

Town eyes Feura Bush Rd. plant

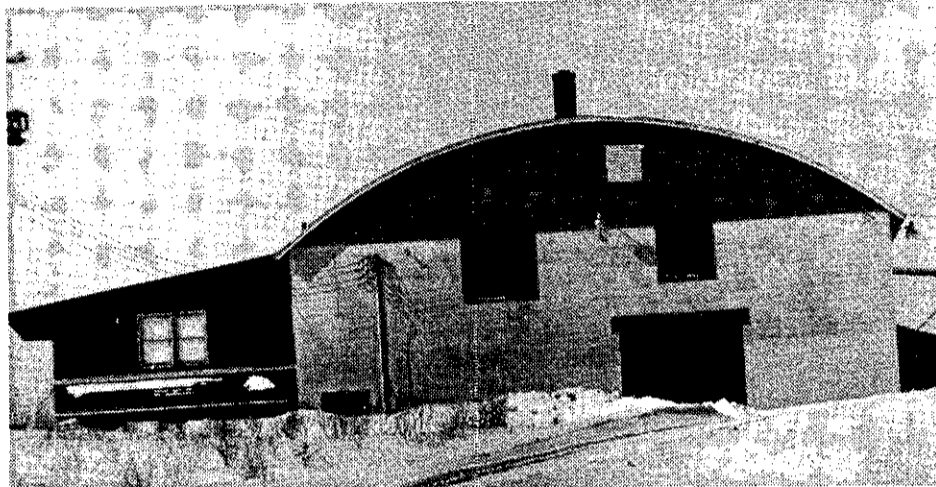
Site for solid waste transfer station

Bethlehem officials have reached a tentative agreement to buy the old Waldenmaier meat packing plant on Feura Bush Rd. to use as a solid waste transfer station.

A resolution authorizing Supervisor Tom Corrigan to purchase the building, which has about 5,000 square feet of space and sits on 5½ acres of land, for \$125,000 will be considered at the town board's meeting today, Corrigan said Monday. The tentative deal provides that the town hall will not acquire the machinery in the building, he added.

Wendell Williams, who acquired the property two years ago from the Waldenmaier family, said Monday he could not comment until a contract is signed. But, he said, "they're getting a bargain." He is interested in selling the property to the town, he said, because the building lends itself well to the intended use "and I don't want to see it sit there and deteriorate."

The building, located at the top of a hill between Meads Lane and Waldenmaier Rd., will serve as the central collection point for refuse collected by town trucks and private haulers operating in Bethle-



The old Waldenmaier meat packing plant on Feura Bush Rd. may become Bethlehem's solid waste transfer station.

hem. At the transfer station the waste will be packed in large transfer vehicles to be trucked to the Albany ANSWERS shredding plant on Rapp Rd. There it will be processed and sorted, with the burnable material being trucked to Albany to fuel the state's heating and cooling plant on Sheridan St.

The deal may solve a ticklish problem for the town, which had been searching for an acceptable site for a transfer station for nearly a year. Corrigan's first choice, near the town garage on Elm Ave. East, had run into stiff opposition from

neighbors in the nearby Dowerskill Village development, and town board members had already indicated they were having second thoughts about the site.

And although the town will have to spend more money to modify the building, the final cost is certain to be considerably less than the \$500,000 Bethlehem was told it would have to spend to build a transfer station.

Finally, the location — proximity to the more populated areas of town and

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Mulligan quits historian post

Thomas E. (Ed) Mulligan, Bethlehem's town historian, has announced that he is retiring this month as he reaches his 65th birthday.

"I'm going to catch up on stuff I've been missing for nine years," Mulligan said Monday. "I think it's time we got a younger cat in there."

Mulligan said he also plans to discuss his future on the town planning board with other members of that board. And, he said, he does not intend to be as active in local Republican politics as he has in past years. "We've been tied down too long," he said.

Mulligan's nine years as town historian have been marked by some significant achievements, including research uncovering the first town supervisor, restoration of the John Slingerland family burial vault, discovery of the Rowe family documents and, most recently, aiding in the restoration of an 1840 oil portrait of a child of Bethlehem's pioneer Sill family.

But the \$1,348-per-year job also had its frustrations. The Charles Sanders house in Slingerlands went under the wrecker's ball last year despite the efforts of

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Michael Range of 42 Pineview Ave., Delmar and his children Ofelia, Marisa and Roberto anxiously watch the spout for drops of maple sap at a Five Rivers sugaring demonstration. Unfavorable weather kept all but a few drops in the tree.

Tom Howes

'Bottom line isn't just money'

By Caroline Terenzini

Heading into what all predictions have as one of the roughest years yet for the Bethlehem Central School District budget, board President Bernard Harvith agreed to answer some questions posed by the *Spotlight*.

Question: What message would you like to get across about the budget this year?

Answer: There are a number of messages, some of which will become more precise as we go along. Obviously at this point there'll have to be a tax increase. What we'd like people to know is we feel the community would like us to go beyond looking at percentages on each budget line. People expect precision, not percentages.

Budgeting tends to be a process where you go around two or three times. Probably 90 percent of the budget is required by state law, existing contracts or other commitments, so it is important to focus on the range of real choices. And some mandates are local, in a sense. For example, the large numbers of children in swimming, from the youngest Dolphins through the varsity swim team. We aren't mandated by the state to have a swim team, but to close the pools would upset the expectations of a lot of people.

Q: What guidelines does the board give the administration at the start of the budget process?

A: Some guidelines are understood

over the years and some are stated during the year. The budget draft should assume the same staff, the same levels of heat and light, the same transportation services, the same program . . . We've asked the staff to give us choices. We think the community expects us to make value choices and to make any changes in the program. And, in addition, we ask the staff to give us a number of options, especially this year, when we'll be cutting way below expectations. A lot of the

budget is not subject to percentage cuts; it's easier to go through the proposal line-by-line than to start with a certain percentage.

Q: Do you think board members generally agree on an approach to budget-making?

A: Definitely yes. We've used this process over a number of years, with the same board members. One of the strengths of a board of seven people is the different types of expertise and viewpoints. I don't see anything at this point that would create a crisis and lead, at least, to think differently about the process. It's inconceivable to me that the community would say, "We don't want you to go into the details, just deal with percentages."

The components of the consumer price index and the components of our budget are not symmetrical — for example, library books have increased astronomically in price. It doesn't work to say the cost-of-living increase was 4 percent so the school budget will go up 4 percent and

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Bernard Harvith

□ School budget

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everything will be fine. In the years since 1976, the budget was up 39.6 percent while the consumer price index (U.S. city average) went up 76.1 percent. In those years the school district tax rate in Bethlehem went up 20.6 percent and in New Scotland, 28.1 percent. I think we've done very well over the years.

Q: Some taxpayers seem to feel inadequate or frustrated when they're discussing the budget. What can be done about this?

A: I haven't heard from people that they're frustrated. I would guess that most people are understanding, they read the newspapers, they know you have to negotiate with employees. I assume people are understanding that our buildings are old . . . People have communicated very effectively when they're unhappy, like when the district closed the Delmar School.

School district budgets are different from those of businesses; you're locked in a lot more. And it's a different kind of thing. We're not just managers of a business enterprise that educates kids as

cheaply as possible. There's a different expectation — the bottom line isn't just money. How much is it worth if 20 kids don't get the support services they need? How much do we care if some can't read? You're really trying to prepare people for their lives, and there's no budgeting process to deal with that.

Q: Do you have a sense of what the community is willing to give up in view of pressures from the national economy?

A: There are a lot of exciting programs it'd be nice to have, but we're not able to do all that. Essentially the community wants to continue with the same school system we've had.

And there may be hidden costs in giving some things up. For example, I would be opposed to giving up athletics. While there's no way to quantify it, such programs for young people save other hidden costs in terms of school and drug abuse.

If there have to be cuts from the existing program, you'd get quickly to the question of foreign language instruction, art and music programs, substantial increases in class size . . . the point is there

Two school board seats up

Two seats on the Bethlehem Central school board are to be filled by voters this year. Incumbent Bernard Harvith, who has been a board member 11 years and president for six, said he is "pretty certain" he will seek re-election. Incumbent Marjory O'Brien, who was first elected in 1979, said she will run again.

Board hopefuls may obtain nominating petitions from district clerk Cheryl Marks Stees at the Educational Services Center, Adams Pl., Delmar, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. week days. Petitions must contain at least 43 signatures and are to be returned to Mrs. Stees by April 11. The terms are for three years.

Balloting will be May 11.

isn't any fat in the program. To make any substantial changes in program would be extremely painful. Let me emphasize that these aren't being contemplated. Our point is that there will have to be a reasonable tax rate increase.

Q: Should the state's role in financing public education be changed?

A: That's a profound question. There's a lot to be said for equality of educational opportunity for the state's children. On the other hand, it's important there be local control and local support of education. It's also important to move more of the cost off the property tax and on to other things.

The state could require that school districts share in sales tax receipts — that's a county decision now. One thing that interests me is the possibility of trying to fund part of it by a tax on non-essential spending by young people, for example, an excise tax on video games. We may have to put other things on the list, in other years.

When the state gives new mandates, they ought to give 100 percent of the money.

We may see more of a federal role in financing public education. Apparently Congress is going to consider some

possibilities for dealing with the science and math teacher shortage. It's also possible down the road to eliminate a year of college or high school, because of cost. We have to look at the overall system of financing education. The point is, flexibility is desirable.

Budget over coffee

An informal "coffee" to discuss the Bethlehem Central school budget held at the home of Mrs. Sheila Fuller, 31 Albin Rd., Delmar, drew 17 residents of the school district on Monday. Superintendent Lawrence Zinn answered questions.

Mrs. Fuller, serving her second term on the Bethlehem school board, said she would hold similar sessions each Monday at 10 a.m. until the annual budget vote on May 12. District residents are welcome.

Pancakes in Unionville

Pancakes will be on the menu of the Unionville Reformed Church on Saturday, March 5, from 7 to 11 a.m. Admission to the church breakfast is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

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excellent access to the Albany shredding plant on Rapp Rd. via either the Delmar Bypass and the arterials or by Cherry Ave. and Rt. 85 — was one of three recommended by the town's consultants.

Although there are few residences in the immediate area, there is still the possibility of opposition to the site. Corrigan last week sent letters to all nearby residents of the plant, informing them of the town's plans and offering to set up tours of a similar, although much larger, transfer station in Schenectady.

Corrigan said the town will use only the front part of the building, which will house the space for refuse collection trucks to dump their loads and for the larger transfer vehicles to load up. All this will be done inside. There will also be an office manned by one town employee. There are no plans to use the upstairs apartment and no plans to move other town functions into the rest of the building, he said.

Corrigan said Councilman Robert Hendrick is exploring the possibility of state aid to help the town purchase and modify the building.

□ Mulligan

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Mulligan and other preservationists. Recently, the town board decided to put both of the historic properties the town owns, the Adams House in Delmar and the Nicoll-Sill House near Van Wies Point, on the market. The Adams House sale is expected to be completed this week.

In World War 2 Mulligan served as a B-17 bomber pilot with the Eighth Air Force in combat raids over Germany. He was shot down and spent two years in Nazi prison camps, making four escape attempts, all unsuccessful. His report to U.S. authorities as unofficial historian of Stalag Luft 3 earned him a bronze star.

But if Mulligan does withdraw from active participation in town affairs, his absence is just as likely to be felt in the political arena. A former journalist and military historian who once ran for mayor of Albany against Erastus Corning, Mulligan has been active in recent town elections as a speech writer, public relations man and strategist for Republican candidates. This year the Republicans face the potentially sensitive task of choosing a supervisor candidate if incumbent Tom Corrigan decides not to run.

Radio caused fire

A fire at 29 Leaf Dr., Delmar, Friday afternoon has been traced to an electrical problem in a clock radio, according to Bethlehem police. The owner, Loretta Carney, was not home at the time of the fire, but fire fighters saved her cat from the smoke and flames.



Many, but not all, of the people who put out the *Spotlight* each week, posed for an anniversary photo recently that included typesetters, layout artists, printers, editors, reporters, writers, columnists, photographers, salespeople, our bookkeeper and the publishers. From left, front row, Wally Campbell, Allison Bennett, Tom McPheeters, Mary

Ahlstrom, Dick Ahlstrom, Mary Powers, Jim Vogel; second row, Nat Boynton, Julie Ann Sosa, Dick Sickles, Red Davis, Carol Hooper-Marcoulis, Nancy Ellery, Laine Ellery; rear row, Gary Van Der Linden, Vinnie Reda, Kara Gordon, Linda Burtis, Tom Howes, George Bloodgood, Andrew Gordon, Ted Reich, Vince Potenza. J.W. Campbell

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In the 52 weeks since, we have more than doubled the space available for news, editorial matter, columns and photos. We have added six new contributing writers on a regular basis, joining our regular writers and two experienced editors. Five new local columns have been favorably received, and 27 clergymen and rabbis have contributed to our Focus on Faith feature. We now have a staff photographer to supplement the excellent work of well-known local professionals.

We have substantially expanded coverage of Voorheesville and New Scotland, and have added a correspondent covering the Selkirk-South Bethlehem area.

Since the first tabloid format appeared on March 3, 1982, the roster of advertisers has topped 700, including 200 new advertisers in the past 12 months.

The *Spotlight* is now available at 31 newsstands in Bethlehem and New Scotland, up from 24 a year ago. Sale of single copies at these outlets has averaged 1,050 per week, an increase of nearly 25 percent over the corresponding average a year ago.

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16 youths booked

Following up on a complaint from a Darnley Green resident, Bethlehem police raided a woods side campfire Feb. 21 and found a keg of beer, some six-packs and apparatus for smoking marijuana. Sixteen youths, ages ranging from 15 to 19, were booked and then released in custody of their parents; one youth was issued an appearance ticket for Bethlehem Town Court.

Pleads in vandalism case

A 16-year-old Feura Bush man plead guilty to a reduced charge of criminal mischief in Bethlehem Town Court last week, closing a police investigation of a Jan. 28 disturbance at a Charles Blvd., Slingerlands, residence.

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Blessing Rd. rezoning held

By Vincent Potenza

The Bethlehem Town Board has tabled until March 9 its decision on an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would change the proposed Eastmount subdivision on Blessing Rd. from A-Residential to Planned Residential District zoning.

At a public hearing last Wednesday representatives for the developer showed board members plans for the 26-acre site that would accommodate 57 lots, 55 of which would contain duplexes. The duplexes are a permitted use in the current A-Residential zone, but the developer wants to be able to sell each half of the duplexes separately. This requires the PRD zoning.

The board was presented with plans for three different types of duplexes, two of which called for buildings of two stories. The type of duplex built would vary according to the topography of individual lots and the demand of the market, board members were told.

A traffic study conducted by the developer at the request of the town planning board concluded that no significant increase in the traffic on Blessing Rd. would be generated by the development, according to the traffic engineer making the study. But town planning consultant Edward Kleinke, told those at the hearing that he had not had a chance to thoroughly review the traffic study because it had been presented to the board only the day before. The board then voted to table the rezoning matter until Kleinke could give his opinion.

No one in attendance spoke in opposition to the proposal.

In regular business conducted before the hearing, the board:

- Approved a request from the Department of Public Works to purchase one 1983 Ford dump truck for \$16,420 under state contract. Commissioner Bruce Secor told the board the truck was a replacement and was in the budget.

- Approved the purchase of two voting machines at \$3,285 each. The machines are necessary because of the creation of a new election district due to reapportionment.

- Acknowledged receipt of a franchise fee from Bethlehem Video for the period of Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1982 in the amount of \$6,726.64, representing 3 percent of the company's gross earnings in Bethlehem, minus bad debts, according to Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

- Awarded publication of the town's *Bethlehem Report* to Newsgraphics of Delmar, Inc. for \$2,978, the low bid.

- Voted to consolidate polling places for registration days from the current two to one, at the town hall.

- Granted permission for three officers to attend an alcohol enforcement course March 1-4. A letter from Ralph Tipple, commissioner of public safety, informed the board that the request incurred no overtime.



Astronaut Sheila McSweeney gets set to plant the American flag as pupils at Bethlehem Central's Slingerlands Elementary School present an original play, "E.T. Lands at Slingerlands School."

Tom Howes

Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

Feb. 27, 1958

A huge snowfall has caused major removal problems throughout the Delmar business district, especially at Delaware Plaza. (Editor's note: the Spotlight issue contains photos, but the depth of the snowfall was not given.)

Feb. 28, 1963

The Bethlehem Central Board of Education has voted to table a proposal for pairing elementary schools in the district pending a more detailed investigation of the suggestion. Meanwhile, a growing number of parents have joined a citizens' committee opposed to paired schools in the Tri-Villages. Under the proposal, primary children in first, second and third grades would be channeled to one school and grades 4, 5 and 6 to another.

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals has scheduled a public hearing for March 20 to consider an appeal by a group of Plymouth Ave. residents from the granting of a building permit to construct a Carroll's drive-in hamburger stand at Euclid Ave. and Delaware Ave. The appeal was filed by Attorney Edward J. Grogan of Delmar, who represents the Plymouth Ave. group.

Feb. 29, 1968

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 442, Delmar, led by Mrs. LeRoy Cooke, will present a joint puppet show and art exhibition at the Delmar Methodist Church. Participating are Cindy Webster, Lynn Sheridan, Kathy Mosher, Anita Preska and Janet Kois, puppet show; and Carolyn Preska, Pat VanGal-en, Connie Patterson, Leigh Rockwood, Holly Leese, Ginny Owens, Doreen Sullivan and Linda Klett, art exhibit.

March 1, 1973

Mark Eckhardt scored 36 points as Bethlehem Central's varsity basketball team rolled over Niskayuna, 72-53. At the same time RCS was doing about the same thing to Ballston Spa, 69-53, as Lee Miller led with 25 points.

March 2, 1978

Bethlehem town officials are expected to set a date within the next two weeks for a hearing on charges brought by the town board against suspended police chief Peter Fish. The town has retained a New York City lawyer to prepare and prosecute the charges of possible misconduct in office.

Voorheesville's best basketball team since Budd Tetreault's 16-4 aggregation in 1965-66 was squeezed out of the CHVL title by Maple Hill and Catskill after losing their final regular season game to Catskill by one point in the last second. The Blackbirds romped over Hoosick Valley in the first round of the Sectionals.



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Voorheesville High School

Michael Applegate, Richard Arthur, Christin Connolly, Gwendolyn Farrell, David Haaf, Brian Hickey, Judiane Koch, Brian McKenna, Nathan Rasmussen, David Reilly, Peter Richards, Margaret Rogers, Ernest Sacco, Robin Shrager, Peter Zeh.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School

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Also, Kimberly C. Denney received a nursing scholarship.

The Albany Academy

Twenty-five winners, including the following residents of Bethlehem and New Scotland: Joseph E. Conway, Cristof Milora, John R. Peterson, Daniel Tomson, John Tyree.

Albany Academy for Girls

Thirteen winners, including Jean Cooper, of Delmar.

Bird artist to speak

The Bethlehem Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 9, at 1 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Center, Delmar. Wayne Trimm will speak on "Bird Art Since Audubon." For information, call Dorothy Haskell at 439-4017.

Girl Scouts to go it alone

The Delmar-based Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council has become the first council in the nation to withdraw from the United Way and seek financial support from other sources.

A kickoff dinner in Albany last night (Tuesday) launched the first fund drive in the council's history. The drive, with a goal of \$60,000, will continue through the month of March in five counties — Albany, Greene, Columbia, Rensselaer and the southern half of Saratoga County.

Edna Everson, a Delmar resident who is executive director of the council, said in a news release this week that Hudson Valley's board of directors voted unanimously to withdraw from the Northeastern New York United Way, Mohawk-Hudson United Fund and United Way of Columbia County.

The decision, effective last Jan. 1, was made "in the face of shrinking funding" from those sources, the statement said.

Some 25 solicitors will contact major donors for contributions to council funds. Donations will be used for expansion of the Girl Scout career education program for older girls, increased training opportunities for adult volunteers, computerization of records, and capital improvements and acquisitions.

Sue Ann Ritchko of Delmar, director of consumer services for Price Chopper Supermarkets, is honorary chairman. The drive is under the direction of the council's newly formed fund development committee, headed by Patricia Marsh of Ravena, committee chairman and a member of the Hudson Valley board of directors. She is a special assistant to the commissioner of the State Department of Social Services.

Corporate gift-giving in the drive is under the direction of William Bronk of Menands, assistant cashier with State Bank of Albany. A phone-a-thon to previous contributors to the council will take place March 23, using the facilities of Russell Sage College in Troy. Lawrie Lierheimer of Delmar, financial aid counselor at Albany Business College, is phone-a-thon chairman.

The council is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. It was formed in 1958, when councils in Albany, Troy and Catskill joined with individual troops in Columbia County to form the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council. The council is composed of 6,300 girl members and 1,600 adult members in the five-county area.

Chamber drive nets 20 members

A Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce membership campaign that will conclude with an open house in April has already enrolled 20 new members, according to a chamber spokesman.

The drive will continue at the chamber's monthly luncheon meeting, Thursday, March 10, at noon at the Star-Lite Restaurant, Glenmont. Speaker will be Alan Zucker, director of educational service for the Computer Room, Colonie. A demonstration of computers for small businesses will be a feature of the program.

Peter Merrill, president of the chamber, said that a committee has been appointed to seek a new location for the chamber office. The present headquarters are in the Adams House, formerly the Bethlehem Town Hall, which must be vacated for a new purchaser in May.

Lenten speaker

Rev. John Macholz of Faith Lutheran Church will be the speakers at the March 9 Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study held at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave. Fellowship and coffee start at 9:30 a.m. and at 10 a.m. Rev. Macholz will discuss, "Who is Jesus? — I am the Resurrection." Child care will be available.

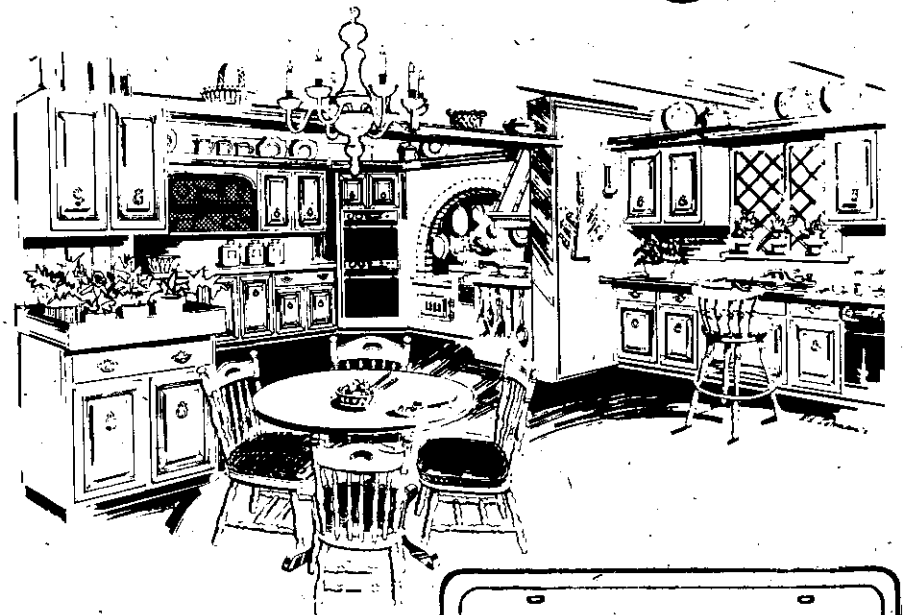
Mountaineers to meet

Werner C. Baum of Delmar will present a slide show, "Adirondack Mountains and Flowers," to the Albany chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club on Tuesday, March 8, at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany. All are welcome.

Speaker in Tarrytown

Dr. Stephanie Isser, vice president of Temple Israel's adult education program, will speak on "The Jewish Tradition" on Friday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Onesequethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Rd., Feura Bush.

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A 'gentleman's agreement'?

There seems to be a difference of opinion. An environmental group, the Hudson River Sloop *Clearwater*, claims the state's Department of Environmental Conservation is not doing its job. Says the *Clearwater*, our streams and rivers are being polluted by effluents and dangerous chemicals from industrial polluters. Singled out by the *Clearwater* is the giant General Electric Co.

And, say the *Clearwater* spokesmen, the state's policeman in these matters, the Department of Environmental Conservation, is guilty of "negligence for failure to vigorously enforce state and federal water pollution control laws."

The system allows businesses to buy permits that allow them to dump chemicals into the state's waters. But critics say that because it is largely self-monitoring, it doesn't work.

But the new commissioner of environmental conservation, Henry (Hank) Williams, seems determined to make friends with the big corporations. Says Williams of these businesses: "They have no desire to violate environmental standards just to make a sleazy buck..."

The heart of the problem is the so-



Alan S. Chartock

called State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. This system allows businesses to buy permits that allow them to dump chemicals into the state's waters. But critics of the system say that because the program is largely self-monitoring, it doesn't work. Further, charge these environmental groups, GE and others are not being punished by EnCon.

One champion of the environment who was allegedly canned for his pro-environmental stance is ex-commissioner Peter A.A. Berle. Says Berle: "Self-monitoring only works if you can verify and take action when they (the industries) don't comply."

But Williams says there are all kinds of mitigating circumstances that lead to pollution. Some corporations, says the commissioner, didn't know they were polluting at the time they were doing it. Williams warns that the "negative" approach can be counter productive. According to the commissioner there is another perspective: "I believe that the Department of Environmental Conservation can do things in a positive, upbeat, out-front way that can relate to industry and say 'here are the resources

that can make your industry thrive in New York state'."

But John Mylod of the *Clearwater* says outright that DEC has closed its eyes to the pollution of our waterways. Mylod says principal dischargers "continue to violate their permits through a system that amounts to a gentlemen's agreement with government."

Even when industry reports itself in violation, the state often fails to act. "It is inconceivable that such benign neglect has become policy," says Mylod.

One of the infuriating aspects of the department's performance is the philosophy of the DEC that when a company can't meet its permit levels the state routinely allows them exemptions. The state's Attorney General Robert Abrams doesn't like that approach at all. According to Nathan Riley, Abrams's press spokesman, the attorney general feels that if strong enforcement actions are brought on discharge permits, the companies "will begin to get the message and they will start to take more effective steps to control their pollutants."

Then, of course, there is the larger question of whether anyone should be dumping any chemicals at all into the water that people drink. Assemblyman Maurice Hinchey defines the SPDES program as "a license to pollute." Says Hinchey: "You can get a license for \$300 to pollute for five years."

The most alarming thing, says Hinchey, is that the pollutants are no longer confined to the sediment in the bottom of

the river. Now, says Hinchey, these pollutants are being found in the (central) water column of the river itself."

The obvious answer, according to the *Clearwater*, Hinchey, Abrams, Berle and others, is to give the department the personnel to police those who don't or won't police themselves. Then, when you catch them, deal with them consistently and severely.

The worst part of the whole affair is that with the federal government and former GE television personality Ronald Reagan doing everything in their power to return the regulatory power to the state's, corporations will continue to shop around for the best state deals on pollution. So men like Commissioner Henry Williams and Gov. Cuomo have to balance their determination to clean up the waterways against the potential blackmail of giant corporations who say, "do this or we'll move."

For video volunteers

George Bowen, public access channel director at Bethlehem Video, Inc., will hold training sessions in the use of the color camera and video recorder which will be used to produce programs for the Bethlehem Public Access T.V. channel. The sessions will be held at Bethlehem Public Library on March 10 and March 17 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The public access channel is not broadcasting from the library at present, but programs produced by local people who have been trained in the use of the channel's equipment can be broadcast to cable subscribers in Bethlehem from the cable company's studio in Rensselaer. Anyone interested in attending the free training sessions is asked to call the Media Center at the Library (439-9314).

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Politics blocks county road issue

By Susan Guyett

Politics is still getting in the way of Albany County's road repair program.

With both the Democrats and Republicans calling for a realistic approach to the repair of some badly worn out roads, neither side appears to want to budge from its position.

The latest development in the highway reconstruction issue came Feb. 14 at the Albany County Legislature meeting when the Republicans introduced a \$3.5 million bond issue to repair certain

county roads said to be in "poor" condition by the county engineer. Previously, the Democrats tried and failed to get enough support for a \$5.5 million bond issue that would repair county roads and certain roads within the City of Albany.

County Legislature Chairman Charles Cahill, D-Albany, referred the Republican proposal to committee and no action was taken. It is thought to be politically unlikely that the sizeable City of Albany would vote for a proposal that did not

include the repair of some city streets.

Any bond issue needs two thirds of the 39-member body for passage.

Among the county roads being considered for repair are about two miles on Rt. 53, South Albany Rd. in South Bethlehem, for an estimated cost of \$194,000, about 2 miles on Rt. 204 (School House Rd.) in Guelderland and Bethlehem at a cost of \$196,000 and other streets in Coeymans, Knox, Rensselaerville, Westerlo, part of Shaker and lower Osborn Roads in Colonie and Bradt Hollow Bridge in Berne/Knox. Under the Democratic proposal about \$2 million would be spent to repair streets in the City of Albany. In an effort to make their proposal more appealing, the Democrats have included roads in Green Island, Watervliet and Cohoes in their list of repairs.

While the Republicans claim they are "fully committed to supporting a rational major reconstruction program of county roads," they refuse to support any program that would repair roads not owned by the county. They acknowledge

that the law permits a county to repair roads in cities, towns and villages under certain conditions. But they claim no county in the state has ever used this provision of the 14-year-old section of the state highway law.

The Democratic leadership has never brought their \$5.5 million bond issue up for a vote, even though it has been under consideration since late last year.

Democratic Legislator Henry Dennis of Colonie, who chairs the Public Works Committee, tried unsuccessfully to get Republican support of the Democratic proposal at a committee meeting Feb. 10. With County Engineer Paul Cooney at his side, Dennis emphasized that the roads needed repair badly. To delay would simply increase the cost of the job in the future, he said. He suggested that the Republicans were being stubborn in their opposition to the plan. Legislator Michael Ricci of Voorheesville questioned if perhaps it wasn't the Democrats who were being stubborn.

The Republicans have called for a 10-year, long range plan to repair the county roads. They claim that if the Democrats had not slashed the Public Works Department budget every year, there would be no need for a bond issue at this time.

State projects also lag

For car commuters wondering what's the hang-up on state highway projects designed to unplug two of the region's most notorious traffic bottlenecks, the news is both bad and — well, not 100-percent good, but fair.

More than three years ago the state Department of Transportation had the two Bethlehem projects on its priority list, in which priority means varying degrees of maybe-yes, maybe-no.

The projects: construction of one half mile of Rt. 85 between Mahar Rd. and LaGrange Rd., extending the so-called Slingerlands Bypass to a junction with Rt. 140, known as Cherry Ave. Extension, and construction of two double-lane spans to carry Rt. 9W over the Normanskill gorge in Glenmont, replacing a two-lane bridge that squeezes rush-hour traffic like an hour glass.

With spring coming on, a *Spotlight* reporter checked with the regional DOT office on the status of the projects.

The bad news first: the Slingerlands Bypass, which has not yet reached Slingerlands, isn't going to in the foreseeable future. Clarence Fosdick, regional planning engineer, said the project was "taken of the program" some 18 months ago for lack of funding and low priority.

Will it be reactivated? "Hard to say," commented Fosdick, "Not in the near future, and maybe never."

Now for the almost-good news: the Glenmont job is "under design," which is DOT talk for "is moving along," but Bethlehem drivers still have several years more to wait. A department spokesman said he anticipated that contracts would be let in or about September, 1984, which would indicate construction starting in the spring of 1985.

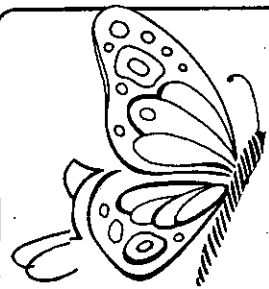
Present plans call for a new bridge to be built just west of the present span, which will then be demolished, he said. A second new span then would be built in the approximate location of the existing bridge.

The project, expected to cost \$6 million, includes approaches to the twin bridges. The present span squeezes Albany-bound traffic from two lanes (three at the Thruway underpass) into a single northbound lane approaching the bridge. Southbound traffic from the Thruway toll booth and I-787 joining Rt. 9W a quarter-mile from the span must merge into one lane at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge and Thruway Authority headquarters to reach the bridge.

Nat Boynton



SUNYA Women's Club members will bring cheer to Albany County Nursing Home patients at a spring fashion show Thursday, March 3. Peggy Zimmerman of Elsmere is commentator for the fashion show. Among the models are, above left, Shirley Johnson, Bonnie Wulff and Barbara Kavanaugh of Delmar, along with other Tri-Village residents Rae Mossin, and Dodie Seagle. Joan Koff of Elsmere and Muriel Welch of Slingerlands are among club members assisting the models.



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Selkirk's Norma June: 'doing for others'

By Ann Treadway

Norma L. June of Selkirk has a philosophy of life: "The only thing that matters is what you do for others — for nothing."

For the past 20 years, the fiftyish widow has been practicing that philosophy as a member of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. She and her husband joined together in 1963, and four of their six children have also served in the local rescue organization.

But Mrs. June is no goody-two-shoes. "I've seen an awful lot of gore and suffering," she said recently of her experiences at accident scenes. She stays on the squad, though, because "I'm trained, healthy and available, and I can't turn back."

Personal memories probably heighten that feeling of commitment. Her son, Bertram, currently lieutenant of the Selkirk ambulance squad, was in a serious car accident in 1980 and Mrs. June is sure he would have bled to death without the prompt attention he received from the ambulance squad members on duty that night.

She also remembers being on her way home after her daughter's wedding and coming upon a car-truck accident in which eight members of a family were injured. She arrived at the hospital emergency room out of uniform that night — in a peach-colored full-length gown — but the child in her arms had received expert emergency care.

Mrs. June doesn't wear gowns these days. After her husband's death, she said, she became "a complete non-conformist," opting to dress like a man and "take care of myself." That non-conformity has made her a controversial figure in her hometown at times, she said, but she loves Selkirk, calling it "the sort of town where people generally mind their own



Norma June takes a turn at the radio in the Selkirk No. 1 fire house. Tom Howes

business until someone needs help, and then they really care for each other."

She knows this firsthand because she broke her back in a fall from a ladder at her home last November. Her fellow ambulance squad volunteers were there in a hurry, and they and other friends then kept in constant touch during her recuperation period.

Late last month, Mrs. June returned to her job as a school bus driver for the Ichabod Crane School District. She has a master's degree in English from SUNY-Albany and does some substitute teaching, but driving a school bus is how she prefers to spend her days.

"I have a beautiful route and I watch the seasons change," she said, "and I also have a good bunch of kids." Mrs. June

didn't even learn how to drive until she was 34 years old, but now she refers to her bus fondly as "my machine."

When she's not driving a school bus or working with the ambulance squad, Mrs. June does a lot of thinking — and writing. Her regular column in the Ravena News-Herald, which she describes as a collection of observations and impressions — "whatever interests me at the time" — must be popular, she said, because she gets scolded by many people if she misses a week.

She's also editor of a newspaper put out by the Ichabod Crane bus drivers called "Headlights and Scuttlebutt," which is used mainly to publicize fund-raising events for student scholarships.

While her children were young and she was home with them, Mrs. June became active in PTA, first at the Selkirk Elementary School and then for the Albany District, as both pre-school chairman and as editor of the District newsletter, "Capital Captions."

Nor have Mrs. June's intellectual interests waned with the years. Her dream, she said, is to study at Oxford in England, and she's pursuing that possibility now.

Five of her six children are out on their own, including Herbert, 30, twins Arthur and Tom, 28, Bertram, 27, and Patricia, 23. The youngest, Phyllis, 18, is about to enter nurse's training.

Mrs. June currently covers weekend nights for the local ambulance squad, and the other three who share the that shift, David Pratt, Linda Schacht and Lou Smith, are "like family to me now," she said.

This comradeship with co-workers is a secondary reward one gets from the volunteer service, she said. Besides being able to help and reassure people in times of fear and pain, there is the fellowship that comes from close cooperation in a common cause.

Mrs. June is persuaded to be written about here in the hope newcomers might be alerted to the importance of the Bethlehem Ambulance Service. "We need new members very badly," she said, adding that the training required is a basic First Aid course.

Some weeks, she'll be called to as many as six emergencies, she said, but during other weeks there will be none. She has noticed, happily, a recent sharp decline in the number of alcohol-related car accidents, which she attributes to the new, tougher penalties now in effect.

In the past, she said, probably 95 percent of the highway accidents she responded to were the result of drunken driving, mostly on Rt. 9W, which she believes is considered among the most dangerous roads in the country.

Offsetting that safety trend, however, is the nationwide economic situation that's leading to greater dependence on local volunteer efforts to take care of many critical needs. But if there are enough people around like Mrs. June willing to "do for others," we can all have hopes for the future.

Energy forum slated

Tawasentha chapter, NSDAR, will hold a public discussion of Energy Ethics on Tuesday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Mrs. Ronald Davis, chairman of the New York State DAR Energy Ethics committee, will present a slide lecture dealing with nuclear energy.

Miss Meredith Ann Clapper, chapter chairman of conservation, will introduce Rhonda Newton and Carl Wirth, honored members of Teunis Slingerland Society Children of the American Revolution. Mrs. Franklyn B. Amos, regent, will preside and Mrs. Jay S. Austin and Mrs. George E. Sykes will be hostesses.

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Refreshments will be served following the devotional program. Hostesses for the meeting are Mrs. Eunice Lawton and Mrs. Dorothy Percival.

Several local youths received trophies for high scores in the Elks bowling competition at Action Lanes, Albany. Representing Bethlehem Lodge No. 2233, the Prep Girls took second place in the team event. They were Ann Fedele, Tracy Trainor, Tracy Conde, Suzi Bellacoua and Kim Dale. The Major girls who took second place in their team event were Terri Sue Moss, Nina Fedele, Nichole Fedele, Sharon E. Lyons and Karen Campbell.

Receiving trophies for individual competition were: Rick Koelling, Prep boys high triple (scratch); Tammy Oliver, Prep girls high triple (handicap); Tracy Kayes, Prep girls high single (handicap); Tracy Conde, Prep girls high triple (scratch), and Kristi Flannigan, Major girls high single (scratch).

The Creative Play Pre-school at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem is accepting applications for the 1983-84 school year. Two classes are being offered. There will be a Monday-Wednesday-Friday program and a Tuesday-Thursday program. The classes are open to children 3, 4 and 5. Children

must be 3 by Dec. 1. For more information call Colleen Janssen (767-3406) or Jennifer Holmes (767-2131).

The Adult Fellowship of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem is having a Game Night on Saturday, March 12, at 7:30 at the church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk. An evening of pinochle, hearts, Up and Down the River, backgammon, Monopoly and other games is planned. There will be a charge of 50 cents per person to cover the cost of refreshments. Anyone planning to attend is requested to call the church office (767-2243) by March 11.

A St. Patrick's Day party is scheduled for March 12 at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk. A corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. The group J.F. and Co. will provide music for dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Cadette Girl Scouts of Troop 51, Selkirk, are studying basic first aid with Mary Walle of Ravena as instructor. After completion of the course, which will take five to seven hours, the girls will earn a Red Cross Youth Services certificate. Mary Ann Shubert and Joan Mayo are troop leaders.

The menu for Senior Projects of Ravena beginning March 3 is: March 3, beef stew, cole slaw, orange juice, fruit turnover; March 4, tomato soup, battered fish fillet, parsley potato, cauliflower au gratin, pound cake; March 7, roast chicken with gravy, baked potato, squash, pears; March 8, pot roast, mashed potato, spinach, applesauce; March 9, cheeseburger, french fries,

brussel sprouts, peaches; and March 10, sauteed liver with onions, potato pancakes, beets, ice cream.

The Bethlehem Elks will honor the firemen of the community Saturday, March 26, at the Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk. This special evening honoring the firemen will begin at 6:30 with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. A roast beef dinner will be served at 7:30, with music and dancing from 9 until 1 a.m.

The RCS area of Church Women United will celebrate World Day of Prayer March 4. All are invited to attend the service at 7:30 p.m. at the New Baltimore Reformed Church. The program will be presented by the Riverview Baptist Church.

Bethlehem Grange is putting on a corned beef and cabbage dinner at the Grange hall, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, on March 5, from 4 p.m. until all are served. The dinner is given for the benefit of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service. The Grange Women's Activities Committee will have items on sale in The Old Store during the evening.

On Friday, March 4, 15 students from the RCS Junior High School will participate in a "Minds on Workshop" to be held at the Institute on Man and Science in Rensselaerville. They will be part of a group of 40 students from area schools.

The workshop is entitled, "You are What You Communicate." It will be led by Nancy Thornton, president of Thornton Communications, and will challenge students in area of creative writing, thinking skills and productivity. Miss Barbara Ryan, sixth grade English teacher at the RCS Junior High is the in-school coordinator for the workshop session.

RCS board to set budget sessions

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education at its meeting Monday is expected to schedule budget work sessions and also will schedule public informational meetings on the budget, Superintendent Milton Chodack said.

At its Feb. 21 meeting, the R-C-S board authorized charging admission fees to parents of pupils participating in the annual girls' and boys' basketball tournaments and the track invitational. The charge was recommended by the Men's Association, which is a sports booster group, to help cover the cost of referees.

The district also is planning a walk-athon for April 10, to benefit the new library in Ravena. Chodack said a similar event two years ago raised \$6,000 for senior citizen services.

Square dancers welcome

The Altamont Station Squares will welcome area square and round dancers at their squares March 4 and 18. Beginning with a Plus Program Workshop at 7:30 p.m., the dances will feature mainstream and experimental square dancing and cued round dancing until 11 p.m. at the former Guilderland Elementary School on Rt. 20 just west of Twenty Mall.

Steamship buffs meet

The Hudson Valley chapter of the Steamship Historical Society will discuss steamboat travel on Scotland's rivers on Saturday, March 12, at 8 p.m. in the community room of the Key Bank, 343 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Eberle of Slingerlands will show slides from their 1982 cruise aboard the VIC 32 on the Caledonian Canal. For information, call Kearney Jones at 439-3335.

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Voorheesville News Notes



Lyn Stapf 765-2451

Those parents who thought they "struck out" by missing registration for the Kiwanis grasshopper baseball and softball program are now "safe." Due to inclement weather, an extra registration session has been scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 5, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Voorheesville Elementary School. Girls in grades 5 through 8 and boys ages 8 to 12 are invited to come with a parent or guardian to register for the spring sports league. A fee of \$6 is to be paid at the time of registration. Coordinator of the program, Mike Malark, says coaches and umpires are still needed. Anyone wishing to volunteer or wanting more information is asked to call Malark at 765-4392.

For those who can't wait until spring, a reminder to boys in grades 1 through 6 that registration for Pee Wee wrestling will be held tonight (Wednesday) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the high school. Wrestling will begin Wednesday, March 9, and continue every Wednesday and Thursday until April 7.

Chef Tel, move over, Voorheesville's galloping gourmet, Jim Kiegle, is back! In conjunction with the Continuing Education program, Kiegle is offering a four-week mini-course entitled "Tasty Pasteries," instructing participants in preparing fabulous foods for the upcoming holidays. Beginning on Monday, March 7, and continuing for the next three Mondays (March 14, 21, 28), the class will meet in the home economics room to conjure up tarts, turnovers and other taste-tempting treats. A \$15 fee will be charged.

Still on the subject of food, anyone who missed the first candy-making session with Marilyn Dergosits of Kandy Korner still has one more chance to give the Easter Bunny some competition. On Thursday, March 10, from 7 until 9:30 a

final one-session class will be held at the high school to instruct participants in the art of making molded and hand-dipped candies. A \$5 fee will be charged and other required materials may be purchased that night for an additional sum.

For more information on either course, or to register, call the high school (765-3314).

Anyone looking for a small piece of Erin to celebrate St. Paddy's Day need not look any further. St. Matthew's Church is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day celebration on Friday, March 11, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Included in the \$7 ticket price is an Irish buffet, Irish beer, punch and Irish entertainment by Voorheesville's Tom Thorpe and Gary Beadnell, who will provide sing-a-long and dance music. Tickets may be purchased at the church after weekend masses, or may be obtained by calling chairman Bill Kelly at 765-2439.

Although February meant vacation for many people, the industrious Cub Scouts of Pack 73 were busy. Sunday, Feb. 13, found the boys and their families taking to the trails at Heldeberg Workshop for their annual cross country ski outing. Most of the month, however, was spent in preparation for the Blue and Gold banquet last Sunday at the Legion Hall.

Keeping to the theme, "Scouting Around the World," each of the seven dens chose a country and prepared table decorations typical of that land. The banquet itself was a pot-luck dinner featuring the foods of England, Ireland, Egypt and Italy.

According to Cubmaster Dick Decker, many boys received awards at the festivities, while special awards were presented to Odle Bradon, commander of the American Legion Post 1493; Robert



Contradancing is getting a growing number of enthusiasts at the Voorheesville Methodist Church, and another dance is on for 8:30 p.m. Saturday. A camera set at a slow shutter step caught this feeling of motion at a dance last month. Tom Howes

Farrell, principal of the elementary school, and Lyza Nueffer, president of the Voorheesville PTSA, acknowledging their continued support of the scouting program. Also on hand were Edward Bogdan, district commander of the Fort Orange District of the Gov. Clinton Council, and J. Eugene Johnson, district scouting Executive.

Area Girl Scouts have also been busy this month. Besides delivering all those cookies, local scouts have been preparing to celebrate Girl Scout Sunday on March 6.

Beginning in the morning, Girl Scouts and Brownies will meet in uniform at their respective churches to worship together. At St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Mary Beth Manning will accompany the girls on her guitar as they take part in a special mass at 10 a.m. At the same time, across the bridge at the Methodist Church, the girls will be joining in a special service during which a rose is placed on the altar in honor of all scouts.

Later that afternoon members of the 17 area troops will hold an open house from 2 until 3:30 p.m. in the social hall of the Methodist Church, where they will display various projects they have done this year. The public is invited, and refreshments will be served.

Walk in the woods

A woodland walk is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, at 2 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. With the changing of the seasons, the forest is alive with promises of fragile wildflowers, swelling tree buds, and another generation of animals. This outdoor walk will explore the woodlands in a search for signs of a coming spring.

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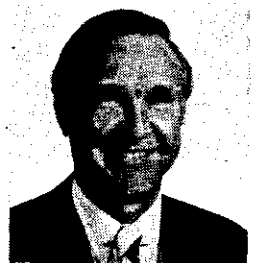
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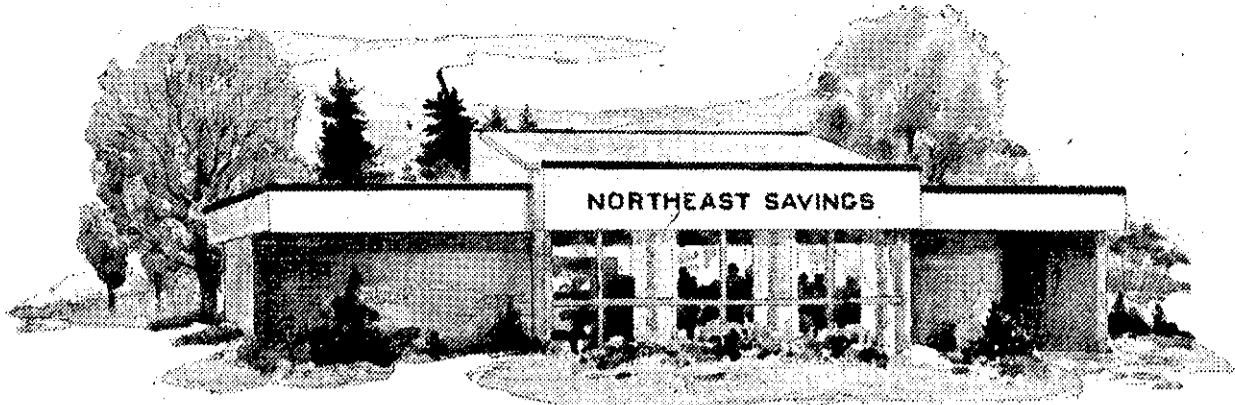
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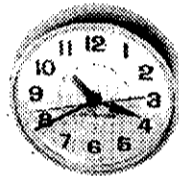
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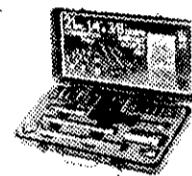
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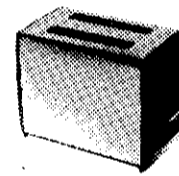


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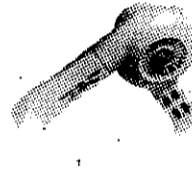
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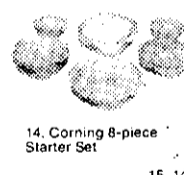


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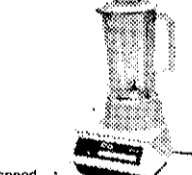
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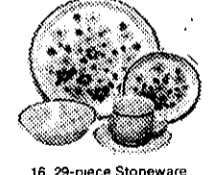
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Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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PeeWee Wrestling Signup, boys grades 1-6, Clayton Bouton School gym, 7-8:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Board of Education, budget preparation for transportation, insurance, debt service, benefits and general support, Educational Services Center, Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Business Womens Club with guest speaker June Champney, of Visiting Nurse Association on "Nursing and More," Albany Motor Inn, 6:30 p.m. dinner.

Senior Citizens and Shut-Ins Income Tax Assistance, sponsored by AARP, Wednesdays through April 13 at Key Bank community room, 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free, no appointment necessary.

Lutheran Lenten Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

South Bethlehem Methodist Women, United Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

Violinist Paul Doktor will perform Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall in a program that includes Schubert, Hindemith and Brahms.

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

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

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Town Board on ambulance service district for Selkirk Fire Dept., Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, creative arts group, on stenciling, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations, 439-4154.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Joseph Bogdanowicz, New Scotland Rd., to permit addition at premises, 8 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

Estate Planning, Clayton Bouton High School, 7-9:30 p.m. \$5 registration, 765-3314.

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R-C-S Eighth Grade Parents Meeting, at the school, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Art Association, program on framing, Adams House, 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. \$1 for non-members.

Animals Today, program for ages 13-18 to learn about problems facing animals, first four Thursdays in month, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

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New Scotland Democratic Club dinner dance, Heavenly Inn, 7 p.m. Reservations \$13.50, 765-4400, 765-4085.

Elmwood Park Fire District, first Fridays, North Bethlehem firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 7:30 p.m.

Temple Israel Speaker, on adult education program, Onesquethaw Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

Charles Williams Plays, "The House by the Stable" and "Grab and Grace," performed by the Gordon Players, Bethlehem Community Church, 7:30 p.m.

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.

Children's Films, preschoolers, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; school children, 4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library. Free.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Bethlehem Grange corned beef and cabbage dinner, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, Selkirk, 4 p.m.

Bethlehem Tomboys Registration, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. \$15 for first player, \$5 for each additional family player.

Contra and Country Dance, Voorheesville United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., 8:30 p.m. \$3.50.

Apostolic Church Rally, Solid Rock Church, Glenmont, 2 p.m.

Kiwanis Baseball-Softball Registration, Voorheesville Elementary School, 9-11:30 a.m. Girls, grades 5-8, boys ages 8-12; \$6 fee. Information, 765-4392.

Church Pancake Breakfast, Unionville Reformed Church, 7-11 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Sunday Afternoon at the Movies, "Hercules in the Haunted World" starring Christopher Lee, 2 p.m. Free.

Girl Scout Open House, United Methodist Church, Voorheesville, 2-3:30 p.m.

High School Fellowship Evening, with CDPC Players, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 5:45 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

Bible Film, "Adam and Eve," Delmar Reformed Church, at 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

Single Parent Support Group meets at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m., to discuss legal concerns.

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Violinist Paul Doktor will perform Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall in a program that includes Schubert, Hindemith and Brahms.

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

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

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Town Board on ambulance service district for Selkirk Fire Dept., Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, creative arts group, on stenciling, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations, 439-4154.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

ESCO Board, Elsmere Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Tri-Village Lenten Bible Study, speaker Rev. Mark Bratrud on "Who is Jesus? Christ the Messiah," Delmar Presbyterian Church, Delaware Ave., at 9:30 a.m.

Bible Film, "The Creation," Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. \$5 registration for three-month series, 439-9929.

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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

"Don't Drink the Water" (Woody Allen's comedy staged by Riverview Productions), St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, 10 N. Main Ave., Albany, **March 4, 5, 11 and 12, 7 p.m., March 6 and 13, 5 p.m. dinner. Reservations, 462-3822.**

"For colored Girls who have Considered Suicide-When The Rainbow is Enuf" (The Broadway hit presented by Avante Theatre Company of Philadelphia), College of St. Rose's St. Joseph's Auditorium, 935 Madison Ave., Albany, **March 5, 8:30 p.m.** Tickets at the door or at 430 Western Ave. March 2-4.

"The Homesteaders" (a "New American Play" presented by Capital Rep), Market Theater, N. Pearl St., Albany, **through March 20, Tuesday through Saturday, 8 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m.** Tickets, Community Box Office or theater box office, 462-4534.

"I Love My Wife" (musical comedy on sexual revolution), Schenectady Light Opera Company, **March 4-5, 10-13, 8 p.m., March 6, 2 p.m.**

MUSIC

Albany Symphony Orchestra (Beethoven, Walter Piston and Bruch's "Scottish Fantasy" with soloist Emanuel Borok), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, **March 4**, and Albany's Palace Theater, **March 5, 8:30 p.m.** Tickets, 465-4755.

Emmanuel Borok violin master class and recital with Findlay Cockrell, SUNYA Performing Arts Center, **March 5, 1 p.m.**

"Big Band Cavalcade" (Russ Morgan Orchestra, Frankie Carle, Roberta Sherwood and DeCastro Sisters), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, **March 6, 8 p.m.** Box office, 346-6204.

"Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" (Benjamin Britten's piece for children performed by Albany Symphony Orchestra with Steve Fitz narrating), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **March 6, 2 p.m., March 7, 10 and 11:30 a.m.** Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

FILM

Art at the Plaza, "To Open Eyes," "Rhythm and Movement in Art" and "Anansi the Spider," Convention Center Meeting Room 6, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **March 3, 12:10 p.m.**

"Jane Eyre" (George C. Scott, Susannah York), Albany Public Library, **March 8, 2 and 7:30 p.m.**

MIME

Marcel Marceau, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, **March 5, 8 p.m.** Box office 346-6204.

ART

"South End Albany" (photographs of Albany's abandoned neighborhoods during 1960s and 1970s by Allen Yarinsky of Delmar), Learning Resources Center, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, **through March 31.**

"Oom Pah Pah: The Great American Band" (posters, photos, instruments and momentos of the great bands), State Museum, Empire State Plaza, **March 7 through May 29.**

Major Albany Sculpture Sites Exhibition (models, drawings, photographs, writings), College of St. Rose Piccolle Gallery, **through March 11, reception March 4, 4-6 p.m.**

Thom O'Connor, 20-year print retrospective, University Art Gallery, State University at Albany, **through March 25.**

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Dick Harte of Delmar, center, dispenses some fatherly advice to Steve King, left, and Wayne Baker in Woody Allen's comedy, "Don't Drink the Water," opening at the St. Andrew's Dinner Theater this Friday. See Area Arts for information on times and reservations.

School Budget Discussion, coffee with Bethlehem school board Vice President Sheila Fuller to air budget concerns. 10 a.m., 31 Albin Rd., Delmar. Public welcome.

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

Tax Form Preparation Program for 1040A, short form, County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m. \$2 registration, 765-2874 by March 4.

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

Al-Anon Group, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

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

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

Delmar Progress Club, literature group, home of Mae Blackmore, 9 Hartwood Rd., Delmar, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9152.

Hamagrael Home-School Assn., Hamagrael Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

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

Drug Use Prevention Workshop, for sixth graders and parents, Voorheesville Elementary School cafeteria, 7 p.m.

Tawasentha Chapter, DAR, speaker on "energy ethics," Bethlehem Public Library, at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

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

Slingerlands Fire District, second Wednesday at Slingerlands Fire Station, 8 p.m.

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

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

Tri-Village Lenten Bible Study, Rev. John Macholz speaker, Delmar Presbyterian Church, Delaware Ave., 9:30 a.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Town Board, on extension of Elmwood Park (North Bethlehem) Fire District to parts of Guilderland and New Scotland, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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

Lutheran Lenten Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Garden Club, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 1 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, creative arts group, on stenciling, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Delmar Fire Department Auxiliary, regular meeting second Thursday of month, except August, at the firehouse, 8 p.m.

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

Bethlehem Memorial VFW Post 3185 meets second Thursday of month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9836.

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

Candy-Making Course, Voorheesville High School, 7-9:30 p.m. \$5 fee. Registration, 765-3314.

Voorheesville Babe Ruth Registration, Voorheesville High School, 7-9 p.m.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Epilepsy Association, First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett sts., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Noon History Lecture, "Steam and Steel: The U.S. Navy in 1912," State Museum, free.

Nutritional Concerns Conference, for those working in nutrition and health areas, and consumers, Americana Inn, Colonie. Information, 765-2874.

Art and Craft Classes, series on painting, life drawing, calligraphy, embroidery, bonsai, Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace Hgts. Information, 382-7890.

Women Playwrights, lecture series led by SUNYA Prof. Judith Barlow, Empire State Plaza tower building, 12:10-1 p.m. Information, 457-3907.

Jobs for Women, four-part lecture series, Schenectady Jewish Community Center, at 2565 Balltown Rd., 7:30 p.m. Registration \$12; 457-3907.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

"Thursday Topic" Lecture, "Men, Women and Mid-Life Crisis," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 12:10 p.m. Free.

Language and Argument, four-part lecture series led by Prof. Josiah Gould of SUNYA, Harmanus Bleecker Center, 19 Dove St., Albany, 6-8:30 p.m. Information, 457-3907.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Christian Singles Over 25, Presbyterians Church, State and Willett sts., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, Ruth Emmons, 869-8088.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Miss Capital District Pageant, preliminary for statewide contest, Holiday Inn, Sixth Ave., Troy, for girls 17 to 25. Information, 237-8246.

Local History Lecture, "Military Suppliers of the Civil War," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 10-11 a.m. Free.

Oriental Dance Workshop, Performing Arts Loft, 286 Central Ave., Albany, 12:30-3:30 p.m. \$15 registration. Information, 465-5503.

Women's Workshop, "The Woman Within: The Importance of a Positive Self-Image," Russell Sage College campus center, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$40 registration, 270-2306. Continues March 9.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Conradancing, music by "Broken String Band," State Museum, 2-4 p.m. Free.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce, Holiday Inn, Troy, 7 p.m. dinner. Reservations \$12, 458-1200.

Adirondack Mountain Club, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Albany Roundtable Luncheon, presentation by Downtown Development Corp., Student Center annex, noon, \$6. Reservations, 474-5842.

Noon History Lecture, "Hoag's Corners—Early Industrial Complex of Rensselaer County," State Museum, 12:10 p.m. Free.

"Double Jeopardy," impact of ethnicity, race, class and sex on women at work, Russell Sage College, Troy, free. Information, 270-2395.

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Humanities program returns to Delmar

An innovative educational program for adults spawned by joint efforts of community, academic and cultural organizations is resurfacing this month at Bethlehem Public Library.

Bethlehem and New Scotland residents who have enrolled in previous mini-courses see the rapid growth of the Capital District Humanities Program (CDHP) as no surprise.

"People in Delmar have been interested in all of CDHP's programs, everything from literature to poetry to mythology," says Rosalyn Faust, a Delmar resident. "A large group from Bethlehem attends all the programs, but it's not just Bethlehem people — people from all over the Albany area come to our library."

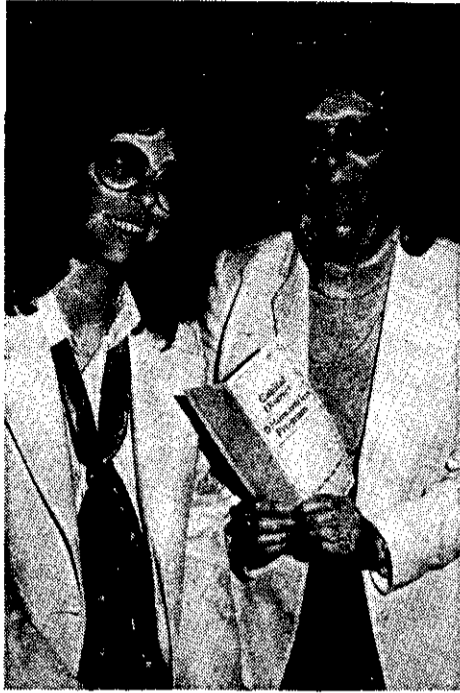
They'll be coming again next week when the collaborative program offers a series of six lectures exploring the Oedipus myth as it is treated by such classic thinkers as Sophocles, Jean Cocteau and Igor Stravinsky. The series will be led by Dr. John Shumaker, SUNY-Albany's acting vice president for research and academic development and a Glenmont resident. *Oedipus!* will be offered from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 8, 22, April 5, 19, May 3, 17, at the library.

A second CDHP offering, *Songs of Myself: Reading the American Epic*, will take four poetic texts by Walt Whitman, William Carlos Williams, Hart Crane and Wallace Stevens, and read them as American epics. The six-part program will be led by Prof. Mary Arensberg of SUNY-Albany's Department of English. The program will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, March 21 - April 25. Fees are \$20 per person or \$35 for a "bring-a-friend" subscription for two.

Funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities, CDHP was begun as an experiment in marketing the humanities, and now serves as a model program for others in the U.S., according to Dr. Gregory Stevens, CDHP executive director and assistant dean of SUNY-Albany's College of Humanities and Fine Arts, which coordinates CDHP.

Since 1979, when it began with 13 programs, CDHP has offered 90 courses, featuring 120 humanities scholars to teach 22,000 participants. The experiment is now a full-fledged program examining topics in history and culture, humanities and the arts, and literature and ideas.

"CDHP is a very effective attempt by the university to offer humanities courses to the community," explains Mrs. Faust,



Carol Desch of the Bethlehem library, left, and Kathryn Gibson, director of CDHP, plan this year's humanities program.

who is also a member of the CDHP advisory council. "The programs are held at convenient times after work, with reasonable prices. They offer varied programs and very good teachers."

The lecturers and facilities available in the Capital District are among the strong points of the program, according to Kathryn Gibson, newly named director of CDHP. "The courses are taught by full-time faculty members. We work closely with facilities like the State Museum, other area colleges and institutions like the Saratoga Performing Arts Center and the Albany Institute of History and Art."

"CDHP is a high quality program," explains Carol Ann Desch, chairman of the advisory council's executive committee and the Bethlehem library's head of reference and information services. "It gives the library an opportunity to offer that high quality to the community. It would be quite an undertaking for the library to assemble the lecturers and materials which CDHP can provide."

Among courses that have been taught in Delmar were a lecture series on mythology in the summer of 1979, a spring 1981 series on Mark Twain, a literature course and a program on *Theater and Music in Performance* in the spring of 1982, and a history course on early Christianity presented last fall.

For additional information, call 457-3907 weekdays.

Focus On Faith

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It has been said that Lent is the holy of holies, both in the Christian calendar and in the Christian experience. Lent invites us to concern ourselves with spiritual renewal. It is more than "self denial" or even a pious reflection upon the Passion story. It challenges us to open our eyes, to face reality, and to see the chasm that exists between the sinfulness of man and the holiness of God. We can focus our attention in either of these directions during Lent.

If our Lenten observance is to be God-pleasing, we may take a critical look at ourselves and try to assess the full measure of our weakness and waywardness. This is good, but it is also dangerous, because it can easily lead to an outward form of repentance... the mere performance of which is now proof of genuine spirituality.

Remember, Jesus warned us about praying, fasting and giving for the wrong reasons. So often we operate with the merit principle: "if you'll scratch my back, I'll scratch yours." When we make a contribution to some worthwhile cause, we tend to congratulate ourselves on our generosity and begin to imagine that God now owes us something. We like to add things up and conclude that since we have done this or that for God, He ought to do something for us. If we don't look for

special recognition from God, we expect it from men.

So perhaps the focus of this Lenten season should be on what God has done for us and to think how Christ moved with redeeming action to deliver us. Only when we understand the full measure of God's grace and mercy will we be led to respond to God's amazing love with appropriate behavior. Once we understand that we do not have to win the favor of God because we already have it, then we are free to serve God and our fellowman because we are so thankful for all of His blessings... including the great gift of forgiveness to the ordinary things of life like food, shelter and clothing.

Many professing Christians are indifferent in their worship of God (evidenced by the fact 85 to 90 percent of Tri-Village residents claim church affiliation, and on a given Sunday 40 percent are worshipping), in taking advantage of the opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship in their parishes, and in their lack of concern for the needs of others. This is why it is imperative this Lenten season that we focus our attention on the good news of God's grace in Jesus Christ, who has given us the gift of life and the greater gift of eternal life.

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Ravena girls do it again

By Julie Ann Sosa

Ravena's Lady Indians (13-5) not only successfully defended a title but did it in their own invitational tournament. Bethlehem Central, which finished third, didn't get a chance to play its crosstown rival in the four-team draw over the weekend.

Tourney MVP Tracey Griffin saw to it that Ravena would have no doubts en route to the title. She had half of her game-high 16 points during a 16-2 first quarter surge that proved insurmountable last Wednesday. The Lady Indians scalped Mohonasen, 43-34, in the first round.

In the championship game, Griffin waited until the fourth quarter to fire home 11 of her 23 points that broke a two-point game wide open and convincingly doused Bishop Maginn, 53-39. Terri Biernacki earned the sportsmanship award after bucketing 25 points in the two games.

Once again Bethlehem's Lady Eagles were red hot, but ended stone cold. In their opener against Maginn they led by seven points with less than three minutes left on the clock, but wound up losing their third consecutive game. They stumbled in the fourth quarter, and Carol Cummings capped off the Maginn comeback by swarming down the court with a quick lay-up.

In the consolation game, BC made sure Mohonasen was little more than a warm-up for the upcoming Sectionals. Kim Zornow had a game-high 26 points in the 53-36 thrashing. It erased Kathy McNamara's 24 points from the books for the season's highest single-game point performance.

BC hoop hopes high for next year

A team finishing a dismal season at 3-18 has only one direction to go next year — up.

So it is with Bethlehem Central basketball, which saw one of its longest seasons come to a merciful end last Tuesday. The Class A Sectional opener against Shenendehowa, Suburban Council champions, was a mismatch from the starting buzzer. The Shens, 15-1 in the conference and playing at home, led 33-11 at halftime and won by 60-36 without being pressed.

Forget this season, says BC coach Gary Przybylo, and take a positive view toward next year. Przybylo, a state probation officer by day, took over the Bethlehem varsity on short notice as practice was starting in November. He replaced Jim Tedisco, who resigned after four seasons when it appeared his election to the state Assembly was imminent.

Przybylo, who had been coaching the Bethlehem jayvees, brought several JV players and a bountiful supply of optimism with him when he moved up to the varsity. He still has both commodities. His appraisal:

"We expected two players who would have been starters, one 6-2 and our best offensive player, the other a 6-5 center who didn't come out. I knew then we were in trouble. You can't take an 8-12 JV, all

sophomores, and expect a banner season.

"I told the kids: we'll have to work hard, and everything we do is pointing to next year. We'll just have to take our lumps this year.

"It was tough on the kids, but they kept working hard. They gave it all they had, and we saw improvement. We had some highs and lows, but we hung in."

The low, said Przybylo, was a mid-season streak of poor play. "We got blown out by Columbia, Shenendehowa and Guilderland, three games in a row. We were bad; it was hard to believe."

Then the team bounced back on the home stretch. Summarized Przybylo: "In



A rare sight in Delmar: numbers like this on the BC scoreboard. Mike Schrempf sank a free throw a moment later in the final league game against Guilderland.

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Soccer clinic slated

The Soccer Farm, widely regarded as New England's finest soccer clinic, has begun accepting registrations for their 11th season. Located at the Pomfret School in Pomfret, Conn., the clinic offers sessions in July and August for boys and girls 8 to 21. Last year over 600 children attended. The clinic is directed by James W. Kuhlmann, varsity soccer coach at Fairfield University, and James A. Kaufman, varsity soccer coach at Curry College, Milton, Mass. For more information, write Kaufman at 101 Oak St., Wellesley, Mass. 02181 or phone (617) 237-1335 evenings.

Delmar swimmer scores

Jay Henahan, a four-year varsity swimmer on Bethlehem Central's championship teams now a freshman member of the Kenyon College varsity, qualified for the NCAA Division III meet in three events last weekend. Competing in the Ohio Athletic Conference championships, Henahan turned in times of 4:15 in the 400 IM, 4:43.9 in the 500 freestyle and 16:32 in the 1600. The Division III national championship meet will be held at Canton, Ohio, March 17-19.

Henahan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Henahan, 32 Gladwish Rd., Delmar.

the last 5-6, we were in every game, except Burnt Hills and Niskayuna. Next year both those teams will be hurting from graduation. Guilderland and Mohonasen will also lose their good players. We can be a contender in that division, and I think we will be."

Przybylo is counting on Howard Thompson, Jim Lockman and Mark Gibbons, all 6-footers, to carry the brunt of the burden next season. For most of the 1982-83 campaign, he concentrated on an all-junior lineup, hoping the experience will give the Eagles poise and confidence next year.

The Eagles played the last half of the season without Gibbons, sidelined by an injury. Gibbons and several others will be playing in two leagues this summer, and Przybylo plans to be with them as much as possible.

The coach also counts on immediate help next year from two sophomores moving up from the jayvees. Andy Kasius, a center who is 6-3 and growing, may become an instant starter. Tim Belden is a good ball handler, an ingredient the Eagles could have used in the late unlamented campaign.

The JV team was 9-11. "They were in every game," said Przybylo.

School officials are cautious in admitting concern over several Bethlehem athletic programs that have been deteriorating. Basketball is perhaps the most conspicuous victim of malnutrition, drawing only parents of players and a few hardy fans in wide expanses of empty seats at home games that a decade ago packed the galleries.

BC has had only a few winning basketball teams in the last decade, and only one that could be called a contender. The 1977-78 team was in the Suburban Council chase for a while, but finished third and was upset in the Sectional opener by a Troy High team that was 1-18 on the season.

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Voorheesville takes 2 mat titles

Two Voorheesville wrestlers provided the highlights of the Sectional finals over the weekend, and earned trips to the state championships in Syracuse Friday and Saturday.

Jeff Clark, the Blackbirds 16-year-old three-time champion, and Shawn Sheldon, a transfer from Columbia, won Section 2 crowns at the RPI fieldhouse Saturday in what Bethlehem Coach Rick Poplaski, meet director, called "the best Sectional championship meet we've ever had."

Clark got the lead headline in the metropolitan papers with an epochal overtime decision over Tony Bellai of Mont Pleasant, a defending state champion, in the 112-pound final. Wrestling coaches fascinated by the struggle between the two superstars agreed the winner would have less trouble in Syracuse, and bemoaned the rules that leave the loser home.

"These two can beat everybody in the state in that weight class except each other," enthused Poplaski. Bellai won the state 105-pound title in 1982 and had hoped to add the 112-pound diadem to his trophy case this year. Clark, defending Section 2 king at 112, has been wrestling at 119 this season, as has Bellai, but both coaches, hoping to avoid a direct confrontation, sent their stars in at the lighter weight, mainly to give them a better chance to win a state title. Neither

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coach knew of the other's decision.

"It's a shame that a wrestler like Bellai, one of the best in the state, isn't going back to Syracuse," said a Suburban Council coach.

Sheldon, undefeated in 31 bouts since coming to Voorheesville, won the 105-pound trophy by upsetting another Mont

Tennis clinic re-set

Area tennis officials will try once again — on Saturday, March 12 — to offer Capital District players and pros the chance to get information and instruction on how players will be rated for team placement in the USTA/Michelob Light League program.

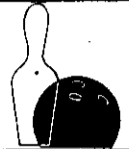
The clinic originally scheduled for Feb. 11 had to be cancelled when a snowstorm hit New York City, preventing the Eastern Tennis Association clinic director from travelling upstate.

Area pros and players interested in participating in this year's league competition should attend the clinic from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Schenectady Racquet Club, Curry Rd. at I-890, Schenectady.

Pleasant standout, Ricky Florio, who won the Sectional 91-pound crown a year ago. The decision was 9-6.

Paul Callanan was the only Bethlehem wrestler to place in the championship meet. Callanan lost a 3-1 decision to Pat Ferri of Mohonasen in the semifinals and placed third when Joe Conway of Albany Academy was forced by an injury to default the consolation bout. Ferri went on to take the Section 2 title. Conway, a Delmar athlete, came up through the Bethlehem Central wrestling program before transferring to Academy.

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Mat program starts

Bethlehem's Pee Wee wrestling clinics for elementary school hopefuls will get underway next Monday at BCHS. Younger grades start at 6 p.m.

Dolphins set record

A quartet of Delmar Dolphins set a pool record in the 200-yard freestyle relay for boys 11-12 at the Canajoharie B-C Invitational swim meet Feb. 19. Keith Dix, Chris Engstrom, Brink Hartman and Justin Baird combined for a clocking of 2:00.01.

Jonathan Scholes took first place in the boys 8-and-under 100-yard IM, 25-yard backstroke and was second in the 11-12 100-yard IM. Tracie Mull won the girls 8-and-under breaststroke. Brink Hartman won the boys 11-12 butterfly.

Other Dolphins earning places in the first six were Justin Baird, Keith Dix, Merideth Dix, Kay Chung, Chris Engstrom, Christina Rudofsky, Anthony Ferro, Dorothy Hartman, Kathleen Fish, Patrick Fish, David Cleary and Susan Cleary.

B-division swimmers achieving "A" times were Keith Dix, Brink Hartman, Tracie Mull, Kathleen Fish and Justin Baird. C-swimmers achieving "B" times were Chris Engstrom and Merideth Dix.

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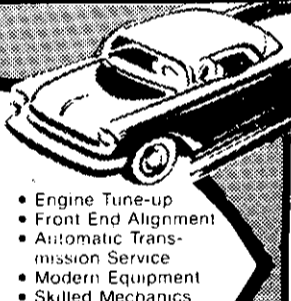
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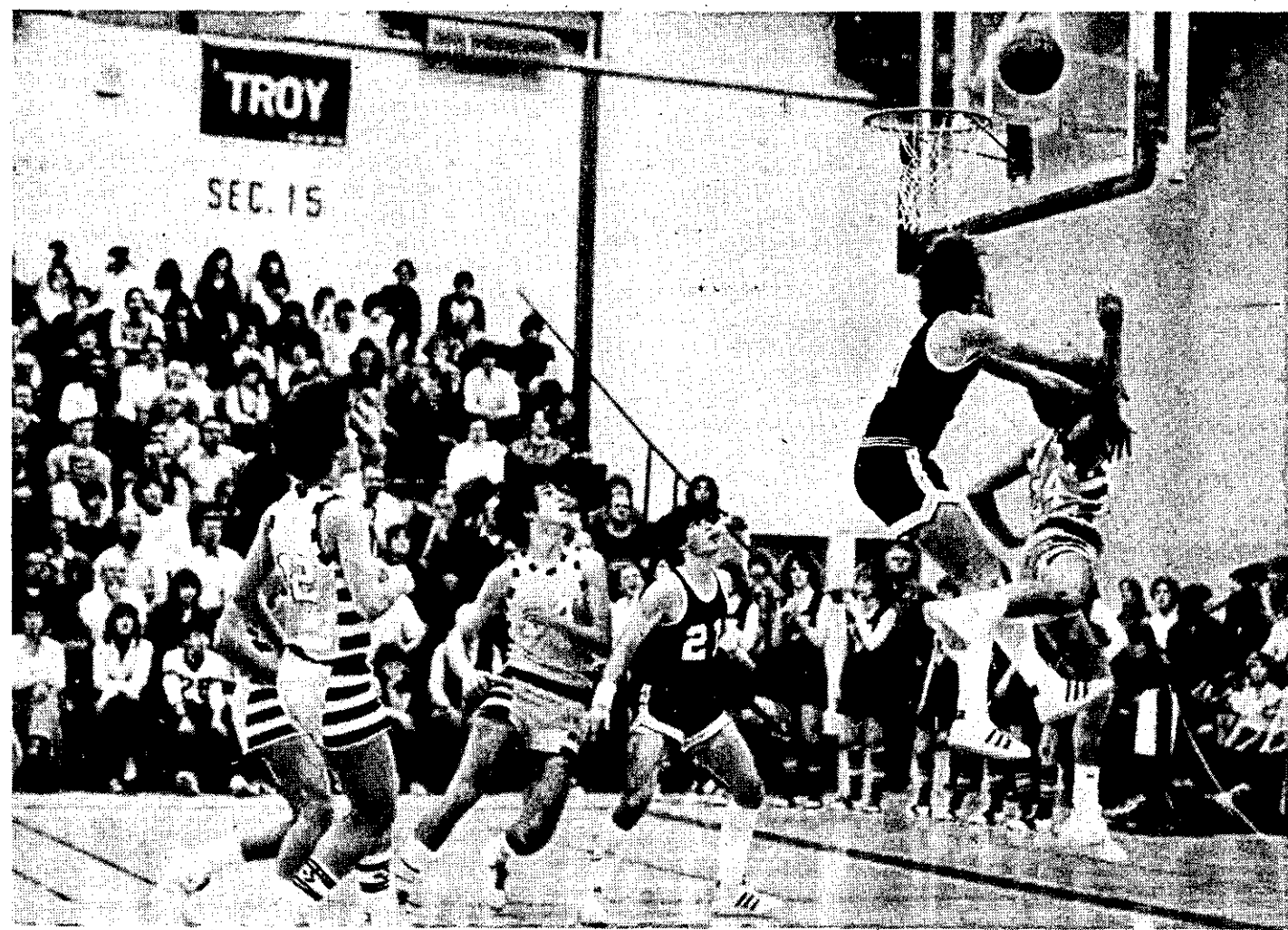
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Lewis writes Blackbirds ticket to Glens Falls

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Sectional basketball has color and drama. A Watervliet defender goes higher than John Zongrone, above, but the Voorheesville star (24) got the basket as Dick Lennon, Chris Hogan (12) and Mike Lewis (14) move in. Lennon, lower left, pushed in a shot at Linton that ran the score to 74-45 seconds before the starters retired in the Tuesday game at Linton. Right, Jim Meacham (22) looks for an opening against a Greenville defender in the first quarter Saturday. Lower right, young Voorheesville fans add to the color.



Just a year ago, moments after Voorheesville had battled highly favored Hoosick Falls to a standstill only to lose a Sectional basketball quarterfinal in the final few seconds, the winning coach had consoling words for Chuck Abba.

"If you stay at this game long enough," Howard Dewley told Voorheesville's head strategist, "you'll get one like this."

Abba had to wait barely a year to be on the other end of a game like that. At Shenendehowa Saturday night, a big, aggressive Greenville team, 17-3 behind champion Middleburgh in the Schoharie County league, rattled Abba's boys so badly the top-seeded Blackbirds were pushed to within a few seconds of elimination from the Sectional tourney.

Voorheesville escaped by a whisker when Mike Lewis, their breadwinner, pushed in a close-range shot as the buzzer blared. The save won the Section 2 semifinal, 60-58, and enabled the Birds to take an unblemished 22-0 record to the final at Glens Falls Civic Center at 8:30 this Friday.

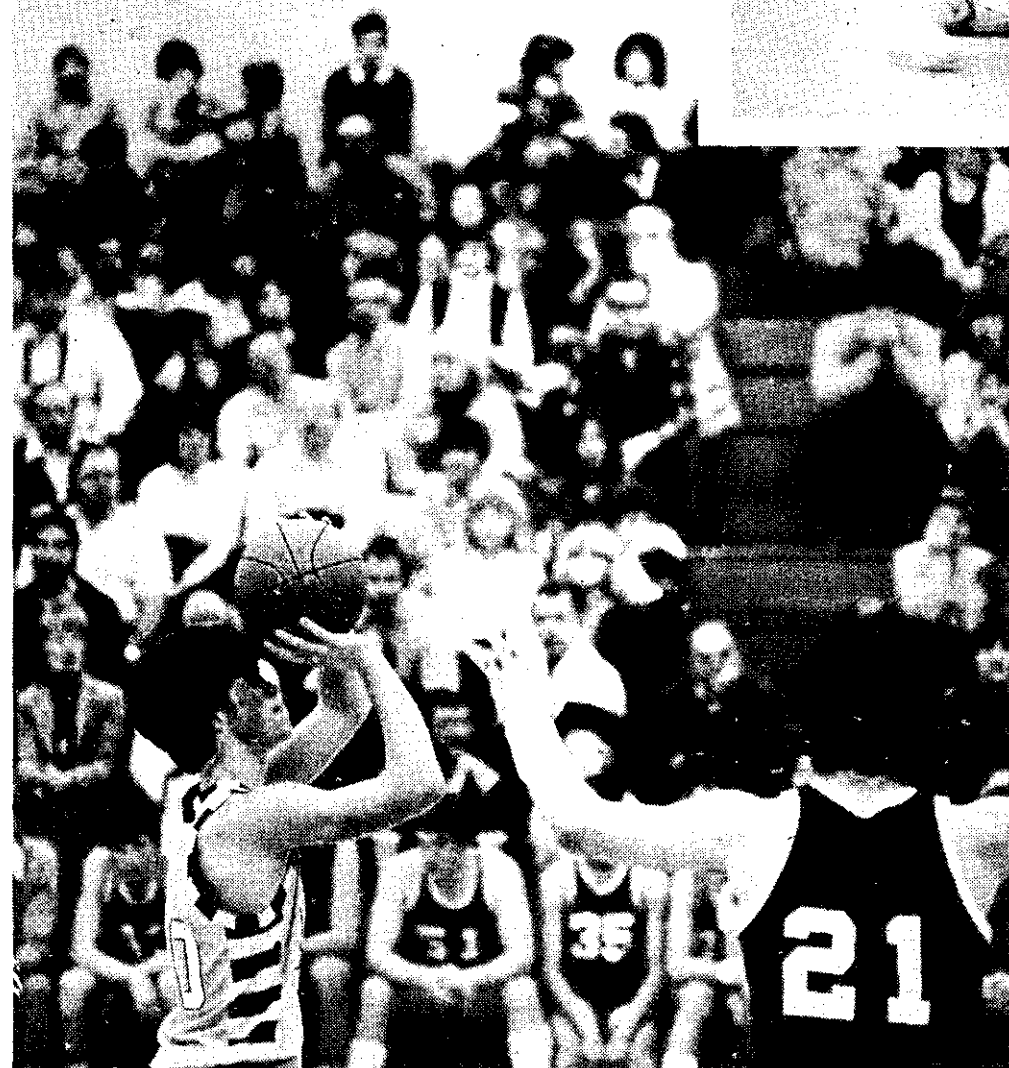
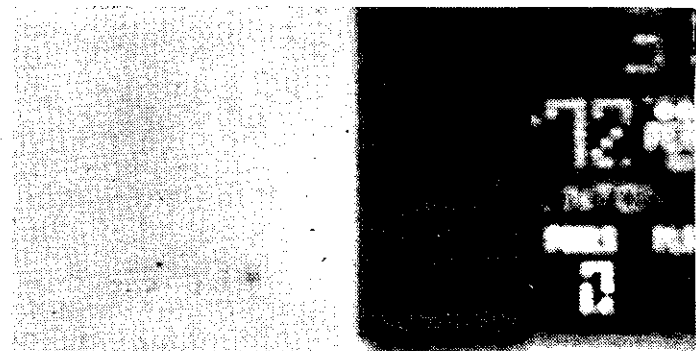
There, by the luck of the bouncing roundball, they will meet up again with Dewley and Hoosick Falls. But this time the roles are reversed: Voorheesville is the favorite. Hoosick Falls, which won two Sectional CC crowns before yielding the title to Watervliet in 1982, had to struggle to get by Mechanicville by three points last week.

The Blackbirds were never in trouble in hanging a convincing 75-58 job on Watervliet in a quarterfinal at Linton last Wednesday. John Zongrone took a pass from the tap for a layup all alone and it was 2-0 three seconds into the game. Watervliet was never that close again as Voorheesville ran it quickly to 12-2 and held off two rallies later in the conflict. When the rout reached 27 points at 74-47, with three minutes remaining, the second five were on the floor.

Greenville was a different story.

"I thought we would have a harder time with Watervliet than Greenville, but it turned out to be the opposite," Abba said after recovering from Saturday's heart-stopper. "We had beaten them twice, which made us ripe for a letdown. But we played very well — that third period was as fine a quarter as we've played all year.

"But Greenville was quicker than I thought, and much bigger. They wanted it badly, and they played inspired ball. It was not a good game for us in terms of



Voorheesville, 60-58: flow of the game

First period

Greiner easily controlled the tap and Greenville moved in as the Blackbirds set up their arm-waving defense. Lennon grabbed the first rebound after 26 seconds, and play switched to the other end. Lewis was fouled as he shot and sank both free throws for the game's first points. Greiner hit on a jumper for 2-2, but Hogan got it back quickly for 4-2 with 6:21 remaining in the period. Both teams were defending tightly and both were having trouble getting the ball inside. Greenville's bigger and more physical team throwing the Voorheesville offense off stride. Play was ragged. Meacham missed a one-hander from the corner. Lewis was charged with his second foul and was pulled by Abba with 4:42 showing. Greiner missed three free throws as both teams were sloppy. It was still only 4-2 after four full minutes. Greenville jumped ahead 6-4 before Meacham sank a free throw. Greenville's big boys were penetrating, but missing shots. The lead see-sawed twice before Zongrone pushed in a shot from underneath in a melee and Lennon swished a pretty arc from the right corner just before the buzzer. 12-10 Voorheesville.

Second period

Lewis returned to the floor. Donnelly converted two free throws. Zongrone snatched a rebound and sprinted the length for a layup and Lewis drove for his first basket, making it 18-10 with only a minute gone in the period. Lewis hit three more baskets as the Blackbirds pulled away 24-14. Greiner was charged with his third foul, but Haaf missed both tosses and the game deteriorated to sandlot playground style. Lennon, Lewis and Haaf orchestrated a spurt to 30-14 with two minutes left. Greenville put the press on and closed to 30-18. Zongrone hit a long jumper, but Greenville an off six unanswered points in the last minute and 15 seconds as Voorheesville came untracked. Voorheesville 32-26.

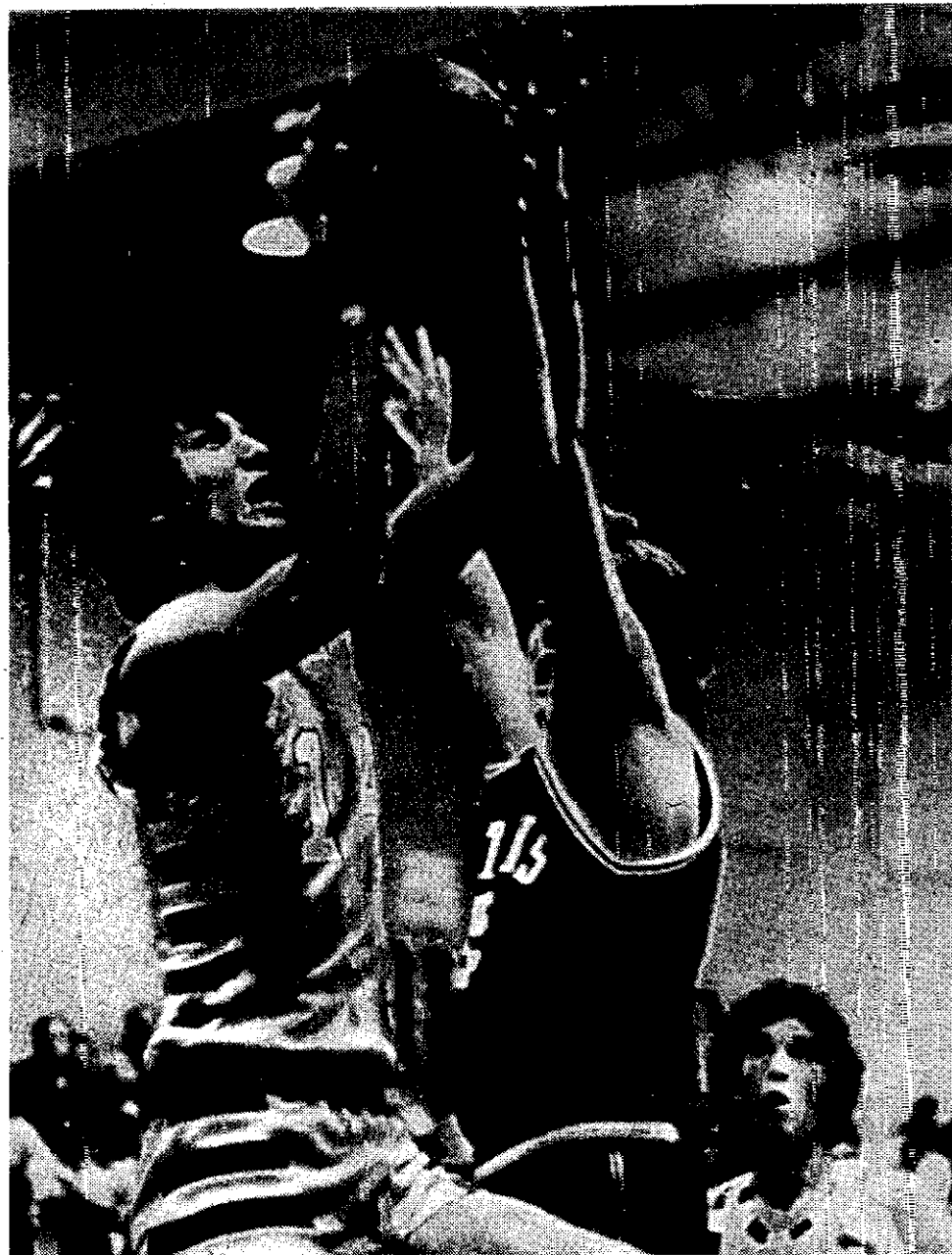
Third period

Greenville came out in the press and the game was physical. Greenville had the best of both boards, but Lennon and Donnelly kept the Blackbirds in front by a narrow margin. Lewis connected on the carom of a Meacham jumper and Lennon swished a 15-footer for 40-34, but two fast breaks shaved the lead,

to 2 points at the 4-minute mark. Lewis made a 3-point play and Zongrone made a key interception on a Greenville in-bounds toss and was fouled. Greiner picked up his fourth foul with 1:30 on the clock. Lennon and Co. kept cool despite intense harassment, and the Blackbirds seemed reasonably safe at 47-42 going into the last quarter.

Fourth period

Greiner and Lennon traded baskets, but Greenville hit two more in quick succession, the second on a beautiful left-handed Kareem hook by Greiner, and it was 49-48 Blackbirds with 6:55 remaining. Haaf meshed a set shot from the top of the key, but the relief was only momentary as Rose and McTavish connected to put Greenville in front by a point with 5:50 showing. It was Greenville's first lead since the opening period. Meacham was fouled on a breakaway, but missed both. Greiner was charged with his fifth foul in a confrontation with Lewis as Mike was trying to shoot from the lane. Lewis converted the first of two to tie the game. Rose scored, but Zongrone converted two free throws to tie the game. The gym was bedlam as the clock wound down. Lewis made a spectacular block of a Greenville pass under the Blackbirds' hoop, picked the ball up and pushed it in from underneath. Rose's jumper tied it again. Zongrone untied it and Muller tied it with 2:14 left. Zongrone picked up his third foul with 2:02 on the clock, and a moment later Lewis was charged with No. 4. The teams played two full minutes at 58-all without scoring, each missing two free throws and hurrying their shots. Lewis was knocked loose from the ball at 1:05 and Greenville went into a freeze trying for the last shot. The Blackbirds defended cautiously to avoid fouling. Meacham and Lennon forced a turnover near the sideline with 22 seconds left and Abba called time to set up the tie-breaker. Lewis took the pass-in, held the ball for a moment at the center line as the clock moved toward 00:00. Lewis handed to Lennon on the right, cut for the hoop and took the return feed in heavy traffic. He jammed between two Spartans, pushed the ball up close from the right, and the buzzer sounded as the leather dropped through the strings. For a moment the hyped-up crowd was uncertain whether the basket counted or the game was in overtime, but the officials signalled "Game" and the escape was good.



Steve Greiner, Greenville's 6-foot-6 center, (dark jersey), fouled out in this confrontation with 6-4 Mike Lewis of Voorheesville in the fourth quarter. The two team leaders staged a classic man-to-man battle throughout Saturday's game in Clifton Park. On the cover: Lewis was alone among all five defenders as the Spotlight's Red Davis caught this photo of the game-winning basket a split second before the final buzzer. The other four Blackbirds had done their job — getting the ball to their breadwinner.

R.H. Davis photos

performance. They were relentless, got a lot of second and third shots. They made us look bad, we didn't run our offense well, our timing was off and our floor location broke down."

Greenville was trouble from the start. So physical were the Spartans and so ragged the ball-handling that the scoreboard showed 4-2 Voorheesville after five full minutes of travail. Dick Lennon hit from the extreme right corner for a 12-10 lead at the quarter.

The Blackbirds ran it up to 30-14 with two minutes left in the half, but Greenville went on a rampage to shave 10 points off the spread while Lewis sat out five minutes with two fouls.

Greenville owned the boards and disrupted Abba's offensive pattern with a press in the third period, but the Blackbirds clung to the lead and managed to stay five points ahead going into the final period. Greiner was everywhere as the Spartans went ahead at 52-51 with 5:50 left. The lead changed hands twice and was tied three times in the next three minutes, Zongrone knotting the count at 58-all with 2:14 on the clock.

The teams then played two minutes with nothing to show but missed shots and empty foul shooting. At 1:05 Greenville blocked Lewis and set up a final shot, but Meacham and Lennon boxed Randy Mueller on the sideline and forced a turnover. Abba called time, and with 22 seconds on the board, the Blackbirds got the ball to Lewis, their bread-and-butter man, for the basket, clearly the most important of his sparkling three-year varsity career.

The buzzer whined as the ball slid through the cords, and for a moment there was no signal from the officials that the basket counted or time had run out. When the sign came, it was Voorheesville's ticket to Glens Falls.

Lewis had 24 points for the night, Zongrone 14. Greiner had 14 points and 18 rebounds before fouling out with three minutes remaining.

If the Blackbirds win Friday, they will return to the Civic Center Tuesday to play the Class C champion, either Rensselaer or Cambridge, for a berth in the regional playoffs for the state championship.

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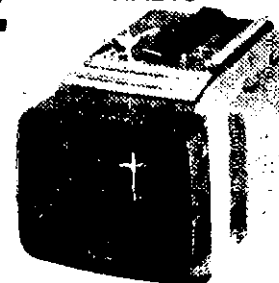
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Police reply

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Police Department is, and has been, actively involved in traffic safety efforts designed to reduce the number of deaths, injuries and property damage on our highways. This effort combines education through presentations in our schools and to community groups along with a strict enforcement program with regards to the vehicle and traffic laws. Since most accidents involving death or personal injury have speed and/or alcohol involvement as contributing factors, our enforcement activities are directed accordingly.

Letters in this column have both praised and criticized our efforts, and the criticisms are understandable. No one likes to get a ticket regardless of the objectives of their police department.

A recent letter critical of our department was from a man who failed to mention in his letter that when he was given a ticket for speeding, he already had two previous convictions for speed within 18 months and that he had received a warning letter from the state Department of Motor Vehicles because of his point accumulation. The reduction of his ticket from a 3-point offense (speed) to a 2-point offense was done upon the recommendation of the police attorney to the court so that the man's license wouldn't be suspended because of excessive number of points, not because of an error on the part of the arresting officer.

Subjective or biased views are expected whenever a ticket is written. But we solicit the public's cooperation and understand-

ing in our effort to make our highways safer.

Inspector Richard LaChappelle
Bethlehem Police Department

Delmar

Speeding is speeding

Editor, The Spotlight:

I do not understand the point that Mr. Gerald Curtis was trying to make in his letter to the *Spotlight* on Feb. 23. It seems to me the *only* issue is if he was going over 40 m.p.h. on New Scotland Ave. on Jan. 13 he deserved a ticket . . . if he wasn't then he didn't.

What possible difference do any of the following points make?

1. He is a member of the board of directors of a state voluntary agency and was attending an executive committee meeting also attended by physicians, nuns, and other professionals. (Does he think that he should be immune from the law because of community service or perhaps doctors and other professionals don't speed or should receive special consideration?)

2. He is over 40 years old. (There are plenty of people over 40 who speed and break the law.)

3. He was following a man 70 years old. (Can't a man 70 speed?)

4. He drives an 11 year old car. (Isn't it able to go 55 m.p.h.?)

5. It was after midnight and there were no other cars on the road. (Speeding is speeding whether at midnight or at noon.)

6. He was a resident (who helped on police bike day) not a stranger. (Should that make a difference?)

Finally, Mr. Curtis was struck by the fact that for a town our size there were so many people in court. WHY BLAME THAT ON THE POLICE? Did Mr. Curtis ever stop to think that we might have a lot of people in town breaking the law?

Delmar

Name Submitted

Traffic tickets III

Editor, The Spotlight:

Reading the letter to the editor about cars being ticketed for parking on the streets during these "snowy" months prompted me to write this letter. It's really too bad that the Town of Bethlehem police don't also try to correct some of the dangerous traffic violations occurring on a daily basis. I can readily state two examples of these.

The first is the failure of people to stop for stop signs. I live near the intersection of North St. and Hudson Ave. At this intersection there are three stop signs, and the fourth corner has none because it involves crossing over a railroad track. This to me indicates that motorists should stop completely at these stop signs, and if one is coming across the railroad track, they have the right of way.

I can't begin to count the number of motorists that use Hudson Ave. as a route to avoid the Four Corners, especially at rush hour, and as they approach the stop signs merely slow down to about 20 mph and glide through.

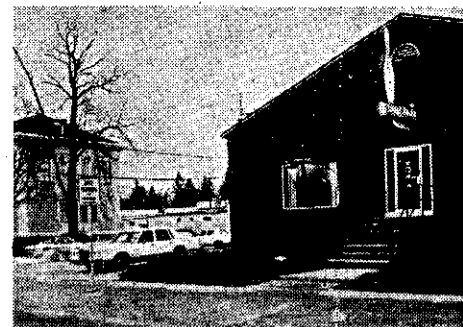
More than once I've been "cut off" as I proceed straight through the intersection from the railroad track side. I've even had a police officer in his family car cut me off. It has been quite a while since I've seen the Bethlehem police "stake out" this intersection to catch violators, but I wish they'd do it more frequently.

The second violation is the parking of cars on the sidewalk and pavement in front of the Sporthaven bowling alley. Very often it is a very high sitting pickup truck, and I feel as though I'm trying to commit suicide when I have to pull my car halfway into oncoming traffic to see if it's okay to pull out onto Kenwood Ave. I was always told it was illegal to park on sidewalks or on the side of a main road.

Name submitted

Delmar

A Bethlehem police official states that in response to complaints of residents of the Hudson Ave. area, patrol cars have recently been assigned to monitor traffic at that intersection. The patrols have issued a number of tickets to violators on a number of occasions, according to police. Also, a traffic sign has recently been installed in front of the bowling alley. Ed.



Parking is illegal on state highways. This sign on Kenwood Ave. is a new reminder.

Tom Howes

To all who helped

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thank you to all the kind people who helped me cope with a fire at my home on Leaf Road in Delmar on Feb. 25.

I am especially indebted to the Cherry Ave. neighbor who contacted the police as well as to the Bethlehem Police and to the Slingerlands Fire Department. Both gave extraordinary assistance.

Due to the efforts of the Rescue Squad, my cat Marmalade, who had been overcome by the smoke because he was alone in the house, was revived and is doing well. Bill Galloway, a neighbor, provided Marmalade with a home for the night while I went to nearby friends.

I hesitate to name everyone who was kind and thoughtful because I would surely inadvertently omit someone but I am sincerely and deeply grateful to one and all.

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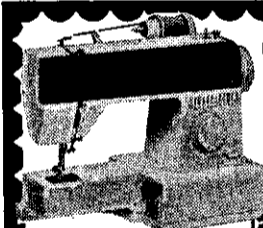
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Candidate replies

Editor, The Spotlight:

I'd like to set the record straight on the story *The Spotlight* featured last week on the "Meet the Candidates Night."

In mid-January, I received a call from Joanne Esposito of the League of Women Voters asking me to participate in a "Meet the Candidates Night." After she explained how the League conducted the public forum, I agreed, since I felt it would be in the public's interest.

In the next three weeks there were several telephone calls from Joanne Esposito of the League to establish a suitable time and place for such an event. Finally, I was told that all three candidates could meet March 2, probably at the Legion Hall.

On Feb. 12, Joanne Esposito sent me a letter confirming the arrangements for March 2 at St. Matthew's Church. The letter said each candidate would have an opportunity for an opening and closing statement. The evening would be concerned with candidates' responses to questions from citizens. League members would serve as a screening committee from citizens. A League member would be moderator for the discussion. A biographical form was enclosed, to be returned by Feb. 21. Material to support the foregoing is attached.

On Feb. 18, in the early morning, Joanne Esposito called me to say the "Meet the Candidates Night" would be cancelled. She related the other two candidates had called her the evening before to say they would not participate.

At no time did I or any of my advisors initiate the idea of a candidates night. This should be clear from other published reports on the subject.

I would appreciate your publishing this letter in the next issue of *The Spotlight*.

Charles P. Arthur

Voorheesville

League on forum

Editor, The Spotlight:

The League of Women Voters of Albany County would like to set the record straight regarding the Meet the Candidates forum that had been planned in Voorheesville.

The League does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. The Salem Hills Park Association asked the League to sponsor and moderate a candidates forum. We agreed to do this as a public service, as we try to do, whether the request is from an individual or group.

The League sets the ground rules for candidates forum that ensure fair treatment of all candidates. We invite all candidates. In agreeing to participate in a forum the candidates also agree to accept the League format. We regret that two candidates subsequently found the League format unacceptable and withdrew.

Sally Webb

President, Albany County
League of Women Voters

Glenmont

Question for candidate

Editor, The Spotlight:

Village elections are approaching. This year there seems to be more activity going on, and more interest in same.

May I point out a credibility gap in the maverick candidate's story? In the Jan. 5 issue of the *Spotlight* on page 6, the next-to-last paragraph: "Arthur declared that a recent promotion at SUNYA required a travel schedule that left him no time for (Salem Hills) association business."

How then, would he have time for village business, if he should win?

Alfred Olsen

Voorheesville

For job seekers

A six-week job search seminar offered by the Bethlehem Public Library will meet Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m., March 15 through April 19. To preregister for the free program, call 439-9314.

Thanks anyway

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like, on behalf of the varsity swim team friends and parents, to thank the Bethlehem school board for passing the motion allowing us to charter a school bus to go to a swim meet in New Hartford.

Now, I would like to explain why we didn't charter the bus, after all that time and energy. The simple reason is that the school bus was quite a bit more expensive than the Yankee Trails bus. Needless to say, we went with the more comfortable bus and had a wonderful time.

We would also like to thank Ray Sliter for all his time and help.

Louise A. Holland

Delmar

Covering the legislature

Editor, The Spotlight:

Accuracy is a fundamental of journalism, and accordingly I could never understand why Sue Ann Ritchko served as the *Spotlight's* "reporter" covering the Albany County Legislature. As a paid elected official, she has every right to state her feelings on legislative matters, but to state them in what amounted to a non-paid political advertisement left much to be desired.

I doubt that many readers of any political persuasion were so naive as to not realize that these reports were primarily influenced by her role as a politically motivated, elected official. However, in all fairness, equal space should have been allotted to individuals with differing viewpoints, and that was never the case.

I fully understand why Mrs. Ritchko regrets the decision of the *Spotlight* to discontinue her report. In view of the upcoming elections, a politically one-sided story with free space to tell would be most beneficial for a political candidate. But for those who seek the unbiased facts, this decision was proper.

Arthur M. Brown

Delmar

Mrs. Ritchko's replacement is Susan Guyett, who has covered Albany County and the legislature for the *Troy Times Record*. She previously was a reporter for the *Bronxville Review Press* and associate editor of the *Harrison Independent*, both in Westchester County. She now lives in Albany. Ed.

Public thank-you

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of Tawasentha chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, I wish to extend a sincere thank you for your very fine publicity for our recent antique show and sale.

I also wish to thank the many area merchants who contributed so generously money and products to be used in our Kalico Kitchen, and Blue Cross of Northeastern New York, Inc. for its Community Corner mention in the *Spotlight* on Feb. 16.

Lastly, to the many residents of the Town of Bethlehem and nearby communities go heartfelt thanks for your continued patronage and support. We feel that we had superb dealers to display wares and a great drawing card in the appraisals done by John Blaine Warner. The glass grinding service offered by the Lindemanns was also well received and greatly appreciated.

Gladys B. Amos

Regent, Tawasentha Chapter

Delmar

Wins conference trip

Matthew Smith of Selkirk, a ninth grader at Doane Stuart School, won a three-day trip to a Catskill hotel by making the top score on a Junior Achievement test. Matthew was one of three students representing Albany County at the gathering of Junior Achievers from Maine to Virginia.

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Sandra Jayne Butcher

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Mrs. Audrey J. Garcia of Delmar has announced the engagement of her daughter, Sandra Jayne Butcher, of Kansas City, Kan., to Wayne Curtis Kendall of Lee's Summit, Mo. Miss Butcher teaches journalism and is yearbook adviser at Wyandotte High School in Kansas City. She is the daughter also of James C. Butcher, Columbia, Mo., and is a 1976 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She

holds degrees from the University of Missouri and Arizona State University.


Her fiance is foreman for Spurck Construction, in Lee's Summit. A June wedding is planned in Columbia, Mo.



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pangburn

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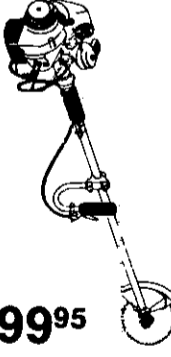
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pangburn of Delmar celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day. They were surprised at a party planned by their son, Robert, and his wife, Maggie Others present were Heather Pangburn, a granddaughter, and Helen and Ken Scott, friends of the Pangburns.



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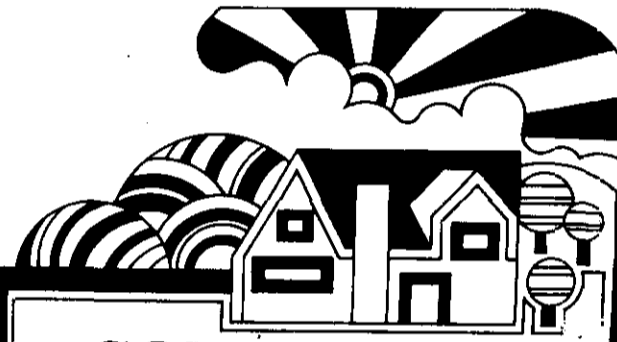
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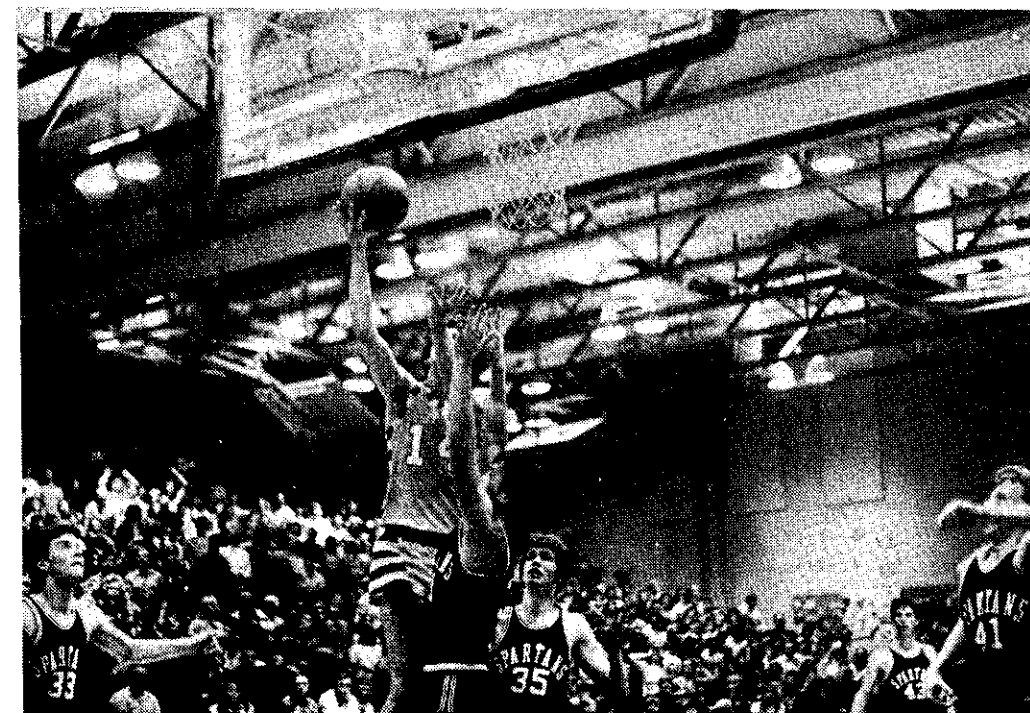
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