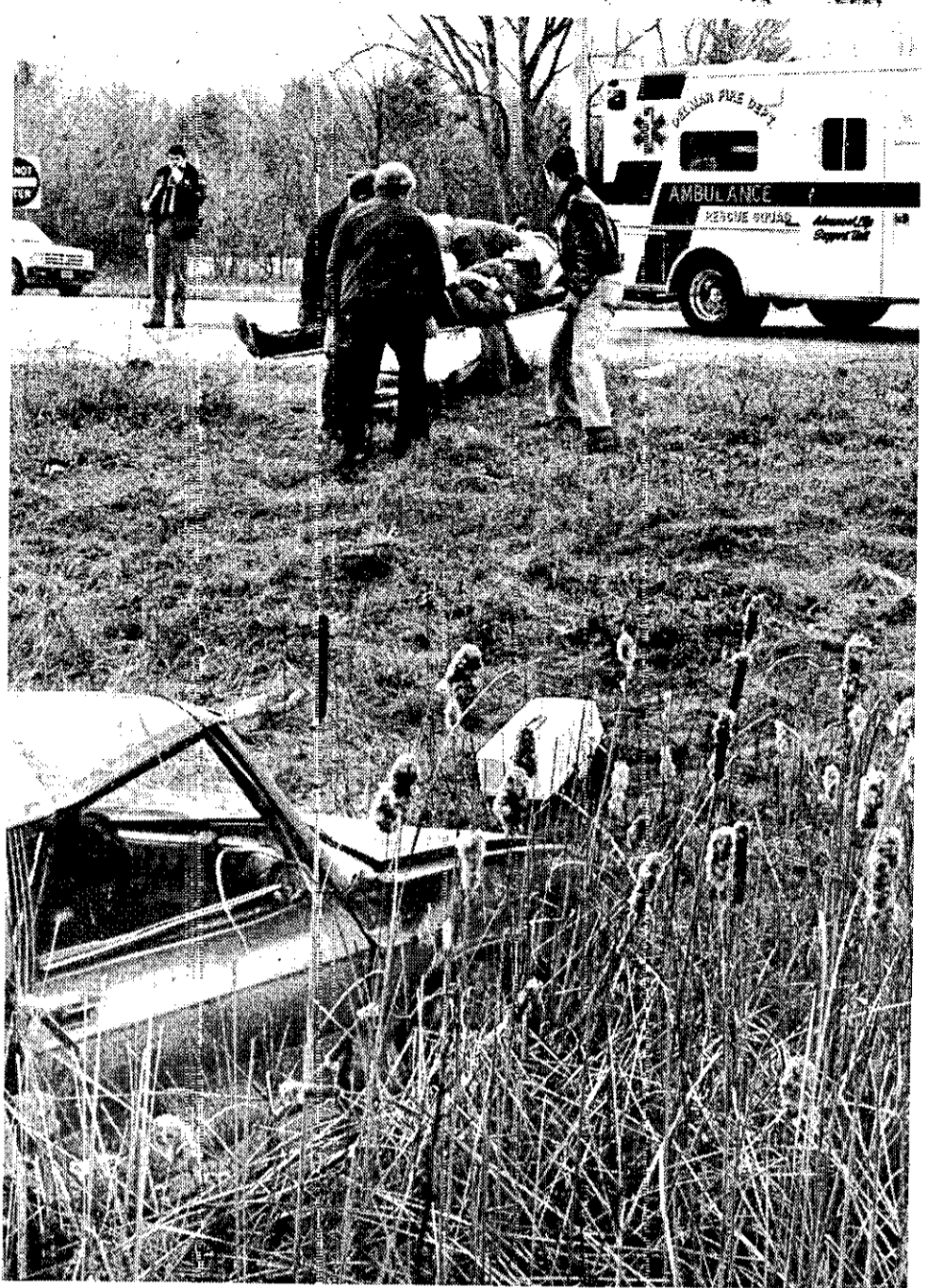
A collision on the Delmar Bypass Friday afternoon sent one car into the ditch and two people to the hospital. None of the injuries were serious enough to require hospitalization.

According to Bethlehem police reports, a car driven by Clifford D. Thompson, 64, of Maple Ave., Selkirk, was traveling east on the bypass when it collided with the second car, driven by Michael Kondratowicz, 31, of Schenectady, who was going south on Elsmere Ave. According to Thompson and a witness, police said, Kondratowicz ran a red light at the intersection, but no charges had been filed by Monday.

Thompson's wife, Harriet, complained of back pains and was taken to Albany Medical Center. Kondratowicz was treated at the hospital for cuts on his head.

Service award

Paula Rollins of Delmar was honored recently by the state Education Department for her community service.



One of the victims from Friday's crash on the Delmar Bypass is carried to a waiting ambulance by members of the Delmar Rescue Squad. *Spotlight*



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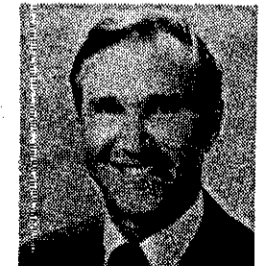
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nothing with regard to Niagara Mohawk," said Dr. William Stasiuk.

The entire area of public health is likely to be dismissed if no one is prepared to present testimony.

The Jan. 25 conference will also focus on economics. The utility is currently revising its cost figures and the other parties are waiting to access those changes and their impact on the proposal.

John Kelley, a Niagara Mohawk spokesman, said Monday the original project cost of \$160 million will be "considerably higher due to increased construction costs." Kelly said he is not certain the new figures will be ready for the Jan. 25 meeting.

Outdoor teaching

A workshop on "Teaching Out-of-Doors in Winter" will be offered at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar.

Designed for youth leaders, teachers,

and interested parents, this indoor/outdoor workshop will include activity ideas and teaching tips for use in outdoor winter lessons. Pre-registration is required by calling the center at 457-6092. The program is free of charge.

Monoprinting demonstrated

Jan Thalheimer will demonstrate the inexpensive printmaking technique of monoprinting to the next meeting of the Bethlehem Art Association on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Adams House, 393 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Non-members in attendance are asked to make a \$1 donation to the association.

For information, call Barbara Hallenbeck at 767-9364.

Mansion still open

Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site will be open to the public on a reduced winter schedule until April 1. The site will welcome visitors on a walk-in basis for guided tours Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Visits by classes and other interested groups will be accommodated Wednesday to Saturday by advance reservation. Call 474-3953 to make an appointment.

Brothers arrested

Bethlehem police have arrested two brothers, 15 and 17, in connection with the Jan. 1 break in at Adams Hardware at the Delmar Four Corners.

The brothers, Delmar residents, were charged with burglary third degree, grand larceny third degree and criminal mischief third degree. According to police reports, the store window was smashed and three chain saws and a hot plate were stolen. Police said the three saws have since been recovered, but the hot plate is still missing.

The 15-year-old was questioned in the presence of his father by Bethlehem detectives Tuesday, and then placed in custody. His older brother was arrested on a warrant and sent to Albany County Jail pending further court proceedings. The names were withheld because of the youths' ages.

LaLeche meetings

The LaLeche League will discuss "The Advantages of Breastfeeding to Mother and Baby" at its meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m. at the home of Ellen Poczik, 93 Fernbank Ave., Delmar.

The League regularly talks about the

challenges and rewards of breastfeeding on the third Wednesdays of every month. Upcoming topics include "Baby Arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby" and "Nutrition and Weaning". All interested women and their children are invited.

For information call 439-2343.

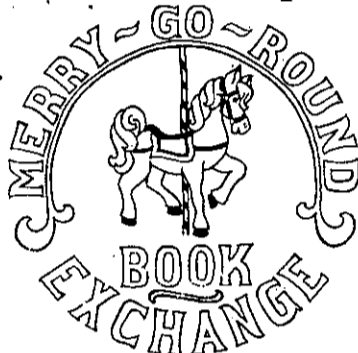
New book group

The Bethlehem Public Library is initiating a new daytime book discussion group to supplement the popular evening program. The first organizational meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. At the meeting books will be selected to discuss over the next four months. Meetings will be held monthly. Call 439-9314 or drop by the Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar to sign up for the group.

Winter walk

The Third "Annual Gound Hog Round-Up" will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 2 p.m. This outdoor walk will explore the world of winter ecology in a search for signs of common mammals of the Capital District. This program is open to the public and free of charge. Participants should dress warmly and wear hiking boots.

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Stadium a certainty

Building of a \$1.2 million, 5,000 seat baseball stadium on Albany-Shaker Road opposite Ann Lee Pond now seems assured.

The Albany County Legislature, by a 28 to 9 vote, approved a \$500,000 bond issue to finance the county's first phase cost of the stadium, which will be built on a 22-acre site owned by the county. The Stadium will be equally financed and operated by Albany County and the Town of Colonie.

Thursday night the Colonie Town Board approved its share of the cost.

The stadium will be rented yearly for \$10,000 to Capitaland Pro Sports, owners of a Class-AA franchise of the Oakland Athletics.

The stadium issue provoked bitter, prolonged and loud controversy at the legislative session.

The Bethlehem legislators were divided on the stadium issue. Minority Leader Gordon Morris and Legislator Ed Sargent voted against the bond issue, and I was one of six Republicans who voted in favor of it.

I believe that a baseball stadium will provide good, wholesome family entertainment for citizens of this and adjacent areas. I am in favor of those forms of entertainment that bring families together in enthusiastic participation in this kind of recreation.

Of course, I had some questions and reservations about the way the Democratic leadership rushed the stadium measure through at the very last minute.

ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Sue Ann Ritchko



In fact, after the session started Democratic Majority Leader Richard Meyers produced an environmental review prepared by the engineering firm of Clough, Harbour and Associates and the Albany County Planning Board that said, according to Meyers, that the proposed construction would have no detrimental effect on the environment or airport traffic. Other legislators did not have any opportunity before the vote to review this study.

Lawrence Smith, staff director of the County Planning Board, said the study will be forwarded to the state Department of Environmental Conservation for review until Feb. 10. Well, considering that Albany Mayor Erastus Corning has approved the building of the stadium and even offered the use of Albany's Blecker Stadium to the Oakland Athletics until it is built, and considering that Mayor Corning was the first and most powerful backer of Gov. Cuomo, it seems unlikely that the Department of Environmental Conservation will issue a negative report on the environmental study.

I was even more irked at repeated statements by Democratic members that "we might as well give the taxpayers something for their money".



Bethlehem Middle School pupils and parents enjoyed Kaleidoscope, billed as "an artistic fun night," last Thursday. Among those at the informal art session were Heather Eldridge, a seventh grader, her mom, Benna Elderidge, and Lynette Stracke, a classmate of Heather's. Tom Howes

The Albany County Legislature is not giving the taxpayers anything. We members are merely stewards or trustees acting on behalf of the taxpayers, whose money we are spending or committing. It is our responsibility to act as good stewards and provide as many and as good services for the community as the revenues permit. We are not committing nor spending the Legislature's funds; we are handling revenues provided by all of us taxpayers.

The stadium proposal was bipartisan from the start, when County Executive James J. Coyne, Democrat, and Colonie Supervisor Fred G. Field, Republican, first announced that the county and the town would equally share the cost of construction and operating the facility.

I hope the project will be overwhelmingly successful, and that the county and town of Colonie will be able to solve all the problems that are bound to develop from time to time with complete satisfaction to both parties.

Cadets at reception

Three Air Force Academy cadets from Delmar attended a recent reception hosted by the Air Force Academy Parents' Assn. of Northeastern New York. They are Cadet 1st Class John Dorsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dorsey, and Cadet 1st Class Robert P. Roche, Jr. and Cadet 3rd Class Sean P. Roche, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roche. The senior Roche is president of the association.

Upon commissioning June 1, Dorsey will be assigned to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He is a 1979 graduate of Bethlehem Central High school. Cadet Robert Roche, also a 1979 BC graduate, will have flight instruction in Texas following his commissioning. His brother Sean graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in 1981.

Help finding a job

The Bethlehem Public Library's new Job Club is designed to help local job hunters find "a new career in the new year." Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 26, the club will meet on alternate Wednesdays to provide members with a structured, supportive atmosphere where they can set goals, practice interviewing and build contacts.

Preregistration is required for the five sessions. There is a \$10 fee. For details, call the library at 439-9314.

Skating party set for Feb. 5

There will be no Bethlehem Winter Carnival this year, but Blanchard Post, American Legion, will again sponsor ice skating races for boys and girls through age 17.

The annual event, formerly held at the Herrick and Von Ronne Ponds, was moved to the Elm Ave. Park as part of the town's ice carnival several years ago. The 1983 event will be held at the park on Saturday, Feb. 5, starting with registration at 10 a.m.

If snow conditions are favorable, there will also be a snow sculpture contest. The Legion will award medals to race winners in each age group and will provide free hot dogs and hot chocolate or coffee to all participants. The same refreshments will be available to the public at a nominal cost.

The Legion committee is composed of Dan Lantz, Ernie Gall and Sid Kaplan. Members of the Bethlehem Lions Club will assist.

The committee said a decision will be made on Thursday, Feb. 3, as to whether ice conditions are satisfactory for the races. There will be no rain date.

Bikes recovered

Bethlehem Police Officer Paul Roberts, patrolling on Oakwood Rd. Friday, noticed the flash of a mirror off the road and found three 10-speed bicycles hidden in the brush, along with signs of recent parties. One of the bikes was reported stolen last summer, according to police reports.

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Monument for GOP?

The new minor league baseball stadium in Colonie is being acclaimed in some quarters as a monument to bipartisan togetherness, the house that Jim and Fred (with a little help from Boston) built. For Albany County Republicans, it may become another kind of monument — the first symbol this election year that the GOP is still a confederation of independent chiefs, unable to combine as an effective opposition to the Albany Democrats.

POLITICS

Since the opposition headquarters seems to have drifted southward, from Colonie to Bethlehem, the county legislature's split last week is being taken very much to heart here. While it may be difficult for many people to understand, the opposition has almost nothing to do with the merits of the stadium, but quite a bit to do with the sport of politics. And, as usual, the second-guessing will go on for some time. Did the Bethlehem (and other) Republicans put themselves in an impossible position by opposing the popular development? And, on the other side of the fence, did the Colonie Republicans (and their leader, Colonie Town Supervisor Fred Field), keep the faith by making what amounted to a separate deal with County Executive James Coyne?

One thing is certain: the way the measure was rushed through the legislature will leave a bad taste for some time to come. Only one Republican, Bethlehem's Edward Sargent, was able to speak against the financing for the stadium before the Colonie Republicans combined with the Democrats to close off the debate. Sargent protested that legislators were not allowed time to consider the environmental impact of the stadium on the fragile Ann Lee Pond site, or to consider whether some other means of financing would not have been more appropriate.

One other thing seems likely: this development means a free ride for Coyne, who will be seeking his third term this November. The only Republican with the county-wide credentials to challenge Coyne is Field, and he has made it quite clear he isn't interested.

That leaves one other course for the Republicans — slug it out in the county legislature.

Under Elsmere's Gordon Morris, the minority leader for two years now, that's what the Republicans have been trying to do, and Morris figures that with a couple more seats (the GOP has one third of the votes now, which is enough to block certain types of financial legislation only when a Democrat defects or is missing) he could get results.

Getting those seats won't be easy, but it is possible if the Republicans put their resources where they'll do the most good.

The recent decision not to challenge the Democratic redistricting plan — much as it stuck in the craws of some Republicans — had the advantage of freeing party resources for more important things.

There are vulnerable Democratic seats in Colonie and Guilderland, although pinning an "organization" tag on Colonie Democrats is going to be a lot tougher after last week's vote. There are also two seats for the suburban Republicans to go after — the Albany district that covers the New Scotland area and now extends into North Bethlehem and part of Guilderland, and the new district which combines Democratic Westerlo with the southern part of New Scotland. Again, though, any effective challenge would require not only a good candidate but also lots of money and outside help — something only a unified party can provide.

Matters are even more complicated since Morris — by far the most aggressive minority leader the Republicans have had in decades — seems firmly committed to running for Bethlehem supervisor. Only a decision by the present supervisor, Tom Corrigan, not to retire, will avert what now shapes up as an all-out battle in Bethlehem Republican circles that would likely mean less attention to the rest of the county.

Tom McPheeters

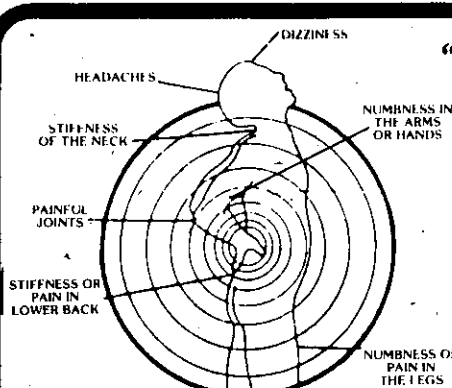
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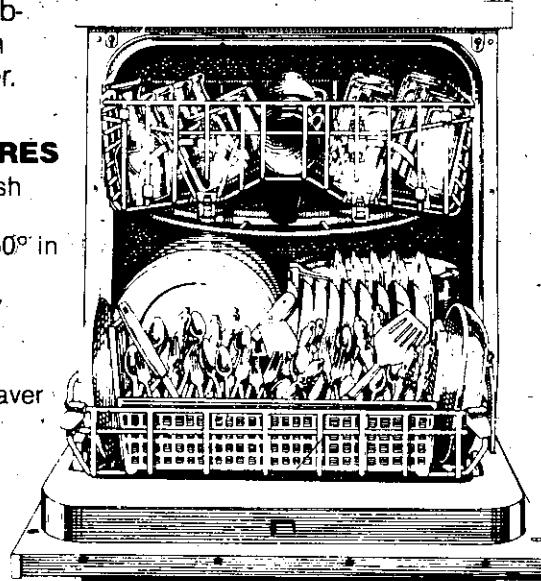
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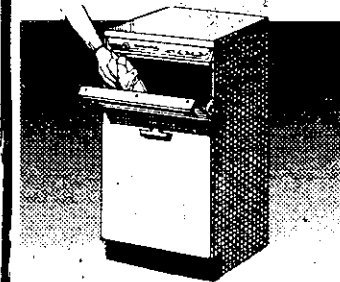
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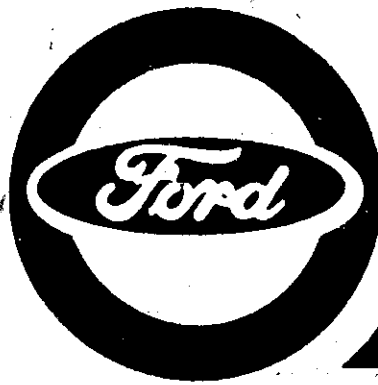
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State checks dropped channels

Last month Adams-Russell cable television, which operates Bethlehem Video, informed subscribers in Bethlehem and New Scotland that it would be forced to drop four channels when a major change in copyright fees went into effect Jan. 1.

The copyright change was frozen by Congress before it could go into effect, but Adams Russell has dropped the four channels anyway.

That has at least one Bethlehem resident upset, but the executive director of the state cable commission says Adams Russell is not alone in deciding to go ahead and drop the "distant signal" stations that would be in line for the copyright fee hikes if the changes do go through later.

But, said Edward Kearsa Monday, the commission is looking at the question of

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whether the cable companies are permitted to make that move without the permission of the municipalities that grant their franchises. "It's a fairly complicated legal question," he said.

Adams Russell general manager George Smede said his company went ahead with the change for several reasons. The first is the continued uncertainty over the copyright change, which is frozen only until March 15. It is possible that cable companies that continue to program the stations affected — those located far from the cable system itself — will be required late to pay the new fee (an increase of 500 to 1,100 percent) if they continue to use the

stations after Jan. 1, Smede said. Kearsa agreed that is a possibility.

Statewide it appears that about half of the cable companies have dropped the distant channels. In the Capital District, Capitol Cablevision and Troy NewChannels have retained the channels.

In addition, said Smede, another copyright change would have increased fees on the four channels another 100 percent, an \$18,000 revenue loss in the three-month period. Kearsa confirmed this increase also, but noted that most cable companies "seem to be absorbing that cost in the normal course of events, because they knew it was coming."

Smede noted that Adams Russell replaced the dropped channels (WTBS, WNEW, Channel 27 and Channel 56), with new programming that includes the popular MTV (tapes of popular bands) and the new Health Network. Such specialized programming, he said, is probably the wave of the future for cable.

Kearsa said the commission has received a few, but not many, complaints from cable subscribers. One complaint, from Delmar resident Sherwood Davies, asks the commission to investigate whether Adams-Russell has violated state law and its own commitments made last year when the firm obtained a \$1 rate increase by abandoning the channels.

Town sticks to its guns

Bluff or good advice?

"The people in my employ tell me there is just no way the town is going to win on this issue," warned Stephen Strong.

But the Bethlehem Town Board decided Wednesday it is willing to gamble up to \$10,000 of the town's money to settle the issues raised by Strong's firm, Van Euclid Co., which wants to build houses off Euclid Ave. in Elsmere. To do that, the company has to put a road through two existing residences, and the planning board decided last fall it could not approve that change in an existing subdivision.

Last month, however, state Supreme Court Justice DeForest Pitt ruled against the town and said the Norman's Gate subdivision should be permitted.

"There were several issues raised in that decision, and the planning board feels they are significant," explained Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz Wednesday. "I agree with them."

One issue is Judge Pitt's contention that the town should have come up with its own experts to counter the developer's claims that the access road they propose is the alternative. That would mean more engineering and traffic studies at town expense — a precedent that bothers Kaplowitz and other town officials.

But Kaplowitz and Planning Board Attorney Earl Jones both said Monday they believe that the issue of whether the town can legally amend the existing 1937 subdivision on Euclid to permit a road to go where two houses are now is of equal importance. That issue hinges on state law that Pitt and the town attorneys read differently.

Kaplowitz said it would cost the town \$2,000 simply to have the required copies of the appeals papers and exhibits printed

for the Appellate Division of State Supreme Court, which will hear the case. Other costs will come as the case is argued.

In other business Wednesday, the town board put into effect a change in water rates that had been agreed on during last year's budget discussions.

Under the new rates, users will pay 60 cents per 100 cubic feet for all water up to 12,000 cubic feet, and 50 cents per 100 after that. The increase hits larger customers, who prior to this got a 10 cent discount after the first 6,000 cubic feet and a second discount at 12,000 cubic feet.

In addition, the town will return to a quarterly billing system for its major customers, the 34 that use more than 100,000 cubic feet per year, in order to improve its cash flow in the water department.

The board also:

- Approved a one-year agreement with Hope House to contribute \$16,750 toward the cost of the new Project Hope unit being opened at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem on Rt. 9W. The Town of Coeymans and the Village of Ravena are also contributing to the project.

- Agreed to send more town employees to a weekend seminar Feb. 10 through 12 being run by Adelphi University Training Institute in Saratoga. Several town and school district employees have already participated in a longer seminar run by Adelphi on substance abuse among teenagers.

- Clarified a "language problem" in the town's vacation policy, so that employees may be eligible for vacations or increases in vacation time based on their anniversary of employment, rather than the calendar year.



Mountains
Who needs hills when the snow plows make mountains in the middle of Delmar? Here Jessica Sharon heads off a mound on Nathaniel Blvd. On the cover: Eric and Amy Van Der Loo of Delmar celebrate the real arrival of winter.
Tom Howes

employee in finance and credit; Lisa Rarick, owner-manager in food marketing; Brian Rowe, master employee in general merchandise marketing; John Tangora, master employee in service station marketing; and Doug Vogel, job interview. Alternates are Nancy Cook, advertising, and Gerrie Hausmann, restaurant marketing.

Last year the BCHS branch of DECA placed second overall in the state and saw one petroleum marketing expert advance to the national level.
Julie Ann Sosa

DECA students advance

Bethlehem Central High School's chapter of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) will send a delegation of business students to the 23rd annual state conference of DECA clubs at the Concord Hotel, Kiamasha Lake, in March.

Still "in business" in the interclub contest after winning top honors at the Region Four competition held recently at SUNYA are Jim Calvagno, master employee in service station marketing; Mike Curran, master employee in restaurant marketing; Cheryl Groesbeck, owner-manager in apparel and accessories marketing; Nick Miller, master

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Bennett Hill: a house reborn

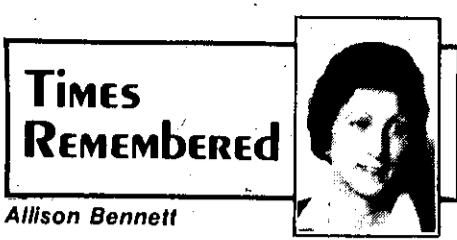
"The House By The Side Of The Road" seems an apt title for the Bennett Hill Farm, nestled along the ridge above Clarksville. Certainly a lover of old houses would be most proud to own this stone frame house with its tremendous barns and out buildings set so snugly up the rolling hillside.

And just such a pair of lovers of old houses and traditions can be found in its owners, Peter and Judy Saidel. They have lived here with their family for only two years but have put a lot of love and plenty of hard work into making this house and farm into the charming, gracious home it has become in that short period of time.

The stone portion of the house was built in 1821 by "WCH," the initials carved into the stone wall for the builder, W.C. Hewitt. It is also known that the property was once owned by William Chapman, a relative of the Patroon Van Rensselaer. Rushmore Bennett purchased the property in 1834 and at that time added a portion of the frame additions. Bennett Hill takes its name from this family.

Rushmore Bennett . . . purchased the property on Bennett Hill, where he and his wife Emily spent their lives. Beside operating the farm he built a large grist and saw mill on the Onesquethaw . . .

The first Bennett in the area, Daniel, left his home in Fairfield, Gloucestershire, England, in 1802, and upon reaching New York City, took passage by sailboat to Albany. From there he tramped westward through the country,



Allison Bennett

looking for work. He found employment with a farmer named Titus Rushmore, who lived on the corner of South Rd. and Rt. 85 in New Salem (house still standing.) Two years later he married Abigail Rushmore, the daughter of his employer, and purchased the farm adjoining the Rushmore farm on the south. One of their four children was Rushmore, who purchased the property on Bennett Hill, where he and his wife Emily spent their lives.

Besides operating the farm he built a large grist mill on the Onesquethaw Creek, which ran through his farm. His daughter, Elizabeth, married Wilhelmus Rowe and passed her entire life on the Bennett Hill farm. It was their son, Anson, who operated the farm in addition to working at a position with the State of New York until he sold it in 1946 upon his retirement.

The stone section of the house has the most quaintness, with deep set window sills and recessed doorways. There is a simple pine mantel above the fireplace and the ceiling boasts chamfered beams and doors with original box latches and brass knobs. The Saidels have painted the interiors throughout the house a colonial white which lightens up the interior and provides a perfect foil for their interesting accessories.

Some of these are two great wooden pieces, nicely refinished and attached to large wall spaces, and they would puzzle the uninitiated as to their purpose. Peter explained that they were *dies* for carpet looms, i.e., they were the pattern from

which was made the side of a piece of carpet machinery. The piece would be cast right at the carpet factory and the machinery made on the spot. These came from the Mohasco Mills in Amsterdam and they certainly made striking wall decor and interesting conversation pieces that blend perfectly with the colonial feeling of the house.

The Saidels have made a large family kitchen that can serve as a dining and family room. The harvest table is set before sliding glass doors which give a pleasant view of the fields and wildlife. The beams in this room were taken from a barn in Knox and a Hoosier kitchen cabinet adds a reminder of the recent past. The house has wide pine floorboards throughout that give a warm and cozy look to the rooms. Wide stone slabs from the Helderbergs lead to the former side door, which now serves as the front entrance.

One enters a hallway with its stairway boasting a simple walnut newel post and white spindle banisters leading to the upstairs bedrooms, with a graceful turn in the hand rail at the top of the stairs. The master bedroom is above the living room in the stone section. There is a carpeted, large, well-arranged closet and bathroom suite that serves this and another bedroom on this level. Winding around a short turn in the stairway, one is in another hallway that contains beyond it an office and a third bedroom. A fourth bedroom adjoins the main hall downstairs and serves as the bailiwick of the son of the household.

The wooden additions to the house are quite large and for a good reason: parts of these were put on in the later 1800's for a very special purpose — to house summer boarders. People as faraway as New York City knew of the wonderful country air and the beautiful scenery in our own

Catskill and Helderberg mountain area, and so they came to Albany County's hillside regions via the railroad train in the "Gay Nineties" period. Getting off the West Shore Railroad at the Ravena or Altamont station, they would be met by the farmer with his stage of team and wagon and taken up to the farmhouse to sit on the verandahs, eat the country cooking and stroll about the country lanes — a big change from the hot and dusty streets of the city.

People as far away as New York City knew of the wonderful country air and the beautiful scenery in our own Catskills and Helderberg mountain air, and so they came to Albany County's hillside regions via the train . . .

The old stone smokehouse behind the house has two doors, one to the smokehouse and the other leading to a storehouse, which was once the *Chick Sales*. Meat was hung in the smokehouse after being soaked in salt water. A fire was built to produce thick hickory smoke and the heat and salt would cure the meat so that it could be kept for many months without spoiling. There is also the annex located here and this was another building of two stories that was built to house the boarders. The Saidels have now converted it into a delightful little rental apartment with a living room, kitchen and fireplace on the first floor and a stairway leading up to a bath-laundry and well-closeted bedroom.

The Bennett Hill Farm has been a part of the Albany County Drive-It Yourself Tours and has evinced considerable interest since it was such an active working farm and Peter and Judy Saidel



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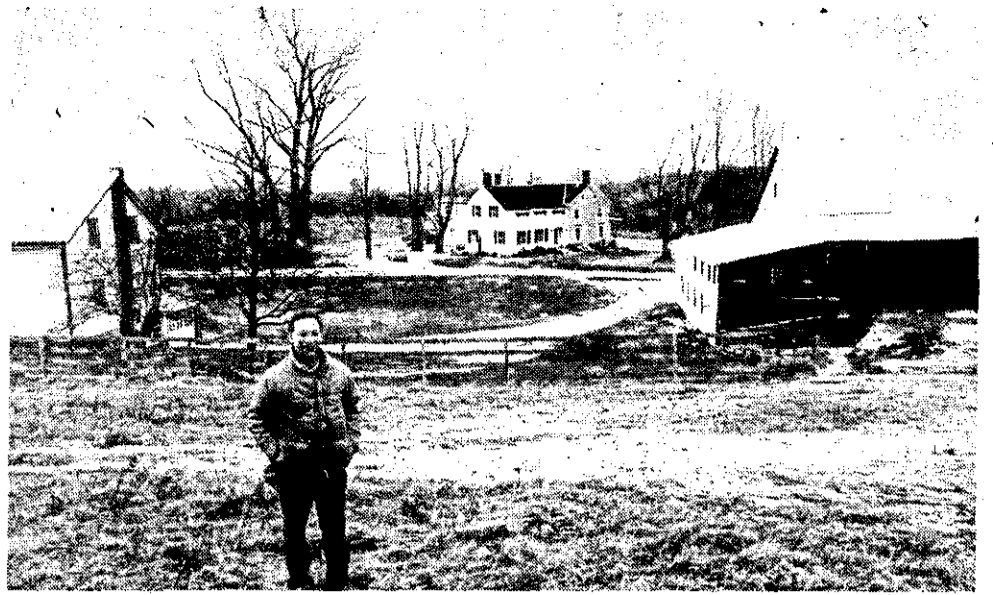
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Bennett Hill house as seen on an old postcard. The porch has been removed. The stone smokehouse is at the extreme right of photo.



Before the weekend snowfall, Bennett Hill presented a bleak January vista for Peter Saidel, but in warm weather it's a beautiful scene — and hours of hard work.

Tom Howes

say they want to keep it that way. May sees scores of apple trees in billowy bloom and in the fall the orchards will be open to "pick it yourself" apple parties. The spraying and maintenance is all done by Peter and his son, but a full time insurance business is still the major breadwinner for the family. The Saidels have also renovated the stable areas in the barn and plan to board horses as well as run a full stable with horseback riding lessons and trail riding. They are beginning to breed a small number of sheep, which are very useful in keeping the grass on the hillside close cropped. A local farmer also plants some of the Saidels' acreage to fodder corn.

The Peter Saidel family are vitally alive with their enthusiasm for country living and have many plans for their property in the days ahead. The beautiful weekends next fall should see a long line of cars lined up at the barn and the orchards full of happy people harvesting an apple crop, while the horse set goes cantering across the meadows and up into the wooded ridges. The house that shelters the family will certainly provide a lovely focus for all this activity.

On tape for posterity

Following the conclusion of another successful Christmas concert season and winter tour that included performances at the United Methodist Church, Empire State Plaza and Bethlehem Central High School auditorium, three BCHS singing groups — Choraliers, Choristers and Sound System — recently retreated to a College of St. Rose recording studio to "cut" their first cassette.

The 20 to 30 minute-long cassette is a musical photo album that the singers can keep to remember the highlights of their 1982 work. It includes such old standards as "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," "Basin Street Blues," "Blue Moon," "Flat Foot Floogie," "One By One People Come, Sing Together" and a salute to the alma mater. The cassette should be out on the BCHS market by March.

Music teacher and vocal coach Joseph Farrell conducted the groups during their day of work at the 16-track St. Rose studio. Among the featured student soloists were Lynda Stokoe, Hilary Schrauf, Colleen Nyilis, Andrew Labarge, David Ashe, Marggi Kerness, Joan Carpenter and Elyssa Gordon. Accompanying the vocalists were Katie Talmage at the piano, Jon Shipherd on bass and an all-student horns and drum section.

Wojtal gets Ph.D.

Steven F. Wojtal, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Wojtal of Delmar, has received the Ph.D. degree in geology from The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Wojtal graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1970 and from Brown University, Providence, R.I., in 1974. He is an assistant professor of geology at Oberlin College, Ohio.

Nursery school open house


Is your child ready for nursery school? The Tri-Village Nursery School will give parents an opportunity to answer that question at its open house Sunday, Jan. 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Potential students must have turned three by Dec. 1, 1983. They are divided into separate classes for three and four year olds. Now in its 37th year, the Tri-Nursery takes field trips to the State Museum and Five Rivers Environmental Center and hosts regular guests to expose the children to various outside activities and ideas.

For information call Linda Berry at 439-4614.

Promoted at Key Bank

Bruce F. Sowalski of Delmar has been named an assistant vice president in the branch loan administration department at Key Bank. A graduate of the State University College at Oneonta, Sowalski has been with the bank 10 years.



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NEWS FROM SELKIRK AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



On Tuesday, Jan. 25, the third grade level of the A.W. Becker School will enjoy a pot luck dinner. The suppers are held regularly for each grade level. Parents, grandparents, teachers, brothers and sisters are all invited.

Begun by the elementary P.T.O., the dinners were initiated as a means of acquainting parents with their child's friends, their friend's families and their teachers. Believing the rural location of most students' homes hinders the development of friendships outside the school, organizers hope the dinners give children and adults the opportunity to socialize and get to know everyone better.

January's dinner for the third grade will begin at 6:15 p.m. Each family brings a pot luck dish; drinks are provided by McDonald's, with the P.T.O. providing the extras.

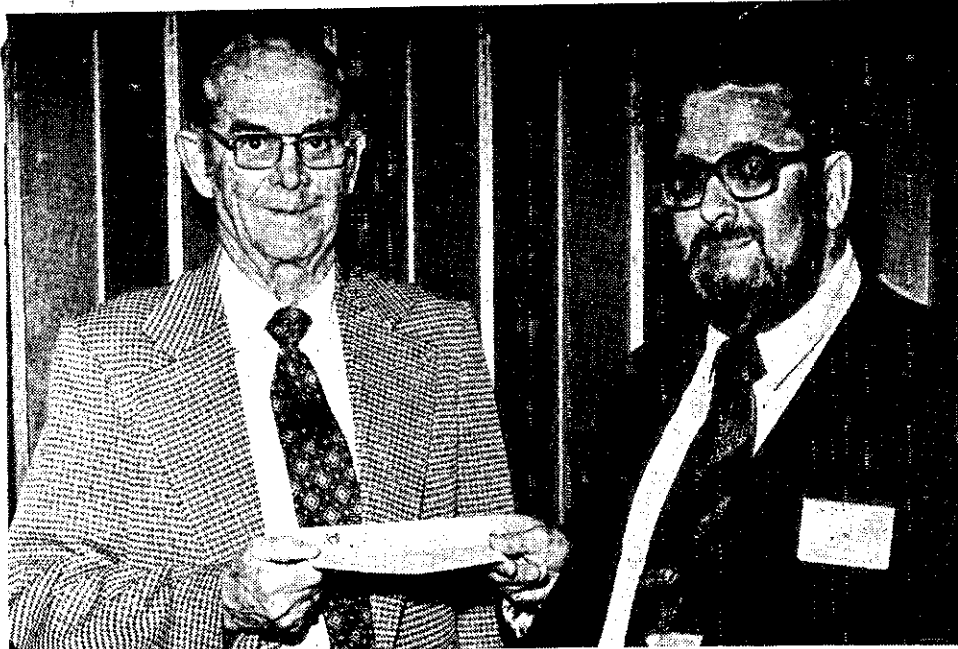
Representing the Bethlehem Junior Grange, Mrs. Helen Raynor, matron, and Randall Drobner, patron, have just returned from a trip to Cortland. There they attended the New York State Junior Grange awards banquet. Mr. Drobner was honored as recipient of the Junior Deputy Recognition Award. This is the fourth time Mr. Drobner has received recognition for his outstanding work with the children. Mrs. Raynor accepted awards in behalf of Debbie and Bernie Lawrence, who were unable to attend

the event. As winners on the national level, Debbie and Bernie each received money and ribbons for their crafts.

The Bethlehem Reformed Church is currently conducting a food drive. Having assisted an ever-increasing number of families that require temporary aid, the food pantry supplies have been badly depleted. In an attempt to restock the dwindling supplies, contributions of non-perishable food, such as cereals, canned goods, tuna, soups and crackers would be appreciated.

An open house will be held Jan. 23 at the Selkirk Firehouse No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, to give everyone the opportunity to view the new ambulance recently purchased by the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Association. All are invited to come and inspect the new vehicle which was made possible through the tremendous efforts of the ambulance squad and the generosity of individuals and businesses in the area. Members of the squad will be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate the various features of the ambulance.

The Bethlehem Grange now makes it possible for non-members to take advantage of their New York State Grange Exchange Co-Op. The Co-Op



Bethlehem Elks Lodge has donated \$500 to the Bethlehem Ambulance Co. fund drive. The check was presented by Exalted Ruler Robert Hausman, left, to William Harding, president of the ambulance squad.

has proven to be very successful, with a long list of products available for purchase. In addition to items ranging from cheese and ice cream to winter gloves and farm chemicals, many new products have just been included: paper towels, breaded mushrooms, frozen haddock, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and chocolate chip cookies are just a few of the new items now available.

Orders must be placed by Jan. 24. Delivery is scheduled for 8 a.m. Feb. 3 at the Grange Hall, Route 396, Selkirk. For further information or to place an order call Mrs. Helen Raynor at 767-2770 or contact any grange member.

Stuffed toy project

Members of the Super Seven 4-H Club of Delmar donated stuffed toys they had made to the state Senate Christmas Fund to be distributed to children in local hospitals. The girls earlier made macrame items and now are planning a project on food as well as an ice-skating party at the South Mall. Club members are Gwen Jones, president; Traci Layman, vice president; Lucy Dunmore, secretary; Sara Dunmore, treasurer; Deanna Greer, news reporter; Laura Kleinke, committee person, and Wendy Kleinke, song leader.

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VOORHEESVILLE NEWS NOTES

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



Within the next few days members of the Voorheesville Swim Team Club will be asking friends and neighbors to "take the plunge" and sponsor them in their annual Swim-a-thon to be held Monday, Jan. 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School pool.

Sponsors pledge to pay the canvassing swim club member so much for each length that member swims for the club's one and only fund raiser of the year. 85 per cent of the money raised is kept by the club itself and used to meet the many expenses associated in running such a program, while the remaining 15 per cent goes to the parent group, United States Swimming which oversees the operation of the group.

Right in the swim of things, the club recently won its first meet against the Albany Jewish Community Center. Anyone interested in sponsoring a member of the swim team may contact Larry Dedrick for further information at 765-2107.

For those who would prefer to dive into a serious discussion, a special meeting will be held by the Voorheesville Board of Education Monday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library.

The purpose of the meeting is to gain input from the community before setting up the budget for the 1983-84 school year. An annual practice for the past few years, board members have said they have found this format most useful and want to continue involving the public more closely in budgetary planning.

Also on the subject of the board, on Jan. 10 at a special hearing the board passed a resolution exempting property owners 65 and over from taxation up to 50 per cent of the assessed valuation of their property, by raising the maximum income limit to \$10,500 from the previous limit of \$9,200.

Any senior citizen aged 65 or over residing in the Voorheesville School district who feels that he or she is eligible must apply to the town assessor in the town in which they live.

Anyone wanting to start the year off by renewing their figure, and spirit as well, is invited to join in a Christian weight loss program entitled "In God's Image" beginning this week.

The program consists of various exercises such as aerobics and spot exercises done to Christian music as well as a time of prayer and sharing during the session. No fee is charged but a love offering is encouraged. All are welcome.

Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and on

Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple on Kenwood Ave., in Delmar. Sessions will also be offered at the Solid Rock Church, where Kenwood meets the Delmar bypass, on Monday and Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. To register call Colette at 765-4583 or Carol 439-6586.

As the Blackbirds continue to "burn up the boards" their younger counter-parts, the boys in the junior high basketball teams, are following closely in their foot steps. After beating Albany Academy 42-26 in a combined effort, the seventh grade team went on to win against Waterford 21-14 while the eighth graders tromped the older team 44-28 in their first league game under Coach Larry Dedrick.

With Vaudeville coming to Voorheesville, Pat Belcer and Bonnie Foster invite all adults who signed up to take part in the annual PTSA Variety show to bring their "broadway babies" to the elementary school on Friday, Jan. 28, between 3 and 4 p.m. to sign them up to participate in the show as well. The sign-up will take place outside the gym and is open only to the children whose parents are taking part in the show. Workers are still welcome — if you would like to help out with the annual event contact director Ellen Hunsinger at 765-4846.

For parents who resolve to spend more time with their children the YMCA has a solution to the problem of "what to do with them" that's fun, easy and inexpensive. The YMCA Indian Guides (for boys) and Indian Princesses (for girls) programs will hold their January Recruitment meeting for the Guilderland-Voorheesville-Altamont area at the Key Bank Community room located in the 20 Mall complex in Guilderland, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21.

Children who will be entering kindergarten in September, 1983 as well as those through the age of 7, are invited to come with their parents to learn about the many interesting parts of this program. Basically, most "tribes" consist of six or so parent-child couples who meet approximately twice a month at various homes to enjoy a semi-structured session of song, stories, games, crafts and refreshments. At certain times during the year larger "federation" or "longhouse" events are planned, such as the "bunk-in" held at the "Y" this past weekend, or the upcoming Snow Blast Weekend scheduled for February.

The group is also service-minded and participates in various projects such as the recent Christmas airlift which provided clothes, food and toys to the

Indians of the St. Regis Reservation in Northern New York.

The program is geared to both fathers and mothers, either single or married, and groups for older children between the ages of 8-12 are also active. Those wishing more information are asked to contact Roger Cooper (765-4572) or Hugh Campbell (869-0815). Interested parties may also call the Albany YMCA.

High School honor roll

Students making the honor roll and high honor roll for the first marking period have been announced at Clayton A. Bouton High School:

Ninth Grade

Margaret Arthur*, Larry Bach*, Lisa Baker, Mark Bibbins*, Susan Buckley, Martin Burke*, Mark Chyrywat, Justin Corcoran*, Daniel Darpino, Stephanie De Crescenzo, Brian Dede, Edward Donohue and Michael Dunn.

Also, Meridith Englander, Vincent Foley, Antoinette Genovese, Gina Gifford*, Tracy Glatteer, Glen Goldstein, Jennifer Gordinier, Kirsten Haaf*, Edward Hampton*, Bradley Kranz*, Jennifer Kurkjian* and Jill Lawrence.

And, Sharon Llyod, Janet MacMillen*, Christine Martin*, Susan Mattfeld*, Kathleen Michalak*, Bonnie Mitchell*, Carrie Murdoch*, Paul Nichols, Matthew Ramsey, Lynne Richbart*, Elizabeth Rourke*, Christina Shuff*, Constantine Solomos, Gretchen Storm*, Christina Tarullo*, Gregory Toritto, Alissa Van Zutphen*, Colleen Vaughn*, James Volkwein* and David Whitely.

Tenth Grade

Douglas Arthur*, Theresa Balfe, Debra Bausback*, Lewis Bernstein*, Chris Biernacki*, Courtney Brennan*, Jeffrey Caimano, Brian Casey, Katherine Danforth*, Chris Fernandez*, Peter Fish*, Adrienne Fitzgerald and Ann Grassucci*.

And, Lara Hladun, Dianne Jackson*, Suzanne Kernozek, Lisa Klein, Michelle Koch*, Lee Kraus*, Michael Larabee*, Karen Lonnstrom, Mary Beth Manning*, Sharon McKenna*, Linda Mensching, Edward Mitzen* and Susan Munyan.

Also, Erin Neighmond*, John Paradise, Jacqueline Perry, Kerry Rapp*, Tina Rasmussen, Elizabeth Rivello, Victoria Ross*, Heather Sanderson*, Cynthia Sauer, Christopher Smolen, Richard Sterling, Christine Toritto*, Robert Vanderveer, Clinton Wagner and Thomas Wight.

Eleventh Grade

Elaine Bartley*, Derek Bassett, Breton Bissell*, Christine Cillis*, Adam Clark*, Jeffrey Clark, Heather Dolin, Susan Dunning, Karen Flewelling, Karen Foley, Kirsten Ford, Greg Giguere, Michelle

Huth, Marybeth Jackson, Kerry Kelly, Wendy Knapp*, Lisa La Duke and Christopher Martin.

Also, Patricia Martin*, Elizabeth Mattfeld*, Michael McCarty*, Peter McMillen*, Kristen McMullen*, Darcy Meacham*, Janet Merkle, Maria Michele, Lisa Murdoch*, Douglas Nendza and Renee Nichols.

And, Richard Oden*, Lauren Pearce, Sandra Peragine, Yvonne Perry, Eric Phinney, Sean Rafferty*, Michael Ricci*, Jeffrey Rockmore*, Mary Rogers*, John Ryan, Marianne Sapienza*, Christopher Siebmanns, Brian Smith, Frances Spreer*, Ellen Sutherland, Elizabeth Ten Eyck, Catherine Teuten, Robert Trombley, Thomas W. Ubbens, Edward Volkwein*, Denise Way and Christopher Zeh*.

Twelfth Grade

Scott Applegate, Richard Arthur*, Tracey M. Bales, Cheryl Burns*, Laurie Caimano, Cynthia Campbell, Susan Childs, Carol Cicero*, Jodi Decker, Diane Donato, Connie Flansburg, Thomas Flynn, Yvette M. Gifford, David Haaf, Patricia Hawkins, Susan Hempel*, Brian Hickey*, Melinda Hoffman, Donna Hooks, Judiane Koch*, Maryanne Kraus*, Richard Lennox and Michael Lewis.

Also, Brian McKenna*, James Meacham, Anne Olsen, Marybeth Paradise, Jeannine Perras, Tracy Petre, William Petroni, Danita Putnam, Bonnie Rafferty*, Nathan Rasmussen, Lisa Relyea*, Peter Richards, Margaret Rogers*, Robin Shrager, Lynn Sieking, Daniel Sutherland, Marissa Truax, Dorothy Ungerer, Sandra Van Buren*, Kathleen Weaver* and Peter Zeh*.

*High Honor Roll

Business women meet

The Helderberg Business and Professional Women's Club has set its January dinner meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Heavenly Inn on New Scotland Rd. in Slingerlands. The group will hear past president Marie Creel use her experience as a Key Bank loan officer to speak on "Investments for Women" and "Some New Money Options."

For information and reservations, call Margaret Vandenberg before Jan. 21 at 456-5694.

Needlework workshop

Special techniques to give needlework a professional look will be presented at a meeting of the Capital District chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. The chapter's board is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. today at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

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

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

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.

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

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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 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 Poczik, 93 Fernbank Ave., Delmar.

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

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Chiropractic Lecture on nervous system and its relationship to pinched nerves, Dr. Barile, Bethlehem Public Library, 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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

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

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.

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.

Selkirk Fire Dept. Open House, Firehouse No. 1.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

Voorheesville Board of Education, prebudget planning, Clayton A. Bouton High School, 7:30 p.m.

Spring Storyhour Registration for preschoolers, Bethlehem Public Library, 9 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Preschool Storyhour, Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30.

Voorheesville Swim-a-thon, sponsored by Voorheesville Swim Club, Clayton Bouton High School pool, 6-9 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

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

St. Thomas Orientation to BCHS, for students thinking of ninth grade at Bethlehem Central.

Career-Life Decision Making Seminar, Tuesdays, to assist career changers and women returning to work force or school, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Free.

Delmar Camera Club, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Becker Pot Luck Dinner, Becker School, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, 6:15 p.m.

Helderberg Business and Professional Women's Club Dinner at Heavenly Inn, New Scotland Ave., Slingerlands, 7 p.m. Reservations, 456-5694 by Jan. 21.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary meets fourth Wednesday of month at Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Job Club to set goals, practice interviewing and build contacts, alternate Wednesdays at Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. - noon, \$10 fee for five sessions. Information, 439-9314.

New Scotland Elks Lodge meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Voorheesville Rod and Gun Club, 8 p.m.



A scene from Albany Civic Theatre's *The Abdication* features Elizabeth Lott, left, and Mary Keane at the ACT playhouse on Second Ave., Albany. The two-act drama opens Jan. 26. Ticket information, 783-0097.

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 Hotaling, Blessing Rd., North Bethlehem, for variance to permit conversion from one- to two-family dwelling, 8:30 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

Delmar Fire District regular meetings third Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 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.

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

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.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

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.

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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

Two one-act plays, "The Loveliest Afternoon of the Year" by John Guare and "Zoo Story" by Edward Albee, Twickenham Playhouse, College of Saint Rose, Western Ave., Albany, Jan. 21 and 22, 8 p.m.

"I'm Getting My Act Together and Taking It On The Road" Connie Stevens in touring production of the Broadway musical, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Jan. 25 and 26, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204 or Community Box Office.

"The Abdication" (First area production of Ruth Wolff play on life of Queen Christina of Sweden), Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, Jan. 26 through Feb. 6, Wednesday-Saturday 8 p.m., Sundays 2:30.

"Wind in the Willows" (musical adaptation of the classic by Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Jan. 28 through Feb. 5, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

"True West" (area debut of Sam Shepard's drama of brothers in conflict, presented by Capital Rep.), Matket Theatre, 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 Theater North), Cohoes Music Hall, through Jan. 23, Thursdays through Saturdays 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. Box office, 235-7969.

MUSIC

Albany Symphony Orchestra (Vaughan Williams, Telemann and Beethoven), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Jan. 21 and Palace Theater, Albany, Jan. 22, 8 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office, Palace Box Office (465-3334) or Music Hall box office (273-0038).

Old Songs Sampler (area musicians display their talents on such traditional instruments as dulcimer, bagpipe and fiddle), St. Mark's Community Center, Guildersland Center, Jan. 21, 8 p.m. Tickets from Boulevard Bookstore, Albany, Community Box Office and Old Songs (765-4193).

"The Crucible" (Robert Ward's opera based on the Arthur Miller play), Meader Little Theatre, Russell Sage College, Troy, Jan. 20, 22 and 24, 8 p.m., Jan. 23, 2 p.m. Box office, 270-2248.

The Kingston Trio, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Jan. 22, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

Baroque concert by Capital Chamber Artists with 200-year-old hits by Pachelbel, Vivaldi and Bach, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Jan. 25, 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

FILM

Art at the Plaza: "Eduard Manet" and "The Hole," Convention Center, Meeting Room 6, Empire State Plaza, Jan. 20.

ART

David D. Coughtry, paintings and drawings, Center Galleries, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Jan. 21 through March 4.

"Images of Experience - Untutored Older Artists," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Jan. 22 through March 27.

"Geometric Anarchies: Taking the Square" (collages and water-colors by Therese Schwartz), Picotte Gallery, College of Saint Rose, 324 State St., Albany, Jan. 23 through Feb. 13.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

New Scotland Town Civic Assn. meets fourth Thursday each month, Room 104, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m. for discussion of pertinent town issues. All residents welcome.

Sign Language Workshop, last session for children 7 to 11 to learn to sign to the deaf, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Movie, double feature "Freaky Friday" and "Brian's Song," for parishioners in grades 6 to 8 and their families, St. Thomas School auditorium, 7-9 p.m. \$2 admission.

Voorheesville Variety Show Children's Signup, for children of PTSA variety show members only, Voorheesville Elementary School gym, 3-4 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

Winter Wildlife Program, outdoor walk to explore and study winter ecology, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Free.

"Teaching Out-of-Doors in Winter" Workshop, activity ideas and teaching tips for youth leaders, teachers and parents, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. Free. Registration, 457-6092.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

Sunday Afternoon at the Movies, "Santa Fe Trail" starring Errol Flynn, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Super Bowl Sunday, 10-ft. screen with beer, soda and buffet for ages 19 and over, St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Voorheesville, 3 p.m. \$10 donation.

Tri-Village Nursery School Open House, for parents of children ages 3 and 4, United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information, 439-5614.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

Glenmont PTA Parent Education Workshop, College of St. Rose professors discussing "Education Through Play Activities," Glenmont Elementary School, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. for parents of preschool age children; registration, 439-2482 evenings.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

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

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Coffee, for area newcomers and new mothers, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2268.

Delmar Home Crafts Club pot luck supper, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., 6 p.m. Information, 439-3724.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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



James Goodwin Rice, left, and Alan Zampese play a Hollywood screen writer and movie producer in the Capital Repertory Company production of *True West*. The Sam Shepard comedy runs through Jan. 23 at the Market Theatre in downtown Albany. Ticket information, 462-4534.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS
Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

Lunchtime History Lecture, "Military Sites of the Capital District's History," State Museum auditorium, 12:10 p.m. Free.

Red Cross Vital Signs Course, second session of two-part course, Chapter House, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m.-noon.

Mardi Gras Dancing Skip Parsons Riverboat Jazz Band, St. Ambrose Church, Old Loudon Rd., Latham, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Stress Management for Nurses, workshop on dealing with stress on the job, Russell Sage College campus center, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (to continue Jan. 26), \$50 registration, 489-2327.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

Computers Workshop, "Choosing Your Computer for Small Business or Personal Use," Sheraton Airport Inn, Colonie, 4-6 p.m. Registration, 765-3635.

Draft Registration Seminar, "Women and the Draft," discussed by social action center and ACLU representatives, Union college Carnegie Hall, Strauss Lounge, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Empire State College, SUNY, Information, Environmental Conservation Building, Room 200, 50 Wolf Rd., Colonie, 4 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Alzheimer's Association, mutual support meeting for families of patients, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-8727 or 438-4929.

Catholic Golden Age, St. Vincent's Apts., Yates and Ontario sts., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 438-4636.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

Russell Sage Evening Division Spring Registration, RSC, Troy room-4 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

Methodist Bishop to Speak, Roy Nichols, resident bishop of N.Y. area of United Methodist Church, speaks to Albany United Methodist Society, Trinity Methodist Church, Lark and Lancaster sts., 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Music Teachers' Miniconvention, for music teachers, parents and students, SUNYA Performing Arts Center, 2nd floor lobby, 9 a.m. Information, 372-6712.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Beginning Reflexology Workshop, using foot massage for circulation improvement, Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., 2-4 p.m. \$8 registration, 438-6608.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

V.A. Medical Center Retirees Assn., Veterans Administration Hospital auditorium, 1 p.m.

Lamaze Classes Begin, seven classes for expectant parents starting in seventh month of pregnancy. Registration, 783-7205 or 765-4572.

Family Budgeting Course, to study allocation of family funds and investment specifics, Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., 7-9 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

Babysitting Instructor Course, second, session of two-part series, Albany Chapter, House of Red Cross, Hackett Blvd., 7-10 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Capitol Hill Choral Society Auditions, Schuyler Elementary School, N. Lake Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 445-3291 days or 462-9464 evenings.

Trout Fishing as a Hobby, discussed by amateur fisherman John Rowan, Albany Public Library, 160 Washington Ave., 12:15 p.m.

Free Senior Citizen Clinic, including all-day hearing clinic, blood pressure screening, 1-3 p.m., and legal consultation, 2:30-4:30 p.m., South Mall Senior Service Center, 101 S. Pearl St., Albany. Registration for hearing clinic, 465-3322, legal advice, 465-3766 Tuesdays.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

American Chemical Society dinner meeting and free public lecture on "Chemistry in China," Union College chapel, 7 p.m. dinner. \$15 dinner reservation, 457-1208.

Lunchtime History Lecture, "Music Hall to Movie Palaces," tracing history of American popular stage, State Museum auditorium, 12:15 p.m.

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The course by the American Guidance Service is designed to enable parents to develop effective parenting skills. Topics covered will include understanding the goals of children's misbehavior, knowing the difference between "good parenting" and "responsible parenting," using language of encouragement becoming an effective listener, offering alternatives and not advice, disciplining, family meetings, and developing confidence as a parent.

The program will be facilitated by Thomas Hart, a family and marriage counselor who has worked extensively with child and adolescent programs.

The course will run seven weeks from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The fee for the course is \$5 per session for one or two parents plus \$5.50 for the book that is used in the course. The fee may be paid weekly or in full at the first class. Registration is limited to 18 participants. To register, call or write the St. Thomas Apostle Religious Education Office, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 12054 or call 439-3945.

Dance for La Salette

The La Salette Christian Life Center, Rt. 156, Altamont, has announced its first dinner dance. The dance, to be held Feb. 12, with a Valentine's Day theme, will be held at the center's gymnasium.

Proceeds from the dinner dance will be utilized to offset operating expenses for teen and adult retreats and building upkeep. Tickets will be \$10 per person and are available by mail, at the center or by calling the center at 861-6207.

Lunch with Welcome Wagon

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will hold an Hors d'oeuvres Luncheon catered by the Gourmet Touch on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Delmar Reformed Church. Bob Gifford, interior designer from Macy's, will give decorating advice and present a slide show. Lunch will begin at noon and the program will conclude by 3 p.m.

Deadline for reservations is Jan. 28 by mail only. Send \$5 to P.J. Montgomery, 28 E. Bayberry Rd., Glenmont, 12077. Limited babysitting is available. For babysitting reservations, call Shelley Liebman 439-5452. People new to the Bethlehem area may call 439-2165 for more information.

Deadline for labels

Feb. 12 is the deadline for getting labels from Campbell's products into drop-boxes set out by Glenmont Elementary School. Noreen Rightmyer of Glenmont, coordinator, said last year 11,000 labels were collected, with which the school was able to get a filmstrip and slide projector. Eligible products in the "Labels for Education" drive include Campbell's soups and beans, Franco-American products, Prego spaghetti sauce, Recipe dog food and Swanson canned and frozen products.

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Gulf Oil's self-serve gas station at Delaware Ave. and Elm Ave. boarded up its pumps unexpectedly on Friday. On Monday an "Out of Business" sign went in the window at Ocean State Seafood at Delmar Four Corners.

Gulf is the first of several major oil companies pulling out of New York State to close its Bethlehem outlet. The Exxon sign across the street will come down later this year, but Jay Hostetter, proprietor of the popular station, is negotiating to acquire the property and sign with another distributor.

Robert Gavaletz, proprietor of Ocean

BUSINESS

State, said recent publicity on tainted clams had been a contributing factor in closing his seafood business.

Approximately 2,300 pairs of ladies' and children's shoes, boots and slippers will be sold at public auction at the J.F. Donnelly Shoes, Inc. store at Delaware Plaza, Elsmere, at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24. The sale, under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of New York, will also include store fixtures.



Winners in the holiday decoration contest sponsored by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and Bethlehem Garden Club were guests at the chamber's January luncheon last week. From left: standing, Marion Young, Edith Guyer, Nancy Douglas, Joy Ford, Garden Club chairman Shirley Bowdish and Florence Furey; seated, chamber vice president Marvin Elliott, Lee Faulkner and Robert Verstandig. *Spotlight*

A NEW SPOTLIGHT FEATURE

In response to a number of requests, the Spotlight is publishing a directory of popular restaurants recommended for family dining in the immediate area and within easy driving distance of Bethlehem and New Scotland.

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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Unbeaten Blackbirds survive another low

Behind Voorheesville's undefeated basketball team is a real mark of quality: the Blackbirds have found the way to survive those letdowns that have done in teams of less caliber.

Take last week. Mechanicville came in, played a very strong game, and Voorheesville almost blew an 8-point lead with two minutes to go. At 48-40, the Blackbirds missed several shots, turned the ball over a couple of times, missed three one-and-ones from the line, and missed a breakaway layup.

But they escaped with a 52-48 verdict, and went on to a 57-48 triumph over a good Lansingburgh team Friday. That made it 11-0 for the season, 8-0 in the Colonial Council entering this week, which is also the start of the second round of league games beginning last night (Tuesday) at Watervliet.

The workmanlike job against Lansingburgh also showed the quality of the 1983 Blackbirds, who held their own with Mike Lewis, their top scorer and the closest they have to a "big" man, sitting on the sidelines with three fouls. A 16-11 lead melted in a poor quarter, and the Blackbirds went to the conference room at intermission trailing by 25-24, the first time this year they have had a deficit at halftime.

Back on the floor, Lewis and Dick Lennon went to work on the hoop, and reeled off three straight baskets. Lewis got a respite at 31-25; but Lennon and Jim Meacham picked up the slack, Lennon hitting his shots and Meacham clearing the boards in what might have been his best game of a fine career.

"I can't say enough about Lennon," Coach Chuck Abba remarked over the weekend. "He has developed a real understanding of the game. He knows what he has to do, and he does it. I'm not sure there are many point guards in the area; if any, of his quality."

The former Union standout also had praise for several other players in addition to Lewis, the team's bulwark. "Meacham did a spectacular job. He had eight rebounds, high for the game, most of them in the third period when Lewis was sitting out. He really was outstanding."

Then there was Dave Haaf, who scored six points in the second period and played well on defense, Chris Hogan, John

Minozzi and John Schultz. "We've been getting a lot of help from these fellows, who don't always get a lot of playing time," said Abba. "They did a great job Friday. I was thrilled, and I was happy for the kids to see how much they contribute."

That contribution was vital that night. Lansingburgh crept to within two points at the three-quarter buzzer, and it was 46-44 Voorheesville when Lewis went back to work with four minutes on the clock. Big Mike lost no time making an impact, scoring five straight points on a steal and a three-point play. That made it 51-44 and put the game out of reach.

In the scorebook, Lewis and John Zongrone had 14 each and Lennon 10 against Mechanicville. Zongrone hitting well from outside in key situations. On Friday Lennon had 21 and Lewis 17.

This week the Blackbirds start the toughest part of their remaining eight league games on the road. In scholastic basketball, it takes only one bad night to spoil an unbeaten record. In Abba's view, "It takes a lot of hard work to get this far. We've got a long road ahead. Everybody will be pointing for us."

Four drinking arrests

Bethlehem police made four arrests for diving while intoxicated last week, all stemming from routine traffic infractions. There were no accidents and no injuries.



Dickie Lennon, Voorheesville point guard and floor general, drives between two Lansingburgh defenders for a layup. Lennon had 21 points in helping to preserve the Blackbirds' unbeaten string. In the background is John Zongrone (24). Tom Howes

Lady Eagles outscored by Colonie

Colonie, 4-0 juggernauts of the Suburban Council, handed the Bethlehem Central lady bucketeers (3-1) their first loss last Wednesday, 42-33, but by no means won in its usual breezy style. Accustomed to drubbing sister council teams 49-18 and 42-17, the Garnet Raiderettes let BC's sporadic offense and self-administered foul shooting trouble win the game for them.

The Lady Eagles cashed in on only half their field goal attempts and made just three buckets in 21 shots from the line. Kathy McNamara led the BC scoring with 12, but it was five-foot-six senior

Alunda Smith who ran the defensive show, scored six points and walked off with her first Lady Eagle award. The Colonie defense kept the lid on the other six BC scorers, who couldn't make their age in points.

On Monday the Eagles came from behind in the fourth quarter to outscore Big Ten power Linton 16-5 and win, 49-44. Smith made all of her six points in the comeback, but it was Lady Eagle of the Game McNamara who won the awards battle with 24 points, three short of her personal best. Sophomore Kim Zornow, heiress apparent to McNamara in 1984, was the latter half of BC's one-two punch with 10 points. Ann Howell, in her first year on varsity, played excellent defense while Paola Castaldo used precision

passing and three assists to make her presence felt.

Friday saw boards expert Zornow become a two-time Lady Eagle award recipient by scoring nine points and grabbing 19 rebounds in Bethlehem's close win over Scotia (0-4), 37-31. The Eaglettes built a 10-point lead in the third quarter to win. McNamara led the victors with 11 points.

Julie Ann Sosa

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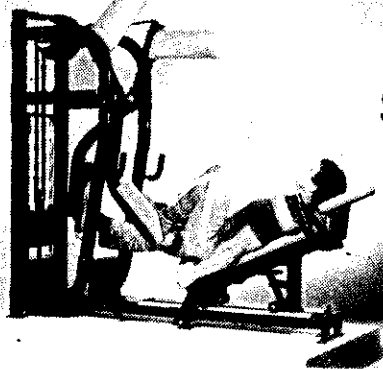
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Ravena coach calls foul on official

By Nat Boynton

Tim Tucker stepped out of character over the weekend, and even his friends were surprised.

Ravena's highly respected varsity basketball coach came home from Friday's 61-58 loss at Waterford mad enough to eat knives, forks and spoons of stainless steel.

"This is the first time in 15 years of coaching I've ever made a beef against an official," he declared Saturday. "I've never said this before, but I feel very strongly about this. We played well enough to win by 15 or 20 points, and they took it away from us, pure and simple. I don't want to sound like sour grapes, but it was so bad that several Waterford fans and even Don Joss (Waterford coach) apologized."

The situation was this:

Ravena, beaten 60-49 at Watervliet Tuesday without a peep of complaint from Tucker, bombed the basket for 22 points in the first quarter at Waterford Friday. They led by 38-31 at intermission. They had been charged with only eight fouls in the first half: with two fouls on two players, nobody was in any kind of trouble.

In the second half the Indians were charged with 31 violations. All five starters fouled out, and when the game ended three replacements had four personals apiece. Ravena outscored their hosts by seven baskets from the field, but had 15 free throws to Waterford's 45.

The object of Tucker's anger was Doug Schoonmaker, who he said called most of the alleged, "about 25 of the 31 in the second half." Tucker also made it clear he attributed the incident to the fact that four of Ravena's starters are black. Several times during the game the Indians had five blacks on the court.

RCS is the only team in the Colonial Council dominated by black players. The league is composed primarily of the smaller suburban schools in the area, but has two city high schools, Cohoes and Watervliet.



Tim Tucker

According to Jack Cahill of Latham, longtime secretary of the Section 2 basketball officials' association that makes the assignments of referees to scholastic games, Schoonmaker has been calling games in the area on a regular basis "for seven or eight years." Cahill said Tucker's complaint, received by phone Sunday, was the first he could recall against Schoonmaker.

"In all these years, I've yet to see a game where a referee lost a game," Cahill told the **Spotlight**. "Doug is a regular guy, a good official, and he's not the kind of guy to pick on a black boy." Schoonmaker, he said, grew up in Watervliet and lives there.

"These are country black boys, not city boys," fumed Tucker. "He (Schoonmaker) was nasty to my kids. He will never work another game that any team of mine plays."

Scholastic coaches in the area have the option to "blackball" an official assigned to a game by taking action prior to Nov. 1. Tucker said he had never taken such action, while some coaches have the opposite reputation. Joss, he said, "a superior coach and a fine fellow," has

filed as many as 45 blackballs in recent years.

The Indians had a home date with Schalmont Tuesday of this week and are booked for a visit to Albany Academy Friday. Their return game with Waterford is set for Feb. 14, but the venue will be different: the varsity game will be the prelim for the Siena game that night.

YWCA swim program

The Albany YWCA winter adult teen swim program begins Tuesday, Jan. 18 at the College of St. Rose. Classes offered include non-swimmer, beginner, advanced beginner and intermediate. In addition, a special Fitness Swim Program for experienced swimmers who wish to improve their endurance will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30-11 a.m. and Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8 p.m. Also being offered is a water exercise program for people of all swimming abilities, in which participants do rhythmic exercise to music. Scholarships are available for all classes. Call 438-6608 for information.

Printing workshop set

Area camera buffs can attend the second part of a Delmar Camera Club printmaking workshop at the group's next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Gerald Miller will present the slide lecture. The theme for the evening's competition for slides and prints is "Still Lives of Fruits or Vegetables".

For details, call 765-4673.

Tires slashed

A Delaware Ave. resident returned from work at nearby Bethlehem Central High School Thursday night to find four tires on his car and the spare on his truck slashed. Damage was estimated at \$1,000.

On Saturday, residents of Hudson Ave. and Feura Bush Rd. reported tires slashed on their cars.

Spotlight SPORTS

BC still looking for Council win

Bethlehem Central is still looking for its first Suburban Council victory as the season hits the mid-point.

There appeared little chance the Eagles would make the breakthrough in last night's scheduled game at Niskayuna or in Monday night's rescheduled tangle with undefeated Shenendehowa, but Coach Gary Przybylo has high hopes for this Friday when the Eagles entertain Mohonasen in friendly confines.

Last week BC lost at Guilderland by 22 points and lost Saturday's game to the elements. The weekend's memorable snowstorm shut off the meeting with one of New York State's ranking scholastic teams, and there was some question Monday morning whether the game could be played 48 hours later.

To add to BC's woes, the Eagles are operating this week and perhaps next without Mark Gibbons, a bright spot in an otherwise gloomy picture. Gibbons acquired a back injury in the Burnt Hills game two weeks ago. The lanky junior played against Guilderland, but not effectively.

For that matter, the whole team was ineffective. They shot a woeful 18 percent from the floor and made only five of 17 charity tosses. They got in foul trouble early — the Eagles had a 16-13 lead, but Gibbons and Mike Mooney were saddled with three personals each in the first period. With these two on the bench, the Dutchmen capitalized by 22-7 in the second period and the game was gone.

"We got the shots we wanted, but couldn't put the ball in the basket," Przybylo said. "They (Guilderland) played one of their better games and we had a bad game. It was a big disappointment, because I think we can beat that team."

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WRESTLING

When two undefeated teams collide head-on, something has to give. In last Wednesday's confrontation with Shenendehowa, Bethlehem Central's varsity wrestlers came out on the short end of a 30-26 decision, beaten by pin points.

The Eagles won seven bouts, lost six and tied one, but the difference was in several weight classes where the Plainsmen were clearly dominant. The Shens had experienced and more physical wrestlers at 215 and 250 pounds, where the Eagles had sophomores.

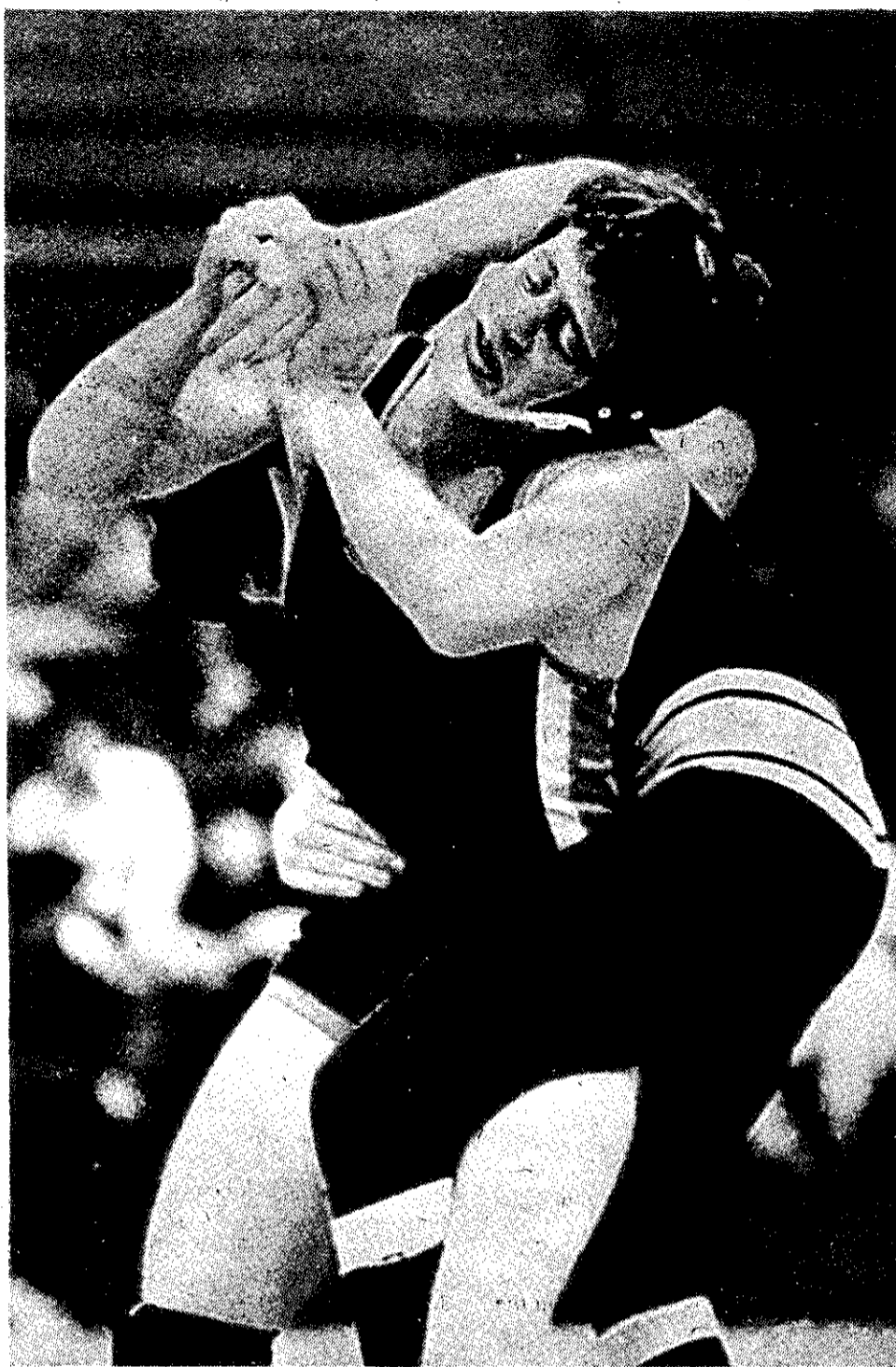
The setback left BC with a 7-1 record overall, 4-1 in the Suburban Council's Gold Division with a chance to pad their lead this week. The Eagles come to grips with Colonie Thursday at home, then travel to Niskayuna Saturday for a 1 p.m. double dual meet with the Niskies and Guilderland. The big test will come on Jan. 26 when Burnt Hills comes to Delmar.

Ironically, Bethlehem would have won the Shenendehowa showdown were it not for the 91-pound and 250-pound weight divisions, which are optional in Section 2 but mandatory in the Suburban Council.

"We wrestled very well, but we lacked the experience of some of their people, and we didn't pick up enough pin points along the way," observed BC Coach Rick Poplaski.

Wayne Peschel got the only BC pin in the 126-pound bout. Rob VanAernem (105), Paul Callanan (119), Dan Carlson (132), Chris Essex (155) and Dave Boettcher (177) won decisions, as did Andy Tomlinson at 145, wrestling in his first varsity match. Mike Tinsman got the tie at 98 pounds.

Two days later the Eagles annihilated Columbia by 53-14. There were pins by VanAernem, Tomlinson, Aaron Corman and Rich Jadick, decisions by Tinsman, Callanan and Peschel, and two forfeits.



If you want to know how it feels to be all wrapped up in your sport, ask Rob VanAernem of Bethlehem Central's varsity wrestling team. Against undefeated Shenendehowa in the 105-pound bout, he extricated himself from this hold and went on to win on points, 3-0.

Tom Howes

Blackbirds face Academy

Second place in the Colonial Council wrestling standings will be at stake on Saturday when Albany Academy visits Voorheesville for a 1:30 varsity match.

The Blackbirds bounced back from a 35-33 loss to unbeaten Mechanicville to win two lopsided dual meets last week, and came within a fraction of a second of sweeping a multiple dual meet Saturday.

In the non-league mat congress at Shenendehowa, Voorheesville wiped out Linton by 45-18 and South Glens Falls by 42-32, but dropped a real barn-burner to Ballston Spa, one of the top teams in Section 2.

Ballston was cradling a slender 28-26 lead when the combatants squared off in the 167-pound bout with only the 177-pound matchup to go. "We nearly won both bouts," bemoaned Coach Dick Beach. "In each bout we had the opponent on his back, and the referee was just about to blow his whistle when we let them escape."

A decision and a pin in these two bouts made the difference in Ballston Spa's 43-26 triumph. The defeat, however, didn't detract from the luster of four Blackbirds who won all three bouts that day: Shawn Sheldon (112), Jeff Clark (119), Matt Beals (138) and Tom Hannmann (155).

Earlier in the week, the Blackbirds demolished Cobleskill, 46-11, at Cobleskill for Beach's 100th varsity victory in 12 years of coaching, and Cohoes, 48-15, at home.

On college team

Laura Briggs of Delmar, a Cornell University freshman, is a member of the university's swimming team as a freestyler. She is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a former member of the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club.

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- Bowling, Mohanasen, away, 3:45
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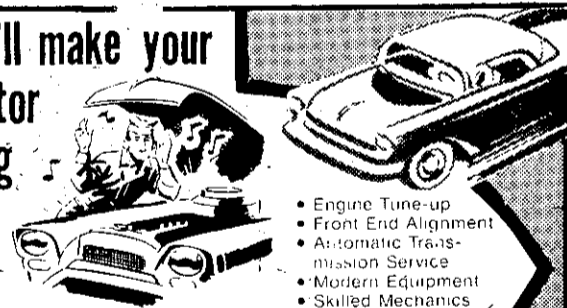


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BC set to surpass school milestone

Barring an upset in last night's (Tuesday) meet at Glens Falls, Bethlehem Central's varsity swim team could set a record on Friday that is certain to stand a long time.

Assuming they are safely past Glens Falls, the only other undefeated team in the Adirondack Swim Conference, Jack Whipple's Eagles will visit Voorheesville Friday with a chance to run their unbeaten string of dual meet wins to 91.

That would top Don Camp's record of

SWIMMING

90 straight victories as coach of Bethlehem's tennis teams in the Sixties and early Seventies. Camp's teams swept every Suburban Council and Sectional title during the streak, which was broken by Niskayuna in an upset. His teams then clicked off 47 straight before bowing again to Niskayuna.

Whipple's swimmers swept three meets with ease last week to run the streak to 89 since losing at New Hartford in February, 1977. Although Whipple was mildly uneasy over the weekend thinking of Glens Falls, he figured the Eagles should win and go on to defeat the Guilderville merged team "if we stay healthy."

He was concerned over illnesses that have prevented the Eagles from having a full team at any one time since the relay carnival that launched the season early in December. Melissa Martley, a star diver, has been out for three weeks, and with Rob Leslie snowbound in the Adirondacks and ineligible for Glens Falls by virtue of missing school Tuesday, the diving burden falls on Bobby Keens.

Keens won two straight last week as the Eagles submerged Hudson (92-35), Niskayuna (85-42) and Albany Academy (91-36). All 11 members of the team had a win against Hudson, and BC swept all 11 second places as well. They yielded one second to Niskayuna and two to the Cadets while sweeping every first on the agenda.

The story at Voorheesville Friday is certain to be different. The Mergers, with several of the best swimmers in the section, won six of 11 events in the first meeting of the teams in Delmar last month, but the Eagles won handily on superior squad depth.

Doug Schulz turned in the fastest 100-yard breaststroke in Section 2 this season with a 1:04.9 clocking against Academy. Knute Hvalsmarken's 5:21.500 in the same meet was the second fastest in the section, and Fred Rudofsky swam the 100 free in 54.6 against Niskayuna, his personal best.

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Jan. 16, 1958

The front page of the *Spotlight* this week is devoted to an article on the toxic effects of fluoridation reprinted from a bulletin of Fluoridation, a national organization. Among the arguments is that fluoridation "is compulsory mass medication without precedent" that the committee says "cannot ignore the possibility of mass side reactions."

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Jan. 17, 1963

Heritage Sunday was the initial event in a year-long celebration of the 200th anniversary of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. Other events in 1963 will be a visit from the Central College Choir of Pella, Iowa, a homecoming weekend June 29-30, a Twin Dinners program in September and an historical pageant in November. Charles Spencer is general chairman of the anniversary committee.

Marie E. Anders of Glenmont has been appointed receiver of taxes and assessments for the Town of Bethlehem. She fills the unexpired term of George L. Davies.

Jan. 18, 1968

Slingerlands Troop 322, Cadette Girl Scouts, entertained a group of eight women in one of the new cottages at the Ann Lee Home during the Christmas holidays. The girls took a tree and decorated it with ornaments they had made themselves, and presented handmade gifts. They also served punch and cookies and had a carol sing. The girls are: Alison Voorhees, Betsy Howes, Betsy Kelley, Margo Salmon, Judy Morgan, Jamie Hornberger, Susan Zwack and Joanne Smith. Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Howes are troop leaders.



Albert B. Washko

New director at VA center

Albert B. Washko of Glenmont has been appointed director of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albany. He has been with the Veterans Administration 14 years and previously was associate director of the VA medical center in Palo Alto, Calif. Washko earned a master's degree in social work from the University of California at Los Angeles and a master's in health administration from the University of Washington. He succeeds James T. Krajeck, who was named a regional director for the VA.

Enjoy the outdoors

Helderberg Workshop land on Picard Rd., Voorheesville, will be open to the public free for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing from noon until dusk Sundays, Jan. 23 and 30. Outdoor enthusiasts will be able to wander through the workshop's 270 acres of land on marked trails through abandoned orchards or up the talus slopes toward the Helderberg escarpment. A warming fore will be available, along with hot beverages and snacks at a nominal cost. Free ski instruction is available from noon to 3 p.m.

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Major Girls — Kristi Flanigan 184, Teri Sue Moss 498.

Jr. Boys — Brian Zagigbloski 164, Ray Endres 489.

Jr. Girls — Jenny Miller 159-443.

Prep Boys — Paul Graves 157-425.

Prep Girls — Suzanne Brown 150, Tammy Oliver 393.

Sr. Citizen Men — John DeFlumer 247, Ray Marohn 579.

Sr. Citizen Women — Marge Richardson 175-472.

Bowling honors for the week of Jan. 9, 1983, at Del Lanes, Delmar went to:

Sr. Citizen Men — Bob Rotunda 209, John DeFlumer 209-552.

Sr. Citizen Women — Phyllis Smith 200-532.

Men — Bob Bardin 277-919, Russ Hunter 632.

Women — Shirley Mooney 238, Barb Freedell 579.

Major Boys — John Graves 237, Will Boughton 620.

Major Girls — Michelle Brown 196, Nina Fedele 496.

Jr. Boys — Jeff Starker 177-429.

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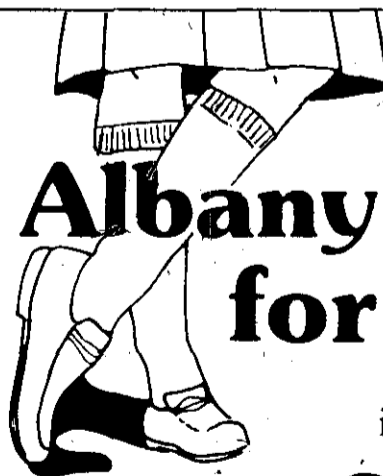
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Gov. Cuomo's opportunities

Seldom, if at all, has an incoming New York governor had as rich an opportunity to halt the state's headlong plunge into economic oblivion as has Mario Matthew Cuomo.

Editor's View

Occasional comments by the editors of *The Spotlight*

With the pageantry subsiding on Capitol Hill, Gov. Cuomo can set up a four-year game plan with a defined purpose. The program he sets for his administration and the degree of genuine leadership he shows will determine whether Mario Cuomo is a statesman with the interests of the people of New York State at heart, or just another run-of-the-mill politician.

The state needs help. The kind of help it needs is leadership. The kind of leadership it needs is statesmanlike, straightforward, goal-oriented, loophole-closing, budget-conscious, waste-disposal leadership.

How refreshing, how encouraging, how inspirational that would be after the most undistinguished administration in the past half century (Carey) and the most outrageously spendthrift administration in New York annals (Rockefeller).

Our new governor might take a few moments to look back a generation or two, say, to the end of WW2. Here was Thomas E. Dewey, a determined little man who achieved great stature by running New York State like a corporation beholden to its stockholders. Dewey was a master politician capable of strong-arming a powerful organization to do his bidding, and often did. He held his commissioners strictly accountable for the efficient operation of their departments. He controlled both houses of the Legislature, and while his tactics and personality did not tend to endear him personally to many of his associates, Tom Dewey presided over the greatest boom period in the history of the state.

In those years, New York was the nation's most prosperous, most populous and most prestigious state of the then 48. Corporations and businessmen flocked to take advantage of the state's affluent market, efficient transportation, attractive geographical and recreational resources, versatile labor supply, outstanding educational facilities and other attributes. The economic climate, which included a tax structure that while not always favorable was at least acceptable and not actually oppressive.

Since then, it has been all downhill.

Apart from the brief interlude of Averell Harriman, when Tammany boss Carmine DeSapio got nowhere with a Republican Legislature, subsequent administrations have fed on and bled New York's people and resources.

Nelson Rockefeller, Albany's resident profligate, gave the big slide a major push by spending us dizzy. Rockefeller, subscribing to the theory that the state was almost as rich as he was, loaded up the state payroll, underwrote Murphy's Law to a degree that will burden our children and grandchildren well into the 21st century, built a personal staff the size of a private army, launched a public building boom that mortgaged our future, and embellished state services that firmly established New York as the nation's closest approach to the welfare state.

Rockefeller bequeathed his new socialism to Hugh Carey. Carey enjoyed gubernatorial glamor more than a dozen or so of his most recent predecessors, thrived on the tax-consuming appetite of his administration, and did nothing to halt the acceleration of New York's roller-coaster to fiscal disaster. Carey's call for a state employee hiring freeze was delivered in a whisper during his lame-duck days on Eagle St., and served primarily to show that he did, indeed, have a conscience unsuspected during his tenure.

If Rockefeller launched the downhill ride and Carey presided over the fall of New York State to the nether rankings (46th or 49th place in whatever economic indices you prefer), will Mario Cuomo be able to — or even try to — turn the situation around?

Which priorities will he elect? What is his perspective?

If the new governor chooses to restore our state to some semblance of economic integrity, he faces at least two major problems that are built into the system he has inherited. One he will have to live with, the other he will have an opportunity to tackle. In that order they are:

- A Republican senate, controlled by a stubborn politician. Warren Anderson is not above making deals, but he often drives a hard bargain.

- Public employee unions that are among the richest and greediest in the United States. They are, in no particular order, the CSEA and other New York public employee unions, the New York City police-firemen-transit, etc. unions, and the teachers unions.

Not only do these unions have aggressive leadership and bulging bankrolls to support dynamic lobbying, but they represent a solid block in Cuomo's political base.

To conscientious taxpayers hopeful of a return to state fiscal responsibility, the unions' tremendous strength is a chilling prospect. To Gov. Cuomo it is likewise a chilling prospect, but for a different reason: even if he recognizes the huge drain on New York's economic resources perpetuated by the unions, he would have to summon an inordinate degree of political courage to work for the reforms the state so critically needs.

The onus of an overloaded payroll, state departments top-heavy with superfluous supervision (witness Social Service, Education and Executive Office), and the cancer of the nation's richest public pension system lavishing benefits two and three times any in the private sector, may be too much for any one governor.

To divert focus on the basic causes of New York's steady downhill course, Mario Cuomo can concentrate on prison overcrowding, aid to education and municipalities, toxic waste cleanup, Martin Luther King's birthday, motor vehicle fees and highway repair.

In his programs, Gov. Cuomo should:

- Remember that New York State has lost more than 900,000 population since 1975, and that the exodus continues at the rate of some 120,000 per annum.

- Remember that businesses and jobs go with them, along with a steady erosion of the state's tax base, not so much to the Sun Belt states, but to our neighbors, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio. In other words there are some 46 states corporations would rather do business in than New York.

- And remember that nearly one out of every two voters in New York State voted against Mario Cuomo last November. The ball, governor, is in your court.

Nat Boynton
Contributing Editor

Since this article was written, Gov. Cuomo was quoted over the weekend in a New York City television interview that he expected there would be program reductions, "including the possibility of personnel actions like layoffs" in almost every area except the Department of Corrections. Ed.

Vox Pop

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

Law a nuisance?

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

In accordance with the local ordinance, a car outside our house was ticketed at 1:35 a.m. Dec. 29 for parking on the street. Remember 1:35 a.m. Dec. 29? That's when the temperature was 60 degrees! We didn't leave the car in the road because it couldn't snow. We had a mix-up about when someone would be home to move it.

The obvious question is, what was the point of enforcing this law that time? We are aware of the ordinance, and nightly park a car on the lawn in obedience. I think a more important question is, would Bethlehem be better off without this ordinance? Last year was the first we had much snow to test this ordinance; was there an improvement in snow removal? Most of the plowing was done during regular working hours, when cars are allowed back on the streets. How many times in an average "winter" — from Nov. 1 to April 15 — are the streets plowed between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m.? I know the trucks are out frequently in the wee hours during a snowstorm, but it seems to me they're not plowing but salting, which isn't hampered by cars along the road. I think this law causes a lot of nuisance and has very little benefit.

Richard Marriott

Delmar

Mary Woehrle dies

Mrs. Mary McElwee Woehrle of Delmar died Monday at the Cardiac Care Center in Albany Medical Center Hospital where she was a patient since early last month. She was 63.

A native of Delano, Minnesota, Mrs. Woehrle came to the Albany area in 1948. She resided in Delmar since 1955. A retired teacher from the Bethlehem Central School District, she was a past president of the Albany Branch of the American Association of University Women. Her memberships were in the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post American Legion Auxiliary, Delmar; the Capital District Chapters of the Association of the United States Army and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Reserve Officers Association. She held degrees from the University of Minnesota and State University of New York at Albany.

Surviving are her husband, Alexander J. Woehrle, daughters, Mrs. Serge (Margaret) Palu temporarily of Tuscon, Arizona, and Louise, a graduate architect in New York City; and a sister, Theresa Enroth of Citrus Heights, California.

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Mrs. John Cassidy-Norrish



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Lassonde-Goes

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Lassonde of Selkirk have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Neil Goes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Goes of Selkirk.

Miss Lassonde, a 1978 graduate of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, attends Maria College School of Nursing and is employed at St. Peter's Hospital. The prospective bridegroom, also a 1978 graduate of RCS, is employed by the state Department of Correctional Services. A 1984 wedding is planned.

O'Hern-Amato

Dr. and Mrs. John A. O'Hern of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Jean, to Thomas J. Amato, son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Amato of Gunderland.

The bride-to-be is a 1974 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, attended Mohawk Valley Community College and is a nursing student in the May graduating class at the Junior College of Albany. Her fiance is a graduate of Gunderland Central High School and Union College. He is employed by Troy Mattress Co. as plant supervisor, and is part owner of Amato Bros. Landscaping, Inc.

An October wedding is planned.

Wed in Australia

Jane Marie Cassidy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Cassidy, 82 Salisbury Rd., Delmar, became the bride of John Bowe Norrish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Norrish of Borden, Western Australia, on Jan. 15. The wedding took place in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Perth, Australia.

Fr. John Dwyer officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a formal reception at the Sheraton-Perth City Center.

Jane Cassidy-Norrish is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She received a BS degree from the State University College at Plattsburgh and a MS degree from the University of Maryland. Prior to her marriage, she was the manager of food publicity for Cunningham and Walsh Advertising, Inc., San Francisco.

Her husband was educated in Western Australia and London, England. He is a telecommunications systems designer contracting in Perth, Australia. The couple is residing in Perth.

Cynthia Tilroe married

Cynthia Cheryl Tilroe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tilroe of Elsmere, was married on Jan. 1 to Randall John Looper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Looper of Milwaukee, Wis.

The ceremony took place in the First United Methodist Church in Delmar, with Rev. Leon Adkins officiating. Also assisting with the ceremony were pastor Gary Looper, brother of the groom, and Rev. William McElwee of Trenton, N.J.

Acting as matron of honor for her sister was Cathie Gebhart of Sullivan, Mo. The bridesmaid was Lori Whitney of Elsmere, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Al Franz of Sherman, Texas. The groomsmen were Mark Mejac of Milwaukee. Acting as ushers were Jason and Jeff Tilroe. Lynda Stokoe of Slingerlands, Rev. McElwee and Mrs. Ann Rowell provided the music.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Iowa State University. The bride was employed by the University Union as banquet manager prior to the wedding. The groom is a management trainee for the Rocky Mountain Bank Card System. The couple honeymooned in Vail, Colo. They will be living in Denver.

Story hours resume

Registration for pre-school story hours at the Bethlehem Public Library will begin on Monday, Jan. 24, at 9 a.m. Parents must register in person for this session beginning Feb. 1 and 2 and ending April 19 and 20. Children must be 3 by Jan. 1 to be eligible for one of these days and times: Tuesday 10 - 10:30, 11 - 11:30 a.m.; 1:30 - 2 p.m. or Wednesday, 10 - 10:30 a.m., 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

There will be story hours at Clarksville School on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and Glenmont School on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. No registration is needed.

Drobner-Tornquist

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Drobner of Selkirk have announced the engagement of their daughter, Terry J. Drobner, to Craig A. Tornquist of Selkirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Charles Tornquist. An April, 1984, wedding is planned.

January at Marineland

Laura Sankey, daughter of Mrs. Sue C. Sankey of Sunset Drive, Delmar, is participating in the Wells College January Internship Program this month. Laura is interning at Marineland in St. Augustine, Fla., where she will be observing the behavior of porpoises.

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