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## Major developments planned in Bethlehem

By Vincent Potenza

Nineteen eighty-three was an eventful year for development in the town of Bethlehem. Town government found itself confronted with businesses in residences, residences that would become roads and empty lots that brought outcries from entire neighborhoods. Two more neighborhood associations formed in response to proposed development and a task force to review Delaware Ave. was formed because of the possibility of development.

But what changes in the look of the town will actually come out of all the proposals and red tape? And which proposals currently under consideration are likely to go through in 1984?

While not all-inclusive, the following list of new construction likely to take place this year is comprised of those proposals that have passed review by town agencies:

- The truck stop to be constructed by Union Oil at the intersection of Rt. 144 and Thruway Exit 22, probably the biggest commercial project that required review by the town.

- The Easmount subdivision on Blessing Rd., containing 57 duplexes that can be sold one half at a time due to a planned residence district zoning designation.

- The Havenwood subdivision near Font Grove Rd. in Slingerlands, 25 single-family lots.

- Dowerskill Village which will get another 17 townhouses.

Still undergoing review by the town but likely to be approved this year are:

- A Shop-Rite supermarket and

shopping center on Rt. 9W in Glenmont that has been reviewed both by the town planning board and town board and was being reviewed by the state department of transportation prior to final project approval by the town.

- The proposed Woodhill subdivision off Feura Bush Rd. and Murray Dr. This development will be comprised of some 130 units distributed among eight apartment buildings and some duplexes with the rest single-family homes.

- The proposed Parkview subdivision, which will be across from the town park on Elm Ave. and contain 64 townhouses.

- The Norman's Gate subdivision, which recently came out of litigation for further studies of the slopes of the Normanskill, where some of the proposed 36 single-family houses will sit if the slopes hold. The development is off Euclid Ave. in Elsmere.

- The Woodrow subdivision off N. Beacon Rd., which will consist of 17 single-family units.

Informally presented to the town was a plan by the Carnevale Development Corp. to build some 90 duplexes in a planned residence district on Blessing and Krumkill Rds. It's uncertain whether the developer will pursue the plan, which met with approval from the town planning board.

Very tentatively before the planning board was a plan from David Siegel to build 355 units in a planned residence district at the end of the Delmar Bypass. The plan was never seen by the board but Siegel had been in before, contemplating the PRD zone change, and there is every chance that he'll be back.



A New Years tradition — bird watchers flock to Five Rivers Environmental Center on the first to take their annual count of migrant birds.

Tom Howes

## Solar energy still in the shadows here

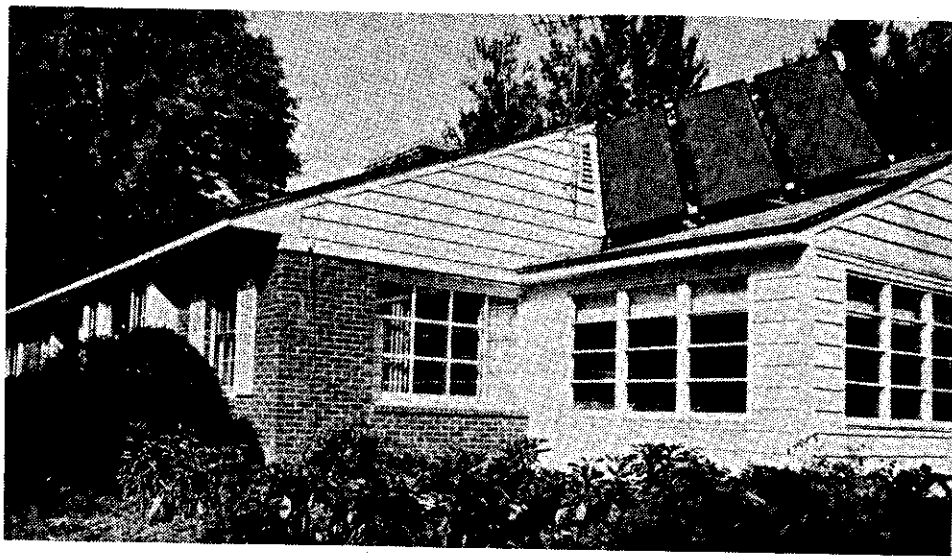
By Caroline Terenzini

A decade ago, as the Arabs and the oil companies flicked the switch on low-cost energy, the sun took on new significance for many Americans. Solar energy, it was said, would liberate the homeowner from the upward spiral of fuel prices, and help preserve the environment to boot.

Ten years later, the sun still has its partisans, people who've been willing to invest the money and their own effort in energy independence, and who expect to make it pay in the long run. But it's been slow going for a technology that still hasn't moved into the mainstream.

How have sales of solar homes and solar heating devices gone in Bethlehem? "They haven't been," says Ed Dominelli, assistant building inspector for the town. "It's a tough area for the sun — unless you've got an extraordinary system."

Michael O'Hare, vice president for sales and marketing for ACM Solar Systems, Inc. in Clifton Park agrees: "In this area, you can't rely 100 percent on the sun. The bottom line here is making a house as tight as possible, then solar energy can do more." The National Weather Service at Albany County Airport reports that data collected over



The Edward Volkwein residence on New Salem Rd. in Voorheesville shows a new look — solar panels to help keep fuel bills low.

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30 years works out to only 72 clear days annually and 183 cloudy days, with the rest in between. That gives us only "53 percent sunshine" here.

So a lot depends on the appropriate technology. There are "passive solar" building designs to make maximum use of the sun's light and heat while

minimizing the effects of the cold north winds, and the more complex, expensive "active solar" technology, such as panels that collect the sun's energy and convert it to heat or electricity.

Jim Moak, comptroller for Klersy Building Corp, a major builder locally, says passive solar design "does, in fact,

work and is moving into the mainstream." But active solar technology is still evolving, he says, "and I'm not sure it'd ever pay for itself in this area."

Others, however, find the free and presumably inexhaustible energy from the sun an attractive bet, and they have the patience to wait for the payoff. Then, too, there's the added sweetener of federal and state tax credits that cut 55 percent off the cost of a solar installation.

"I love it!" says John Lawrence of Voorheesville about the solar hot-water system he had installed at his home a year and a half ago. "I wouldn't go any other way!" With three collector panels mounted on the roof, he's always had an adequate supply of heated water, he said, even on cloudy days. His only concern before the system was installed was "if it was going to work." But now, says Lawrence, "I wish I'd done the whole house that way." At the moment, he is considering expanding the system to heat a downstairs family room.

The tax credit is what "turned it for me," said Fred Volkwein, also of Voorheesville. The Volkweins had solar panels installed last spring and, while it's too soon to have figures, "it's obvious

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# ☐ Solar energy

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we're saving money and using less fuel oil," he said.

The Volkweins took the first step toward independence from uncertain and increasingly expensive fuel oil eight years ago when they enclosed a porch on the south side of their house, creating a "sunspace" from which heat circulates by convection through the one-story home. They also were among the first in their area to use a wood-burning stove to heat their home, Volkwein said. They use wood from their own property, which their two sons help cut.

Volkwein estimates that their energy bill this year will be about \$200 to \$300. The previous owners of the house used 1,500 gallons of fuel oil a year, Volkwein said; with the solar installation, he expects to use 200 to 300 gallons this year.

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"It still will take years to recover the outlay (in the neighborhood of \$4,000 for the average installation), but this is the direction everyone will be going in the future," Volkwein said. "We have to do everything we can to utilize renewable resources." Weighing in the decision to use solar hot water, along with the tax credits and environmental benefits, were savings in fuel costs, adding to the resale value of the house, and the positive solar experience of his neighbors.

Diane Wight, also of Voorheesville, has been using solar panels since the end of April to heat the water she and her two

teen-age sons use. "It's super!" she said. "We had the gas completely turned off the first week in June. And we had hot water about three hours after they turned it on.

"Some people think the solar panels don't look very nice," she said, "but you get used to it — it's just like a chimney."

Living with solar hot water, "you have to do some planning," according to Lydia Tobler of Voorheesville, who had a solar system installed in August. "You can't save all the washing and showers for the evening. That's one thing people have to consider — whether they're willing to make adjustments. But that's just working along with nature."

The Toblers have been interested for a number of years in lessening their dependence on conventional fuels, she said, and so when they built their house five years ago, they didn't have any windows put on the north side and the house is well-insulated. They also use a wood-burning stove for space heating and use electric heat only for a few upstairs rooms.

Robert Muller of Energy Associates in Delanson, who installed the solar systems for the Lawrences, the Volkweins and others in the area is enthusiastic about solar water heating. Heating water for domestic use consumes about 30 percent of a homeowner's energy budget, he said, and since people use hot water year-round, substituting the sun's energy for oil, gas or electric hot-water heating is cost-effective — more so than using solar collector panels for space heating, according to Muller. "Personally," he said, "if you're looking at spending \$12,000 (for modifications) to heat your house with solar panels, there are better things to do with that money. I would look for an alternative first." But he is unequivocal about the value of solar water heating. And, with the hefty tax

credits, the typical payback period is three to four years, he said.

Muller, who is an industrial arts teacher at Voorheesville High School, said the typical installation for water heating has three 3-by-8-foot collector panels mounted on the roof, facing south. Other sizes can be used and they also can be ground-mounted, he said. The panels have an aluminum frame and low-iron glass that lets in more of the sun's rays than window glass. The absorbent surface underneath is copper that has been electroplated with nickel and then black chrome, for high energy retention. Propylene glycol (which is the "oil" in many commercial Italian salad dressings, Muller said) circulates through the panels to pick up the heat and then is pumped to a steel tank (coated with an epoxy and limestone blend) in the basement that is equipped with a heat exchanger. The typical tank holds 80 gallons and weighs 600 pounds. Even on an overcast day, this solar installation will produce enough heat to raise water to about 100 degrees, Muller said. Rather than total dependence on such a system, many people use the solar tank as a preheating device for a conventional water heater.

**"It takes 10 minutes to close the house down at night," Wally Lornell said, "and, of course, you have to open it in the morning."**

Solar collectors are a "hard-sell" item at the moment, according to Tom Drake, general manager at D.A. Bennett, Inc., in Delmar. "Fifty percent of the sales are from 'boiler-room operations,' with 15 girls on telephones making appointments for 'suede-shoe' salesmen," he said. These hard-sell operations charge \$5,000 for a product that isn't worth it, he maintains. O'Hare of ACM Solar also believes a number of the solar products currently on the market have inferior materials and components. "They give us a lot of business," he said. "After they've

been in, it makes it easier for us to sell our product."

Salesmanship aside, the attractiveness of solar devices is "limited now by the relation of cost of solar to that of conventional energy," O'Hare said. But the average annual increase in the price of conventional fuels over the past five years has been about 15 percent, he said. If this trend continues, solar will become a more attractive alternative.

Water heating systems can be added to any home, but some area residents have built homes with a view to using sunlight to heat them. Wally and B.J. Lornell of Delmar have a passive solar heating system in their home, which was built about six years ago by Solar Systems Design, Inc., of Voorheesville. The home has an open interior design, a glass area on the back that captures the sun's rays, eight-inch-thick walls, insulation in the ceiling with an R value of 40 and interior shutters that provide movable insulation for the windows. The sun-heated air is moved through a layer of cement blocks beneath the floor and then circulated through the house. The design of the home and its wood-burning stove mean a cost of only about \$150 for heat during the cold months, Lornell said, and that includes the cost of the wood.

"It takes 10 minutes to close the house down at night," Lornell said, "and, of course, you have to open it in the morning." The Lornells' hot water is heated with gas, but that means a gas bill of only about \$80 for the four months of winter. When the house was built, a copper pipe was installed to permit the later addition of roof-top solar panels, but for the Lornells right now that is not cost-effective, he said.

Another Delmar couple, Dr. Stuart and Marty Lazarus, built their home six years ago with heavy insulation and a 4-by-6-by-38-foot sand bank in the basement to store heat, with an air duct going through the sand. While the sand bank is good for cooling in the summer, it does not work as well for heating in the winter because of the extreme cold in this latitude, Mrs. Lazarus said. But, "on a nice sunny day, we don't use the furnace from 10 a.m. to maybe 4 p.m.," she said. The triple-glazed windows and insulated basement walls are also important factors

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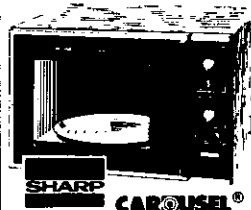
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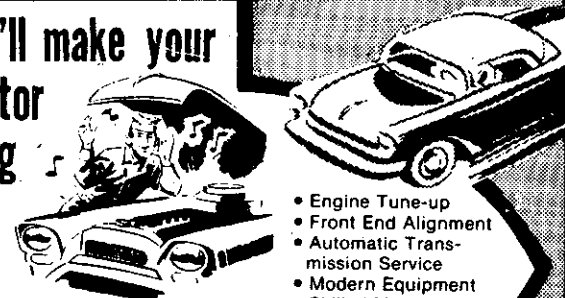
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# Town to buy van for senior citizens

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For some Bethlehem residents, old age means isolation.

Many senior citizens in the town live alone on fixed incomes, and lack of transportation cuts them off from social contacts, makes shopping difficult and such essentials as visits to a doctor an ordeal.

To deal with that problem, the Bethlehem Town Board last week agreed to purchase a van to be used exclusively for the town's seniors. The vehicle will be staffed by volunteers and scheduling will be handled by the town's senior citizens coordinator, Karen Pellettier, according to Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

Ann Reardon, president of the Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization, had asked the board in November to include the van in the 1984 budget. Instead, the board agreed to use \$11,000 in surplus funds from the 1983 budget for the new vehicle. Because it is being purchased under state contract, no delivery date has been set, Corrigan said.

Currently, Tri-Village FISH is the only organization providing such a transportation service for seniors in the town, and only for Delmar, Elmsere and Slingerlands residents. FISH has had difficulty in the last several years in getting enough volunteers to handle all its requests.

"I'm sure this will alleviate the load on FISH, but I don't think it will eliminate it," Corrigan said.

In other action at Wednesday's meeting, the board:

- Discussed an offer from Penn Central to sell the town an abandoned railroad right of way in South Bethlehem for \$25,000. The board agreed the offer is worth pursuing, but asked Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz to attempt to clarify some questions concerning easements. Part of the property would be used as park land, Corrigan said.

- Learned that Albany is increasing the rate at which it charges Bethlehem for water from \$1 to \$1.33 per 1,000 gallons.

The increase, which reflects a similar increase to the city's own residents, was anticipated in Bethlehem's 1984 budget and should cost the town about \$33,000 this year, Corrigan said.

- Held a brief public hearing on a new local law that will allow the town to grant a graduated property tax exemption to senior citizens with incomes up to \$13,999. The law is scheduled for passage at the board's first regular meeting this month.

- Heard a request for permission to hook up six lots adjacent to the Helder-vale Sewer District in Slingerlands into the Bethlehem sewer system. The Helder-vale area is in the Town of New Scotland, but the district is served by the Bethlehem Sewer District. A total of 18 lots in the area could be developed if the town grants permission to hook into the Bethlehem system, Corrigan said.

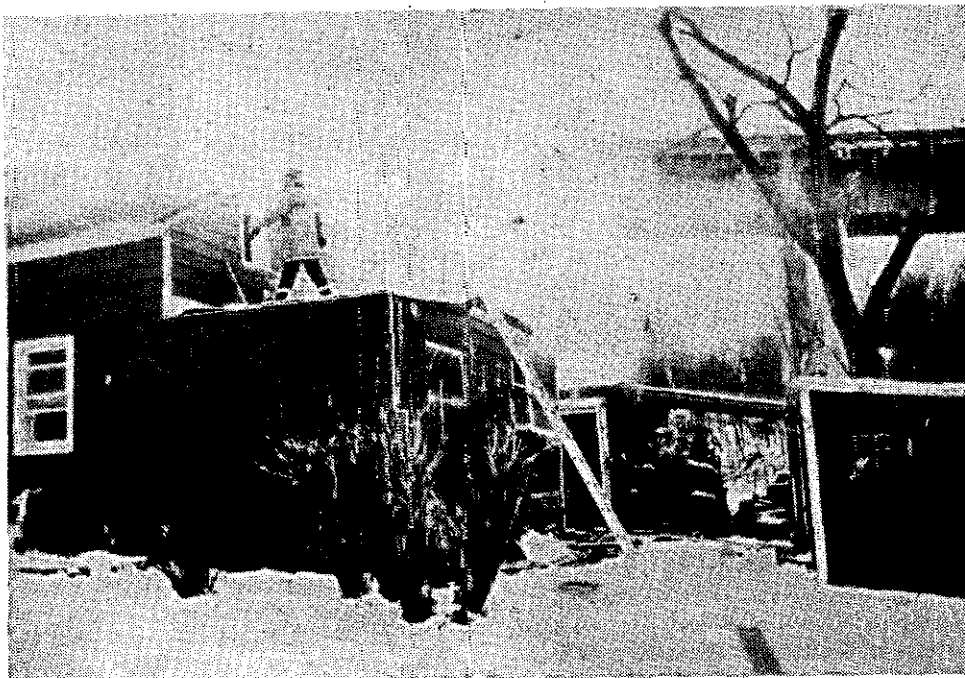
- Accepted two deeds for drainage easements and one easement for a sewage pumping station from the developers of the Skycrest subdivision.

- Authorized the engineering firm of Myrick and Chevalier to prepare plans for a new roof for the water filtration plant.

## Pay the price

Dieting could well be the most popular New Year's resolution for a new generation of fitness-conscious Americans. To capitalize on this area's fat, the Diet Workshop in Albany will offer a free open house-informational series on its 30-day Blitz Diet Plan at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elmsere on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. It begins Jan. 5 and continues through Jan. 26.

For information, call 458-9616.



Fire routed six people from a home on Mill Rd. in Delmar last Thursday afternoon. The Elmsere Fire Department was able to confine the fire to one room but smoke went throughout the house. Department officials are still investigation to determine the cause of the fire, Chief Anthony Morrell said. Gary Zeiger

in the effectiveness of the sand bank for heating.

Some things work better than others, Wayne Cornelius of Delmar discovered. When he noticed heat radiating off his roof in winter, Cornelius thought there must be some way to capture it. He built a wooden frame, covered it with a sheet of clear polyethylene and put the contraption on the roof with a thermometer inside — within 10 minutes it registered 103 degrees, he said, so he figured he was on to something. Putting a bin of small rocks in the family room below as a heat storage unit, he installed ducts and a fan to carry the heat from the roof to the bin.

However, as it turned out, the air heated under the polyethylene "was very humid and not that fresh," Cornelius said. A filter was just too expensive at that point. Also, the heated air tended to collect at the vaulted ceiling of the room — what was left, that is, after being forced around a corner and down 16 feet. Despite the flaws in the system, Cornelius said, they turn it on on sunny days in midwinter "and get pretty good heat."

## Vandals at work

Lawn decorations at the Warrell home on Oldox Rd. in Delmar were destroyed by vandals sometime Friday night, according to Bethlehem police reports. The display had earned the Warrells first prize in a holiday decorating contest sponsored by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and the Bethlehem Garden Club.

## Burglary investigated

Bethlehem police are investigating a burglary at a home on Euclid Ave. in Elmsere last Monday evening in which two persons were seen leaving the house with bundles. Clothing was found strewn between the living room and the porch of the home, whose owner was out of town, police said.

## Only one DWI

No news may be good news. Bethlehem police nabbed only one motorist on a charge of driving while intoxicated this week, traditionally a time for revelry. The state's "get-tough" law governing drinking and driving, and an emphasis on enforcement locally may be making the difference. Bethlehem Police Capt. Roy Cooke said, "They're not drinking." Or, if they are, they're not driving.

## Stopped on bridge

A trucker from St. Lawrence County was stopped in the early hours last Tuesday after his vehicle crossed the Rt. 9W bridge over the Normanskill, which is posted for a five-ton weight limit. A misdemeanor charge of criminal possession of a weapon was filed against the trucker, who had a handgun but no license for it, according to Bethlehem police reports.

## Book reviews planned

The Bethlehem Public Library will be the site for two adult book reviews this month. The daytime book discussion group will critique Mark Helprin's "Ellis Island" on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 10 a.m. while the evening group will rap about Farley Mowat's "Never Cry Wolf" on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

To reserve a copy of the book, call the library at 439-9314.

## Coalition meets

An open meeting of the Bethlehem Coalition for Survival, formed recently following the showing of the television film "The Day After," is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Among projects to be discussed are organizing efforts for high school students, plans for a concert and for a forum with a nationally recognized speaker.

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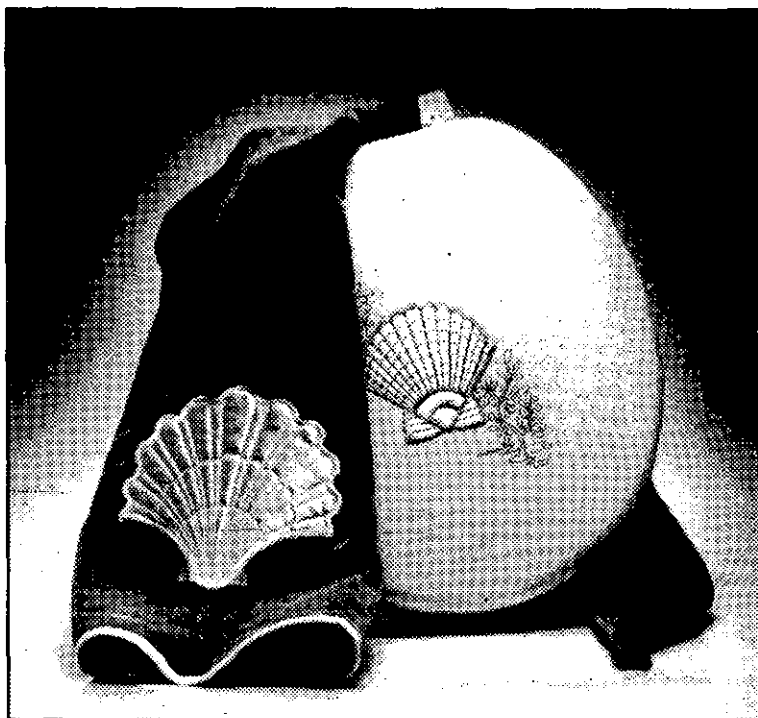
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## Stickley chairs planning board

By Lorin Pasqual

Newly elected town officials in New Scotland were sworn into office Sunday afternoon following the board's 1984 organizational meeting.

Taking the oath were Town Clerk Corinne Cossac, Highway Superintendent Peter Van Zetten, Town Justice Cynthia LaFave and Councilmen Wyman Osterhout and Kenneth Tice. Tax collector Edita Probst did not attend.

Prior to the ceremony the board appointed Richard Stickley of Clarks-ville as planning board chairman, a position recently vacated by Robert A. Cook of Slingerlands. Stickley's proposed \$1,389 salary reflects a 6-percent increase from last year.

William Childs of New Salem, who resigned from the assessment review board, will assume Stickley's vacated seat on the planning board.

The board also appointed Osterhout as deputy supervisor, and Robert Parmenter as town historian, both unsalaried positions. In addition, the fire chiefs in each district in the town will serve as fire wardens for the town.

Turning to monetary matters, the board set salaries of elected officials as specified in the 1984 budget and approved wages and benefits for employees in the highway and refuse collection departments.

In other action, the board:

- Appointed Wallace as budget officer



*Cynthia LaFave, New Scotland's first woman town justice, is congratulated by Supreme Court Judge John Pennock after being sworn in New Years Day at New Scotland Town Hall. The ceremony drew an unaccustomed visit from the Capital District news media and a large crowd of friends and campaign workers.*

Tom Howes



## Voorheesville notes honors

The honor roll and high honor roll for the first marking period at Clayton A. Bouton High School have been announced. An \* denotes student on the high honor roll.

### Ninth Grade

Bridgette Adams, Ward Breeze,\* Heather Brennan,\* Vicki Chamberlain,\* Susan Cripps, Dean Decker,\* Thomas Donahue, David Dunning,\* Johanna Fisher, Jonathan Flanders,\* Karrie Ford,\* Ben Greenberg,\* Jill Guyer,\* Sandra Hawkins,\* Lynn Herzog,\* Kristin Houghton, Robert James, Kyle Larabee,\* Patrick Lentie,\* Vicki Long, Jill Martin, and Laura Martin.\*

Also, Daniel McKenna,\* Donna Mensching,\* Tara Murphy, Cheryl Nendza, Judith Olsen, Jennifer Ramsey,\* Kenneth Rivers,\* Matthew Rose,\* Wendy Rubin, Staci Sala, Michelle Schaff, Shara Smith,\* Kevin Smolen, Carolyn Sommer, Alexis Steinkamp,\* Adina Taluto, Cynthia Tanner,\* Colleen Taylor, Pamela Tibbits, Christine Vanwie, Marthamary Wagner, Laurie Warner,\* Kelly Weightman and Betsy Zeh.

### Tenth Grade

Margaret Arthur, Lawrence Bach, Lisa Baker, Mark Bibbins,\* Martin Burke, Melissa Campbell, Justin Corcoran,\* Daniel Darpino, Edward Donohue, Meridith Englander,\* Lisa Follos, Antoinette Genovese, Gina Gifford,\* Mark Gillen-Waters, Kirsten Haaf,\* Edward Hampston,\* John Joyce, William Kelly, Edward Kiegle\* and Bradley Kranz.

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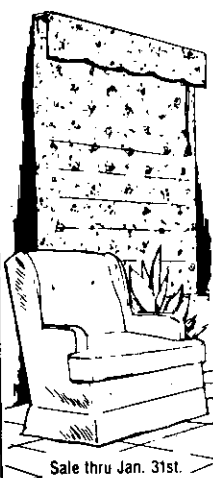
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Also, Douglas Nendza,\* Renee Nichols, Ian O'Connor, Richard Oden,\* Amy Passarelli, Sandra Peragine,\* Yvonne Perry, Sean Rafferty,\* Michael Ricci, Jeffrey Rockmore,\* Beth Rogers, Garrett Ross,\* Marianne Sapienza, Brian Smith,\* Frances Spreer,\* Ellen Sutherland, Tammi Tate, Jennifer TenEyck, Robert Trombley, Edward Volkwein\* and Christopher Zeh\*.

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for 1984, and approved for audit his annual year-end report, which will be filed with the town clerk no later than Feb. 28.

- Authorized the highway superintendent to purchase tools and equipment for the year in amounts not to exceed \$1,000 without the board's approval.

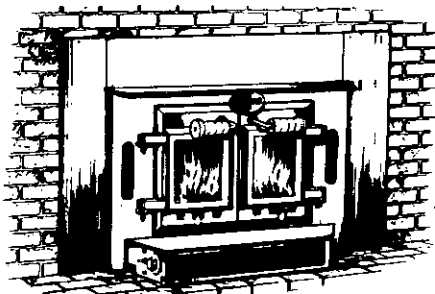
- Authorized the town clerk to issue and collect water rents for the Heldervale water district at a fee of \$150 per year.

- Designated the Voorheesville office of Key Bank N.A. as depository of account funds, and the *Altamont Enterprise* as the town's official newspaper.

### First aid courses

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# More vacation time

Holiday vacation may have ended for students in the Voorheesville Central School District, but next week will bring a short recess for those in grades 1-12. On Wednesday, Jan. 11, pupils in both the grade school and junior-senior high will have a half-day of school so that teachers may participate in an introductory in-service workshop sponsored by the Board of Co-operative Services. (BOCES).

The program entitled "Cooperative Learning" will be presented by Dr. Ann Nevin, professor at the University of Vermont and will focus on the subject of a "generic classroom technique, which requires students to work and talk together about academic material while learning effective, positive inter-personal skills."

To prepare for the session to be held from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. elementary school children will be dismissed at noon without lunch. Junior-senior high school students will be dismissed at 12:50 p.m. with lunches being served. There will be afternoon kindergarten classes and those children will be picked up by the buses as usual.

## Church classes resume

Vacation has also ended for some students enrolled in the religious education program at St. Matthew's Church. According to Fran Arthur, coordinator

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



of the secondary education program at the church, students in grades 7-12 will resume classes on Sunday, Jan. 8, Monday, Jan. 9, and Tuesday, Jan. 10. Classes will be held at their regular times and places and, with a little bit of help from the weather, will end for the year before winter recess in February.

Students in grades 1-6 will not resume studies until the week of Jan. 17, adds Maryann Malark, coordinator of the elementary education program at the church.

## More stories in store

School's back in session and pre-school story hours will resume at the Voorheesville public library on Monday, Jan. 9, and will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Librarian Nancy Hutchinson reminds all that when school is closed due to inclement weather, no pre-school story hour will be held that day.

## Drive for labels still on

Winter is here to stay, and it's soup

weather to be sure! Diane Relyea and Anne Lennox, coordinators of the Campbell's Labels for Education program in progress at the elementary school, remind everyone to keep saving those labels. With little over a month left in the drive, labels from all varieties of Campbell's Soup, Campbell's beans, Recipe dog food and Prego spaghetti sauce are still being collected, as are the labels from Swanson canned foods and the bluegreen triangles from Swanson frozen foods. Only the front portions of the labels are needed. They may be left in the Campbell's receptacles at the grade school or the library.

The program, which enables schools to receive free audiovisual equipment for labels, ends in mid-February.

## Garden program planned

Members of the Helderview Garden Club had a merry time in December when they attended a tasteful social at the home of Carole and Philip Bulger, where they were treated to an evening of dishes by Phil, a talented gourmet cook.

This month their first meeting of the new year will be on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Voorheesville. The public is invited to attend a program on herb-potpourri presented by Rita Burke. Hostesses for the evening will be Rosemary Branigan, Andrea Person and Evelyn Berger. Those wanting more information may call Kazy Gainor at 765-2576.

## Blood clinic Tuesday

The holidays are over, but those rich party foods and high bills that accompanied the season may have long-lasting effects. The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland reminds all that high blood pressure is called the silent killer, and the only way it can be detected is through regular blood pressure readings. They suggest that residents add one more resolution to their list — to have pressures checked regularly at the free blood clinics offered by the men's service group on the second Tuesday of each month.

This month's clinic will be held Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Voorheesville Methodist Church from 9 to 11 a.m. and again from 7 to 9 p.m. All are welcome to have their pressures checked and, while there, check out the new sign recently obtained by the Kiwanians.

## Benefit dinner dance

Although many holiday parties are just a memory, one big bash is yet to happen. Final plans are still being made for the

dinner dance to be held on Saturday, Feb. 4, to support the Jeff Clark Olympic Fund. Co-chairmen Bill Emerick and Jack Toritto are still accepting donations of goods as well as signing up volunteer workers to assist with the event at the La Sallete center in Altamont.

The evening will feature a hot-cold buffet prepared by Mike Michele and Agnes Tucker, to be followed by music by Changes, a new versatile band featuring Voorheesville musicians Gary Beadnell, Joe Taglione and Ken Marciniak as well as Dick Arnold from Schenectady and Ed Bently from Hudson Falls.

Tickets for the evening are \$15 per person and also include beer, soda and set-ups. Reservations may be made by calling Barbara Ann Toritto at 765-4667.

## Typing for charity

Approximately 20 students from Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School recently used their hands and heads to raise over \$900 by participating in a Type-a-Thon for the benefit of the Leukemia Society of the Albany Area.

High scorer was Nancy Bisnett, who collected a total of \$274, followed by Joanne Elmendorf, Donna Mensching and Amy Twiss, each of whom collected over \$100.

According to their teacher, Jane Willey, the students had to participate in a five-minute timed writing, for which their sponsors paid a pledged sum for each correctly typed word.

## For outdoor travelers

The Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar will host two winter recreation programs for budding outdoorsmen and sportsmen on Saturday, Jan. 14. At 10 a.m. "The Complete Snowshoe" will explain snowshoe selection, proper care and technique. The center will rent out snowshoes for the workshop for a \$2 fee.

At 2 p.m., the staff of the Trail North-Azimuth store in Latham will present the latest information on cross-country skiing equipment, technique and places to ski. Participants must bring their own skis for the workshop.

Both programs are free. To preregister, call the center at 457-6092.

## Hours at reading room

In order to make the Christian Science Reading Room more accessible to morning shoppers at the Four Corners, librarian Elizabeth Christen has extended its hours to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays.



Wood Tech I students at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School had some winning ideas for toys made out of scrap wood. Their work was judged on the basis of design, workability of design and craftsmanship. The winners, from left, were: Kevin Smolen, 1st prize; John Manss, 2nd prize; and Richard Brumley, Robbie James and James Porpeggia, tied for 3rd place. Prizes were donated by Richard Crannell of Crannell Lumber in Voorheesville.

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# Redistricting plans to be aired

The RCS Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, Jan. 9, at the RCS Junior High School. The meeting is designed to air ideas and consider recommendations regarding two options proposed by the Equalizing Class Size Committee. As the recommendations effect everyone in the district, the meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the alternatives prior to any definite decisions made.

The proposals up for consideration are: redistricting of the entire elementary school system, and portable classrooms at the A.W. Becker School. Interested persons living in the RCS district are encouraged to attend.

## Hoop shoot Saturday

The Glenmont Job Corps Center gymnasium, Rt. 144, will be the location of a basketball hoop shoot this Saturday, sponsored by the Bethlehem Elks Lodge of Selkirk. The contest will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Jan. 7. All girls and boys 8-13 are invited to compete. Participants will be divided into age groups, with trophies awarded to a boy and girl in each division. Children are asked to bring birth certificates. For information contact the lodge.

## Methodist women meet

The United Methodist Women will hold their first meeting of the New Year this evening, Jan. 4 at the United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave. The program will begin at 8 p.m. with Mrs. June Tidd leading the devotions. All women of the area are invited. Refreshments will be served, with Elizabeth Huller and Rose Mayo as hostesses.

## This week's menu

The menu for Senior Projects of Ravena beginning Thursday, Jan. 5 will be: Thursday — Evening meal only; Friday — beef stew, orange waldorf

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Barbara Pickup 767-9225



salad, dessert; Monday — tuna noodle casserole, peas, tomato juice, carrot raisin salad, dessert; Tuesday — stuffed peppers in tomato sauce, mashed potato, mixed vegetables, dessert; Wednesday — corned beef, parsley potato, cabbage, carrots, dessert.

## Mitten tree planned

Christmas 1983 may be just a fond memory for most, but the Guild for Christian Service of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem is just beginning to "trim" their "tree." They will be collecting hats, gloves, mittens and leg warmers for children in the area throughout the year. A mitten tree has been placed in the church dining room on which to place contributions. If you knit or crochet, you might like to make a few pairs of mittens to help some youngster.

## Win the big one

How many people have ever seen a \$1,000 bill, or had one in their possession, even momentarily? Now the Elks are providing an opportunity to win one. A thousand-dollar bill, for the price of a ticket! It's part of the Elks Capital District charity fund drawing to be held Saturday, Jan. 28. Tickets for the drawing are available through the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk. Donations are \$1 and winner need not be present to win.

## Another casualty

Although the medical profession assures us the malady is no way contagious, a second member of the First

Reformed Church of Bethlehem has fallen victim to a winter affliction. A few weeks ago it was reported that youth advisor Luther Fourman suffered a fractured leg as a result of a fall. Unfortunately the same mishap has occurred, this time to the pastor, Rev. Allen Janssen. Rev. Janssen is attempting "to keep on keeping on" while convalescing with a fractured ankle. Good luck and best wishes to both.

## It's not our PBA

The Bethlehem Police Department has no connection with solicitation calls being made to area merchants on behalf of the Cohoes Police Benevolent Assn. A spokesman for the department said a company hired by the Cohoes PBA has been using high-pressure tactics in soliciting contributions throughout the Capital District.

## Learn the Apple IIe

The Bethlehem Public Library will host orientation sessions to acquaint more people with its new Apple IIe microcomputer on Wednesday, Jan. 11, and Thursday, Jan. 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. Registrants must be at least 13 years old and live in the library's service area. To sign up for the course, call 439-9314.

## Stage tryouts set

Auditions for Albany Civic Theater's third production of the 1983-84 season, *The Deadly Game*, will be conducted Jan. 9-10 at the theater, 235 Second Ave. Director Margaret King will be casting six men — four in their 60's, two between 30 and 40 — and two women in the 20-30 age bracket, the latter in small roles.

Registration will begin at 7 p.m. with tryouts to start at 7:30. Production dates for this show are Feb. 29 - March 4 and March 7-11. Theater-lovers interested in working on production committees are asked to call the box office (462-1297) and leave a message.

# RCS honor roll named

The following students at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School have been named to the honor roll for the first quarter of the school year. The students have a cumulative average of 85 to 89 percent.

## Twelfth Grade

Kim Arnold, Martin Bassotti, Jaime Camps, Catherine DiBenedetto, John Frazzetta, Lisa Fullum, Amy Hamill, Dianna Heere, Keith Henry, Joanna Hunter, Jacquelyn Janicke, Maria Libertucci and Robert Lydon.

Also, Judith Mahar, Wendy Maurer, Lisa Morse, Dawn Mueller, Kim Osborne, Chris Persico, Martha Roach, Kim Ruso, Dawn Salin, Thomas Siler, Donna Swartout, Deanna Tiberia, Don VanAlstyne, Chris Williams and Yukiko Yoshida.

## Eleventh Grade

Dorothy Arnold, Sandra Barger, Marvin Barnhill, Kim Bremigen, Chris Chmielewski, Tina DeCastro, Robert Dorrance, Donna Dottino, Gina Ferriero, Kim Frasl, Andrew Gonyea, Susan Hager, Loren Heffernan, Ron Hotaling, Marjorie Kleinbans and Dana Leslie.

Loraine Mormile, Annette Motley, Judi Mulligan, Barbara O'Neill, Jill Penk, Jacqueline Pieringer, Beth Raynor, Kendra Reich, Ernest Scoons, Melissa Searles, Roger Sevilla, Alfred Smith, Richard Smith, Wendy Trenchard, Michele Trombley, Lisa VanAlstyne, Steven Vasto, Christine Wade and Kenneth Warner.

## Tenth Grade

Gary Appleby, Keith Berger, Stefanie Blish, Tina Boyere, James Carroll, David Court, Patricia Downes, Kim Farrell, Ian Goodrich, Amy Harris, Caroline Heere and Cary Hester.

Also, Michael Hoffman, James Hover, Greg Irwin, Lisa Kane, Scott Keating, Margaret Lalor, Pauline Mayo, Leatta Mizener, Michael Mogul, Gail Phillips, Jennifer Schultz, Pamela Schwartz, Wayne Smith, Anna Soto and Robin Spooner.

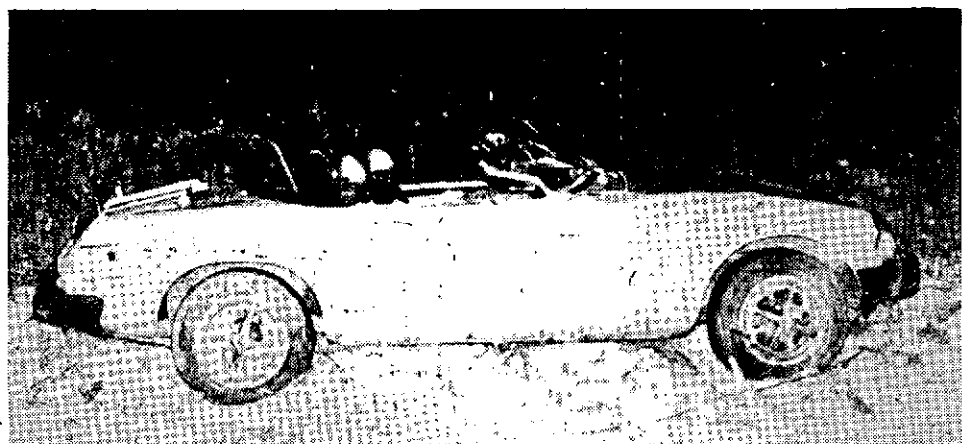
## Ninth Grade

Joseph Caccello, Stephen DiAcetis, Jeff Distin, Bruce Fourman, Mary Gleason, Patricia Guthrie, Amy Kane, Julianne Kelley, Michael Kessler and Seth Kunz.

Also, Victor Manilenko, Kelly Millett, Tracey Morby, Kenneth Newkirk, Cliff Nooney, Frank Persico, Marvin Powell, Bonnie Sidoti, Patricia Surrano, Michael Taylor, Gina Walker and Adam Zetterlund.

## Bibliophiles to meet

The Society of Bibliophiles will hold a meeting tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 at Bethlehem Public Library. Speaker will be John DeMarco, a Saratoga Springs book dealer who will discuss the recent find of papers and manuscripts of Herman Melville.



Denise Bellnier, 19, of Selkirk was taken to Memorial Hospital by the Delmar Rescue Squad after the car she was driving went off Wemple Rd. in Glenmont late Saturday afternoon and overturned. A spokesman for the hospital said the motorist was treated and released.

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# Kids and chores

"Time to change the bedsheets," I called out to the troops. I watched as my teenage sons stripped their beds as if the sheets were Band-aids being removed from a hairy portion of their bodies. After distributing the twin-size linens to the bunk beds and the full-size set to the double-bed, I stood around to make sure of each one's good intentions to complete the chore.

The next evening I remembered to peek in their rooms. One had the bottom sheet fitted neatly around his mattress, the top sheet crumpled up at the foot of the bed, and not a pillow case to be found. Another had the bottom sheet around one corner at the foot of the bed, the mattress pad shoved over to one side, and the pillow case laid over the top of one of his pillows. The top sheet was in a ball on top of his dresser topped with various cassette tapes and a packet of orthodontic rubber bands. Our 13-year-old, the youngest, had not only made his bed worthy of a Marine sergeant's praise, but had also folded his extra blanket neatly at the foot of his bed. Compulsiveness has its virtue in a parent's eyes.

To get a complete chore out of our boys requires one-on-one supervision for the total time required for that particular chore, plus another half hour at least. In our home, assigning a chore to our sons involves no less than a crystal clear job description followed by high-level negotiations, eventual dictatorial proclamation mixed in with some subtle guilt induction, then supervision of the prison farm variety, and finally after all is said and done, doing the job over correctly ourselves.

Well, it's not quite that bad, but very close to it, sometimes. What really irks me, though, is that the older two have recently gotten outside jobs, both of which are cleaning type assignments. Their employers seem pleased with their work and call them back for more. I certainly wasn't contacted as one of their work references. Where did they learn to clean? It wasn't at home, or was it?

I know that my wife and I have taught them the standards of a clean house, the techniques of keeping a home straightened and sanitized. I also know that we have put on the pressure to perform the chores of childhood in our home with consistency and oomph. However, despite our best efforts, our sons have responded to that pressure with inconsistency and blah.

Mind you, they are good boys, caring,

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loving and full of abilities and talents. They are intelligent, creative, friendly, and healthy, but they don't seem to have that special sense that tells you when the garbage is overflowing and you shouldn't try to cram another milk carton in the bag.

Simple tasks to us grownups require extraordinary effort and measures to be taken by our youngsters. Sweeping the corners of the kitchen floor is outside the realm of understanding, as is cleaning the bottom of the toilet bowl. Replacing the top of the trash can is omitted from the chore of emptying the garbage unless specified. One of our boys dons a gas mask to clean the cats' litter box. Makes me feel like I've pronounced cruel and inhuman punishment rather than assigning simple household chores.

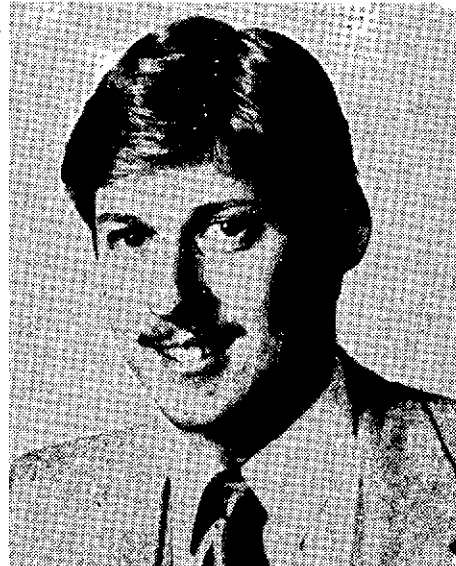
Did you ever ask your kids to clean up after dinner, then relax for the evening and eventually go to bed, only to wake up the next morning to a counterful of dirty pots and pans? "We didn't know you meant them, too!"

The message that comes through loud and clear is "You're the parents, and it's your job to take care of the house, not ours. We're kids and we're supposed to be irresponsible and have fun. So you can give us chores, but don't expect perfection or dedication. We'll do them because you asked us to, but we won't like it. We're aware that someday we'll probably be parents, and that will be our time to do what you're doing. However, right now, we're going to take it easy and enjoy life as much as we can, because being a grownup is boring sometimes, and there's plenty of time for that. So push and prod, yell and holler, offer rewards and threaten punishments. We will do what we do when we do it and in the manner we do it. That's what you'll get from us, no more, no less. And we know you will still love us no matter what."

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### Promoted at bank

Stephen P. Malinowski of Delmar has been promoted to assistant secretary of Manufacturers Hanover. He has a bachelor's degree in finance from Siena College in Loudonville and a master's degree in business administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Malinowski was a corporate loan officer of the bank before his new appointment.

### Suggestion pays off

Dennis Krisanda, a warehouseman at the Owens-Corning Fiberglas plant in Delmar, has received an award for a cost-saving suggestion for the plant's operation.

Krisanda received \$7,500 for devising a new cost-effective tier pattern to load insulation onto trucks.

Owens-Corning regularly recognizes employees who contribute suggestions that save the company time, money and material. The awards — up to a maximum of \$7,500 — are based on 25 percent of the first year's savings for the company. In addition, employees who receive awards of \$100 or more in a calendar year are paid a bonus of 25 percent of the total awards at the end of the year.

The Delmar plant manufactures building insulation and blowing wool.

## Linen shop set at Four Corners

Linens by Gail is set to open at the Four Corners in Delmar within a month. Carl Treiber of Voorheesville, owner and manager, has taken over the space vacated this past summer by Peter Harris Clothes and plans to offer a full line of bed, bath and kitchen linens, and curtains as well.

The first-quality merchandise will be offered at prices matching the sale prices of major retailers, Treiber said. Brand names will include Cannon and Burlington Mills, among others.

Treiber, an affable man with just a trace of a Long Island accent, is no newcomer to merchandising. He was general operations manager for Little Folks shops for 10 years and before that was a store manager for W.T. Grant. In readying the store for opening, Treiber has had the assistance of Jim Hladun, industrial arts teacher at Voorheesville High School, who designed the fixtures with a country look.

Asked about his decision on location, Treiber said, "Delmar people appreciate better merchandise, aggressively priced. And, he added, citing the previous tenant's success, "the location has a tremendous history."

The Gail in Linens by Gail is a family name, Treiber explained. His wife, Katy, is a nurse at St. Peter's Hospital. The Treibers have three daughters in college — Anne, Christine and Karen — and a son, Carl, at Voorheesville High School.

### Drive a success

George Smede, general manager of Adams-Russell Cable Services, has declared his company's eighth annual Toys for Tots Drive a success. New and present subscribers took advantage of the free Christmas installation offer and donated more than \$3,000 worth of toys for distribution by the U.S. Marine Reserve.

Said Smede of the drive at Delaware Plaza and other locations, "This year we were pleased with the generosity of our subscribers, making 1983 the best year that we have been involved in the Toys for Tots Drive."

### Business women meet

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will have its monthly meeting today (Wednesday) at the Albany Motor Inn in Glenmont. A 6 p.m. social hour will be followed by dinner and guest speaker Richard Hauser of S.U.N.Y.A., who will discuss "Scandinavia: Forest, Fjords and Midnight Sun."

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We have another month or six weeks of this stuff, awaiting the return of the regulars whose advertising budgets have recovered. It's the artesian well on the farm, where value is computed on how long a used-up water supply takes to "return."

Meanwhile, the year end gives everybody a chance to submit lists of the best, the worst, the most, the Top Ten of Whatever. In a year that spawned and encouraged more mediocre TV shows than any of its predecessors (which may be debatable), the following nominations are offered in the categories of TV commercials and shows.

- Best commercial — Sure (raise your hand).
- Most creative commercial — Stroh's beer.
- Happiest commercial — IBM's Chaplain theme.
- Worst commercial of 1983 — TV 10's Christmas family album.

Media RARE

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- Best celebrity commercials — Bill Cosby, also O.J. and Arnie.
- Most fulsome commercial (look that word up in the dictionary) — TV 10's Christmas family album.
- Most juvenile — Those ads with Rodney.
- Most ungrammatical — Miller Lite, with one-third less calories instead of one-third fewer calories.
- Most comic with serious intent — The National Enquirer.
- Most incredible — The National Enquirer.
- Happiest — The breakfast cereal (I forget the product) that "Mikie" turns out to like.
- Most insipid — Dogfood brands.
- Next most insipid — Catfood ads.
- Best Executive ad — Lee Iaccoca of Chrysler.
- Worst Executive ad — Most of the others.
- Most tiresome — Landry and God.
- Most surprising (first time) — Landry and the Redskins.
- Most humdrum — Any of the auto ads.
- Best of the worst — Subaru, Volkswagen.
- Worst of the best — Most of the others.
- Best local ad — Albany Business College.
- Worst local ad — Channel 10 holiday promotions (the New Year's isn't as nauseous as the Christmas one).
- Best local theme ad — Channel 10's special feeling.

- Most dubious — Anyone want to compare insurance policies (rather than play tennis).
- Best radio commercial — Blue Nun.
- Worst radio commercial — Cable TV promotion.
- Caught up in the spirit, our panel gave out these awards for television shows and personalities:
- Best TV series — Masterpiece Theater (17).
- Worst TV series — (tie) A-Team, Fall Guy.
- Best TV writing — M\*A\*S\*H re-runs of the Henry Blake-Trapper John era.
- Worst TV writing — (tie) Dynasty, Dallas.
- Most predictable next-lines — (tie) Dallas, Dynasty.
- Best spoof of private-eye series —

- Simon and Simon.
- Best series without a wild chase in the final segment — Taxi re-runs.
- Most fulsome — (tie) Love Boat, Fantasy Island.
- Best series for 5th grade mentality — A-Team.
- Most passable series — St. Elsewhere, Hill Street Blues.
- Channel with the most consistent "best movies" — 23.
- Biggest flop after biggest build-up — The Day After.
- Best local anchor — Ernie Tetrault (6).
- Best local anchorwoman — Nancy Cozean (13).
- Best local news staff — Channel 10 Action News (most of the time).
- Best news reader — Dick Wood (10).
- Best weatherman — Bob Kovachick (10).
- Best sports reporter — no award.
- Sorry about the other 220 categories. No more space.



Among volunteers honored at a recent luncheon of the American Lung Association were a number of Delmar residents. From left, back row, are Ed Hale, John Hawkins, Ron Macomber, Carl Heidt and Art Robinson. Front row, from left, Vince Hummel, Alan Hoffman and Don Stevens. Seated is Alma McNary. Missing from picture is Bill Reuter.

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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 Tuesdays 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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

**Protect Hope**, preventive program for adolescents and their families, satellite offices for Bethlehem-Coeymans, 767-2445.

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

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

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

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

**Bethlehem Board of Education**, at Educational Services Center, Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehems Business Women's Club** meets first Wednesday of each month at Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Albany 6 p.m. social hour.

**Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of Eastern Star**, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple Kenwood Ave., Delmar 8 p.m.

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

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

**Public Hearing**, by Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Lawrence Fahn for variance for an addition at 263 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, at 8 p.m. in Bethlehem Town Hall.

**Delmar Progress Club**, creative arts group basket weaving, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m. Materials fee; for reservations, 439-2968.

**United Methodist Women**, at South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., 8 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

**Grade 8 Parent's Orientation** to Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m.

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

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

**30-Day Blitz Diet Plan Open House**, Thursdays through Jan. 26 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Free, no obligation; information, 458-9616.

**Bethlehem Art Association**, monthly meeting and review of annual open art show at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5069.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

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

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

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

**"Adults Only" Scotch Doubles, Bowling**, leaves for Del Lanes from First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 8:45 p.m.

**Tri-Village Squares Dance**, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 8-11 p.m. Information, 439-4598 or 439-7983.

**Contra and Country Dancing**, sponsored by Old Songs Inc. with music by Mountain Laurel, Voorheesville United Methodist Church, 8:30 p.m. \$3.50 admission; information, 765-4193.

**Christmas Tree Recycling**, Town of Bethlehem shredder converts trees to mulch chips at Garden Shoppe, Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

**March of Dimes Reading Champions Program**, informational meeting for pledged student readers in grades 1-9, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m. Information 783-9363.

**New Media Bible Film Series Begins**, "Esau and Jacob" at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 and 11:15 a.m., 7 p.m. \$5 family registration; information, 439-9929.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 9

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

## 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

"Translations" (Capital Rep. presents haunting play of Irish-British conflict in 1833), market Theater, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Jan. 22 (Tuesdays-Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2:30 p.m.) Box office 462-4534.

"Perfectly Frank" (musical tribute to songwriter Frank Loesser presented by Heritage Artists), Cohoes Music Hall, Jan. 6-8, 11-15 and 18-21, reservations, 235-7969.

Black Light Theatre of Prague, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

#### MUSIC

Tim Chauvin (folk songs), Eighth Step Coffee House, 362 State St., Albany, Jan. 7, 8:45 p.m.

Dave McKenna (jazz pianist in benefit for HarmanusBleecker Center), Albany Institute of History and Art, Jan. 8, 4 p.m. Reservations, 463-4478.

Organ Recital and Choral Evensong, Cathedral of All Saints, Swan and Elk Sts., Albany, Jan. 8 4:30 p.m.

#### FILM

"Carousel" (Gordon MacRae in the Rogers and Hammerstein musical), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Jan. 5, 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 6, 7 and 9:30 p.m., Jan. 7, and 7:30 p.m.

"Shock of the New: The Mechanical Paradise" and "The Intruder" (first in the 1984 Art at the Plaza film series), auditorium of State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Jan. 5, 12:10 p.m., Jan. 8, 2 p.m.

#### ART

Recent Arrivals (new works by Anthony Martin, Richard Quinn, R.C. Gorman and others), Posters Plus Gallery, Robinson Square, Albany.

"Four Seasons of Rural Life" (Currier & Ives prints), Albany Institute of History and Art, through Jan. 8.

Drawing Invitational, Emma Willard School, Troy, Jan. 4 through Feb. 8, weekdays 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

"Grandma Moses: The Artist Behind the Myth," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Jan. 15.

"Inventors and Inventions," Albany Institute of History and Art, through January.

Wendy Williams paintings and drawings, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through Jan. 8.

Museum of Early American Decoration, greens show and period decorations, 19 Dove St., Albany through January.

Community Industries of the Shakers (expanded with hundreds of additional artifacts), State Museum, through Jan. 8.

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

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

**Delmar Community Orchestra**, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 7:30 p.m. except June, July and August.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3349.

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

**Special R-C-S Board of Education Meeting**, at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High School, 8 p.m. Public invited.

**Single Parent Support Group**, at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6136.

**Bethlehem Coalition for Nuclear Weapons Freeze**, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. All interested people are welcome to attend. For further information call 439-8293.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

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

**Tri-Village Peace Breakfast**, non-sectarian event for area residents to express views on state of world, second Tuesdays at Delmar First United Methodist Church, 7 a.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-6674.

**Mothers' Time Out**, meeting and workshop on effective parenting techniques, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information, 439-9929.

**Daytime Book Discussion Group**, reviews "Ellis Island" by Mark Helprin, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Delmar Progress Club**, joint meeting of antique study and literature groups on "Old Books", Bethlehem Public Library.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

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

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

**Red Men** (oldest patriotic organization in U.S.), second Wednesday St. Stephen's Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

**Library Microcomputer Orientation**, for validation to use Apple II computer, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Free; information and registration, 439-9314.

**Slingerlands Fire District**, second Wednesdays at Slingerlands Fire Station, 8 p.m.

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

**New Media Bible Film Series**, Sundays and Wednesdays at Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m. \$5 family registration; information, 439-9929.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

**"Kaleidoscope"**, for students and parents at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

**Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary**, regular meeting second Thursday of every month except August, at the fire house, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post 3185** meets second Thursday of each month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, information, 439-9836.

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

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

**Helderview Garden Club**, potpourri program at Voorheesville Methodist Church, 7 p.m. Free; information, 765-2576.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

**An Evening of One-Act-Plays**, performed dinner-theater style by student Act 1 drama club at Bethlehem Central High School 8 p.m. Tickets sold at door and high school box office.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

**An Evening of One-Act-Plays**, performed dinner-theater style by student Act 1 drama club at Bethlehem Central High School 8 p.m. Tickets sold at door and high school box office.

**Winter Recreation at Five Rivers**: "The Complete Snowshoe" snowshoe selection, care and technique, 10 a.m. \$2 rental charge; Cross-Country Ski Workshop, equipment, technique and places to ski discussed and demonstrated outdoors, 2 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. For pre-registration and information, 457-6092.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

**Pancake Breakfast**, to benefit Elsmere Fire Dept. drill team, at the firehouse, Poplar Dr., 8 p.m.-1 p.m. \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children 6-12.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 16

**Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary**, Post #3185 VFW, third Monday, Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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

**"Apple Writer" Word Processing Workshop**, 2-part program for members of Apple Corps at Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. To register, call 439-9314 by Jan. 13.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

**AARP**, third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m. except July and August.

**Legion Auxiliary**, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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

**Student Music Program**, Hama-grael Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

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

**Evening Book Discussion Group**, reviews "Never Cry Wolf" by Farley Mowat, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

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

**Bethlehem Board of Education**, meeting at Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

#### THURSDAY JANUARY 19

**American Legion Luncheon**, for members guests and applicants for membership, Post Rooms Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, 12 noon.

**Albany Audubon Society**, illustrated talk on national parks and endangered species, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m.

**Century Cast Iron Stoves**, Bethlehem Historical Association slide-talk meeting at Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 8 p.m.

**"How Does Acid Rain Affect the Bethlehem Community and What Can We Do About It,"** EnCon sponsored program hosted by Delmar Progress Club government council group Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Public invited.

**Bethlehem Personal Computer Group**, portable Kaypro II System demonstrated by Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4758.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

**Student Musical**, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 8 p.m.

**Covered Dish Supper for Visiting Christian Missionaries**, the Barberis return after 30 years in Japan, Delmar United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 584-8214.

## AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

### Events in Nearby Areas

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

**SUNYA Continuing Studies Open House**, information on winter noncredit career training program for registrants who want to bolster professional skills, Husted 208 on east-downtown campus of SUNYA, 4-8 p.m. Information, 455-6121.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

**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.

**Capital District Racquetball Players' Meeting**, Key Bank community room on Western Ave. and Tryon Court, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-5113 or 877-8731.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

**Memories of Elvis 49th Birthday Party**, videos, photos, memorabilia and birthday cake sponsored by Elvis Presley Capital District Fan Club, Northway Inn, Colonie, 2-11 p.m. \$3 admission; information, 864-5200 or 272-5446.

**Pyramid Lake Camp Alumni Reunion**, social mixer for former counselors and campers from Pyramid Lake as well as Marian Lodge and Camp Tekakwitha, at College of St. Rose Activities Building, Western Ave., Albany, 1-4 p.m. Information, 463-4411.

**Heritage Artists Auditions**, for casting musicals "Anything Goes" and "Across the River," at Cohoes Music Hall, noon-2 p.m.

**Fete Des Rois Celebration**, French-Canadian folk music and dance at Knights of Columbus Hall, 255 Remsen St., Cohoes, 8 p.m. Information, 457-8584.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 9

**Russell Sage Evening Division "Look Us Over Night"** for prospective students to question faculty, students and admissions officers, at college campus center, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

**"First Strike Nuclear Warfare"**, national disarmament program coordinator Howard Morland speaks at Upper Hudson Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign meeting, First Church, Clinton Square, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Free.

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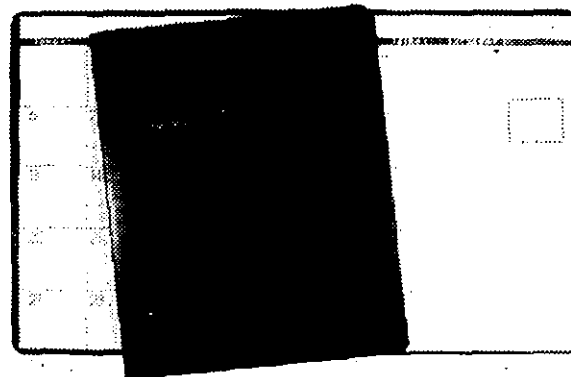
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# Roughhouse finale caps holiday meet

By Nat Boynton

Tournaments are fun, and all that, and now it's back to business at the old stand as scholastic basketball teams return to their league schedules.

For Bethlehem Central and Voorheesville that means getting down to serious intent, such as making a run for the roses. Both the Eagles and the Blackbirds, also-rans at last week's Helderberg Holiday tournament, have a genuine shot at their conference crowns, and certainly are prospects for the Sectionals.

Both took their lumps the first night as the four-team tourney unfolded as predicted. Catskill, a first-time invitee, made a shambles of the scoreboard, despite a cold streak midway through the second night. Previously undefeated Guilderland was runner-up and the Blackbirds, the smallest team from the smallest school, went 0-2 despite two commendable performances.

Catskill, coming in at 8-1, rolled over Bethlehem, 92-63, in the opener, moved to Albany State, and after a one-night

bylo, BC coach), because I think he's going to have a fine season with a good team."

Przybylo looked at it another way:

"We can't seem to hang on to a big lead. We had the same trouble at Scotia. We don't know how to put the game away."

The Eagles' triumph avenged a 48-45 loss to the Blackbirds in the Helderberg championship game in Delmar a year ago. Voorheesville went on to a legendary 26-1 season and the state semifinal, the Eagles to a 1-15 league mark.

This year the roles were reversed, although for most of the first half the outcome was in doubt. The lead changed hands six times until the Eagles, starting to capitalize on their strength under the boards, pulled away from 30-29 at 2:38 of the second quarter to 40-33 at the half.

Bethlehem's size and aggressive play took away Voorheesville's control game, particularly on the small court at Guilderland. Except for John Zongrone,



Howard Thompson (23), Bethlehem Central's outside sharpshooter, arcs a two-pointer from 15 feet as Voorheesville's Jeff Rockmore (22) defends in Thursday's Helderberg consolation game at Guilderland. On the cover: BC's Danny Piazza shouts "yeee-ow" as he goes in for a layup in the second half surrounded by Blackbirds Brian Rubin (32), Ray Donnelly (44) and Mike Larrabee.

Spotlight photos — R.H. Davis

**"They're big and strong and they bang. They're also good shooters, and we didn't have enough to stay with them. I'm glad for Gary."**

weather postponement, the Cats destroyed Guilderland, 67-47.

The Blackbirds went right at their bigger, stronger Suburban Council rivals both nights. On Tuesday, playing on the spacious floor at Albany State, they led the Dutchmen at 22-21 with a minute left in the first half, and were within six with 35 seconds remaining. In the consolation final, they were down, 51-39, going into the final quarter against Bethlehem, but put on a furious comeback to close the gap to four points at 0:43 only to miss three layups in heavy traffic at the end. The final was 60-56.

"Bethlehem was the most physical team I can recall playing against at the high school level since I've been coaching," remarked Voorheesville's coach Chuck Abba, a former Union College standout. "They're big and strong and they bang. They're also good shooters, and we didn't have enough to stay with them. I'm glad for Gary (Przy-

bylo, BC coach), because I think he's going to have a fine season with a good team."

Zongrone, who put up 28 points the first night against Guilderland, had 16 in the first half against Bethlehem as BC built a 40-33 lead. Thompson, hotter than a firecracker, opened the second half with another 18-footer. Zongrone put up three shots that wouldn't fall, and when Mike Curran hit from outside and Thompson threw in two more long ones, Bethlehem had a 49-36 bulge three minutes into the period.

It was sloppy basketball of the playground variety and the officials let the boys play, overlooking the blocks and shoves by both teams. In this kind of

warfare, size and strength count more than finesse, and fast breaks and long passes provide excitement if not artistic basketball.

It was 58-43 Bethlehem when Zongrone snaked through for a layup with 2:58 left in the game. Brian Rubin, who had four of his six steals in the fourth quarter, three of them outrageous thefts, scored twice on breakaways. The Blackbirds had closed to 58-50 when Rubin

stole another pass at mid-court, but missed as he was bodychecked on the shot. He missed both free throws, but Zongrone meshed four straight from the line, and it was 58-54 when Rubin thieved another. This time he was slammed into the gym wall, but there was no whistle. At 60-54 the Blackbirds had some close shots, but only Rubin's two charity tosses at 0:21 changed the scoreboard lights.

Thompson wound up with 25 points

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and Curran added 16. With Gibbons sidelined and Mike Mooney in early foul trouble, the Eagles got some modest scoring from Dan Piazza and Jim Lockman.

The Blackbirds might have won it from the free throw line, but canned only 16 of 30. Bethlehem was charged with 12 personals the first half to five for Voorheesville, but each team was called 10 times in the firehouse second half.

In the championship game, played before a packed house in the Guilderland gym, the hosts had a surprising four-point lead at halftime against the team that missed scoring over 100 points against BC the first night only because the starters were pulled in the fourth quarter. Guilderland led by 39-33 at the three-quarter mark, but the Cats dazzled them with a 24-9 final period.

From the Bethlehem standpoint, the

less said about the first night the better. The Cats had a 7-0 lead two minutes after the start, led 21-9 at the quarter, survived a BC spurt that cut the lead to 10 at halftime and scored the first nine points of the third period. BC, scoring mostly from outside, got 14 points from Thompson, 16 from Fox and 11 from Curran.

The slim crowd swelled to more than half the capacity of the spacious Univer-

sity Gym for the only excitement as the Dutchmen took on Voorheesville in a neighborhood rivalry. Guilderland's big center, Eric Fleury (accent on the last syllable), an exchange student from France, had flown in that day from a holiday with his parents in France, and was listed on the program at 6-feet-11.

Whether it was jet lag or Chuck Abba's emphasis on defense, Fleury was relative-  
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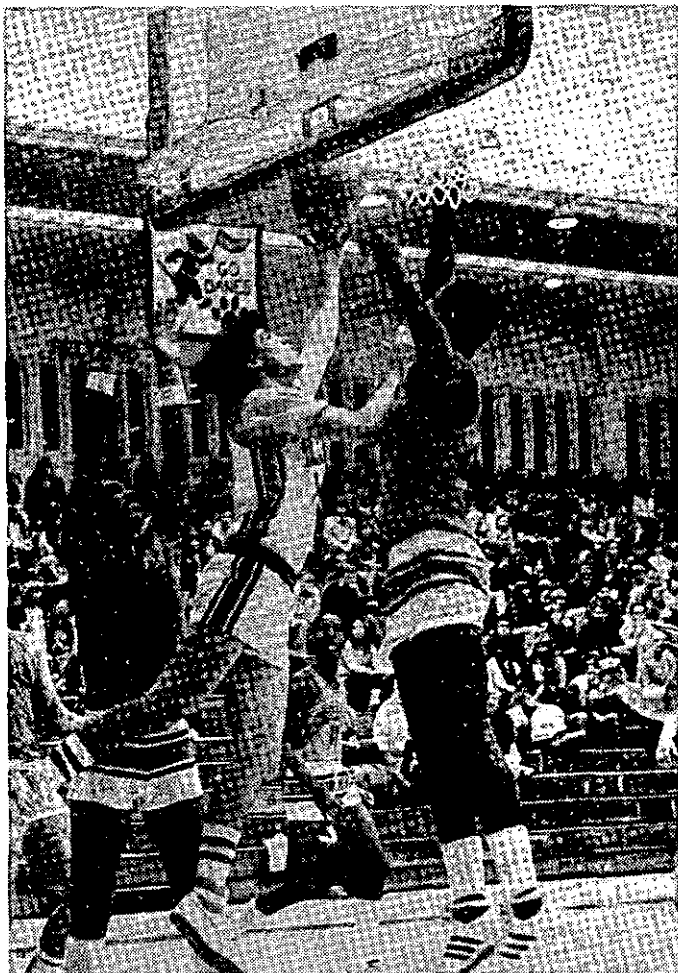
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No, this was not a football fullback going off-tackle; it was basketball on opening night of the Helderberg Holiday Classic as Jeff Rockmore of Voorheesville, at 5-10 the shortest player on the floor, jams between two Guilderland 6-footers. Watching the action were Brett Hotaling of Voorheesville (behind Rockmore) and Guilderland's 6-foot-11 skyscraper, Eric Fleury (51). At right, Bethlehem's Mike Mooney tries the "back door" against 6-4 Eric Swain (23) and Mike Quinn (33) of Catskill. Fleury, a transfer student from France, will be in Delmar Friday when Guilderland and Bethlehem collide in a Suburban Council matchup.

Spotlight photos — R.H. Davis



## BC gymnasts set for Scotia

By Nina Barringer

Under the coaching of Megan Hickey and her assistant, Paul Orsini, the Bethlehem Central girls' gymnastics team has been practicing since early November and will participate in their first meet of the season on Jan. 5 against Scotia.

Although both coaches are new to BC they have experience in gymnastics. Hickey taught gymnastics at the Bethlehem town park and coached in Rochester for two years. Orsini coached at Potsdam State.

"The record of the team is not very good, and it's hard to turn a team around in one season," said Hickey, "but we have a very well-rounded team. We're strong in floor and vaulting, but it's difficult to judge our overall performance at this point because we haven't seen the team in competition yet."

According to Hickey and Orsini, some of the strongest gymnasts are returning juniors Kim Reilly and Debbie Blodgett, and sophomores Kathleen Elliott and Cindy Ferrari.

Other returning members are Simone Paoletti, Susan Elletson, Katie Dowley and Robin Taft; seniors Alesia Harder, Eileen Berry, Lauren Thomas and Anne Peyrebrune, and newcomers Jennifer Engstrom and Wendy Thompson. Both coaches agree that eighth grade team member Shelley Miller is "very promising."

Hickey believes that there are some very strong teams in the Suburban Council. Some of BC's tougher contenders may be Shenendehowa, Shaker and Guilderland.

"You need an awful lot of discipline and dedication to be a good gymnast," Hickey declared. Orsini added: "Gymnastics is probably the hardest, most demanding sport. The individual is really competing against himself or herself."

"The team has improved a lot this season and will accelerate when the meets start because of competitive pressure and awareness," concluded Hickey.

## Holiday tourney

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ly ineffective until the final period. The Blackbirds went right at him from the start, and with Zongrone pouring in 17 points in 16 minutes, the game was tied at 23 until Steve Sauer of Guilderland hit a long jumper at the halftime buzzer.

The stubborn Blackbirds stayed within four points all through the third. Jeff Rockmore threw in a jumper at the buzzer to make it 40-38 Dutchmen. Then the Eiffel Tower came to life and the power of the Suburban Council school asserted itself. Fleury hit four baskets and handed off for a couple more, and the Dutchmen pulled away to 11 and 12 points until the Blackbirds staged another of their trademark last-ditch rallies. Brett Hotaling with three jumpers and Zongrone with two led the surge, closing to 66-60 with 25 seconds left. But the intentional foul routine didn't work, as it seldom does, and the game ended 71-62.

"I was happy with the Guilderland game," Abba said. "We gave it all we had. It just wasn't enough."

Zongrone ended with 28, Hotaling

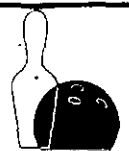
with 13, his best of the season. Zongrone was the tournament high scorer with 54 points, 11 more than Catskill's college prospect, Mike Quinn, who had 43.

Zongrone and Quinn were the outstanding players of the two-night program, but it was Eric Swain, the 6-4 Catskill pivot who was given the MVP award. Swain, Quinn and Andy Jones of Catskill were named to the All-tournament team with Zongrone and Fleury, and Thompson deservedly was named to Bethlehem's spot.

Przybylo was uncertain at press-time whether Gibbons would be available last night (Tuesday) against Burnt Hills, but was reasonably confident he would be ready for the trip to East Greenbush Friday. Next Tuesday Guilderland will bring their Eiffel Tower to Delmar.

The Blackbirds had a rugged assignment at Ravena last night (Tuesday) and will be at home Friday when first-place Cohoes comes in.

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## Youth basketball league

The Bethlehem Parks & Recreation Department will sponsor a basketball league for students in grades 2 through 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 7 through Feb. 11, at the Bethlehem Central High School lower gym. Registration can be made at the first session and there is a fee of \$10 per player.

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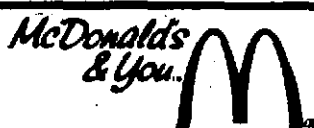
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# Blackbirds finish 4th at Queensbury

By Peter Fisch

After a fourth place finish in the Queensbury Holiday Festival last Wednesday, the Voorheesville High School wrestling squad will embark on a tough schedule with a double dual match at home on Thursday against Schalmont and Averill Park.

The Schalmont match holds the most significance for the Blackbirds as the Colonial Council rivals battle for first place in the league. "The two teams should match up pretty well against us," reported Blackbird coach Dick Leach. A 4:30 starting time has been set.

Queensbury won their own tournament for the second year in a row as five wrestlers took individual championships. The depleted Blackbird squad registered a fourth place finish behind Suffern, Peru and the hosts. "We only took nine wrestlers and had four in the finals," stated Leach.

Bringing home Blackbird championships were senior Jeff Clark and junior Jeff Genovesi. Genovesi, wrestling in the 126-pound weight class, captured the Most Outstanding Wrestler award for the tourney after decisioning Bill LaMarr of Peru, 9-2, in the finals. Clark pinned Suffern's Tom Partitti in 2:30 for the 119-pound crown. Other Blackbirds weren't as fortunate in the finals as senior Matt Beals ran into John Barrett of Peru, a fifth-place finisher in the state tournament last year, and suffered a pin 1:04 into the 155-pound bout. In the 177-pound championship matchup, senior

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John Ryan also met a fifth place state tournament finisher as Queensbury's Mike Himes pinned him in 2:40.

In the consolation round of the tourney, Dave Little of Saint Mary's nipped VCHS 91-pounder Matt Cillis, 8-5. AT 112, Blackbird Mark Gillenwalters defeated Dan Hubert of Queensbury, 4-2, for a third-place finish. "We wrestled well for the day," quipped Leach. "It's a good quality tournament and we met wrestlers from other sections who will probably end up in the state tournament."

Just before the Christmas recess, the Birds hosted Waterford in a Colonial Council hook-up and captured a 54-24 victory. Despite seven forfeits on the evening, the Blackbirds managed to win four of the five matches wrestled by pins. Cillis opened with a quick 35-second pin of Fordian Jim Dinelle. Freshman Jason DePasquale pulled the only upset of the night with a pin of Waterford's best, 112-pounder Joe Blood, in 54 seconds. Sophomore Brian DeDe was the lone defeated Blackbird as John LaCombe put him to the mat 1:47 into the 138-pound contest. Heavyweight Ryan capped the evening with the quickest pin as he finished off Fordian Tony Patrignani in 20 seconds.

Sporting a 3-1 overall record and a

perfect 2-0 league record going into the double dual on Thursday, the Blackbirds play host again next Tuesday as league opponent Lansingburgh travels to Voorheesville. On Saturday, the junior varsity will compete in the annual Burnt Hills JV Tournament.

## Hoop clinic set

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a basketball clinic for players in grades 5 through 8 Saturdays, Jan. 7 through Feb. 11, at the Bethlehem Central Middle School Boys gym.

Players in grades 5 and 6 will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m.; players in grades 7 and 8 will meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Registration can be made at the first session and there is a fee of \$10 per player. This program is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District.

## Gymnastics at the gym

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Special Use Request No. 254  
Request of Charles Bohl Jr. to convert a single family dwelling into a Duplex. Property is owned by Mr. Bohl and is situated as follows: south side of Rt. 85 (Hamlet of New Scotland), Town of New Scotland, N.Y.

Said Hearing will take place on the 10th day of January 1984 at the New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, N.Y., beginning at 7:30 P.M.

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During the exercise, the squadron supported U.S. Marine and air units while flying and maintaining six UH-1N Huey and AH-1J Cobra helicopters. This included close-in fire support of ground forces, command and control and troop inserts/extracts. The exercise involved several other units of the U.S. Armed Forces and Republic of Korea military personnel.

Marine Pfc. William J. Peasley, son of Raymond W. Peasley, Jr. of South Bethlehem, and Sharon A. Kretzler of Rensselaer, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Daniel F. Martin, son of Frank E. and Shirley A. Martin of Delmar, has been promoted to the rank of Air Force staff sergeant. Martin is a security specialist at Carswell Air Force Base, Tex. He is a 1979 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar.

Army Pvt. Daphne C. Freeman, daughter of Betty J. Freeman of 114 Cedar Hill, Selkirk, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

Army Pvt. Chadlee D. Hall, son of Robert C. Hall of Georgetown, Colo., and Judy E. Hall of 7 Pheasant Lane, Delmar, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. He is a 1983 graduate of Clear Creek Secondary School, Idaho Springs, Colo.

## First dance of the year

The Tri-Village Squares first dance of the new year will be called by Duane Silver of Delmar on Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Delmar First United Methodist Church. A 7:30 p.m. workshop will be followed by mainstream level dancing and a plus tip from 8 to 11 p.m. For information, dancers should call 439-4598 or 439-7983.

## Many cans collected

The Delmar Kiwanis Club's Christmas canned food drive has been declared a success by project chairman Ed Smith. More than 520 cans went to needy families in the Town of Bethlehem, and a number of toys were donated to the Blanchard Post of the American Legion for distribution to poor children in this area.

## Art show at library

The Bethlehem Art Association will meet to review and critique its membership's entries in the annual open art show on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. The show, which will not be juried, will continue through Jan. 31. The public is invited to the monthly meeting. For information, call Lorraine Shapiro at 439-5069.

## Tutors at Rochester

Joseph Bardwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bardwell of Delmar, and Jeffrey Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jenkins now of Oneida Castle, N.Y., have been installed as charter members of the Society of Mathematical Tutors at the Rochester Institute of Technology's College of Science. They were given the distinction for their good academic standing, two quarters of tutoring for the Math Club tutoring service and successful completion of the five-week tutor training course.

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### Legislators' salaries

Editor, The Spotlight:

Nothing so buoys the spirit as getting a pay raise before you are officially on the job. However, two raises within one month is too much.

As an incoming member of the Albany County Legislature, I seriously question the salary increase that was voted at the final 1983 meeting of the legislature. What concerns me most is the decision to peg future increases of elected legislators to movements in compensation for the county's managerial employees. It is the legislature which decides those managerial salaries. There would be the appearance, if not the actuality, of voting to increase one's own pay every time you voted for a managerial raise. This strikes me as a built-in conflict of interest for every member of the county legislature.

What is my alternative? Rigid formulas tend to lead toward the phenomenon of a "mandated" rise in expenditures that takes no account of affordability from the perspective of taxpayer burden. I would favor creation of a special subcommittee of the legislature's fiscal committee, which had the specific task of periodically assessing the compensation of legislators and issuing a public report, with recommendations for changes based on a number of pertinent considerations including the fiscal health of the county. There should be at least one public hearing at which the subcommittee solicited citizen comment. After the facts are before the public, then and only then should there be a legislative vote.

In closing, I also want to express my appreciation to all who voted for me last November. I look forward to this opportunity to serve the residents of Bethlehem.

James C. Ross

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Norman and Lynn Warrell hold the remains of their prize-winning holiday decorations — for the second year in a row the victims of vandalism. Tom Howes

### Senseless

Editor, The Spotlight:

To fellow Delmar residents — it's eleven o'clock — do you know where your children are?

Obviously, not . . . because several of them were at our house destroying our prize-winning decorations!

Anger doesn't cover the feelings we have as this is the second time we have had our decorations deliberately ruined. Several of our neighbors have had the same experience. We now ask ourselves — is it worth the trouble.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Garden Club have worked hard to build the decorating contest into something the town can be proud of. However, how can we be proud to know that if you put something out on your front lawn you risk having it smashed to pieces?

The police can't be everywhere — nor should they have to be. This is a season of peace and joy . . . not joy from destruction.

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Daniel L. Formica

## Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

Dec. 31, 1958

The tennis courts behind the Bethlehem Central Junior High School on Kenwood Ave. have been flooded by Elsmere firemen for ice skating. Dick Miller, recreation director, says the rink will be open mornings and afternoons for recreational skating, no hockey.

Jan. 2, 1964

Playing the lead role in the Slingerlands Players newest production, *The Philadelphia Story*, is the Players' bright comedy star, Betty Taylor. The male leads are played by Richard Weeks and Ralph Smith. Others in the cast to appear at the BCHS auditorium Jan. 24-25 are William Heenan, Dick Sanderson, Skip Koch, Corinne Weeks and Douglas Marone.

Jan. 3, 1974

Congressman Sam Stratton was a member of a Congressional subcommittee that visited the disputed territory on the east bank of the Suez Canal seized by Israel in the six-day war last October.

Jan. 4, 1979

Bethlehem's 1979 property tax rate, including county, general town and highway, has been set at \$56.99 per \$1,000 valuation, up 31 cents from 1978. New Scotland's rate has dropped \$1.35 per thousand.

The Bethlehem Central Board of Education may hold off filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mary Anne Stringham, who is moving with her family to Portsmouth, N.H. Her term has a year and a half remaining.

### Mulch from yule trees

There is life after death for Christmas trees. The life of a Christmas tree is usually 12 days, but Bethlehem residents can take advantage of the town's free tree recycling program when its shredder goes to the Garden Shoppe on Feura Bush Rd. in Glenmont on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It turns the trees into mulch-chips for spring gardeners. Since there is usually an excess of shredded evergreens, the mulch is also available to "treeless" residents who have containers with which to carry it away.

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Holly Koonz

### Koonz - Dare

Andrew W. Koonz, Jr. of East Chatham and Margaret Koonz of Selkirk have announced the engagement of their daughter, Holly, to Gerald M. Dare, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dare of Delmar.

Holly Koonz is a 1982 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and is studying travel in a correspondence course with the Wilma Boyd Career Schools. She is employed at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge.

Her fiancé is a 1973 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Schenectady County Community College with an associate degree in criminal justice. He also attended Hudson Valley Community College. He is employed as an electrician by Conrail.

A June wedding is planned.

### Married last fall

Kenneth H. Malary of Selkirk and Ruth C. Van Kempen of Glenmont were married on Oct. 29 at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. Rev. Allen Jansen performed the simple ceremony.

In attendance at the wedding were the groom's son, Wayne, and the bride's two sons, Richard and Paul. The retired couple honeymooned through the Amish country in Pennsylvania and now reside in Glenmont.

### Steinberg - Voynow

Dr. and Mrs. Bernard A. Steinberg of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Judith Lynn, to Gregory Voynow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Voynow of Philadelphia, Pa.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Lehman College. She is employed as talent coordinator for ABC's "Good Morning America." Her fiancé is a graduate of Temple University and is on the production staff of "Good Morning America."

A September wedding is planned.

### Willsey - Rarick

Mr. and Mrs. Martin F. Jannsen of Lake Road, Berne, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine E. Willsey, to Kevin L. Rarick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harri Rarick of Upper Flat Rock Rd., Clarksville.

The bride is a graduate of Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central High School and is employed by the New York Job Development Authority. Her fiancé is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

An April 28 wedding is being planned.

### Taylor - Rossman

Willard G. Taylor of 7 Norge Rd., Delmar, N.Y. announces the engagement of his daughter Margaret Lee to Franz Richard Rassman of Washington, D.C.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franz Joseph Rassman, Jr., of Newark, Del. and is an associate with the law firm of Beckett, Cromwell and Myers, P.C. in Bethesda, Md.

Miss Taylor attended Bethlehem Central High School and graduated Cum Laude from State University at Albany. She is law clerk for Judge Irma S. Raker of the Sixth District Court of Maryland.

Both are graduates of the Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C.

A fall wedding in Washington is planned.

### Missionaries return

Mario and Joy Barberi have been doing Christian missionary work in Japan for more than 30 years. The Delmar United Methodist Church will welcome them back with a covered dish supper on Friday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m. The Barberis, who have been training workers from various countries in Southeast Asia and Africa at the Asian Rural Institute just north of Tokyo, will be accompanied by eight of their converted Japanese friends and coworkers. They will recount the triumphs as well as the trials and tribulations of their long stay.

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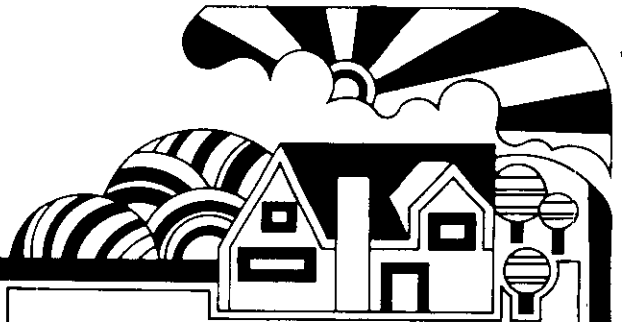
The program is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District. Pre-registration is required and can be made by telephone or in person at the park office, Elm Ave. Park, 439-4131.

### Bible films scheduled

The Delmar Reformed Church's "New Media Bible Films" winter unit will extend from Sunday, Jan. 8, through Wednesday, Feb. 29. The "Esau and Jacob," "Rachel and Leah," "Israel" and "The Covenant Continues" films were produced on location in the Holy Lands by Biblical scholars.

Adult group screenings are offered at 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays and at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Babysitting is only offered at the 11:15 a.m. Sunday session. Church school youth can see the movies at 10 a.m. Sundays. A \$5 family unit registration pays for the film series and a subscription to "Bibletimes" magazine.

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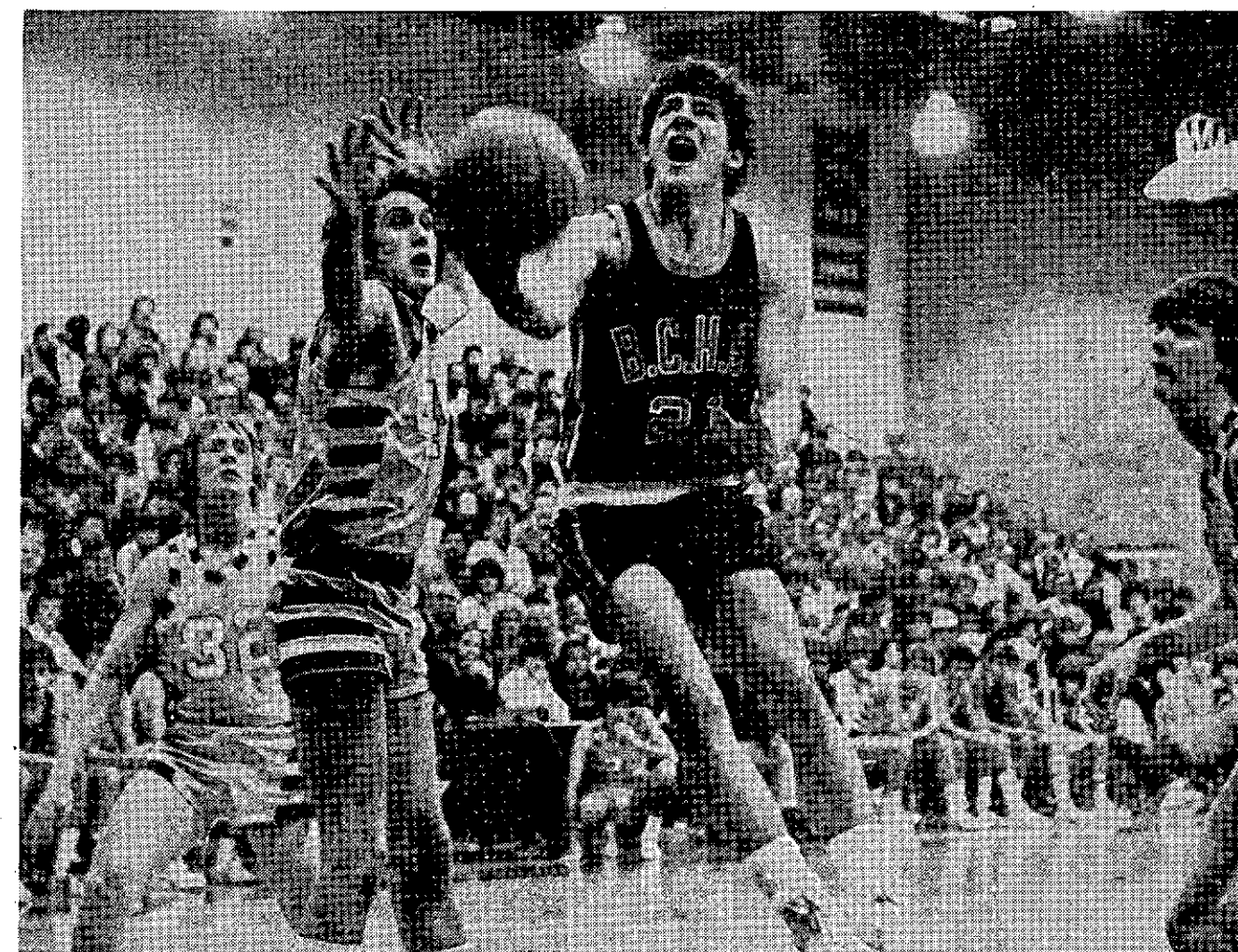
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