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Death of a supermarket

By Lynn Staf

The New Year certainly didn't begin on a happy note in Voorheesville as news rocked the community that the Grand Union which had served the area for over a decade would be closing within the week.

It appeared to be business as usual on Tuesday at the store. Shelves were full, red dot specials were marked and the usual staff was on hand. A sign on the door simply announced: "This store will close at 6 p.m. all this week," but with January being inventory month for many businesses, few patrons gave it a second thought.

It wasn't until customers reached the checkout counters that anything seemed to be wrong. Signs reading "CASH ONLY" were posted on each register and when a young man quipped, "What do you expect me to use, a credit card?" the usually friendly cashier didn't even crack a smile.

Those who attempted to cash checks were denied the usual amenity, and when the stunned patrons inquired as to why, the muffled answer leaked out — the store was closing on Saturday!

As word spread, the store buzzed with concerned customers asking each other, "Did you hear?"

By Wednesday large signs appeared in the windows with official notice of the closing. People approaching the store read the signs and stood quietly in shock trying to comprehend the words. For many employees the signs that greeted them on their way to work were the first news they had heard of the closing that left their jobs in jeopardy.

Thursday the mood of the store changed drastically. What appeared to be the entire workforce stood silently taking canned goods off the shelves and packing them in boxes as company officials in suits and trenchcoats circulated up through the aisles. The noisy discontent had changed to quiet acceptance, and the atmosphere was similar to that of a wake. Customers occasionally offered condolences

to personable young manager Herman Asam, who for the better part of the year commuted from Catskill each working day. Senior Citizens who had just received their Social Security checks and young mothers with pre-schoolers in tow did what would probably be their final shopping in the store, the two groups who will be most affected by the sudden closing.

Two older women lamented to the cashier that neither drove. The store, they said, had allowed them to be independent since they could just walk up the hill from the village and didn't have to rely on friends or relatives to take them shopping.

Another woman added that Stewart's would come in handy for odds and ends but didn't aspire to the status of supermarket. Another woman speculated that now that Voorheesville was without a major supermarket, perhaps Price Chopper would bus senior citizens to Gunderland as they do in other areas, including neighboring Altamont.

Young mothers in one-car families will also miss the convenience of the Grand Union. Tawn Hollick, with her one-year-old son Trevor in her arms, expressed the sentiment of many when she said, "I don't care what store goes in here as long as it's a supermarket."

Friday found only a skeleton of the original store intact. Fran Haberland, who lives in nearby Scenic View and works at DOT on Rt. 85A, came in on her lunch hour to buy apples and found all the produce gone except for some cucumbers and a few heads of lettuce. Haberland said she and other employees from DOT stopped by daily to pick up things at lunch.

The frozen meat section was empty and those working the fresh meat section were washing out the cold cabinets that held a minimal amount of meat.

Customers hugged employees or shook their hands. Although many employees live in the Voorheesville area, some had come from other stores and now would have little contact with those who had become part of their daily lives.

Many offered wishes of good luck to store workers who still did not know their fates. Andrea Stewart, a Voorheesville mother of three who began recently as a cashier, walked through the empty aisles shaking her head and muttering, "Isn't it just awful."

Later that day many employees found out just how awful it was. Most with two years or more with the company were being transferred to other stores, while new workers were quietly laid off.

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Joan Roberts

"The store was never run well; however, I did all of my shopping here."



Joe Huth

"I don't like it. It's going to leave a big hole. I hadn't heard that many complaints."



Evelyn Heffernan

"I guess they didn't do enough business. When they had that price war, the manager told me they were going good. Then lately..."

Village leaders seek another supermarket

A number of prominent Voorheesville residents are mapping a concerted effort to persuade a supermarket chain to open an outlet in the village to replace the Grand Union.

The Grand Union, the only supermarket in the village for the past two decades, closed Saturday on less than five days' notice to customers and employees, sending waves of shock and dismay through the village of 3,400 population.

Several residents reportedly have contacted Price Chopper officials, but a spokesman for that organization said Tuesday a takeover in Voorheesville is not being considered.

In the forefront of the campaign, which may become an organized effort by the weekend, are Donald Meacham, village attorney; William Candido, proprietor of the Voorheesville Pharmacy, located in the same shopping plaza and the village's only drug store, and Daniel F. Reh, a village trustee.

Reh said he was pursuing an effort to get another market in the village as a private citizen, not as a village trustee. "I

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just want to keep a viable store in the place," he said.

A Grand Union spokesman said Friday the store was closed because it was losing money. The decision, said Noreen Murray, "had nothing to do" with the chain's price war with Price Chopper. "We just took a good look at the profitability stance of all the stores," she said.

The 20,000 square foot building and the plaza are owned by Glenmont businessman Robert Wiggand, who said Thursday Grand Union had not notified him of the closing. Grand Union still has seven or eight years to run on its lease, so technically it is their responsibility to come up with another tenant, Wiggand said.

"But we're going to do something with it, of course," Wiggand added. He said he will do whatever he can to bring in

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Task force gets to work

By Tom McPheeters

Armed with a consultant's flow chart and a map too long to fit on the blackboard, the new Delaware Ave. task force got down to business Thursday.

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Chairman Charles Redmond established six subcommittees to deal with traffic, aesthetics, land use, the Elsmere School area, alternative routes and new regulations. He instructed the subcommittees to meet on their own and report back Jan. 16. And he set an April 1 deadline for

finishing the project.

"If we don't resolve it by then, we'll be here in July," Redmond said.

The task force was established by Supervisor Tom Corrigan to address a number of concerns about development along Delaware Ave. from the Normanskill bridge to the Bethlehem Town Hall. Corrigan attended Thursday's meeting, but made it clear that he will not be involved in the group's decision making. He also made it clear that he sees the task force as complete in itself.

"We're glad to have you here," he told the small group of neighborhood residents who had shown up, despite the fact

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Bethlehem Town Clerk Marion Camp accepts congratulations from State Supreme Court Justice Edward Conway, a town resident, after Conway administered the oath of office Tuesday. Story on Page 3.

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□ Another market?

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another supermarket.

But knowledgeable sources don't consider the village's chances of capturing another major chain very bright. Price Chopper, with a store at the nearby 20 Mall in Guilderland, is definitely not interested, said company Vice President Sue Ann Ritchko. Price Chopper is, however, considering operating a bus from the village to one of its existing stores, she said.

Elsewhere in the area, the trend appears to be toward larger stores, partially because the price wars have substantially reduced the margin of profitability of all the competitors. Price Chopper acquired a lease to the old A&P building in Delmar, but decided against using the site because of its size. And local officials say Shop Rite is reconsidering its plan to put a new market on Rt. 9W in Glenmont, although company officials indicate that their hesitancy has more to do with site problems than market considerations.

In Voorheesville, though, there have long been questions about management and services in a store that had, essentially, a captive market. Said one resident: "They have never been competitive in services or commodities, but they were all we had."

The site, located on Rt. 85A, the community's main traffic artery, drew from a wide area outside the village, particularly New Salem, Altamont and the "hill towns" — Berne, Knox, Westerlo and Rensselaerville.

"They are especially hurt by the closing," said Reh. "That last 5-mile drive to Western Ave. was a backbreaker for them."

Also hurt by the closing were the store's employees. A company spokesman said Tuesday that five of the six full-time employees had been placed in other area stores, and that 40 percent of the 29 part-time employees were also placed in other jobs.

□ Death

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Saturday came all too soon for both employees and shoppers. A man with a full cart of empty bottles was greeted by a new sign: "No bottle returns due to store closing." A few bargain hunters came, only to find rows of empty shelves. The only bargain in sight was a bag of cucumbers for a quarter. A boy of about 10, amazed at the near-empty store, said to his mother: "This is just like the K-Mart commercial on TV. We got here too late."

An older couple from Regency Park in Guilderland confessed to another shopper that they came out for one last trip. Mr. and Mrs. S.S. Armstrong, who will celebrate their 60th anniversary this summer, said that since they moved to Guilderland a year ago they often came out to the Grand Union because they "loved the country scenery and the workers in the store were so nice."

By 5 p.m. the store had closed, with a fair amount of canned and packaged goods still to be removed this week. Meanwhile, Stonewell in Slingerlands was stocking its shelves. Ricci's market in the village posted a large sign offering a half gallon of milk for 99 cents, and Stewart's parking lot was filled to capacity.



While the Delaware Ave. task force gets set to study land use along the busy thoroughfare, more changes are taking place. At the building two doors east of Hilchie's, the porch came off last week to make way for an addition to house a beauty shop. Parking will be in the rear. Under current zoning, the town has no control over such changes.

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□ Delaware Ave.

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that the meeting had not been formally announced. But, he told the audience, the task force must be able to "proceed as they should" without interference.

Planning board consultant Edward Kleinke had already mapped out a plan of attack, with six phases for the work — investigation, specifications, proposals, evaluation, decisions and implementation — and numerous objectives along the way. Kleinke is also preparing a map of Delaware Ave., showing all of the existing land uses, but the map is so long no one could figure out where to put it Thursday evening.

The task force consists of the entire planning board, Councilmen W. Scott Prothero and Robert Hendrick, Bernard Harvith, who teaches land use law at Albany Law School and is a member of the Bethlehem Central Board of Education, and Lee Faulkner, a businessman and representative of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. Consultants are Kleinke, Building Inspector John Flanagan, planning board attorney Earl Jones and engineering consultant Alvah Worth.

Redmond assigned each planning board member to chair one of the subcommittees: T.E. Mulligan heads traffic, John LaForte aesthetics, Marcia Nelson land use, Warren Kullman the Elsmere School area, Neal Moylan al-

ternative routes and William Johnston new regulations.

Mulligan, backed by LaForte, asked if it would not be possible to declare a moratorium on new building on Delaware Ave. while the task force does its work. "We're not going to have the opportunity if we don't do something right now," LaForte said.

But most of the discussion centered on traffic and parking, particularly on the difficulties of making changes when virtually all the available space is spoken for. Corrigan said he has asked Joseph Kelly, traffic engineer for DOT's Region One, to attend the next meeting, but added that DOT does not have funds to make major improvements.

The task force will look at other ways of getting traffic off Delaware Ave. Kleinke suggested that more Delmar commuters might be able to use the Delmar Bypass-Rt. 9W route to Albany, or the Slingerlands Bypass if that were extended. And Harvith suggested more attention to getting town residents to use buses.

Corrigan also reported that Bethlehem's chances of getting a federal grant requested last fall to put sidewalks on Delaware Ave. and adjacent streets "don't look very good."



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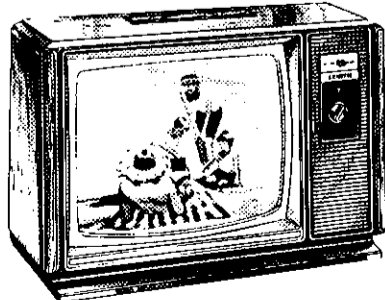
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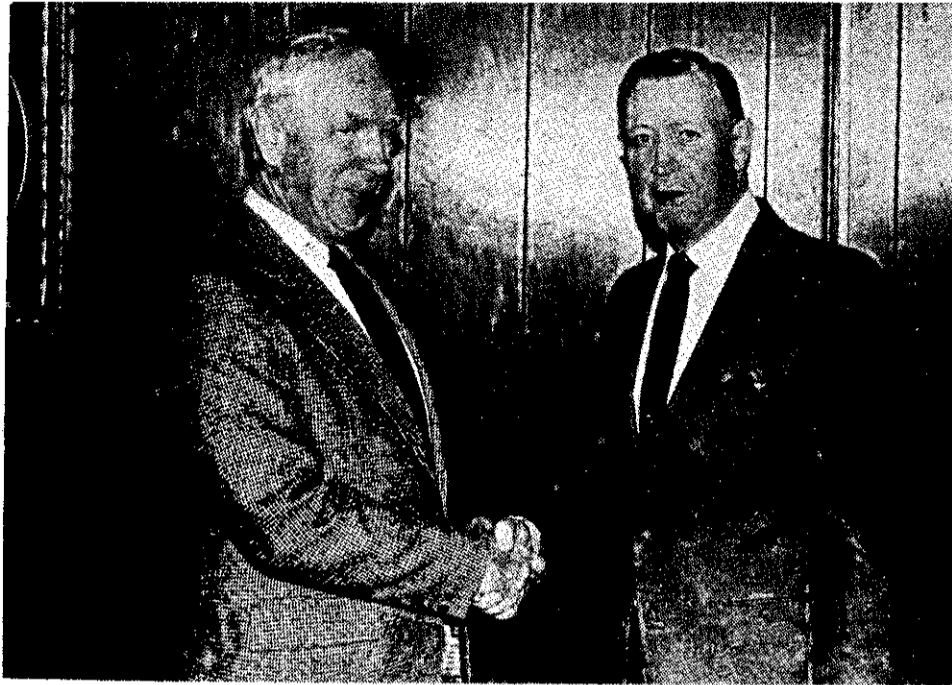
Bethlehem's elected officials were sworn in Tuesday at the town's annual organizational meeting, as was new police chief Paul E. Currie.

The only other new appointment in the 12-page agenda approved by the town board was to the Board of Appeals, where Robert J. Wiggand replaces James Ross, who is now a county legislator. Wiggand, a Glenmont businessman who is chief of the Selkirk Fire Dept. No. 3, was appointed to a term expiring in December, 1988.

State Supreme Court Justice Edward Conway, a Delmar resident, performed the honors at the brief swearing in ceremony. Currie, who had already reported for work, takes the top spot in the town's police department at an annual salary of \$30,160. He replaces Safety Commissioner Ralph Tipple, who retired at the end of the year, but the town board voted to keep Tipple on as a consultant at a rate of \$125 per day.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan said Tipple would stay on only as long as is necessary to break in Currie.

By law, the board is required to appoint most town employees on a yearly basis. At this year's meeting, only the salaries changed to reflect the across-the-board six percent increase given to all employees except members of the Police Benevolent Association. Corrigan's salary is \$34,787, Highway Superintendent Martin Cross gets \$28,216, part-time town justices, Roger Fritts and Peter Wenger \$17,838 and councilmen \$5,493. Sworn in in addition to Corrigan, Currie, Cross and Wenger were councilmen Ruth O. Bickel and W. Scott Prothero, Town Clerk Marion Camp and Kenneth P. Hahn, receiver of taxes and assessments.



Bethlehem's new police chief, Paul Currie, right, was sworn in Tuesday. Safety Commissioner Ralph Tipple, who retired to make way for Currie, will stay on as a consultant long enough to show the new chief the ropes. *Spotlight*

In other business, the board:

- Reappointed Charles H. Redmond to another term on the planning board, expiring in December, 1990. Redmond is also chairman of the board. His salary is \$4,060.
- Adjusted fee schedules for field inspections and engineering review for new developments so that the town can recover its expenses.
- Designated Key Bank, Bankers Trust, State Bank of Albany and Manufacturers Hanover as the town's official depositories and *The Spotlight* as the official newspaper for legal notices.

- Approved four contracts: \$2,400 for the Albany Dispute Mediation Program, which provides services in the town; \$18,000 for Project Hope, which has a center in Glenmont; \$3,000 for the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, which provides informational services to businesses; and \$1 to Callanan Industries, which allows the Police Department to use an abandoned quarry in Selkirk as a pistol and rifle range.
- Adopted local laws giving property tax breaks to senior citizens and to handicapped persons who make improvements for easier access to their residences.

Trooper in accident

A state police car was one of three vehicles involved in an accident Saturday morning at Delaware and Cherry Aves. in Delmar. Lyle J. Vaughn, 62, of Feura Bush was charged with failure to yield and driving while intoxicated after the 11:30 a.m. accident, troopers said. The state police car, driven by Trooper J.A. Trotta, was westbound on Delaware and Vaughn's pickup truck was eastbound and was turning left when the two vehicles collided, police said. Vaughn's vehicle then struck a car being driven by Jane Tanzel of Burnt Hills that was stopped for the light. No one was injured, according to the police report. Sgt. C.T. Wiley investigated for the state police and Bethlehem police assisted at the scene.

'Music Man' on stage

Students at the Bethlehem Central Middle School will put on "Music Man," the Broadway hit musical about Prof. Harold Hill and his 76 trombones, Jan. 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. at the school auditorium. Tickets are available at the school.

On Jan. 17 senior citizens are invited to attend the final dress rehearsal from 7 to 9 p.m., free of charge.

King service set

Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen, Bishops Howard Hubbard and Wilbur Hogg, and Rabbis Martin Silverman and Bernard Bloom will participate in an interfaith service remembering Dr. Martin Luther King on his birthday, Sunday, Jan. 15. The program, which begins at 7 p.m. at Temple Beth Emeth, Academy Rd., Albany, is being sponsored by the Capital Area Council of Churches.

For information, call 489-8441.

Tax exemption limits raised

And now for the good news! Homeowners-65-or older with income below \$13,500 can receive a partial exemption on both their town and school taxes. A new state law effective Jan. 1 raises by \$3,000 the ceiling on eligibility for partial property tax exemption, and the Bethlehem Town Board and Bethlehem Central school board have voted to go along with the enabling legislation.

That means that homeowners 65 or over with an income up to \$13,500 can receive a 50 percent exemption of their town and school taxes. The exemption decreases by 5 percent for each additional \$500 in income, up to the \$13,499 ceiling.

Applications for the exemption are available at the office of Bethlehem Assessor John Thompson and must be returned to his office by May 1 in order to obtain the exemption this year. The first tax bill affected would be the school district's, which is due in September. All homeowners now receiving the exemption — some 180 in the Town of Bethlehem — will be mailed renewal forms by Thompson's office. The exemption applies only to property taxes on a principal dwelling, which must have been owned for two years.

Thompson said he has had a number of inquiries already about applying for the exemption and that he and his staff are available to answer any questions. The town hall number is 439-4955.

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Elm Ave. development, Riemma plan vetoed

By Vincent Potenza

The Bethlehem Planning Board said no twice last week — to a proposed Planned Residence District near the town park and to developer Vincent Riemma's plan to resubdivide four lots in Bicentennial Woods.

Meeting last Tuesday, the board voted to recommend to the town board that the proposed Parkview subdivision not be granted a zoning change to a planned residence district. Developer Jeff Lino had proposed to the town that the 20-acre site, across Elm Avenue from the town park, be rezoned to a PRD in order to accommodate some 64 townhouses.

In making their decision board members said they'd rather see the parcel developed as single-family homes under the current zoning designation for the site, AA-Residential. A spokesman for Lino said that the number of units under the AA zoning would be only slightly less than for the total number of townhouses, and because of provisions in the ordinance for front, rear and side yards, the houses would be incompatible with the area.

"Nobody is going to want to buy a large, expensive house right across the street from the park," Lino said.

Board members told Lino that he would have a chance to address the town board when it got the planners' recommendation.

In other action, the board denied Riemma's request for a rehearing on a proposed resubdivision in the Bicentennial Woods development, Glenmont, where he planned to merge three single-family lots into two lots, each of which

would be large enough to accommodate a duplex.

The planning board held a public hearing for and subsequently denied that request, but Riemma was back two weeks ago, proposing to merge four lots this time, and requesting a new hearing since this constituted a new plan, he said.

The board didn't see it that way and denied the request before a house full of Bicentennial Woods residents who had come prepared to fight Riemma's proposal, as they had the first time.

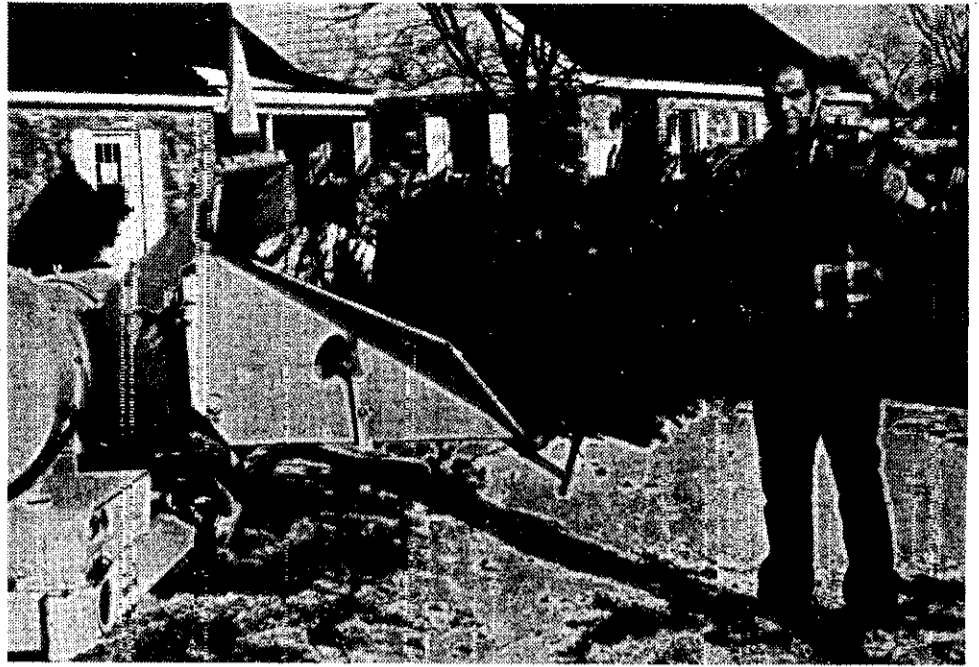
Attorney Karl Schrade, representing Riemma, asked the board when he would receive official notification of the board's decision, indicating that there is the possibility Riemma will go to court over the matter.

Cheese distribution

The Town of Bethlehem has been allocated 1,100 pounds of government surplus cheese, which will be given away Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Persons eligible for the free cheese include those on public assistance or eligible for Social Security, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) or private or government unemployment benefits. Also, any person 65 or older who is on a fixed limited income is eligible, according to town officials.

The federal cheese program is administered locally by Albany County, which determines the allocations to localities. Distributions are planned four times a year for the next two years.



Ben Giovannetti of the Bethlehem Highway Department loads a "used" tree into the shredder at the Garden Shoppe in Glenmont. Quicker than one can say "tinsel," it's turned into mulch. The shredder will be in operation again this weekend at the same location for recycling of holiday trees. Tom Howes

Building permits up in '83

Bethlehem issued 111 permits for one-family homes in 1983, the largest number since the boom construction years of 1977 and 1978. Building Inspector John Flanigan said he doesn't expect the number to increase substantially this year because of a general shortage in buildable lots.

For the second year in a row, there was no apartment construction in the town. A number of proposals for apartment projects are making their way through the town's planning process, but construction will depend also on the availability and cost of financing.

Flanigan's department also issued four permits for two-family homes, three for town houses (a total of 10 units), seven for businesses or industrial facilities, 163 for alterations and additions and 301 for

such miscellaneous activities as pools, signs, stoves and decks.

Reflecting the building slump of the last several years, the department issued 50 single-family permits in 1981 and 58 in 1982.

Setting sail

The Hudson Valley Chapter of the Steamship Historical Society will hold its first meeting of the new year on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 8 p.m. at the Delmar Key Bank community room. Capt. Peter Wiles, owner of Mid-Lakes Navigation Co. and master of the canal and river cruise ship "Emita II," will present a slide-talk on "The Canals of New York and Britain."

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Contract talks rankle teacher

By Caroline Terenzini

Six months after their contract with the district expired, Bethlehem Central teachers still don't have an agreement, and that doesn't sit well with Robert Peters, a teacher at the high school. Peters also isn't too happy with the size of the current reported offer, which he said was about a 4.5 percent raise plus increments.

"Personally, I think I'm worth more than that," he told the school board at its regular meeting last Wednesday. "My brother drives a truck for Con Edison and he makes more money than I do. Mailmen get paid more than I do."

Noting that the board had voted that evening to grant a partial tax exemption to homeowners 65 or older whose income was below \$13,499, Peters observed that the beginning pay for most teachers "is not far above the level you're granting a tax exemption to the elderly for." Teachers at Step 1 of the BC salary schedule receive \$14,867.

The six months it has taken for negotiations to get where they are — with a fact finder's report due at this writing — also bothers Peters. "I think it's about time something is done," he declared. Peters emphasized that he was speaking only for himself but presumably his feelings are shared by other teachers. Board meetings usually draw a sparse crowd, but a dozen

or so teachers have been turning out for recent meetings, apparently to spur the district toward settlement. There also have been a few reports of teachers declining extra-duty assignments as a way of bringing pressure to bear in the talks.

In response to Peters, board President Sheila Fuller said that negotiators for both sides are awaiting the fact finder's report from Herbert Marx, a professional labor arbitrator in New York City who was assigned to the talks in the fall by the state Public Employment Relations Board. Such a report lays forth the issues as the fact finder sees them, but carries only persuasive power.

Peters, an industrial arts teacher, has been on the Bethlehem faculty 14 years. He is a member of the board of education of the Mohonasen School District so can, he said, "speak for both sides." He commented later that he believes salaries throughout public education are inadequate and that Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn, for example, would receive a much higher salary for comparable responsibility in a business organization.

In other business, Assistant Superintendent J. Briggs McAndrews outlined the district's equipment needs for the board, tallying up some \$282,000 worth that he hopes will be in the budget

adopted in May. "Much of our equipment is outdated," McAndrews said. "Some of our maps are so old they're not portraying the world as it is any more. And a lot of our equipment is irreparable." McAndrews noted that while equipment is the second major cost for a school district after staffing, little state aid is available for these expenses. And, since Bethlehem is classed with the "wealthy" districts, it is automatically eliminated from consideration for some grant money, he said. This prompted board member Bernard Harvith to suggest that it might be worthwhile questioning granting agencies concerning their statutory authority for passing over the "wealthy" districts.

Zinn said the equipment portion of the district's budget has been shortchanged in the past in an effort to present an acceptable total to voters. But, McAndrews suggested, the bill is now coming due. "This is a much larger request than has been seen in the past," he said. "I'm sure there'll be some difficult discussion during budget development."

The board is heading into the annual rite of budget-making and McAndrews' report was one of a series intended to let the board — and taxpayers — know ahead of time the district's needs.

Right up there with budget uncertainties are enrollment unknowns. Zinn,

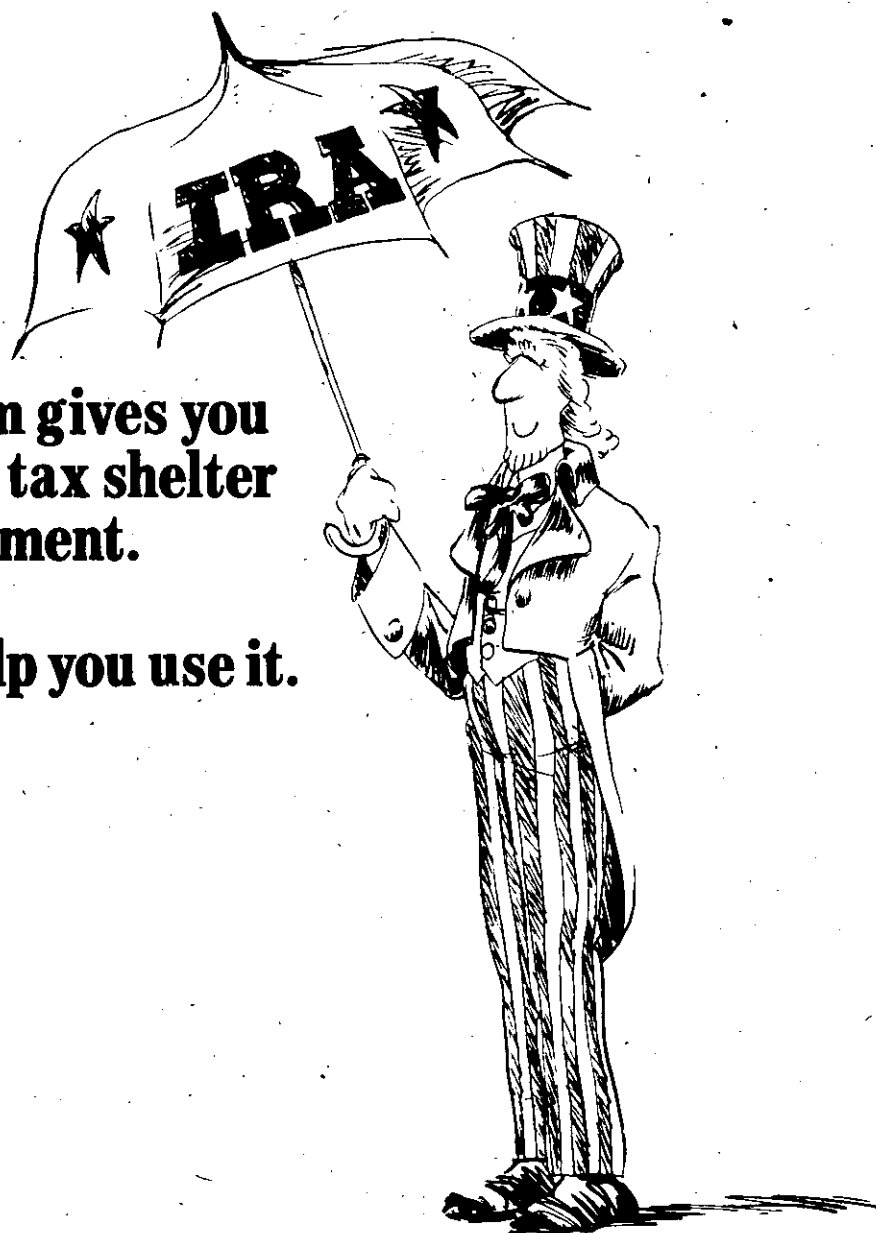
reporting on his annual enrollment projections, said, "I'm getting more and more nervous about these things. I think we're at the bottom of a decline and may be rising" — or may not. Since no district census was conducted last year, the projections of kindergarten enrollment may not be "as accurate as I'd like them to be," he said.

While the district reserves the right to assign kindergartners to any of the five elementary schools, the practice annually brings a protest in the late summer when one or more families learn their child has been assigned to a school other than the "home" school. The extent of homebuilding in the Glenmont area suggests a growing problem for the district in balancing classes. Zinn said he was projecting "essentially the same enrollment, with more kindergartners." He added that his projections have historically been close to the mark.

Acid rain program

Anthony Taverni of the Clean Air Division of EnCon will pose the question, "How Does Acid Rain Affect the Bethlehem Community and What Can We Do About It?" to the public on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. A question and answer period will follow his presentation, which is being sponsored by the Delmar Progress Club.

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Kid's Fare a good first try

By Linda Anne Burtis

Kid's Fare, a series of four shows for young children, opened Dec. 10 with a slick performance at the Spectrum Theater on Delaware Ave., experienced some visible growing pains for its second and third shows and finally opted for a modest, low-keyed finale at a different location, the Harmanus Bleecker Center in Albany, on Dec. 31.

The series, produced by Linda Mossey of Delmar and Richard Chesser, was an attempt to produce quality entertainment for kids 3 to 11 years old. Unfortunately, all the shows suffered weak spots. The folksinging talent got off to a shaky start with Jay Ungar and Lyn Hardy. Even Paul Strausman, who received the 1983 notable children's recording award from the American Library Association, lacked dynamism for his performance at the last show.

Jim Snack, a local magician who emceed two shows, and Ruth Pelham, who sang her own compositions at the second show, delivered their first-rate talents to a delighted young audience. One wonders the sensations that Snack, dressed for

the occasion in a smart tuxedo, must have felt as he performed marvelous tricks in an all-but-empty theater. But, perhaps, the real magic lies in the small crowd; as any parent knows, children want a rapport with performers, a chance to be part of the show. (Mr. Rodgers of television fame, for example, constantly talks directly to his unseen audience.)

The producers expressed disappointment at the small crowds, but from the kids' perspective, it was ideal. They screamed out their reactions and the performers frequently listened and responded.

At times, Kid's Fare may have been reaching too high, using new material when old would suffice. Children thrive on repetition. Dramatizing any of the traditional fairy tales would have thrilled this bedtime story-primed audience.

But, producers Mossey and Chesser touched the right chords, for many in the audience continued to return week after week. Mossey remains undaunted, despite the fact that "we definitely operated in the red." She is applying for local grants to fund further Kid's Fare shows.



Karen Burstein

At Chamber dinner

Karen Burstein, head of the state Civil Service Commission, will be the guest speaker at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce's annual installation dinner Jan. 21 at the Normanside Country Club in Elsmere. Before her appointment last June as president of the commission, she was executive director of the state Consumer Protection Board for two years.

Burstein represented Long Island's 9th District in the state Senate from 1973 to 1978, when she was appointed to serve on the state Public Service Commission. She also is co-chairperson of the state Commission on Domestic Violence.

A graduate of Bryn Mawr College in 1964, Burstein earned a law degree at Fordham University Law School. She also studied abroad at the Sorbonne, the University of Grenoble and in Tel Aviv.

Reservations for the dinner, at \$18, may be made by calling 439-0512. Deadline is Jan. 16. A cocktail hour is scheduled at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7.

4H in Delmar?

In response to the interest sparked by a flier, that was distributed to third graders in the Bethlehem Central and St. Thomas Schools, the 4H Club will hold an information meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Children ages eight and older

and their parents are invited to attend.

For information, call 4H staff member Jean Kleinke at 765-2327.

McKaig suit pending

A lawsuit filed last summer by Donald McKaig, of Clarksville against the Bethlehem Central School District, his former employer, is not expected to come to trial for some time, according to Kenneth Golden, an Albany attorney representing the school district in the case. McKaig, a school bus driver for the district for 18 years, was fired in May, 1982 by Business Administrator Franz Zwickelbauer after McKaig was charged by county sheriff's deputies with driving while intoxicated and reckless endangerment of children on the bus. A county grand jury declined to indict McKaig when the case was presented in August, 1982.

The suit filed in state Supreme Court in Albany County alleges that McKaig was wrongfully discharged and was defamed by the school district action. It seeks an unspecified amount of money damages. An out-of-court settlement could be reached during the time it takes the civil action to reach the trial stage.

Civil War group forms

The Capital District Civil War Roundtable, an ad hoc committee for collectors, students and buffs, will officially christen itself at its first meeting on Friday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. at 163 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. Following an election of officers, historian William Howard of Delmar will present a slide lecture on "The Common Soldier of the Civil War." It will be the first in a series of eight informational programs scheduled for this year.

For more information, call Michael Aikey at 439-8241.

Come as you wish

The mode of transportation will not be important for seeing nature by night at an outdoor program hosted by the Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. Hikers, skiers and snowshoers alike are invited to the free moonlight trail walk that will focus on starwatching and owl prowling.

For information, call 457-6092.

Check the attic

The variety show that will be part of Bethlehem Central's 50th anniversary observance has put out a call for men's and women's clothing from the 1930's. Street clothes from 1934 to 1984 will outfit the cast for the show, scheduled March 9 and 10. The skirt and sweater you jitterbugged in, the full-cut slacks and wide-lapel suits of the 40's, the mothballed Navy uniform, the circular skirt and crinolines from the 50's all are needed. Size and color don't matter. All clothes will be returned to their owners after the show. Lenders should call Muriel Welch at 439-3123.

Welcomes new singers

Tenors and basses of the Greater Capital District are invited to a Mendelssohn Club open house each Wednesday in January at 7:15 p.m. at the United Fourth Presbyterian Church, Western Avenue at Rt. 85, Albany.

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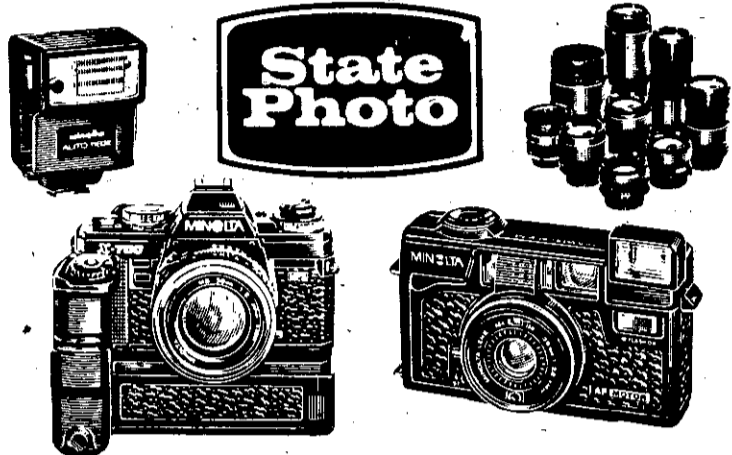
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Water district sought for Bullock Rd. area

By Lorin Pasqual

Planning Board members who attended the New Scotland Town Board meeting Wednesday expressed concern over surface water impurities in the Bullock Rd. area and asked the council to designate a water district in that vicinity.

Town Supervisor Steve Wallace agreed the problem demands attention and indicated that he received numerous phone calls from concerned residents.

In an effort to remedy the situation, Wallace met with Ronald Laberge, the town's engineering consultant for water districts, who discussed the feasibility and cost of implementing a water district. A financial analysis and report will be forthcoming, said Wallace, adding that the issue calls for thorough review.

In other action, the board:

- Awarded the bid for a new refuse truck and packer to H.L. Gage Sales, Inc. at a cost of \$82,561, the lowest bid that met the town's needs and specifications.

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- Approved a speed limit change from 55 mph to 35 mph on Krümkill Road from the Normanskill to Font Grove Rd.

- Authorized a five-month extension for Contractor Richard List to complete work in the Feura Bush Water District, making June 1 the new deadline.

- Scheduled a public hearing for the Clarksville Water District Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clarksville Community Church. If the church is unavailable, the meeting will be held at the fire hall in Clarksville.

- Scheduled a public hearing for a zoning change and special-use permit to convert a single-family home to a duplex on the property opposite New Scotland Town Hall. The meeting will be held Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.

Drug committee to meet

The Voorheesville Substance Abuse Committee will meet again Monday, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m. at the high school with — hopefully — a fresh list of ideas and a good deal of creative energy, according to committee chairman Alan Joseph.

The committee formed in November following PBS television's "A Chemical People" series. Hosted by Nancy Reagan, the production advocated a hometown community-involvement approach in combating substance abuse among young people.

Voorheesville's group has identified nine areas of concern and has delegated to each a subcommittee charged with brainstorming ideas. Among them, the group is considering a newsletter, possibly in conjunction with the school district's Helderbarker, and a tutorial "big brother-big sister" program in which high school seniors could take a younger student aside.

Also, committee member Marsha Larabee, a librarian at the elementary school, is compiling an annotated bibliography of related literature avail-

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The committee last met Dec. 5, when 35 people, about half the November gathering, appeared. Undaunted, Joseph attributed the poor showing partially to the busy holiday season and said he was impressed with the high quality of input. "People came with some good ideas," he said. "People are interested."

Tom Howes

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



Winter fun

Members of the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee invite all members of the community to mark the calendars with an important date. On Sunday, Jan. 29, a special Winter Olympic Fun Day will be held at the New Scotland Town Park on Swift Rd. The afternoon winter festival will run from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. and include tobogganing, ice skating, cross country skiing and other snow-time outdoor activities. Hot chocolate will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend the free winter carnival.

Scouting awards

This evening (Wednesday) members of Voorheesville's Boy Scout Troop 73 and their families will gather for a special awards night to begin at 7 p.m. at the elementary school. Both individual and troop awards will be presented to the group, whose 50-plus enrollment is the largest in the Fort Orange district.

Also as part of the evenings events, Joseph Uline, director of Boy Scout Camp Rotary outside Poestenkill will show slides and discuss the camp, which Voorheesville scouts attended last year for the first time.

Reconciliation

Students in St. Matthew's fourth grade religious classes will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Friday, March 9. In preparation for this event a meeting for parents only will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the church. At that time Joyce Solimini, religious education co-ordinator, at Our Lady of Mercy in Colonie will explain the theology of Reconciliation

and speak on the preparation for the sacrament. All parents of fourth graders are urged to attend this important session. Anyone having questions is asked to call elementary education co-ordinator Maryann Malark at 765-4392.

Mrs. Malark also reminds parents of children in grades 1 through 6 that religious education classes for students in the grade school resume the week of Jan. 17.

Swim-a-thon set

During the next two weeks the 26 members of the Voorheesville Swim Club will be asking friends and neighbors to "take the plunge" and sponsor them in their annual Swim-a-thon to be held at the high school on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Sponsors pledge to pay the canvassing members so much for each length the member swims. The money raised from the club's major fundraiser is divided with the club itself keeping 85 percent to be used to foot the expenses associated with running such a program and the remaining 15 percent going to the parent group, U.S. Swimming, which encourages the formation of swimming clubs nationwide.

Those who would like to sponsor a member of the club may contact Bruce Martelle at 765-4390 or Gary Washburn at 765-3170.

Clark drive midway

It's half time for the double dip charity project being offered by Stewarts to raise money for the Jeff Clark Olympic Fund. With two weeks down, those who would like to donate still have two more weeks

to take advantage of the month-long offer by which Stewarts will match any donations made to the fund at the Voorheesville store.

Also on the subject of the fund, which is securing financial backing for the young Voorheesville wrestler and Olympic hopeful, the raffle sponsored by the committee is now underway. Tickets are on sale for \$1 each, listing prizes include a Harwick Gas grill, a framed lithograph by Thom O'Connor, a \$75 gift certificate at Jeffer's Nursery, an area rug from Voorheesville Carpet and dinner for two at Shooter's in Latham. Tickets are available from committee members as well as from PTSA members.

Those who would like to purchase tickets but have not been approached may contact co-chairmen of the project Bruce Martelle at 765-4390 or Joseph Fernandez at 765-4663.

Parenting panels

The Voorheesville PTSA has good news for those who made a New Year's resolution to have a better understanding of their offspring. On the third Tuesday of the next three months the group is sponsoring a series of programs dealing with better communication between parents and children. Featuring Dr. David Nevin, a school and child psychologist who was asked to return after his most successful program offered by the PTSA last spring, the series will deal with such topics "Parenting," and "Communicating with Your adolescent."

Each session is free and open to the public and will feature panels composed of members of the community including both parents and students.

The first session will be held Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

Hike planned at 5 Rivers

Naturalists from the Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar will lead a free nature walk along the center trails on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. The hikers will investigate what happens to trees, birds, mammals and wildflowers.

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In this day of modern conveniences it is hard to realize that there was a time when a household item as common and utilitarian as a stove was also ornamental. The iron stoves that graced the parlors in many American homes in the past were cast in many sizes and shapes, with many embellishments. Ms. Tammis Croft, curator with the Albany Institute of History and Art, will present a slide-talk entitled "Cast with Style — 19th Century Stoves from the Albany Area" at 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19, in the Bethlehem Historical Association Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Road, Selkirk. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

Sno ball at lodge

The auxiliary of Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, in Selkirk, will have its annual Sno Ball on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the lodge on Rt. 144 in Selkirk. Tickets are now available for the event, which will begin at 9 p.m. and continue until 1 a.m. Music for dancing will be provided by the American Gentleman Band with C.J. Colt. The auxiliary has a very special evening planned, including free snacks and door prizes. The donation is \$6 a person, with proceeds benefiting the veterans.

Something's cooking

The menu for Senior Projects of Ravena beginning Thursday, Jan. 12, will be: Thursday — evening meal only; Friday — roast chicken with gravy, mashed turnips, beets, dessert; Tuesday — lasagna with tomato sauce, parmesian cheese, tossed salad with dressing, broccoli, dessert; Wednesday — vegetable soup, breaded oven-fried chicken, O'Brien potato, cauliflower au gratin, dessert.

Grange plans show

The Bethlehem Grange, Rt. 396, Beckers' Corners, Selkirk, will hold its first meeting of the new year Saturday

Jan. 14, at 8 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Plans are being made for a "Christmas in July" craft show, with a date for the sale to be set. Individuals interested in obtaining space to display their crafts may contact Helen Raynor at 767-2770.

A Super Bowl special

For football enthusiasts, Jan. 22 is the big day! It's Super Bowl Sunday! The Bethlehem Elks Lodge has devised a way to make the day extra-special — they're sponsoring Super Sunday at the Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk. That means an opportunity to watch your favorite team with friends and neighbors, enjoy a wide assortment of delicious foods such as hamburgers, clam chowder, pizza, sausage and peppers, and free beer, and prizes, prizes and more prizes. Starting time is half an hour before game time. Tickets are available at the lodge.

Hearing is set on annexation

A public hearing on the petition seeking annexation of a portion of the Town of Coeymans by the Village of Ravena is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the Town Hall. The petitioners include homeowners north of the village line and also the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior-Senior High School, all of whom want to tap into the village's water supply.

The hearing will be jointly conducted by Coeymans Supervisor John T. Biscone and Ravena Mayor Raymond Bailey. Following the hearing, the town and village boards will vote — separately, on the annexation proposal, and then property owners in the affected area will have an opportunity to vote on the proposal in a referendum within 90 days of the boards' approval. John J. Biscone, attorney representing the village in the



Lou Picarazzi, Selkirk postmaster; with poster autographed by Medal of Honor recipients. Spotlight — Tom Howes

Poster honors postmaster

U.S. Postmaster General William Bolger will be presented next week with a commemorative poster autographed by Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, courtesy of two Selkirk citizens.

Louis Picarazzi, Selkirk postmaster, will make the presentation at a Washington, D.C. dinner ceremony. The poster bearing the autographs was brought to Selkirk by Francis S. Currey of South Albany, a Bethlehem hamlet served by Selkirk RD Rt. 2.

Currey, a World War 2 Medal of Honor recipient, collected the signatures at a convention of Medal of Honor holders in New York City last month. The original poster was distributed last summer to promote a special issue of U.S. stamps commemorating Medal of Honor recipients.

Picarazzi said he was asked by Bolger to present a sheet of the special stamps to the area's two Medal of Honor holders, Currey and Peter S. Dalessandro of Loudonville. Picarazzi also gave both medalists a poster signed by Gov. Mario Cuomo and local members of the state legislature. In turn, Currey had his fellow conventioners sign a poster for Picarazzi along with the one for the postmaster-general.

matter, said he knew of no opposition to the plan.


The Village of Ravena's water comes from the Dean's Mills Reservoir, which is owned by the village. The village also has an agreement with the City of Albany to supply water if needed from the city-owned Alcove Reservoir. The agreement

dates from the time that reservoir was built, some 50 years ago, when village land was acquired by the city in order to construct the reservoir.

A scaled survey of the area for which annexation is sought will be prepared by engineers once the proposal is approved by the municipal boards, attorney Biscone said.

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Town of Bethlehem, Town Board, second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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

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

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

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 and Wednesdays 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.

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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 Ravens-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 or over 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.

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

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.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
New Scotland Elks Lodge meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Voorheesville Road and Gun Club, 8 p.m.

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 Auxillary, 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.

Bethlehem Garden Club, "English Flower Gardens" presentation, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m.

Local Dairy Farmers discuss government Paid Milk Diversion Program, Resources Development Center, Voorheesville, 1 - 3:30 p.m. Information, 765-2050 or 765-2331.

Second Milers Luncheon, with Supervisor Thomas Corrigan on "The Affairs of the Town of Bethlehem," First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-1054.

"You and Your Elementary Schooler", Family Matters Workshop taught by psychotherapist Norman Cohen, Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, 7 p.m. Information, 438-4860.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
Helderview Garden Club, potpourri program at Voorheesville Methodist Church, 7 p.m. Free; information, 765-2576.

Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxillary, 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. Auxillary meets second Thursday of each month, at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

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

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

"Kaleidoscope", fun, artistic evening for students and parents, Bethlehem Central Middle School cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9647.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens see "Top Hat" starring Fred Astair and Ginger Rogers, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1:30 p.m. Free.

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.

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.
Q.U.I.L.T., meeting at First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Information, 477-9705.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
Bethlehem Grange, meeting at the hall, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, Selkirk, 8 p.m.

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.

Theology on Cable TV, 3-lecture series begins with "Old Testament Women of Faith," Bethlehem Video-Cable Channel 16, 6:30 p.m. Mondays.

Winter Recreation at Five Rivers: "The Complete Snowshoer," 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.

Steamship Historical Society, slide-film talk on "The Canals of New York and Britain," Delmar Key community room, Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 482-1873 or 439-3335.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15
Pancake Breakfast, to benefit Elsmere Fire Dept. drill team, at the firehouse, Poplar Dr., 8 p.m. to 1 p.m. \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children 6-12.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16
Bethlehem Memorial Auxillary, 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.

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

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

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

Theology on Cable TV, 3-lecture series begins with "Old Testament Women of Faith," Bethlehem Video-Cable Channel 16, 6:30 p.m. Mondays.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17
AARP, third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

Legion Auxillary, 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.

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. 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

"Star Struck" (all-star barbershop quartet benefit), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Jan. 14, 2 and 7:45 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office or at the door.

Ella Fitzgerald, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Jan. 14, 8 p.m. Box office 346-6204.

Empire State Youth Orchestra (Copland, Dvorak, Schubert and Ginastera), Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, Jan. 15, 3 p.m.

Cindy Mangesen and Anne Hills (folk singers), St. Marks Community Center, Guilderland Center, Jan. 16, 8 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office and Records 'N Such.

The Bartok Quartet (Haydn, Bartok and Beethoven), Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, Jan. 16, 8 p.m.

Isaac Stern, violin, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Jan. 18, 8 p.m.

FILM

"Shock of the New: The Powers That Be" and "American Time Capsule" (Art at the Plaza film series), Auditorium of State Museum, Jan. 12, 12:10 p.m., Jan. 15, 2 p.m.

ART

Landscape Exhibition, juried show at Rensselaer County council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, Jan. 15 through Feb. 12.

Interplay '84, juried show at The Gallery, Albany Institute of History and Art, Jan. 17 through Feb. 17, reception Jan. 20, 5-7 p.m.

Drawing Invitational, Emma Willard School, Troy, through ZFeb.

Drawing Invitational, Emma Willard School, Troy, 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.

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

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

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

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- American Playhouse: "The Ghost Writer" (season premiere) Tuesday, 9 p.m.

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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.

Moonlight Walk, outdoor program for hikers, skiers and snowshoers. Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Free; information, 457-6092.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group, for patients and their families, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information 459-5118.

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

"Music Man," (student musical) dress rehearsal for senior citizens, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 7-9 p.m. Free.

4-H Information Meeting, for children ages 8 and older and parents, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2327.

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.

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.

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.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Bedros Karian, 20 Winne Pl., Delmar, for variance to permit sign at premises, Kenwood Ave., Glenmont; Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

Pre-Retirement Planning Seminar, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m. Free; information, 439-9314.

"You and Your Middle Schooler," Family Matters Workshop taught by psychotherapist Norman Cohen, Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, 7 p.m. Information, 438-4860.

Embroiderers' Guild of America, Capital District chapter, will have slide show of 1983 exhibit at meetings at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Delmar and at 7 p.m. at Colonie Senior Citizen Center. Information, 439-5043.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

American Legion Luncheon, for members guests and applicants for membership, Post Rooms Popular 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.

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

Voorheesville PTSA, general meeting with guest Dr. David Mevin, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Historical Association, meeting at Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Central Football Boosters, organizational meeting, Bethlehem Central High School Rm. 46, 7:30 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.

Food Stamp Certification, Bethlehem Town Hall, 9:15 a.m.-noon. No appointment necessary.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens, meeting and guest speaker on AT & T breakup, Bethlehem Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

"Music Man," student musical at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 8 p.m. Tickets sold at school.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, annual installation and awards dinner, Normanside Country Club, Elsmere, 6 p.m. cocktails. For \$18 reservation, call 439-0512.

Civil War Round Table, organizational meeting for collectors, students and buffs, at 163 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-8241.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

"Music Man," student musical at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 8 p.m. Tickets sold at school.

Elks Auxiliary Snow Ball, at Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Winter Nature Walk, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Free; information, 457-6092.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Super Bowl Sunday, at Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, a half-hour before game time.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

"Apple Writer" Word Processing Workshop, for members of Apple Corps at Bethlehem Library, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

"The Art of Negotiating," non-credit seminar-workshop offered by SUNYA Office of Continuing Studies for area professionals, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For information and registration, 455-6121.

"A View from the Kremlin," former Soviet ambassador and U.N. under-secretary general Arkady Shevchenko speaks at Union College Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. \$3 tickets sold at Carnegie Hall student box office.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

Mohawk Chapter DAR, meeting at home of Betty Hannay, 186 W. Lawrence St., Albany, 2 p.m.

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.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

Sabbath Services for single Jewish adults at Congregation Ohav Shalom, New Krumkill Rd., Albany, 8 p.m.

Altamont Station Square—Dancing, at former Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, 8 p.m. Information, 439-6476.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

"Using the Tools of Genealogical Research," Franco-American and Quebec Heritage Series lecture at Troy Public Library, 100 Second St., 1:30 p.m. Free.

Cerebral Palsy Telethon, 20-hour fundraiser televised locally by WTEN-Channel 10 with three soap opera stars and a lead from "Ain't Misbehavin'" at Empire State Plaza convention center.

Sherlock Holmes Birthday Party, at Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Martin Luther King Remembrance Service, interfaith program sponsored by Capital Area Council of Churches, Temple Beth Emeth, Academy Rd., Albany, 7 p.m.

"Martin Luther King: The Man and the March," at Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 2 p.m. Free.

Cerebral Palsy Telethon, 20-hour fundraiser televised locally by WTEN-Channel 10, at Empire State Plaza convention center.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Russell Sage Evening Division Spring Registration, through Jan. 19, noon-6 p.m., Jan. 20, noon-4 p.m., 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, information, 445-1717.

Expectant Parents' Night, parents-to-be meet hospital staff and tour facilities, St. Peter's Hospital cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1515.

"New You Time Management System," free public lecture, Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 869-8854 evenings.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

Albany Artist Group, meeting, lecture and demonstration on "Solving Problems in Nature Art," West End Presbyterian Church, at Central Ave. and Main St., 7:30 p.m.

"Martin Luther King: The Man and the Movement Today," public lecture by SUNYA professor Dr. John Oliver, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., noon.

Comic Films, Bacon-Grabbers starring Laurel and Hardy and "Girl Shy" starring Harold Lloyd, Albany Public Library, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Free.

Empire State College Public Information Session, at new Albany location, 155 Washington Ave., noon. Information, 447-6746.

Albany Institute Spain Trip, film-lecture for those interested in joining spring trip, Colonie Town Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-1802.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group, 8-session series for patients and families at chapter office, 815 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information and registration, 459-5118.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Albany Institute Spain Trip, film-lecture for those interested in joining spring trip, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., noon. Information, 465-1802.

Crohn's Disease Support Group, for ulcerative colitis patients and families, Colonie Central High School, Hackett Ave., 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

Vanguard Prevue of upcoming Albany Symphony Orchestra concert with composer Elie Siegmester, Albany Public Library, noon.

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Two sides to the pet question

When I was small I never had a real pet. Oh, I collected a few pond turtles and tadpoles. Had some fish for a while, but nothing I could pet and hold and say "C'mere, boy" to. Built a birdhouse in shop class once and put it up on the side of the garage, about head high so I could see into it. Attracted a house wren. Loved to listen to its warbling song. Took my time to sidle up to it, because I wanted it to trust me, maybe to light on my arm. Well, I was too forward and looked in the nest one day when the wren was there. It flapped around furiously, took off and never came back.

What I really wanted was a dog. We tried a cat, but it died of some cat disease shortly after we got it. Hadn't even time to get attached to poor Fluffy. Finally, we got a puppy, but it met the same fate as Fluffy. It must have been very shortlived, because I don't even remember its name.

Couldn't they see how much I was ready to love my very own dog, and how that love would take care of the dog, the house, the yard, everything?

You see, Mom and Dad just didn't want the mess of a dog around the house. They would object to my longings and pleadings by expounding on the monumental chore of caring for and feeding an animal, and how it would stink up the house, and ruin the furniture and the rugs, and besides they all carry diseases anyhow.

How could I win against such arguments? Couldn't they see how much I was ready to love my very own dog, and how that love would take care of the dog, the house, the yard, everything?

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



It wasn't until I moved to Tennessee in graduate school that I finally realized my childhood dream. I responded to a newspaper ad just before I left and went to the house of a policeman whose German shepherd was on the city's K-9 corps and who had given birth to one gorgeous little police dog pup. I named him Duke, put him into my car, bought some dog food and a water dish, and drove to Tennessee.

Since Duke there have been many dogs and cats, in fact, an unending stream of them. Part of that turn of events in my life is that I chose a woman to marry who grew up in a home that took in all the neighborhood strays with love and a warm bowlful of milk. The tradition has lived on in our home. We have found most of our pets dogs and cats, some on the road, some wandering at our back door, some in the city pound, and some stranded on tree limbs. A few we have bought, but by and large we have run our own private home for dependent and neglected animals.

My fantasy of having my very own cuddly and huggable pet has come true over and over. I have loved each one of them with their individual personalities and they have returned the affection as animals will. Furthermore, they have grown up with my children and my children with them. Our family would be markedly empty without pets. Our dog, Bilbo, and our three cats, Samantha, Tom and Jake, all share our lives together, and we are a family.

But . . .

But Mom and Dad were right. Through the years with our animal family, we have lost carpets to the perils of the pooch and the pussycat. We have lived with gnawed piano bench legs. We have burned out vacuum cleaner motors on perpetually shedding fur. We have gone through cases of lint cleaners in attempts to purge our woollen garments of dog and cat hair. We should own stock in a paper towel company for all the rolls we have used on our pets' mistakes. And unlike my childhood experience, our animals have had nearly every disease known to dog and cat, but have survived every one of them to the veterinarian's delight and profit.

My love of animals has flowered in my adult years, and it has been tested to the limit.

My love of animals has flowered in my adult years, and it has been tested to the limit. Here are a few of those tests that you will recognize, but only if you are truly an animal lover, as I know I must be, as well as my family:

The family is going on vacation. The suitcases are all packed in the car and the plane takes off in one hour. You have your dog in the car, and two cats in their carrier ready for the kennel, but the third cat is somewhere outside because he ran out when someone opened the door to pack the car. You spend 20 minutes calling and kissing into the air until he finally saunters back home.

You're late for work and you rush through your morning preparations hoping the car will start on this blistery winter morning. As you bend down to put on your boots, you suddenly realize that one of the animals regurgitated last night's meal into one of the boots . . . just after you slip your foot into it.

You leave the breakfast table to answer the front door and return to find the cat on the table eating your cereal.

Your dog goes off the wall whenever

the mailman delivers the mail or the news carrier brings the morning paper, but doesn't utter a sound when a burglar makes his way through the riches of the downstairs one night.

The cat insists on jumping up on the lap of your one guest among all the others who hates cats.

You're awakened in the middle of the night by your dog making that awful sloshing sound that dogs make when they "wash" their loins.

You can't play your favorite opera on the stereo, because the dog howls every time.

No matter how hard you try or how long you practice, you just can't whistle loudly.

Yeh, Mom and Dad were right, but then, so was I.

Cohen leads workshops

Norman Cohen, a private psychotherapist whose "Family Matters" column appears regularly in the *Spotlight*, is leading a series of five workshops on parent-child relationships Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Slingerlands Community Methodist Church. Registration, which is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple, is limited to 15 for each workshop. Planned topics include "You and Your Elementary Schooler," today; "You and Your Middle Schooler," Jan. 18; "You and Your High Schooler," Jan. 25; and "You and Your Young Adult," Feb. 1.

For information, call 438-4860.

Garden Club meets

The Bethlehem Garden Club will learn about "English Flower Gardens" at its meeting today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Mural-making at MS

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and Betsy Ellsworth, local needlework teacher and exhibitor, will show slides from the library of the National Standards Council of American Embroiderers. For information about the meetings or membership in the guild, call Mrs. Harold Singer of Delmar, 439-5043.

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

Planning to retire?

The Bethlehem Public Library will host a free Pre-Retirement Planning Seminar on Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Anthony Riccardi of Albany Financial Group, Ltd., and Paul VanRyn, an attorney with Gold & Symansky, will discuss tax and estate planning issues focusing on the needs of those in the state and teachers' retirement

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Cohoes win bolsters hard luck Blackbirds

There were enough heroes to go 'round last Friday as Voorheesville's basketball Blackbirds put together what Coach Chuch Abba termed "a full 32 minutes of hard basketball" for the first time.

The result was a heart-warming upset of first-place Cohoes, who came into the Helderbergs unbeaten in the Colonial Council. Voorheesville won handily, 57-46, before the season's first sellout audience at home.

The triumph, coming three nights after a disappointing 3-point loss at Ravena, left the Blackbirds at 4-3 in the league, 5-5 overall, with a night off Tuesday before a trip to second-place Mechanicville Friday.

With Cohoes in town, Abba ordered a full-court press from start to finish. "The kids did a marvelous job, and it paid off," he said afterward. "We were down 26-22 at the half, and we were missing 7-footers and about three easy layups, but we played them tough all the way. We forced them into shots they didn't want to take. Our strategy was to make them shoot sooner than they wanted to, and we were successful. After losing four in a row, we really needed that win, and coming over a team like Cohoes, it was a real tonic for us."

John Zongrone, Voorheesville's meal ticket who draws a crowd of defenders every move he makes, had only six points in the first half, but not even Cohoes can keep the lid on this lanky sharpshooter for long. He finished with 22, including 10 in the fourth quarter, but it was Brian Rubin, a junior, who preserved the victory. Rubin had 16 points, including six free throws in the fourth quarter as the Blackbirds blew open a 37-33 game after

the three-quarter buzzer.

Abba played nine of his stalwarts, and had praise for all. "Rubin was spectacular, it was his best game," observed the former Union star. "He had steals, shot 16 points, rebounded well and played a very aggressive game. Ray Donnelly was important to us off the boards. Brett Hotaling had seven rebounds and asserted himself inside, and if he continues to improve, we will be a very tough team the rest of the way. Jeff Rockmore gives us stability and leadership, an unselfish player who doesn't have to score to be a key player."

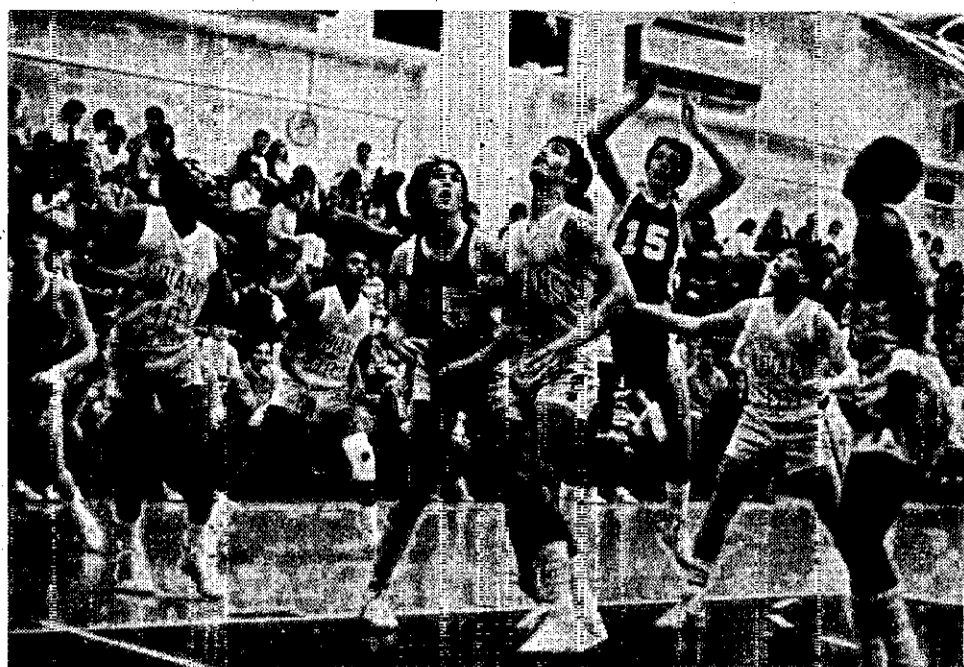
Rockmore, the point guard who sets up the plays, went through both games last week without scoring. At Ravena he operated with cool efficiency in marked contrast to his counterpart on the Indians.

The pattern at Ravena was all too familiar, falling behind and then putting on a furious last-quarter comeback. This time the deficit was more than usual, 32-19 at halftime, and once again the whirlwind finish fell just short.

"We didn't play well," Abba said after the game. "We were sloppy on defense, and Ravena exploited that. You can't get that far behind against a team like that on their home court."

As it was, the Blackbirds outscored their hosts by 38-28 after intermission, and were within two points in the last minute and a half. They had at least two opportunities to tie the game.

At Ravena Hotaling pumped in 20 points, his season's high and the first time any teammate had outscored Zongrone, who had 19. Rubin had 12.



All eyes were on the ball as the *Spotlight* camera catches eight of the 10 players on the floor in last Tuesday's Colonial Council game at Ravena, including all five Indians. Brett Hotaling (15) of Voorheesville was shooting as Ray Donnelly (45) protected the rebound against, from left, Ravena's Bill Lipscomb (40), De Bowie (32), Mike Constantine (22), Mike Kerrigan (10) and Tony Pearson. On the far left is Mike Larabee (31) of the Blackbirds. *Spotlight* — R.H. Davis

Indians top Voorheesville

When the other team scores the first 15 points, you're in a pretty deep hole, basketball-wise, especially with one of your key players out of action.

That's what happened to Ravena Friday in a 68-60 loss to Mechanicville at home. The Indians, buoyed by a win over Voorheesville three nights earlier, had to go against one of the Colonial Council's better teams without Donny Baker, a 6-2 forward who is the team's most physical player and best jumper.

Baker who led the Tribe with 14 points against the Blackbirds, drew a 4-game suspension from Coach Tim Tucker after the Voorheesville contest. No details were given, other than "disciplinary reasons."

Against Mechanicville, RCS was down 15-0 midway in the opening chapter and 31-24 at halftime. They trimmed the deficit to five points (44-39) after three periods. "The kids were down without him (Baker)," Tucker said. "We were up against a lot of height, 6-7 and 6-4 guys who were taller than anybody we have. Constantine did a terrific job, but we needed another banger, and that was the difference. We didn't have enough up

front to go with their height."

Tucker was proud of his players for their comeback after the woeful start. "They were down 15 points at the start, but they didn't quit."

Tony Pearson, with 16 and Mike Constantine and Dee Bowie with 15 apiece led the Indian attack. Bowie had his best all-around game of the year.

Mike Kerrigan was back in uniform for the Voorheesville game, won by Ravena, 60-57. The Indians went on the warpath early, building a 32-19 lead at the half, but as they have several times this season, they let the advantage melt down. "We threw away a 13-point lead, but we came back to win," said Tucker. "We played a decent game against Voorheesville. We got into trouble with their pressure, but we held on, made a couple of baskets at the key moments when we needed them."

The Indians applied a box-and-one on John Zongrone and held the Blackbirds star to 9 points, one of the few times he has not scored in the 20s or better.

Ravena was booked at Lansingburgh last night (Tuesday) and will be at home against Watervliet Friday.

Forfeits hit BC matmen

Forfeits, the bane of a wrestling coach, dealt Bethlehem Central's varsity mat squad a cruel blow last week. The Eagles won seven of 11 bouts against Burnt Hills, but two forfeits and a rash of pins did them in by 36-27.

Coach Rick Poplaski, however, refused to let those setbacks put a dent in his optimism. "We're wrestling well enough to win, and with several of our kids maturing very nicely, our fortunes should take a definite turn for the better."

Poplaski and his Eagles, hampered by injuries and illness, will find out this week whether the wheel of fortune will spin in their direction. BC faces Colonie Central today (Wednesday) at home and on Saturday travels to Scotia.

The Eagles had seven winners in the Burnt Hills matchups, but the forfeits and four pins piled up too many points to overcome. Eagle winners were Chris Saba (91), Rob VanAernem (112), Mike Tinsman (119), Wayne Peschel (132), Tom Saba (138), Andy MacDonald (145) and Brett Zick (177). The defeat left Bethlehem at 0-2 in the Suburban Council, 3-3 overall in dual meets.

Four Bethlehem wrestlers placed in rugged competition at the Eastern States tournament at Orange County Community College in Middletown over the weekend. VanAernem and Peschel earned third places, Mark Hoffman (215) got a fourth, MacDonald was fifth at 145, and Chris Saba and Zick placed sixth in

their respective weight classes. The Eagles wound up ninth in the team standings among 25 in the tournament, which included four of New York State's top 25 wrestling teams.

Boosters to meet

The Bethlehem Central Football Boosters will officially begin preparations for the fall season on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in room 46 at BCHS. Nominations for new officers will be accepted from the floor. The parents of players and cheerleaders, as well as any Eagles football fans, are invited to attend.

For information, call Frank Kelly at 439-246 or 434-8141.

Swim classes listed

The Albany area chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a number of water safety courses, including advanced lifesaving, water safety instructor's training and an adult learn-to-swim class. For information, call 462-7461.

Auxiliary meets

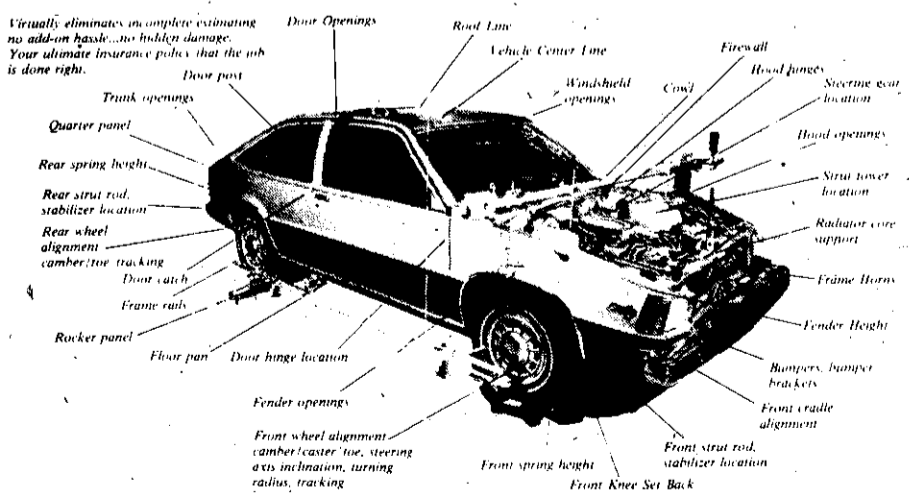
The American Legion Auxiliary of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post in Elsmere will hold its monthly business meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m. New members are invited to attend the meeting, which will be spent preparing for the Albany County Committee meeting that will be hosted by the Post on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 8 p.m.



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Injuries pin Birds

By Peter Fisch

When a wrestling squad wins 12 out of the 16 matches wrestled and 10 of those by pins, they usually come out of the match victorious. Such was not the case for the Voorheesville Blackbirds as they lost both ends of a double dual at home Thursday primarily because of forfeiting.

In the opening match, the injury-plagued Blackbirds suffered their first league loss of the season at the hands of the Schalmont Sabres, 36-34. The visitors jumped out to a quick 24-0 lead after receiving forfeits in the first three weight classes and a 50-second pin of Blackbird eighth-grader John Traudt by Sabre 112-pounder, Scott Nicolella. With Dave DeLuke nipping Voorheesville's Mark Gillenwalters 5-3, at 119, the Sabres built a 27-0 advantage.

Sophomore John Layou started the ignition for the Birds with a 9-1 trouncing of 126-pounder Tim Ferraro. In typical fashion, senior standout Jeff Clark floored Sabre Paul Phillips in a mere 54 seconds and was followed up by Blackbird junior Jeff Genovesi pinning Mike Kilgallen 5:12 into the 138-pound bout.

After giving Schalmont another forfeit, the local wrestlers continued their rally as senior 155-pounder Matt Beals pinned Randy Squires in 1:23, senior Sean Rafferty floored Alan Decker, 1:15 into the 167-pound bout, and senior Chris Zeh put Mark Spink on the mat for good 3:29 after the 177-pound contest started.

With the Blackbirds leading for the

first time of the afternoon, 34-33, the key match was at hand. Heavyweight John Ryan, 23 pounds lighter than his opponent, was unable to take down Sabre Bob Van Hoesen with 15 seconds left in the match and lost a tough 9-5 decision to give the visitors a 36-34 win. Last season, Van Hoesen finished third in the Class B sectionals and has led the Sabres to an undefeated league record thus far this year. "We lost because we didn't have people in all the weight classes," stated Blackbird mentor Dick Leach. "It's a tough pill to swallow, but it's a part of the sport."

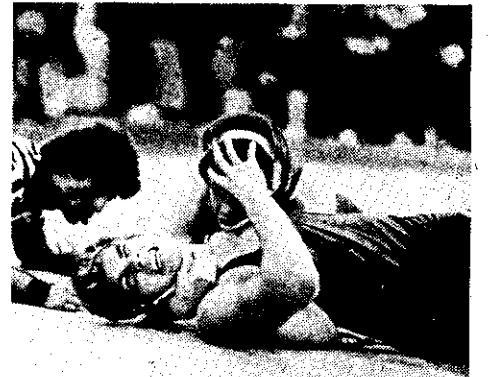
The Birds had another tough pill to swallow in the second match as they were forced to forfeit five weight classes to Averill Park. The Warriors received two forfeits before Traudt registered the first varsity victory of his career in the 112-pound bout. He recovered from a 5-0 deficit, tied the score, and pinned Joe MacGilfrey in 3:29. Gillenwalters followed with a 3:25 pin of 119-pounder Ken Schroeder. Winning their second matches of the day were Clark and Genovesi on pins.

After two more forfeits, Beals won his second with a 1:35 pin of Mike Malenfant. Suffering the lone Blackbird defeat in the decisive match of the contest was Rafferty as 167-pounder Craig Mohammed ended the VCHS surge with a pin in 1:24. With AP accepting a heavyweight, Ryan's 8-2 victory over 177-pounder K.C. Coleman was to no avail as the Blackbirds were defeated, 36-



Voorheesville's Chris Zeh takes Schalmont's Mark Spink down and later ended the match with a pin, right, but Voorheesville's wrestling team had to give away too many forfeits in a close meet.

Spotlight — Tom Howes



33, despite losing only one match.

"I was proud of the effort the wrestlers put forth despite the loss," remarked Leach. "Even though it looked impossible to win, they did everything they could, and almost pulled off the impossible."

Injuries and sickness have struck the Blackbirds corps at the wrong time and in abundance. Eighth-grader 91-pounder Matt Cillis was battling a case of the flu, as was senior 145-pounder Mazzafero. Heavyweight Mike Batchelder suffered a broken hand over vacation and will be out for the rest of the season. In addition, freshman 112-pounder Jason DePasquale sustained a thumb injury in practice last week.

After winning both matches of the double dual, Clark upped his record to 10-0 and moved within 15 of tying Jon Cardi's Section 2 record. Also

unbeaten at the varsity level is Zeh at 8-0.

"If we get our lineup straightened out," stated Leach, "we feel we can still win the Colonial Council." Leach's Blackbirds will attempt to do just that as they take their 3-3 overall record and 2-1 league record on the road tomorrow (Thursday) to battle Albany Academy at 4:30. On Saturday the Birds will compete in the tough Schenendehowa Multiple Dual Tournament at 10 a.m. followed by a trip to Cobleskill for a non-league showdown on Tuesday.

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The season gets tough

It's the luck of the draw that pits Bethlehem Central against the Suburban Council's top three basketball teams back-to-back over a stretch of eight calendar days. As of the composition of this prose, the Eagles were one down, two to go.

At East Greenbush on Friday, BC put up a commendable game in dropping a 75-69 verdict to 9-1 Columbia. From there they were to play undefeated Guilderland and Eric Fleury last night (Tuesday) and travel to undefeated Shenendehowa Friday. A tall (literally) order.

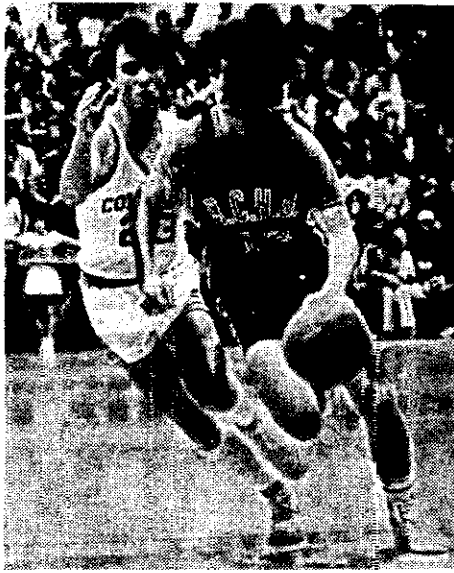
The Eagles started against Columbia as if to blow the Blue Devils off their own court. They canned their first six shots and soared to a 22-11 lead. Two minutes into the second quarter they were still up by 7 when Danny Piazza picked up his third personal. Then came five turnovers without a shot, and Columbia took charge. Bethlehem trailed by 4 at halftime.

When the Eagles came out flat, Columbia padded the margin to 14. BC Coach Gary Przybylo re-installed the press, and with a sticky man-to-man defense, Bethlehem cut the spread to five in the closing moments. Mark Gibbons was on the line with a one-and-one and a chance to cut the deficit to three, but Howard Thompson suddenly vacated his position on the key, a violation when it comes after the referee had handed the ball to the shooter. The officials reclaimed the ball, Gibbons was not permitted to shoot, and the Devils were given possession.

The Eagles stole the in-bounds pass, but three shots at close range wouldn't fall and they ended up losing by six. "We played about the best we could play," commented Przybylo after the game. "We handled their pressure well, only two or three turnovers in the fourth period compared to the disastrous third period. Both teams played well, shot well and rebounded well, but it was a real rough-house game."

It was BC's third straight Council setback and evened their record in the Gold Division at 3-3, a record Przybylo points out could be 5-1 if not for poor shooting at critical times. One example was the earlier (Thursday) loss to Burnt Hills by 51-47 in the final minute at home.

That was another case of being down 14 in the third period and battling back



Mike Mooney, Bethlehem Central's point guard (13) got by Columbia's Obermayer on this drive in the first half of Friday's Suburban Council game in East Greenbush.

Spotlight— R.H. Davis

only to fall short. The game was tied 47-all with 1:33 remaining, and EC was running out the clock for the last shot. The lights on the board blinked down to 0:33 when Piazza tried a cross-court pass. It was intercepted for a layup. Burnt Hills pressed to protect their 2-point lead, the Eagles took a bad shot in desperation, the visitors got the rebound, and BC had to foul to get the ball. The shooter canned both free throws and the game was gone.

Gibbons, who missed the holiday tournament with an ankle injury stayed out of the Burnt Hills game, but returned to action at East Greenbush and scored 21 points. Thompson had 11, Jim Lockman 9. Against Burnt Hills Tim Fox had 12, Thompson and Piazza 10, all from the field as the Eagles meshed only one free throw to nine for the enemy.

Gymnastics mapped

A gymnastics program for children in grades 2 through 12 will begin Tuesday, Jan. 17 in the Bethlehem Middle School boys' gym. It is being offered by the Town Parks and Recreation Department. Beginners will attend from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and intermediates/advanced gymnasts from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required and can be made by telephone or in person at the park office, Elm Ave. Park. The fee is \$14.



Bethlehem Central's Kelly Burke (22) dribbles toward the hoop on a breakaway as teammate Kim Zornow (52) moves in for the rebound. The Eagles defeated Mohonasen, 40-19, in a Suburban Council contest Saturday to lift their record to 2-0.

Spotlight — Tom Howes

Lady Eagles start fast

By Julie Ann Sosa

Bethlehem Central still has an undefeated basketball team. The girls' varsity squad has a 2-0 Suburban Council record as well as Kim Zornow, a 6-foot-1 center, and Gene Lewis, an eight-year freshman coaching veteran who won five championships and compiled a 12-2 record last season.

Kelly Burke, Beth McGaughan and Zornow are the returning varsity players who will be the nucleus of this year's starters. Burke, a senior guard, has the speed that complements the height of junior co-captain Zornow. McGaughan is a senior who can play any position on the court. Probably joining the three permanent starters will be senior forward Terry Plunkett and sophomore Megan Burse, whose speed and 14-point game average on last year's frosh team won her a spot in Lewis' books again this season. Substituting from the bench are forwards Maureen Mulcahey, Maura Fitzpatrick,

Karen Burke and Karen Cleary, and guards Joan Peyrebrune and Trine Moen.

The team opened its season with a 56-40 trimming of Niskayuna that saw Zornow and McGaughan lead the scoring with 17 points each and Burke add seven field goals. The Lady Eagles' press defense was effective as it led to 19 steals, fast breaks and lay-ups. Although the team shot only 26 percent in the first quarter, it led 31-15 at the half and put the game away with 60 percent-plus inside shooting in the second half.

Bethlehem shot less than 40 percent from the field and foul line but still had no trouble dismissing Mohonasen (Class B) at-home on Saturday, 40-19. In what Lewis termed "not a pretty game," the BC press capitalized on only six steals and forced itself to make 10 outside shots. Although foul trouble forced Lewis to bench her for a quarter, Burke led the team in scoring with 13 points. Mc-

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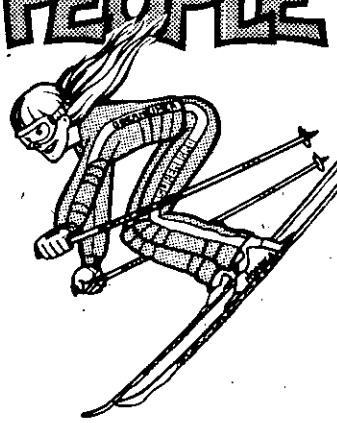
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Gaughan and Zornow added 10 and nine points respectively.

In pre-season games, Bethlehem played without Plunkett and lost to Linton, but came back to blow out Albany High on the road, 43-28.

Cathy Cleary, who formerly played for Lewis, is coaching JV, and Jesse Braverman has replaced Lewis as the frosh coach. The Eagles will meet their first stiff competition at home today (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. against Colonie (2-0). Scotia (Class B) visits on Friday.

Aerobics to rock

A rock aerobics program for teenagers is scheduled by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department. The program will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 19 through March 12, in the Middle School girls' gym. The program will be open to the first 30 teenagers to register at the park office at the Elm Ave. Park.

Swimmers turn in surprises

Despite a wave of sickness, absence of competition from opposing teams and what Coach Jack Whipple calls "the January blahs" Bethlehem Central varsity swimmers last week turned in several superior clockings.

The Eagles swamped Albany Academy and Troy High in two home meets tuning up for their first trip to the Binghamton area this weekend. The Eagles will put their historic win streak on the line against Chenango Forks, Section 4 champions, Friday night, and will stay overnight at the homes of their opponents.

The streak, dating back to 1977, stands at 104 straight dual meets without a loss, assuming yesterday's (Tuesday) scheduled exercise against Shaker at Delmar went according to form sheets. It should reach 105 after a Thursday date at

Queensbury. Chenango Forks, however, poses a genuine threat.

"There were a lot of personal bests, more than I had counted on," observed Whipple, who carries a stopwatch along with his car keys. "Some of the times were amazing for this time of year."

For instance, against Troy, the Bethlehem foursome of John Demarest, Doug Schulz, Damon Woo and Knute Hvalsmarken opened the meet with a 1:45.8 medley relay, the Eagles' best of the season and the fourth fastest scholastic clocking in New York State so far this campaign. Schulz, who had gone home ill earlier in the day, returned to come within a second of Jay Henahan's 1981 pool record of 5:00.9 in the 500. Schulz, a double winner Tuesday, covered the distance in 5:02.

Another for-instance: Demarest turn-

ed in a 50.8 clocking in the 100 free against Academy, fastest this year in Section 2, only to have Hvalsmarken three days later swim the event in 50.6 against Troy.

Other personal bests were registered by Scott Apicelli in the 200 IM (2:17.1) and the butterfly (59.3). Bobby Keens in the diving (185 points), young Pierre LaBarge in the 500 (second to Schulz at 5:14.7), and Dave Young in the breaststroke (1:09.7). Whipple also cited Eric Patrick's 5:24 in the 500 as "a very nice job" and LaBarge's 1:59 in the 200 free.

Schulz' double consisted of a 1:05.3 breaststroke and a 2:06.2 clocking in the 200 IM.

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Dolphins take SUNY relay

Susan Mallery, 14-year-old Delmar swimmer, won three events and a Delmar Dolphins relay team brought home another first-place in last weekend's Albany Starfish Invitational meet at the State University pool.

Mallery, a member of the Bethlehem Central girls varsity and eldest of three swimming sisters, won the 50 and 100 freestyle sprints and the 100-yard butterfly in the girls-13-14 age group. Competing for the host club, she added second-place finishes in the backstroke and 400 IM and placed third in the 200 IM in her age group.

In the 11-12 boys division, a Dolphin quartet of Drew Patrick, Chris Engstrom, Cam O'Connor and Justin Baird won the 200-yard freestyle relay and placed third in the 200-yard medley relay. Baird also had two thirds and a fourth in individual events.

In boys 13-14, the Dolphin foursome of Chris Drew, Brink Hartman, Keith Dix and Joe Kowalski finished second in both the 200-yard freestyle relay and 200 medley relay. Drew also had a third place in the 100 backstroke.

Other Dolphins placing in the first six in various events were Pat Fish, Justin Baird, Chris Engstrom and Chris Drew and Starfish Kris Mallery. Also swimming in the relay was Rima Woo, Jenny Mosley, Christina Rudofsky, Jill Cleveland, Jackie Hackett, Annika Berge, Michele Ryan and Mary Ellen Burda.

Yoga is offered

Instruction in yoga, stress management and relaxation techniques is being offered by the Kripalu Yoga Health and Fitness Center in Colonie, with classes beginning Monday. Other courses include interpersonal growth and vegetarian cooking. For information, call the center, 869-7990.

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Jogger struck by car

Ann Wagner, 23, of Delmar was discharged from Albany Medical Center Monday after treatment for injuries suffered when she was struck by a car last Tuesday.

According to police reports, Wagner was jogging on Rt. 32 near Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park about 4 p.m. last Tuesday when she was struck by a car driven by Salvatore Scaringe, 38, of Albany. No charges were filed in the accident. Detectives said the woman was facing oncoming traffic as she jogged and that while a set of earphones was found at the scene, there is no evidence they figured in the accident.

Wagner was taken to the hospital by the Delmar Rescue Squad.

Milk meeting planned

Local dairy farmers must decide whether they should participate in the government Paid Milk Diversion Program that is scheduled to run from Jan. 1, 1984, to March 31, 1985. To assist them in their decision, the Voorheesville Resources Development Center will host an information meeting today (Wednesday) from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The meeting is being sponsored by the Albany County A.S.C.S., Young Farmers and Ranchers and Cooperative Extension.

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The Delaware Ave. traffic problem

Traffic is one of the major problems facing Delaware Ave., and certainly one of the most difficult to deal with. Delaware Ave. is a state highway, a major thoroughfare not only for residents of Elsmere and Delmar but also for people commuting from Slingerlands, Voorheesville, New Scotland and beyond: In addition, decisions are made by the state Department of Transportation, not the town, so the emphasis is on moving vehicles efficiently, and not necessarily the needs of local merchants and shoppers.

So the task force appointed by the Bethlehem town board to study Delaware Ave. has its work cut out for it. But the urgency of the situation is obvious — it is literally worth your life to try to enter or cross Delaware Ave. during busy periods. Traffic delays have increased substantially over the last few years. And with the increase in housing developments planned in Bethlehem (*Spotlight*, Jan. 4), this congestion can only get worse.

The task force is committed to looking at a number of approaches to dealing with the problem, ranging from developing alternative routes for commuters using Rt. 9W, the Delmar Bypass and Rt. 85. But the focus has to be on Delaware Ave. itself, and despite the obstacles there are concrete, worthwhile steps that can be taken.

To get the ball rolling the *Spotlight* is making two sets of suggestions, one designed to ease the congestion and danger of the most heavily congested section, and the other designed to elimin-

Editor's View

Occasional comments by the editors of *The Spotlight*

ate the Four Corners as a bottleneck.

First, and most obvious, we suggest the DOT reduce the speed limit on Delaware Ave. between Elsmere Ave. and the Normanskill Bridge from 40 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h. With the present speed limit, it is extremely dangerous to make a left turn either onto or off of Delaware Ave. during business hours.

The lower speed limit need not hinder

the flow of traffic. The DOT could synchronize the traffic lights along this busy stretch to reduce the number of times cars have to stop. Turning lanes are a possibility, as are consolidated curb cuts.

Our second suggestion is to use Hudson Ave. and Adams St. to route traffic around the Four Corners. Many motorists already use this route going west, but it is almost impossible for traffic moving toward the city to negotiate the Hudson-Delaware intersection.

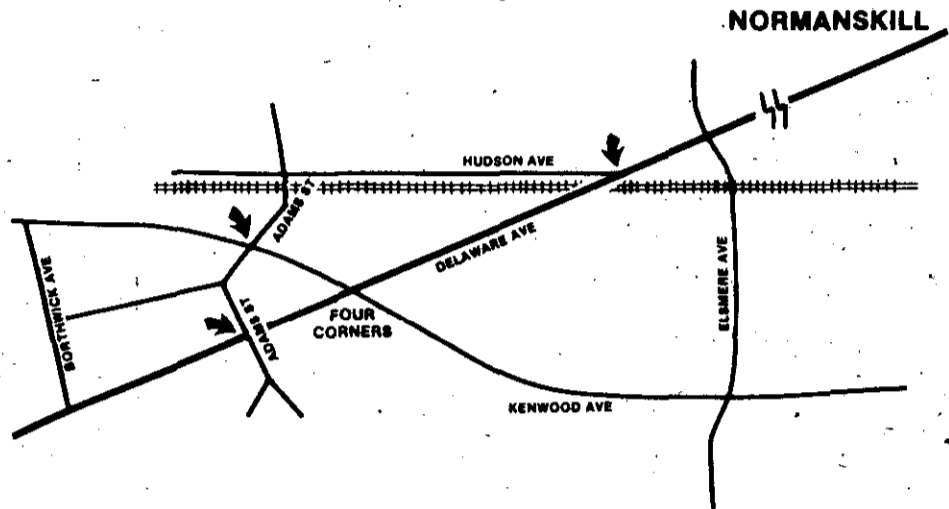
Here's what is involved:

- Rebuild the intersection at Delaware and Hudson and install a traffic light. At

the present time all westbound traffic is forced to bear left into a single lane at McCarrolls. A right lane should be built for traffic bearing right onto Hudson. The light would solve the chaotic situation that now exists with cars attempting to turn out of three parking lots and Hudson onto Delaware Ave., and would make it possible for motorists to use Hudson Ave. safely as a way around the Four Corners.

- Install traffic lights on Kenwood and Delaware Aves. at Adams St. so that the heavier traffic using Hudson Ave. could flow smoothly. At the Kenwood Ave. intersection, a right turn lane on the northwest corner would eliminate congestion, and reducing the speed limit on Kenwood Ave. from 35 to 30 m.p.h. would also help.

Richard Ahlstrom
Tom McPheeters



By placing traffic lights at three intersections, and rebuilding the Hudson Ave. - Delaware Ave. intersection, the state could provide a convenient route around the Four Corners and eliminate a major bottleneck. *Spotlight map*

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The Rice family

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

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Bill Rice

Delmar

Usher-Lohman

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Usher of South Helderberg Parkway, Slingerlands, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jill Suzanne, to James Robert Lohman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Lohman of Rotterdam.

The bride-to-be is a 1977 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a graduate of the Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She is a registered nurse at the Child's Hospital in Albany. Her fiancé is employed as a display visualizer at the Research and Development Center of the General Electric Co. in Schenectady.

A Sept. 15 wedding is planned.

Mohawk chapter meets

The Mohawk Chapter of the DAR will meet to hear a program on "Paper Money" on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. at the home of Betty Hannay, 186 West Lawrence St., Albany. Committee chairwomen should arrive by noon to discuss the annual national reports.

Corrigan to speak

Town Supervisor Thomas Corrigan will talk about what he knows the most about, "The Affairs of the Town of Bethlehem," at the Second Milers meeting today (Wednesday) at 12:30 p.m. at the Delmar First United Methodist Church. A luncheon will precede the program.

Membership is the Second Milers is open to all retired men in the area. For information, call John Klim at 439-1054.

Married at home

Bernice M. Pettit and Henry J. MacMillan were married at home in Delmar on Jan. 7. The couple was attended by Susannah and John H. Sulzman of Albany. Peter C. Wenger, Justice of the Town of Bethlehem, performed the candlelight ceremony.

The bride, who also resides in New York City, is the widow of Paul B. Pettit, chairman of the Theatre Department of the State University at Albany at the time of his death. Her children, Faith C. Rosen and Alexander D. Pettit, live in Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Pettit will retain their family name.

Mr. MacMillan is the retired vice president of research and development for Albany International Corporation. His wife, Mary died in 1966. He has two children, Ann Bradley of McLean, Va., and John H. MacMillan of Lynchburg, Va., and six grandchildren.

Investments for seniors

The Tri-Village Chapter of the A.A.R.P. will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 12:30 p.m. at the Delmar First United Methodist Church. Stephen Lescarbeau of the Waddell & Reed investment firm will present a program on "Investment Planning for the Senior Citizen." For information, call Constance Maercklin at 439-4070.

Childbirth instruction

Classes to prepare expectant parents for childbirth are being offered by Tri-Cities Childbirth Instruction at St. Peter's Hospital and Albany Medical Center Hospital, in Albany. The series of eight classes is taught by registered nurses who also are certified Lamaze instructors. Registrar is Anne T. Rose of Guilderland, 456-0303. In addition, a class presenting information on Caesarean section birth is offered the fourth Sunday every month at Samson Auditorium at Albany Medical Center School of Nursing, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

No souffle without eggs

It's not a souffle without the eggs, and we left them out of the recipe for Broccoli (or Spinach) Souffle by Jean Felt, from the new Delmar Presbyterian Church cookbook in the Dec. 28 issue of The Spotlight.

Here's the recipe again, with ALL of the ingredients:

2 pkgs. frozen chopped broccoli (or spinach), cooked & drained
1 can cream soup (mushroom, celery or chicken)

½ c. Miracle Whip
2 small onions, diced
Mushrooms (optional)
2 beaten eggs

Mix all ingredients well. Place in greased casserole. Sprinkle with: ½ c. bread crumbs, ½ c. sharp cheese, grated. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-60 minutes. Serves 8.



System. The speaker will appear at the group's regular meeting, at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Tribute for women

The Albany YWCA is sponsoring its fifth "Tribute to Women" awards presentation to recognize outstanding women in business and community organizations. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 3. Last year eight women were honored and more than 50 organizations and individuals made nominations. Women of all ages are eligible for the awards. The women selected will be honored at a reception May 11. For information, contact the Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., telephone 438-6608.

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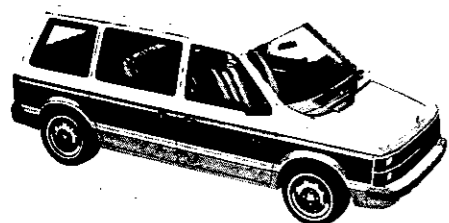
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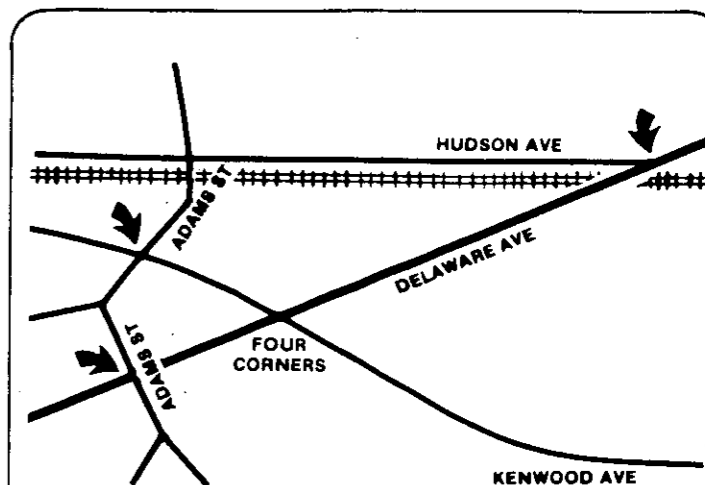
Dismay in Voorheesville



The closing of the Grand Union, the village's only supermarket, is a major blow to Voorheesville and to many residents of outlying areas.

Village leaders are searching for a replacement, but indications are that their task won't be easy.

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Delaware Ave. and traffic

The Delaware Ave. task force held its first annual meeting Thursday.

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And The Spotlight has some suggestions for improving the traffic situation on the town's busiest street.

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Medal of Honor

Selkirk's postmaster has an unusual poster, thanks to the area's only Medal of Honor recipient.

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