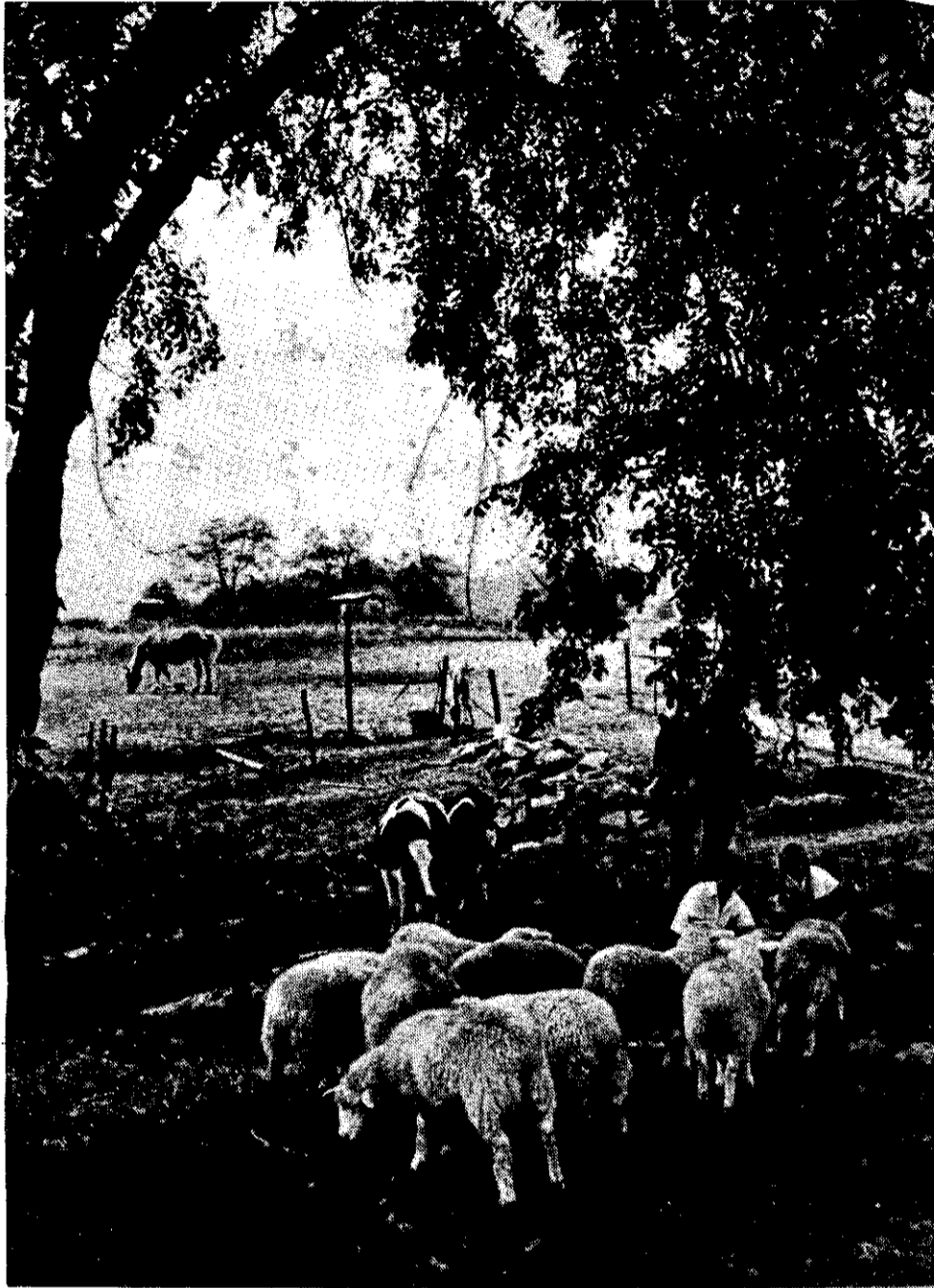


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Jamie Lyman helps her mom, Jane, feed sheep in a picturesque pastoral setting on the Lyman farm on Mead's Lane. On the cover: young Jamie is also adept at picking raspberries, one of the berry crops the Lymans specialize in. *Spotlight*—Tom Howes

Farming from the ground up

By Lorraine C. Smith

Hiccup, Slip & Slide, and Hoop-Di-Do are sheep at Lyman's Sleighbell farm. So are Socks, Speckles, Princess Ha-Ha, and Hillbilly — all named by proprietrix Jamie Lyman, 6-year-old daughter of Jane and Stuart Lyman, proprietors.

A story smiles from each sheep in the flock — there's also Sir Quarter Baked and Half-Baked — and a bigger story still at the three-and-a-half year Meads Lane adventure. It speaks of integrity, commitments, enthusiasm and joy.

Stu Lyman is by day a veterinarian by trade, but also a lifelong shareholder of his family's farm in Connecticut, circa 1744. He lived within five miles of the 1,100-acre enterprise until he was 14 years old, and worked there several summers after that. Taking on the 133-acre field off Route 32 was a natural step in the order of his life. "I have always had certain inclinations to space and draft horses. As a vet, I have regular contact with the farming community, so buying the farm was not so unusual from my experience."

Unhesitatingly, Stu acknowledges Jane, no less accomplished, as both manager and farmer of their land. Straightforward yet personable, and poetic in her descriptions of daily

experiences, Jane has served as a master gardener with Albany County since 1979. She was employed for some time in county planning in Pennsylvania and she also holds the pesticide applicator's license for the farm.

It is Jane who orders the seeds and plants, arranges for financing and equipment purchase, handles all paperwork and accounts, and drives the tractor to operate the irrigation pump in the middle of the night.

The Lymans are not farming for profit, but they are seeking a reasonable return on their investment. Their third crop year will be 1984. "By then, the farm should pay for itself, or it just shouldn't be."

To attain their financial goal, the Lymans sought the services of the several county, state and federal farming agencies. They were provided with cost and return figures for various crops, prime-plus financing of equipment, information in erosion control and land management, and assistance with crops programs and conservation of land usage.

Considering the statistics and their resources, Jane and Stu decided that planting small fruits could be a fun means to the break-even end. The Meads Lane

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Crisis in education: how local schools react

By Caroline Terenzini

School bells are ringing this week and they may be signaling the first round in what looks like a long struggle to turn American schools in a different direction. In fact, the first punch has already been landed in the form of a report by the National Commission on Excellence in Education that assailed the performance of American schools using such words as "shodiness" and "disturbing inadequacies." The report, released this spring after two years in the making, said "a rising tide of mediocrity" was putting the nation "at risk," that Americans seem to have lost sight of the basic purposes of schooling, and that the "average graduate...today is not as well-educated as the average graduate of 25 or 35 years ago."

Harsh words, indeed. Nor is the commission alone in its indictment. Bethlehem High School Principal Charles Gunner said more than 20 other reports on American schools have

recently been or are about to be released, all of which have a similar theme.

After detailing its dismal findings, the national commission made a number of recommendations, such as a longer school year, more homework, higher pay for teachers, and higher expectations. The state Board of Regents recently followed suit.

Area school chiefs have no quarrel with the commission's and regents' goal of "tightening up" — it would be like slandering apple pie and motherhood, in the words of one local educational leader — but they do have some reservations about the report and the regents' proposals, with the big question being "Great, but who's going to pay for it?"

"The crux of the matter is going to be money," said Milton Chodack, superintendent of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central schools. "Once somebody puts some numbers down its going to shock everybody."

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Bottle bill begins

This coming Monday the big bang from the bottle bill will be felt by consumers and retailers. Owners and managers of large chains such as Albany Public Markets and mom and pop operations such as the Davis-Stonewell Market in New Scotland are attending seminars this week to work out their systems for handling the returns.

Anthony Monforte, manager of Stonewell says, "We'll have the space (for returnables). Right now we're in the process of working a spot out." He is hiring a middle man, Empire Returns Corporation, to handle the bottles and cans brought back by customers.

Empire Returns Corporation will also be working with Grand Union, Albany Public Markets and Delmar Beverage. According to Michael Sandman, vice president of the company, his system "makes it very, very easy for shoppers to bring back returns." And, Sandman added, "the stores are happy about it because they were expecting expenses far in excess of this." Expenses are incurred through installation of a new counter, new registers and, in some instances, computer terminals, as well as new employees.

James Vinci, owner of Delmar Beverage said he "may have to go to a computer if (he) goes with Empire." Vinci said he also plans on hiring an "extra man to handle the returned containers."

Consumers can expect to see these additional expenses passed on to them. Vinci's advice for consumers would be "to buy the refillable returnable in glass bottles." These will be "cheapest," said Vinci, because they are reused.

Albany Public Markets will also

support a new counter and register. Manager Vincent Monforte says, "It's all professional. I imagine they looked at how the other towns are doing it and will copy them."

Consumers can still opt for throwing away these containers, but that means throwing away their five cent investment. States such as Vermont that have a bottle bill don't find this to be the case, and statistics point to 90 percent return rates.

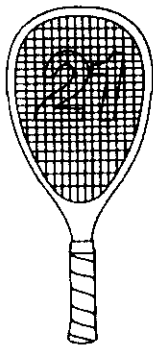


So, beer and soda drinkers will be learning new habits, saving their containers and returning them for their deposit value. Stores can refuse to take returnables which are not identical to the brands they sell, or are broken and dirty. Bars selling package goods must also accept returnables that match the ones they sell.

For some people, the returnable system is simply returning. Consumers over 35 years old probably remember returning "empties" to

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Bethlehem's new town historian, James Morgan, right, talks with Dr. Floyd Brewer, who has been leading an archeological dig in Cedar Hill this summer. *Spotlight*

□ Bottles

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local supermarkets and mom and pop stores. But the system died during the 1950's, a victim of the beverage industry which preferred throwaways.

Now, environmentalists, who have battled the bottle for ten years, will see if their efforts bear fruit. If so, roadside litter and overflowing landfills should be visibly decreased.

Day burglary probed

Bethlehem police are looking for burglars who broke into a garage attached to a Russell Rd. dwelling in North Bethlehem, fed raw meat to two family dogs, and drove their truck into the garage for loading the loot. They reportedly got away with a microwave oven, two rifles, color TV, AM-FM receiver, two tapes players and two speakers while the family was away between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Y.E.S. shifts hours

The Town of Bethlehem's Youth Employment Service, a free job referral service for young people ages 14 through college age, will switch to its fall schedule on Monday, Sept. 12. During the school year, the Y.E.S. offices at the Bethlehem Town Hall will be open from 1 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Joan Perry is director of Y.E.S. For information, call her at 439-2238.

Midnight dippers sought

Swimmers who pushed over a section of fence to gain access to an in-ground pool on LaGrange Rd., Delmar, Saturday night face charges of malicious mischief if identified by police. The homeowner told Bethlehem detectives that this had happened several times this summer.

Correction

The names in the caption under the picture of Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce officials were reversed in last week's *Spotlight*. Standing behind Peter Staniels, the caption should have said, were (left to right), Councilman Robert Hendrick, Chamber Executive Director DeForest Whipple and Chamber President Peter Merrill.

Clinics resume

The Town of Bethlehem's monthly free blood pressure clinics will resume Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. No appointment is necessary for the clinic, which will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The clinics are on the third Tuesday of each month, September through May.

Cookout on Sunday

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church will kick off its fall schedule with a youth group meeting and cookout following the worship service on Sunday, Sept. 11. Sunday school and Bible study will begin at 9:15 a.m., and worship service will follow at 10:30 a.m.

Town gets new historian

BETHLEHEM

James Morgan, an attorney with the state Department of Social Services, is Bethlehem's new town historian.

Morgan is a fairly recent resident of the town, having moved to Dowerskill Village in 1977, but his roots on his mother's side go back to the Beckers and the Haswells, two of Bethlehem's oldest families.

Morgan used letters sent back from the California Gold Rush by members of the Haswell family in the 1850s as the basis for his senior thesis in college. He is a graduate of the State University at Albany, with a major in history, and a 1972 graduate of Albany Law School.

"I've always been interested in history," Morgan said Friday after a meeting with Supervisor Tom Corrigan to confirm the appointment. "This is a chance to do something that's always been a hobby."

The position pays about \$1,200 a year, and at present provides few amenities. Former historian T.E. Mulligan, who resigned this spring to pursue other interests, has kept most of the town's historic documents stored at either the old police station on Adams St. or at his home. Corrigan said he is looking into the possibility of providing storage space for town archives on the second floor of the old Waldemaier meat packing plant,

which the town recently acquired as a solid waste transfer station.

The historian's duties are not well defined either, although that may change. Dr. Floyd Brewer, who has been leading a dig at the Nicholl-Sill House in Cedar Hill all summer, has talked to Corrigan and the town board about beginning to prepare for the town's bicentennial, which is still 10 years in the future. Part of that celebration, Brewer proposes, would be a book about the town to be prepared by the town historian.

Buildings taken over

Bethlehem has formally taken title to the old Waldemaier meat packing plant on Rt. 32 near Waldemaier Rd., and also to the old Foster house at the Henry Hudson Park, Supervisor Tom Corrigan said Friday.

The Waldemaier building is to be used as a solid waste transfer station, but the town does not intend to start converting the building to that use until it secures state and federal aid. In the meantime, Corrigan said, town workers will survey the roof to see what repairs are necessary to get through the winter, and may do some interior demolition work.

The Foster house, in the middle of the park, will be demolished.

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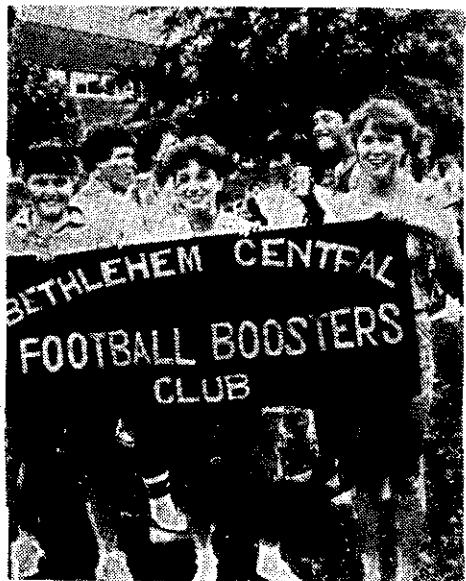


A monstrous stack of hamburgers disappeared in minutes Monday when hungry Bethlehem Central football players emerged from the showers after strenuous workouts under a hot sun. The occasion was the annual Labor Day family picnic put on by the Bethlehem Football Boosters Club at the high school. *Spotlight — Tom Howes*

Education

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"The salary portion of our budget is already 70-75 percent," Voorheesville Superintendent Werner Berglas said. "If you add 10 percent to that and if passed along to the local taxpayer, it would be a disaster."



Three young boosters of BC football, Denise Jadick, Tina Bonanno and Sue Czrew, show the crowd at the Labor Day family picnic who sponsored all the fun. *Spotlight — Tom Howes*

Bethlehem Supervisor Lawrence A. Zinn was leery that "we'll be left holding the bag" if the state initially finances the changes and then drops the funding.

In addition to the big question, local administrators also pointed out the hazard in applying national averages as descriptive of any one school district. Zinn said, "Most of the criticisms don't apply to us. Our system isn't in a sorry state! And we don't like being lumped in with national statistics."

"Nevertheless, tightening up is fine with me."

Currently high schools in the state offer the curriculum dictated by the regents for earning a regents diploma. It calls for four years of English, three years of social studies, one year of math and one year of science. The rest of the course list contains a smorgasbord of math, science, the arts, languages, business, social sciences and computer studies. Schools also can offer a diploma with less stringent requirements for those who cannot meet the regents' standards, as well as a more demanding degree program for above-average students.

The regents have proposed increasing requirements for their standard diploma to three years each of math, science and a foreign language. The

BC celebrates 50th

The first class of seniors graduated from the Bethlehem Central High School in 1934 and the Parent-Faculty Organization is observing the 50th anniversary of the school with a full schedule of special events during the academic year.

For starters, the PFO is selling black and orange T-shirts as "50 Years of Excellence" souvenirs. The deadline for ordering the \$5 shirts is Saturday, Oct. 15. For details, see the *Spotlight* advertisement or call Sherry Einhorn at 439-7059.

The PFO is also sponsoring an old-fashioned variety show on March 9 and 10, 1984. The show, directed by Pat DeCecco of Delmar, will be a nostalgia trip reviewing national and local events during the last 50 years through song and dance. The cast, production, direction and publicity is open to the entire community. This month's "Central Highlights" includes a tear-off for suggestions, which should be filled out and mailed by Oct. 1 to "Variety Show", Box 306, Slingerlands, N.Y., 12159.

Among the other commemorative events on the calendar are an all-class reunion, anniversary hall of fame induction and special graduation celebration for the Class of 1984. All are scheduled for the spring and summer.

regents also have proposed an additional 10 days of instruction during the year and 10 additional days of teacher in-service training. Adoption of a plan is due next spring, which the regents then will present to the state legislature, along with a request for funding. The total cost statewide of the 20 additional days of schooling has been estimated at \$400 million annually by Stanley Raub of Delmar, who is executive director of the New York State School Boards Association.

While the regents set the standards for earning a regents diploma, many local students take a more rigorous course of study by choice. For example, at Bethlehem, more than 90 percent of high school students now take at least two years of science, according to Gunner. More than 96 percent take two years or more of math, with about 50 percent taking a foreign language for at least two years. "We're already doing it!" Gunner said when asked about the regents' plan to fashion a more demanding high school curriculum.

Concerning the proposal for a longer school year, Voorheesville's Berglas asked, "Is more time better? Will it really provide quality? Where are our real problems?"

There is no lack of candidates for the designation of a "real problem," with money being only one of them. Higher pay, merit pay and licensing have been

proposed as ways to attract more professionals to teaching. The national commission reported the average salary for a teacher with 12 years of experience is \$17,000. At RCS, a teacher with a master's degree required in the classroom receives \$18,700, according to the 1982-83 salary schedule; in Voorheesville the same teacher would receive about \$20,000, and in Bethlehem, almost \$22,000. According to the New York Educators Association, the average annual salary for teachers statewide is \$22,000-\$24,000.

Evaluation procedures are a stumbling block for proponents of merit pay for teachers, with questions of objectivity and fairness being raised. The Niskayuna Central School District has a merit pay program that teachers may elect to participate in, and not all do. In addition, some participants have not agreed with their evaluations, according to reports. RCS had a merit pay program some years ago but "people don't become great for money alone," said Berglas. "You have to have other things that motivate them."

Licensing of teachers, while it would provide for certain minimum standards statewide, would provide little inducement for excellence, administrators say.

Another "real problem" in education may be the consumer's expectations. "The program was loosened up when social scientists were focusing on every-

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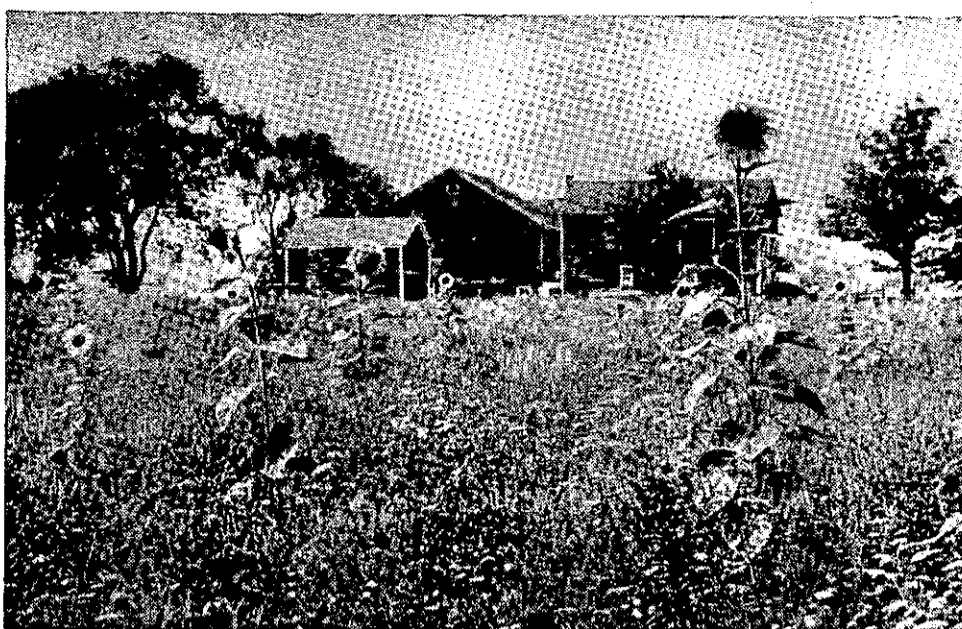
fields had been essentially out of production since 1969, but half the acreage is now in cultivation — this since the spring of 1981. Ten acres are planted in strawberries, raspberries and that harbinger of fall — pumpkins.

To sell their product, the Lymans have acquired another area of expertise: advertising. Together, Jane and Jamie sketch the simple ads and signs guiding customers to the fields. "We have become very cognizant of advertising. It is a key element to marketing the crops. There is also a technique involved in not over promoting what we have."

Their harvest objective is to provide quantity with quality. To insure this, they must frequently place daily time limits on picking. Throughout the past two years Jane has offered harvesting hints, pie recipes and farm animal pictures for children to color. Why the extra niceties? "We view our customers as our guests. We want them to enjoy the berries. If we succeed, then that makes us happier."

This is not the typical farmer-consumer relationship. "There is so much energy put into the production itself, and most farm communities are insulated by both distance and marketing, so it is difficult to have much contact with the public," Stu explained. The somewhat new marketing technique, Pick-Your-Own, and their proximity to high population areas has provided the Lymans "a chance to make it go." Stu continued, "It is not easy to stay to a concise plan, and not get caught up in the snowball effect — bigger is not always better. We have to keep reminding ourselves of our priorities."

An essential priority in the Lymans' operation is their concern for customer picking in the fields. While their cultivation is not organic, their use of chemicals is quite conservative. Every effort is made to limit and time the



Sunflowers dot a field on the Lyman farm on Mead's Lane in rural Bethlehem on Labor Day weekend far from crowded resorts and busy highways. Tom Howes

pesticides. Children want to eat the berries NOW, unwashed, as soon as they pick; it is safe to do so.

Last fall, 150 nursery school children visited Sleighbell Farm and each brought home a prized pumpkin as well. In a dawn to dusk-and-beyond work day, Jane not only finds the time to lead the tours, she welcomes the opportunity. "There are so many kids who don't see a relationship between what they eat and how it's grown. We also view the tours as payment to the debt we owe the farming community."

Jane defends their pre-inflation price of ten cents for a small pumpkin: "Ten is a meaningful number to small children. They can count to ten on their fingers. A dime could come from their own allowance. We want every child to go home with a pumpkin. What they see here is important, but to have something in their hands triggers that memory." The income is slight, but "We do get some monetary return, and we wouldn't be doing all this if we didn't enjoy it."

Half the farm's acreage is in pasture, wood-lot, side hill, or just scrub, but another 50 acres are planted in corn, oats and hay for the animals.

The animals?

"We plan our crops, but animals just seem to happen," Jane laughed. Like the time Stu bought some used equipment and a sheep became part of the bargain. "I knew Jane would like that so I accepted. Jane was pleased but she felt ONE sheep would be lonely. Besides, they are picturesque and the right size for children. So now we have 12."

Since it is one of Jamie's chores to help take care of the sheep, Jane and Stu make sure Jamie experiences the rewards as well: thus the jubilee of names. So far the sheep has been a non-profit venture the dollar value of the wool has equalled the cost of the sheering. So the Lymans have kept the wool, having it made into blankets. "Visible results are not always what you expect but there is a real relationship between labor and the

outings. The weather, uncontrollable, has assumed an amazing significance in their lives. Then there is the exhaustion from the hours and hours of work.

"I ask myself, why," says Jane. "Why am I doing all this hoeing? Why am I shoveling? Why am I here? Why, why, why? Then you get the strawberries."

Stu: "There is so much to be done in the fields, in the barns, in the house. We go at things a step at a time. The rewards are down the road, but we like seeing the land productive, we like having the kids come. We are still caught up in the passion of it all. We're agreed on our priorities: if we see people leave happy, we have succeeded in the whole effort."

Deregulation petitioners out

A citizen-based organization called the New York Community Action Network will be canvassing the Tri-Village area this week and next to seek support for the drive against natural gas deregulation.

Canvasses will be going door to door in the afternoon and early evening hours asking residents to sign petitions and seeking funds to operate the organization, according to Steve Pitts, canvas director.

The organization describes itself as composed of low and moderate income people in more than 40 communities across the state. It organizes "to help people deal with issues of utility rate reform, jobs and housing legislation, tax reform and toxic chemical waste clean-up," according to Pitts.

The major issue at the moment is natural gas deregulation, the subject of one of the most massive lobbying campaigns ever. To date, according to the network, 137 members of the House of Representatives — including 12 from New York — are sponsoring a bill to roll back and freeze natural gas prices.

School hours listed

All Bethlehem Central students will begin classes on Monday, Sept. 12. Classes at the high school begin at 7:40 a.m. with dismissal at 2:05 p.m. Middle school students are in school from 8:13 a.m. until 2:19 p.m. Students attending Elsmere, Clarksville, Hamagrael and Slingerlands go to school from 9:15 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. and Glenmont students are in school from 9:20 a.m. until 3:25 p.m.

Information on bus routes is in *Central Highlights* mailed last week

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body's self-concept," Bethlehem's Zinn said. And schools today are expected to provide a host of services unthought of 30 years ago. "It's difficult to strike a balance," Zinn said. "Society has to decide what it'll be satisfied with."

Student behavior, too, may be one of the "real problems" for the schools, with veteran teachers reporting a vast difference between students 20 years ago and those today.

According to the head of the Albany-based National Education Association of New York, drugs, divorce and distractions such as television have dramatically changed the setting in which education takes place.

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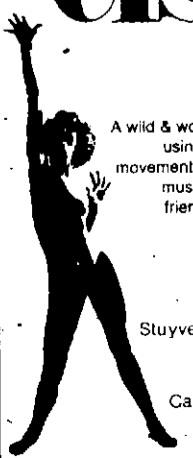
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Little progress on duplex issue

Just about everybody went away empty-handed when plans involving Bicentennial Woods, a subdivision off Feura Bush Rd. in Glenmont, again came before the Bethlehem Planning Board last week.

At issue was builder Vincent Riemma's plan to build two duplexes in the subdivision whose driveways should be angled toward a single-family home owned by John and Irene Stim. The "panhandle" driveways would be required to provide access to a "dedicated" highway, Jefferson Rd., but Stim objected strongly to the arrangement, which had been approved by the Planning Board three years ago.

"My home means a great deal to me," Stim said. "This is an unsightly and unnecessary solution." If the plan is executed, "we will have been betrayed," he said.

Some 20 property-owners in the area attended the meeting last Tuesday evening and a petition presented to the board by Thomas Tubbs, president-elect of the Bicentennial Woods Neighborhood Association, bore some 80 signatures of opponents of the plan.

However, despite Stim's plea and the arguments presented by surveyor Lindsay Boutelle on behalf of Abco Builders, the Planning Board opted to delay action until board attorney Earl Jones, absent from the meeting, could be consulted.

While board Chairman Charles Redmond agreed with Stim that "it's a terrible arrangement," the fact that the board had previously approved the

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panhandle driveways proved to be a ticklish point. An alternative proposal by Boutelle to divert the driveways across a right-of-way owned by Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. was rejected by the board, lacking counsel on its legality, and further because, in Building Inspector John Flanigan's words: "Then you'd have two approved plans."

With no resolution offered, Boutelle reserved the right to withdraw Abco's alternative proposal to divert the driveways and asked: "You've approved those two (panhandle) driveways — Can we get a building permit or can't we?"

"You heard the folks tonight. They're unhappy," Redmond said. "Until we talk to Earl Jones, it's on hold."

Flanigan warned that if the board approves an access easement across the right-of-way, "I will not issue building permits because it's contrary to Section 280A of common law." And Redmond was concerned about setting a precedent with such an access easement; "Other builders will say, 'Why not us?'"

The board was unanimous in rejecting a request by residents that the Bicentennial Woods zoning be changed from Residence "A" to "AA", a move intended to eliminate the possibility of duplexes. Board member William Johnston noted that few lots in the subdivision conform to "AA" requirements.

Also concerning Bicentennial Woods, a hearing on a proposed revision to Section 6 of the subdivision was set for Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tubbs also expressed the homeowners' opposition to this proposal, which would make two lots where currently three are mapped, for the purpose of building two duplexes on Manor Dr.

The Planning Board was scheduled to meet Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Rt. 9W bridge topic

The Second Milers luncheon meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Delmar United Methodist Church will be follow-

ed by a discussion about local transportation projects and transportation financing. Design engineer R.M. Gardeski will talk about local projects such as the new structure designed for Rt. 9W over the Normanskill and the proposal to extend Rt. 85.

For information, call Wayne Fry at 439-1871 or 438-4571.

Fugitive arrested here

When Officer Wayne LaChapelle of Bethlehem police found a man crouched in a pay phone booth outside the Geist Brothers body shop in Selkirk at 5:25 a.m. Saturday, he radioed for a computer check. Moments later he arrested Terry A. Lent, 22, of Peekskill on a Westchester County warrant for possession of a forged instrument, second degree.

Freeze walks set Oct. 1

Both Delmar and Voorheesville will be the scene for Nuclear Freeze Walks Oct. 1.

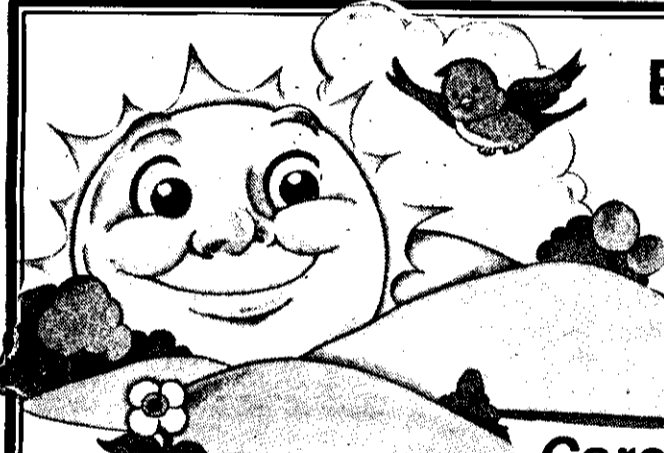
Local walks are being planned throughout the 23rd and 24th Congressional Districts, as well as nationwide; they will be 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) in length, but organizers say participation is more important than "going the distance."

"People of all ages, including young children, senior citizens and the handicapped, are strongly urged to participate," says Bob Tate, media coordinator for the Delmar walk committee.

The freeze is a call for a mutual, verified halt to the production, deployment and testing of nuclear weapons by

the United States, to be followed by mutual, verified reductions. The freeze movement points to national public opinion polls that show the American people favoring a freeze by a large majority. More than 100 national and international organizations, the city councils of more than 300 communities, 444 New England town meetings and many former government officials support the freeze, organizers say. The Bethlehem Town Board passed a resolution in 1982 calling for a mutual and verified halt to the arms race.

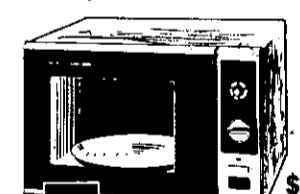
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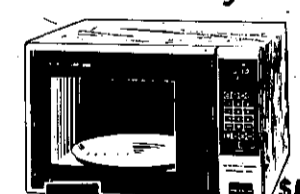
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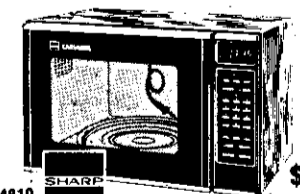
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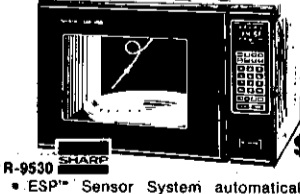
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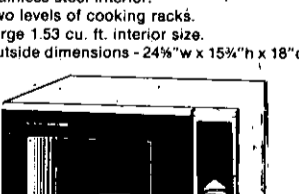
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News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem



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By rail and river

Receiving the red carpet treatment, the Sunshine Senior Citizens of Selkirk-South Bethlehem found an antique coach of the Valley Railroad reserved exclusively for them when they visited Essex, Conn., recently. Departing from the Essex depot aboard an old-fashioned steam train, the group toured Southern New England. They traveled to Chester by rail and then from steam train to riverboat.

Boarding the vessel at Deep River dock, the seniors enjoyed a cruise of the scenic Connecticut River. The captain, acting as guide, offered historical information regarding locale and drew attention to points of interest along the shore, including the beautiful Gillette Castle, which is in a state park.

Services to seniors

Senior Projects of Ravena offers a complete program of services to senior citizens in the area. In addition to hot meals at noon and on Thursday evenings for all seniors, they provide a Meal-on-Wheels service for shut-ins in the Ravena, Coeymans, New Baltimore, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area. A recreation program including billiards, cards, TV, crafts, bingo and other games also is available. Crafts and instruction are offered Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. Bingo is Wednesday afternoons and Sunday evenings, when the public is invited. Senior Projects also participate in local functions such as Senior Citizen Day at Empire State Plaza in Albany where they will have a crafts display Sept. 11.

Charges for services are \$1.25 for meals in the dining hall, at noon; \$1.50 for Thursday evening meals; Meals-On-Wheels is \$1 for cold meals, \$2 for hot meals, delivered. Further information may be obtained by calling Senior Projects of Ravena, 756-8593.

The menu for this week, beginning Thursday, will be: Thursday corned beef, boiled potato; Thursday evening: baked ham, creamed potato; Friday: macaroni and cheese, diced ham; Monday: meatloaf with gravy, candied sweet potato; Wednesday: goulash over noodles, mixed vegetables; Thursday: liver with onions

and peppers, oven-browned potato; Thursday evening: roast chicken, mashed potato.

Constitution week

"Remember the Constitution" week is Sept. 17 to 23. The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be remembering with displays, posters and a proclamation from Mayor Bailly of Ravena. Hannakrois DAR Chapter has provided large posters, created by flag chairman of the chapter, Mrs. Cecily M. Greenley of Selkirk.

The New York State Conference of the DAR will be Sept. 22-24 at the Americana Inn, Albany. Mrs. Mary Van Oostenbrugge and Mrs. Gilbert E. Houk of Selkirk have been named delegate and alternate from the Hannakrois chapter.

Park is the place

Same time, same place — hopefully! Having enjoyed the Henry Hudson Town Park as the setting for their regular monthly meetings this summer, the Sunshine Senior Citizens have planned their September meeting there also — weather permitting. Scheduled for Monday, Sept. 12, the meeting will be preceded by a covered-dish luncheon at noon. Any senior who would like to attend is invited. Should it rain, the meeting will be at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

Clams and more!

The date is Sunday, Sept. 18, the time — 1 p.m., the location — the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, and the event is the Bethlehem Elks "Clams Steam." Nothing more really needs to be said — other than that tickets are now available! Known for its fare, the clam steam will be served at 5 p.m., with hot dogs, hamburgers, chowder, hot sausage sandwiches, beer and soda will be available at the cook shed from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are available at the lodge.

Festival weekend

This is the weekend for the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem's Fall Festival. The festival gets under way Friday evening with a pot-luck picnic in the reforestation area. The picnic will be

followed by a campfire, singing and a vespers service. All are invited, just bring a dish to share and join in the fun beginning at 6:30 p.m.

For the kids there will be games of skill, mini-fire engine rides and new this year, horseback rides. The chicken barbecue will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. with take-outs available.

Lord's Acre auction

The 28th annual Lord's Acre Auction, Fair and Chicken Barbecue will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Trinity Methodist Church on Rt. 143, Coeymans Hollow.

The variety booths open at 10 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. the auction will begin. At the close of the auction there will be a drawing for a free barbecue ticket.

Treaty remembered

The Gansevoort Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will observe the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Paris with a program at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at the Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany. David Veeder, executive director of the Albany County Historical Association, will be the guest speaker. For information, call 439-3588.

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"We had a little extra money this year," observed Peter VanZetten, town highway superintendent.

To date, the motopaver equipment has resurfaced a third of a mile of Meadowbrook Rd. in New Salem, has put an asphalt base on 2.3 miles of Clipp Rd. between Diamond Hill Rd. and Rt. 85, and has topped the previous base on Clipp Rd. between Diamond Hill Rd. and Delaware Tpk. Elsewhere, approximately a mile of Rarick Rd. received a new top, plus about a quarter of a mile of Collabek Rd.

VanZetten says he is waiting for the completion of the Feura Bush water line installation before repaving Western Ave. and New Scotland Ave., two short side streets in Feura Bush that total less

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than a third of a mile combined.

Town highway crews have also graded and levelled Diamond Hill Rd. between Hurst Rd. and Clipp Rd. preparatory to laying a coat of oil. VanZetten, however, could not whether Diamond Hill would be on the town's 1984 repaving schedule, which tentatively includes Hurst Rd. and part of Koonz Rd. "It depends on how they come through the winter," he said.

Button club meets

Mrs. James Heffernan of Albany will speak on "Williston Buttons" when the Half Moon Button Club of the Capital District holds its monthly meeting at the Bethlehem Public Library at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Bicycle exchange

Sept. 1 — Stolen from Clarkson Rd., Delmar, not registered.

Sept. 3 — found at Southwood Dr. and Rt. 85, Slingerlands, not reported stolen.

Health and fun fair

Free health screenings and a variety of activities, including aerobics, will be available for senior citizens at a health and fun fair on Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sisters of Mercy Mother House, 634 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Entertainment and refreshments will be free.

St. Peter's Hospital, the Mercy Health and Education Corp. and the county Department for the Aging are cosponsoring the fair. For information, call 454-1333.

Gardeners to gather

The Bethlehem Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Club officers for 1983-84 are Mrs. Edward Francois, president; Mrs. Starton Montague, vice-president; Mrs. Clark Galloway, secretary and Mrs. William Dugan, treasurer. For information, call Doris Arnold at 439-2827.

Funlovers cause damage

Vandals who pushed two cars together from driveways on Dumbarton Rd. in the small hours of Saturday morning succeeded in blocking the street and causing damage to one of the vehicles, according to a Bethlehem police report.

2 fall programs offered

Two programs devoted to the natural history of fall will be offered at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, Sept. 17.

"Sharing Fall With Your Children," for parents with their children, will present a repertoire of activities, craft ideas and stories that can be enjoyed by the whole family in the fall. The workshop, which begins at 10 a.m., is the second in a series of "Sharing Nature with Children" programs aimed at helping parents to feel more at ease with their children in outdoor settings. Pre-registration is required — call 457-6092. A \$1 fee will cover supplies and materials. An indoor program is planned if it rains.

"The Flowers of Fall," beginning at 2 p.m., will study the profusion of purple and gold flowers that dominate the fields in autumn. Wildflower identification and traditional lore will accent this outdoor exploration. This program is open to the public free of charge. Sturdy hiking shoes are suggested. This program will be cancelled in case of inclement weather.

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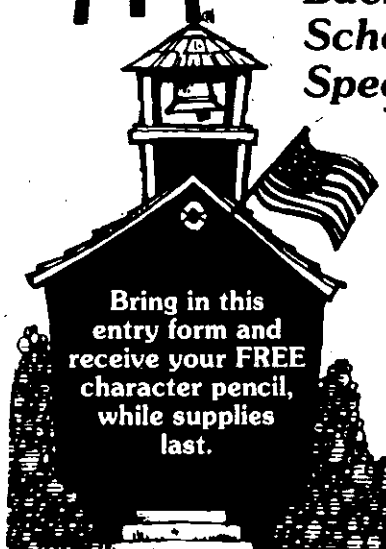
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Need is growing

Two years ago in response to the needs of the community, St. Matthew's Church organized its Human Concerns Committee to assist local people in need of help with food or fuel, or who required other temporary assistance.

Now, because of budget cuts in welfare and food stamps, the needs have grown and more people are requesting help.

In hopes of broadening its base of support in the community the committee is inviting anyone who would like to help to a meeting Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Rd. Anyone wanting more information may call Marie Hill at 765-4254.

Flower arranging

The Helderview Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Voorheesville United Methodist Church. Master Gardener Joan Gardener will give a demonstration on flower arranging and the public is invited. Those wanting more information may call Kassy Gainor at 765-2576.

Scouts head for camp

About 80 girls from 12 neighborhood troops in Voorheesville will be leaving to spend a weekend at Camp Little Notch, near Saratoga. During the encampment, the brownies, juniors and cadets will take part in many activities including mountain climbing, crafts, fishing, and boating and swimming, weather permitting.

Co-ordinator of the event, held every 18 months, is Bea Richardson. Mary Ann Parmenter is responsible for house activities, and Beth Timmis organized many of the other activities.

Girls who would like to join the scouting program in Voorheesville may sign up Monday, Sept. 12, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria of the elementary school. Any girl entering first grade or older is invited to bring a parent and register. Leaders are needed. Anyone interested in helping may come to registration or may call Bea Richardson at 765-4651.

Room mothers to meet

Marianne Heinrich, room mother coordinator at the elementary school, reminds all registered room mothers that a meeting is scheduled Friday, Sept. 9, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Matthew's Church. Any room mother who has questions or who cannot attend the meeting should contact her at 765-2234.

Church classes set

Registration for religion classes for students in grades 1 through 12 will be held this Saturday and Sunday after each Mass at St. Matthew's Church. Parents interested in signing up their children up for religious education classes that will begin in October are asked to bring the registration forms they received in the mail. Registration fees are to be paid at that time.

Registration will also take place next weekend after each Mass. Information on the programs can be obtained from Maryann Malark at 765-4392 for elementary school classes and Fran Arthur at 765-4301 for high school classes.

Youth group signup

Registration for seventh graders who wish to join St. Matthew's Youth Group will be Saturday and Sunday after each

scheduled Mass. On Monday, a meeting will be held for all new and old members as well as officers at 7 p.m. in the old church on Pleasant St. The main order of business will be to discuss plans for the year's activities, including a dance planned for Friday, Sept. 16. Everyone is urged to attend.

Youth group director Mike Malark is seeking people who will act as short-term coordinators for various youth group activities. Interested people should contact Malark at 765-4392.

'Renew' sessions planned

For the past several years St. Matthew's Church has been conducting classes for those who wish to join the church and for inactive members who wish to renew their baptismal vows. This year inquirers will be asked to join a small 'Renew' group in the fall. Anyone who is interested in joining the church or returning to the church is asked to call the rectory at 765-2805 before Sept. 14.

Trim with dance

Time to dance away those extra summer picnic pounds! Ann Lawton Aerobic Patterns will begin its fall schedule on Monday, Sept. 12. Classes will meet Mondays and Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. and Thursdays and Fridays at 9:15 a.m., all at the American Legion hall. Participants may sign up for two or more days. Evening classes will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., also at the Legion hall.

On Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m. classes taught by Sue Panthen will be held at the Cooperative Extension Building on Martin Road in Voorheesville. Babysitting will be available at all classes. For fees and information call Aerobic Patterns, at 439-0265.

3 from abroad

For most students the first day of school is exciting, but for three new students at Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High today is sure to be especially so. This year the high school welcomes

three foreign exchange students who will be staying with area families.

They are Sandra Pinho, 16, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, who will be staying with the Richardsons' in Salem Hills; Dora Marie Estrada Beltran from Mexico, who will be staying with the Wilson-Ravida family, and Jovana Ilic from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, who will be with the Kirk family of New Scotland.

The American "brother" and "sisters" of the three — Chris Kirk, Donna Richardson and Debbie Ravida — are all eager to show their guests around the area. Foreign language teacher Robert Streifer was liaison representative to the Pacific Intercultural Exchange Program, based in California.

Shop is opened

Congratulations are in order for Kenneth Hammond of Voorheesville and his family, who recently opened the "K and B Stained Glass Shop" at Stonewell Plaza. The shop offers hand-crafted items as well as supplies and classes.

Guitarist in benefit

Southbound won't be the only Voorheesville musicians at the fund drive for a van for the Albany Retarded Children's Center. Singer-guitarist Tom Fisch will also be on hand in Washington Park this Sunday afternoon.

Another concert

An afternoon of blue grass music is tentatively scheduled as an encore to the popular Concert in the Park series. The concert is tentatively scheduled for this Sunday, but as of this writing definite plans have not been confirmed.

Subdivision hearing set

Mulderly Realty, New Scotland Ave., Albany, has a proposal before the Town of New Scotland Planning Board for an 11-lot subdivision off Rt. 85A, near Forest Dr. A hearing on the plan is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the New Scotland Town Hall.

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The Chamber grows with the town

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is striking out in new directions with a new theme: "It's Better to Do Business in Bethlehem." On Chamber of Commerce Day, Sept. 22, the Chamber will be holding an open house from 4 to 8 p.m. at its new offices, at 163 Delaware Ave. (above Lincoln Hill Books). There will be a questionnaire seeking the public's guidance on the future direction of the Chamber, and teams will be soliciting new members during the day. But that should not obscure the Chamber's many accomplishments during its 30-year history, as recounted here by historian and former Chamber secretary Allison Bennett. Ed.

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The years following World War II quickly began to show a boom in homebuilding and business expansion in the Tri-Village area. Several men, among them Thomas Dorato, Vincent Spinosa and Charles Oliver, engaged in or interested in business in the Delmar-Elsmere area, decided it was time to join together in an organization known as the Delmar Business Men's Association.

TIMES REMEMBERED

Allison Bennett



One of the highlights of this organization was to have a Christmas time celebration at the Four Corners for town residents. The Adams Hardware piped organ music into the open air and local musicians volunteered their time to play for the festivity. Among them was Roger DiNucci, his lips practically frozen onto his trumpet in the cold air, as carol singing rang out over the snowy streets.

A nativity scene was set up, designed and painted by the art department at the high school and decorated with evergreens by the Verstandigs, who also supplied a Christmas tree. The Boy and Girl Scouts helped out by passing out candles and lighting them for the audience. The event was even recorded on the local radio station, featuring Father Markham of St. Thomas Church and John Oliver, town supervisor, being interviewed by Colonel Jim Healy.

New businesses and stores came rapidly into town, with Delaware Ave. fast becoming the business boulevard of the three villages. Other men joined with the earlier business pioneers in seeing a need for a larger business bureau that would give assistance to these new businesses and also promote the idea of bringing business and industry to Bethlehem.

Their discussions resulted in the formation of the Bethlehem Chamber of

Commerce, with Charles Oliver of Delmar serving as the first president. The meetings were started, probably in 1953, but the Chamber's minutes book begins with the term of the second president in June of 1955. In its infant beginnings the meetings were held at the home of the president or other board members, and included such things as picnic suppers for those meetings held in June, July and August.

One of the first projects that the new Chamber undertook was the continuation of the Christmas Creche display and decorations of colored Christmas lights at Delaware and Elsmere Avenues and at the Four Corners. There was much discussion also of installing a sign at the entrance to the Tri-Village area at Elsmere, this in conjunction with the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, located on land belonging to the Williams Brothers.

In 1956 there was a mania in town for the planting of dogwood trees, and some envisioned the Tri-Village as the dogwood capital of the country. The Chamber participated in this project by ordering trees, planting them at various locations and encouraged homeowners to do the same. This project was continued for several years. However, the dogwood in the northeast is not as hardy as in more southerly locations, and while there are still some of these trees to be seen about town, the number planted and the number surviving is quite disproportionate.

Money was donated by the Chamber for summer concerts at which Roger DiNucci's orchestra played, and letters of welcome were sent out to all newcomers in cooperation with Welcome Wagon. The state Department of Commerce

requested the Chamber to participate in a "survey" of the town, but the old minutes do not state what that survey entailed. In 1957 the Chamber took a positive position on the widening of Delaware Ave. and over the years they have taken a stand on many questions relating to the business development in our area and the state as a whole.

One of the better remembered events that was sponsored annually by the Chamber was Delmar Day at the Saratoga Harness Track, beginning in 1958 and continuing for some years. The Chamber donated a trophy for the winner and groups of its members made it an evening of fun and frolic at the track at that particular event.

That same year saw a new Chamber arm established, "Opportunities for Growth" . . . to encourage the location and expansion of industry and manufacturing capacity within the town . . .

Also in 1958 the Chamber printed and distributed 6000 brochures that extolled the virtues of living and working in the Town of Bethlehem. An essay contest was sponsored by the Chamber in the Bethlehem Central High School that was carried on for some time. Also in this year a dinner was held for the new teachers in the school system and this tradition has lingered down to present days. In the 1959 Hudson-Champlain Celebration the Bethlehem Chamber entered a float for the town and also for the City of Albany parade.

By 1960 the Chamber felt a need for

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The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce honored Miss Delmar on this float passing Four Corners in Delmar's parade observing the Hudson-Champlain Celebration in 1959. Jane Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wilson of Darroch Rd., was 18 at the time. She had returned from a summer job at Lake Placid the day before, and was going off to college the following

day. Now Mrs. Ralph Pape of Darnley Green, Delmar, she recalls her attendants were Barbara Schreck and Judy McDowell, and two young granddaughters of the then Bethlehem town supervisor, John Oliver. Except for the planters, the storefronts at Four Corners have not changed since that Labor Day weekend 24 years ago.

another brochure regarding the industrial development of the town and they also opposed the telephone excise tax, sending letters to all Legislators and the Governor. They were also talking about, and looking into locations, for a town park. They considered the Wright farm on North Street as a possible location. The Chamber had no money to purchase the land, but they were one of, if not the, originators of that concept, which has now come to fruition with our parks

at Elm Ave. and at the Hudson River.

In 1962 they helped with exploratory work on the need for a civic center in town and they also thought of establishing an office expressly for the use of the Chamber, although that did not come to pass until 20 years later. In 1963 they supported the establishment of a car wash in town and also published another brochure.

That same year saw an arm of the

Chamber being established as "Opportunities for Growth, Inc." This encouraged the location and expansion of industry and manufacturing capacity within the town, the creation of new and improved job opportunities and the betterment of individual and community prosperity within the Town of Bethlehem. William Weber, William Schoonmaker, Alan Hilchie and Lindsey Boutelle were the first officers of this new group.

Over the past two decades the Chamber has also sponsored a Better Business Bureau Committee chaired by Al Woehle, a team in the local Babe Ruth League, assisted with the Bethlehem Winter Carnival in both planning and giving of prizes and helped with the town beautification with a Tree Planting Committee, long under the guidance of Gladys Hosey. In conjunction with the Bethlehem Fire Officers Association in 1981, the Chamber assisted in distribution to all residents a medical information system that could be kept in the home. Business Breakfast Seminars have been held over the years, as well as a Business-Industrial-Education Exchange and seminars on law enforcement with the Police Department. The Chamber was instrumental in having a traffic light installed at the Delmar By-Pass at its junction with Elmsmere Avenue.

Through its 30 years of involvement in Bethlehem, the Chamber has tried to foster good feeling, comity, trade and commerce in and for the Town of Bethlehem; to foster a close relationship with town government; and purposed to advance the commercial, industrial and civic interests of the area. Its purpose is dedicated to the growth and development of the town, and maintenance of high standards of business practice. How well it has accomplished those objectives will be the backbone of its strength in the future.

It is impossible to give credit in one article to all of the people who have served the Chamber in numerous ways over its 30-year history, and their satisfaction must come from their own sense of dedication. The Chamber sees itself as a viable organization and its president, Peter Merrill, as well as immediate past president Edward Danner, have outlined goals for the future. These are to provide businesses with information and assistance on setting up a business in the town, work with town government in making Bethlehem conducive to business, and encourage local residents to patronize town businesses.



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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.

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month, 7:30 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.

THE Spotlight Calendar

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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.

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.

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Pat Jukins at 439-8096.

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

Voter Registration: You may vote in New York State if you are 18 on or before the election, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, city or village for 30 days preceding the election, and registered with the county Board of Elections. Mail registration forms can be obtained at town and village halls, from political parties, from the League of Women Voters and from boards of election. The completed form must be received by your Board of Elections by the first Monday in October. Information, Albany County Board of Elections, 445-7591.

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

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

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

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. during school year. Call 439-2238.

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.

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.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Voorheesville schools open.

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

Freshman Orientation, Bethlehem Central High School, 7:30-10:50 a.m.

"Bean Painting" for children 6 or older, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

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

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

Bethlehem Business Women's Club, first fall meeting, 6 p.m. social hour, Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Information, 439-0610 or 474-0622.

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

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

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

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

Helderview Garden Club, Joan Gardener to demonstrate flower arranging, Voorheesville Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

Human Concerns Meeting, St. Matthew's Church, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Selkirk Church Fall Festival, begins with potluck picnic at First Reformed Church of Bethlehem reforestation area, 6 p.m.

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

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

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

Voorheesville Elementary School Room Mothers meeting at 9:30 a.m., St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Selkirk Flea Market sponsored by Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, at A.W. Becker School, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Selkirk Steak Roast, sponsored by Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., noon.

Punktown Dance, music by Gold Rush, New Salem fire station, Rt. 85A, 9 p.m. \$10 reservations. Information, 765-2231 or 765-4771.

Selkirk Church Fall Festival, chicken barbecue, guest speaker Rev. Hugh Koops on contemporary Christian ethics, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 6 p.m. Reservations by Sept. 2, 767-9149 or 767-2243.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Selkirk Church Fall Festival, punch and cookies get-together for Sunday school children and their parents, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 9:30 a.m.

St. Thomas Parish Picnic, at Sunny Acres Camp, 1-7 p.m.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Schools Open in Bethlehem Central and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central districts.

Resume Writing Workshop, three-part course on how to use the library's Apple II micro-computer to prepare a job resume, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Delmar Community Orchestra, first fall rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, Dr. Samuel Kantor, 489-4161.

Hannakrols Chapter, DAR, to meet at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

St. Matthew's Youth Group, 7 p.m., at the old church on Pleasant St., Voorheesville.

Girl Scout Registration, for girls in first grade or above, must be accompanied by a parent, Voorheesville Elementary School cafeteria, 7 p.m.

Sunshine Senior Citizens lunch at Henry Hudson Town Park, Winne Rd., Selkirk, noon.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

Delmar Home Crafts Club, at Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6408.

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

Public Hearing, on application of Mulderly Realty for approval of subdivision on Rt. 85A, at New Scotland Town Hall, 7:30.

Blood Pressure Clinic, United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 9-11 a.m., 7-9 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Book Discussion Group, on "Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant," Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

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

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

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

Bethlehem Garden Club, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1 p.m. Information, Doris Arnold, 439-2827.

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

"Mame" (the Broadway musical), Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham, through Sept. 11, Wednesday-Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 5 and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday 2 and 7 p.m. Reservations, 392-9292.

"Knickerbocker Follies" (ESIPA's spectacular season opener of last year returns, restaged and with Orson Bean as MC), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Sept. 16 preview, 10 a.m., Sept. 18 opening 2 p.m., Sept. 19, 21, 22 and 23, 10 a.m., Sept. 23 and 24, 8 p.m. Box office, 473-3750.

MUSIC

Ronny Milsap (country singer), Palace Theatre, Albany, Sept. 9, 7 and 10 p.m. Reservations, 465-3334.

Bluegrass Country Folk all-day festival, Rondout Country Club, Accord, Sept. 10, noon-midnight. Information, (914) 331-4183.

Jon Gailmor (folk tunes from the British Isles), Eighth Step Coffee House, 362 State St., Albany, Sept. 10, 8:45 p.m.

ART

Seneca Ray Stoddard: Adirondack Illustrator (photos and paintings by 19th century regional photographer), State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Sept. 10 through Oct. 30.

Villagers' Outdoor Art Show (drawings, paintings, sculpture, graphics and photography), around the Indian in Schenectady's historic Stockade district, Sept. 10, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

"Yasuo Kuniyoshi: Artist as Photographer," Blum Art Institute, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, reception Sept. 10 5-7 p.m., through Oct. 13. Information, (914) 758-6822.

"In Search of the Picturesque: 19th Century Images of Industry Along the Hudson River Valley" (70 drawings, watercolors, oils and oil sketches by American painters), Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Sept. 13 through Nov. 27.

M.A.S.S. (Major Albany Sculpture Sites), two-year outdoor sculpture exhibition by New York State artists at Riverfront Preserve, Albany.

"Dutch Painting in the Age of Rembrandt" (on loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art), Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Oct. 30.

Opus 40 (six-acre environmental sculpture created by Harvey Fite in an abandoned bluestone quarry over a period of 37 years), High Woods, Saugerties (Thruway Exit 20 to Rt. 212 and Fishcreek Rd.), open Sept. 18, Oct. 2 and Oct. 9, noon-5 p.m. Information, (914) 246-3400.

Drawings and papers of Washington Roebling, designer of the Brooklyn Bridge, Folsom Library, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, through September.

"Twentieth Century Ornamental Painters and Fabrics," Museum of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, Wednesdays through Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays noon to 3 p.m.

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

"Photography: Art of the State," 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.

Small Scale Outdoor Sculpture at Chesterwood, the summer home of sculptor Daniel Chester French, Stockbridge, Mass., through Oct. 17.

"Malden Bridge Pottery" (works by Michael Lancaster and Barbara Harnack), Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, through Sept. 30. Information, 283-1100.

Brian Dickerson (artist in residence at Institute on Man and Science, Rensselaerville), through Sept. 15.

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Reading for Children, Prof. Frank Hodge with tips for parents to turn their children into avid readers, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 8 p.m.

Second Milers, luncheon with speaker on local transportation projects and transportation financing, Delmar United Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

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

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

BTA Tennis Tournament, first round of fall tournament begins at Elm Ave. Park and Middle and high school courts, continuing next weekend.

Q.U.I.L.T., Delmar United Methodist Church, 10 a.m., information, 477-9705.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Lions Club Light Bulb Sale, door-to-door sale today and Sept. 24.

"Sharing Fall With Your Children", for parents with their children at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. Preregistration required; call 457-6092.

Lord's Acre Auction, fair and chicken barbecue, Trinity United Methodist Church, Rt. 143, Coeymans, 10 a.m. opening, 1:30 p.m. auction starts and dinner from 4:30-7 p.m.

"The Flowers of Fall", Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Delmar, 2 p.m. Open to all.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Food Pantry Collection, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave.

Elks Clam Steam, at Bethlehem lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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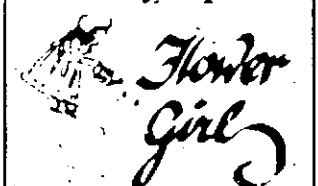
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Tough Love Talk, Lee Ann Parry explains how it helps parents of troubled teenagers at a Families for the Future meeting, Key Bank university branch office, Western Ave. at Tryon St., Albany, 7:45 p.m.

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

Russell Sage Evening Division Information Night, for prospective students over 25 with three RSC credits, at college campus center, 140 New Scotland Ave., 6-7 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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.

Maria Weekend College Registration, for classes every other weekend for an associate's degree, at admissions office, 700 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m.

Capital District Recorder Society, first fall meeting at Frederick House, Rt. 146, Guilderland Center, 7:30 p.m. Information, 473-7605.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Grecian Festival, three-day fair sponsored by St. George's Greek Orthodox Church of Schenectady, at the Hellenic Center, 510 Liberty St., Schenectady, 5 p.m.-midnight. Information, 372-5122.

Empire State College Information Session, at the SUNY school's new location, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. No appointments necessary.

Christian Singles Over 25, covered-dish supper and "get acquainted" evening, Loudonville Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 797-3740 or 797-3478.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

YWCA Garage Sale, at YWCA parking lot, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. To donate items to sell, call 438-6608.

Farm-City Day, farmers' market with exhibits and demonstrations for city dwellers, Washington Park, near lakehouse, Albany, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Information, 462-8721.

YMCA Septemberfest, sale of books and food to benefit Troy YMCA, 2500 21st St., Troy. Information, 272-5900.

Grecian Festival, at Hellenic Center, 510 Liberty St., Schenectady, 10 a.m.-midnight. Information, 372-5122.

Rensselaer County Council for the Arts Open House, demonstrations, class registration and membership opportunities at 189 Second St., Troy, 1-5 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

Turkey Hunting Seminars, tips on calling, plus archery and black powder experts, Moore's Trading Post, Rt. 9W, Ravena, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The Season at Capital Rep., talk by producing director Bruce Bouchard, Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m.

Dr. Walter Heller speaks at State Bank of Albany's Economic Forum, Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Albany. Information, 447-4336.

Farmer's Market, Tuesdays at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany.

Association of Ladies of Charity, at Holy Cross Church, Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, monthly meeting, with Warren Delp of FBI speaking on white-collar crime, Albany Hilton Hotel, 7 p.m. dinner. Reservations \$15 for members, \$17 for public.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Hispanic Heritage Night, music and dance at Empire State Plaza, 4:30-9 p.m. Free.

NYS Retired Teachers Association, registration due for annual meeting Sept. 22 at Bavarian Chalet, Guilderland. Send to John Gardiner, 138 Fernbank, Delmar 12054.

Senior Citizen Health and Fun Fair, free health screenings and entertainment at Sisters of Mercy Mother House, 634 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information, 454-1333.

"Issues Impacting on Land Forces of the U.S.", panel discussion sponsored by U.S. Army Association, at Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 6:45 p.m.

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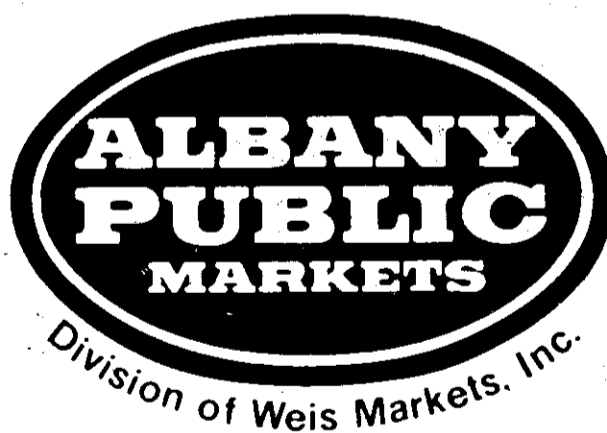
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The club meets the first Wednesday of each month. For information, call Janet Johnson at 439-0610 or 474-0622.

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The influence of academia reaches far beyond its primary objective of teaching skills to our youth for the maintenance and betterment of life. The school schedule itself, be it cause or effect, lines up with the fiscal year of many businesses and governments. Accordingly, many budget cycles and vacations or recesses conform to the academic year. Product sales from jeans to computers are also

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affected significantly by school codes and requirements.

Aside from other influences wielded by the academic world on the rest of the world, I am concerned by the effects on many families of having to adjust to the school year as we know it.

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



In our family, for example, it's certain minutiae of daily life that let me know my boys are back to the grind. Paper begins growing out the kitchen counters and dining room table. Pencils and Scotch tape disappear more often. I no longer hear the question "Where's the TV Guide?" which is the most available method in the summer for figuring out which day of the week it happens to be.

My children are biological night owls, not fowls, to use a Dr. Spock distinction. In summer their complete return to nocturnal living is usually accomplished by August. By the onset of September's bugle blast back to early morning risings, they must abandon their natural state of being in favor of realigning their daily schedules to that of the school day. Considering the assault on their minds and bodies posed by such a feat, it is little wonder that the first marking period is typically a low end reflection of their intelligence.

School imposes inherent routines in the day-to-day life of families. The freewheeling passage of summertime gives way to school year deadlines, assignments, exams, field trips, sporting events, meetings and relatively quiet evenings save a study partner or two and the dinnertime inquiry "What would you like for lunch tomorrow?"

School days are a time when laziness and procrastination come to the fore unless abandoned for those traits demanded by the work ethic, namely, punctuality, industriousness and consistency of effort.

Public education by and large endorses the development of work ethic lifestyles by its very structure, and conversely discourages those creative lifestyles which most resemble the summertime mentality and approach to work. Granted there are many artsy-craftsy types who pursue their art or craft as a tradesman, and anyone in the creative fields must

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develop strong discipline and dedication to produce their works.

Yet, more often than not, the creative members of the world function on inconsistent inspirations and surges of energy. They typically spurn pigeonholes and time-space limits in favor of maintaining an open, responsive posture that invites any and all seeds of creative flowering to enter their artistic gristmill.

In fairness to the demands and restraints of mass education, the classroom routine is not easily structured for the creative individual. Some private and public institutions have geared themselves exclusively to the needs of gifted students who find themselves unable or unwilling to adapt to the standard offerings of schools driven by the 9-to-5 work ethic mentality.

Nonetheless, we are faced with the reality of having to meet the needs of all school-aged children, some of whom naturally resist the rigid rigors of the

conventional school curriculum. I do believe that even with its shortcomings our educational network deserves our support. It's just that I remember too vividly those Sunday evening butterflies and Labor Day blues when I was a boy.

It's time to recognize the unfairness of condemning someone for "sleeping late" unless he or she happens to work the midnight shift. Owls who rise at the break of noon are actually getting up on time and in tune with their natural biological rhythms. It is an unnecessary and negative social pressure to try converting the entire world to diurnal output given the fact that so many of us are nocturnal by nature.

It's time for someone to devise an alternative for the creative owls among our student bodies so they may stay synchronized with their internal cycles within a realistic and responsible academic forum in which to develop their talents toward a meaningful lifework. It's time for schools and society at large to reconcile the fact that when the morning cock crows, there are flocks of owls who just don't give a hoot.

Studies stitchery

Gwen Slaughter of Delmar recently completed a course in advanced creative stitchery and machine embroidery. The course, taught by June Kendell of LuRae's School of Creative Stitchery of Bountiful, Utah, qualifies graduates as instructors. Mrs. Slaughter is available to give free demonstrations of machine embroidery and creative stitchery to groups.

Senior festival on tap

The third annual senior festival, a celebration of the talents, activities and skills of senior citizens, for senior citizens, will be held on the outdoor mall of the Empire State Plaza on Sunday, Sept. 11, from noon to 4 p.m. There will be booths, refreshments and continuous entertainment by area seniors. Admission is free.

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Lynda Schoonbeck

Contest finalist

Lynda Schoonbeck of the Farm Family Insurance Companies, Glenmont, recently was named runner-up in a public speaking contest held at the annual convention of the National Insurance Women International in Seattle, Washington.

Mrs. Schoonbeck, a resident of Glenmont, is director of advertising, sales promotion and public relations for Farm Family. A member of the Insurance Women of Albany, she represented the Northeast Region at the national competition.

Mrs. Schoonbeck first won a local speak-off to go on to the association's Northeast Region I competition in Portland, Me., in April. She won that competition to earn the right to represent the Northeast at the national annual convention, competing against winners from eight other regions.

Welcome Wagon luncheon

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will hold its first luncheon of the season Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Normanside Country Club. Luncheon reservations must be in by Thursday, and may be made by calling Marilyn Corrigan at 439-2744. Babysitting is available by calling Marie Brown at 439-9679 by Thursday.

Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

September 11, 1958

The residents of Glenmont, South Bethlehem and Selkirk will try to pay for a new ambulance with Triple-S blue stamps from Grand Union. The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad received its first funds in-kind last week when the supermarket contributed 5,000 blue stamps to Henry Metchik of Glenmont, fundraising chairman.

Mrs. Paul Dickinson of Delmar, Town of Bethlehem historian, has been appointed to chair the Hudson-Champlain Celebration for this are by the Bethlehem Town Board. Otto deHeus of Elsmere will be vice-chairman. Mrs. Dickinson, whose husband is a Civil War buff, got her start in town history at the war council office where she listed the World War II service men in the area.

September 12, 1963

Robert Jackson, president of the Delmar Rotary Club, is taking his turn hosting a foreign exchange student this year. Janet Bolarinia of Nigeria will stay with his family for two months while she visits local schools to learn techniques that she can apply at the Alafia Institute, a private school that she runs in Ibadan, Nigeria.

September 12, 1968

A group of Selkirk residents have launched a campaign to save the community's YMCA on Rt. 396. William A. Thomas, executive director of the Selkirk Railroad YMCA, has appealed to Coeymans supervisor Ralph Pape and Bethlehem supervisor Bertram Kohinke for support in blocking the move to convert the building into a large motel. The decision is pending.

September 13, 1973

The new real estate brokerage firm of Klersy-Ross Realty, Inc. opened up offices at 282 Delaware Ave., Delmar last week. Joining forces for the business venture will be Henry Klersy, Jr., of Delmar, developer of Westchester Woods, and Arthur Ross, a sales and marketing specialist.

Making reading fun for kids

Dr. Francis P. Hodge, lecturer on reading and literature for young adults at the State University at Albany and professor at Russell Sage College, will be a guest speaker at St. Thomas on Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

He will discuss how reading helps children learn and enjoy books and how parent/child and teacher/child relationships can be enhanced through reading. Hodge will describe how grandparents can participate in a child's learning process by encouraging a child to read more and watch television less.

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"The most important aspect of the whole program is to foster an interest in a desire for reading in children of all ages," according to Hodge. His philosophy is that to help children learn to read, one first has to get them reading.

Hodge, owner of the Hodgepodge Bookstore in Albany, is an avid reader of children's books, reading an average of 60 to 70 titles per week. He is a consultant for "Parents as Reading Partners," and a speaker and workshop director of the New York State Reading Association as well as at numerous local councils of the International Reading Association.

Elected last week to the steering committee of the Bethlehem Jaycees were Richard Knight, president; J. David Harvey and Robert Stockton, vice-presidents; Robert Klein, treasurer; and Donald Bealco, secretary.

September 14, 1978

Fred Holligan of the Bethlehem Police Department stopped at the Sunoco gas station on Rt. 9W in Glenmont to buy a pack of cigarettes last week and wound up confiscating three marijuana plants that were growing in the window. The 18-year old attendant on

duty received an appearance ticket for court. He is the believed grower.

A routine "no" vote by Voorheesville trustee Dick Huber last week that appeared to be meaningless in a 3-2 decision has become one of the most important in village history. It came in the controversial funeral home zoning controversy hearing that pits the Herbert Reilly mortuary vs. the Bruce Brunk mortuary. The approved zoning amendment has been nullified on a little known technicality in the general municipal law. Reilly must now resubmit the zoning change proposal to get a 4-1 vote.

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Scoring punch for BC?

By Nat Boynton

Bethlehem Central's varsity soccer team has been showing a scoring punch in pre-season workouts, but Coach Gene Lewis isn't sure whether that's a sign of a promising offense or a porous defense.

Whichever, Lewis, a perennial optimist, has high hopes for the new season despite the awesome strength of the Suburban Council, where soft spots are non-existent.

Shaking off the loss to graduation of superstar Jeff Guinn and scoring star Randy Dean, Lewis says that "we're on the uphill side if we stay healthy."

It has been several years since Bethlehem has been a serious threat to such

suburban soccer strongholds as Burnt Hills, Guilderland, Shenendehowa and Colonie, but that doesn't faze Lewis. He's got nine returning lettermen from last year's mediocre squad that was 9-9 in the league before being upset by Troy in the first round of the Sectionals. He also has some extra coaching help in Bob Keens, the retired Colonie coach who lives in Delmar, and in Mike Lewis, Gene's son who finished a brilliant career last season as captain of the Union College varsity.

The 1983 Eagles are anchored by the Tilroe brothers, Jason and Jeff, seniors starting their third year on the varsity. Lewis has installed Jason in Dean's old spot at center forward, and has moved Jeff from sweeper to center halfback,



Hot humid weather hasn't drained the energy of Bethlehem Central's varsity soccer players in twice-a-day workouts. The Eagles open their season Tuesday at Troy High and play their first Suburban Council game next Thursday against Mohonasen.

Spotlight — Tom Howes

where Jason played last year.

"Jason is a skillful player, has good ball control and a good hard shot," says Lewis. As for brother Jeff: "We're expecting big things from Jeff, an extremely sound player."

Other Eagles who have varsity experience and who have been starters at various times in the past are Tom Denham, Chris Kelly, Rob Leslie, Andy Tomlinson, Bob Keens and Jeff Randles. These are the guys who have to click if BC is to shake out of its recent pattern of playing beautiful soccer in midfield only to be hurt by questionable shooting at one end and by defensive breakdowns at the other.

Flanking Jason Tilroe on the front line are Kelly on the left and Keens on the right but they face job pressure from two juniors, Knut Hvalsmarken up from the JV, and Damon Wook, a speedster who ran cross-country last fall.

Starting spots on the halfback line are wide open. Jeff Tilroe has been working in Guinn's former slot in the center, with

Leslie on one side and the other up for grabs.

The Eagles appear to be fairly solid at stopper, where Keith Miller, a senior who played on the varsity as a junior, has been looking strong. Lewis likes to deploy three fullbacks, keying to the center fullback. That's where Miller is operating currently, flanked by Denham and Tomlinson.

The sweeper post is also up for grabs. Lewis knows this is a critical spot, and is being selective in choosing his personnel.

In the goalmouth the Eagles have two juniors, Mike Guarino and Roy Long. Both played JV soccer last year, and it's almost a tossup as to which one will get the starting job. The indications are that the backup keeper will get a lot of playing time, and it never hurts to have two capable goalies.

Two other juniors are being groomed as swingmen. Tom Foley is halfback by trade, and Jared King can fill in at either halfback or fullback.

Lewis this week was trying to set up a



Coach Gene Lewis, left, is counting on nine experienced seniors, including (from left) Bob Keens, Jeff Tilroe and Chris Kelly, to make the Eagles a contender in the tough Suburban Council soccer campaign starting next week. Spotlight — Tom Howes

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scrimmage with Shenendehowa for Saturday as a tuneup before the season's inaugural, a non-league tiff at Troy High on Tuesday. The Suburban Council opener is Thursday, Sept. 16, at Mohonassen.

Bethlehem's numerical strength is slightly off this year, with a turnout of 44 for the varsity and JV, but a crowd of 42 came out for the freshman team. That may give BC the luxury of moving two or three of the most talented frosh into the jayvee lineup, and/or setting up a second freshman team of eighth graders playing a modified interscholastic schedule.

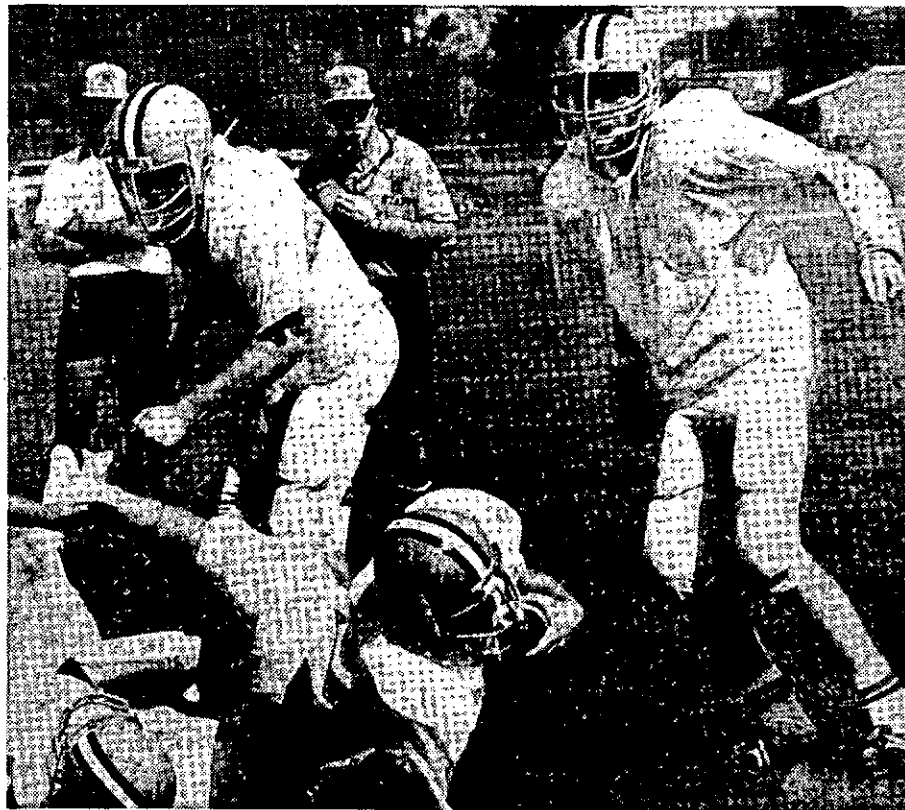
On college team

Tom Dexter, a Delmar athlete who played varsity football, basketball and baseball at Bethlehem Central prior to his graduation in 1982 is billed as the leading contender for the quarterback spot on the Cortland State football varsity this season. Dexter, a sophomore who was Cortland's JV quarterback last season, is described in the college's pre-season football guide as the "heir apparent" to Jay Cieply, a four-year starter who graduated in June. The Dragons open their new campaign Saturday at Buffalo State.

Dexter is the son of Thomas and Teresa Dexter, 11 Pine Tree Dr., Delmar.

Boosters plan fete

The Bethlehem Central football boosters' club plans a dinner-dance fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 24, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Normanside Country Club. The Lynn Riley Band will perform. For ticket information, call Barbara Jadick at 439-2463.



If there are any doubts the summer is over, regardless of the equinox, you've only to pass a high school football field and see the action. These scenes, which have been restaged twice daily at Bethlehem Central for the past two weeks, are mirrored in Voorheesville, Ravena and dozens of their rival schools on the eve of a new season.

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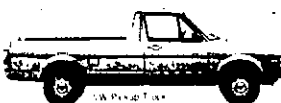
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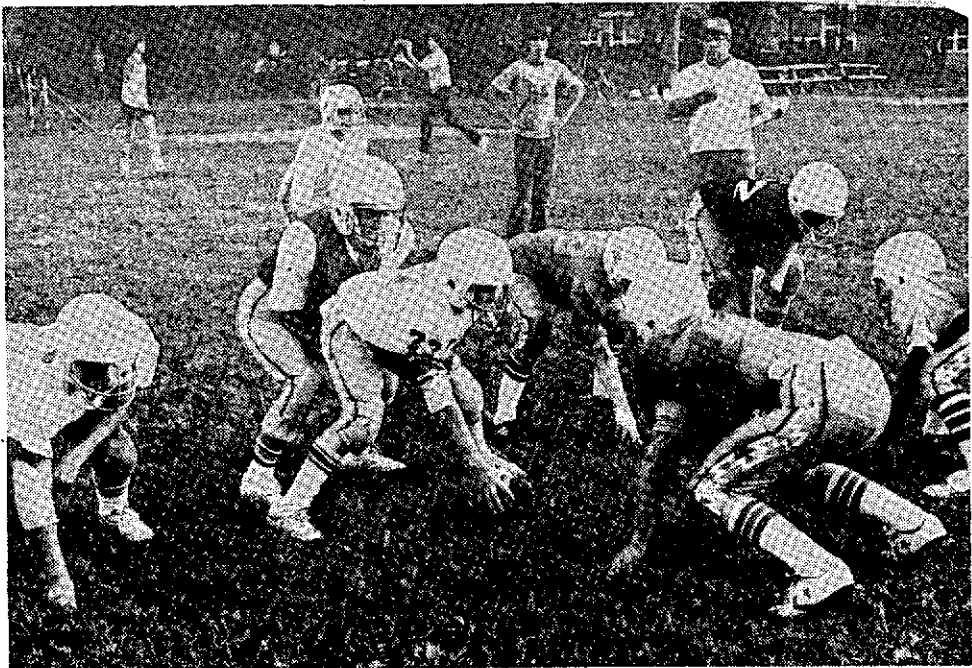
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Coach Joe Allegretta and his Bethlehem Eagles are practicing daily for their Pop Warner opener against Rensselaer in a 2 p.m. game at Hamagrael School field Sunday.
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Pop Warner begins its season

It's kickoff time for Pop Warner football, a major activity in Bethlehem where the 1983 signup has been the largest in recent memory and has created an entire new team.

Joining the Bethlehem Eagles (Midget Division), Bethlehem Hawks (Junior Division) and Bethlehem Falcons (Pee-Wee Division) will be the Bethlehem Ravens, a new PeeWee Division entry.

Pop Warner rules eliminate the kickoff and kickoff return, but the new season will get underway Sunday at noon when the Hawks face Inner City in the first half of a doubleheader, followed by the Eagles meeting Rensselaer. The attraction at the Hamagrael School field is free, and there are cheerleaders to add to the color.

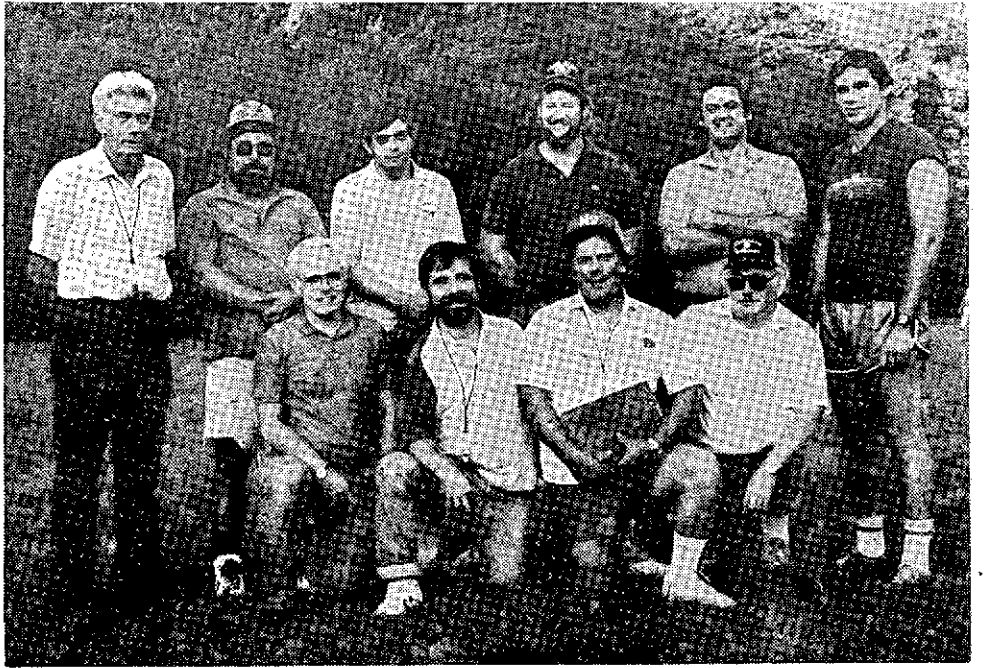
Meanwhile the two PeeWee teams are playing their inaugurals away from home. The Falcons play at Hudson and

the Ravens at Twin Town.

Opening festivities actually get underway Saturday at 6 p.m. with a giant pep rally at the Hamagrael field. The players will be introduced, the cheerleaders will perform, and there will be refreshments and a ceremonial bonfire. Invited to participate are families and players from other nearby communities, Voorheesville, Selkirk, Ravena and Coeymans.

Adult basketball

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a basketball program for adults on Mondays and/or Wednesdays, from 8 to 10 p.m., Sept. 12 to Nov. 21, at the Middle School lower gym. Players can opt for either or both nights with the fee \$10 per session or \$20 for both. Pre-re-



With the highest turnout in recent years, Bethlehem Pop Warner coaches are busy getting four teams ready for Sunday's opening games. From left: front row, Tim Barrett, Bob VanAernem, Joe Allegretta, Ben McFerran; back row, Ade Arnold, Lou DiNuzzo, Ken Zwicklbauer, Bob Ray, Rich Bruno, Fred Minnear. Absent: Peter Fish, Tom Noonan. Head coaches are VanAernem and Arnold, PeeWees; Allegretta, Midgets, and Bruno, Junior Midgets.

gistration is required, in person or by telephone, at the park office, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, 439-4131, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Burglary loot found

Police have recovered nearly all of the items stolen from Rogers Sport and Ski Shop at Delaware Plaza Aug. 4. A report on file at Bethlehem police headquarters states that an estimated \$12,000 in merchandise was recovered with the arrest of Edward Lounello, 49, of Albany at 6 p.m. Friday by Bethlehem Detective Charles Rudolph and Albany detectives. Lounello was charged with criminal possession of stolen property, first degree, and was released on \$10,000 bail.

Gold Rush at fire hall

Gold Rush will be featured band at the Punkintown dance on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 9 p.m. at the New Salem fire station, Rt. 85A. There will be a buffet and other refreshments. Admission is a \$10 donation, and reservations are urged. For information, call 765-2231 or 765-4771.

Parked car looted

A Slingerlands teenager told Bethlehem police someone took a purse from a locked car parked at Delaware Plaza Thursday. The purse contained \$45 in cash, a gasoline credit card and several other items.



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A day at the Open

By Linda Anne Burtis

You'll need Tylenol, visors, granola bars and tickets. Tickets are the least important — if you leave them home, not to worry! On opening day scalpers were selling the \$12 stadium seats for \$7. Granola bars are as necessary to the spectators as Gatorade drinks are to the players. It's a long day in the sun (hopefully) and the black forest ham sandwiches are outrageously overpriced.

The Capital District is well represented throughout the two weeks of this Grand Slam event. Buses are chartered from Albany, Troy and Schenectady, averaging \$25 for tickets and transportation.

The Jones family of Slingerlands was treated to a free day at the Open, courtesy of the United States Tennis Association. The free tickets were given to all Grand Prix junior winners, who were also honored at a luncheon on opening day. Jody Jones is the 14-and-under champion for the Northern region.

"It was really a fun day," said Eileen Jones, Jody's mother. "Jody got to make friends with her competitors."

If you drive, plan on a three-hour trip. The Whitestone Bridge route is a good way to avoid the congestion near Manhattan. Matches begin at 11 a.m. There is also an evening session, but on opening day there was no apparent attempt to clear the grounds of day ticket holders when the evening matches started at 7:30 p.m.

It's a good idea to buy an order of play schedule as soon as you walk through the gates. An overpriced necessity at \$1 — but you'll need this guide to organize your viewing. Matches are scheduled simultaneously on 16 courts, so the range of choices is considerable.

You can watch matches in the stadium, grandstand and on the back courts. A ticket guarantees you an assigned seat in the stadium, and, if it's not in the box seats, means that you're miles away from the superstars of the game. The grandstand, a cozy spot, offers seats on a first-come first-served basis, but will also feature big names.

However, if rubbing shoulders with Nastase, Dick Stockton, Virginia Wade and all the up and coming players explains why you're driving six hours in one day, the back courts are the place to be. Not only are you likely to run into Nastase while buying an ice cream cone (\$1.50, but worth it on a hot day), but you are exposed to some wonderful tennis drama from a courtside spot. All the victory-hungry 15 year olds, who seem never to miss their two-fisted backhand, are gunning for tennis has-beens such as Stockton and Barbara Jordan. Both players lost their first round matches on opening day last Tuesday to young players. You can be as close to these matches as you are at the BTA finals on the Middle School courts.

This is why you have Tylenol...such a tennis feast can be overwhelming. Oh well, think of all you're absorbing about footwork, racket preparation, service motion and strategy. And, remember to eavesdrop. This is a great way to pick up hot tips. The players will be watching the players and talking about their performance. For example, Betty Stove was full of advice for a colleague during Hana Mandlikova's practice session, advice that fell on receptive ears to all beside her.

If you're a tennis groupie, one rule of thumb: don't try and talk to the loser, but a discreet approach to the winner will probably yield excellent results. Better yet, bring your kids along and send them for an autograph.

One final note. Schedule a practice match for yourself within 24 hours of arriving home. You're sure to pull your game up a notch or two, because all that visual effort translates into quickness, better stroking and follow-through.

Shape up at the YW

The Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave. south of the Westgate Shopping Center, is offering a variety of health and exercise classes during its fall program. Aerobics, a program for improving the cardiovascular system, begins Sept. 12 and will be presented on several levels including a class for people beginning regular exercise for the first time and a new program Jazz*y for those who desire extra body shaping and muscle toning beyond what is offered in the regular classes. Sessions are held mornings, afternoons, and evenings, Monday through Saturday at three locations including the YW, Christ Lutheran Church (across from Stuyvesant Plaza), and the Empire State Plaza in the Corning Tower Building.

Beginning Sept. 13, the YW is also offering a class for those who consider aerobics too strenuous but still wish a good workout. Jazz Dance for beginners, in which participants stretch and move to today's music using a combination of ballet and African dance steps, begins Tuesday, Sept. 6, with instructor Sheryl Roth.

Plan golf, dinner

The Mended Hearts will sponsor an open golf tournament and dinner at the Schuyler Meadows Country Club on Thursday, Sept. 15. Proceeds will benefit local heart research and nursing scholarships. For information, call 869-1961 or 785-8558.

Soccer on Saturday

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will offer a soccer program for students in grades 2 through 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturdays, Sept. 17 through Oct. 29, at the high school playing fields. Registration can be made at the fields on the first two Saturdays of the program. The fee is \$8.

Pointers for hunters

Turkey hunter Dick Kirby will give free hunting tips Saturday to customers at Moore's Trading Post, Rt. 9W, Ravena. He will give two seminars, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Experts in archery and blackpowder shooting will also present clinics. For information, call 756-2558.

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in the spring. Plants in late August to mid-September.

OTHERS — Wheat and other small grains, rye grass and legumes can be used. Early seeding in September is best, but all can be planted until freezing temperatures set in.

Beth Bergeron
Extension Agent

Skip the zucchini

The Town of Bethlehem has a bevy of bountiful gardens, if Thursdays are any indication. Each Thursday the town's gardeners are invited to bring their extra produce to the town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, for distribution to senior citizens. Produce can be dropped off from noon to 4:30 p.m. The senior citizens meet from 12:30 to 4 p.m. each Thursday. Tomatoes, green beans, lettuce, broccoli and cauliflower are the most popular items, with zucchini running dead last in the popularity contest among bumper crop vegetables, according to Senior Citizens Coordinator Karen Pelletier.

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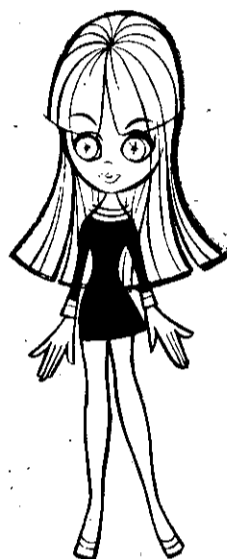
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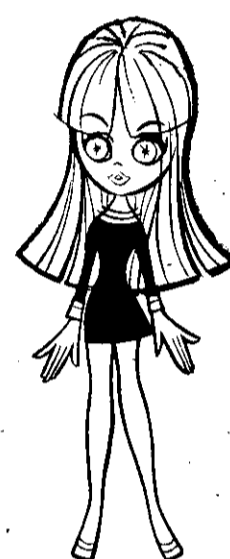
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Spotlight ON THE SERVICES



James R. Matias, son of Thomas R. and Joanne F. Matias of 37 Douglas Road, Delmar, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of specialist four.

Matias is a missile system mechanic at Fort Lewis, Wash., with the 9th Infantry Division. He is a 1980 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Coast Guard Lt. Michael V. Franchini, son of Lawrence and Ann Franchini of Swift Rd., Voorheesville, has reported for duty at Coast Guard Headquarters, Wash. D.C.

Airman Appren. Robert F. Woolheater, son of George B. and Mary E. Schumacher of Beaver Dam Road, Selkirk, has reported for duty aboard amphibious transport dock USS Ponce, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Navy Midshipman Eric J. Maercklein, son of Leslie A. and Mary J. Maercklein of Tamarack Drive, Delmar, recently spent a month in the San Diego area to get a first-hand look at the active duty Navy and Marine Corps. The summer career orientation training program, part of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) curriculum, included hands-on training aboard several surface ships. The program concluded with a five-day visit to the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. He is a member of the NROTC Unit at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.

Marine Pfc. Stephen S. Keel, son of Richard Keel of Selkirk has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island; S.C.

Senior Airman John V. Lopez Jr., son of Geraldine Gallagher of Ballston Spa, and John V. Lopez Sr. of Selkirk, has reenlisted in the U.S. Air Force after being selected for career status.

Assigned at Homestead Air Force Base, Fla., Lopez was approved for reenlistment by a board which considered character and performance. The airman is an aircraft pneudraulic systems mechanic with the 31st Component Repair Squadron.

Cadet Daniel M. DaPolito, son of Louis J. and Donna M. DaPolito of Glenmont, had experience in military leadership at the Army ROTC advanced camp, Fort Bragg, N.C.

The six-week camp is attended by cadets between their third and fourth year of college. DaPolito is a ROTC cadet and a student at Siena College, Loudonville.

Spec. 4 Mark J. Tremblay, son of Doris Tremblay of Cohoes and Andre Tremblay of Voorheesville, has been named outstanding soldier of the month for the 210th Field Artillery Brigade in Herzogenaurach, West Germany.

Tremblay is a radio teletype operator.

Run over by truck

A truck mechanic who was run over three times by a loaded car-carrier was reported still in critical condition at the Albany Medical Center Tuesday, six days after the mishap in Selkirk.

John Karian, 23, of Glenmont was working beneath the loaded trailer at the Anchor Motor Freight yard when the driver jumped in the cab and started to back the rig up to clear a path for a trash truck to reach the yard dumpster. Sgt. Richard Vanderbilt of the Bethlehem police said the driver, Harold Henderson, 53, of Cornwallville, did not see Karian. When a witness frantically signalled him in the cab, Henderson became confused and changed gears to forward, causing the trailer to pass over Karian twice more, Vanderbilt said.

Karian reportedly suffered compound fractures of both legs and ankles, a broken pelvis, several fractured ribs and internal injuries. Henderson was not charged.

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Using public money

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your recent article on the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Directory reports that it contains member business references only. The Town Board gave \$1,500 tax dollars to the Chamber for services in the last six months of 1983. It will, more than likely, up its gifts to \$3,000 in the next year. I do not see how the Chamber could use this money for members only.

The tax dollar is to be used for the good of all the people. I believe the board had all businesses in mind when it provided funds to the Chamber. Special privilege is an insult to the small shopkeeper and a disservice to the people.

Tim O'Brien

Delmar

Invitation to walk

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Oct. 1, residents of the New Scotland and Voorheesville area are invited to join other concerned citizens nation-wide in a local nuclear Freeze Walk.

Staged by the National Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, it is an attempt to strengthen the Freeze throughout the country. At the "grass roots" level, it is an opportunity for local citizens to demonstrate their support of the Freeze, raise funds and heighten consciousness in the community.

Our walk promises to be a colorful, festive event and we urge all those interested to participate as walker and/or sponsor. If you would like to walk, sponsor or assist with the planning, you may contact Jan Weitzman at 765-4469 or Ilse Baker at 765-4079.

Let us make Oct. 1 a memorable day in the New Scotland and Voorheesville area. Let us proclaim our hope for the future as we work together for a mutual verifiable Freeze of nuclear weapons — the first, necessary step toward decreasing

the risk of nuclear war. Let us support the Freeze Walk.

Mary McKenna Jackstadt
Voorheesville

Bike lanes: how safe?

Editor, The Spotlight:

When Holly Howe was struck by a truck she didn't see, both vehicles were travelling eastbound on Western with the truck on the road and the moped in the bike lane. The solid white line dividing the bike lane from the rest of Western Avenue is directly responsible for Holly Howe's injuries.

I ride on Western often, and the cars on that road will not move over before they turn right. One of the first things taught at driving school is that before turning right one signals and moves over to the curb — and yet they won't move over. They are trying to stay out of the bike lane. They don't realize how dangerous it is to throw a steel barrier across the line without any warning.

Many drivers are reluctant to cross a solid white line. Most solid white lines are painted in accordance with the rule that a solid line is not ordinarily to be crossed and it is hard to believe that you can cross one without invading pedestrian zone. The "bike lane" on Western is not a pedestrian zone. It is another traffic lane. It is narrower than the others, but when you are planning to turn right you are both entitled and required to put as much of your vehicle into it as will fit. Until we can get rid of this deadly white line, I implore you to ignore it.

Right turns are not the only reason for getting rid of the solid white line, only the most deadly. One good reason is that the white line keeps heavy vehicles out of the lane regardless of whether or not cyclists are using it. As a result every pebble and speck of trash that falls anywhere on Western ends up in the bike lane and most stretches can be used only by vehicles that can ignore gravel and broken glass.

The apparent protection of the white line causes some drivers to fail to realize that the bike lane isn't wide enough for a cyclist to clear both the curb and a car that lets its fenders and door handles hang over the line.

The apparent protection of the bike lane encourages untrained cyclists to engage in inappropriate behavior such as staying on the extreme right up to the middle of an intersection and the suddenly dashing across all four lanes into a street on the left.

In *Cycling Transportation Engineering*, John Forester says "Some people argue...that bike lanes provide a sense of safety to cyclists...These feelings encourage car/bike collisions because bike lanes, being more dangerous than normal roadways of equal width, require greater care and skill...not less care and skill."

The bike lane on Western has its own peculiar hazards. Take a good look at the westbound section between Stuyvesant Plaza and the Northway, and pity the cyclist who is new in town and turns out of the shopping center intending to go to Gunderland. Innocently following the bike lane he first sees a sign saying "Right lane must turn right." Since the bike lane is the foremost lane on the road, the sign seems to say that all bicycles must turn right. If he is still in the bike lane when he reaches the intersection, it is nearly impossible to cross the steady stream of right-turning traffic and go straight — but if he turns onto the Northway he confronts a sign saying that bicycles are prohibited!

If the solid white lines on Western Avenue were painted out from Robinson's Hardware to Fuller Avenue, there would be a nice wide outside lane that cyclists and cars could safely share.

Joy Beeson

Voorheesville

Holly Howe is the Westmere woman pinned beneath a 5-ton dump truck Aug. 26 while riding a moped on Western Ave. Ed.

Toys still needed

Editor, The Spotlight:

A few months ago *The Spotlight* published an article about a toy drive for the St. Peter's Hospital Pediatric playroom. McDonalds in Delmar kindly offered to serve as a drop-off site for the drive and your readers responded generously. Last week I was able to deliver a large assortment of toys and baby furniture to the hospital. Please extend my personal thanks to all who participated in the drive.

A hospital stay can be a frightening experience to a small child but a well-equipped playroom can help to reduce that trauma. If anyone else has any toys, rocking chairs or baby furniture that they would like to donate, please have them call Judy Carrie, pediatric coordinator, at 454-1550. Thanks to you and your readers.

Bonnie Haley

Delmar

The quiet people

Editor, The Spotlight:

I couldn't agree with Jim Ross more. I moved to Delmar 10 years ago and have since traveled extensively throughout the State. Bethlehem is the greatest place to live and to raise children in New York State.

The number of opportunities available to young people and adults through our schools and churches is unparalleled. Sports activities, social activities and educational activities abound. Our streets are safe. The town has a sense of

extended family which makes us feel that our children are safe and well protected throughout it.

What sets our town far above others is the number of people who volunteer their time to help their neighbors, young and old alike. It's these people who give to others and to our town far more than they receive. It's the little league fathers and mothers, the scout leaders, the volunteer firemen, the folks who visit our senior citizens to provide a helping hand which makes the difference in our town of Bethlehem.

We'll hear a lot about politics in the days ahead but we should hear more about these quiet people who give their time and ask for nothing in return.

Stephen M. Cleary

Delmar

Good Reading

Some interesting or unusual books you may have missed.

By Vincent Potenza

The Dictionary — the one you probably already have in your house, which therefore makes it free.

Yes, I know: reviewing the dictionary? He's kidding, right? Well, not quite. Usually you pick up the dictionary to find out what a word means. You don't "read" it. I propose another use, too.

"The Dictionary Game:" what we English majors did in college when we weren't busy being morally outraged, or playing very bad music much too loud, or any of the rest of that neat stuff.

Here's how you play — you get at least four people together and you get the dictionary. Everybody takes turns finding a word nobody else knows, and those other people write down a definition on a piece of paper. The person with the dictionary writes down the real one. This is all done secretly, of course. He then reads them all aloud and the others vote for what they think is the real definition.

If you vote for the right definition you get a point. If somebody votes for the definition you made up, you also get a point. If you make up what turns out to be the real definition Dr. Samuel Johnson comes down from the sky and autographs your head.

After the scorekeeper gets all this straight — you need somebody to do that, too — the dictionary gets passed on to the next person. The more people play, the better. The winning score is adjusted for the number playing. (Eleven for a group of four usually yields an hour-long game — judge from that).

I play this with my kids and the results are usually not only "instructional" but also funny. They come up with things like, "Philistine: what Phyllis was after she was 12."

Ha ha. But the next time they see the word something clicks. Doesn't hurt me to play, either.

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Rev. Richard Spaulding performed the service at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany. After a reception at the Albany Country Club the couple left for a honeymoon in the Bahamas.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Maid of honor was Elizabeth R. Manning, and matron of honor was Mrs. Edward Finkbeiner of Charlotte, Vt. The bride's nieces, Sandra Blackman and Christie L. Nowlin were junior bridesmaids.

Peter Contompasis, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Peter E. Voorhees, brother of the bride, Christopher Carroll, brother-in-law of the groom, and Emanuel Contompasis, cousin of the groom.

Mrs. Contompasis is a graduate of the Newport School for Girls, attended Bennett Junior College in Millbrook, N.Y., and has a bachelor of fine arts degree from Syracuse University. Her husband is a graduate of Linton High School in Schenectady and Pratt Institute. The couple are proprietors of Keryakos Fabric Printers and Douletta Inc. in Cohoes.



Mr. and Mrs. W. Curtis Kendall

Sandra Butcher wed

Sandra Jayne Butcher and W. Curtis Kendall were married June 25 at the Little Bonne Femme Baptist Church in Columbia, Mo. The bride is the daughter of James Butcher of Columbia and Mrs. Audrey Garcia of Delmar. The groom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wayne C. Kendall.

Sheila Butcher, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Meg Conaway and Susan Yerry were bridesmaids. Daniel Kendall, brother of the groom, was best man, accompanied by Lee Gardner and Craig Bryant. James Butcher and Joseph Garcia, brothers of the bride, were ushers.

The bride graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1976 and received degrees from the University of Missouri and Arizona State University. She is studying at Arkansas State while teaching high school. The groom works for Diamond T Construction in Fayetteville, Ark.

The couple reside in Winslow, Ark.



Sheree Wright and Gerald Pittz

Wright - Pittz

Mr. and Mrs. Max Privler of North Street, Delmar, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sheree Marie Wright, to Gerald Francis Pittz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seward Pittz, Elsmere Avenue, Delmar. She is also the daughter of Walter S. Wright of Texas.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and received a bachelor of science degree from Bentley College, Waltham, Mass. She is controller for Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and

received a bachelor's degree in economics-finance from Bentley College. He is branch manager of the Rotterdam office of Home and City Savings Bank. An Aug. 11, 1984 wedding is being planned.

Ahlstrom-Dighton

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ahlstrom of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Grace, to Christopher Michael Dighton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dighton of Bedford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Armonk High School and received a bachelor of arts degree from William Smith College, Geneva, N.Y. She is an administrative assistant at John Wiley and Sons, book publishers.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Armonk High School and received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Pace University, Pleasantville.

A November 12, 1983 wedding is being planned.

Blue-ribbon honey

Marshall Stanton of Glenmont won first prize in the three categories of honey entered in the Altamont Fair and last week he won first prize in honey and beeswax in the State Fair in Syracuse. A honey display and bee demonstrations can be seen on Farm City Day, sponsored by the Albany County Cooperative Extension, Saturday, Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Washington Park in Albany.

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