

Bethlehem police in command shift

Town continues search for chief

In the first step in the reorganization of the Bethlehem Police Department, Sgt. Roy Cooke will become a captain and the highest ranking officer on the force at the end of the month.

But Supervisor Tom Corrigan said Friday the town will continue to advertise for a new chief to come from outside the department, and a special committee will begin shortly to interview candidates for the job.

So far, he said, the town's ad in "Police Chief," a trade publication, has drawn several dozen responses. Many have been rejected already because of a lack of qualifications, but nine or 10 are promising enough to merit a closer look, Corrigan said.

The supervisor said he plans to establish a search committee, composed of



Sgt. Roy Cooke

town board members, Safety Commissioner Ralph Tipple and several community members with criminal justice backgrounds, to interview candidates.

"I would like to get it working as quickly as possible, but I don't feel any pressure," Corrigan said. "I think this (the selection of a chief) is a very important step."

The town has operated without a permanent chief since 1978, when the town board removed Peter Fish from the job after a lengthy struggle. Capt. Robert Foster served as acting chief, but with Tipple responsible directly to Corrigan and the town board and Inspector Richard LaChapelle handling much of the administrative work.

The reorganization became necessary when Tipple told the board he plans to retire at the end of the year, and Foster elected to retire effective May 31.

Cooke, a 30-year veteran of the force, was tapped for the captain post last week by Corrigan, according to town hall sources. The selection must be confirmed by the town board at its meeting next week and would become effective June 1. Cooke said Monday he understands he will not be named acting chief, but will run the department in tandem with Tipple until a decision is made on the selection of a new chief.

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Atlantic Cement seeks tax reduction

Property owners in the RCS school district and the Town of Coeymans face a possible tax increase as a result of a call for relief issued last week by the financially strapped Atlantic Cement Co.'s Ravena plant.

The company has re-submitted its formal application for a reduction of the plant's assessment, stating that it needs help in cutting costs to meet competition in the industry.

Robert Van Slyke, plant spokesman, told the *Spotlight* Monday that the Town of Coeymans's three-man board of assessors rejected a similar request a year ago, and indicated that if the board follows the same course this year, the company will file legal action.

Either way, property owners would have to pick up a higher tab. If the company's tax liability is reduced, the tax burden will be spread among property owners in the town and school district a year from now. If the case goes to court, taxpayers could end up footing that bill, too.

Atlantic Cement is the town's and school district's largest single taxpayer and largest employer. The company turned over a check for \$605,000 to the school district last September, and another to the town last January for \$305,000.

A lengthy statement issued by Van Slyke, who is the plant's manager of public relations, was printed last week on

Page 1 of the *Ravena News-Herald*, a weekly newspaper serving the Ravena-Selkirk-New Baltimore area.

In the statement, Van Slyke declared that the 20-year-old plant, once an example of manufacturing efficiency, had been unable to keep pace with technological advances, and was no longer competitive.

"We are now competing with modern plants in the U.S. and Canada and Mexico that produce cement and ship it into our markets at less cost than we can manufacture it here," the statement said.

Van Slyke said that the request for tax relief is "just one of several" steps plant management is taking to reduce operat-

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Today is Poppy Day in Bethlehem, but Supervisor Tom Corrigan got a headstart from Barbara Palmer of the Blanchard Post American Legion Auxiliary.

Spotlight

Mining the past: a job with no pay, no end in sight

By Caroline Terenzini

How does a back-breaking job with no guarantee of results sound?

And no pay.

Apparently it sounds just fine to a small and dedicated group of volunteers known as the Bethlehem Archaeology Group. Formally organized this January, the group has no plans for regular meetings or annual dues but is "an outlet for people who have demonstrated their skills in areas related to archaeology and who wish to contribute some of their time" to group projects, according to Floyd Brewer of Delmar, who has the title of field director.

At the moment, the project is a "dig" at the Nicoll-Sill House in Cedar Hill, which dates from 1735 and has just been purchased by a group of investors who plan to restore it. The diggers are welcome to stay, however.

The Bethlehem Archaeology Group uses an ethno-archaeological model, a combination of history and archaeology, Brewer said. The history comes from many sources, including "historical gems" from Dunkin Sill correspondence at the Albany Institute of History and Art.



On the site of their dig at the Nicoll-Sill House, members of the Bethlehem Archeology Group confer at their "headquarters," a Volkswagen camper. From left, Virginia French, laboratory supervisor, Ben French, photographer, Floyd Brewer, field director, and Steve Scheibly, a Hudson Valley archeology student.

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At Nicoll-Sill, "we're looking for evidence of a lifestyle," Brewer said. "There's no inventory, no records. We're literally building that inventory from the ground up." Literally.

After a surface search of the ground

identifies possibly fertile areas for archaeologists, the volunteers begin to dig. Artifacts they uncover are carefully cleaned and carefully grouped according to the site where they were found — for example, "grid south 10EO, Stratum I." Back at the lab, in the cellar at Nicoll-Sill,

volunteers label each find and painstakingly seek to identify it.

The deepest pit so far at the site is 5 feet, but Brewer expects at least one pit to go to 10 feet this summer, he said. Ann Jacobs, executive secretary for the group, explained that the top soil is carefully set aside when a pit is begun so everything can be returned to normal when the ground's secrets have been gleaned.

There are some enticing reports. For example, when a sewer line was put in in

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New Spotlight hours

The *Spotlight* will be open Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. The regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., remain the same. The deadline for display and classified advertising has been changed. Ads received by noon Saturday will appear in the following Wednesday's paper.

Editorial deadlines remain the same. The deadline for Calendar of Events and news is 5 p.m. Friday prior to publication date.

□ Archaeologists

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the 1920's, Brewer said, the workers ran into an old foundation, which the group would like to uncover, and also there is evidence that a mill was once on the site.

The diggers include students at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, where Brewer is adjunct professor of archaeology. Others were his students in continuing education classes at Bethlehem Central High School. Still others are community residents with those special skills and the special dedication needed. The ages range from 16 to 80. "We're quite a motley crew," Brewer said with a laugh, "but we have a lot of skills connected with the group."

Others in the group are Benjamin French, who is the photographer and also does lab work, and Virginia French, laboratory supervisor. Claudia St. John, an art teacher at the Middle School, designed the group's logo, and Ralph Wood serves as surveyor. Artifact analyst is Eleanor Jean Norrix, and Florence Christoph of Selkirk is the historian.

Former Town Historian Thomas E. Mulligan is a consultant, and the group has also had valuable assistance from staff at the State Museum who identified many items. Brewer and Mrs. Jacobs also praised the Bethlehem Public Library as a good source of historical information.

"We're having a ball," Brewer said. However, he has had to wait many years before being able to indulge his keen interest in archaeology. As a college student in Maine, he had enjoyed geology courses, he said, but when he asked about archaeology, he was advised to pursue another vocation. (He is due to retire this month as associate professor in the department of counseling psychology at the State University at Albany.) For the past 10 years, though, he has been "dabbling" in archaeology. Similarly, Mrs. Jacobs' interest in archaeology had to take a back seat while she raised three children, "but I always read in the field," she said.

"Here we are, years later," Brewer said,

"getting to do what we really wanted to do." His pleasure was evident as he displayed a 1790 penny that might have been dropped by Col. Francis Nicoll, and two arrowheads that have been dated circa 2000 B.C. A fragment of Delft tile, a piece of Iroquois corded pottery from 1350 A.D., a silver ring . . . the stuff of dreams for an archaeologist.

Where will it all lead? One goal is to write a significant portion of a history of the town that is to be ready in 1993, the bicentennial year for Bethlehem. "It looks like everyone in the Bethlehem Archaeology Group will be writing parts of the history," Brewer said. "There'll probably be a whole chapter on Nicoll-Sill. We're going to take all these piles of paper seven or eight years from now and . . ." Other historic sites in the town that will appear in the history are the Slingerlands family vault site and a well site in Slingerlands, both owned by the town and both explored by the eager archaeologists.

"We never want to be finished," Brewer said. "We want to leave large areas unexcavated because techniques will improve and we want to be able to use them there." Dotted lines on the gridded site map will show future explorers these unexamined areas.

The work that has been done to date wouldn't have been possible without the Hudson Valley students Brewer has

taught, he said. The course requirements include field and lab work, and some students have become so engrossed, Brewer said, that they wouldn't go home at the end of the day and would go to the site on weekends. One even went to the site of a dig and read for hours, he said.

Before undertaking work in the field, students and volunteers must work in the lab — labeling, sorting, identifying. This way, they discover what to look for in the field, how to identify it and how careful they must be to preserve it. "It's like salted peanuts," Brewer said, "you get hooked."

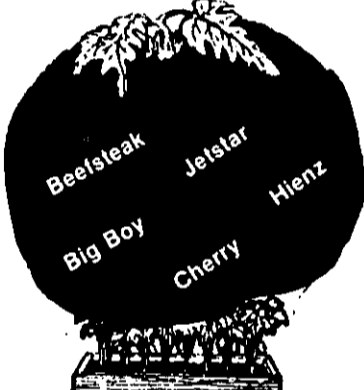
The group is hoping to hook some additional volunteers with special skills. For example, a laboratory technician with a background in chemistry is needed, to preserve and restore artifacts. An arrangement has been made with the conservator at the state Bureau of Historic Sites at People's Island in Waterford to train the Bethlehem group's technician. Also badly needed is a visitor's site guide, Brewer said, who will learn the history of the Nicoll-Sill home and then conduct visitors around the site, leaving the diggers free to dig. The group also hopes to uncover a research associate who will research early Bethlehem families and prepare drafts of pre-publication material. Anyone with these needed skills may contact Mrs. Jacobs at 439-0606.

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Ada Mae Ginsburgh, 87, was reported in fair condition at Albany Medical Center this week after a traffic accident in Glenmont Saturday afternoon. The Slingerlands rescue squad used Jaws of Life Equipment to remove Mrs. Ginsburgh from a car driven by Anne I. Ginsburgh, 52, of Hannay Lane, at the intersection of Rt. 9W and Frontage Rd., a block from the Ginsburgh residence. Mary C. Papa, 21, of Selkirk, told Bethlehem police she was driving alone southbound on Rt. 9W when the Ginsburgh vehicle pulled across her lane from Frontage Rd. Anne Ginsburgh and Papa were taken to Albany Medical Center in two Delmar ambulances, treated and released.

Gary Zeiger

Police

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Cooke will be required to take a civil service examination this fall.

The change also includes several other personnel moves in the department. Inspector LaChapelle will revert back to his permanent rank of sergeant, with some administrative and some patrol duties. Sgt. John VanNoddall will replace Cooke as officer in charge of the day shift, and Sgt. Leo E. Dorsey will replace VanNoddall on the 3-11 shift.

Cooke joined the force in March, 1953, and was made a sergeant in 1961. He attended the State Police Academy in 1961 and The Municipal Intermediate Police School in 1965. He has also taken the FBI fingerprint course and a number of inservice courses. He has been the department's communications officer since 1958, when it got radios, and a member of the Delmar Fire Department's Fire Police. His daughter, Kathy Cooke, is a police dispatcher.

Police officer faces departmental charges

A Bethlehem police officer faces a June 2 hearing on 29 misconduct charges, Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said Tuesday. All of the charges, according to town sources who asked not to be named, involve discrepancies between the officer's time sheets and the department's radio logs.

Wayne LaChappelle, a five-year veteran of the force, has been suspended since Thursday without pay, Kaplowitz confirmed. The town did not announce the action but Kaplowitz said he received inquiries from several news organizations Monday.

In accordance with civil service law, the town board, which meets May 25, must either appoint a hearing officer or decide to conduct the hearing itself, Kaplowitz said. The hearing will probably be closed, but the results will be made public, he said.

Locust Knoll sale

Several guest artisans will participate in the sixth annual Locust Knoll Artisans' Show and sale this weekend at the junction of Rt. 85A and Picard Rd., New Salem. Among the exhibitors are Howard Coughtry of Slingerlands, wood crafts; Gloria Scannel of Schodack, woven woolens, and Dominick Coppa, stained glass pieces.

Other items include quilted goods, candles, dolls, herb and house plants, pottery, macrame, primitive folk art, tole painting, fabric and wooden folk art, soft sculpture and grapevine wreaths and baskets.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Friday, and 10 to 4 Saturday and Sunday.

BC vote lowest in 16 years

In the lowest turnout in 16 years, Bethlehem Central School District residents last Wednesday voted nearly two-to-one in favor of the district's \$15.45 million budget for the coming school year. The vote is 1,036 for and 585 against.

Back in 1967, only 722 votes were counted.

Bernard Harvith and Marjory O'Brien, running unopposed for re-election, received 1,266 and 1,253 votes, respectively.

Last Wednesday's vote means a tax rate increase on the order of \$7.36 per \$1,000 assessed for Bethlehem property owners and \$13.79 per \$1,000 for New Scotland residents in the Bethlehem district.

The Bethlehem Public Library's new budget also was on the ballot and received clear voter approval, 1,133 to 453. Theodore Wenzl, unopposed for re-election to the library board, polled an even 1,300 votes.

Chase lawsuit settled

The insurance company representing the Town of Bethlehem and Police Officer Theodore Wilson in a wrongful death suit arising from a 1978 chase has settled the case out of court.

Attorneys for the town and the insurance company said Monday that although the case did not go to trial evidence developed prior to the settlement indicated that Wilson did not cause the crash that led to the death of Edward E. Deaton of Albany.

Deaton lost control of his motorcycle following a high speed chase Oct. 11, 1978, that began in Bethlehem and ended on New Scotland Ave. in Albany. Wilson was driving one of the patrol cars in pursuit, and Albany police at the time refused to release details of the accident.

Bethlehem Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said Monday that following the crash the town hired its own investigators, who found no evidence of contact between the motorcycle and Wilson's police car. Also, Kaplowitz said, The Hartford Insurance Company, which defended the case in state Supreme Court, interviewed witnesses to the crash, none of whom could swear to seeing any

action by Wilson that contributed to the crash.

The case was settled for \$9,000, which Kaplowitz characterized as "a rather small amount for a death claim." Settlement meant both sides avoided the cost of going to trial.

Sewer work delayed

"We're asking people to be patient," says Bruce Secor, Bethlehem's public works commissioner. He is, as usual, talking about the town's sewer extension project, which roared along well ahead of schedule until last winter when the weather went on strike.

First there was the unseasonably warm period, which left the ground too mushy for installing pipe and other work, and then this spring, rain, rain and more rain while crews should have been cleaning up.

Two contractors — John DiGiulio and August Bohl — are currently attempting to lay top soil and seeding on jobs on Feura Bush Rd. and in North Bethlehem. Only when they are finished there will the crews move on to other areas, Secor said. Altogether, about 20 miles of new sewer line has been laid in the town.

Show house open

A Washington Park Victorian residence built in 1896 is open to public viewing as a designer show house. The dwelling at 503 State St., Albany, refurbished by 13 members of the American Society of Interior Designers is owned by Linda N. and Kenneth Spooner of Delmar and Joan S. Boehner of Pittsford.

Proceeds from the show house will benefit the Albany Academy for Girls. The house will be open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sundays 1 to 4 p.m., and Wednesday evenings from 5 to 8 through June 6. Tickets are \$5, senior citizens \$4.



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David Byron, 12, and his sister, Rachel, 6, of Delmar enjoy a front seat on the roller coaster that visited Delaware Plaza last week. On the cover: Robby Weaver, 2½, of Delmar gets a thrill as he goes for a spin at the Slingerlands Elementary Fair Saturday. *Spotlight — Tom Howes*

Landfill fees hiked: customers will pay

BETHLEHEM

Faced with an unforeseen rate increase from Albany, Bethlehem has hiked its charge to garbage collectors operating in the town, and that increase is likely to be passed on to the consumer very quickly.

At its meeting last week, the town board increased the rates it charges commercial haulers from \$2.50 per ton to \$4.25 per ton. The board rejected a recommendation from Highway Superintendent Martin Cross for a \$5 rate, but appeared resigned to Cross's warning that he would be back to the board as soon as Albany raises its rates again.

"They've got us," said Councilman John Geurtze of Albany's contract with the town.

Under that contract, the town pays a \$2.50 base rate for refuse that is processed by the ANSWERS plant and used as fuel by the state at the Empire State Plaza. But because of technical problems, most of the solid waste being delivered to the ANSWERS plant is going into the Albany landfill, and under the terms of the contract the town is charged \$4.50 per ton.

The city has the option of raising its rates to \$12 per ton if the ANSWERS system completely breaks down. But, said Supervisor Tom Corrigan, "at that point, we'll go back to our own landfill."

Corrigan explained that the Bethlehem landfill has a limited lifetime remaining, and the state has discouraged the town from seeking new landfill sites, taking the

position that ANSWERS is the regional solution to solid waste. If that turns out not to be the case, he said, "there's no question, it's a major problem."

Two hauling contractors were in the audience, and both said they viewed the rate increase as inevitable. "It's not your problem, it's our problem," said Bruce Woods. "I can understand that you have to pay it, and I can understand that my customers have to pay it. But what I can't see is that my customers are going to have to support the landfill operation."

Up to this point, the town had allowed residents to bring their own refuse to the landfill free of charge. But at Wednesday's meeting, following Woods' prod-ding, the board agreed to add a 25 cent per load charge for persons dumping at the landfill. Councilman Robert Hendrick voted against the new rate. The new rates were effective Monday.

Joins student society

Tina Bohl, a senior civil engineering major at Union College, has joined the American Society of Civil Engineers student section. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bohl of Jericho Rd., Selkirk, and a 1979 graduate of RCS High School.

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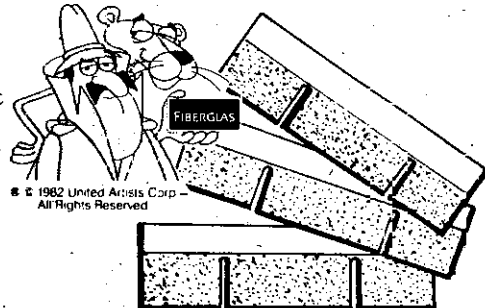
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Legislators spar over no-bid contracts

By Susan J. Guyett

The May meeting of the Albany County Legislature started-out with the legislators on their best behavior.

After all, student interns and high schoolers involved in the Elks Club's National Youth Week, were in the audience. Each legislator got to introduce his or her intern, and a number of lawmakers had their own children in the audience.

But it didn't take long in the routine agenda for some legislators to come out swinging. The Republicans targeted their favorite topic — the county's spending practices.

Republicans first criticized awarding a no-bid contract for \$102,700 to the engineering firm of Clough Harbour and Associates for work to be done at the county airport. The Democratic leadership acknowledged that the contract was not sent out for bid, but noted that personal service contracts, like this one, did not legally require the bidding process.

"It may not be required, but they can be bid and they should be bid," Republican Minority Leader W. Gordon Morris of Bethlehem said.

The contract call for the engineering firm to design and inspect the construction of service buildings and the clearance of obstructions from the airport's north-south approach.

Republican Legislator Kenneth MacAffer of Menands accused the Democrats of throwing business Clough Harbour's way only after "a certain individual" was hired by the firm. That individual, MacAffer said after the meeting, was Raymond Kinley Jr. who is the Democratic elections commissioner and a Clough Harbour employee.

Democrats defended the use of the firm, saying the engineers are familiar with county projects and because they feel it's the best firm for the job.

Clough Harbour frequently does work for Albany County. One of their recent contracts involves preparing plans for the new baseball stadium in Colonie, a joint venture of the town and the county.

Majority Leader Richard Meyers, D-Albany, likened the hiring of Clough Harbour to the Town of Colonie's repeated use of the engineering firm of C.T. Male. County Attorney Robert Lyman noted that 95 percent of the airport contract price would be paid for by state and federal money.

Despite the debate, the contract was awarded.

In other actions, the board unanimously approved giving county social services commissioner John Fahey a five-year contract, and unanimously accepted a donation by developers Irving Kirsch and Sidney Albert to construct a gymnasium at the Albany County Jail.

The two Bethlehem Central High School interns in the audience evaluated the meeting as "interesting."

Suzanne Adelman and John Buhac have been learning about county government operations since last fall through the intern program. They attended about five of the monthly legislative meetings and have visited various county facilities, such as the Ann Lee Home, the county jail and the airport.

Adelman spent most of her time working with Albany Rape Crisis. A senior who will attend Vassar College in the fall, she is preparing a report on the crime of rape.

Buhac, also a senior, is studying the cost of renovating the new county office building at 112 State St. He will attend Cornell University in the fall.

Scout troops cited

Four Bethlehem Girl Scout troops received awards at the 25th anniversary celebration of the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council May 7 at the Empire State Convention Center where many troops had display booths. Special awards were given to troops that created the best booth in several categories. Local winners are:

Best Use of Theme, Brownie Level Troop 39, Elsmere School, 16 girls, leaders Nancy Gregory, Jean McQuide, Barbara Selig, Ginger Vaillancourt.

Best of World-Of-People, Junior Level — Troop 315, Glenmont School, 10 girls, leaders Marcelle and Kim Owen.

Best Demonstration, Brownie Level Troop 365, Hamagrael School, 18 girls, leaders Happy Scherer, Martha Blackman.

Best Demonstration and Best-of-World-of-Well Being, Senior Level Troop 205, leaders Nancy Piccolino, Julianne Eiselle, Connie Heathwaite.

Strawberry supper set

The first strawberry supper of the season will be held at the Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, on Saturday, May 28, with servings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30. Reservations, 439-2046 or 439-1878. There will also be a bake sale.



Alesia Harder and Robert Irvine were given royal crowns and robes at Bethlehem Central High School's junior prom Saturday night. In the king's court were Steve Acquario, Mike Mooney and Damien Switzer; in the queen's court were Jill Kaplan, Kate Sipher and Amy Weller. At left, Kate and Wayne Peschel do some high stepping on the dance floor. Gary Zeiger

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Corn plantation in Slingerlands

In 1917, through the efforts of the Slingerlands War Committee, a community plantation was planned for the summer, to be worked by the men, women and children of the village. The food produced was to be sold and the money obtained given to the work of the Red Cross.

Miss Ruth Miner, a member of the agriculture committee of the War Committee was made superintendent of the plantation and the Girls Club, of which she was president, voted to abandon its sewing party in favor of hoeing bees that summer to aid in cultivating the lands. The club also supplied the corn necessary to plant the fields.

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This activity was the result of the offer of George W. Slingerland of New York City to permit 14 acres of his land to be cultivated for the benefit of the Red Cross (in the area of the present Southwood development). Miss Miner had just graduated from Wellesley college and drove her own car, so it was she who was active in contacting Albany businesses to assist in the project. The International Harvester Company was persuaded to lend the tractors to prepare the fields, the

TIMES REMEMBERED

Allison Bennett



Standard Oil Company gave the gasoline to power the tractors and the Oliver Plow Company lent the necessary plows. By private subscription the money for fertilizing was raised; the Girls Club gave the corn for 13 acres and beans to seed one acre were purchased. Harry Walley and Walter Warren of Hurstville sowed the seeds, giving their time and teams for the purpose.

Mr. Slingerland noted that the Harvester Company had selected this same land on which to exhibit the practical ability of the first horse drawn mowing machine operated in Albany County (the Ketchum mower) and a few years later another of its predecessor companies won first prize with its "Buckeye" mower in a field trial of mowing machines on this same plot. Also, this particular acreage had won some State Agricultural Society blue ribbons for quality and volume acreage production of potatoes, corn and oats.

The end result of this farming venture by the people of Slingerlands was that \$374 was raised through the sale of corn and beans grown on the acreage. When Antonio Genovesi, an employee of William Winship, heard of the project, he enlisted several of his friends of Italian

extraction who had recently immigrated to America to help with the work of the corn raising project. They devoted many Sundays to hoeing the fields and helped to harvest the crop. In appreciation of his work the Slingerlands Red Cross Committee sent 24 Christmas packages to our servicemen in Italy in honor of Mr. Genovesi and his friends.

The War Committee in Slingerlands was made up of the presidents of all the clubs in the village and five members at large. The women of the village met every Friday at the home of Mrs. William Winship chairman of the Slingerlands Red Cross, to work on garments and

hospital shirts. There was a huge production of knitted sweaters, helmets, mittens, wristlets and scarves made up for the soldiers by anyone who could work a pair of knitting needles. A newspaper drive netted \$24.50 for the coffers of the committee. There were quantities of bandages that were rolled and sewed by various ladies, meeting in one another's homes and the Girls Club made up "comfort kits" which were intended to bring little niceties to the bleak holidays of the soldiers at camp and overseas.

Four boxes of war supplies, the materials for which cost \$300, were completed and placed at the disposal of Dr. Arthur W. Elting for the base hospital. Old newspaper clippings from this period reveal in great detail the patriotic and caring spirit of the citizens of Slingerlands.



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Fingerprints for children

The Bethlehem Police Department will fingerprint children for identification purposes between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. this

Saturday, at the former "Color Your World" paint store next to Delaware Plaza. A parent or guardian of each child to be fingerprinted must be present.

School survey shows support, board says

The results of a survey of community attitudes about the Voorheesville School District begun by the board of education in late 1981 are now available. According to a statement by the board, the community "appears to be quite pleased with the performance of the school system."

A detailed questionnaire was sent to 555 randomly selected families, including those with children in the high school, in the elementary school, and those with no children in the schools. It was also given to 71 randomly selected students in grades 10 through 12. The questionnaire asked respondents to voice their opinions on 89 aspects of 12 program categories of school operations ranging from climate within the school to academic and non-academic programs. Opinions were solicited both on how well each aspect is performed and on how important it is.

Professor Maurice Johnson of the State University at Albany and several of his graduate students assisted the board and the administrators in assuring that the sampling techniques, the construction of the survey and the results were scientifically carried out.

According to the board's statement, practically all aspects of the school

VOORHEESVILLE

system were viewed favorably by both adults and students. On the question of "overall quality of the system," 71 percent of those responding rated the schools either "excellent" or "very good," with only 4 percent giving a rating of "poor." Individually, the statement said, practically every aspect of the school system was viewed favorably by both adults and students; of the 89 items, no items were rated "poor" by an average of adult respondents and only one received a "poor" by the students. The aspects that did receive relatively lower ratings tended to be those dealing with students as individuals. Among them were development of self-image, self-understanding, development of good study practices and school atmosphere.

The board said the survey results will be used in future planning efforts.

Complete copies of the survey are available at the district office for a fee of \$5. A digest of the survey has also been prepared and may be obtained at the district office free of charge.

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Voorheesville names top seniors

Valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class of 1983 at the June 24 commencement exercises at Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville will be Margaret Rogers and Peter Zeh.

Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers, Coventry Ct., Voorheesville, achieved a four-year average of 95 percent while carrying a full academic load. She still found time to work 25 hours a week at a local pharmacy, be on the props committee of the school drama club, serve as secretary of National Honor Society, and help raise funds by selling baked goods at football games and running the basketball concession stand. She was also a member of the high school chorus, played varsity field hockey and j.v. volleyball.

She is a recipient of a New York State Regents Scholarship and plans to attend Albany College of Pharmacy in September.

Peter Zeh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jan Zeh, East Rd., Voorheesville, earned a four-year average of 94 percent in his academic work and managed to be quite active in competitive sports. Last season he was co-captain of the varsity soccer team of which he has been a member since 10th grade. He was captain of the varsity tennis team, and participated on the boys volleyball team for three years.

In addition, he has been a member of the bike club, French club and the cross-country and downhill ski club. He was elected into National Honor Society in his sophomore year and served as its vice president during his junior and senior years. He has also been a representative of the senior high student council for three years.

He is the recipient of a New York Regents Scholarship and plans to attend Clarkson College in the fall on an Air Force ROTC scholarship. He intends to study engineering.

Schreiber, budget win

By Tom Howes

A firm believer in the value of community involvement in school district concerns, Steven Schreiber received enough public support of his own to win the race for Voorheesville's vacant school board seat. Schreiber garnered 40 percent of the vote in the 5-way face-off.

District voters also approved the \$5.5 million school budget, 347 to 198, and a \$120,550 budget for the Voorheesville Public Library, 423-108. The school budget will increase 5.4 percent over the current year, and district officials estimate the tax rate in New Scotland will go up 10 percent.

Schreiber's 230 votes easily outdistanced second-place finisher Mary Van Ryn's 161 vote total. Richard Bisnett, Bruce Martelle and Richard Rose finished well back with 72, 60 and 40 votes, respectively.

Schreiber attributed his victory to a personalized, door-bell-ringing campaign in which he stressed the importance of community participation in shaping school district policies. "Parents and the community should be more closely involved with the school board," he said, "which means an increase in dialogue between the parties." Schreiber is not yet

sure what specific forum would best accomplish that objective.

Board president John McKenna feels the board will be "receptive" to any suggestions Schreiber might make, and agrees with his general assessment. "There is definitely room for increased parent communication with the board and related activities," he said, "and I have no predisposition on just how that should happen." McKenna said he feels the board has already proven open and responsive to the community.

McKenna hopes to get the public interested in aspects of school district policy and the duties of the school board other than just the budget. "A lot of focus has been on the budget making process — which is a little like putting the cart before the horse," he said. "School activities should determine what the budget should be."

Of Schreiber, McKenna said, "you have to respect someone who worked so hard for this job. It's not a job you get a lot of thanks for."

Schreiber has already received various school district documents to familiarize himself with before taking office officially at the board's July 8 meeting. "I'm starting my homework now so I can hit the ground running," he said.

Board to renew alcohol program

The Voorheesville School Board has decided to renew an alcohol abuse program discontinued several years ago, according to board president John McKenna.

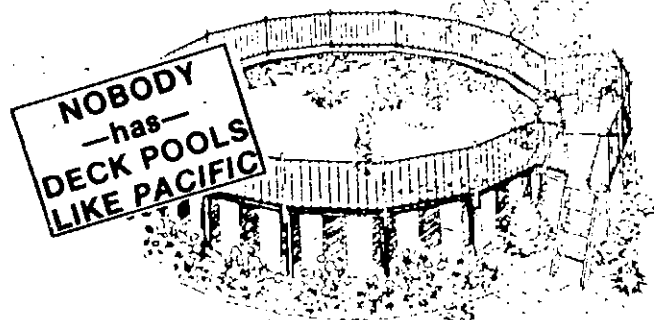
The program, which brought students, teachers, administrators and board members together in committees to discuss the problem, was dropped when the respective parties lost interest. Recent incidences of vandalism at the high school have focused community attention on the problem once again.

McKenna said committees would be formed to generate mutual discussion and speakers would be brought to the high school for evening lectures and question-and-answer sessions. "It's a community problem," he said. "We need to involve everyone."

At its meeting last week the board also held a preliminary discussion on goals and priorities for the 1983-84 school year. "Hopefully, we'll appoint a committee at our next meeting to deal more specifically with it," McKenna said.

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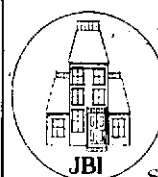
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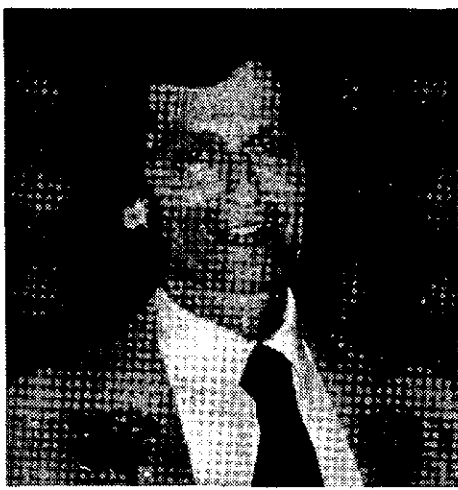


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Pioneering honored

Obstetrician-gynecologist Dr. Joseph Gabriels has a new arrival at his home on Bullock Rd., New Scotland — a plaque given him by the Childbirth Education Association of Albany.

The award was presented at the 15th anniversary dinner of the organization in honor of his long-term contribution to the group that advocates prepared childbirth and the Lamaze Method.

Serving as the first advisor to CEA, Dr. Gabriels was somewhat of a rebel with a cause when he became the first obstetrician to allow fathers in the delivery room in Albany hospitals. A common occurrence now, this practice was considered "verboten" 15 years ago when he first camouflaged a father in surgical garb and "smuggled" the proud papa in to witness the birth of his child. Reprimanded several times for his unorthodox tactics, Dr. Gabriels persisted, and eventually colleagues and hospital administrators became convinced of the merit of this now-popular practice.

Soon thereafter the Childbirth Education Association was formed with the idea of educating prospective parents in the prepared techniques of childbirth. For the past 15 years the group has held classes at the Albany Medical Center to provide couples with the knowledge needed in such deliveries. Recently classes have been added to prepare parents for Caesarian deliveries.

CEA officers included Julie Ann Fortran of Voorheesville, president; Ethel Cooper of Voorheesville, director of education, Lynne Lenhardt of Delmar, chairman; Melody Brennan of Slingerlands, publicity chairman, and Cathie Searles of Selkirk, treasurer.

Voorheesville NEWS NOTES

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



Music on stage

Music will continue to fill the air this week and next as the Voorheesville High School music department presents two evenings of song and music.

This Thursday, May 19, the junior and senior high school concert band and stage band will present their annual spring concert at the high school beginning at 7:30 p.m. The bands are under the direction of Lydia Tobler and Frank McDermott.

Next week on Wednesday, May 25, a concert will be presented at the high school at 7:30 by the junior and senior high choruses under the direction of Margaret Dorgan and accompanied by Wendy Knapp. The public is invited to both free concerts.

Baking and washing

What do cookies and cars have in common? People in Voorheesville will be able to get both in one stop this Saturday, May 21, when the Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts hold their annual car wash and bake sale. Scheduled to be held between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Voorheesville Grand Union, the proceeds from this, the only local fund raiser, are used to cover transportation to the fall neighborhood encampment and various service projects. All 19 of the local Brownie and Girl Scout troops are slated to take part.

Benefit bike-a-thon Sunday

The Voorheesville High School Key Club suggests a good way for Voorheesville residents to help themselves and a good cause at the same time. The service group is sponsoring their annual Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-Thon this Sunday, May 22. Bikers will travel along the six-mile course beginning at the elementary school between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to earn money previously pledged by sponsors who have promised to pay a set fee for each mile traveled. Refreshments and prizes will be available to those who take part. Anyone in grade 5 on up and adults are welcome to participate, and may obtain a sponsor sheet at either the elementary or high school offices. For information contact Pete Douglas, 765-3108.

Magic at grade school

Spring is a magical time in itself, yet this May will be filled with even more wizardry when Danny Orleans, a young magician, entertains grades 4-6 at the Voorheesville Elementary School on Tuesday, May 24. This will be the last in-school performance of the year sponsored by Theatre Fun for Young People, an independent non-profit organization that has brought live professional theater to the Voorheesville school district for over 15 years. For information on "Theatre Fun" or the Danny Orleans production is asked to call Marquerite Teuten at 765-2642 or Linda Haaf at 765-2652.

Raingutter regatta tonight

Cub Scouts of Pack 73 will supply their own wind tonight to fill the sails of the boats they plan to race in their rain gutter regatta scheduled to be held in the elementary school parking lot. For the past two weeks the boys and their parents have been busily carving out the boats which will compete at 6:45 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the fun is welcome.

A new PTSA slate

The Voorheesville PTSA has announced its proposed slate of officers for the 1983-84 school year, to be voted on at the next general meeting Wednesday, June 15, at 7 p.m. at the elementary school. Nominated for office are: Lyza Neuffer and Jean Mattimore, co-presidents; Sheila Glock, first vice-president; Joann St. Denis, second vice president; Susan Dougherty, recording secretary; Carol Stevens, corresponding secretary, and Terri Blanchard, treasurer.

Campaign a success

According to PTSA coordinators Anne Lennox and Diane Relyea this year's Campbell's Labels for Education campaign at the elementary school was a "souper" success. A total of 24,550 labels were collected, enabling the school to get two listening centers; four jackboxes, an

instant camera, and a Roget Thesaurus and dictionary at no cost to the district.

The coordinators wish to thank everyone for their support, and ask everyone to start saving Campbell's, Prego, Swanson and Recipe dog food labels over the summer for next year's campaign.

Along the same line, the Community Nursery School of Voorheesville has begun a campaign to collect the Fun'N Fitness proofs-of-purchase found on most boxes of Post cereals. For collecting specific amounts the school will receive free gym equipment. Like the Campbell's program, this promotion is only open to schools, and the nursery school is the only school in this area to take advantage of this offer. The school asks anyone who would like to donate their proofs to the campaign to place them in the container at the library.

Calling all swimmers

The Voorheesville Swim Club is inviting all comers to get into the "swim of things" and participate in its summer competitive program. The program, which began this past Monday, May 16 is open to boys and girls up to the age of 18. Affiliated with the U.S. Swimming Association, the club participates in many AAU-sponsored meets during the season, which ends in early August. Those wanting more information are asked to call Gary Washburn, 765-3170, or Larry Dedrick, 765-2107.

Chosen for Girls' State

Frances Spreer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spreer of State Farm Rd., is one of five area girls chosen to attend the American Legion Empire Girls' State session to be held at Cazenovia College from June 26 until July 2. Fran is a junior at Clayton Bouton High School where she is a member of the school band, the track team and cheerleading squad. She was recently named editor-in-chief of the Helderberger, the school newspaper. Interested in sports, she plans to pursue a career in business or science administration. She is being sponsored by Voorheesville's American Legion Post 1493.

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Awards for spellers

Paul Caswell, Joan Marie Lipscomb and Paul Curley proved to be outstanding representatives of the RCS community in the area spelling bee held at Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, last month. The contest sponsored by Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady County BOCES and the Schenectady Gazette involved more than 80 contestants from schools throughout the four counties.

Steve Fitz, radio talk show host, was the pronouncer for the fast-paced session. At the conclusion of the contest, two local students were among the top four to receive awards.

Paul Caswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caswell of Coeymans Hollow, a student at RCS Junior High, placed third and took home a \$25 savings bond. Paul is a member of the Junior High Band, Library Club, Computer Club and scorekeeper for the basketball league.

Joan Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lipscomb of Ravena, is enrolled in the eighth grade at St. James Institute in Albany. She is a member of the student council, yearbook staff, swim team and is president of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America of Ravena. Joan was awarded an American Heritage dictionary and a World Almanac for her fourth place showing.

Delegates at convention

Representing the Hanakrois chapter of the DAR, Mrs. Donald Devitt of Ravena and Mrs. S. Benjamin Meyers of Delmar attended the Continental Congress in Washington D.C. April 19-23. During the convention, the chapter received a Gold Award for honor roll, the Gold Beaver Award for 100 percent member-



Fourth and fifth graders at the Glenmont School and their teacher, Marsh Pardoe, got an inside glimpse of New York's state capitol in Albany along with a welcome from their

assemblyman, C.D. (Larry) Lane, R-Windham, who posed with them at the foot of the famous Million Dollar Staircase.

ship and participation, and a Tri-color Award for outstanding yearbook and conservation of printing costs.

Students design promotions

The Distributive Education classes of the RCS Senior High School taught by Bill Gerhardt and Ken Ralston recently participated in an advertising design campaign. McDonald's of Ravena and Delmar provided the opportunity for the students to design a flyer for the Mother's Day promotion, and the forthcoming Father's Day promotion and a future place-mat promotion.

The staff of the Ravena and Delmar McDonald's participated in the judging. The design offered by Virginia VanHeusen of the Marketing One Class was selected for the Mother's Day campaign and was distributed in elementary schools throughout the two districts. The Father's Day "Drag-on In" theme developed by Jackie King and Kathy Picarazzi will be used in the Father's Day promotion. Don Frese of the Marketing

Two class designed the place-mat that will be used in a promotion this summer.

Family program at church

In celebration of the Christian home, the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will hold a Family Night Festival Sunday, May 22, beginning at 5 p.m. with a covered dish supper. Entertainment will be provided by magician Jim Snack. The entire church family is invited. Reservations are not required, just a dish of your choice and your table service.

Scouts to visit base

On May 21, 66 boys and their leaders from Cub Pack 81 will be heading for Rome, N.Y. Planned as a day trip, the scouts' destination will be the Griffiss Air Force Base. There they will take a two-hour tour of the base, viewing the barracks and planes, before testing Air Force food in the base mess hall. The boys will spend the afternoon visiting near-by Fort Stanwyc before returning

to the Selkirk area.

School budget forum planned

For the benefit of all RCS school district taxpayers, the Parent Advisory Committee has scheduled an informational meeting for June 8 to provide a more thorough understanding of the school budget and propositions to be voted on. Dr. Milton Chodack, superintendent of schools, and members of the board of education will provide information and answer inquiries. The meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the A. W. Becker Elementary School is open to interested parents and taxpayers.

This week's menu

The menu for Senior Projects of Ravena, beginning May 19 will be: Thursday, vegetable soup, sheppard's pie, mashed potato; Friday, roast beef hash, stewed tomatoes; Monday, meatloaf, mashed potato; Tuesday, corned beef, boiled potato; Wednesday, chicken a la king over rice.

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Bus issue sent to RCS voters

A special proposition will be on the Ravenna-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District ballot in June — one that would set the busing limit for out-of-district students at 20 miles instead of the current 15. John T. Biscone of Ravenna presented petitions to the district clerk asking that the busing be put in the district budget for 1983-84 or be presented to voters in a special proposition.

The roll call vote on board member Howard Engel's motion Monday evening that the busing proposition be added to the ballot was 6-2, with John J. Coons Jr. and Robert Van Etten opposed. Board member Italo Frese was absent.

In other business, District Clerk Charles Emery told the board that the dissolution of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield partnership means the district will have to renegotiate health insurance provisions of its contracts with employees when the current Blue Cross/Blue Shield contract expired Oct. 1.

Superintendent Milton Chodack said the state is planning to fund an alcohol abuse prevention program through area Boards of Cooperative Educational Services that would provide a professional to interested districts, and that he had indicated RCS interest in the program. The cost to the district would be \$7,500 the first year.

A budget information meeting is scheduled for May 24 at Ravenna Elementary School.

Takes music post

Findlay Cockrell, noted Delmar concert pianist and member of the SUNYA music faculty, has been appointed to serve as resident music director during the summer session at the Luzerne Music Center for the summer of 1983. He will also perform with the Philarte String Quartet, and members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and function as associate head of piano studies and resident conductor of small ensembles.

Marcia Cockrell will also be in residence to serve as administrative assistant.

Atlantic Cement

(From Page 1)

ing costs and regain a competitive position to keep its \$15-million annual payroll in Ravenna. In January, 1982, all salaried employees, including top management, accepted a freeze on salaries that is still in effect. Other measures, including energy savings, have been implemented to reduce production costs.

On Monday of this week Van Slyke told a *Spotlight* reporter that "we met with the board several weeks ago in an effort to work this thing out together, but so far they haven't got back to us."

The three-man board is chaired by Henry (Hank) Normile, a self-employed carpenter. Normile confirmed this week that the board had received the request, but he explained that it cannot be formally filed until Grievance Day.

Grievance Day in Coeymans is June 21. At that time, as in other townships across the state, property owners may file written requests for changes in assessed valuations, or appear in person.

Normile said this week that the board is "looking into it now." Although the board has full authority to change assessments, it presumably will discuss the Atlantic Cement situation with Coeymans Supervisor John Biscone and town board members.

Biscone said he had not seen the *News-Herald*, and added that the company "hasn't communicated with me directly." He said Normile "asked for a meeting with the town board to sit down and discuss the matter this week or next," but he had not been notified of a definite date for the session.

Normile said that any meeting with the town board "would be informational only." The town board's next regular session is scheduled for the fourth Tuesday, which would be May 24.

Meanwhile Atlantic Cement has retained a professional appraisal firm to evaluate the present status of the Ravenna property, which has been on the assessment rolls at \$20 million. The appraisal firm's preliminary report, Van Slyke said,

placed the current value of the plant at \$12 to \$14 million.

Van Slyke said the company's action in calling community attention to its fiscal plight "is not a threat, it's reality." Included in the cost-cutting plans is a reduction in the plant's work force, he said, but there was no indication what that impact would be or when it would come.

Any action by the assessors in the

Atlantic Cement valuation would not affect the tax rate levied on school district property owners this September, but could affect the school budget if administrators end up collecting less tax revenue than anticipated. The RCS school budget, which goes to the voters next month, has not been finalized, but is expected to have a bottom line between \$9½ and 9¾ million.

The school district embraces a large section of the Town of Bethlehem in the Cedar Hill, Selkirk and South Bethlehem areas, and the Feura Bush section of New Scotland.

How to treat new life

Spring may not have sprung very effectively this year, but this is still the season when most wild animals are born. As a follow-up to an article printed last October in *The Spotlight* concerning animal-rehabilitator Mary Lou Riccardo, here are a few pointers for anyone who comes across orphaned or distressed wildlife.

Keep in mind that many birds and wild animals leave their young unattended for at least some part of the day, either to gather food or to avoid drawing attention to the nest. Don't assume that because no parents are in sight the animals must be orphaned. If possible, try to restrict domestic animals this time of year so they aren't as likely to harm baby animals.

Birds (and other wild animals) will not abandon their young just because they have been handled by humans. If a young bird is in danger from a cat or dog, try to pick it up and put it in a tree or shrub. A naked or partially feathered bird can be replaced in a nest, and the next can even be moved a short distance or reassembled if necessary.

A baby bird that is fully feathered (a fledgling) is ready to be out of its nest. It may look helpless and abandoned, but usually the parents are nearby. If a baby bird or animal seems truly in distress or orphaned, keep it warm and call Mrs. Riccardo in Glenmont, 462-1746. If no answer, call Marcia Ken, 872-1660.

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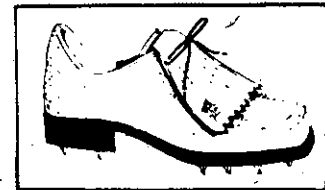


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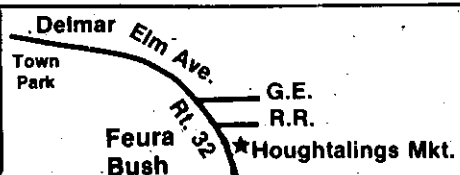
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Events in Nearby Areas

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

Orientation to Middle School for parents of Hamagrael fifth graders, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 24

Parent-Faculty Organization meeting, Bethlehem Central High School, 7:30 p.m.

"A Beaver's Fever," outdoor study of behavior of our state animal, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m.

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

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

Spring Concert, Hamagrael Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Camera Club, 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, slide-tape program. Information, 765-4673.

Resume Writing Workshop, at Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Free.

Delmar Progress Club Literature Group, annual picnic, at 29 Montrose Dr., Delmar, noon.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

"Silly Storyhour," for children over 3, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 and 11 a.m. Register by calling 439-9314.

"Photography: A Way of Seeing," Mark Van Wormer at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Choral Concert, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m. Free, open to public.

Spring Music Program, Glenmont Elementary School, Rt. 9W, 7:30 p.m.

Orientation for Eighth Graders and parents, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m.

Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

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

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THURSDAY, MAY 26

Humane Education Workshop, Part 4, for children ages 7 to 12, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

"Successful Investing for Income," tips from John O'Brien of Kidder, Peabody, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m.

Bethlehem Personal Computer Group, with Sue Raiston demonstrating BC's computer program, high school, Room 58 (second floor rear), 7:30 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Strawberry Supper and Bake Sale, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, servings 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Reservations 439-2046 or 439-1878.

Car Wash sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church to benefit Bethlehem Ambulance Squad and the Food Pantry, at Keller's Mobil Station, Rt. 9W and Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Author Louis C. Jones ("Murder at Cherry Hill") autographing his recently republished "Things That Go Bump in the Night," at Lincoln Hill Books, 163 Delaware Ave., Elsmere, 1-3 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 29

Bishop Roy C. Nichols of New York Area of United Methodist Churches, to preach 10 a.m. service at First United Methodist Church, Delmar.

MONDAY, MAY 30

Memorial Day Parade, starting at Bethlehem Cemetery, west on Kenwood Ave., Adams Pl., Adams St. and then east on Delaware Ave. to Memorial Park, 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 31

Resume Clinic, Bethlehem Public Library, 6-9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

Vacation Travel Fair, Concourse, Empire State Plaza, all day.

Transcendental Meditation and TM Sidhi public lectures every Wednesday at Capital District TM Center, 277 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, 8 p.m.

Frank Lloyd Wright Lecture, SUNY-Buffalo professor Jack Quinan speaks on the Larkin Administration Building, State Museum, Albany, 8 p.m.

American Association of University Women, Albany monthly meeting with speaker Nancy Cozean and installation of officers, Italian Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, 5:30 social hour, 6:30 p.m. dinner. Reservations, 439-0476.

Wood Engravings from Lewis Carroll, illustrated lecture by illustrator Barry Moser, Albany Public Library, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Alzheimer's Disease families meet to discuss mutual concerns, with Dr. Henry Hughs to speak on "coping with anxiety," St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Council of Community Services of Northeastern New York, 31st annual meeting, Century House, Latham, 6 p.m. Dinner reservations, 489-4791.

Catholic Golden Age group meets at St. Vincent's Apartments, Yates and Ontario sts., Albany, 2 p.m.

Vanguard Preview of forthcoming Albany Symphony Orchestra concert, Albany Public Library, noon.

Sons of Italy Lodge 215 open house to show off new quarters at Aurania Club, 25 S. Allen St., Albany, 7-9 p.m.

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help and support group for parents of substance abusers, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Father's Day Walk-a-Thon to benefit Muscular Dystrophy, sponsored by Albany Fire Fighters, starting 9 a.m. at Washington Ave. and Fuller Rd., ending at Capitol. Registration, 436-1183, 436-1428 or 489-5495.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Salon de Ceramique, benefit auction for newly formed Albany Ceramic Institute, Best Western Inn Towne, 300 Broadway, Albany, begins 7 p.m., auction at 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Craft Fair and Flea Mart sponsored by Odd-Fellows and Rebekah Lodge, Galway Village, Rt. 147, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

AAUW Wine and Cheese Party for American Association of University Women who worked on division convention, home of Frances George, Mosher Rd., Glenmont, 3-6 p.m.

Ground Covers, nature walk at George Landis Arboretum, Esperance, 10 a.m.

17th Century French Canada, lecture sponsored by Franco-Americaine du New York, St. Mark's Community Center, Rt. 146, Guelderland Center, 5:30 p.m. pot luck supper, lecture at 7 p.m.

"Port of Call" parade and festival sponsored by South End Merchants Association, S. Pearl St., Albany, 11 a.m.

Albany Symphony Day at the Cheese Connection, with visiting artists and prizes at the Stuyvesant Plaza store, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

"High-Tech and Roses," day-long workshop by newly formed Human Horizons on such topics as child development, discipline, communications, ethics and nutrition, Kenwood Child Development Center, Rt. 9W.

Lecture on Brooklyn Bridge builder John A. Roebling by Princeton Prof. David Billington, Folsom Library, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, 9:30 a.m.

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Giant Charity Garage Sale, to benefit Arthritis Foundation, East Greenbush Plaza, Rts. 49 and 20.

Pine Bush Field Trip, led by Mike Matthews of EnCon, leave from Albany Public Library, Washington Ave. entrance, 8:30 p.m.

Commencement, State University at Albany, with John Brademas, University Field, 1 p.m.

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Conrail offices moving to Selkirk

Conrail, the federally chartered rail corporation, has announced plans to move its Northeastern regional headquarters from New Haven, Conn., to Selkirk.

A new office building, which will house about 100 Conrail employees, will be built on Bell Crossing Rd. adjacent to the Selkirk rail yards near the Jericho Bridge. Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan said Friday Conrail had discussed the site with town officials, but has not yet applied for a building permit. The corporation will need to provide for its own water and sewage disposal, Corrigan said.

The move was announced by Sen. Alfonse D'Amato and Rep. Samuel Stratton. D'Amato hailed it as a "wise management decision" in light of the fact that 80 percent of Conrail's Northeastern region employees work in New York State. Stratton called it "an important boost for the local economy."

Conrail officials said the decision to move from New Haven to the Capital District affects 100 employees, but there was no indication how many new employees would be hired locally. The Northeast region office is responsible for Conrail lines in New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Canada.

IDA? What IDA?

Industrial Development Authorities have been in the news recently because of the eagerness of some local IDAs to lend tax free money to any new business that comes along, from giant shopping centers like Crossgates to fast food restaurants.

Bethlehem has a different problem.

Its IDA is slated to fade from existence at the end of the year because in its 10-year existence it has never issued a single loan.

Last Wednesday the Bethlehem Town Board formally asked the state assembly and senate to give the town IDA another 10 years of life. Supervisor Tom Corrigan said the necessary legislation has already been introduced in both houses at his request.

The Bethlehem IDA is composed of Corrigan, Councilwoman Ruth Bickel and Deputy Comptroller George Mann. Corrigan said that since he has been in office only one project has gotten close to the point of completion — GCL, a railroad tie treating company that wanted to build a plant in Selkirk, made an application in 1981, only to have its complicated financing plan fall apart in the deteriorating economy. The Albany Urban Renewal Agency was the lead government agency on that project.

"We've had a couple of other people who have been interested," Corrigan said.

The town also has a property tax abatement program for new businesses or companies that wish to expand in the town, Corrigan noted. Fifty percent of town taxes are forgiven the first year, 45 percent the second year and so on for 10 years until the credit expires. But the Bethlehem Central School District does not participate in the program, and many businesses don't bother to apply, Corrigan said.

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Local firm lands defense contract

Atlas Copco Comptec, Inc. of Voorheesville had kind words for Rep. Samuel S. Stratton Friday. The Amsterdam Democrat was instrumental in steering the award of a \$1.5-million defense contract to the company, which occupies the plant formerly owned by Walter Truck Co.

Merl Smith, director of sales at Atlas Copco, said the company has had other defense contracts and other large contracts, but "this is our largest with DoD, and we owe it to Sam."

Atlas Copco has been at the Voorheesville site about a year and a half. Previously a subsidiary of MTI, Latham, the company was acquired by Atlas Copco AB of Sweden, which Smith said is probably the largest compressor company in the world. The parent company has a major plant in Belgium employing 3,500 and a sister plant in Germany, Smith said. "We do work all over the world," he added. "we just don't do any locally," Atlas Copco Comptec, formerly Atlas Copco Turbonetics, employs about 115 in Voorheesville.

BUSINESS

Albany Savings opens its doors

Albany Savings Bank opened its new Delaware Plaza office Monday, and is spending the next several weeks making sure everybody in town knows they're there.

This Saturday, the bank is offering something for just about everybody — characters from Sesame Street for the youngsters, Dixieland with Skip Parsons' Riverboat Jazz Band, a remote WQBK broadcast by Steve Fitz, John Graney and Tom Leykis and free coffee and cake all day. At 2:45 p.m. there will be a drawing for two home computers. Albany Savings is also giving away free tokens for McBoogie's and one \$25 gift certificate through June 11.

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



Albany Savings Bank celebrated the formal opening of a Delmar office Monday at Delaware Plaza with a ribbon-cutting. From left, Rob Geyer, manager of the new office; Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan; bank board chairman and CEO Vincent H. Crawford; Peter Merrill, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, and Kenneth Schenkel, president of the Delaware Plaza Merchants Association.

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John S. O'Brien, assistant vice president with Kidder, Peabody & Company, Inc., will take a look at tax-sheltered, tax-deferred and tax-exempt financial instruments as well as those offering high rates of return generally.

Special investments in real estate, oil and gas and equipment leasing will also be discussed. Return of capital dividends, tax-managed trusts, municipal bonds and GNMA's are some of the investment alternatives that will be examined in detail.

Realty firm moving

John J. Healy ERA realty firm will be moving to a Delmar location as yet undetermined. John J. Healy of Slingerlands, owner of the firm, has signed a purchase agreement to transfer his two-story stucco building at 361 Delaware Ave. to Vincent Rehbit, proprietor of Tr-Village Drugs, Inc., Delmar, as reported last week. Healy said no date has been set for the transfer, and added that his firm would move "sometime in the next several months."

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Their book is a labor of love

By Ann Treadway

An Elmsmere couple, Peter and Jill Furst, are the co-authors of a recently-published book that's gotten rave reviews in numerous publications.

The book, entitled "North American Indian Art," is also selling well, according to Peter Furst, even at the hefty price of \$45.

What makes the couple happiest about their collaboration, though, is that it's been selected as an "Ambassador of Honor" book by the English Speaking Union, which distributes about 1,000 books each year to libraries throughout the world, naming a few of them to the "honor" category because they "best represent the American culture to people abroad."

Their book includes more than 200 full color illustrations — one reviewer calls it "stunning" — but Jill Furst says it can't properly be labeled a "coffee-table" book because it's more than just a handsome decoration. In fact, she said, "It has a lot more anthropology in it than the publisher intended."

The Fursts are both faculty members in the Department of Anthropology at the State University at Albany, and most of their writing is for fellow academics. But this book, published last December by the Rizzoli firm in Italy, was "a labor of love" for them because their purpose was to reach and inform a general audience of people who like American Indian art and want to know more about it.

A major theme of the book is that native Americans had no concept of "art for art's sake." Everything was created for practical purposes, either ceremonial or secular.

"We carefully chose examples of art for the book that tell us something about the American Indian culture," Jill Furst said. It's important, she believes, to understand the point, or logic, behind the art to really appreciate the beauty.

So in the text accompanying the colorful reproductions of masks and

baskets and costumes are explanations of how these express the creation and survival beliefs that were common to the Indian tribes in six major regions of our country.

Peter Furst, who moved to this area from the West Coast in 1971 to serve as the University's first Anthropology Department chairman, said he finds SUNY-Albany "an exciting place to be" and that it has "one of the fastest growing graduate programs in anthropology in the country."

Now internationally known for his anthropological studies, he became a college professor rather late in life after spending many years as a journalist and writer of television documentaries.

His wife, whom he met while doing field work in Mexico in 1974, might also be termed "a late bloomer" on her way to academia. She left Colorado State after her sophomore year to get married and move to Spain, returning a few years later with her daughter, Clara, now a junior at BCHS, to resume her education and then become an anthropologist.

She's currently director of the Institute for Mesoamerican Studies, a research unit within SUNY-Albany's Anthropology Department.

The Fursts have collaborated on one other book, "Pre-Columbian Art of Mexico," and admit that writing together involves "some pushing and pulling." There is not a particularly well-organized partnership, Jill Furst said, with Peter tending to "hurtle along" and she more concerned with "buttressing" and polishing.

"We both have strong ideas," she said, "and we re-wrote the book several times." It took them a year and half to complete, and they look back on the process as "hard work, but fun, too."

Jill and Peter Furst both spent much of their lives in the western part of our country, but have adjusted happily to this area, partly because of their SUNY-Albany affiliation and partly because



Peter and Jill Furst Tom Howes

they feel the environment is "calm and serene."

They also like the proximity to New York City for access to museums and publishers, and Jill especially enjoys our frequent rain showers, having grown up in the dry climate of Colorado and Wyoming.

Most of their colleagues in the University's Anthropology Department are also transplanted westerners, and the Fursts think many Albany area residents are probably unaware of the expertise on American anthropological subjects that's now centered here — rather than on western college campuses as might be expected.

The Fursts have gone on to other, separate projects, Peter developing a four-part series on Mexican Indians for PBS television — "We hope to get Anthony Quinn as the host," he said — and Jill editing a collection of papers from a recent conference for publication.

For those interested in buying "North American Indian Art," it's available in the University bookstore and the State Museum.

Waste forum on TV

"Hazardous Waste: Decision for the 80's" will be aired on Public Access Channel 16 "C" this Thursday at 9 p.m. and Friday at 5 p.m.

The program is a free information forum presented by the League of Women Voters of Albany County and produced by the Bethlehem Public Library. Speakers are Robert Friedman of General Electric, Ward Stone, a pathologist with the state Department of Environmental Conservation, and Norman H. Nosenchuck, also of the Department of Environmental Conservation. The moderator is Carol Kobrynski of the League of Women Voters.

Computer group to meet

The Bethlehem Personal Computer Group will hold its last meeting before summer in the Bethlehem Central High School, Room 58, May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be conducted by Sue Ralston, district coordinator of computer programs. Members will have an opportunity to observe the high school's facilities in the computer laboratory.

Contact Ross Gutman, 439-4758, for details.

Adirondack Club meets

There will be a seminar on Thursday, May 19, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library for all individuals who are interested in joining the Adirondack Mountain Club, Albany Chapter, as well as those who are already members but have questions regarding greater participation in its activities. The seminar is an opportunity to meet the members of the executive committee of the Chapter to find out about the various facets of the chapter such as its outings, conservation involvement and educational programs.

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An essential element of learning regardless of what is being learned, however, is feedback, or information about what we have learned. Without feedback we cannot be certain of learning anything. Ask any educator if a student has indeed learned the course material without benefit of exams, term papers or classroom discussion.

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We realize very early in life to rely on feedback to learn how to perform. For example, when we learn to ride a two-wheel bicycle, it is feedback that guides each successive effort at maintaining balance until we master the very complex mental and physical coordination required to ride down the sidewalk. Often the feedback is rather painful, like the scraped knee. Sometimes it is pleasurable, like coasting the entire length of the driveway before tipping to the side. Either way we need to know how we're doing in order to modify the next attempt and learn from our successes and failures.

In the late 1940's a remarkable stride was taken in the field of human learning.

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Norman G. Cohen



Research was being conducted with quadriplegics who frequently fainted when being lifted into a sitting position from lying down. It seemed that their blood pressure wasn't elevating quickly enough during the lifting process, and the inadequate supply of blood to the brain would cause a temporary loss of consciousness. The patients themselves began observing the readings of the instrument monitors to which they were attached, and prior to being lifted they would concentrate on trying to raise their blood pressure readings to prevent a fainting episode. And so they did, with the result that the researchers became aware that people can learn to influence so-called "involuntary" functions of the human organism.

Biofeedback... is practiced as a technique by doctors, dentists, psychologists, social workers, teachers, physical therapists and nurses to name a few.

Since that initial recording of learning to control internal body functions through the use of informational feedback, a field has formed replete with research, clinical applications, a national society and mass marketing of products for home use. The field has been dubbed "Biofeedback." It is practiced as a technique by doctors, dentists, psychologists, social workers, teachers, physical therapists and nurses

to name a few of the major professions.

Despite the circus world atmosphere of the 1960's that popularized the use of electroencephalograph monitors, or EEG machines, with meditation practice and hallucinogenic drugs to produce "alpha highs," sufficient numbers of reputable professionals took up the study and practice of clinical biofeedback to log an impressive and highly credible list of disorders responsive to the technique. Among the disorders are such conditions as essential hypertension, migraines, colitis, tension headaches, anxiety, phobias and asthma.

Biofeedback has also been applied to non-medical activities. In sports many trainers have found that mental concentration, physical coordination and specific muscular skills can be enhanced when the athlete is given information about those body processes associated with the task being performed. For instance, downhill skiers are being trained in wind tunnels to assume the optimum aerodynamic posture. To duplicate that posture on the actual slopes of the course, however, they are being trained with electromyographs, or EMG machines, which give a signal when the desired muscle tension in the legs has been reached as it was measured in the wind tunnel. By wearing the EMG for a short training period, the skier learns what it feels like to naturally assume the optimum tuck position.

In education biofeedback training is being employed to increase attention span, reduce hyperactivity, enhance memory recall and promote our children's awareness of mind-body functions and their ability to control those processes. In marketing research subjects are shown various advertising displays or screen tests of game show hosts while their biological reactions are being monitored. Those displays which produce higher responses are selected on the basis of the sample. In law enforcement

the use of the lie detector relies upon biological feedback to reach certain conclusions about events and a person's account of those events.

Biofeedback provides us with another window into the mystery of our minds, and a mirror in which to reflect that which is yet locked within the labyrinth of brain cells. It has been estimated that we use only ten percent of our brain to function at our current level of evolution. Perhaps biofeedback will forge the activation of the next ten percent.

Bishop in Delmar

Roy C. Nichols, bishop of the New York Area of United Methodist churches, will preach at the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 29, at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. Elected as bishop in 1968, following more than 25 years of pastoral ministry, Rev. Nichols is spiritual and administrative leader of over 700 churches with 257,356 members in both the New York and Troy Annual Conferences.

Alumnus at temple

Rabbi Baruch Gold of Beersheba, Israel, an alumnus of Temple Israel, Albany, was to deliver the sermon at the 29th annual baccalaureate ceremony for high school seniors at Temple Israel this morning (Wednesday). Rabbi Hayyim Kieval will give the sermon Thursday, the final morning of the Festival of the Giving of the Torah.

Suggestions wanted

The Bethlehem Advocates for Youth, a group of concerned parents, school and town officials; are turning to the community's young people for suggestions on what the young people feel are needed for leisure or free time activities in the Town of Bethlehem.

The young people are being invited to make their suggestions via "Suggestion Boxes," which are located at the Bethlehem Central Middle School, Bethlehem Town Hall, McBoogles Game Room at Delaware Plaza and Escape Arcade on Delaware Avenue.

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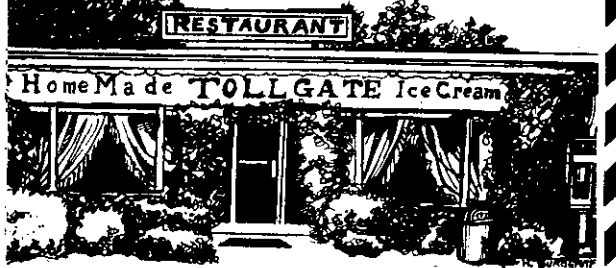
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What's happened to BC sports?

By Nat Boynton
First of two articles

Less than a decade ago it was hard to get a seat at a Bethlehem Central basketball game or a football game.

For most home games, the crowd spilled over the stands. The spectators — students, parents and sports-loving townspeople — gave the home team noisy encouragement along with happy cheers for a good play.

Nowadays 50 or 60 onlookers lolling in the empty bleachers — a few dozen parents, a few classmates of the players — is a typical turnout for a Suburban Council football game on Van Dyke Rd. on a golden Saturday afternoon in October.

"It's true we're in a down cycle, especially in those sports," observed Ray Sliter. "But I think you'll see signs of a turnaround next year."

And on a Friday night in the gym, with BC playing arch rival Niskayuna or Guilderland, the game is conducted in relative privacy.

What's happened to Bethlehem's interscholastic sports program? What can be done to bring back those good old times, those days of glory?

There must be some explanation for BC's dismal record in league and Sectional competition, in the traditional, focal sports. It has been five years since the proud Eagles have had a winning team in the so-called major team sports — football, basketball and baseball.

The football team has won four Suburban Council games and tied one in

31 outings since the undefeated league champions of 1978. The basketball team has been a patsy since a mediocre 12-6 season in 1977-78, one year losing 13 in a row, another time 15 straight, and you would have to delve deep in the archives to find when Bethlehem last had a winning baseball season, let alone a championship.

In the current school year, in those three pivotal sports, BC teams have played 34 varsity games against Suburban Council rivals. They have won three and tied one.

Enough of the negative. Why has this happened and is the malady permanent?

"It's true we're in a down cycle, especially in those sports," observed Ray Sliter, a veteran of 21 years on the Bethlehem coaching staff, the last 11 as director of athletics, health and physical education. "But I think you'll see signs of a turnaround next year. We have new head coaches in football and basketball who are knowledgeable, dedicated and enthusiastic."

Sliter also points to BC's six championships during the current school year, six of some 22 sports in which the 11 boys were No. 1 in swimming and boys were No. 1 in swimming and volleyball, BC girls in tennis, field hockey, volleyball and cross-country.

Under John Sodergren, Bethlehem won two Suburban Council football games for the first time in five years, tied another, and expects a large turnout of candidates in the fall. Sodergren with enthusiastic support from a community booster group, has expanded the weight room where athletes build strength and muscle during the off-seasons, and has been working closely with the Bethlehem Pop Warner program, not coaching players, but helping Pop Warner coaches.

In basketball, one of the sports where BC has an "outside" head coach, Gary Przybylo has put almost as much time in program development as in tutoring the varsity. Przybylo, a state employee, coached the BC jayvees before being appointed varsity coach a year ago.

Handicapped by more inexperienced players than the usual quota confronting coaches, Przybylo decided early in the season to look one year ahead in developing a winning team. He concentrated on a small crop of juniors, consistently sending in an all-junior starting lineup.

"Coaches look at their teams in different ways," says Sliter. "Some feel seniors deserve to be starters or should have a lot of playing time. Others select the most talented players. Of course, when you get into a championship situation, you've got to go with your best."

At the same time, Sliter points out, "there are only a certain number of quality athletes to go around," and with enrollment, the law of averages favors the larger schools in sports where team depth is a critical factor:

In recent years, a number of the better all-around athletes have tended to specialize in one sport, some two at the most. But lately he has seen a swing the other way. Examples:

• Jeff Guinn, one of the Capital District's outstanding soccer players who hopes to continue his playing career in college next year, came out for volleyball as a senior and helped the 1983 Eagles win the league title. Guinn is also a good quarter-miler on the track team.

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• Dave Talmage, a three-year varsity tennis player and a consistent winner in the singles lineup, tried his hand at football last fall. He was a regular in the defensive secondary and did the place kicking.

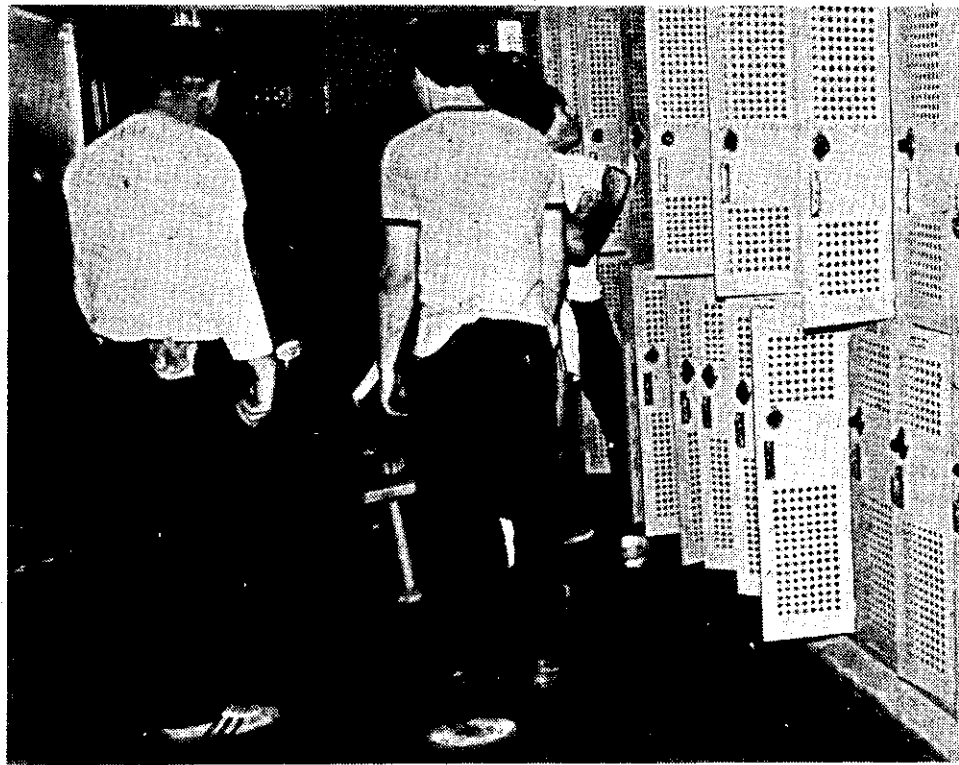
The tendency to specialize is less prevalent among the girls, which accounts for BC girls teams having a better winning record overall than the boys.

"When good athletes in a small school don't play two, three sports, you're hurting," says Sliter.

But is winning that important? Does a school give priority to producing competitive athletes and trophy-winning teams, or should it be content to provide a full recreational program in interscholastic sports? What is the administration's attitude?

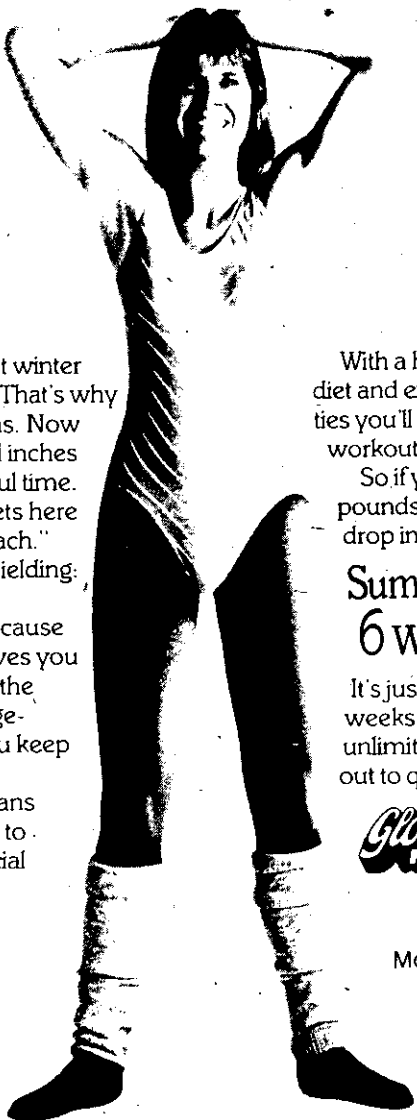
Those questions translate into one word: coaching. Like grocery-shelf items, fabricated products, materials and workmanship in the American scene, there's the question of quality. How does a school find and retain coaches who know their sport, coaches who are serious and dedicated, coaches with the knack of motivating athletes, of teaching advanced skills, of developing star performers and consistently winning teams?

Next week: The pluses and minuses of Bethlehem's coaching situation, the administration's view, and the role of community support programs in the competitive picture.



Parents and players lent a helping hand Saturday tearing out a wall at BCHS to make way for an expanded weight room that varsity football coach John Sodergren hopes will give some extra might to the Eagles come September. *On the cover: Bethlehem softball pitcher Mary Malone fogs a fast one past a Scotia batter en route to a 6-1 victory. It was the senior star's fourth win in five varsity starts after compiling a 15-1 record in two years on the jayvees.* Spotlight — Tom Howes

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BC nine points to season end

Back-to-back losses to Mohonasen, defending league and A-B Sectional champions, ran Bethlehem Central's baseball escutcheon to 0-9 last week. The Eagles have two scheduled games at home this week, Wednesday with Guilderland and Friday with Shaker, and makeup games Tuesday and Thursday before winding up their 1983 season at Burnt Hills next Tuesday.

Mohonasen won the Thursday game in Delmar, 7-2, getting all seven runs in the first three innings. On Friday in the return engagement at Rotterdam, the score was 7-1.

"We played with enthusiasm," commented John Sodergren, BC football coach who guided the team Friday in place of Art Ritchko, out of town to attend a cousin's graduation. "Rob Kistler did a fine job (pitching) and deserved a better fate. We had only two errors, but they came at bad times, and Mohonsen got key hits when they needed them."

Run for the music

The Albany Symphony Orchestra's Vanguard support organization plans its "Fun Run 83" for Sunday, May 22, in Albany. Both the 10-kilometer and 5-kilometer races will begin at the Palace Theater, Clinton Ave., and end at the Corning Riverside Park. The \$5 entry fee (\$2 for ages 12 and under and 65 and over) and registration form must be mailed by May 12.

For forms, call 465-4755. Runners also may register in person May 21, noon to 4 p.m. at Capital Rep's Market Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, where the first 200 entrants will receive a free T-shirt. Day-of-the-race registration will be 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Market Theatre.

Hits tree, charged

Bethlehem police arrested a Troy man Saturday night for driving while intoxicated after his car ran off Glenmont Rd. and hit a tree. The driver, who was alone, was not hurt. Two local residents were also arrested by town police on DWI charges last week, one on Rt. 85 and the other on Elsmere Ave. near Fernbank, after they were stopped for traffic infractions.

Church Softball Results, May 12

St. Thomas 10, Delmar Reformed 0, Bethany 9, Albany 7
Presbyterian 7, Methodist 0
Glenmont 31, St. Thomas II 2
New Scotland 11, Beth. Community 6
Wynants 9, Voorhees. 8
Clarksville 29, Westerlo 0

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Bethany	3	0	Wynantskill	2	1
Glenmont	3	0	Del. Refor.	1	2
Presby.	3	0	Westerlo	0	2
St. Thomas	3	1	Albany	0	3
Clarksville	2	1	Beth. Com.	0	3
Methodist	2	1	St. Thom. II	0	3
N. Scotland	2	1	Voorhees.	0	3

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Standings May 15

Senior League

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Owens Corn	2	1
Applebee	1	1
CPM	1	1
K-Mart	0	2

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Andriano's	1	2	Robt's Real	1	2
P. Greenleaf	0	3	Meyers B.	1	3

Intermediate League

American	W	L	National	W	L
Sutter's Mill	3	0	Buenau's	3	0
Main Care	2	1	Paper Mill	2	1
Ans. Serv.	2	1	Stewart's	1	3
Handy A.	1	2	Keystone	0	3
Gen. Elect.	0	3			

Junior League

	W	L		W	L
McDonald's	4	0	Klersy Real	1	2
Paine-Web	2	1	Davis Off.	0	2
Wind. Flor.	2	1	Emp. Con.	0	3
Ties — Davies 2, Klersy, Empire.					

On Albany stage

Two Delmar residents have featured roles in the Albany Civic Theater production of *Heaven Can Wait* opening tonight (Wednesday) and running through May 29.

They are Don Squire, 69 Huntersfield Rd., owner of a telephone answering service, and Carole Lillis, 103 Meadowland St., a housewife and part-time librarian at the library media center in Altamont.

Tickets for the performance Wednesday through Saturday night and Sunday matinees are on sale at the theater box office and at Community Box Offices.

BC puts doubles trouble behind for Sectionals

By Julie Ann Sosa

The going has been getting even tougher of late for the Bethlehem Central tennis team (7-5). It clung to second place in the Gold Division by finishing last week with a three-match winning streak that hopefully will buoy the team through the Suburban Council round-robin tournament this week.

Shaker, Council co-strongman with Shenendehowa, didn't even let BC get close (8-1) last Monday. No. 4 singles Tim Talmage, a year-round varsity athlete undefeated in his last six matches, had to work hard for his win, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5. In defeat, No. 1 Mike Cole forced his match to three sets, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

But it is last Tuesday, when BC was pitted against a mediocre Scotia team, that will go down in the annals among "moments to forget." The six BC doubles players are new to the team this year, and when three of them were out ill on the same day, BC lost, 5-4. The brothers Cole, Charlie Marden and Talmage all won decisively, only to see the doubles beaten. The No. 2 team of Ben Walter and substitute Philip Kaminsky went

down fighting in the pivotal three-set decision.


Bethlehem coasted from then on. It downed Burnt Hills twice, 7-2 and 6-3. Burnt Hills, in turn, beat the Scotia team that took advantage of the BC sick leave earlier. Andy Saidel, the No. 3 singles baseliner, met his match in John Conline. He lost their first meeting by 7-5, 6-2, but studied his opponent's strategy to force the rematch to 6-7, 7-6, 6-3.

Saratoga fell, 6-3, to Bethlehem as Marden, Saidel and Jay Simard registered love sets. Again BC doubles came up short.

The Suburban Council tournament will be played at Burnt Hills and Shenendehowa this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Coach Julie Wendth can take four singles and four doubles players with her. She can mix and match her existing ladder to compensate for her doubles' weaknesses.

On Monday BC travels to Guilderland for the last regular season encounter. Only the four Council teams with the best records will be invited to Sectionals at SUNYA next week.

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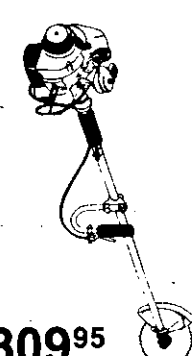
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Dick Lennon, pitching for Voorheesville, had Academy batters swinging (after the first inning), but in the fifth his mound opponent got this one past him. Tom Howes

It's uphill to Sectionals

An even split in four league games last week has left Voorheesville with the difficult — but not impossible — task of having to win six of the last seven games to qualify for the Sectional baseball tournament.

The Blackbirds showed enough good pitching and hitting to have a chance, but it's a slim one unless they can put it all together and also shore up their inner defense. When Jim Meacham or Dick Lennon is pitching, that takes away a dependable infielder.

The Birds divided a back-to-back pair with Mechanicville last week, losing 5-3 at home and winning 3-1 on the road. They stopped Lansingburgh, 5-3, last Thursday, then succumbed to Albany Academy's undefeated machine by 10-4.

They have a Colonial Council game every day this week, plus a doubleheader at Waterford next Tuesday on the final day of the regular season. With such a tight schedule, and the necessity of a .500 record as a ticket to the Sectionals, the

Blackbirds at 2-7 in the league could lose out if a game is washed off the card by rain. The only home game left is a Thursday date with Watervliet (4 p.m.).

In the Wednesday meeting at Mechanicville, Gerry McNamara had a 2-hit shutout and a 3-0 lead going into the sixth. Then the natives got restless. With one run in, two out and two on, Coach Bob Crandall brought in Meacham, and the blond senior slammed the door with a strikeout and a double play ball. Meacham permitted no further foolishness in the seventh, facing four batters and giving up one hit.

"Gerry did a super job against a good hitting team," Crandall said. The Blackbirds didn't do much thumping themselves, getting only four safeties, but Brian Rubin had a two-run single in the third inning that made the difference.

Brett Hotaling went the distance against Lansingburgh Thursday, fanning eight while walking only three in his first varsity start. The big sophomore was

tapped for nine hits, but was the beneficiary of Voorheesville's best defense of the campaign. Chris Hogan chased three runs home with two hits, and Meacham had two singles for one run.

There wasn't much that could be done about Academy. The Cadets, with eight seniors in the lineup, may be the best scholastic ball team within 40 miles. They jumped on Dick Lennon, Voorheesville's hard-luck pitcher of the year, in the first inning, and with a couple of hits and three errors took a 5-run lead before the Blackbirds could get their hands on a cudgel.

Poor Richard, At Mechanicville he was 1-1 in the fourth when three infield bobbles did him in. On Friday he was cutting the corners and mixing up his pitches, but the Cadets have good hitters right down to No. 8.

McNamara pitched the last four frames and yielded three runs, a creditable job against that crew.

The Blackbirds got their four runs on what for them was an explosion in the third, all on solid hitting. With two out, Dave Haaf and John Ryan strung singles together. Hogan got a life on a bobble, loading the bases. Rubin delivered two runs on a single, and John Schultz drove in two more with another safety.

Pitching off-target

Weak pitching has had a negative effect on Voorheesville's softball team — too many walks have given up too many runs, and the team's winning record is slipping away.

Last Wednesday the Blackbirds lost to Lansingburgh, 21-12. On Thursday they gave up 21 walks in the first inning and lost to Schalmont, 20-11.

Patty Martin had a triple and two singles and Karen Trieber hit well. Due to many postponements due to weather, the season has been extended one week.

Jenny Kurkjian

Blackbird netters show their depth

By Peter Fisch

Once again, the depth of the Voorheesville tennis squad showed as they blanked Lansingburgh, 7-0, and scuttled Watervliet, 6-1, boosting their league record to 6-2 and their overall record to 7-2.

In each match, nine different netters were used by the Blackbirds, who are presently in sole possession of second place in the Colonial Council.

Senior standout Alex Saez remained undefeated against Colonial Council opponents as he was victorious versus Lansingburgh 6-0, 6-0, and Watervliet, 6-3, 6-0. Saez is almost assured the top seed in the singles competition at the league tournament at Albany Academy Wednesday (today) and Thursday. Also representing the Blackbirds in the singles will be either Brian McKenna or Rick Lennox, who were scheduled to play each other for the spot.

In the doubles, defending tournament champions Ed Volkwein and Pete Zeh will attempt to win a second title. Their combination registered an 8-3 victory against Watervliet. In addition, Kevin Seim and Dave Carver, who finished third at the tournament last season, will also be teaming up.

The top five netters in the doubles and singles advance to the Sectionals at SUNY in two weeks.

At Lansingburgh, Ed Volkwein (6-0, 6-2), Seim (6-0, 6-2), Lennox (6-0, 6-1), and Tom Ubbens (6-2, 6-2) brought home singles victories. Zeh and Carver combined for an 8-5 doubles victory in addition to an 8-1 doubles win by McKenna and Jim Volkwein.

Playing host to Watervliet, Seim (6-2, 6-1), Carver (6-1, 6-4), Lennox (6-0, 6-2), and Jim Volkwein (6-1, 6-2) all won their singles.

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Danny Orleans

Up in the air at BC

Danny Orleans, Magician, will be presenting "Perception Plus" on Tuesday, May 24, for grades three, four and five at 9:45 a.m. at the Bethlehem Central High School.

He will be challenging the eyes of his viewers by dramatizing principles of misdirection and human perception. The importance of careful observation is emphasized as he helps students distinguish reality from illusion. Real life deceptions such as advertising, and clothing styles are discussed to show that our perception of the world is often distorted.

On Wednesday, May 25, Danny Orleans will present "Magic Over The Rainbow" for grades one, two and to three combination at 9:45 a.m. at the Bethlehem Central High school. Drawing heavily on his experience as an

elementary school teacher; Orleans' presentation is a combination of entertainment and education. Basic concepts of colors, numbers and language skills will be reinforced using magical effects, comedy, and audience participation.

Orleans has become one of the nation's most popular and busiest children's magicians. Born in New Jersey, he began magic as a hobby when he was 10 years old. He has a B.S. in education from Northwestern University in Chicago. He performed last year at the Bethlehem Central Middle School, where he was well received.

"Things That Go Bump" author in Delmar

Louis C. Jones, dean of New York State folklorists, will be at Lincoln Hill Books, 163 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Saturday May 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. to autograph his recent republished classic on the ghosts of New York State: *Things That Go Bump In The Night*.

Jones is director emeritus of the New York State Historical Association and its Farmers' Museum and is also the author of the Albany book *Murder at Cherry Hill* and *Three Eyes on the Past: Exploring New York Folklife*, both published last year. All three of his books will be available at Lincoln Hill Books.

'A Beaver's Fever'

An outdoor study of the life of the beaver is scheduled for Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Tuesday, May 24, at 7 p.m. "A Beaver's Fever" will investigate the spring behavior of the state mammal, drawing upon the historical, ecological, and socio-economic significance of this animal to the Capital District. The program is open to the public and is free of charge. An outdoor program is scheduled in case of bad weather. Outdoor apparel is suggested.

GARAGE SALES

TAILGATE SALE, Saturday, May 21, 10-4, Bethlehem Historical Association, Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk.

GARAGE SALE and bake sale, 61 Adams Place, Sat., May 21, 9-2:30. By Friends of Cub Scout Pack 258.

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181 ADAMS ST., May 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Furniture, household misc.

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22 COMMONWEALTH DR., Glenmont (Chad. Sq.), May 21, 10 till? Furniture, antiques, freezer & more. Everything must go!

MAY 20 & 21, 9-3, 67 Feura Bush Rd., Delmar. Humidifier, stereos, household items.

MOVING: May 21-22, 9 a.m., 86 Tarrytown Rd., Clarksville (follow signs). Antiques and collectibles, furniture, household, toys, beds and lots of misc. Rain or shine.

COMMUNITY garage sale, Sat., May 21, 9-4. Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Tpk. Refreshments available.

SAT., May 21, 9-2, 433 Kenwood. 3 families, radio, stereo, kitchen items, grill, clothes, toys, baby items, more.

YARD SALE-Sat. & Sun., May 21 & 22, 9-4 McCombe Dr. (off Feura Bush Rd.) Several families, lots of bargains.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE PLANNING BOARD
Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of New Scotland, N.Y. will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Article 7, Section 7.401 of the Zoning Ordinance on the following proposition:
Special Use Request No. 246
Request of George Miller to divide his Single Family Dwelling, thereby creating a Two Family Dwelling. Property is owned by Mr. Miller and is situated as follows: South side of Krumkill Road, Town of New Scotland, N.Y.
Said Hearing will take place on the 24th day of May 1983 at the New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, N.Y., beginning at 7:45 p.m.

Dated May 13, 1983
Robert Cook
Chairman Planning Board
(May 18)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE PLANNING BOARD
Notice is hereby given that the

LEGAL NOTICE

Planning Board of the Town of New Scotland, N.Y. will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Article 7, Section 7.401 of the Zoning Ordinance on the following proposition:
Special Use Request No. 247
Request of Leonard C. Smith to establish a kennel on property upon which he has a contract to purchase. Property, now owned by William C. Smith is part of the Barney Geel farm and is situated as follows: East side of Rt. 32, Town of New Scotland, N.Y.
Said Hearing will take place on the 24th day of May 1983 at the New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, N.Y., beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Dated May 13, 1983
Robert Cook
Chairman Planning Board
(May 18)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 11 day of May, 1983 duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolu-

LEGAL NOTICE

tion, an abstract of which is as follows:

A parcel of real property located in the Town of Bethlehem with an approximate 60 foot frontage on the Hudson River and extending back therefrom approximately 130 feet, which said property is adjacent to property presently owned by the Town of Bethlehem known as Henry Hudson Park at Cedar Hill, has been offered for sale. The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem is desirous of purchasing said real property for the purpose of extending such park for the benefit of all residents of the Town.

Said resolution authorizes the Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem to enter into a contract of purchase and sale of said real property for a purchase price of not to exceed \$6,000.00 and that said purchase price together with a sum sufficient to cover incidental closing costs and expenses to be paid by the Town of Bethlehem from its current reserve for recreational facilities.

Said resolution is subject to a permissive referendum under the provisions of Article VII of the Town Law, and petitions protesting against such resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the electors of the Town of Bethlehem for their approval or disapproval may be filed with the Town Clerk at any time within thirty days after the date of the adoption of said resolution.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem
Dated: May 11, 1983.
Marion T. Camp
Town Clerk of the Town of Bethlehem,
New York
(May 18)

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA (Pursuant to section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law)

Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information which will appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Bethlehem which will be filed on or before June 1, 1983. The information may be reviewed, by appointment, in the Assessor's Office at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the assessor at 518-439-4955 Ext. 53.

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John F. Thompson
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Thurs., May 19	Track, Boys, Guilderland, Home	Track, Girls, Col. Coun. Meet 3:00 Tennis, C.C.T. Finals 3:30	Track, Girls, Col. Coun. Champ. at Cohoes Tennis, Col. Coun. Tourn.
Fri., May 20	Softball, Saratoga, Away 3:45 Track, Girls, S.C. Var. Champ. at Saratoga	Baseball, Cohoes, Away 4:00 Tennis, Schalmont, Home 4:00	Baseball, Waterford, Away 3:30
Sat., May 21	Track, Boys, Eddy Meet at Union	Track, Boys, Eddy Meet at Union	
Mon., May 23	Baseball, Burnt Hills, Away 3:45 Softball, Guilderland, Home 3:45 Track, Girls, Pentathlon St. Qual. at Gloversville	Track, Girls, Novice Meet at Lansingburgh	Track, Girls, Novice Meet at Lansingburgh
Tues., May 24	Track, Boys, S.C. Var. Champ. at Niskayuna Track, Girls, S.C. Jr. Var. Champ. at Shenendehowa	Track, Boys, Col. Coun. Relays	Track, Boys, Col. Coun. Relays at Cohoes 3:00

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Flag etiquette

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is timely to bring flag etiquette to the attention of the community for the occasion of the Memorial Day Parade on May 30.

The Flag Code is a public law. It was last amended and approved by the United States Congress in 1976. Section 5 of the Code states: "...when the flag is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present except those in uniform should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. Those present in uniform should render the military salute. When not in uniform men should remove their headdress with the right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Aliens should stand at attention. The salute to the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes."

Alexander J. Woehrl

Delmar

Defending Tier 3

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently you ran a letter to the editor from the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey Inc. regarding Tier 3.

The article is inaccurate. Absolutely no Tier 3 employee can have "100 percent of take home pay upon retirement after 30 years of service."

The first point to clarify is that a Tier 3 employee's benefit has a maximum of 30 years of service. If a member starts employment at age 18, at age 48, they may continue to work, but receive no further retirement service credits. This is not the case of Tier 1 and Tier 2.

Furthermore a Tier 3 member is limited to a maximum of 60 percent of his final average salary. This 60 percent is further reduced by the Social Security

payable for all government service. Should an employee choose early retirement, their benefit is also reduced up to as much as an additional 30 percent.

Most Tier 3 members do not object to the 3 percent contribution and are willing to contribute to their retirement. Their objection is to the Social Security offset. If your Tier 3 pension is \$1,500 and your Social Security pension is \$3,000, then one half of your Social Security is \$1,500 and this effectively wipes out your New York State pension and you get nothing. This is very important to the lower salaried workers who make up the majority of the retirement system.

The 3 percent contribution is not the issue. The issue at hand is the Social Security offset and the penalty for contribution to two required pension systems — New York State Retirement System and the Social Security system.

Kathleen A. Nowak
Cheryl Kerr-Childs
Mary Shruan
Shirley V. Boughton
(Employees, New York State Retirement System)

Delmar

Too much zeal?

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Police have irritated another supporter - me. I have received a ticket for parking in front of my own house on an out-of-the-way residential street. The car is in violation because it is not inspected and has no plates. The car is unlicensed because it is not in use. Because it is not in use we prefer not to pay insurance. To cancel insurance one must, by law, surrender the license plate. It's as simple as that. We hope to sell the car. Until then we decided to move (push, honest! not drive) it to the street for better access to the garage and because we plan to resurface the driveway. I suppose we could shove it into the yard damaging the lawn and prompting neighbor complaints. In explaining the situation to the police, I was treated politely but told they couldn't help. In a call to Town Court, I encountered a rude, insulting woman who told me I can pay now or explain to the judge next week. By then I'll probably have more tickets.

When we moved to Bethlehem, I was very impressed with the efficient, friendly responses of our police. Since then my

reactions have varied between admiration, amusement and irritation. Programs for bicycle safety and drunk drivers have been superb. Whether five police cars showing up for a bicycle accident is excellence or excess, I've not yet decided. Mob-the-Mothers-Month was rather funny. Suddenly, numerous women in our neighborhood were complaining of being stopped, usually with a carload of kids for hard-to-be-sure offenses like hesitation stops. Then there was the time a police car was constantly hovering around a newly installed stop sign. In view of the timing, they weren't after reckless scofflaws. Their targets were locals apt to be taken by surprise with a new sign. Come on guys! That's not nice.

I was sincerely angry for a young teenage friend cited for speeding as he approached the Rt. 9W bridge to Albany. According to the driver and a passenger, the boy had slowed to 30 by the time he reached the bridge. I don't know. I wasn't there. However, I do know that the speed limit changes abruptly from 55 to 30 or 35 just before the bridge. Check your own speed next time you cross that bridge. If you have managed to slow to 30 at a time other than rush hour, check your rear view mirror. You are about to be hit from behind. That is one spot where compliance with the law can be a safety hazard depending on traffic flow.

None of us likes getting tickets but we can usually rationalize them as being for our own protection in the long run. However, there are these incidents to leave us wondering if police motivation is mainly to keep us alert and protected. Sometimes they really seem to be stretching to find something, anything to hassle someone about. Often simple warnings or even looking away will more nearly satisfy justice and the actual intent of the law than a ticket. Do they really have to fill ticket quotas or do they just get bored and belligerent sometimes?

Normally, I do believe our police force consists of good men doing a good job. Nonetheless, there is sometimes a fine line between being a source of community confidence and being a community nuisance. By ignoring that line too often, our police can damage public image and support.

Phyllis Braga

Delmar

A police officer's job is to make arrests or issue tickets to persons who he feels have violated the law. Many officers use their own judgement on whether to issue a citation or a simple warning in certain situations, although they are bound to enforce the law when a complaint is made.

We invited Capt. Robert Foster, currently the highest ranking officer in the Bethlehem Police Department, to comment on your letter for publication. He declined to make a statement. Ed.

Cheese giveaway Monday

The final distribution of cheese by Albany County will take place on Monday, May 23, and will be the last for 1983. Local distribution sites are the Bethlehem Town Hall (2-4 p.m.), Unionville Reformed Church (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) and St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.). For information, call 447-7000.

Photo IDs for seniors

There will be a Photo I.D. program for senior citizens of the Town of Bethlehem at the Senior Citizens Organization meeting, Thursday, May 19, in room 106 at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Senior I.D. photos will be taken from 1 to 3 p.m.

I.D.'s which will be available include Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department-issued cards, half-fare bus I.D. cards and "discount cards" issued by the Albany County Department for Aging. There is a \$1 fee for the bus I.D. and a \$2 fee for the discount card, which is honored by many area merchants.

Car wash planned

The Faith Lutheran Church annual car wash to benefit the South Bethlehem Ambulance Squad and the Food Pantry will be held Saturday, May 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Keller's Mobil Station on the corner of Rt. 9W and Feura Bush Rd. in Glenmont. The North East New York Branch of Lutheran Brotherhood has agreed to co-sponsor this event and match dollar-for-dollar local donations.

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Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

May 15, 1958

The new Glenmont Community Church (Reformed) will have its first worship service in the church on Sunday. The Rev. Harvey W. Noordsy has accepted the call to become the first pastor of the church, and is moving this week from Walkkill, N. Y.

May 16, 1963

Mike Lephart, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lephart, 4 McMillen Pl., Delmar set a new state swimming record when he won the 50-yard freestyle in the YMCA state championship meet at Oneonta. The previous weekend Mike won all of the five events he entered at an AAU-sponsored meet at the University of Vermont.

The Bethlehem Central Alumni Association will present an evening of barber-shop harmony with quartets and choruses from various parts of the Capitol District.

May 16, 1968

Plans for the relocation of Kenwood Ave. and elimination of the Bridge St. overpass spanning the D&H track in Slingerlands have been favorably received by state officials following a public hearing. The project, which is tied to the development of the proposed Slingerlands By-pass, also calls for construction of a new four-lane highway that would extend Cherry Ave. from its present terminus at Kenwood Ave. to New Scotland Rd., eventually to intersect the By-pass. The project is scheduled for completion late in 1969.

May 18, 1978

Homeowners in the Salem Hills subdivision in Voorheesville are girding for a showdown fight against a proposed boost in the development's sewerage fees. The private utility seeks an increase from the present fee of \$10 per month per household.

In Slingerlands The Spotlight is sold at Toll Gate, Snuffy's, Stonewell, Falvo's and Hoogy's.



Mrs. Thomas J. Lyons



Mrs. Stephen L. Flansburg

Local couple wed

Linda Scott Foresman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Y. Foresman of Delmar, was married Saturday in the First United Methodist Church, Delmar, to Thomas Joseph Lyons, son of Dr. and Mrs. John J. Lyons of Feura Bush.

Maid of honor was Molly Foresman, a sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Foresman, sister of the bride, Holly Warner and Marlene Lyons. The bridegroom's twin brother, Richard, was best man. Ushers were Robert and Kenneth Lyons, brothers of the bridegroom, and Peter Foresman, brother of the bride.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is a waitress at the Turf Inn. The bridegroom also graduated from Bethlehem Central and is manager of the Holiday Inn in Saratoga. The couple will live in East Greenbush.

Wins essay contest

Dennis McKenna of Delmar, a junior at Christian Brothers Academy, Albany is the winner of a CBA school essay contest commemorating the 75th anniversary of the U.S. Army Reserve. He was presented with a plaque at the annual Mother's Day Review at Christian Brothers Academy and his essay has been submitted to the national finals.

Bride in Delmar

Theresa Maura LaBarge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. LaBarge of Delmar, and Stephen L. Flansburg, son of Mrs. Nancy Peck of Delmar and Gary Flansburg of Berne, were married Saturday in a candlelight service at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar.

Maid of honor was Sheila Murray and junior maid of honor was Eileen LaBarge, the bride's sister. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Kelly, Susan Ira and Cathy Flansburg, sister of the bridegroom. Edward Kacznski was best man, and

ushers were Matthew LaBarge, brother of the bride; David Ira and Thomas and Gary Flansburg, brothers of the bridegroom.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is a senior stenographer for the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc., in Albany. The bridegroom, also a Bethlehem Central graduate, is a manager for D.L. Movers, Delmar. The couple will live in Ravena.

Photo workshop offered

"Photography: A Way Of Seeing," a workshop by professional photographer Mark Van Wormer, will be presented free on Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Designed for amateur photographers and camera enthusiasts this program explores the use of lighting, scale and camera angle to communicate ideas and feelings as well as the basics of good composition.

Mark Van Wormer is a freelance photographer and part-time instructor in photography and visual arts at the Emma Willard School. His work has appeared in a number of exhibits and shows including Pratt Institute, New York, Rensselaer County Council on the Arts Gallery and the Center Gallery, Albany. The program is sponsored by the Upper Hudson Library Federation with support from the New York State Council on the Arts.

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A benefit in Delmar

Bargain hunters will love the giant garage sale planned for Saturday by the Albany Panhellenic Association. More than 100 families have contributed items for the sale, which will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 39 Alden Court, Delmar.

Proceeds will go into Panhellenic's scholarship fund, which last year gave awards to four college students. Winners of scholarships this year will be announced in June.

Browsers and bargain hunters should plan to attend Saturday's event.

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Girls' softball is one of the bright spots in the Bethlehem Central sports picture this year, but for the so-called "major sports" this hasn't been a year to remember. Nat Boynton takes a hard look at BC's sports program in a two-part report starting this week.

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