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Ambulance district law passed

Deer hunting, IDA also pass

A bill that would allow the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service to re-establish itself on the same independent basis as fire districts is awaiting Gov. Mario Cuomo's signature.

Town officials and members of the ambulance company hope the new law will allow the financially ailing organization to become self-sufficient, with its own taxing power, but avoid the cumbersome town controls that are necessary under the present law.

The bill is one of three important to

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Bethlehem residents passed by the Legislature in the session that ended last month. A law that will permit shotgun hunting of deer in the part of Bethlehem south of Feura Bush Rd. and west of Rt. 144, as well as in parts of the Town of Coeymans, has already been signed by Gov. Cuomo. That law, designed to keep area deer populations down, goes into effect this fall, according to a state Environmental Conservation official.

The legislature has also passed a bill

extending the life of the Bethlehem Industrial Authority, which had been due to go out of existence because it had issued no bonds in the previous 10 years. Supervisor Tom Corrigan said he had recently been asked to comment on the bill by Cuomo's office, and had sent a letter supporting it. Bethlehem recently received its first IDA application, for a tank farm on Rt. 144.

The bill allowing the creation of volunteer ambulance districts was not passed for Bethlehem, although the town's interest may have helped move it through the legislature. According to Charles W. Wheeler, Jr., a South Bethlehem resident who has been very

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Suspension is voided

By Tom McPheeters

Wayne LaChappelle, the Bethlehem police officer suspended this spring, has been found guilty by the town board of 22 charges of failing to make correct entries on his time sheets, but innocent of five charges of taking excessive time. And the board decided that a formal reprimand was "sufficient" punishment for LaChappelle's actions, which means the officer will be paid for the 30 days he was on suspension.

The charges, all of which related to time LaChappelle took off during his "lunch hour" (he generally works the night shift), were filed in May by now-retired Capt. Robert Foster, according to Supervisor Tom Corrigan. Foster gave no explanation for filing the formal charges, Corrigan said, and soon after retired. He had been the department's highest ranking uniformed officer and had the title of acting police chief.

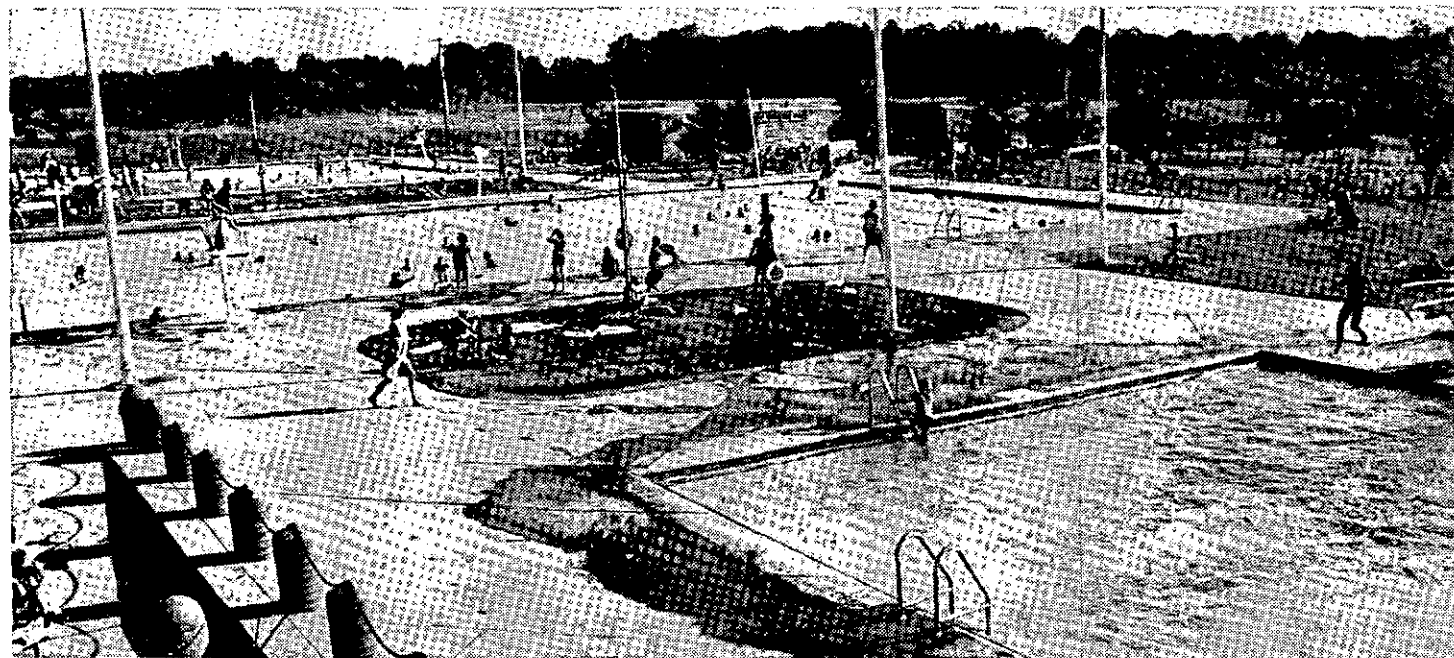
Corrigan said Friday that since he and Safety Commissioner Ralph Tipple had been involved in an earlier, informal discussion of the charges with Foster and LaChappelle, neither of them could act as hearing officer once formal charges had been filed. The hearing procedure is mandated by state civil service law, he said.

Instead, the town board hired attorney Paul Vella to act as hearing officer, and Vella spent two days taking testimony. His recommendation was delivered to the board at an executive session following its regular meeting last Wednesday, and, according to Corrigan, included the finding that LaChappelle could not be found guilty on the charges involving taking too much time for his lunch break.

"There was some question about whether it was authorized," Corrigan said. "It was a gray area." LaChappelle's time was correctly recorded on the department's own logs, and it was established that he was in contact with the dispatcher by phone, Corrigan said.

Vella recommended a written reprimand, to be placed in LaChappelle's file, and a fine not to exceed \$100. The town board decided that the reprimand was "sufficient," Corrigan said.

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Summer means swimming at the Town of Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park

Tom Howes photos

A park planned by and for the people

Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park is 10 years old this year. Lorraine Smith, a relative newcomer to town and a mother active in a drive to get a children's playground at the park, explored how the park got started. Ed.

By Lorraine Smith

It is one of the finest swimming competition facilities in the area — so good the U.S. Adirondack District Swimming Championships came to Bethlehem 10 years ago and has come back every year since. It is host to countless tennis tournaments, ball games, soccer games, road races and more.

But Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park draws 100,000 people every year — better than 4 visits for every resident of the town — and for most competition is secondary. In 10 years, the park has become the center of many summers, its expansive facilities complemented by a dazzling variety of programs and activities for all ages.

All this didn't happen overnight.

The idea for a town park came in the mid-'60's following a nationwide thrust for recreational facilities. The Town of Bethlehem recognized a dire need for summer programming for its young people as well as its senior citizens.

"The town felt that it better set aside some land for growth and recreation for the future. It needed to be sizeable enough and located within the center of

the town," recalls Bertram E. Kohinke, town supervisor at the time. So the Bethlehem Recreation Committee, residents with expertise in all aspects of park planning, was established. Committees were created for land purchase, tennis court arrangements, pool planning, baseball field lay-out, programs and year-round utilization.

The master plan for the park covered every detail from initial activities to be made available, anticipated costs, to the siting of the buildings with respect to the weather, and areas that should remain wild and undeveloped. Nothing was omitted: the plans even included contouring the hills that define the ice skating area.

"The more people you get to enjoy things, the nicer it is," Kohinke reflected. "And so these committees composed of a lot of volunteers, capable, dedicated, well-trained, sought the way to do things, to answer as many questions before they were asked, and get all the bugs out."

The different groups then met with the consulting engineers, Myrick and Chevrier, retained by the town for the design and supervision of construction. George Myrick explained that his company worked with the architect to translate the recommendations of the committee into plans and specifications for the complex. The liaison between the consulting engineers and the Town was Tom

Stevenson, who emphasized the goal of this meticulous planning, "To substantiate every item, with an approach of maximum usefulness and attractiveness."

Originally the land was a farm, complete with a creek and stone walls. The initial purchase of 80 acres, less than half the present area, was made in 1970 at the cost of \$160,000. "The farm owners

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This aerial view of the Elm Ave. Park in winter shows the large skating area, center, with the warming hut at left.

Atlantic Cement accord reported

An agreement hammered out by negotiators for Atlantic Cement Corp. and the Town of Coeymans is scheduled to go before the Coeymans Town Board at a meeting Saturday. The agreement concerns Atlantic's attempt to have its \$4.18 million assessment lowered.

A professional industrial appraiser has put the full value of the plant at about \$13 million rather than the \$20 million listed by the state Department of Equalization and Assessment, and reportedly has calculated the resulting assessment as \$2.6 million.

Robert Van Slyke, director of public relations for Atlantic, said Monday that Lawrence Leonard, vice president and treasurer, represented the company in the negotiations and TenEyck Powell,

chairman of the Coeymans Board of Assessment Review, represented the town. Van Slyke said Leonard was polling each of the nine members of Atlantic's board of directors individually concerning the accord.

The *KNickerbocker News* Monday reported that the tentative agreement would reduce the company's assessment about \$600,000 the first year and \$400,000 more the second year. Van Slyke said the report was inaccurate.

Atlantic had earlier proposed to Coeymans assessors that the assessment be cut from \$4.2 million to \$3.2 million, effective May 1 this year, with a further drop to \$2.95 million next May and then to \$2.6 million in May, 1985.

The company's January town and county tax bill was \$305,428.19. Atlan-

tic's school tax bill, paid last September, was just over \$600,000. The property is in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District, which covers the southern third of the Town of Bethlehem and a corner of New Scotland.

Fireworks arrest

A 35-year-old Selkirk man was arrested by Bethlehem police last Tuesday following complaints from Selkirk residents that he sold fireworks — illegal in New York State — to youngsters on June 29. The charge of unlawfully dealing in fireworks is a misdemeanor.

Youth drinking: the reactions

A report in last week's *Spotlight* that 19 Tri-Village area youths had been arrested by Bethlehem police after a sweep of woodland drinking spots could hardly be classified as a surprise, but it did produce some reaction.

Two Delmar mothers wrote letters demanding — again — that the town provide some sort of alternative activities for teenagers (see Page 23). Another mother decided to publicize her petition to open up the Elm Ave. park in the evening, arguing that that would be a first step for a teen center. One of Bethlehem's town justices said he and his colleague are planning to use alternative sentencing procedures that could send the drinking teenagers back to clean up the areas they have littered with beer bottles and other debris. And over the weekend Bethlehem police arrested another group of teenagers for trespass, this time at the Normanside Country Club golf course.

In short, frustration with the town's youth drinking and substance abuse problem appears to be as constant as the apathy that surrounds efforts to do something about it. A survey published by the *Spotlight* earlier this year for the town Youth Advisory Council drew only 43 responses, according to Philip Maher, chairman of the council.

"There was really very little agreement on anything, to be perfectly honest," said Maher. The most common responses were for more parental control and training, and for a youth center. Maher said he does not know if the council plans to rerun the survey at some future time.

Marion Hartwick, of 39 Fairway Ave., is circulating a petition calling for keeping the town park open from 8 to 11 p.m. during the summer. She said Friday petitions at the park have already gathered 336 signatures, and she plans now to circulate them around town.

"This would at least be a first step to providing a place for wholesome social activities — eating, swimming, socializing, music — for teens that wanted to participate," she said. That sort of

Suspension

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LaChappelle had been suspended for 30 days without pay following the filing of the charges. Because of the decision, the town will be required to pay the officer for that time as if he had been working. The town will also pay Vella's fee and the other costs involved in the hearing, including the services of a court stenographer.

Corrigan said he thought the punishment was fair. "He goes through it. It's a traumatic thing, you know," he said. "He was very glad it's all over with." No appeal is expected, he said.

activity, she said, won't appeal to everybody, but "you're at least providing a place for the kids who do want an alternative." Mrs. Hartwick said persons interested in helping can call her at 439-3403 evenings.

Town Justice Roger Fritts said Monday the town courts may start providing another sort of alternative to youths arrested for minor crimes that involve property damage — the newly-formed Albany County Community Service Sentencing Program.

The program, operated through The Volunteer Center of Albany, Inc., gives judges in the county an opportunity to sentence young people in the age range of 16 to 20 to put their skills to work for a nonprofit or public agency.

The work has included clerical tasks, day care center service, aiding the Red Cross, groundskeeping and painting, and has involved 49 different nonprofit organizations to date. The number of sentenced hours has ranged from three to 152.

Albany Police Court Judge Thomas Keegan and Colonie Town Court Justice Nicholas Greisler so far have made the greatest number of referrals, but the program apparently is gaining adherents. Bethlehem Town Justice Peter Wenger has referred two persons to the Community Service Sentencing Program so far.

By Tom McPheeters

Mylod honored

Jim Mylod, vice president of the Albany Office of Ocean Data Systems, Inc., was honored recently by fellow employees on reaching 10 years of service with the firm.

During the party at Ocean Data's building on the Washington Ave. Extension in Albany, Mylod was presented with a plaque and subjected to a "roast." Ocean Data was located in Glenmont until moving to the present location two years ago.

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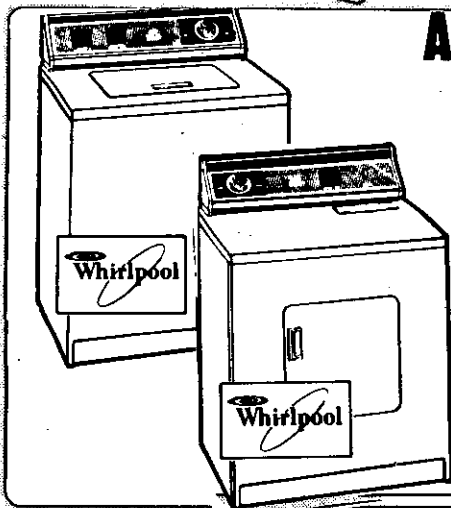
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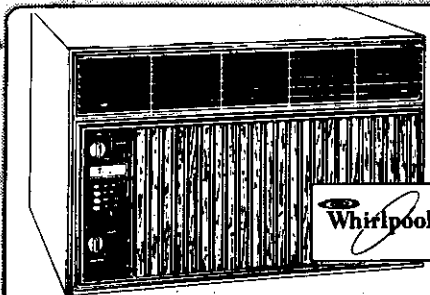


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□ Elm Ave. Park

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were very charitable in their price because the land was going to be developed for their town," Kohinke said. Except for some Federal Revenue Sharing Funds which were used to purchase the portion of land acquired in 1973, all of the funds came from the town itself.

The last 40-acre parcel was added in 1980 to make the present total of 170 acres in what is the exact geographic center of Bethlehem. "The town had been setting aside tax money with the purpose of developing the park solely for the use by its residents," recalled Kohinke.

The cost of the original construction, begun in 1971, was \$1.5 million. There are still five years of debt remaining, with annual payments of \$10,500. The present value of the Elm Avenue Park is estimated at \$3 million.

The park probably is close to completion; nearly all of the original recommendations have been implemented, and those remaining would be very costly. A lighted baseball field was proposed, with a \$100,000 price tag. An artificial ice rink was planned, but based on records of nearby rinks the town itself could not support it. Also suggested was an amphitheatre with wooden benches to be built along the ravine; because of similar facilities such as SPAC the consensus is that this also could not be supported by town residents alone.

A par-3 golf course was not constructed because of the tremendous expense of maintenance. However, there are plans to build additional baseball and softball

fields behind the office building. A fitness trail was just completed last October; and a picnic pavilion is expected to be finished this fall.

The donation of the pavilion by the General Electric Foundation continues a history of contributions by local companies, service organizations, and individuals. On May 28, 1973, opening day, the Bethlehem Lions Club presented the bulletin board at the entrance to the pools.

There are now major expenses essential to maintaining the present facilities: the park follows a five-year maintenance plan with the intention of distributing funds equally over the years. The L-shaped pool needs to be resurfaced at a cost of \$20,000; the tennis fences will be realigned at approximately \$15,000, and the cost of repairing the tennis courts could be as high as \$50,000.

The park is operated on a fee-base system, recovering some \$100,000 each year from the collection of fees for many programs, parking lot tolls, snack bar profits, and partial New York State funding of the Learn to Swim program. But this is only a third of the \$250,000 to \$280,000 operating budget which covers the cost of administration, maintenance, and all other programs as well as the special events such as concerts, tournaments, puppet shows, and Family Day.

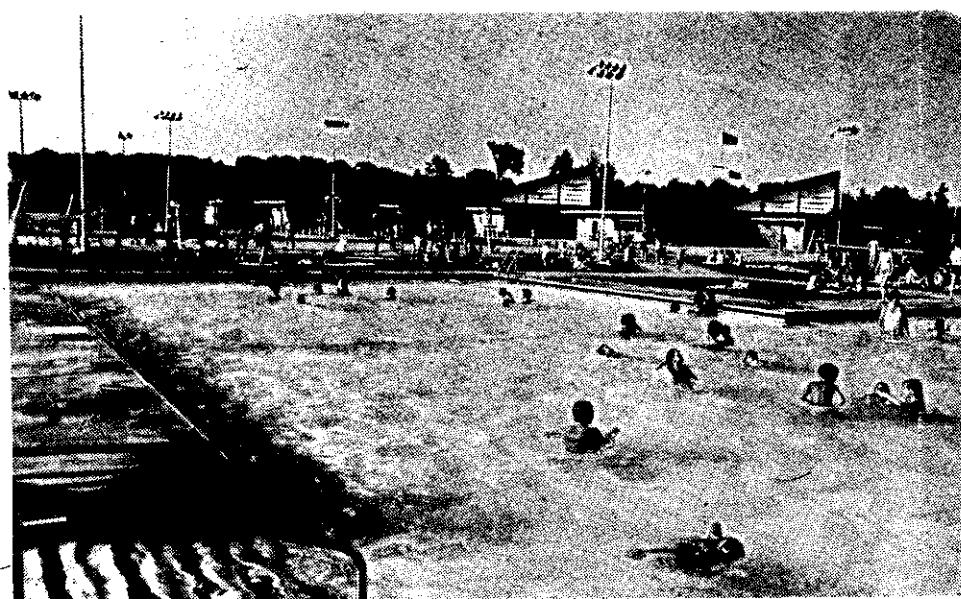
"Most of our programs have fees as low as possible for the people who can't afford higher private fees for swimming and tennis, or cross-country and ice-skating," says Parks Administrator Philip Maher. "We never have charged much on purpose because the Park was built for the full use by the residents."

The original Family Season Pass fee in 1973 was \$45, and Individual Pass fee \$25. The 1983 summer program shows no increase.

Although no program supports itself, Maher explained that costs are kept as low as possible because labor saving equipment is used to prevent excessive costs, and all items and maintenance procedures are scrutinized in a two to three tier process.

"All employees do their jobs extremely well," he continued. "We also receive a tremendous amount of services by a lot of valuable people from many organizations including Bethlehem Tennis Association, the Dolphins, the Soccer Club, Little League and the Tomboys. We are using all our resources to maximum capacity; we try to coordinate with other programs in the area and not spend money that other people are spending."

Up to 2,800 persons use the facilities



The pools at the Elm Ave. Park are swarming with swimmers of all ages during warm weather. The park has an Olympic size pool, a diving pool and a pool for younger swimmers as well as a separate area for toddlers with their own cooling-off places.

daily, and this includes the handicapped. The park is all handicapped accessible - this before such provisions were mandated. The L-shaped pool is not only designed for the handicapped with its graduated steps and handrails, but there is also a chair-lift available.

For adults who want to swim laps, there are the lane ropes in the meter pool; for preschoolers who are learning to swim there are tiny-tot classes, and for the toddler just getting acquainted with the water there are the spray pools. No age has been left out at the Town Park.

The success of this planning is the park's major problem. The popularity of the programs contributes to registration day blues, but as with any facility, there are limited resources.

"We insist on quality," explained park manager Jack Whipple, who is responsible for the selection of the swim programs among his other duties. "We must restrict the size of the classes because the success of our program depends on a small instructor to student ratio."

Whipple has been with the park since its inception. Considered the area's premiere swimming coach, he was part of the planning committee for the pool area. "The eight or nine members," he recalled, "brainstormed on every aspect of the pool. We had to consider the different pools needed, their sizes and depths, the physical layout, crowd flow for fee collection, locker room facilities, everything."

Besides a wealth of recreation, the Elm Ave. Park has also provided jobs for its residents. It is the largest temporary employer in the town. Six full time positions were created a decade ago, which has expanded to the present permanent staff of eight; but up to 200 temporary jobs are created each year - instructors, lifeguards, attendants, tennis and basketball instructors, baseball clinic coordinators and more.

As a May, 1973 *Spotlight* article extolled on opening day of the park, "Come see the miracle which has been wrought on Elm Avenue." And it's only gotten better.

The 90-cent dog

A 90-cent hotdog and 50 cents for a cup of hot tea may seem a bit steep, but actually the Town of Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park concession is operated on a "breakeven basis," according to Philip Maher, town parks and recreation department supervisor. Prices at the park food stand are based on "other fast food situations," he said. "We're not trying to make a killing on it."

Maher pointed out that the equipment in the concession stand belongs to the town and there are service and operating costs associated with it, as well as employee expenses — "costs that people don't see," he said.

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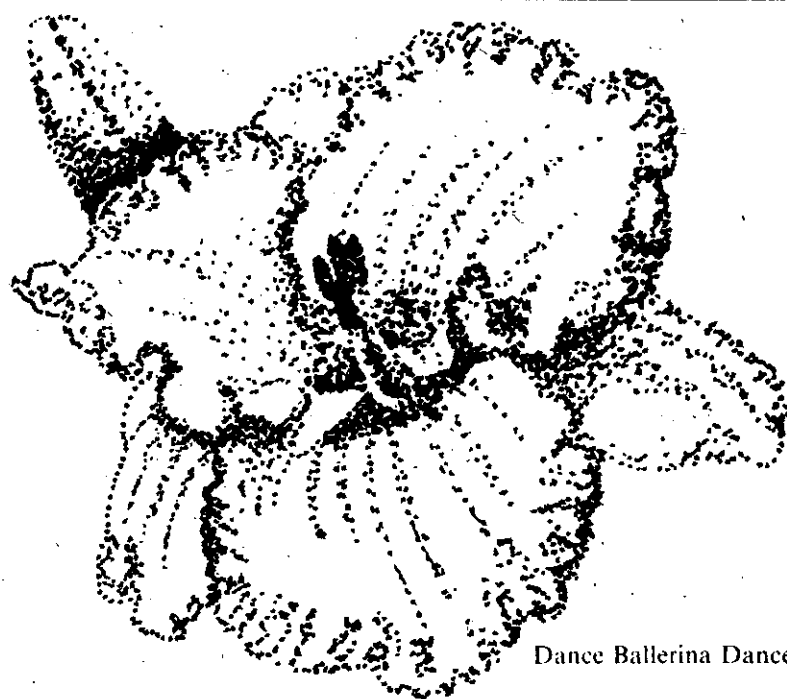
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Politics and the county jail

By Susan Guyett

There's political hay to be made out of the recently defeated Democratic proposal for additional beds at the Albany County Jail, and both sides seem to be eager for the harvest.

The issue itself is simple. Sheriff George Infante requested that 72 additional beds be built at the Colonie jail at a cost of \$1.1 million. That doomed proposal was later modified to 36 beds at a cost of \$550,000, with no better success.

While the issue itself is simple, the political games being played behind the scene are more complicated. The leadership of the majority Democratic party favored the jail expansion, but uncharacteristically forced it to a vote at the July 11 legislature meeting without being sure of victory.

Opponents of the bond resolution called for more time to study the proposal and alternatives to prison sentences.

Rather than let the matter die, the Republicans, headed by their county executive candidate Paul Burgdorf, are now calling for an Aug. 3 public hearing to study the jail issue further. They have invited Infante, probation officials, the district attorney, the county judges and the public to the 7 p.m. public hearing at the county legislative chambers.

Whether or not the hearing will occur remains to be seen. If Democratic officials refuse to let the Republicans use the county chamber, will the public question their sincerity on the need for additional beds? If the county officials invited to the hearing, most of whom are Democrats also, refuse to attend, will the Republicans then have the more political ammunition to aim at their Democratic opponents in November?

Apparently, some Democrats are moving on the issue. Incumbent Legislator Henry Dennis of Colonie has called for an emergency meeting of the legislature's Penal Committee to discuss alternatives to the jail's overcrowding. Guelderland's Thomas Callaghan, one of two Democrats who voted against the bond proposal July 11, requested

additional time for study even before the vote was taken.

So, for the time being at least, the number of beds at the Albany County Jail will remain at 402.

The expansion plan, brought to the legislature in the form of a bond resolution, failed to receive the necessary two thirds, or 26 votes, of the 39-member legislature. Two of the 13 Republicans were absent. Two Guelderland Democrats abandoned their party and voted no, bringing the measure down to defeat by a vote of 24-13.

The 72 jail bed proposal had been unanimously approved by two bipartisan committees the week before. But some behind and in-front-of-the-scenes lobbying went on and some votes changed by the time the legislature met.

Notably, Bishop Howard Hubbard of the Albany Archdiocese wrote a letter to each legislator asking them to hold off on the jail expansion.

On the quieter note, Rev. James Murphy, a member of the Schenectady County Board of Representatives, Catholic priest and prisoner advocate, personally lobbied some Albany County lawmakers. Edward Buhrmaster, R-Colonie, said Murphy spent two hours at his home on Sunday giving reasons to defeat the measure.

Opponents of the bond resolution called for more time to study the proposal and alternatives to prison sentences. Others said the close-to-capacity population at the jail was temporary. Supporters of the measure said they trusted the sheriff to know what he needed for the jail. They also argued that it is the job of the judiciary, not the legislature, to consider alternatives to incarceration.

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Finance committee chairman Harold Joyce, D-Albany, invoked the name of the absent Republican Bethlehem legislator, Edward Sargent, in his speech calling for the extra beds. Joyce said the ailing legislator offered to come to the meeting if his vote in favor of the measure was to be the deciding one. "I didn't have the

heart to bring him down here tonight," Joyce said.

Two other Bethlehem Republicans, Minority Leader W. Gordon Morris, Jr. and Sue Ann Ritchko, voted against the measure. Michael Ricci, R-Voorheesville, did not attend the meeting.

During the middle of the debate on the 72-bed expansion and without an official caucus by the Democrats, Majority Leader Richard Meyers, D-Albany, offered to cut the proposal to 36 beds, costing an estimated \$550,000. The three dozen beds was the original number Infante requested last March. The sheriff changed his request to 72 at the committee meetings in early July.

Prior to the amendment, Morris said during the debate that he would support the 36-bed expansion, provided it was paid for out of the current county budget.

After the meeting Meyers claimed politics brought the bond resolution to defeat. With all 39 members up for reelection, Meyers said he doubted another resolution would come before the legislature before the elections. "Between now and November, things will just get worse, not better," he said.

Following the defeat, Infante told reporters that extra prisoners would be transported to other area jails when overcrowding became a problem. The county would have to pay a per-diem fee for any Albany County prisoners staying at other jails.

In other actions the legislature:

- Appointed Paul M. Collins of Albany to represent the 10th Legislative District. Collins replaces a fellow Democrat and lawyer, Robert Leyden, who resigned July 1 following his indictment on numerous charges that he mishandled money for his clients.

- Adopted unanimously a resolution calling for an "intensified and coordinated attack" on AIDS, the acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

- Authorized the creation of stadium administrator for the jointly owned county and town of Colonie Heritage Park. The administrator for the home ballfield of the Colonie A's will be paid \$12,000 annually out of ball park revenue.

Explore the Vlomanskill

An outdoor study of the ecology of the Vlomanskill Stream will be presented on Thursday, July 28, at 7 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road., Delmar,

Led by center naturalists, participants will make collections and measurements in studying the effects of water currents on animals, plants and the physical features of the stream. The program is open to the public free of charge.

Participants should wear submersible footwear (old sneakers?) and pants that can be rolled up. This program will be cancelled in case of inclement weather.



Sue Ann Ritchko

Promoted at Price Chopper

Sue Ann Ritchko, who will be leaving the Albany County Legislature at the end of the year, should find enough other work to keep her busy. The Price Chopper supermarket chain has announced that Mrs. Ritchko, a Delmar resident who currently represents the western section of Bethlehem in the legislature, has been promoted to vice president for consumer services.

In her new position she will be responsible for administration of the customer communication and consumer information systems, as well as corporate promotions and special events. She serves as corporate liaison for government relations at the local, state and federal levels. Ritchko is a trustee of the Golub Foundation and a member of the corporate gifts committee.

Mrs. Ritchko formerly was a teacher of home economics and later an education consultant for the Bureau of Occupational Education in the state Education Department. From 1971 to 1974, she served as consumer affairs officer for the Federal Food and Drug Administration, and in 1974 joined Price Chopper Supermarkets as director consumer services.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in home economics education from the State University at Buffalo and a master's degree in home economics education from State University at Oneonta.

She has served on the advisory council for the College of Human Ecology at Cornell University and was treasurer of the Albany County Cooperative Extension. She is a member of the WMHT Community Advisory Board, the Advisory Council for the School of Agriculture at Cornell University, the Board of Associate Trustees at Siena College, Mohawk-Hudson Council on Educational Television, Cultural Vistas for Youth, and serves as honorary chairman

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Lt. Col. Fred K. Budzyna, Albany District Army recruiting commander, administers the oath of enlistment to his daughter, Susan, while his wife, Margaret, and their son, 2nd Lt. Thomas Budzyna, look on. Susan, a June graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, plans to study broadcast journalism at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., after a semester at Hudson Valley Community College.

of the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council.

Mrs. Ritchko, a Republican, is completing her first term representing the 34th district, but because of redistricting passed by the Democrat-controlled legislature last year, she found herself in the same district as another incumbent, Gordon Morris. This spring Morris got the nod from GOP county committee members to run for another term, and Mrs. Ritchko bowed out.

"It's a lot more opportunity for growth," Mrs. Ritchko said Tuesday of her promotion. "As far as politics, I'm going to remain active in the party, but at the moment I have no desire to run for anything, as you know."

Parliamentarians

Sheila Gavin and Marcia Rosenfield of Delmar recently became certified "parliamentarians", having passed a rigorous examination administered by the National Association of Parliamentarians.

To qualify, they took a 19-week course sponsored jointly by the Albany League of Arts, Schenectady Arts Council and Rensselaer Council for the Arts. The "Parliamentary Procedure" training is designed to help the women bring a more sophisticated business agenda to the community organizations to which they belong.

Andersen named dean

David F. Andersen of Delmar has been named dean of the Graduate School of Public Affairs at State University at Albany, a key administrative post within the university's Rockefeller College.

Andersen, a faculty member in the graduate school's Department of Public Administration since 1977, is a specialist in the application of computer technology and systems theory to public-policy questions.

Andersen received his Ph.D. from MIT's Sloan School of Management in 1977 and earned his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College, where he graduated magna cum laude and with high distinction.

Systems theory, a technology developed over the last two decades, helps managers and government leaders make better-informed decisions about complex social problems through the use of computer-simulated models.

"If you're faced with a complicated, rapidly changing situation, what can be done is to construct a simplified, computer-based model, analyze it to understand what's happening, and then apply the conclusions to the real situation," explained Andersen, a specialist in public-school finance who has worked as a consultant for the education departments of New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

A swing toward a chief

A preliminary round of interviews to screen candidates for the next head of the Bethlehem Police Department have not produced a front runner, but they have produced one significant decision.

"I'm not as opposed to the chief status as I was," said Supervisor Tom Corrigan Friday. "That's based primarily on the quality of the people we're seeing."

When Corrigan announced this spring that both Safety Commissioner Ralph Tipple and Acting Chief Robert Foster would retire by the end of the year, and that the town board would therefore begin looking for a new leader for the department, he made it very clear that his personal preference was to avoid having a chief of police.

The reason, he said, is that under state law police chiefs have civil service protection, and the town's difficulty in removing its last chief, Peter Fish, had convinced him that the position had too much inherent power with too little accountability. If the town kept an appointed safety commissioner as top man in the department, he reasoned, the accountability would be much greater.

Nevertheless, the town advertised for a new chief, and so far has received about 56 responses. A committee composed of Corrigan, Tipple and Councilman Robert Hendrick has so far interviewed nine

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of the most promising applicants, and has several more weeks of interviews to go before making its report to the town board. "What we'd like to do is get it down to four or five," Corrigan said. The board would then interview the finalists and make a decision.

Corrigan said a number of applicants have been ruled out, primarily for lack of command experience. In some cases, though, the problem could be over qualification and a concern whether the candidate would stay with the job long enough. Despite an appeal by the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association the board has given no indication that it is considering any present member of the force. Capt. Roy Cooke was recently appointed to replace Foster, who has already retired, with the understanding that he would be second in command when the new chief or safety commissioner is hired.

Bicycle swaps

Bicycles are turning up almost as frequently as they're being lost in Delmar this year, an occurrence that Bethlehem police attribute partially to the town's aggressive bicycle registration program. In one case this week, a Stratton Pl. resident reported his own bike stolen Sunday, but came up with one apparently left in its place.

Other bicycles were found Wednesday on Longwood Dr. and Sunday on Delaware Ave. and on Murray Ave. But there were the usual losses - Delaware Plaza on Wednesday (not registered), from behind a Delaware Ave. shop Saturday (registered), and on Frederick Ave. Sunday (unregistered).

Lost his cycle

An Albany man who had a motorcycle accident on Krumkill Rd. near the Hartman Farm Sunday, July 10, and then got a ride to Albany Medical Center for treatment, came back three days later and found the motorcycle gone. The rider reported his loss - and the accident - to Bethlehem police, and detectives found the bike in nearby woods.

BIRTHS



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Boy, Edward Eugene, to Anna and Edward Stankovich, Delmar, June 22.

Girl, Maria Lynn, to Linda and James Giglio, Voorheesville, June 21.

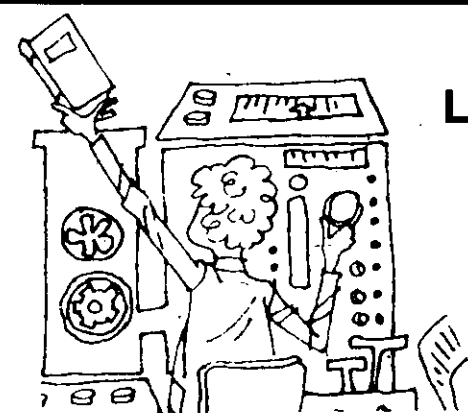
Boy, Adam Scott, to Frances and Samuel Tommell, Voorheesville, June 27.

Girl, Maureen Elizabeth, to Kathleen and Michael Cavanaugh, Slingerlands, June 30.

Boy, Christopher Steven, to Joan and Peter Porco, Delmar, July 9.

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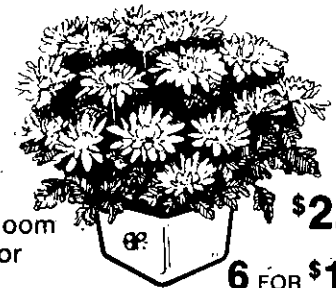
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Uniform 'emergency' stalls board

By Caroline Terenzini

Sheila Fuller of Delmar took over the gavel as president of the Bethlehem Central school board at the board's annual organizational meeting last Wednesday. She was nominated by then-President Bernard Harvith, who said there is a custom of turning the presidency over at three-year intervals and "it's time for me to retire." Robert Ruslander also of Delmar, was elected vice president.

Mrs. Fuller immediately found the board-involved in a flap over the planned purchase of new uniforms for the high school's marching bands. Joseph S. Turino, representing Fehcheimer Bros., of Ohio, objected to Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn's request that the board declare an emergency and order band uniforms on the basis of quotations rather than bids.

"I've never heard band uniforms declared an emergency," Turino said. "Since the cost is over \$3,500, this should have gone to public bid. It appears you don't get equal opportunity." Turino also objected to the absence of specifications for the uniforms. He said he had had a sample made up at a cost of \$350 to \$450.

Turino said his company could deliver the uniforms in 120 to 150 days, but Zinn said another supplier had promised delivery by the opening of school. "I should have been informed that delivery was that critical," Turino declared.

The board then discussed the planned purchase in executive session and then voted in public session to table the item until its next meeting, Aug. 3.

Before the board tackled the agenda, it accepted a \$25,000 check from the General Electric Foundation, presented by Philip Gross, vice president of the Noryl Products Division of GE, in Selkirk, and Clifford Montgomery, manager of employee and community relations there. The money, a grant for which the district had submitted a proposal, will be used to purchase about 16 microcomputers to establish a lab at the Middle School. The high school already has a computer lab.



Philip Gross, center left, vice president of the Noryl Products Division of General Electric Co., presents a \$25,000 check to Bernard Harvith, then president of the Bethlehem Central school board, while other board members look on. At far left is Clifford Montgomery of Glenmont, director of employee and public relations at GE in Selkirk. The grant from the General Electric Foundation will be used to create a microcomputer lab at the Bethlehem Central Middle School.

In response to concern about use and abuse of school athletic fields, Franz Zwicklbauer, district business administrator, said that signs would be posted on school grounds to the effect that persons using the fields must have a signed permit. Assignment of the fields is made by the district during the school year and by the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department from May 1 to Aug. 31, under a signed agreement with the school district.

Zwicklbauer said the signs are a "second choice," and that a patrol person would be preferable, but too expensive. "We don't know how else to pursue the problem," he said. "We've always had golfers, we've always had trail bikes and, personally, I don't see signs controlling that."

Ruslander suggested the high school student senate might be asked to form a patrol and Harvith suggested staff be given cameras to photograph violators: "If we're tightening up a little, it would be good to give people a little warning

before we arrest their kid."

Revision of the board's policy on door-to-door solicitation proved to be a thorny agenda item, with board member Jed Wolkenbreit arguing for maintaining the prohibition on such solicitation under school auspices and others arguing for a change permitting such campaigns at the board's discretion. The discussion prompted board member John Clyne to say, "Let's get it straightened out. Does anybody know what we're doing tonight?" The board tabled the policy change in order to take another look at it Aug. 3.

Warren Band on green

The Bethlehem Public Library lawn will be the setting for a performance by the Bob Warren Band tonight (Wednesday), beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Warren and his quintet have a wide-ranging style, from foot-stomping to urban blues-rock. The group's first album, "Partners," is scheduled to be released this month.

Capital Rep launches subscription drive

Capital Repertory Company has set a goal of 3,000 subscribers for the upcoming six-play 1983-84 season, and has launched an extensive subscription campaign to achieve that goal.

The area's only resident professional equity theatre company, Capital Rep will be offering theatre-goers 24 different subscription series to choose from this season, with prices ranging from \$27.50 (side section) and \$32.50 (center section) for a Preview subscription to \$55.00 (side) and \$65.00 (center) for a Friday or Saturday night subscription.

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Capital Rep's 1983-84 season at the Market Theatre in downtown Albany will open Oct. 29 and continue through April 15.

Opening the season will be Tennessee Williams' autobiographical classic, "The Glass Menagerie," running Oct. 29 through Nov. 20. Following will be the Bertolt Brecht/Kurt Weill musical, "Happy End," opening Nov. 26 and closing Dec. 18.

Next will be a to-be-announced "current New York hit," which Capital Rep's producing directors are negotiating the rights to.

The fourth play of the season will be "Living Together," another hilarious comedy from Alan Ayckbourn's hit Broadway trilogy, "The Brian Friel's "Translations," haunting play set in 19th century Ireland. The final play of the season will be a new American play, running March 24 through April 15.

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Out of town sewers at issue

The Halter Rd. area, about 20 houses off Rt. 144 in Glenmont, may get town water soon, thanks to other property owners in the area. But on the other side of town the developers of a proposed subdivision on Krumkill Rd. will have to wait for Bethlehem sewers until after the town board settles the old question of how much service the town can or should provide its neighbors.

The Halter Rd. development was announced at Wednesday's town board meeting by Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor. The isolated area first sought town water in the 1970s, but at that time the line would have had to come all the way down Corning Hill, then south to Halter Rd. The state comptroller's office wouldn't accept it and the cost to property owners would have been too high, he said.

But last year a group of major property owners at the foot of Corning Hill, led by the August Bohl construction company, paid to have a water line run to their properties on Rt. 144. To the south, there is also a line that extends nearly to the bottom of Glenmont Rd. "It looks like we're in the right range that might be acceptable to the comptroller," Secor said.

The board ordered him to get quotes from engineering firms to do a plan and cost estimates for the water line.

Moments earlier, the board had learned that the town is being asked to handle sewage from the proposed 150-unit Indian Run development on Krumkill Rd. in New Scotland. That town has already established a new sewer district to serve the area, but since New Scotland has no sewage treatment facilities of its own that plan is contingent on Bethlehem's cooperation.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan told the

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board that the developers have offered to pay Bethlehem \$150,000 to offset its capital costs in taking the additional sewerage. A large part of that additional cost would be in expanding the capacity of the pump station on Russell Rd., he said.

The plan drew an immediate objection from Councilman Scott Prothero. "I have some very serious reservations about it," he said. "I have sympathy with them, but I think charity begins at home."

Replied Corrigan: "I think you have to look at it, to some extent, in terms of regionalism." The cooperation between Bethlehem and New Scotland has always been excellent, he said. "We get our water from New Scotland. We're their second biggest taxpayer."

The board had already agreed to meet with the New Scotland Town Board to discuss water and sewer issues, so a decision on the Krumkill Rd. plan was tabled until after that meeting.

In other business, the board:

- Learned that 27 residents of the Bicentennial Woods development have signed a petition asking the board to upgrade the zoning in their area from AA to AAA. Developer Vincent Riemma has proposed to build four duplexes on Jefferson Rd. and Manor Dr., and the plan is before the town planning board for site plan approval. The petition was sent on to the planning board.

- Approved an agreement with Callinan Industries that will permit town police officers to use an old quarry site off the South Albany Rd., near the Conrail yards, as a firearms training range. Corrigan said Callinan is allowing the

town to use the site for \$1 per year, so long as the town maintains adequate insurance coverage and makes sure the site is restricted when in use as a firing range.

- Agreed to send Safety Commissioner Ralph Tipple, Building Inspector John Flanigan, Highway Superintendent Martin Cross and Councilman Robert Hendrick to a disaster preparedness seminar near Washington, D.C. Aug. 14 to 17. Corrigan said federal aid will cover most of the cost of the seminar and the trip itself.

- Issued temporary permits to the town's two trailer courts, Breckenridge Village and Shady Grove in Selkirk. The permits are for two months on Flanigan's recommendation, because Flanigan and Secor, as well as the county health Department, want the owners to agree to tie into the new sewer system installed last year. "They've had 14 months up to now, so we think 60 days will get them off dead center," Corrigan said.

Food pantry open

Bethlehem's senior citizen services coordinator, Karen Pelletier, maintains a food pantry for residents of the town. Persons in need of an emergency, temporary supply of food are urged to contact Mrs. Pelletier by calling the Bethlehem Town Hall, 439-4955, at any time. The food pantry is also open by appointment on Tuesdays.

Residents wishing to make donations of foodstuffs or other items may do so by bringing them to town hall, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Items needed by the pantry include canned foods, fried foods, non-perishable foodstuffs such as macaroni products, paper products, personal hygiene products, laundry soaps and detergents and coupons.



Albert Hessberg II

Hessberg is elected

Albert Hessberg II of Slingerlands has been elected secretary of the board of directors of the newly formed Albany Medical Center. The private corporation administratively links Albany Medical College and Albany Medical Center Hospital, consolidating planning, financial, fund-raising and policy direction for the two institutions.

Hessberg is a partner in the Albany law firm of Poskanzer, Hessberg, Blumberg, Dolin, Barba, Greisler and Frommy, and is vice chairman of the board of governors of Albany Medical Center Hospital. He is a graduate of Albany Academy, Yale College and the Yale University Law School. He is a former president of the board of the Dudley Observatory and is a director of Wytex Corp.

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Goin' country

Those who favor things with a country flavor will find that Voorheesville will be the place to be this weekend. Saturday, July 23, will see the ladies of the New Scotland Elks hosting their annual Country Western Night while this Sunday's Concert in the Park series continues with a "Country Music Jamboree."

The concert will feature several area country western artists including Voorheesville's Tom Thorpe, who has previously appeared in the series, as well as vocalist Chuck Wilson. Also appearing will be "Aged in the Hills," winners of a WGNA talent search contest and Voorheesville's own "Southbound," winners of the WGNA-sponsored Wrangler Country Showdown.

Sponsored by both the village and the FM County Radio station, WGNA, the concert will act as somewhat of a sendoff for "Southbound," who will go on to the Wrangler state finals in Weedsport, N.Y. (outside Syracuse) Thursday, July 28. The winner there will then travel on to the national competition in Nashville in the fall.

The concert is certain to be a nostalgic homecoming for the all-Voorheesville quintet, whose appearance at the Concert in the Park series last August marked the beginning of the group's career together as "Southbound." Since that time big things have happened for the five, as they have appeared at many area night spots, as well as at the Palace Theater on the same bill as Jerry Lee Lewis, and at the

County Music festival in Leeds with Porter Wagoner.

This week's special concert will have both a special time and place, being held at the park behind the Legion Hall from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Those who are planning on taking part in the evening of hand clapping and foot tapping are asked to watch for the signs pointing out the authorized parking areas. Village personnel will be on hand to direct people to those places. So bring a blanket and your dancing shoes.



"Southbound," a country music group from Voorheesville, will perform in Sunday evening's jamboree at the village park before taking off for the Wrangler Country Showdown state finals next week in Weedsport.

At the library

This afternoon the Voorheesville Public Library continues its summer film festival with the movie version of the popular Broadway musical "Fiddler on the Roof".

Next Wednesday, July 27, the weekly movie series will present an "oldie but a goodie," "Life with Father" starring William Powell and Irene Dunne, the story of a young man growing up in turn-of-the-century New York with his loving but slightly eccentric father.

All movies are held in the lower room of the library and begin at 2 p.m.

Members of the library summer reading clubs are reminded that this week marks the second leg of their "Book Trek". Grades K through 3 will meet at the library on Thursday, July 21, at 3:30 p.m. While the older group will meet the same time and place on Friday, July 22.

Bike-a-thon winners

Peter Douglas, coordinator of the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-thon in the Voorheesville area, has announced the prize winners for the annual fundraiser held the latter part of the school year. Top winner, collecting the most money for Cystic Fibrosis, was Susanne Rissberger, followed by Deidre Gobeille. Other bikers given recognition for their participation were Chris Culnan, Justin DeFazio, Jeff Smolen, Nicole Swasey, Philip Genevese, Tim Pearsall and Michael Whiteley.

Prizes awarded to the participants were donated by Happy's Coach House, Smith's Tavern, Myer's Bike Shop, Railroad Junction Ice Cream Parlor, Stewart's, Antonia's and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Douglas.

PTSA scholarships

Among the many awards given at the graduation ceremonies were the PTSA scholarships presented by the 1983-84 PTSA Co-presidents, Jean Mattimore and Lyza Neuffer. The scholarships of varying amounts are awarded on the basis of a variety of factors, including participation in school activities and community service, as well as scholastic achievement. Recipients of this year's awards were Tracey Bales, Laurie Caimano, Paul Cantlin, Connie Flansburg, Gretchen Gallager, Colleen Guiles, Olaf Hausgaard, Michael McKaig, Ernest Sacco, Wayne Shearer, Donna Throop and Peter Zeh.

And more awards

News of awards and honors keeps on coming in. At the last day assembly held at the elementary school 14 students in grades 4 through 6 received awards from the PSTA for being the Best All Around Student in their respective homerooms. For this honor pupils were not only judged on their scholastic achievements but also on their attitude and participation in other activities.

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Strange Anatomy, a Delmar-based rock band, performs in the village park in Voorheesville Sunday. The quintet released its first 45 last month. Tom Howes

students, Jim Francini, Sandra Haug, Matt Hladun, Todd Relyea and Thomas Genovese.

Fifth graders were Jennifer Kraemer, Tracey Stevens, Nancy Rathke and Christopher McDermott. Those in sixth grade were David Larabee, Donna Hawkins, Kirsten Taylor, Patrick Ryan and Natalia Bausback.

Among awards presented at an in-school junior high assembly were those given to students who made outstanding scholastic achievement. Recipients of the Kiwanis Scholarship Awards, given to students who have had the best academic records in their grade for the school year were seventh grader Sara Fike, eighth grader Jonathan Flanders and ninth grader Jim Volkwein. Jonathan Flanders was also the recipient of the Superintendent's Honor Roll Awards presented to students who have been on the Superintendent's honor roll three times.

The stroke of a brush

The Bethlehem Art Association is inviting interested persons to "tune into nature" with sumi-e classes at Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. Sumi-e is an ancient Zen-

inspired art form that uses simple one-brush strokes to depict any subject in nature, according to the association. The technique is often combined with watercolors, becoming sumi-e tan sai.

Classes will incorporate painting, meditation, exercise, observation, and some Oriental calligraphy and philosophy. Lila Hollister Smith of Westerlo will be instructor for the four Tuesday sessions, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 2, 9, 16 and 23. Registration with a check for \$35 may be mailed to her at E.D. 1, Box 88, Westerlo 12193. Participants will need sumi ink and brush, newsprint paper, a towel, water container, two white saucers and paper towels, as well as a bag lunch.

New service for artists

Artists in the Capital District can now take advantage of services being offered to independent artists through a new category of membership in the Albany League of Arts. The services include eligibility for discount health insurance, access to office equipment, and consultations in areas ranging from publicity to general accounting. Call the league office, 449-5380, for details.

School board sets discussion on goals

By Tom Howes

Faced with an agenda chock full of business items, board members crammed through the slate and approved an extra Aug. 1 meeting devoted exclusively to a discussion of school board goals and directions.

Interviewed on Monday, board president John McKenna said "there'll be no routine business at all," of the third brainstorming session in as many years. "We'll be looking at substantive programmatic issues in trying to establish our goals for the next school year." Discussion will center on the recently released results of the survey taken of Voorheesville school district residents he said. Copies of the survey will be available at the meeting.

Scheduled for 7 p.m., the session will be conducted at the superintendent's office in the high school, the board's regular meeting place.

McKenna said the board plans to continue the high school advisory committee and will discuss creation of another such committee at the middle school level, though he expects no decisions will be made.

"This is a vehicle towards increased participation," he said, referring to the public's role in school district policy. "It's another way of having a continuing input and continuing discussion with the community," he said.

Board members re-elected McKenna president at the Monday meeting. Joseph Fernandez was elected district clerk, replacing David Teuten, who relinquishes those duties after one year. Both Fernandez and Teuten serve on the board.

Steven Schreiber, elected in last May 5-candidate run-off, attended his first board meeting as a member. Schreiber, who filled J. August Berger's seat, begins a five-year term. Berger has retired after 25 years of school board service.

Schreiber and the other board mem-

bers found themselves knotted in a sartorial discussion with one parent upset with the district's no-"shorts" policy. Does the school really have the right to tell students what to wear, she wondered.

Though the school doesn't have a "dress code" as such, according to Principal Peter Griffin, it does adhere to guidelines put out by the state Education Department, which prohibits "offensive and distracting attire." This includes shorts, hats, halter tops and offensively printed T-shirts. Discretionary power falls to each principal concerning what is and is not offensive and what to do about it.

Some 100 students decided to test that power by wearing shorts on the last day of school this year, prompting Griffin to keep each offending student out of class (they made the time up) until they had received a change of clothing. About half the students had brought a change of clothing with them, he said.

The board is seeking a clarification of authority from the state Education Department.

Home aid training offered

The Home Aide Service of Eastern New York, Inc., 10 Colvin Ave., Albany, will be offering a free 13-day homemaker-home health aide training program beginning Aug. 16. Home Aide Service is a non-profit community agency providing home care in a seven-county area. Care is provided to the ill, the frail elderly and other individuals in need of assistance in the home.

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NEWS FROM SELKIRK AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Pavilion nearly ready

Anyone attending an outside function at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge will soon enjoy the results of a project, long in the planning. Made possible through the efforts and generosity of many, the construction of a large pavilion will soon be completed. Located behind the lodge on Rt. 144, Selkirk, the new structure is designed to accommodate approximately 200 people. According to Norman Mokiber, exalted ruler, contributions from individuals and pledges from members provided the necessary funding for the pavilion.

Thrift shop open

Just a Reminder: The thrift shop operated by the United Methodist Women continues to offer special bargains and savings on used clothing, books, toys, household items, etc. The shop on Willowbrook Ave., housed in a separate building behind the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, is open every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Time to enroll

Although summer seems to have just begun, autumn really isn't so far away, and with it the re-opening of schools and pre-schools. Arrangements must be made NOW if you wish to enroll a child in a pre-school program.

The Creative Play Pre-School of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem still has a few openings for the two-day class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Interested persons may contact Colleen Janssen at 767-3406 or Sandra Newkirk at 767-9900.

40th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Elmore of

Whitehead St., Selkirk, were married July 17, 1943, at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Selkirk. In celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary, a buffet dinner was given by their children, Ardyce Elmore of Delmar, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Elmore of Newark, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Elmore of Bangor, Maine, in the Fellowship Hall of the Delmar Reformed Church.

Approximately 70 family members and friends from as far as Connecticut and West Virginia enjoyed the dinner followed by round and square dancing, with their son Jeff as caller.

RCS scholarships

Many RCS graduates were awarded scholarships for their academic achievements at commencement exercises:

The Harold and Margret Becker Memorial Scholarships were presented to Mary Lyman and James Ruso.

The Class of 1981 Scholarship to Thomasina Winslow.

The Ravena Fish and Game Protective Association Scholarship to Kelly O'Brien.

The Driftwood Beauty Salon Scholarship to Richard Kinley.

The Columbiette Scholarship to Brian Koozn.

The Mother McAuley Council No. 3425 Scholarship to Allyson Valentino.

The Russell Lodge No. 850 F & AM Scholarship to Linda Nunziato.

The Coeymans-Ravena Women's Club Scholarship to Pam Hallenbeck.

The RCS Faculty Scholarship to Allyson Valentino and Brian Koozn.

The Persico Oil Co. Scholarship to Valedictorian and Salutatorian was presented to Owen Mudge and Wendy Hoose.

The Lions Club Scholarship to Tony Judware.

The Newmont Minerals Education Scholarship offered by the Atlantic Cement Co. went to Linda Nunziato.

Presidential Scholarship offered by Alfred University to Stephanie Francois.

And Robert Baker and Michael Derry received scholarships from the Capital District Masonic Association.

Seniors menu

The menu for Senior Projects of Ravena beginning Thursday, July 21 will be: Thursday, corned beef hash; Friday, macaroni and cheese, tuna salad on lettuce; Monday, Salisbury steak, mashed potato; Tuesday, hot turkey sandwich with gravy, baked sweet potato; Wednesday, beef stew, tossed salad.

Girl Scout outing

The Cadette Girl Scout Troop 51 completed their year with an outing at the Mayo Residence of Coeymans Hollow recently. Families of the girls were invited to a day of swimming, games and a potluck dinner. An awards ceremony was also held, with presentations made for achievements throughout the scouting year.

Accepting awards from troop leaders Joan Mayo and Mary Ann Shubert were Candi Drobner, Wendy Hobb, Melanie Holmes, Michelle Layman, Cristin Long, Tina McDonald, Lisa Mayo, Kim Nelson, Mary Prime, Becky Schacht and Celia Shubert.

Time off

I will be on vacation for the next two weeks. Contributors to my column are asked to please send their items to *The Spotlight*, Box 152, Delmar 12054. They should reach the editor the Friday before the Wednesday of publication; if you cannot meet that deadline call editor Tom McPheeters at 439-4949.

□ New laws

(From Page 1)

active in the ambulance squad, the bill had been kicking around for 13 years, supported mainly by the New York State Association of Fire Districts.

Under current law, ambulance and rescue squads are subsidiaries of fire districts, and must raise their funds through the fire districts or independently. Bethlehem had been attempting to create something similar to a water or sewer district to give the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service independent taxing powers, but had found the process cumbersome and not at all satisfactory in terms of control.

Changing the law also proved cumbersome, because it meant amending more than a dozen separate sections of existing statutes. The original draft of the bill was about a half inch thick, according to Wheeler, and the version on Cuomo's desk is about 60 pages long.

In brief, the new law would allow a municipality such as Bethlehem to set up an ambulance district on the same basis as a fire district, complete with its own elected commissioners, provide compensation coverage for volunteers and permit it to levy taxes to cover its expenses. The district could be created by the town board or by a referendum of the affected residents.

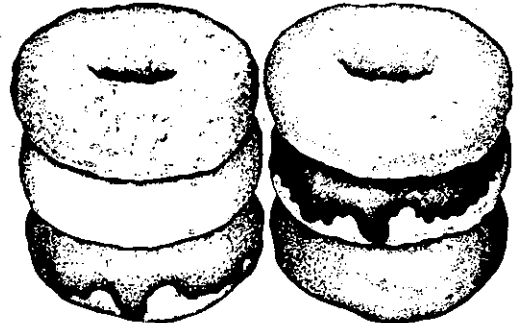
"It separates the day-to-day activity from the government, and allows the thing to operate as a business," said Wheeler.

In Bethlehem's case, the ambulance district would be established with the same boundaries as the present Selkirk Fire District, which covers Selkirk, South Bethlehem and most of Glenmont. Assuming the law is signed by the governor, it becomes effective Jan. 1, 1984, and Wheeler said he would hope to have all of the necessary local legislation ready at that point. In order to meet the service's current income problems, the town might be able to issue tax anticipation notes to be repaid by the new district, Wheeler said.

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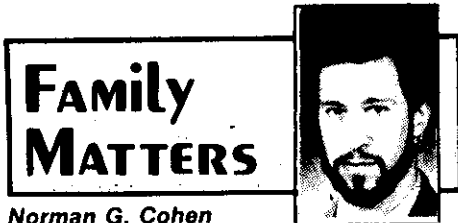
In our perpetual struggle to understand ourselves it often helps to identify original characteristics of the species that have defied changes of time, space and environment. Our study of anthropology, archaeology, sociology and a host of other "ologies" provides some observations I believe to be interesting at least, and profound at most.

It has been established by scholars that mankind first formed primitive groupings around two basic survival economies: hunting and farming. The choice was determined largely by climate and terrain, not personal career counseling as we enjoy today. The natural surroundings of one's birthplace dictated the lifestyle to be pursued.

Those predecessors of ours whose home turf was fertile and fruitful found themselves easily suited to dig, pick and gather in their own backyards. They established shelters of substance designed to last, and they divided the land among themselves. They settled for that which the earth bore them, and settled on it. They invented tools and fences. They stood their ground against threatening acts of God or man. They made the land their own and cherished it.

By contrast, those early people whose place of origin was rough and rocky, uninviting and unpredictable, learned to seek sustenance all over the land, not on a small portion of it like the farmer. Their fare consisted of wild and roving delicacies for which they would travel great distances. They followed the herds, the seasons, the stars and the luck of the open road. They befriended movement and change. They learned to stalk and trail. They invented weapons and transportation devices. They settled only long enough to catch their prey and their breath, then moved on. They owned only that which they could carry, but considered the entire world as fair game.

Each lifestyle demanded the development of certain distinct personality characteristics. The more successful one was in acquiring and refining those traits, the more revered that person was within the group. The best farmer rose to



Norman G. Cohen

prominence in village government because he controlled the largest food supply. He also owned more land than anyone else because he had learned to develop it more efficiently and had surplus with which to buy it from those less productive.

The most successful hunter was typically raised to chieftain status in the tribe due to his aggressiveness, daring and dominance. Like the successful farmer, the best hunter also had control over the main food supply because he best knew where to find it, how to get it and capture it.

Primitive societies were male-dominated essentially due to muscular differences and periods of incapacitation by pregnancy. However, those females whose support skills in hunting and farming gained favor of the dominant males led to a natural selectivity in the mating process. Thus occurred the reign of royalty where the more prominent males joined with the more desirable females to form family dynasties that held leadership through many generations.

In our contemporary world we have lost the clarity of distinguishing hunters from farmers. Survival can be pursued successfully in multitudes of ways, most of which resemble neither the hunt nor the harvest. Moreover, modern woman has risen above the birthing bed and the cooking fire to join the man on the trails and in the fields of nearly all endeavors.

Yet, if you look closely and strip away the trappings of technology, there is still that ancestral core of the farmer or the hunter in each of us. Consider the following:

YOU ARE A FARMER IF:

- One of the utmost priorities in your life is establishing and maintaining your family home.
- You strongly adhere to the adage "a place for everything and everything in its place."
- You hold sacred your society's laws, customs and values.
- You believe in steady and planned progress and distrust "boat-rockers."
- You have a sizeable bank account, investment portfolio and insurance package, and lock your doors at night.
- You believe in a hard day's work for a hard day's pay, and once it's over you relax.
- You are passionately attracted to things that grow.



John D'Arcy Tyree

YOU ARE A HUNTER IF:

- One of the utmost priorities in your life is acquiring new things.
- You strongly adhere to the adage "home is where you hang your hat."
- You are skeptical of the established order of things and challenge the laws, customs and values of society.
- You believe in opportunity and chance, and are willing to take risks.
- Your wealth rises and falls like the tide and you don't worry much about locking your doors, just opening them.
- You believe in a hard day's work for a hard day's pay but never relax.
- You are passionately attracted to all things whether they grow or not.

Although some hunter-types may become farmers and vice-versa, one is more likely to be successful in his or her chosen profession if it more closely matches their own characteristics. I don't believe that farmer types make outstanding salespersons, nor do I think hunter-types do well as bank presidents.

We need both types in any case, the one to forge ahead in new directions and the other to maintain and refine those discoveries. We can progress together as long as we don't try to farm the forest or hunt the farm.

4 named to academies

Congressman Samuel S. Stratton has announced the names of area young persons chosen to attend the nation's service academies. Thomas B. Vichot, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Vichot of Glenmont, has been admitted to the Air Force Academy in Colorado. Francis Pomakoy, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Pomakoy, Sr., of Selkirk, and John D'Arcy Tyree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tyree of Glenmont, have entered the Military Academy at West Point. Scott F. Rogler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rogler of Delmar, is a member of the class of 1987 at the Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point.

Junior honored

Julie Ann Sosa, a Bethlehem Central High School junior, was recently presented the Harvard Book Award. This prize is awarded annually by the Harvard Club of Eastern New York to the junior who, in the judgement of the faculty, is outstanding by reason of high scholarship, participation in worthwhile extracurricular activities and strength of character.

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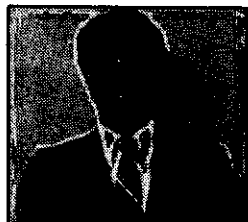
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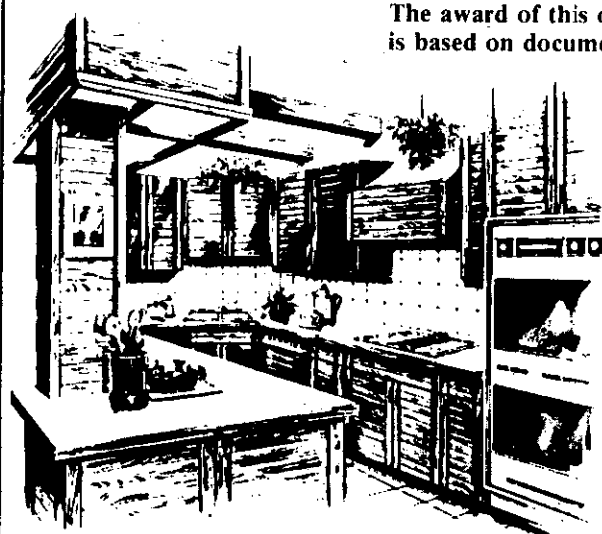
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Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

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

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

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

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

New Scotland Landfill, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall.

Bethlehem Landfill, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

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

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

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-noon. Call 439-2238.

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

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

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

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

American Legion meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, at 8 p.m., except July, August.

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

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

Preschool Storyhour for children ages 3-5, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays through Aug. 11, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library.

School Age Playgrounds for grades 1-6, games, arts, crafts, storyhours and special events, weekdays through Aug. 19. Clarksville, Hamagrael, 9-11:45 a.m.; Glenmont, Elsmere and Slingerlands, 1-3:45 p.m.; Becker School, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:45 p.m. See bus schedule for transportation. Free.

Playground Bus Schedule

Becker Playground Route: Pickup 8:30 a.m., noon return, or pickup at 12:30 p.m., return 4 p.m. Pickup at the Jericho School on Jericho Rd. South on Jericho Rd. to South Albany Rd. South on South Albany Rd. to South Bethlehem School then left on Bridge St. to Lasher Rd. Left on Lasher Rd. to Rt. 9W. North on 9W to Elm Ave. Left on Elm Ave. to Jericho Rd. Right on Jericho Rd. to 9W. South on 9W to Beaver Dam Rd. Left on Beaver Dam Rd. to Rt. 144. North on 144 to corner of Clapper Rd.—turn around. South on Rt. 144 to Rt. 396. Rt. 396 to Thatcher St. Along Thatcher St. to Rt. 9W. Cross Rt. 9W to Cottage Lane. Cottage Lane to Beaver Dam Rd. to Rt. 9W to Becker School.

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South on Rt. 144 to Maple Ave., west on Thatcher St. to Cottage Lane, cover Cottage Lane to Maple Ave. to Beaver Dam Rd. to Rt. 396, west on Rt. 396 to South Albany Rd., north on South Albany Rd. to Bell Crossing Rd. and Jericho Rd., Jericho Rd. east to New Road (Long Lane), Long Lane east to Elm Ave., Elm Ave. East to Rt. 9W and turn around.

Elm Ave. west to Fairlawn, Fairlawn to Elm Ave. Park. Bus will return to North Bethlehem, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area from Elm Ave. Park via the same route at approximately 4 p.m.



Writer Isaac Asimov will be at the Institute on Man and Science, Rensselaerville, July 27 to 31 for a seminar titled "What If?"

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

Musical Film, "Fiddler on the Roof," Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Space Toy Workshop and slide program for children over 6 sponsored by Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum, at Bethlehem Public Library, 1 and 2:15 p.m. Preregistration, 439-9314.

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

La Leche League, informal discussion group for mothers interested in learning about pros and cons of breastfeeding, third Wednesdays, home of Ellen Poczik, 93 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

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

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

Evening on the Green, the Bob Warren Band performs jazz, folk rock and blues rhythms, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free.

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

THURSDAY, JULY 21

American Legion Luncheons for members, guests and applicants for membership, Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursdays, noon.

Family Film, "Amphibian Man," Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Free.

Summer Reading Club, grades K through 3, 3:30 p.m., Voorheesville Public Library, S. Main St.

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

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

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Farmers' Market, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., produce, flowers, crafts and baked items.

Recovery, Inc., self-help for former mental patients and those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar; weekly at 12:30.

Summer Reading Club, grades 4-7, 3:30 p.m., Voorheesville Public Library, S. Main St.

area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant Selkirk.

THEATER

"Mack and Mabel" (the Broadway musical about early Hollywood), Mac-Haydn Theater, Chatham, July 20 through July 31, Wednesday-Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 5 and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday 2 and 7 p.m. Reservations, 392-9292.

"Rumpelstiltskin" (children's theater at Mac-Haydn), July 22, 23, 29 and 30, 11 a.m.

"Peter Pan and Wendy," children's theater every Saturday at Woodstock Playhouse, Rts. 212 and 375 in Woodstock, July 23, 11 a.m.

"The Mousetrap" (Agatha Christie perennial), Woodstock Playhouse, Rts. 375 and 212 in Woodstock, through July 24, Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 p.m., Sunday 7 p.m., 2 p.m. matinees Thursday and Sunday. Reservations, (914) 679-2436.

"The Woolgatherer" (William Mastrosimone's off-Broadway success presented by SUNY's Summer Theater), Performing Arts Center, through July 23, 8 p.m.

"Henry IV-Part I" (new theatrical venture presenting Shakespeare on the Plaza), South Terrace of State Museum Building, July 22, 23, 30 and 31, 8 p.m. (Jugglers, mimes, magicians and singers at 7 p.m. prior to performances).

"The Comedy of Errors" (Shakespeare & Company do Shakespeare on the lawn at The Mount, Lenox, Mass.), through Aug. 27, Tuesday-Saturday 8 p.m. Reservations, (413) 637-1197 or 637-3353.

"The Seagull" (Anton Chekhov's play in translation by Jean-Claude van Itallie and produced by Circle Repertory Company), Saratoga Performing Arts Center, through July 23, 8:15 p.m. Reservations, 587-3330.

MUSIC

Larry Elgart and Rosemary Clooney, Coliseum Theatre, Latham, July 20-23, 8:30 p.m. Ticketron and Community Box Office.

Catskill Brass Quintet in a "20th Anniversary Blast" at Institute on Man and Science, Rensselaerville, July 23, 8 p.m. concert preceded by workshops. Information, 797-3783.

Jazz at the Pillow with Tanya Maria, Jacob's Pillow, Lee, Mass., July 24, information, tickets, (413) 234-0745.

Doc Scanlon's Rhythm Boys, Schuyler Mansion, 32 Catherine St., Albany, July 20, 7-9 p.m.

"Kiss Me, Kate" (Cole Porter's musical given the Lake George Opera Festival treatment), Queensbury Auditorium, Glens Falls, July 20 and 22, 8:15 p.m., July 23 and 25, 2:15 p.m. Reservations, 793-3858.

DANCE

Pillow Parade (commissioned jazz, modern and ballet works), Jacob's Pillow, Lee, Mass. (take exit 2 off Mass Pike, Rt. 20 east), through July 23 (Tuesdays 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays 8 p.m., Fridays 8:30 p.m., Saturdays 2 and 8:30 p.m.) Ticket information, (413) 234-0745.

Dance Commodity (modern dance), Nott Memorial, Union College, Schenectady, July 22 and 23, 8 p.m.

Elisa Monte Dance Company, Woodstock Playhouse, Rts. 212 and 375 in Woodstock, July 25. Information and reservations, (914) 679-2436.

New Directions: Nina Wiener and Dancers, Michael Moschen, Jacob's Pillow, Lee, Mass., July 26 through July 30.

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"The Flowering of Tin" (American country paintings and tinware), Museum of Early American Decorations, 19 Dove St., Albany.

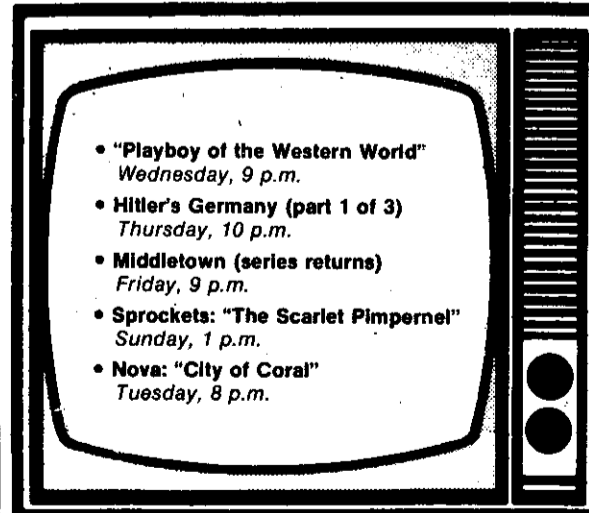
"Photography: Art of the State" (exhibit reopens), State Museum, Empire State Plaza, through Oct. 2.

"Painting as a Pastime: The Paintings of Winston Churchill," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany.

"Community Industries of the Shakers... A New Look," New York State Museum, through Jan. 8.

Polsdam Prints (16th National Print Exhibition from the Brainerd Art Gallery), the Plaza Gallery, State University Plaza, Broadway at State St., Albany, through Aug. 4, weekdays 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

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SATURDAY, JULY 23

Country Western Night, sponsored by New Scotland Elks Auxiliary, Picard Grove; \$14 reservations, call 765-4400.

Insect Identification, field study of common insects, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. Preregistration required, 457-6092.

Career and Education Advisement, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. by appointment, Bethlehem Public Library, 439-9314.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Country Jamboree, "Southbound" and "Aged in the Hills," Voorheesville Village Park behind Legion hall, 6-10 p.m. Free.

Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Society meets fourth, Sundays at Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, special Bethlehem House artifacts display, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, summer Sunday hours 2-5 p.m. through October.

MONDAY, JULY 25

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

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

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

Career and Education Advisement, 6-9 p.m. by appointment, Bethlehem Public Library, 439-9314.

TUESDAY, JULY 26

Children's Films, "Zero Hour" and "Spud's Summer," 2 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library.

Stories Under the Stars, preschoolers invited to come to Bethlehem Public Library in their pajamas for stories, 7 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

"Raintree County", Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Free.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Evening on the Green, the Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Family Film, "Life With Father," Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Puppet Show, for children of all ages, presented by Elizabeth Conley, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., followed by 3 p.m. puppet workshop for children over 6. Preregistration, 439-9314.

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

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

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

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of James and Linda McClynn, 44 Royal Blvd., to a variance to permit an addition at premises, 8 p.m., and on application of Rose Durso, 42 Lyons Ave., Delmar, for a variance pertaining to existing structure, 8:15 p.m.; Bethlehem Town Hall.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

"The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," family film, 7 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library.

Ecology of the Vloomkill, an outdoor study, 7 p.m., Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, free. Information, 457-6092.

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

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

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

FRIDAY, JULY 29

Recovery, Inc., self-help for former mental patients and those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30.

Farmer's Market, fresh produce and crafts, St. Thomas the Apostle Church parking lot, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Summer Reading Club, games afternoon, 2 p.m., Voorheesville Public Library, S. Main St. Bring checkers set.

Punkintown Fair Opens, four days of family fun sponsored by New Salem Volunteer Fire Dept., next to firehall, Rt. 85A, 7 p.m. Free admission.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Punkintown Fair, fireworks display and family fun, New Salem Volunteer Fire Department, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Free admission.

Career and Education Advisement, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. by appointment, Bethlehem Public Library, 439-9314.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, special Bethlehem House artifacts display, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, summer Sunday hours 2-5 p.m. through October.

Skip Parsons' Riverboat Jazz Band, at Thacher Park pool.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

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

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

Expectant Parents open house, Albany Medical Center, with tour of maternity facilities and film; 7 p.m.

Country in the Capital, WGNA presents Earl Thomas Conley, Al and Cathy Bains and other country artists, Empire State Plaza, 7-10 p.m.

German Alps Festival and Goe-belfest, with German musicians, food and drink, Hunter Mountain Main Street, continued through July 31. (closed Mondays).

Transcendental Meditation and TM-Sidhi, free public lectures, Capital District TM Center, 277 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Information, 458-2053.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help support group for parents of substance abusers, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Information, 465-2441.

Celebration of Albany City Charter anniversary, issued 1686, with talk on Colonial Gov. Thomas Dongan, 35 N. First St., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

Miss Albany County Teen-Ager pageant, for local girls 13-18, Holiday Inn, Menands. Entries accepted up to competition, 237-8246.

"Gods of Metal," film on nuclear arms race followed by discussion, St. Lucy's Parish Center, Altamont, 8:15 p.m.

Lark Mart '83, with sidewalk sales, antiques, jewelry and craft exhibits and food, Lark St. between Madison and Washington, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Rain date is Sunday.)

Seminar for Women: "Taking Charge of Your Time and Tasks" with Dr. Charlotte Farris, offered by Academic Planning for Success, Holiday Inn, Central Ave., Colonie, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Information and registration, 587-1493 or 456-9265.

Junior Olympic Swim Meet, 25 regional teams in competition, Clifton Knolls pool, Barney Rd., Clifton Park.

Bonsai Exhibit and Clinic, George Landis Arboretum, Esperance, 1 p.m. Free; information, 875-6935.

Women's Distance Running, 10-kilometer race through East Greenbush sponsored by Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, 9 a.m. Information, 489-2053.

Catskill Brass Quintet, workshop for local musicians, 10:30 a.m.; lawn concert and fireworks, 8 p.m., Institute on Man and Science, Rensselaerville; \$6 concert admission, \$35 workshop registration.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Black Arts and Cultural Festival, food, history, crafts and entertainment, Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon-9 p.m.

Strawberry Social, a "Sunday Experience" program at Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany. Information, 465-3325.

Motorcycle Hillclimb to benefit Joseph's House, along Rt. 2 east of Petersburg, 1 p.m. Information, 766-2761.

TUESDAY, JULY 26

How to Make Great Pickles, illustrated talk by Joanne Gage of Cooperative Extension, Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m.

"Through the Seasons with Thoreau," naturalist-photographer Albert Bussewitz in science lecture series at SUNY's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center, Whiteface Mountain Field Station, Memorial Highway, Wilmington, 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

"A Night on the Town," dance music by Mike Flanagan and Friends, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

What If, Isaac Asimov begins four days of seminars and panel discussions, with evening talk at 8 p.m., Institute on Man and Science, Rensselaerville. Registration and information, 797-3783.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

What If panel with Isaac Asimov at Institute on Man and Science, Rensselaerville, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

What If panel with Isaac Asimov at Institute on Man and Science in Rensselaerville, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

What If panel with Isaac Asimov at Institute on Man and Science, Rensselaerville, 8 p.m.

"My Five Favorite Perennials," flower program at George Landis Arboretum, Esperance, 10 a.m. Information, 875-6935.

Gun Show, sponsored by New York State Arms Collectors Association, with more than 400 exhibits and displays, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Blooming in the Helderbergs

By Caroline Terenzini

Helderledge Farm, tucked under Thatcher Park on Picard Rd. in New Scotland, offers perennials for the gardener or homeowner who wants something special. "We have a selection here that is unusual for the area," said Mardell Steinkamp, owner with her husband, Paul, of the business, which opened April 30. "We hope to offer things not normally available except through catalogs."

The Steinkamps' special love is daylilies, which they have been hybridizing, and they have 1,000 or more hemerocallis plants that will be blooming for the first time this year. The daylilies range from near white through yellows, peaches and pinks to a lavender blue, and are very hardy, Mrs. Steinkamp said. "They're one of the best perennials. They can grow in the Adirondacks, in almost any soil, and they're very versatile. Every place is a place for daylilies."

Helderledge Farm also has a lot of "backbone" perennials, in Mrs. Steinkamp's phrase, such as campanulas in various heights and sizes, veronicas, Shasta daisies and yarrow, which will grow in poor soil "and is great as dried flowers, so you can have a winter bouquet, too."

Among other special plants available at the farm are a large selection of Oriental poppies, scabiosa, which blooms throughout the summer, and three kinds of globe thistle. The Steinkamps also offer trees and shrubs "that we think are special," such as dwarf evergreens, viburnums, the Merrill magnolia and red jade weeping crabapple.

"There are many people in the area who take their horticulture seriously," Mrs. Steinkamp said, explaining their emphasis on less pedestrian plants. At the



Paul and Mardell Steinkamp of Helderledge Farm in New Scotland tend some daylilies, one of their favorite plants. Thatcher Park towers over their property on Picard Rd. where they have a large collection of perennials available, as well as a number of unusual trees and shrubs.

Tom Howes

same time, these perennials are good for the less-devoted gardener who wants a hardy plant and will welcome the Steinkamps' advice about where and how to plant it.

People who visit Helderledge Farm also will find an array of baskets planted with a variety of green growing things that make especially nice gifts. For example, a big willow basket filled with a variety of herbs such as mint and French thyme — the herbs can be transferred to the garden after awhile and the basket is

ready for another planting. Baskets also will be planted to order. The phone number is 765-4702, and the hours right now are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week. The Steinkamps are expecting to find a "natural" day off, but so far there isn't one.

In addition to operating the farm, the Steinkamps teach in the continuing education program at the State University at Albany and maintain a practice as horticulture consultants. "A lot of people like to do their own gardening," Mrs. Steinkamp said, so she and her husband will simply supply expert advice "or, if preferred, they will put in a garden."

The Steinkamps bought the property 10 years ago, when it was Helderledge Orchard, and they operated it as an

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orchard for several years while continuing to live on Lancaster St. in Albany. But, finding they were spending more and more time at the farm, they finally moved out there four years ago, renovating a small Cape home on the property. Two years ago they added a tissue culture lab. It's not that city living was at odds with their horticulture interests, Mrs. Steinkamp said, but moving to the country with their two daughters (now there are three), the Steinkamps find their lifestyle has changed. "We always wanted to do something like this," Mrs. Steinkamp said. "It's a pleasant way for us to spend our time."

She's riding out west

A Cadette Girl Scout from Delmar will participate in a Girl Scout Wider Opportunity trip this summer.

Julie Woodley will be part of "Cadettes on Horseback," Aug. 10 to 24 at Girl Scout National Center West in Wyoming. The event is for 40 girls age 13 to 15, and participants will take a 3-day pack trip and work on the Girl Scout horseback rider badge.

Julie, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Scherer, will enter the ninth grade at Bethlehem Central High School in September. She has been active in Girl Scouting for six years and is currently a member of troop 542, led by Kay Zolezzi of Delmar and Bev Colman of Slingerlands.

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National Savings offers adjustable mortgage

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New Western Union office

Western Union has announced the establishment of a new Western Union Agency in Glenmont.

New Baltimore Maintenance Corp., a truck stop at Rt. 144 and Rt. 32, will join more than 5,500 other Western Union Agencies throughout the United States that provide message and money order services to the public.

The new agency accepts telegraphic money orders, domestic telegrams, international cablegrams, mailgram messages and pays commercial money orders. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Going to Washington

Frank Burggraf of Delmar has accepted a senior position with the Veterans Administration in Washington, D.C., where he will be director of the Land Management Service.

His responsibilities will include administration of the agency-wide program of selection, acquisition, utilization, management and disposition of all real property used in Veterans Administration programs, including selection of sites for new medical facilities and cemeteries and direction of environmental compliance for the Office of Construction.

Burggraf was employed for 10 years by the State Department of Public Service in

the Office of Environmental Planning. In recent years he has been engaged in the practice of landscape architecture and environmental assessment. Before coming to Delmar in 1970 he was associate professor of Landscape architecture at Penn State University. He has also been an adjunct professor at R.P.I. in the Center for Urban-Environmental Studies. In 1981 he was elected a Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects for accomplishment in governmental administration and professional education.

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The Tomboys Atlantic Cement Corp. team, champions in the league's intermediate division, show off their trophies. On the cover, Tomboys League President Torr Dobert, center (white

collar), and the board of directors pose with trophies about to be presented to league champions, some of whom wait eagerly in the background. Tom Howes photos

Tomboys end their season

The Bethlehem Tomboys wrapped up their season Friday with championship games for all three divisions at the Elm Ave. Park, Delmar. The annual family picnic and awards ceremony followed.

The Nancy Kuivila team emerged the winner in the major league championship tilt, defeating the Neale Dunston team. In the intermediate division, Atlantic Cement was the winner over the Eaton

Breul squad, while in the minors Betty Lent topped Tri-Village Drugs.

Season winners in all divisions received trophies from Tomboys president Tom Dobert, with first place in the minor league held by Betty Lent. In the intermediate division, the Atlantic Cement team was No. 1 and in the majors, Nancy Kuivila's squad was tops.

Swimmers on Games squad

An update on qualifiers for the Empire State Games in Syracuse in August includes the Mallery sisters of Delmar, who swim for the Albany Starfish Swim Club at the State University at Albany. Susan qualified at the Colonie Town Park meet in the 200-meter butterfly and the 50-meter freestyle in the scholastic division and Kristin qualified in the 400-meter freestyle, girls' open division.

Melissa Martley of Glenmont, a Bethlehem Central sophomore and the only girl diving on the boys' swim team at BC, qualified for the games by winning firsts on both the one-meter and three-meter boards in competition at the State University at Albany campus. Melissa has also been invited to pre-tryouts for national competition Aug. 16 and 17 in Clarion, Pa. She has been training under John Walker of Harvard University for the past two summers.

Three Voorheesville swimmers also qualified at Colonie for the Empire State Games. Dirk Applegate qualified in the boys' open division 50-, 100- and 200-meter freestyle events, while Chris Martin qualified in the 100- and 200-meter backstroke and the 200-meter IM. Kevin Tyrrell qualified for the 800- and 1500-meter freestyle, boys' open division.

Another local competitor, Earl Hauf of Glenmont, has qualified for the games competition in shooting. Nearly 6,000 athletes will be competing in 23 Olympic sports Aug. 10 to 14 in Syracuse.

Adam Clarke, who will be a senior at Voorheesville High School this fall, has been selected for the second year as a member of the Adirondack District boys' volleyball squad. Eliminations were conducted at the State University at Albany campus.

Wins math award

Charles Marden, a Bethlehem Central High school senior bound for R.P.I. in the fall, won a National Math Association of America Award for being the BCHS student who scored the highest on a series of two competitive National Math Tests. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Marden of Delmar.

Sue Mallery sets record

Area swimmers churned to some impressive finishes in the Lake Placid invitational swim meet this weekend, including a meet record set by Susan Mallery in the 100-meter butterfly stroke. Susan also took a first in the 100-meter backstroke while younger sister Kristin garnered three firsts, in the 100- and 200-meter freestyle and the 100-meter backstroke. The sisters swim with the Albany Starfish.

Chris Drew of the Delmar Dolphins, swimming with the 11- and 12-year-old boys, had two second place finishes, and Drew Patrick, 10, was 5/100 of a second behind the winner in the 50-meter breaststroke. Janet Shaffer of Delmar came in first in both the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle in the girls' open competition. Lynn Apicelli, also of Delmar, had a second in the 100-meter butterfly stroke for girls 13 and 14.

Other Dolphin competitors placing were Knute Hvalsmarken, Sandi Blendell, Carolyn Schultz, Lisa Ogawa and Peter Greenwald. In the girls' open 200-meter medley relay, the team of Sandi Blendell, Lynn Apicelli, Carolyn Schultz and Janet Shaffer got to the finish first.

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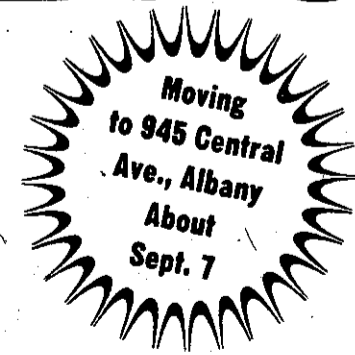
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Clarksville 7, Voorheesville 0.
Delmar Reformed 6, Wynantskill 3.
Westerlo 8, St. Thomas II 6.

	W	L		W	L
Glenmont	11	1	Albany	4	8
Clarksville	10	1	Voorhees.	4	8
Presby.	9	3	Bethany	3	8
St. Thomas	9	3	Beth. Com.	3	8
Wynantskill	8	3	Del. Ref.	3	8
New Scot.	7	5	Westerlo	3	8
Methodist	5	7	St. Thom II	2	9

Voorheesville-Berne Babe Ruth Standings July 17

	W	L		W	L
Spotlight	7	1	Mets	4	5
Foley's Gar.	5	3	Dodgers	3	6
Rod & Gun	5	3	St. Matthew	1	7
Yankees	3	3			

Ties: Rod & Gun Club, Yankees.

Bethlehem Recreation Baseball Standings July 14

	W	L		W	L
Andriano's	7	2	Father's Pro	5	5
Tri-Vil Drug	7	3	Price Chop	2	8
Masons	6	4	Blan. Post	2	8

Tours Europe

Kim E. Hostetter, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Norman Hostetter, Slingerlands, has been selected to participate in the "America's Youth in Concert" 1983 program sponsored by the Universal Academy For Music, Princeton, N.J. Students from each state are selected for the program by individual audition. There was a performance at New York City's Carnegie Hall prior to departure for Europe.

Kim, a violinist, will be a senior at Bethlehem Central this fall. She is a member of the Empire State Youth Orchestra and played in both the All Eastern orchestras this past year.

Doctor in new office

Dr. Marino Baselice has opened a newly renovated office at 199 Delaware Ave., Delmar, with access for the handicapped. Dr. Baselice has a practice in internal medicine.



Mike Frazier, a catcher in the Tri-Village Little League's 8 and 9-year-old division, crosses home plate after singling with the bases loaded. Errant throws brought everyone home. The action took place early last week as the Tri-Village young all-stars were hosts to the Whitehall League of Albany at Magee Park, on Kenwood Ave., Delmar, to kick off a district tournament.

Farm Family advances

Jonathan Skilbeck pitched five scoreless innings as Farm Family pulled out a 4-3 victory over National in City-County Little League tournament play Saturday at Whitehall park in Albany. National took a 3-1 lead in the sixth but Farm Family came back with hits by the first three batters. A double and a single from Scott Hodge, a single by Chris Hughes and a double off Quimby McCaskill's bat were the only hits for Farm Family in the pitchers' duel.

Farm Family is the Tri-Village Little League major champion.

Spotlight clings to first

Six RBI's by Wes Knapp weren't enough to beat back the Rod and Gun Club as it upset first-place Spotlight, 10-9, in Voorheesville-Berne Babe Ruth action last week. Chris Andriano led the Rod and Gun attack with a triple, a double and three singles.

Despite the defeat, the Spotlight is still No. 1 with a 7-1 record, having bounced back to beat the Berne Dodgers, 6-4, the next day. Second-place Foley's Garage won a squeaker over the Berne Mets, 9-8, aided by a three-run homer from Bill Kelly, and then came up with a 13-7 win over the Berne Dodgers the next day, boosted by a homer from Kevin Kelly and three hits from Mike Race.

A homer and a triple by Mike Frisher and two singles by Todd Butten helped the Berne Yankees to a 4-1 win over St. Matthew's in action last Wednesday, but the Yankees were tripped up by the Mets, 13-7, the following day.

Rod and Gun overpowered St. Matt-

hew's, 15-14, with a single, a double and a triple from Jamie Cohen and more heavy hitting from Ted Popkowski and Rick Derrico. Kyle Larchee produced a double and a triple in the losing cause, while Dave Arbour had a single and a double.

Kistler hits slam for Blanchard

Blanchard Post fought back to a 7-8 American Legion league record with a 6-3 win over Cocksackie Sunday after topping Zaloga 8-4 last week in a game that saw a grand slam homer by Rob Kistler.

In the game with Zaloga, Blanchard amassed 12 hits, including the grand slammer and a single from Kistler and two singles each from Tom Duffey, Stu Allaway and Rick Bennett. Kistler was relieved in the fourth after a three-run homer by Zaloga's John Signer, but Blanchard's heavy hitters went on to score 5 in the seventh.

In Sunday's game with Cocksackie, Jim McGuinness held Cocksackie to one run through the sixth while contributing two singles and two RBI's himself. Kevin Roohan had a double, a single and an RBI, and Kistler whacked out two singles and an RBI.

McGuinness has moved into the No. 1 spot among Blanchard hitters with a .450 average, with Allaway at .420 and Duffy holding on at .400.

Sprinkling ban still on

The most effective time to water a lawn is either early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Mid-day watering wastes water and, in the Town of Bethlehem, is illegal, too.

Bethlehem has an ordinance that prohibits the use of town water for sprinkling of lawns and ornamental shrubs between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Fall coaching at BC

Fall coaching assignments have been approved by the Bethlehem Central school board. Varsity football will be handled by John Sodergren, aided by Kenneth Hodge, while John Furey will coach JV football and John DeMeo will have the freshmen. Robert Salamone will be assistant freshman coach.

Eugene Lewis will coach boys' varsity soccer, with Zachary Assael in charge of the JV and Robert Collen coaching the freshman squad. John Nyilis will coach cross country; Donald Farrell, golf; Grace France, girls' varsity tennis; and Paul Jones, girls' varsity swimming. Connie Tilroe will coach girls' varsity soccer; Jesse Braverman, the JV, and Christina Behrens, the freshmen.

Julie Wendth will coach varsity field hockey; Nancy Smith JV, and Jeannette Rice, the freshmen. Cheerleaders for football will be supervised by Michelle O'Brien and Michelle DePace will coach cheerleaders for soccer.

Member-guest winners

Normanside Country Club in Delmar was the site of a ladies' member-guest tournament on July 14. Theme of the one-day, 18-hole event was "around the world in 18 holes" and 53 teams competed for prizes in three flights.

In the first flight, winners were Candy Bedrosian and Stephanie Montoya, first; Barbara Cunningham and Connie Lombardo, second; and Mabel Farrow and Karen Dagneau, third.

Second flight winners were Lynn Matthews and Candy Carter, first; Flo Olesko and Vicky Stants, second; and

Barbara Cunningham and Maureen Cunningham, third.

Third flight winners were Carol Giacone and Pat Hartman, first; Joyce Fisher and Delmar Quinn, second; and Agnes Synder and Bobby Branche, third.

Prizes were also awarded for the closest to the pin on the par-3, third hole. Winners were club member Alma Hunter and guest Fern Blutsky.

Fitness program offered

"Take Fitness to Heart," a 20-week cardiovascular fitness program developed by Blue Cross of Northeastern New York, will again this fall be offered in conjunction with the Bethlehem School District's Continuing Education Program. Participants may choose a walk/jog program with classes scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday at 4:45 p.m., or an aerobic rhythms class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4:30 p.m. Doris Davis and Carmella Furlong are the program instructors.

The registration fee of \$100 includes a blood chemistry analysis, physical exam and resting EKG, a fitness consultation, and if necessary, an exercise stress test, as well as 20 weeks of instruction. Classes will begin in mid-September, but anyone interested must register by Aug. 5 so the testing can be completed.

For additional information call Dick Bassotti, Bethlehem continuing education director at 439-4921 between 9 and 11 a.m., or Karen Hopkins at Blue Cross, 475-2232.

Focus On Faith

The Rev. Gregory Pike



New Scotland Presbyterian Church

Sipping some punch and chewing on irresistible cookies one Sunday morning during the fellowship hour after church I was pleasantly diverted by someone who did me the high honor of commenting on the morning's sermon. (It's encouraging to be told things, complimentary or critical, about a sermon you have sweated through on a hot June morning in more ways than one.)

A phrase from the sermon stuck in his mind: "flabby religion." I was expecting a negative comment about a negative phrase; instead, it fascinated him. He reflected on the healthy craze these days of getting into shape physically, and suggested that "flabby religion" might be the topic for a whole sermon about getting into shape religiously.

I believe I saw the valuable point in his comment. After all, what Christian doesn't struggle with keeping up a disciplined religious life in prayer and Bible reading and study? I mentally filed his suggestion with thanks and had some more flabby-making cookies.

A week or so later, during some study leave where Presbyterian clergy work at getting into a little better religious shape, I was working out on a problem of the faith. It was almost standing up in a verse from Isaiah and saying, "Well, figure this one out."

It read, "Truly, thou art a God who hidest thyself." All the heavy, difficult questions in that verse seemed to scream in my mind. Following out with the suggestion from the sermon-listener, the questions seemed like push-ups to do, weights to lift and miles to run. They were not easy to answer and they strained at all the flabby religious notions I dare say we all have.

Consider these questions about God hiding and, if you will, feel the weight and strain involved in handling them. What kind of loose loving comes from a God who hides himself from his children? Does a loving parent hide and make his or her children feel abandoned? How can preachers tell their congregations that God sometimes hides himself, when some are still struggling with whether there is a God in the first place? These serious questions are the kind that give your faith a workout.

In the rarified atmosphere of a seminary campus these questions for me and the others who worked on them took on a very academic quality. Yet, we got the most out of our workout when we realized that these concerns can be found throughout the Bible in almost the same words, and, most importantly, that they sprung from very real and often difficult times for God's people. Contemporary examples are legion, but a few lines from W.H. Auden's *Victor, A Ballad* suffice.

Victor's crisis is that he is betrayed by his wife. So . . .

Victor walked out into the High Street

He walked to the edge of the town; He came to the allotments and the rubbish heap

And his tears came tumbling down. Victor looked up at the sunset.

As he stood there all alone; Cried "Are you in Heaven, father?"

But the sky said "Address not known."

God's whereabouts was unknown to Victor. He might as well be hiding. And no doubt there have been times in our lives where it seemed God was hiding from our appeals.

What do we make of all this? If nothing else, there is the simple knowledge that God isn't as easy to figure as our flabby thinking might prefer. He is mystery itself.

Furthermore, an experience of God's hiding or absence is not uncommon and was experienced by nearly all the great people of the Bible. But there is his apparent indifference to crisis, as with Victor.

Well, to put it bluntly, there's nothing like a crisis to get us to quit thinking about food for awhile. So, maybe we need to shed some of our flabby religious notions, fed over the years with too much sentiment and nostalgia.

Finally, the other side of it is that God doesn't hide himself from just anyone. There is a worth he feels we are capable of. And, it seems, he has to leave us alone long enough for us to see that for ourselves.

Flabbiness is everyone's problem and it's not just physical. And thank God for good sermon listeners who help their preachers in more ways than they know.

Arts and worship topic

Dom Alonzo, coordinator of liturgy and music at St. Thomas Church, Delmar, will be a presenter at an Institute on Worship and the Arts scheduled Aug. 8 to 12 at The College of Saint Rose, Albany. The four-day seminar will focus on the roles of ritual, music and dance in worship. For information, call the college, 454-5136.

Siena parents form group

Paul and Helen Casey of Slingerlands are in charge of special events for the newly formed Siena College Parents Organization. The group is intended to provide a link between parents of students and the college. All parents of Siena College students are welcome to join the group by contacting the college's development office, 783-2429.

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Even though many of the courses are already booked to capacity there are still openings in a variety of interesting classes.

This year the workshop is offering several courses taught by members of Capital Rep, the Equity theater company based in Albany. Among them is Shelly Wyant, an actress with the company, who will be conducting a mask performance workshop. This exciting course in the performing arts department will explore the basic forms of theatre using Wyant's expertise in the areas of mask and mime gained from her association with Mas Bali. This offering is open to those in grade 6 through adult.

Another unusual course still open is the Folk Arts Sampler, which acquaints the student with the early American way of doing everyday things. This, as well as the arts department course in weaving, is available to those in grades 5 to adult.

Drawing and painting studies for those in grades 6 and up as well as an archeology course for those in grades 7 and up are still welcoming applicants.

Those who would like more information on the program, which runs from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday, on the workshop's land located on Picard Rd. in Voorheesville, are asked to call Lorraine Billera, registrar, at 872-1956.

Lyn Stapf

AROUND THE GARDEN

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Home gardeners with tomatoes commonly become alarmed and dismayed in July when blossom-end rot develops on their early ripening fruit. This disease shows up as a brown discoloration at the blossom end of the fruit. The discolored spot then enlarges. Tissues beneath the spot die, and become black, leathery and sunken.

Both green and ripe fruits may develop blossom-end rot; it is generally worse on the early set fruit, and seldom bothers fruits that develop later unless the plants are subjected to prolonged drought.

Blossom-end rot is a physiological upset whose basic cause is the lack of soil moisture to allow the uptake and circulation of calcium in the rapidly developing fruits. Although a sudden drought period is the most common trigger, excessive soil moisture early in

the season may smother the root hairs and cause the rot to occur during sudden hot weather.

Several steps taken before and after planting will reduce losses. Choose a well-drained garden spot with a pH of 6.4 to 7. Use only a moderate amount of balanced fertilizer such as 5-10-5 or 5-10-10 to keep the plants growing well, but not luxuriantly - usually 1 to 2 pounds per 100 square feet is adequate at planting with another 1 to 2 pounds side dressed after fruit set. Delay transplanting until the soil is warm; cold soils seem to aggravate the problem.

In late June, when soils are warm, mulch the plants with black plastic or loose organic materials to maintain an even level of soil moisture. If side dressing with fertilizer is done, keep the amount of nitrogen low. Water judiciously during rainless periods so the soil, to a depth of two feet is constantly moist. Don't hoe or cultivate closer than one foot from the plants, nor deeper than two inches to avoid root pruning.

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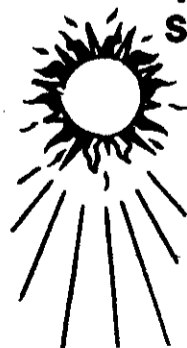
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 27, 1983 at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of James and Linda McGlynn, 44 Royal Boulevard, Delmar, New York for a Variance under Article VIII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of an addition of premises, 44 Royal Boulevard, Delmar, Town of Bethlehem.

Charles B. Fritts
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(July 20)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 27, 1983 at 8:15 p.m. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Rose Durso, 42 Lyons Avenue, Delmar, New York for a Variance under Article XII, Side Yard and Article XIII, Rear Yard, of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance pertaining to an existing structure at premises, 42 Lyons Avenue, Delmar, Town of Bethlehem.

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IT IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tues-

LEGAL NOTICE

day, August 2, 1983, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y., to give consideration to RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SITE PLAN APPROVAL, as AMENDED, a copy of which is available for review in the following location: Bethlehem Public Library, Town Clerk's Office and Planning Board Office during regular business hours.

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Ostriches?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Do you remember this spring, *The Spotlight* ran two questionnaires? The first was for what businesses we would like to see go into the Delaware Plaza. The second had to do with ideas for deterring substance abuse for the youth of our town.

Does it surprise anyone that more people responded to what they would like at the Delaware Plaza? What does that say about our priorities?

In a local paper (*The Spotlight*) with a circulation of about 5,500 a week, only 45 people were concerned enough to send in their ideas for the substance abuse questionnaire. This points out that either we are ostriches, and don't want to know, or we are very apathetic.

There is a serious substance abuse problem in our town, the kids know it, why don't the parents? Isn't it time we all worked together to find ways to stop it now?

Name Submitted

Delmar

Priorities wrong

Editor, The Spotlight:

After reading *The Spotlight* (July 13) I find it incredible that on the inside cover was a picture of the remains of an illegal beer "bust", then on the next page, an article where a mothers group wants the town to spend \$10,000 to \$15,000 on a

super playground for young children. There are enough playgrounds and activities for the younger children of this town. As the picture and article show, there is nothing constructive for the teens of our area to do.

Mrs. Smith, of Mothers of Bethlehem who Need a Playground, was quoted as saying Bethlehem "is a family town" and that the "town is receptive to good ideas." Where are the good ideas for the teens? That money could be much better spent on renovating the old Youth Center, and having weekly summer outside dances many of us long time residents of Delmar remember and had a lot of good clean fun at.

Name Submitted

Delmar

Campaign fodder?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Since the failure of the County Legislature to pass a jail expansion bond resolution, it appears that the jail expansion may quickly become an election year football. Republican Gordon Morris plans to hold a minority-sponsored public hearing, while Democrat Henry Dennis announced another meeting of the Penal Committee. All sides must take steps to prevent serious matters such as the jail issue from becoming so much campaign fodder.

It should be clear to those backing the jail expansion that they must seriously consider implementing some of the feasible alternatives to incarceration as the first step, prior to determining the need for a capital program. Similarly, it should be clear to those on the other side that it will be necessary to include legislative leaders, the county executive, local judges, the sheriff and the head of the probation department in any meaningful consideration of such alternatives.

Serious problems should be considered

as such, even in election years.

David C.W. Sawyer

Delmar

David Sawyer is the Democratic candidate for the Albany County Legislature in Bethlehem's 36th District.

2 Kiwanis campers

Two Delmar brothers, Tom and Alan Dunn, both 14, have just returned from a week at Kamp Kiwanis, where their stay was sponsored by the Delmar Kiwanis Club. The camp, near Rome, N.Y., is operated by the New York District Kiwanis Foundation for boys 8 to 14. Tom and Alan are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunn.

Scouts go west

Glenmont Senior Girl Scout Troop #205, under the supervision of Troop Leader Nancy Piccolino, will be heading toward Ten Sleep, Wyoming, "Girl Scout National Center West" on July 28.

The seven girls and four chaperones will be making their way cross-country by train.

The trip is the result of two years of fund-raising events and a lot of cooperation from members of the community, according to Mrs. Piccolino.

Home aides certified

Three local residents have received certificates from Home Aide Service of Eastern New York, Inc., in Albany, for having completed a 74-hour classroom and clinical training program, as well as 10 weeks on on-the-job training. They are Julia Van Hoesen of Selkirk, Pamela Furbeck of Slingerlands and Rebecca Gardner of Delmar.

SENIOR CITIZENS



Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization members have been invited to a chicken barbecue sponsored by the VFW at the Slingerlands Fire House Pavilion.

Those who wish to attend must sign up for the Aug. 5 event at the group's regular meetings, held from 12:30 to 4 p.m. each Thursday at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

The senior citizen bus will make its regular route on the day of the picnic, making its last stop at town hall. The barbecue is slated to begin at 1 p.m.

Spotlight ON THE SERVICES



Marine Staff Sgt. Thomas G. Carhart, whose wife, Christine, is the daughter of Sally Brown of Route 1, Selkirk, has reported for duty at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Army National Guard Pvt. George B. Schumacher, son of George B. and Mary E. Schumacher of Selkirk, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Airman 1st Class Janet M. Bowman, daughter of Lorraine A. Bowman of 146 Adams St., Delmar, and Grant F. Bowman of 12 Wellington Rd., Elmsere, has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

Spec. 4 Peter S. Wooster, son of Richard S. and Barbara Wooster, 159 Winne Road, Delmar, has arrived for duty in Darmstadt, West Germany.

Wooster, a combat engineer with the 547th Engineer Battalion, was previously assigned to Fort Devens, Mass. He is a 1978 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Seaman Erik Dedrick, son of John F. and Joan A. Dedrick, 2 Woodwind Dr., Voorheesville, has completed basic training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Pvt. Shawn L. Caldwell, son of Leon C. Caldwell and stepson of Leslie Caldwell of Voorheesville, has completed a tracked-vehicle mechanic course at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky. He is a 1983 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School.

Airman Dennis J. VanAlstyne, son of Alfred A. and Sandra L. VanAlstyne of Route 144, Selkirk, has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the aircraft maintenance field. He is a 1983 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

Airman Douglas E. Griffin, son of Marie Griffin of South Bethlehem, has

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completed Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is a 1982 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

Thomas R. Milette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Milette, 8 Merrifield Pl., Delmar, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class. He is a personnel specialist at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., with the 341st Combat Support Group. He is a 1981 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Robert P. Roche, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Roche, 20 Darnley Greene, Delmar, was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation June 1 from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., and awarded a bachelor's degree in Western European History. He is scheduled for pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. He is a 1979 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Marine Pvt. Harry W. Tompkins, son of Kenneth L. and Jean Tompkins of 6 Grove St., Delmar, has completed the Marines' field radio operator's course.

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Anthony Livoti, son of Francesco and Anna Livoti of 21 Maple Ave., Slingerlands, has completed recruit training at the Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, N.J. During the eight-week training cycle, trainees study general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training leading toward their qualification in one of the Coast Guard's 26 basic occupational fields.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael V. Usher

Ann Marie Kreuzer wed

Ann Marie Kreuzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Kreuzer of Irvington, N.Y., and New Preston, Conn., and Michael W. Usher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Usher of Slingerlands, were married on June 11 at St. Bridget's Church in Cornwall Bridge, Conn.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Randall Blackhall and Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hess, of the Delmar Reformed Church.

The bride is a graduate of The Parsons School of Design and is employed by F.E.I., Ltd. of Hastings, N.Y. The groom, a graduate of the State University at Plattsburg, is employed by the Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co. of Mt. Vernon.

The couple are making their home in Hastings, following a wedding trip to Aruba.

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DeVoe-MacDowell

Mr. and Mrs. Loren DeVoe of 229 Elm Ave., Delmar, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Marie DeVoe, to William Bruce MacDowell, son of Mrs. Robert MacDowell of Delmar.

Miss DeVoe is a 1982 graduate of Troy High School and is attending Hudson Valley Community College. Her fiancé is a 1977 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College. He is employed at L and H Brake in Delmar.

An August wedding is planned.



Judy Aja and Larry Pittz

Support for parents

The Parent-Friends Support Group has recently been formed by a joint effort of many professionals and parents in the Capital District to offer parents of children with handicapping conditions free, confidential, individual support by a "parent-friend" who is also the parent of a child with a handicapping condition.

Information about the organization may be obtained from the Easter Seal Society at 434-4103.

Volunteer center moves

The Volunteer Center of Albany has moved its offices to 196 Morton Avenue. Its new phone number is 434-2061. The center, which acts as a clearinghouse for information on volunteer jobs in Albany and southern Rensselaer counties, recently incorporated as an independent agency.

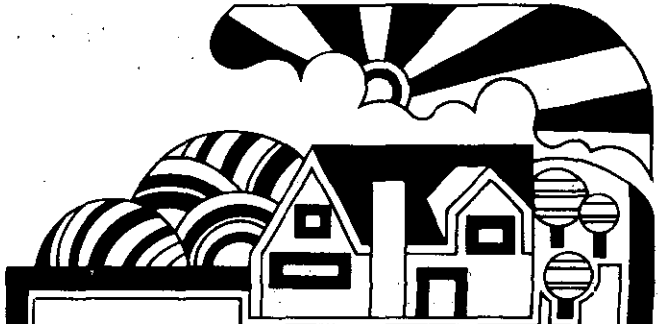
Aja-Pittz

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Aja of Woodland Dr., Baldwinsville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Judy Ann, to Larry J. Pittz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seward J. Pittz of Elsmere Ave., Delmar.

Miss Aja was graduated from Alfred State College and the State University College of Technology with a BS in nursing. She is a registered nurse at Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital in Syracuse. Her fiancé was graduated from Bethlehem Central High School, Albany Business College and the State University College of Technology at Utica-Rome. He is an auditor for the state Department of Social Services in Syracuse.

A June 2, 1984, wedding is planned.

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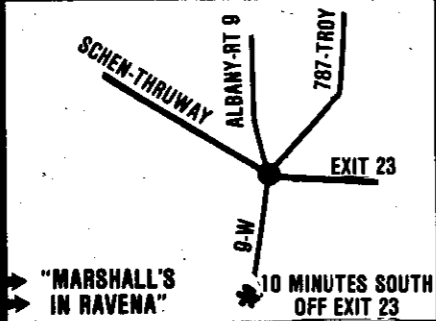
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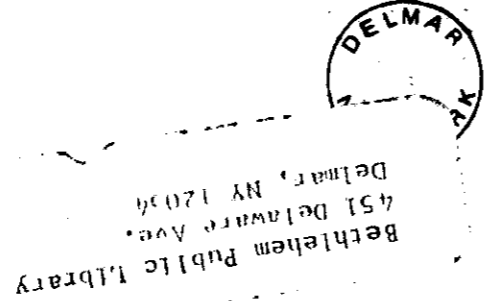
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