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Elsmere's Pete Hogan coaches from the heart

By Linda Anne Burtis

On a rainy school morning recently, Pete Hogan stood at the top of the stairs at Elsmere Elementary School, greeting the youngsters as they poured off the buses into the building. The greetings came right back.

"Hiya, Hoagie."

"Did you see my science project?"

And from the younger students, "There's Huggie Hoagie."

Hogan, 36, has been teaching sports for the last 14 years. For the first six of those years, he taught the upper grades and coached varsity and junior varsity.

"I was right from the mold of Vince Lombardi," he recalls. Back then, the kids who couldn't keep up simply didn't make it into the game. The kid who fumbled could expect to hear from the coach on the sideline. "It was okay to step on someone in order to win" was the operating philosophy, he recalls.

What brings this solidly experienced teacher to the "little ones" (as he calls them) and away from the glamour of coaching in the upper grades? "My place is with little children," he says. "It's evolved into a situation where I want them to be good people."

This unusual teaching philosophy is well known to the parents whose children attend Elsmere school. Addressing more than a hundred parents at the open house this year — parents who naturally "want the best" for their offspring — Hogan developed his favorite theme: best isn't necessarily measured on the scoreboard. Rather, skills to be taught include a good sense of self, sensitivity to others and losing well.

Six years ago, when budget cuts threatened his full time position, Elsmere parents attended board meetings carrying "We're for Pete" signs. Sherry Einhorn, former president of the Elsmere School Community Organization, says, "he's fabulous. We are so lucky to have him."

The skills "Hoagie" teaches, using athletics as his springboard, focus as much on values and feelings as they do on physical accomplishments. For example, basketball games without dribbling encourage better teamwork. Once the students' teamwork is smooth, Hogan adds half-court dribbling, which avoids singling out the most experienced players, keeping the skill level evenly spread. Following a few weeks of this style of play, he moves the children into a regular game.

Suddenly, his message becomes concrete: instead of creating a budding star system, Hogan finds the children get excited by, for example, games that are close. The kids, Hogan says, "prefer changing teams if the scores are too far apart." The ruthless side of winning, which can mean clobbering one's opponent, takes a backseat in Hogan's lesson plan.

Of course, teaching these values is harder than it appears. But, Hogan feels it provides him the "opportunity to work on the tension problems generated by close scores, such as outbursts of poor sportsmanship." When this happens, he does some one-on-one teaching, explaining that it doesn't help to scream at someone who dropped the ball because they already feel badly, and screaming doesn't change anything.

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Pete Hogan, physical education teacher at Elsmere Elementary School, helps Many Watt with a cartwheel.
Photos by Tom Howes



Pete Hogan gives his full attention to Lisa DiNapoli in an Elsmere gym class.

The village faceoff

Candidates outline their differences

By Tom Howes

On what must surely have been the busiest night of the political season, only four of the village's seven candidates were able to work through a thicket of commitments and attend the Kiwanis Club's Candidates' Night Monday. Nonetheless, four politicians constitute a quarrel, and so the incumbent Village Party was accused of unresponsive government by the People's Party, which in turn was questioned about its long-term commitment to village interests.

Honoring its first stated commitment, the entire People's Party slate attended the question-and-answer forum. Mayoral candidate Peter Luczak said he and trustee candidates Thomas Mensching and Philip Joyce had all agreed to participate before the evening's other major event, a village board/planning board master plan hearing, had a set date.

Village Party mayoral candidate Richard Lennon, representing the ticket by himself, said the party's trustee candidates were attending the master plan meeting. Daniel Reh, an incumbent trustee also sits on the planning board, and trustee candidate Susan Rockmore is a member of the board of appeals.

Also missing was Marilyn Stracuzzi, zoning board of appeals member running for trustee under the Citizens Party label; she attended the master plan hearing.

About 50 people attended the forum in the Legion Hall.

Under the Kiwanis' program rules, candidates gave opening and closing remarks and responded to questions from the audience as well as two opening questions provided by the Kiwanis.

In response to the question "Why do you want to be mayor (or trustee?)" Lennon said — as did the rest — he cared deeply for the village and wanted to "preserve the character and tradition of our village." But he said any candidate for village office should "demonstrate a long-term commitment" to the village.

"I have no other political ambitions," he added, saying that his actions would "serve the village and not another career."

For his part, Luczak said he was running for the "same reason as any other person in this room — we all care about the village" and that he was "committed to retaining the character."

Also, "Voorheesville has a budget of over \$500,000. In any budget that size there is room for improvement," he said, adding that "Voorheesville has basically good services and reasonable taxes."

Joyce and Mensching offered their personal qualifications, but Mensching added that he "personally became dissa-

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Hottest election in a decade could bring out record vote

If Voorheesville's voter turnout rises in proportion to the volume of campaign literature, the number of ballots cast in next Tuesday's village election will set a record.

Lacking a bona-fide issue, the contest between two rival slates of candidates has revolved around personal qualifications and has involved every mailbox in the village of 3,200 inhabitants.

Traditionally, local elections in Voorheesville have drawn more yawns than voters, but that appears to be changing. A year ago, with the sewer issue a bit muddy and only three candidates campaigning for two seats on the village board, 779 voters took the time and trouble to go to the polls.

Next week that total could rise well

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over four figures for the first time since a hotly contested election in 1972. Village leaders hoping to continue the administrative policies that have guided Voorheesville in the 12 years since then are facing a strong challenge from a young, politically oriented resident well versed in the art of grass-roots campaigning.

The challenge comes from Peter Luczak, a 33-year-old staff member in the office of Sen. Manfred Orenstein, minority leader of the state senate.

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By-pass compromise seen

By Vincent Potenza

The Bethlehem Planning Board and developer David Siegal seem to have come to a working compromise in discussing Siegal's plans to develop land at the end of the Delmar By-pass and the problem of what to do with the traffic emptying out of that state highway.

Siegal made another appearance before the board last week with plans for Juniper Fields, a planned residence district on a 59-acre site at the end of the by-pass on Elm Ave. The development would consist of 344 dwelling units, eight on single-family lots and the remainder garden apartments divided between

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rentals and condominiums.

The site, which is adjacent to both the Elm Ave. Park and Bethlehem Central High School, would also contain a recreation area that would consist of a swimming pool and tennis courts, to be run and maintained by a homeowners association, Siegal said.

At a presentation to the board the

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Ambulance funding vehicle found

After a year of false starts and disappointments, it appears that the financially-pressed Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Company may be on the way to solvency.

The Bethlehem Town Board is scheduled to receive a proposal tonight (Wednesday) to form a special ambulance district that has the same boundaries as the Selkirk Fire District (the area served by the ambulance company). The new district would allow the town to raise taxes from the area served, according to Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz, "but only the people who live within the district and receive the benefit would pay a tax on it."

However, under the legislation proposed by Kaplowitz, the town would not take over the ambulance service; it would instead contract with the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Company and pay it a fee for its services. This would allow the company to retain its present structure and controls.

This question of control has been the heart of the town's difficulty in finding a way to subsidize the company, which has

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found it increasingly difficult to raise funds on its own. The town first held a public hearing on formation of the ambulance district a year ago, but state law does not allow ambulance and rescue squads to form their own taxing districts. The Bethlehem company did not want to become a part of the Selkirk Fire District, as the Delmar Rescue Squad is of the Delmar Fire District. Town officials had hoped that a bill passed last fall in the state legislature would permit the formation of ambulance districts, but the legislation was vetoed by Gov. Cuomo.

The format used by Kaplowitz has been used by several other towns, and is modeled specifically on an agreement between the Town of Orangetown (Rockland County) and the South Orangetown Ambulance Corp. "There are still questions in some people's minds," admitted Kaplowitz, but this

appears to be the town's only avenue, he said.

The Orangetown agreement commits the town to pay the ambulance company a sum equal to its adopted annual budget, in exchange for which the company provides ambulance protection in the district. The town raises the money by forming a district similar to a sewer or water district. The town and the state both have the right to audit the books of the ambulance company.

□ Hogan

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For the student who may be all thumbs, his fallback line is, "nice try, we'll get it next time." And, for the student who is top-notch, Hogan encourages them to thank their teammates because, "after all, you can't make a basket unless someone gives you the ball."

This "inner game" style wasn't always

Pete Hogan's way. But early in his teaching days he began to question the usefulness of an approach that often encourages a coach to yell at a player "who already knows he or she's just blown a crucial play."

Little expectations changed for Hogan, who at the same time was discovering that coaching was not what he did best. "I was trying to make a move for everybody on the field," he recalls. He realizes it was easier for him to play the sport than to coach it.

While struggling with these issues, the teaching position at Elsmere opened up. "Although my father couldn't understand it," Hogan decided to quit coaching and its inevitable push for winning seasons in order to teach little children.

These days, he's continually looking past the athletic skills. When a six-year-old girl made her first basket recently, it wasn't the skill achieved that he described. "She was very happy and I was very happy for her," he said.

"See how it gives her a great big smile from her head to her toes."

Embroiderers meet

The Capital District chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America will have a meeting Wednesday, March 21, at 10 a.m. at the Delmar United Methodist Church. Carolyn Ambuter, a noted canvas artist, author and teacher who is touring the country with her newest book, *The Open Canvas*, will give a slide lecture on "The Origins of the Open Canvas".

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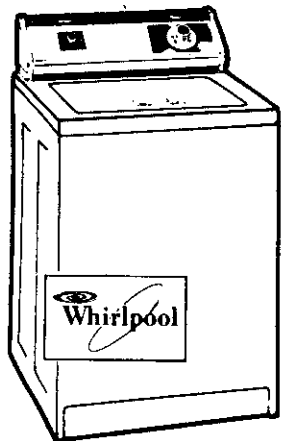
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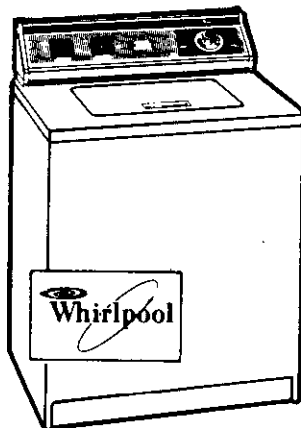
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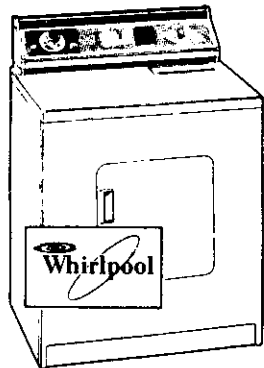
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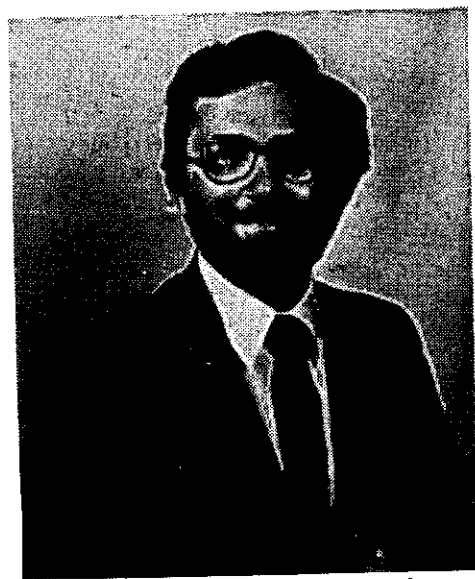
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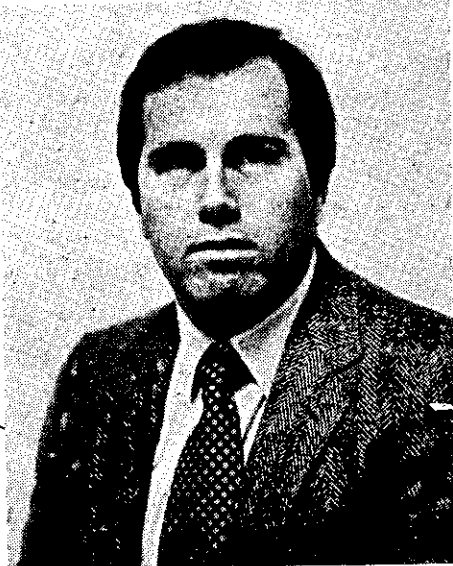
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Peter Luczak, Peoples Party

Deputy program secretary for State Senate minority leader, three years. Previously senior budget examiner, Division of Budget (four years) and municipal assistant in comptroller's office (three years). Served on village Drug Abuse Task Force. Local coordinator for Price Chopper free bus for senior citizens. Member, Voorheesville Fire Dept. and St. Matthew's Church.



Richard Lennon, Village Party

Data processing management and systems consultant for General Electric. Served four years as village trustee, four years on zoning board of appeals (currently chairman), two years on village recreation committee. Coached in Kiwanis baseball program 10 years, two as commissioner, and two years as coach of 5th grade basketball. PTSA Variety Show committee (three years). St. Matthew's youth group Haunted Church parking service. Member Voorheesville Fire Dept.

□ Candidates outline

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tified with the level of communication between the village board and the rest of us... The best way to remedy that situation is to become a member of the village board."

In response to the Kiwanis' second question, "What village area is most in need of change?" Luczak — and the others — spoke of general problems, not geography.

Luczak mentioned traffic problems on North Main St., the need for a Grand Union replacement, support for a Salem Hills sewage plant purchase and even runaway dogs. "The mayor should be mayor of the whole village," he said. "Problems deal with perspective and not with a particular area of the village."

"I can't point to any specific area and say it needs change," said Lennon. "Only 45 to 50 percent of the village is developed... how the rest of the village is developed is very important."

"We've gone through growth periods in the past and retained Voorheesville's character."

Joyce elaborated on the lack-of-communication charge and in referring to his campaigning rounds, said he was "amazed" at the number of people who didn't know what was going on in the village. For example, he said, a recent village mailing didn't mention an upcoming public hearing on sewer district formation. "The letter of the law was carried out but not the spirit of the law," he said.

Luczak suggested a "review of all current communication policies" and recommended the village publish a quarterly newsletter and establish a policy making all village board "work sessions" public. In effect, "making communication a two-way process with the board taking the first step," he said. "An awful lot of good will would flow both ways."

"Things are pretty good — granted some things could be improved," said Lennon, adding there's "always a difference in style." The board might be faulted for working too hard and not telling anyone about it, he said.

Questions from the audience centered around the village's plaza and the Grand Union closing, allowing Luczak to mention his role in the establishment of the Price Chopper bus service, and Lennon the village's brochure on the property, produced in conjunction with the Albany County Planning Board.

Audience member and former trustee Leo Burgoon asked candidates to comment on the possibility of creating a chamber of commerce to help the area organize its business community and possibly aid the search for a Grand Union replacement.

Both candidates embraced the idea, but Luczak suggested taking the theme a step further and investigate using IDA (Industrial Development Agency) financing to attract entrepreneurs. An IDA would provide low-cost, tax-exempt financing, which, if used carefully he said, could give village business prospects a boost.

"Neither the village or town is completely ready for that," said Lennon, noting that the IDA road could hurt more than help if handled improperly. Too much business isn't what Voorheesville has in mind, he said, and Luczak agreed.

An IDA is "another element in control in planning for this community," Luczak said, adding that since the village decides who gets financing, the village controls the businesses coming in.

In closing, the candidates thanked the Kiwanis, spoke of the warm and generous community they'd encountered while campaigning, and urged people to vote.

5 in running for 2 trustee spots



Philip Joyce



Thomas Mensching



Daniel Reh



Susan Rockmore



Marilyn Stracuzzi

For Trustee (2 seats)

Daniel Reh, Village Party

Supervisor, Conrail laboratory, Selkirk. Village trustee, four years, current member responsible for fire department and planning commission, village zoning board of appeals (four years, one year as chairman).

Susan Rockmore, Village Party

"General manager and budget director, Rockmore family." Village zoning board of appeals (two years, currently serving). Voorheesville Theater Fun for Young People (four years); room mother, Voorheesville Elementary School, treasurer of Warners Lake Improvement Association (four years), editor of the Alumnae News for the Albany Academy for Girls (five years).

Thomas Mensching, Peoples Party

Nuclear design engineer, General Electric. Previously an electrical engineer for state Public Service Commission (three years). Member, Citizens Advisory committee on village sewer study; past treasurer, Salem Hills Park Association, participant in PTSA variety shows and village summer concerts, member of St. Matthew's parish.

Philip Joyce, Peoples Party

Coordinator of Technical Assistance, state Division of Substance Abuse Services. Previously director of audit for the division (3 years) and auditor in state comptroller's office (eight years). Served on village zoning board of appeals (4 years). Member and past president of Voorheesville Fire Department, advisor

to village Drug Abuse Task Force. Member and past finance chairman, St. Matthew's Church.

Marilyn Stracuzzi, Citizens Party

Career employee, state Department of Motor vehicles. Served on village zoning board of appeals (10 years, currently serving). Historian of Voorheesville memorabilia. Charter member of New Scotland Elks Ladies Auxiliary. Member, Order of Eastern Star; Schenectady chapter.

Drug arrest

A Delmar resident was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance after police found a cocaine "kit" in his possession. Police declined to reveal details of the arrest.

Voting hours

The polls in Voorheesville's annual village elections will be open Tuesday, March 20, from noon to 9 p.m. at the village firehouse. On the ballot are two candidates for mayor and five candidates for two seats on the village board.

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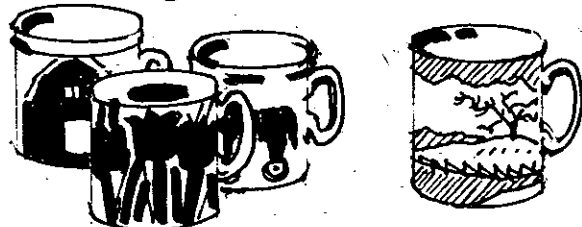
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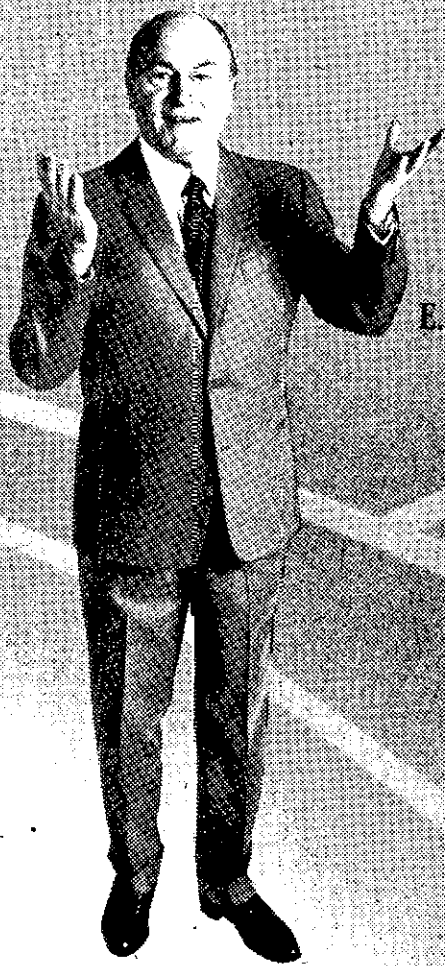
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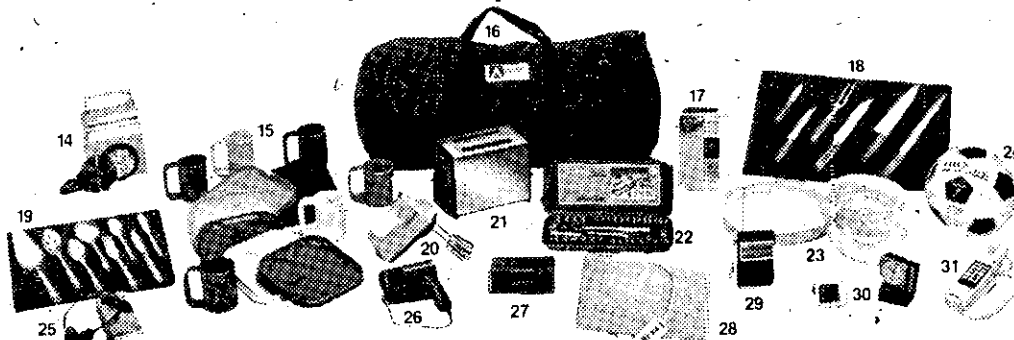
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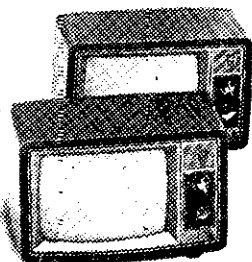
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Glenmont parents fear redistricting effects

By Caroline Terenzini

Parents of pupils at Glenmont Elementary School brought their concern about numbers and space to the Bethlehem Board of Education last Tuesday, with Jane Kietzman of Glenmont declaring, "Our children are hanging — rumors are going around. If you have facts, tell us those facts."

But the board didn't have any more information than the parents had; the district has just begun to look at solutions to the potential problem of crowding at the school. And the discussion so far suggests there'll be no easy answers. As Judy Parry, president of the Glenmont Parent-Teacher Association, put it: "None of the options would satisfy everyone — we all know somebody is going to be hurt."

The Glenmont section of the Town of Bethlehem is growing, with homes going up in several locations in the once-open countryside. How many school-age children will be in those homes, however, is a question. District Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn pointed out that, despite the pace of building in Glenmont, the elementary school there has only 38 more students now than in 1977. Paul Kietzman said he was sure the children are there, but they're just not school-age yet.

A school census every two years helps the district keep tabs on where school-age children live and kindergarten registration this week will supply some numbers, but, because of turnover in housing, the count can never be exact. Then, too, children "cycle out" of the elementary schools and go on to the district's middle school, where there is still space, Zinn said.

The parents last Tuesday were hoping for a commitment from the board for a "permanent" solution to the squeeze at Glenmont, but the administration and the board said they need more facts themselves — about numbers and costs — before making a stab at a solution.

Bethlehem Central Teachers Association President William Cleveland also addressed the board, saying that the teachers wished to dissociate themselves from Zinn's reference — quoted in the *Albany Times-Union* — to the "gene pool" as a factor in the success of Bethlehem students in test scores. Zinn responded that "reporters looking for a story don't always bother to report everything you've said."

In other business, the board supported exploration of a self-supporting after-school program for middle school children aimed chiefly at those who are on their own after school because their parents are working. The suggestion came from Bethlehem Advocates for Youth, which has been meeting for more than a year. Board member John Clyne said there was "no question" such a program is needed. "I see too many kids on the streets." Board member Marjory O'Brien sought assurance that children of non-working parents also could attend.

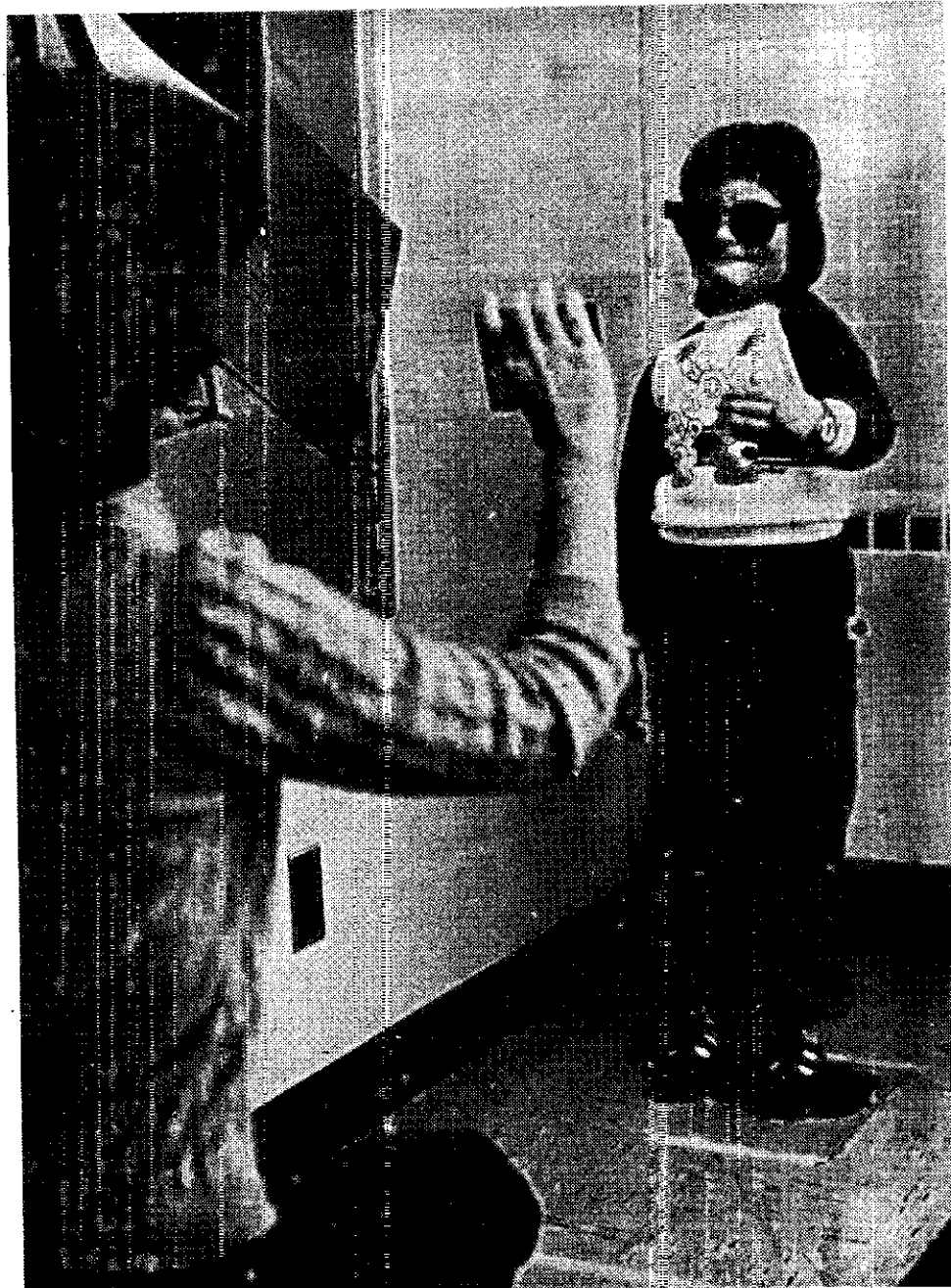
Assistant Superintendent J. Briggs McAndrews outlined revisions in the state Board of Regents' proposed "action plan," including elimination of suggestions for lengthening the school year for students, although 10 additional days of training and preparation for teachers is so far still in the plan.

Following the business meeting, the board took another whack at the administration's draft budget for next year, going over sections containing funding for programs for the handicapped, as well as guidance services, the library and in-service training for teachers, a \$71,000 item currently. A new state mandate for a toxic waste inventory, is helping to boost the budget this year. With so many claims on the taxpayers' dollars, board member Bernard Harvith was moved to suggest an appeal for donations of library materials such as expensive art books. Such donations could include memorial and class gifts, he pointed out.

The board has another budget work session tonight (Wednesday) beginning at 7 p.m. at the Educational Services Center in Delmar and then a business meeting, to be followed by a budget session, on March 21, at 8 p.m. Staffing is scheduled to be discussed on Saturday, March 24, beginning at 9 a.m.

School workshops

The Bethlehem Central Middle School will be hosting the Capital District Regional Workshop for the New York State Middle Grade Association on April 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students, teachers and parents with an interest or ideas to share are invited to attend. There will be a total of three workshops. Registration for students is \$2, adults \$5 and for association members \$7. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. All registrants will be invited to a buffet lunch in the cafeteria. For information contact William Morrison, 439-4921.



Katie Witbeck, 4, of Feura Bush wears special glasses during a screening for amblyopia Monday at the United Methodist Church in Delmar. Martha Kennedy of Delmar, a volunteer, is holding the screening cards. The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon is offering amblyopia screening for young walk-ins at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium on Saturday, March 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Another sportsnight

The Bethlehem Middle School Parent Faculty Organization is again sponsoring the popular Sportsnight for middle school students and their parents on April 5 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. To relieve the on-again, off-again winter doldrums, there will be volleyball, basketball and other activities. Popcorn and soda will be available. The event is for middle school students and their parents or guardians only.

Karen Burstein to speak

The Albany branch of the American Association of University Women and the Zonta Club will meet together for dinner tonight (Wednesday) at 5:30 p.m. at the Best Western Thruway House in Albany. Karen Burstein, president of the Civil Service Commission, will speak about "Network: Empowering Women."

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□ By-pass compromise

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previous week, Siegal was told by board members that they would prefer that a corridor for a possible extension of the by-pass be left through the property, and that Siegal's plan made no such provision. Siegal countered by saying that the state Department of Transportation had said it had no plans for extending the highway, and he didn't want to delay developing the land for that reason.

Last week, however, Siegal and the board seemed to reach a compromise on the issue. Board planning consultant Edward Kleinke told Siegal that he would like to some way of connecting the by-pass to "point B" on the other side of the property, and that this didn't necessarily entail extending the by-pass.

Alvah Worth, the board's engineering consultant, asked Siegal's representative, Jeff Anthony of LA Associates, if it would be feasible to incorporate a 50-foot right-of-way through the site — the size of a town road. Siegal and Anthony said they saw no problem with that — it was leaving space for extension of a 900-foot right-of-way (which would be necessary for the by-pass) that they couldn't handle.

That hurdle cleared, Siegal asked board members if there was any other aspect of the plan they would like to see changed before he made his official application to the town board for the zone change necessary for the planned district.

Board Chairman Charles Redmond said he'd like to see lower density — fewer units per acre.

Siegal said he understood and told the board he would have Anthony prepare a detailed summary of the project that would compare its use as a PRD to the current A- and AA-Residential zoning. That should answer most of the board's questions, he said.

In other business, the board:

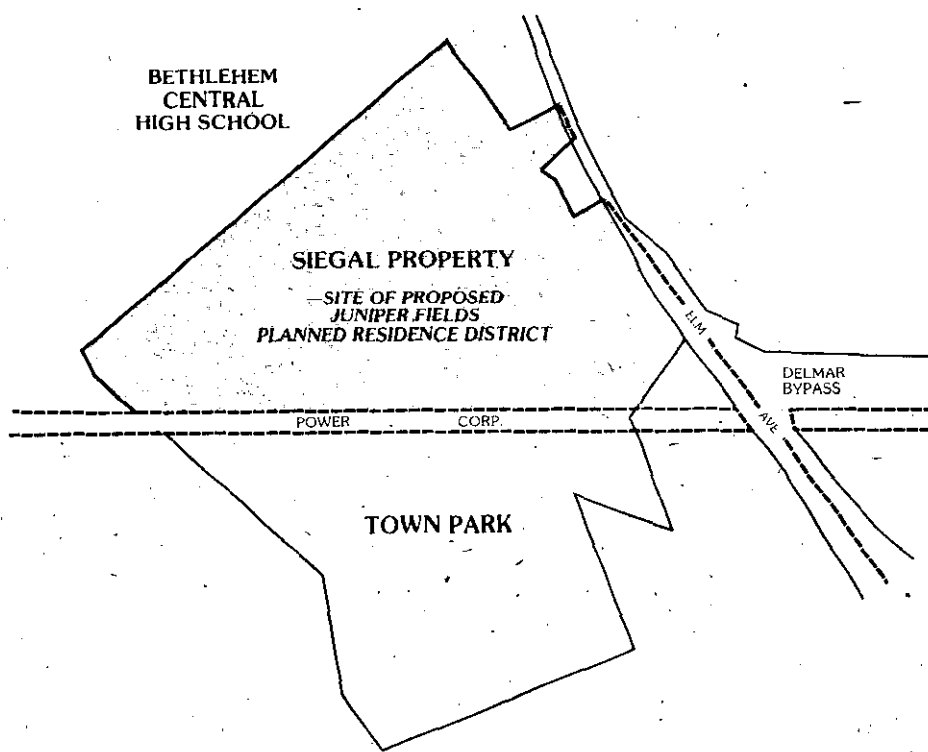
- Heard a preliminary discussion from Anthony, representing the Dime Savings Bank/Mechanics Exchange, of a proposed subdivision off Rockefeller Rd. near the D&H railroad track in Elsmere. Plans for the Delwood development call for construction of 31 duplexes and the extension of the town water line from Kenwood Ave. The bank had acquired the property as a result of the default of the original developer, Anthony said, and wished to complete the project "to break even or make a few extra dollars."

Board members told Anthony the reason the project had been halted was due to the original developer moving earth incorrectly, and that would have to be righted if the project were to go forward. Anthony said he and the bank understood this, and would like to proceed with the plan. Board members saw no problem with that.

- Heard plans for a change in Section 1 of the proposed Deerfield subdivision at Surrey Mall and Middlesex Dr., Slingerlands, from David Butler of C.T. Male Associates, representing developer Rudy Paulsen.

The change entailed reducing the number of lots in the section from 25 to 15. The board saw no problem with the proposal, but there was some discussion on where a cul-de-sac should be located in the roadway plan. The board tabled the matter until the plan could be reviewed by Bruce Secor, town commissioner of public works, and Martin Cross, town superintendent of highways.

- Heard informal plans to subdivide 18 acres on Van Wies Point Rd. into four lots, each of which would front on the Hudson River, from Paul Hite, civil engineer representing Betty Elliott. The smallest lot would be 3.5 acres and the largest 8 acres, Hite told the board. The four lots would include one on which



The Siegal property is bounded by the Bethlehem Central High School on the north and town park land on the south. *Spotlight map*

Elliott's house now sits, Hite said. The board saw no problems with the proposal.

- Briefly discussed a fee schedule for site plan review applications. Kleinke proposed a schedule where there would be a flat fee for the application, to which would be added another fee for each parking space on the site. The parking spaces are a good indication of how large a project is and how much work should be needed by town officials in the review process, Kleinke said, and the sliding scale based on the number of parking spaces was a standard way of compensating the town for that time. The board tabled the proposal pending a review of other fees.

At its next meeting on March 20 the board will hold a public hearing for Rene Facchetti, who proposes a 2-lot subdivision on Rt. 9W near the Chez Rene Restaurant. Facchetti proposes building

one 14-unit apartment building on each lot. The hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Kennel opposed

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals held a public hearing last week for Brian and Carolee Whitman, 505 Elm Ave. Selkirk, who requested a special exception from the town zoning ordinance so that they could operate a dog kennel on their premises. Several area residents present at the hearing said they objected to the proposal.

The board also held a public hearing for Lawrence Fahn, 263 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, who requested a variance from the side yard provision of the town zoning ordinance so that he might construct an addition to his home. No one in attendance spoke in opposition to the proposal.

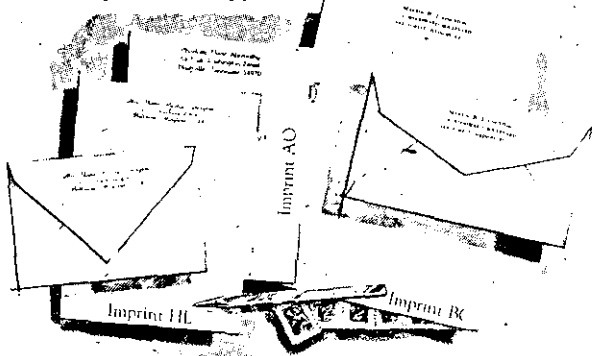
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Home rises above the ordinary

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On the Pease map of 1851 it is noted that J. Wiltsey owned the property on the south side of the road and Harmen Bussing owned the present "Hayfield" on the north side. However, the history of the

The yearly rental, payable to the patroon, was 16 bushels of wheat, one day's service with a team and four fat fowls.

Wiltsey home, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Jerabeck, goes back much farther than 1851.

It is a matter of record that this land was deeded by the Patroon Stephen Van Rensselaer to Peter McHaugh (McHarg) in 1790. It then contained 223 acres and

TIMES REMEMBERED

Allison Bennett



the yearly rental, payable to the patroon, was 16 bushels of wheat, one day's service with a team and four fat fowl. The house where the Jerabecks now reside was not there in its present state in 1790, but undoubtedly the back section of it was occupying the site. Mrs. Jerabeck recalled that she had heard the kitchen section of the house was the original dwelling on the land. It was reportedly built after the Revolutionary War by a young couple who had come back to the area and married. The story recounts that somehow they had been taken from the area, he to Canada and she to France, but after the war they were able to come together again and settle here. Certainly it is a romantic tale and must have some basis in fact since it has been handed down as a tradition for a very long time.

The Jerabeck house does not have wings on either side as does the Hayfield house across the road, but the houses are

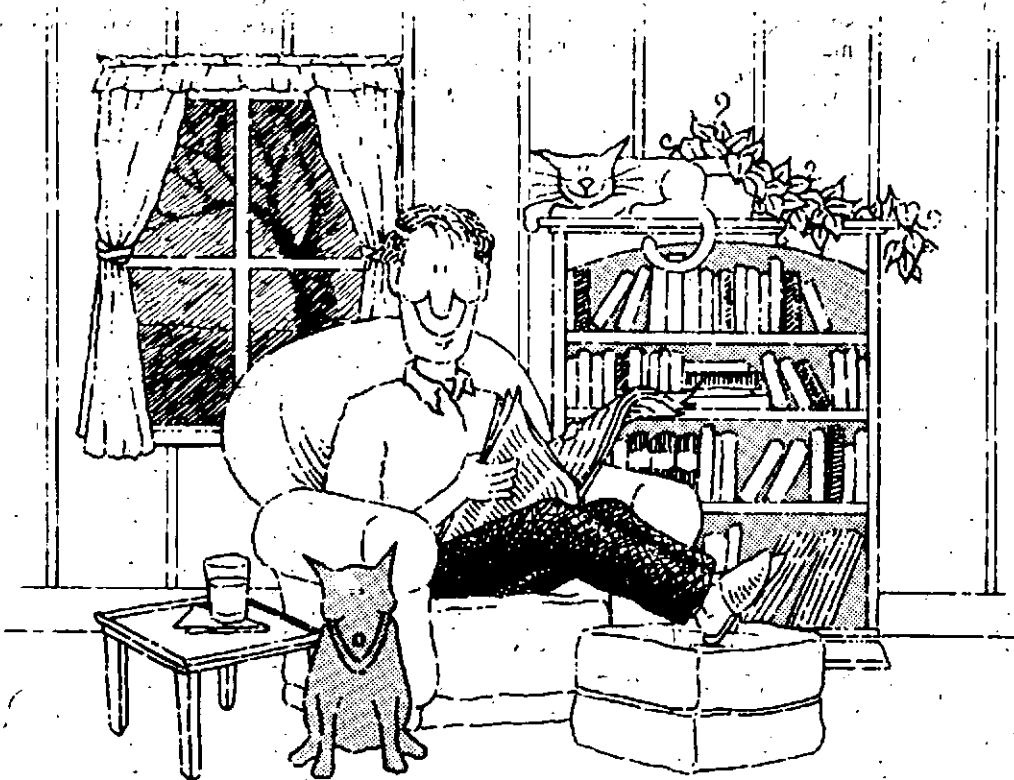
similar in scale and design otherwise. The lunette window in the tympanum, and the transomed and side-lighted front entrance are found in both houses, as well as charming circular staircases. The inside trim around the doors and windows is also identical. This same style of woodwork also is found at the Ten Broeck mansion in Albany, which was remodeled in the Greek Revival style by the Olcott family in the early 1850's. The date should give a good clue to the date of the building of the Feura Bush Rd. houses. The Jerabeck house has a large screened porch across the front that was added in later years and which unfortunately screens some of the architectural detail.

The Jerabeck family is busily at work restoring its house and updating it for today's mode of living. From the garage that was in the back they have constructed an apartment for Mrs. Jerabeck's mother and they have upgraded the kitchen with kitchen cabinets and flooring. There is a large fireplace in the kitchen and also one in the cellar beneath, including a baking oven. The beams in the kitchen ceiling, some still with bark on them, have been exposed by Mr. Jerabeck. Since the kitchen serves as family room, eating area and work space



The curved stairway in the Jerabeck home, on Feura Bush Rd. shows the builder's sense of distinction.

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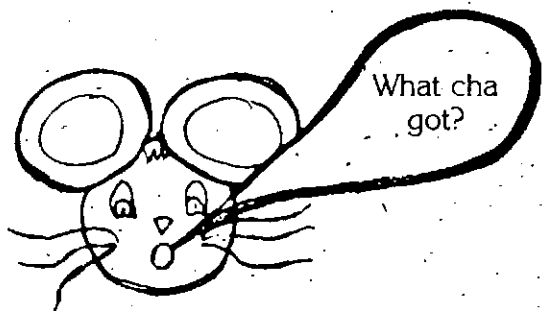
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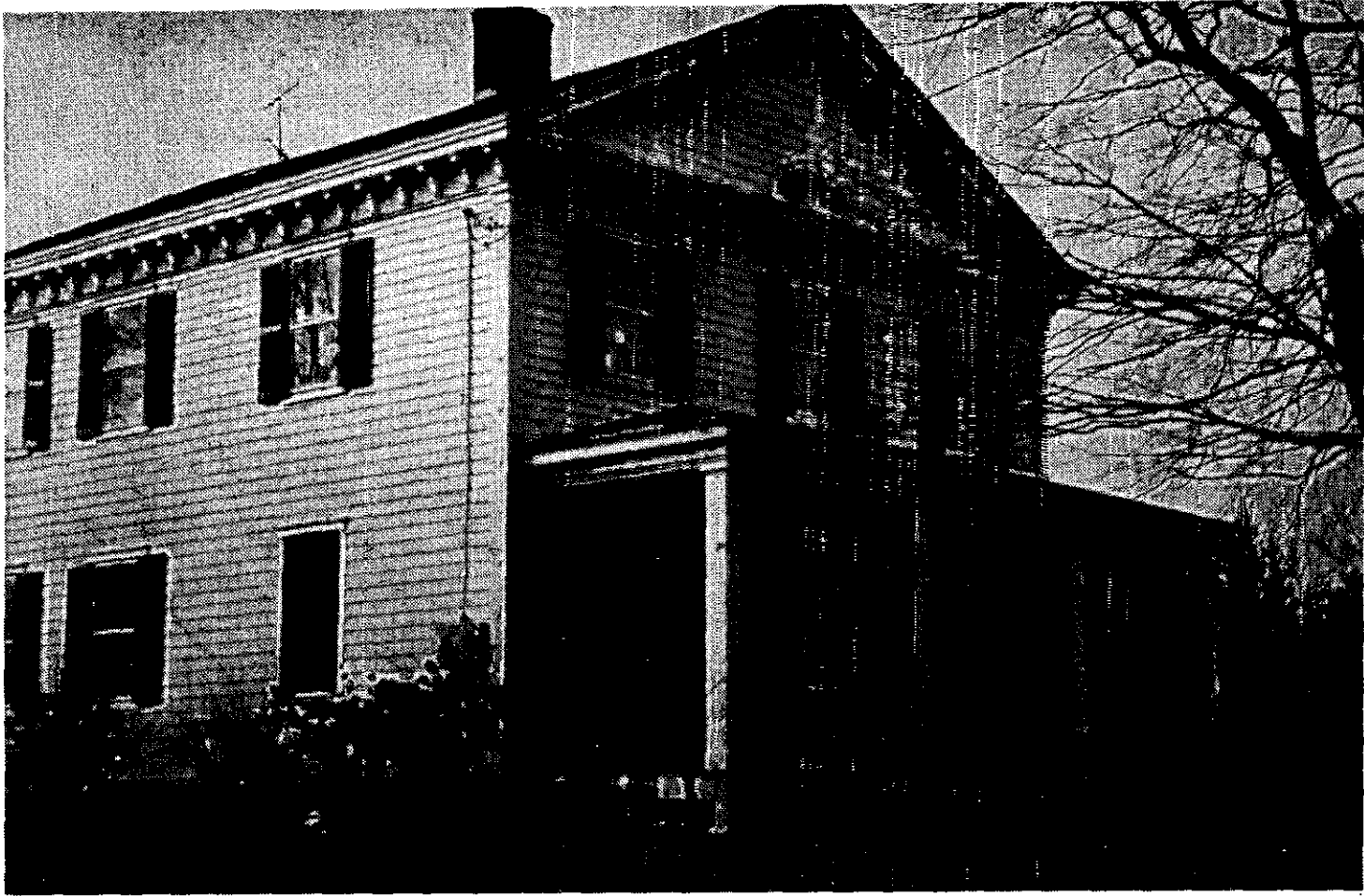
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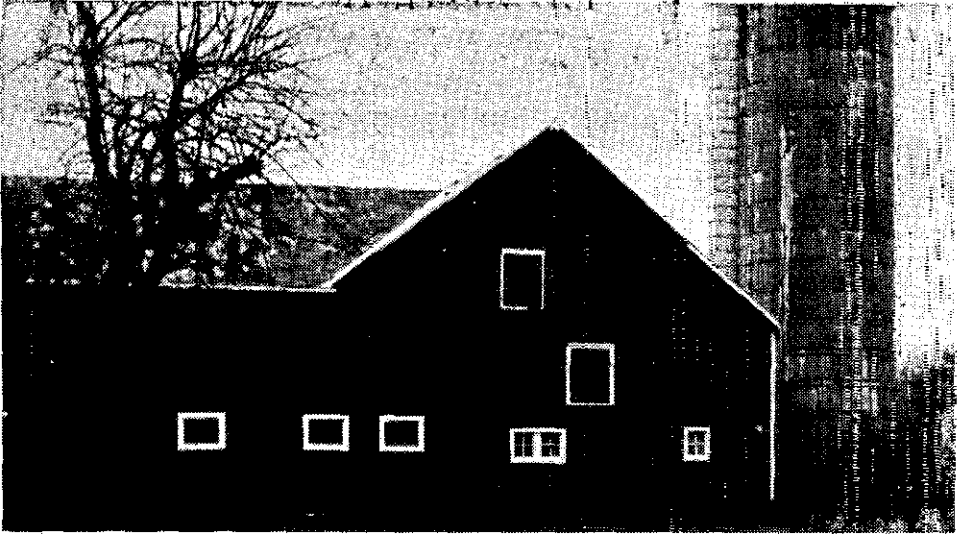


This graceful home owned by Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Jerabeck stands on property deeded to Peter McHaugh by the patroon.

for meal preparation, the Jerabecks have made an interesting divider for the work area with an open wall of exposed beams, taken from an old barn in Feura Bush. There is a back stairway to the basement and this curving stairway is repeated in the kitchen, leading to the second floor section.

This kitchen sees all kinds of action by the Jerabeck's and their children, who often use the huge dining table as the focus for their activities. This apartment and kitchen area served as a beer-garden

type of restaurant in the 1930's when another family lived here. They not only served liquid refreshment but were well known for cooking delicious chicken dinners, with the *pièce de résistance* coming from their own brood. The chicken houses are gone and the only out-buildings left now are a covered wooden wellhouse and a brick smokehouse, very near the back door. This little smokehouse has a stone floor and the beams are well blackened from the times when hams and bacon were smoked here for preservation.



This Dutch barn is of a type not built after about 1815. It stands on land now owned by Jay Jacovic, but was once part of the Jerabeck property.

Institute hosts teens

Students in the Bethlehem and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school districts will be participating in "Minds On" workshops at The Rensselaerville Institute in Rensselaerville this month. On March 19, middle school students will meet with writer Cynde Gregory for a day of creative writing titled "Myth from Life." On March 26 the institute will temporarily become the "French Republic" of Rensselaerville with French as the official language. State Museum Director Martin Sullivan will head a team of museum curators who will help the students plan and design a museum on March 30 in a workshop titled "History You Can Touch."

The workshops will continue in the fall and are open to area schools, public and private. For information, contact MaryAnn Roncini, public programs coordinator, at 797-3783.

A French accent

Old Songs, Inc. will sponsor a French Canadian contra dance on Sunday, March 18, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville United Methodist Church. "Eritage," a traditional dance band from Quebec, will be performing. Admission is \$3.50. For information, call 765-4193.

The dance scheduled for Saturday, March 17, has been cancelled.

Only one candidate

Three seats on the Bethlehem Central school board are to be filled by voters in May, but so far there is only one candidate. Barbara Coon of Glenmont has declared her candidacy for the seat formerly held by Robert Zick, who resigned because of a job move. The terms of board President Sheila Fuller and of Jed Wolkenbreit also expire this June.

Petitions from candidates are due in the district clerk's office on April 9 and must bear 34 signatures of qualified voters (2 percent of the number voting in the previous election). Candidates must be U.S. citizens 18 or older and must have been residents of the district a year. On the books also is the requirement that candidates be able to read and write.

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Grade Eleven

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Grade Twelve

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Assault charged

David, D. Duell, 20, of Selkirk was charged last Wednesday with third degree assault, a misdemeanor, after he allegedly grabbed a woman acquaintance and threw her against a car, Bethlehem police reported.

Fire probed

A shed fire Sunday night at a Selkirk home is under investigation. Bethlehem police said suspicious circumstances surrounded the blaze.

Concert, movies on tap

The Trinity United Methodist Church in Coeymans Hollow will soon be the place to enjoy Christian music and movies. On Friday, March 16, "Wings of Praise," an 11-member contemporary gospel group from Feura Bush, will give a concert. On Sunday, April 1, the film "Jesus is Victor" will depict the life of Corrie ten Boom. Both programs begin at 7:30 p.m.

RCS redistricting plan to be aired March 21

By Lorin Pasqual

Many parents in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District continue to favor portable classrooms rather than redistricting as a viable means of alleviating large class sizes at the Becker School, according to school board members.

Although the board can legally opt for redistricting and begin to change bus routing procedures, members have said they will not take any action without the community's approval.

Area residents will have the opportunity to express their opinions during a special vote May 1, approximately three weeks before the normal vote conducted every year. Anyone may endorse either proposition or vote "no" to both on the ballot.

In an effort to educate the public and present the positive and negative aspects of each option, school administrators will hold a public meeting March 21 at the high school auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

According to Tony Williams, transportation committee chairman, parents frequently oppose plans for redistricting because committees have been unable to ascertain the project's total cost, the length of time children must remain on buses and specific bus route changes. "Parents want definite answers," said Williams, but formulating such figures requires "an extensive and costly program. We do not have the time nor the manpower at this stage if we went to redistricting."

The board also has taken several steps toward providing additional information to residents, however. Various school officials have met with Roger Creighton and Associates, the Delmar planning firm that uses computers to help school districts improve bus routing. By using a \$21,500 computer program, already available, the firm expects it can save the district a significant amount of money. Creighton representatives were scheduled to meet with RCS faculty members this week.

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'Focus' films scheduled

PACA (Parents Against Chemical Abuse) and the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Churches are sponsoring a series of films entitled "Focus on the Family" and featuring Dr. James C. Dobson, a psychologist and expert in family counseling. The films are being shown at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Junior High School now through April 17. Following each showing, there will be small group discussions for those who would like to stay.

Families are encouraged to attend the program together. Babysitting will be provided by the junior high home economics classes, and transportation is provided for the 3 p.m. showing. Anyone requiring these services may call 756-2927.

Young Grangers to gather

The Bethlehem Junior Grange is expected to host more than 60 young people at a Junior Grange rally this weekend at the Bethlehem Grange Hall in

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Selkirk State Junior Grange Deputy Betty Clark will address the junior grangers of Albany and Schenectady counties at the rally. During the festivities on Sunday, new members will be welcomed.

Any child 5 to 15 years of age who is interested in becoming a member is invited to contact Junior Grange Matron Helen Raynor at 767-2770 or Patron Randall Drobner 767-9165 for an application or information.

Quilt created

Members of the junior high faculty and staff are having an old fashioned "quilting bee." When finished, the

handmade quilt will be donated as the prize in a drawing at the school fair March 22. Tickets for the drawing may be purchased for \$1 from junior high students at the fair. Proceeds will be donated to the Tom Christopher Fund. The winner need not be present for the drawing.

Participants in the quilting bee are Mrs. Plummer, Miss Elmore, Miss Ryan, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Lammy, Mrs. Case, Mrs. Hotaling, Miss Ellis, Mrs. Nunziato, Miss Randall, Miss Pons and Mrs. Smith.

Pancakes at lodge

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge is sponsoring a pancake breakfast at the lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, this Sunday. Beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until 1 p.m., the "all-you-can-eat" breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee will cost \$3.50 for adults, and \$2 for children under 12. The public is invited.

Show of Support

The RCS Junior High will present a demonstration of the students' athletic accomplishments at their annual gym show Thursday. This year's performance is being dedicated to senior high student Tom Christopher and is billed as a "Show of Support" for Tommy. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. There will be no admission charge, but voluntary contributions will be collected during the performance.

Lenten meal, service

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will begin a series of Lenten programs this evening, March 14, at the church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk. The program will begin at 6 p.m. with a simple meal of soup and sandwiches, followed by a brief worship service and learning and discus-

sion period to conclude the evening by 7:30 p.m. The programs will be held each Wednesday evening through April 11, with such issues as "I Have Some Doubts" and "Guilt and the Christian" being explored. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome. Participants should have their own sandwiches; soup will be provided. Child care will be available.

5 Regents alternates

Alternate Regents nursing scholarship winners at the Rayena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School are Amy Hamill, Christine Jackson, Christine Persico, Heather Frueh and Michelle Wade.

Calling quiltmakers

The Panhellenic Alumnae Association of Schenectady is inviting exhibitors to participate in its Sixth Annual Old Dorp Quilt and Needle Arts Show in May.

Quilts, wall hangings, pillows and other quilted accessories, old and new, may be exhibited as well as examples of crewel, embroidery and needlepoint.

Registration forms for exhibitors are available from Mrs. Fred Grimm, 117 Acorn Dr., Scotia, 12302. Forms must be completed and returned to Mrs. Grimm by March 28. The two-day show will be held at the First Reformed Church, Scotia, May 1-2. For information, call 399-2479.

Drug sale felony

A 19-year-old Coeymans woman faces a charge of criminal sale of a controlled substance, fifth degree, after her arrest last week by Bethlehem police. She was sent to the Albany County Jail after her arraignment on the felony charge.

Students attend 'rap session'

More than 30 students from the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior and Senior High Schools gathered together at St. Patrick's Rectory Thursday night for a "rap session" about drugs and chemical abuse.

The two-hour conference, held in conjunction with a substance-abuse-awareness week for students and faculty, featured informational speeches and presentations, followed by a half-hour question and answer session.

Ron Steltz, assistant faculty director at Hope House, worked with Dinny Louis and Steve Abrahamsen, counselors from Equinox, Inc., to discuss controversial topics with the youngsters and debunk

current myths about all types of drugs from cigarettes to cocaine. The information focused primarily on the effects of drugs and methods of coping with and changing drug abusers, especially those within a family.

"Parents were not allowed, and the kids kind of liked that," said Louis. "This was a meeting for them." She stressed that the program provides a vital service to the community by addressing adolescent concerns. "It gives kids the opportunity to get valuable information and express themselves freely," she said. "I think a lot of them will go home and talk about this with their parents."

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TV or not TV?

A recent conversation with a member of my generation, the first to grow up with television, debated the issue: "TV or not TV? That is the question." We both entered the discussion worried by images of motionless little children, save a facial twitch or two now or then, transfixed by the hypnotic rays of a 19-inch picture tube bombarding them with bits of nonsense, illusion and bad taste.

As with any power, the television medium can be used for the betterment or the detriment of the human condition. In our free society the ultimate determining factor of the quality of TV programming is the mass market, that is, what we citizen consumers will watch and what we will not. In that sense we hold our own fate as TV viewers in our hands as they either applaud a program or switch it off.

As television evolved, it attracted many more critics than other inventions. I believe that this is due to the tremendous power of the tool...

I was around 9 years old when Dad brought home the magic box, the first in our neighborhood. There were few television stations around to broadcast signals, and programming was of the simplest sort. In fact, the very first image I recall on our 10-inch screen was an out-of-focus, fuzzy, nondescript gentleman instructing his unseen audience in carving a Thanksgiving turkey. Although my mouth did not salivate from the black and white representation of that delectable bird, it did open wide in awe of the scene I was witnessing in my living room.

Many of my generation had spent hours "watching" such radio programs as The Lone Ranger, Inner Sanctum and Let's Pretend. I mean to say we actually looked at the radio while the program

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



aired as though our imagination was derived from fixing our gaze on the wooden box itself. Comic books and movies gave our imaginations a clear idea of how these radio characters actually looked. Otherwise we had to concoct our own images of our heroes, our villains and our monsters.

So when television made its debut in the home, it was familiar in the sense that we now could "watch" a radio that actually had a picture attached. With the mass invasion of television sets into the American home, radio programming was rescued by the onset of another invention of national appeal — rock and roll. Radio of the 1950s began to adopt music as its marketing base as TV took over the dramatic and comedic entertainment fields. People stopped "watching" their radios, and began listening to them.

As television evolved, it attracted many more critics than other inventions. I believe that is due to the tremendous power of the tool, one that lies at the base of the entire telecommunications industry, an industry that has lent its name to the next major era of human existence. Criticism, which is an important means of social control, is necessary to guide the growth and development of television so that it can serve our betterment, not our detriment.

However, the criticism itself must be criticized so that we do not throw out the baby with the bath water. Besides, one of our fundamental values on which our democracy is based is freedom of speech. Excessive and unrestrained criticism can lead to an unfree media atmosphere plagued by political concerns, censorship

and one-sided points of view. Freedom means choice and the ability to make that choice. To remain free as a people we must continually exercise our right and our ability to choose. This includes the selection of television programming from the sponsors to the networks to the regulatory agencies to the knobs on each TV set in every home.

There is a lot of garbage on modern television. Poor scriptwriting, inane plots, media-hyped events made out to appear important but actually very trivial, and bad taste from unnecessarily explicit sex and violence to plugging in a beer commercial during a dramatic series focusing on the plight of the alcoholic.

However, the most distressing consequence of the television age is its use as a tranquilizer, a babysitter, a drone in the dulling life of a species that was designed to be active, vital, alive. When TV is used to replace conversation rather than to stimulate it, when it is used to justify inactivity and boredom, when it is the hub of family life rather than one form of family activity, then there is a problem. Though I believe the entire television industry must address these abuses of the invention, I still think it is ultimately the responsibility of the family to exercise its freedom of choice in the matter.

I cannot present a complete argument for or against the television medium in this short space, but I can say that there is no more convenient or effective way to witness a world event, a stellar athletic performance, a miracle of nature, or, in its moments, marvelous dramatic productions. In its proper place, for the proper reasons, and in a proper manner, television can be a tool along with books, recordings, movies and other inventions that have the power to expand our knowledge and enhance our lives. It is only for us to determine what is proper and what is not, and that is a problem we have had since the beginning of society. It is the definition of proper and improper which will define for us whether to proclaim "Up with the tube," or to watch television go "down the tubes."



Merlin Lewis of First Church of Christ, Scientist, will be the speaker next Wednesday, March 28, in the Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study series. His talk will be at 10 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, following coffee at 9:30 a.m.

Elected Phi Beta

Elizabeth C. Bennett of Delmar was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the State University at Albany. She is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is majoring in French.

Players in Delmar

The Youth Forum of the Delmar First United Methodist Church will sponsor a free performance by the Capital District Psychiatric Center Mental Health Players on Sunday, March 25, at 7 p.m. The improvisational theater group will use audience participation to perform "Youth Issues," a series of scenarios depicting relationships and decision-making often confronted by teenagers.

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Chinese	Blue	4.2x4.2	\$475	\$319
Chinese	Blue	3x5	\$599	\$419
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Enges	Red	3.5x5.4	\$1,267	\$849
India	Ivory	3.1x5.2	\$219	\$149
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Pakistan	Ivory	5.9x7.3	\$959	\$629
Pakistan	Red	6.3x8.8	\$1,265	\$885
Indobaktiari	Rust	4.7x6.7	\$819	\$539
Chinese	Antique finish	4.5x6.7	\$699	\$449
Chinese	Beige	4x6	\$1,019	\$669

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Baktiari	Multi	3.7x12.11	\$1,319	\$859
Pakistani	Rust	2.8x7.9	\$475	\$319
Pakistan	Red	2.7x9.11	\$579	\$377
Pakistan	Red	2.8x9.10	\$599	\$419
Pakistan Bokhara	Ivory	2.9x16.4	\$1,759	\$1,189
Bokhara	Ivory	2x7.9	\$1,311	\$879
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Chinese	Green	8x10	\$1,449	\$949
Afshar	Multi	6.6x10.4	\$2,749	\$1,795
Baktiari	Multi	5.1x9.1	\$3,039	\$1,975
Indokashan	Ivory	6x9	\$3,079	\$1,989
Pakistan Bokhara	Red	6.2x9.5	\$1,649	\$1,079
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Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

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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.

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THE Spotlight Calendar

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

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

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

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

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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 Jenkins 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.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

Bethlehem Garden Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m.

Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Studies, first of six Wednesday sessions, Delmar Reformed Church, coffee hour 9:30 a.m., study 10-11 a.m.

Ben Benard, Albany A's president, speaks to Second Milers, First United Methodist Church, noon. Reservations, 439-1054.

New Scotland Elks Lodge meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. second Wednesday of month.

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

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

Church Covered Dish Supper, begins Lenten study series, Voorheesville Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.

Moonlight Walk, starwatching and owl-prowling by foot, snowshoe or ski, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m.

"Wonderful Wednesday" Community Fellowship, 5-part Lenten series includes supper, study, discussion, movies and arts and crafts. Delmar First United Methodist Church, 6 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

Children's Book Fair, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m.

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

Income Tax Assistance for Seniors, IRS tax counselors help older taxpayers with federal and state income tax returns, Delmar Key Bank Community room, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesdays through April 11. Information, 439-3449.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

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

District Choral Festival, part 2, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m.

"The Wynkoop House," slide-talk by Jean Balint, at Bethlehem Historical Association meeting, Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 8 p.m.

Children's Book Fair, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, 9 - 11 a.m., 1-3 p.m.

Albany Audubon Society, owl discussion and bluebird project plans, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Voorheesville PTSA, Dr. David Niven on "Parenting," Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

"How to Use Computers to Educate Your Kids," part 2, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m.

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

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

Income Tax Assistance for Seniors, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1-4 p.m. Thursdays through April 12. For appointments, sign up at Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization meetings.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

St. Patrick's Day Workshop, mobile-making for children 6 and older, Bethlehem Public Library, 4-5 p.m.

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

St. Patrick's Day Party, buffet dinner and dancing at St. Matthew's Church Voorheesville, 7 p.m. For \$15 reservations, 765-4390.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance, Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

Las Vegas Night, "black-jack, dice, big wheel and joker 7" sponsored by Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company, Clarks-ville firehouse, 8 p.m. - 2 a.m. Over 19 admitted.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance for church parish at St. Thomas School auditorium, Delmar, 7 p.m. For tickets, 439-5896.

Open Amblyopia Screening, for pre-schoolers, sponsored by Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, Bethlehem Town Hall, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nature Programs, "Bluebirds: A Long Trail to Recovery," 10 a.m., and guided spring walk, 2 p.m., Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. Free; registration, 457-6092.

Bethlehem Citizens With Hart, organizational meeting for local Gary Hart presidential campaign, at 2 Oakwood Pl., Delmar, 3 p.m. Information, 439-4293.

Tri-Village Squares Dance, mainstream dancing and plus tip, Delmar First United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Alcohol Awareness Program, sponsored by Voorheesville Substance Abuse Committee, St. Matthew's Church, 7 p.m. Free.

Elks Pancake Breakfast, at Bethlehem Elks lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

French Canadian Contra Dance, sponsored by Old Songs Inc., Voorheesville United Methodist Church, 2 - 5:30 p.m. \$3.50 admission.

Heart Ball, black-tie-optional dinner dance to benefit American Heart Association, Colónie Country Club, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 869-1961.

Readings at the Library, poet Beatrice Cohen of Delmar, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

"Individual Retirement Accounts: What Are the Options," workshop sponsored by County Cooperative Extension, Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 - 9 p.m. for \$1 registration, 765-2874.

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

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

Delmar Community Orchestra, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 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

"Annie Get Your Gun" (full production of Irving Berlin's classic), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 16, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

"Home to the Greenhorn" (comedy by Martin Kelly staged by Riverview Productions), St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, 10 N. Main Ave., Albany, March 16-18 and 23-25, dinner served 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 5 p.m. Sundays. Reservations, 462-3822.

"The 1940s Radio Hour" (Schenectady Light Opera Company presents this Broadway revival), Opera House, 826 State St., Schenectady, March 16-18 and 23-25, 8 p.m. except March 18 2 p.m. matinee. Tickets, Community Box Office.

"The Hollow" (Agatha Christie drama staged by Schenectady Civic Players), 12 South Church St., Schenectady, March 16 and 17 and 21-24, 8 p.m., March 25, 2:30 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office or at the playhouse, 382-9051.

"Alice and Fred" (Capitol Rep's world premiere of Dan Ellentuck's drama of five young people in turn of century Upstate New York), Market Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through March 18, (Tuesday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2:30 p.m. Box office, 462-4534.

MUSIC

Houston Orchestra, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 14 8 p.m.

The Wolfe Tones (Irish folk group in benefit for Children's Fund of Northern Ireland) Convention Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 15, 8 p.m.

Mendelssohn Club and Heritage Artists, Cohoes Music Hall, March 16, 8 p.m. Reservations, 235-7969.

Mendelssohn Quartet (Beethoven, Seeger and Dvorak), Kiggins Auditorium, Emma Willard School, Troy, March 16, 8 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office or at the door.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration (Touchstone, Eritage and Fennig's All Stars), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 17, 8 p.m. Community Box Office and Proctor's 346-6204.

Albany Pro Musica ("The A Cappella Tradition: Music of France and England"), St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Albany, March 17, 8 p.m. Community Box Office and at the door.

"Cranes at Cohoes" (first of series faculty and student concerts from Crane School of Music, Potsdam), Cohoes Music Hall, March 18, 3 p.m. Reservations, 235-7969.

The Berkshire Klezmer Society, B'nai Shalom, 420 Whitehall Rd., Albany, March 18, 7 p.m.

Organ Recital by Stephen Rosenberry, First Church in Albany, 56 Orange St., March 20, noon.

Albany Symphony Orchestra (Rimsky-Korsakov, Schumann, Schuman, and Schelling), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, March 23, and Albany Palace Theater, March 24, 8:30 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office, music hall box office 273-0038 or Palace box office, 465-3334.

DANCE

"Sweet Saturday Nite" (Staged by New York's Dance Black America), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 16, 8 p.m. Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

"Sleeping Beauty" (full-staged production by Festival Dance Theatre), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 20 and 21, 7 p.m.

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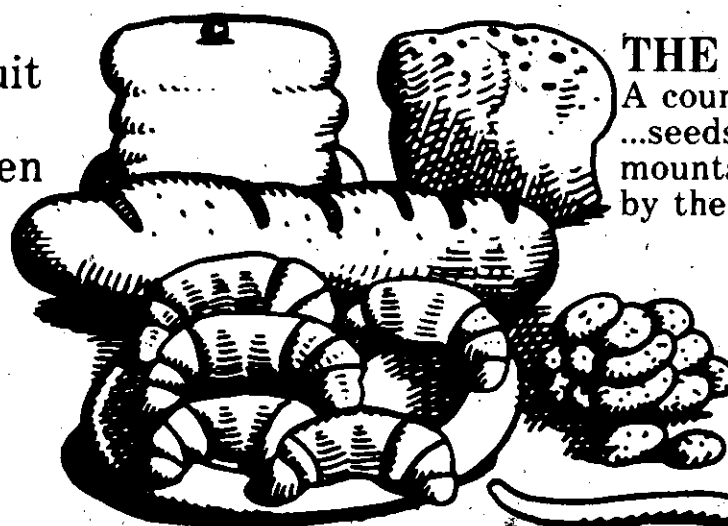
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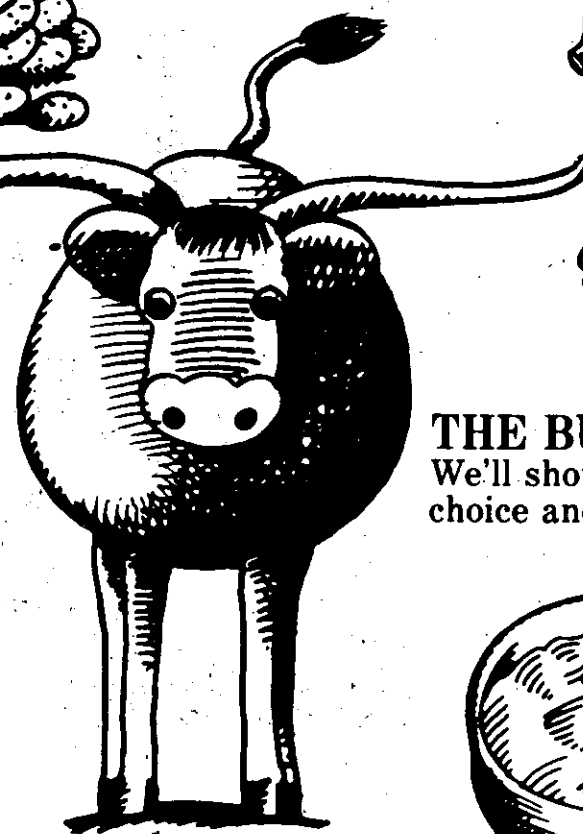
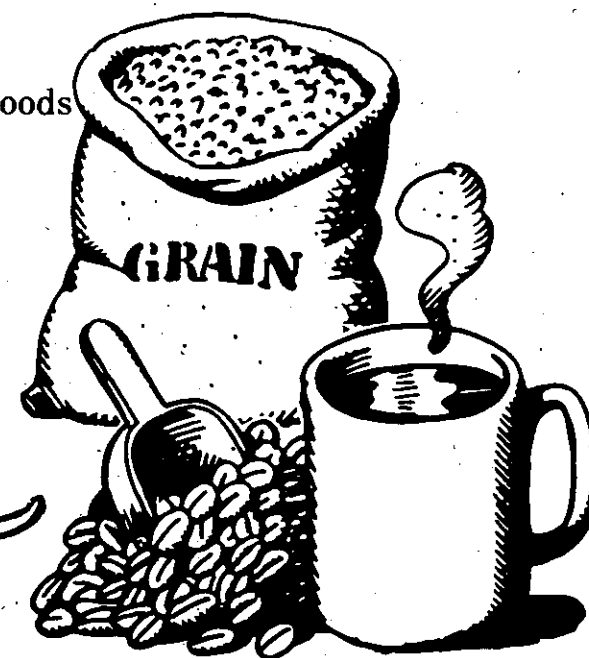
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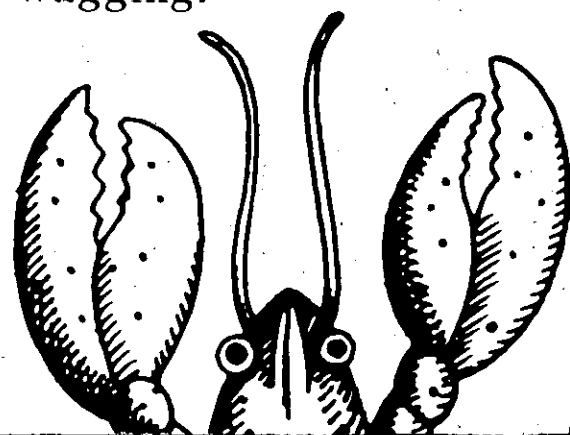


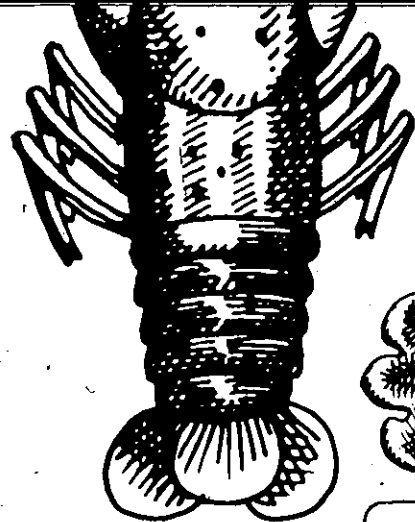
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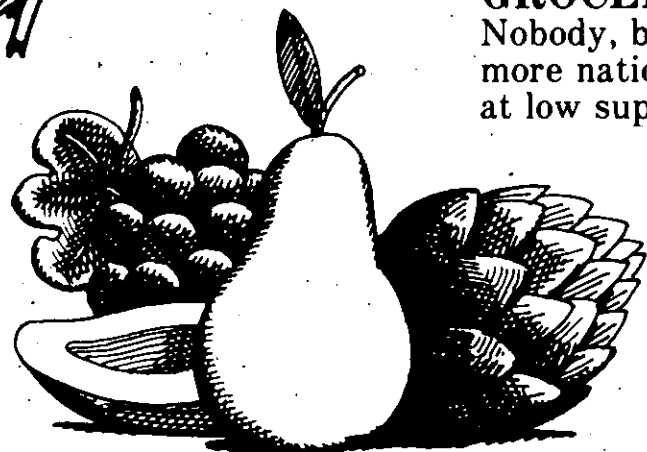


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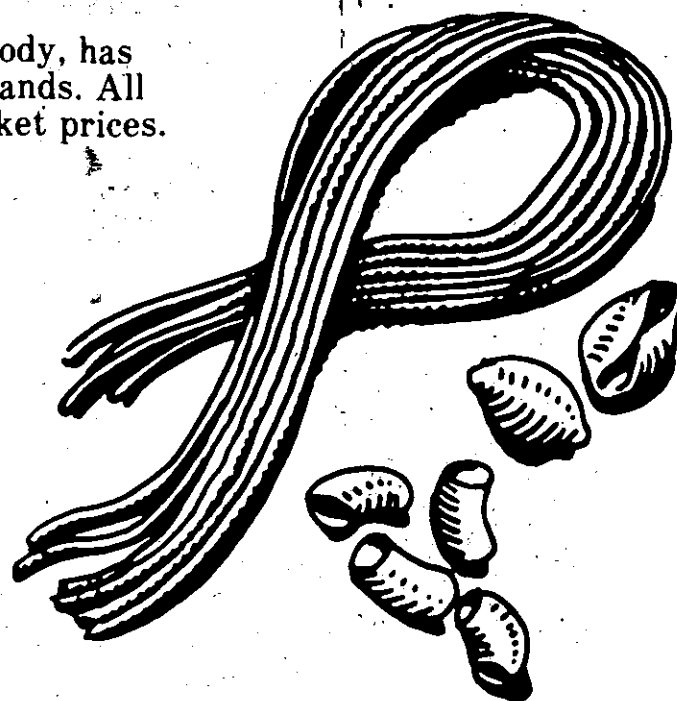
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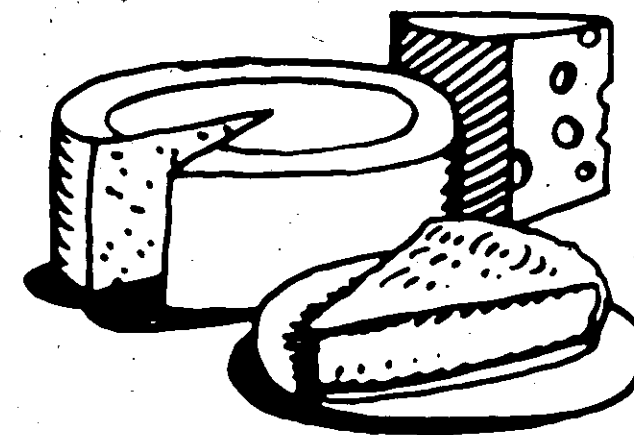
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3 rezonings opposed

The village's planning commission Monday recommended that three of the four parcels recommended for residential zoning in the proposed Voorheesville master plan be kept in the business zone.

The master plan, which village officials hope to push through prior to the March 20 elections, had proposed rezoning three parcels on Maple Ave. near the Altamont Rd., plus a parcel further east near the railroad underpass. The most controversial of the four is vacant land on Dom-morro Dr. opposite the firehouse that is owned by Dominick Tork — and that is the one parcel that the planners refused to consider changing.

The planning board did recommend that the Mobil station, Smith's Tavern and the building owned by Don Riven-berg near the underpass not be changed. The master plan had proposed changing the four parcels from the "business" zoning to "residence B." This would have allowed the established businesses to continue operating and even change hands under a "grandfather" clause, but would not have allowed commercial development on Tork's land.

Tork, a former school board member and long-time fixture in village politics, is currently chairman of the Peoples Party, which is waging a strong campaign to oust the incumbents on the town board. Tork had appeared at previous meetings on the master plan to protest the change, and was in attendance Monday night, although he did not speak.

The master plan meeting drew three of five for the village board, including Daniel Reh, who is an incumbent and also a member of the planning board, and Marilyn Stracuzzi, who is a member of the zoning board of appeals. Mrs.

VOORHEESVILLE

Stracuzzi issued a statement saying she felt it was more important to attend the master plan meeting and that she opposes changing the business zoning.

"Also, I feel the current board is rushing the zoning change into effect. It has taken 10 years to draft and the excuse that it would take too long to familiarize the incoming board does not hold water," she said.

Village board members who have been working on Voorheesville's proposed new master plan for more than a decade say the changes it makes are mostly "behind the scenes" things — tightening up the zoning categories, enhancing the powers of the planning board and board of appeals, adopting the state building code.

Most of the village's zoning would not be affected. According to Mayor Milton Bates, the general aim of the plan is to continue the policy of keeping industry in areas to the north and east of the village center, with multiple dwellings to be allowed only in the area off Rt. 306 on the east end of the village.

For John Q. Public

A pocket guide to New York's open government laws is available from the Committee on Open Government, 162 Washington Ave., Albany. The brochure, which summarizes the provisions of the freedom of Information and Open Meetings laws, also may be obtained by telephoning 474-2518.



Dr. Kathy Ferguson

GOP women meet

The Bethlehem Women Republican's Club will have its monthly meeting on Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Dr. Kathy Ferguson, an associate professor in political science at Siena College, will address the members. Sue Ann Ritchko is the meeting chairwoman.

For information and reservations, call Pat Pappert at 439-1829. The meeting is open to the public.

Benefit for family

A buffet and dance Sunday afternoon at Hanky's on Rt. 85 in New Salem will be a benefit for the Colvin Harders of Orchard Hill Rd., New Scotland, whose home was destroyed by a fire Feb. 13 in which two family members died. The Harders' 2-year-old daughter and Mrs. Harder's father were victims of the fire.

The benefit will begin at 2 p.m. and continue until 9, with four bands scheduled to play as well as a performance by the Double D's from Albany. The bands, all of which are donating their services, are those of Larry MacIntosh, George Kendall, the Blue Thunder Country Band and The Mustangs from Hunter Mountain. Tickets are \$4 and children under 16 will be admitted free. A raffle and door prizes also are planned by the benefit organizer, Florence Furman of Clarks-ville. For information, call Mrs. Furman at 768-2978.

Where and when?

Area school students are being invited to try to identify old photographs on display at Big City Flea Market, 484 Central Ave., Albany. Clues can be seen at Jack's State St. Restaurant, Barnaby's, Hanover Bank and other Albany businesses, according to the contest sponsor, Big City Flea Market. Entries should be left at the market or at Nostalgia Bookshop at the same address, by April 1.

Named at Elmira

Pam Dearstyne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Dearstyne, Jr., of Clipp Rd. in the Town of New Scotland, has been named co-chairperson of Elmira Col-lege's new student orientation executive committee. She is a 1982 graduate of the Doane-Stuart School, Albany.

Hart group forming

Democratic presidential candidate Gary Hart won in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire, but can he win in Bethlehem? Bethlehem Citizens for Hart, a new local organization working for the Colorado senator's campaign, will hold a meeting on Saturday, March 17, at 3 p.m. at 2 Oakwood Pl. in Delmar.

The state-wide Democratic primary is Tuesday, April 3. For information, call Bill Blisson at 439-4293.

Windshield smashed

A Delmar teenager reported to Bethle-hem police Saturday that the windshield of the car he was driving was shattered when a youngster stepped from behind some trees and threw a rock at the vehicle. The incident occurred about 1 p.m. at Mosher and Oldox Rds. The driver gave chase but the youngster and three companions got away.

Chicken dinner planned

The Women's Society of the Commu-nity United Methodist Church in Slinger-lands will prepare and serve a chicken dinner on Saturday, March 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets, which will be sold at the door, are \$5.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages six to 12.

For reservations, call the church office at 439-1766.

Driver charged

Virginia A. Russum of Delmar was charged with failure to yield right of way after an accident Friday afternoon on Kenwood Ave. at Rockefeller Rd. in Delmar. According to the Bethlehem police report, a car driven by Cynthia Hostetter, 27, of Feura Bush went off Kenwood and hit a pole after the Russum auto crossed in front of it.

Soviet policy talk

The Albany Area Retired Teachers Association will be schooled in "U.S. - Russian Relationships" at its meeting on Tuesday, March 20, at 12:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Dr. Helen Desfosses, director of the SUNYA Public Policy Program, will be the guest speaker. Guests are welcome to the meeting.

For information, contact Flossie Smith at 439-3883.

Postmaster appointed

Mark L. Weigand has been named postmaster for New Baltimore, N.Y. Weigand has been a postal clerk in Delmar and served as acting superinten-dent for delivery at Delmar. He is a veteran of the Coast Guard and is a past senior vice commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Delmar. The New Baltimore office has an annual mail volume of some 500,000 pieces.

Purse snatch foiled

A Slingerlands woman told Bethlehem police she was walking in a parking lot at Bethlehem Terrace apartments Thursday evening when a youth came up behind her and tried to grab her shoulder-bag. The woman was able to hang onto her purse, although she fell, and the would-be mugger fled when she screamed.

A special message about drinking and driving for everyone who drives.

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If there's a chance you might drink and drive, you should know this: New York State has tough laws dealing with drinking drivers. Even after just a few drinks, you may be impaired enough to be arrested and convicted. And if you think you'll get away with it, consider this: Many counties have increased the number of law enforcement officers on the road, particularly after midnight. They're coming down hard on drinking drivers, even first offenders.

What you can do

We know there's a lot of pressure to drink. Many people who don't usually drink do drink on a party night. If there's even a remote possibility that this could apply to you, here's what you should do: If you do have a few drinks, and you're driving, or riding with someone who's been drinking call home or a friend and ask to be picked up. Think that will embarrass you? It shouldn't. Consider the alternatives — being arrested by the police or being involved in an accident. You're still not convinced?

Show this message to your family or friends. Ask them afterward if they won't please pick you up if you need it. You're grown up. You're family and friends are grown up. Together, you can make sure you don't become an arrest statistic or an accident statistic.

What you as a friend can do

Too many party nights have ended in tragedy. Even with the best of intentions, some people will end up driving under the influence. If they are stopped by police and found to be impaired or intoxicated, they'll be arrested. New York State is determined to get drunken drivers off the road — no matter who they are. We think you ought to do your friends one big favor. Tell them that if they need you, you'll be waiting to drive them home. No ridicule. No comments. No questions asked. Tell them straight out that you'll respect their decision. You know you'd rather get a call from them than from the police or a hospital. Tell them that.

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Scott Smith, St. Thomas fifth grader, takes careful aim at the goal in a styrofoam blow-hockey game that was one of four events in a mock Winter Games tournament that climaxed the school's annual reading tournament. *Spotlight — Tom Howes*

Reading 'Olympics'

Al Moak, a fifth grader, won the fifth annual reading contest at St. Thomas School for fourth and fifth graders. He read 55 books since September, pulling ahead of fourth grader Michael Rossi, who read 50, and Margaret Eck, fifth grade, who read 47 in the six-month contest. The remaining top 10 readers were Chris Malone, Karen McCue, Brian Costello, Chris Farrell, Maria DeGaetano, Sharon O'Neill and Scott Smith.

The contest this year was based on the Sarajevo Winter Olympics with seven categories of books. To everyone who read three books in a category, a medal was awarded at a ceremony on March 2. The conclusion was a mock Winter Game participation for the top 10 readers, who among other things played "blow hockey" with a straw and "skied" balancing a styrofoam ball. Again it was Al Moak who came out on top, but this time he shared first place with Brian Costello in a tie.

DEAN'S LIST



State University College at Delhi — Suzanne Zucker, Delmar.

Emerson College — Laura Ten Eyck, Voorheesville.

Russell Sage College — Allison M. Swick, Delmar (Kellas Scholar).

Syracuse University, College of Environmental Science and Forestry — Tamara Van Ryn, Selkirk (President's List).

State University College at Plattsburgh — Katherine Talmage, Delmar.

Colorado School of Mines — Walter C. Waidlich, Jr., Delmar.

Northeastern University, College of Engineering — Paul C. Deleo, Delmar.

Middlebury College — James B. Ferrari, Delmar (College Scholar).

Square dance Saturday

The Tri-Village Squares will host a square dance on Saturday, March 17, at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. The dance, with Mainstream dancing and a Plus Tip, will run from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Duane Silver of Delmar will call the squares. For information, call 439-4598 or 439-7983.

All about owls

William Gorman, an owling expert from the Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club, will show films of northeastern American owls and play recordings of unusual owl calls at the Albany Audubon Society's monthly meetings on Thursday, March 15, at the Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar. The meeting, which begins at 8 p.m., will also include discussion on the society's annual bluebird project.

Senior a winner

Janet K. Shaffer of Delmar, a senior at Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania, has been awarded a state regents' scholarship. An outstanding swimmer, she also earned a commendation in the National Merit Scholarship program and is a member of the Honorary English Society. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Shaffer.

Felony DWI charged

Bethlehem police made two arrests this week on charges of driving while intoxicated, one of which was a felony arrest. Vincent Krzykowski Jr., 37, of Schoolhouse Rd., Guilfordland, was charged with felony DWI after he was stopped in the early hours Friday on Rt. 85 at Blessing Rd. He was remanded to the Albany County Jail. A charge of DWI is a felony the second time around.

Peripatetic singer

Andrew LaBarge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph LaBarge of Elsmere, and a first year student at the State University College at Oswego, has been on tour with Solid State/State Singers, performing at area high schools. He also has a part in the musical "Sweet Charity."

BC varsity athletes get break

Exercising once a day is enough to keep the doctor away, SCAT (School-Community Advisory Team) will tell varsity athletes at Bethlehem Central next year. In a 7-2 vote that saw Principal Charles Gunner and Assistant Principal Max Karp cast the dissenting votes, SCAT recommended that the high school allow varsity athletes, regardless of grade level, to be exempt from gym class for one 10-week block that corresponds to the season of the sport they compete in.

The exemption is an option given by the state Board of regents that BC has chosen to ignore in the past, despite annual appeals from the athletes. With Principal Gunner's signature, it is now set to begin on a trial basis this fall.

Strict guidelines for the new procedure have yet to be defined by Ray Sliter, district supervisor of physical education. However, Sliter has said that it will be run like the outside contract system, which sees some students meet part of their gym requirement by working out at Nautilus or Gloria Stevens and passing a high school fitness test.

SCAT, which is composed of students, parents, faculty and administration, acts as an ombudsman and general researcher for school-related and student-generated policies. Earlier this year, it addressed and rejected an appeal for weighted averages in class ranks.

Julie Ann Sosa

600 voices on key

More than 600 students will harmonize at Bethlehem Central's district-wide choral concert on Thursday, March 15, at 8 p.m. in the high school's lower gym. Admission is free.

Marcia Giambroni, the choral director at West Seneca High School and an active NYSSMA judge, will be the guest conductor who will lead the chorus member between the ages of eight and 18. The BCHS dance band will also perform.

Scholarship winners

Eight area students are among those recently awarded scholarships at Hudson Valley Community College. They are Frank B. Burggraf III, Renee M. Long, Deborah Meegan, Jill Sharp, Tami Sharp and Joseph Smart, all of Delmar; and Thomas Murphy and David Reilly, both of Voorheesville.

Poetry readings set

Beatrice Cohen, long time resident of Delmar and co-author of Eastern Union County: The Development of an American Jewish Community and other works, will read selections of her poetry at the Bethlehem Public Library's Readings at the library on Sunday, March 18, at 2 p.m. She will be joined by Alfred Basch and Stephen Buerle of Delmar and Cynthia Golderman of Albany, who also will read their original work.

Introducing the Hudson

Naturalists from the Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar will be at the Henry Hudson Park in Selkirk to lead a free guided walk on Saturday, March 24, at 10 a.m. "An Introduction to the Hudson: Is It Really A River?" will focus on the local physical characteristics, plants, animals and history of the Hudson River, as well as its tidal action.

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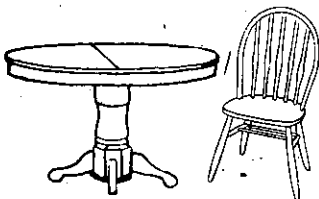
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Clarksville water plan endorsed by town board

By Lorin Pasqual

The New Scotland Town Board has formally endorsed the plan for establishing a water district in Clarksville, subject to a permissive referendum.

Following legal notice of the action, scheduled to appear in later issues of *The Spotlight* and *Altamont Enterprise*, any town resident who opposes the project will have 30 days to petition for a binding referendum.

However, if there is no opposition, said Supervisor Steve Wallace, the project will proceed as quickly as possible. Only one person of the 75 who attended the Feb. 29 public hearing in Clarksville publicly opposed the project.

Presently, Clarksville residents have no public water supply, and the existing wells continue to produce poor quality water and an insufficient yield, according to Ronald J. LaBerge, engineering consultant for New Scotland.

The proposed system provides for the development of an adequate water source, treatment facilities, distribution networks and a storage reservoir. This entails using a series of wells that produces safe and sufficient ground water levels, which, according to LaBerge, will prove efficient and economical.

Once engineers locate an adequate ground water supply, the most difficult task, said LaBerge, the program can proceed with a \$1,316,000 grant and loan from the Farmer's Home Administration (FmHA). If such a supply is not available, however, the town must seek an additional \$500,000 grant from the other alternatives, such as linking with the Bethlehem system.

The worst problem that may arise is the lack of a viable water source, said Wallace. Already \$18,000 to \$20,000 has been invested to complete feasibility

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studies, initial plans and testing conducted by engineers for LaBerge. Thus, if efforts must be halted, it will cost taxpayers an annual rate of \$25 per \$1,000 property assessment to be paid over a three-year period.

Veering to somewhat less controversial topics, the town board approved the new and revised junk car/junk yard ordinances, designed to rid the community of unsightly refuse and scrap materials. The town must now seek a recommendation from the Albany County Planning Board before enacting the laws.

The board agreed to schedule bidding for a new diesel-powered dump truck during the next meeting on April 4 at 8 p.m. Also, town officials authorized approximately \$37,000 bond anticipation money will be allocated from the budget.

In other action, the board:

- Authorized Wallace to renew the Albany Answers contract and endorse a rate increase from \$4.25 to \$6 a ton.
- Deferred action on a maximum income exemption from property tax to people aged 65 and older.
- Agreed to renew a bond anticipation note for the assessor's and building inspector's buildings. The town will pay a portion of the principal, namely \$9,000, and renew a contract to make two \$9,000 installments over the next two years.
- Accepted the resignation of Robert Cook from the Zoning Board of Appeals and authorized Planning Board Chairman Richard Stickley to take his place.
- Denied a request from Leo Fissette of Feura Bush to change the name of West Street to Fissette Lane.



The American Legion Post in Elmsire is looking for old American flags. The post will participate in a ceremonial burning of unserviceable flags June 10 at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge in Selkirk. From left are post Commander Ernest A. Viele, VFW Post Commander Daniel House, Flag Day Coordinator Alexander Woehrle, former post commander Arthur P. Blanchard, up-coming Elks Exalted Ruler Aldin Countryman and current Exalted Ruler Norman Mokhiber.

Village's hottest race

(From Page 1)

Luczak involved himself in the village sewer canvass last winter by conducting a personal survey of more than 100 households in the so-called "old village," and last fall orchestrated a stunning political upset by successfully managing the campaign of Cynthia LaFave, a political unknown, for town justice of New Scotland.

The key ingredients in that campaign were a hard-working organization and a barrage of bulk mailings to every address in the town. The ploy worked, and LaFave became the first Democrat ever elected to a town office other than councilman.

Luczak, with a support group of local Democratic leaders and funding for postage, has used similar tactics in mounting a highly organized bid for the mayor's seat. His prime target is Richard Lennon, a computer systems consultant for the General Electric Co. who has been active in village government for the past 10 years, including two two-year terms as trustee.

Lennon's backers have countered the Luczak mailings with a series of flyers of their own. Their message, supported by retiring Mayor Milton F. Bates and three former village mayors, is based on the combined experience of their involvement in community activities.

Running with Luczak under the

Peoples Party Label are Philip Joyce and Thomas Mensching. Joyce served four years on the village zoning board of appeals and Mensching was a neighborhood representative on the citizens advisory committee in the recent village sewer study.

Running with Lennon as the Village Party are incumbent trustee Daniel Reh, who served on the zoning board for four years and was chairman when he was named to the village board, and Susan Rockmore, a current member of the zoning board.

Affiliated with neither slate is Marilyn Stracuzzi, a 26-year career employee of the state Department of Motor Vehicles, running as an independent candidate for trustee under the label of the Citizens Party.

Both Lennon and Luczak have come out with platforms via a news release to local newspapers, but the platforms are too closely parallel to generate a campaign issue. That has reduced the campaign to a personality contest.

Luczak has waged his aggressive campaign with Dominick Tork and Harvey Huth, prominent local residents, as the nominal co-chairmen of the Peoples Party support group. Lennon's campaign strategy has been directed primarily by ex-mayor William J. Wenzel.

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Alcohol series starting

The Voorheesville Substance Abuse Committee's Alcohol Awareness Program will begin March 18 and will run for four consecutive Sundays. The group will discuss various aspects of the use and abuse of alcohol. All meetings will be held at St. Matthew's Church beginning at 7 p.m., with the first three sessions open to both adults and teens. The last session on April 8 will be "teens only" gathering to focus on the topic, "Alcohol and Youth."

The series, featuring Justine Caldon, a staff developmental specialist with the NYS Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse, is free to the public. Cost of the series is borne by St. Matthew's Parish Council. Although most of the committee's activities so far have revolved around and been supported through the school environment, the committee feels that since most substance abuse "problems are community based then the solution must, too, be community based."

The next committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 9.

Pops concert coming

Those who thought they missed the Pops Concert still have a chance to "swing into spring." The musical program originally scheduled to be held on March 6 was moved to Wednesday, March 21. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the high school and will feature the band and choral groups as well as small ensembles and soloists under the direction of music teachers Frank McDermott and Margaret Dorgan. All are welcome to the free presentation.

Piano students perform

More music from Voorheesville musicians can be heard when Shirley Greene of Voorheesville presents her piano students in recital on Sunday, March 25, at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hall at the College of Saint Rose.

Students scheduled to perform are Joe Race, Mary Barrello, Tom Skagg, Becky Danza, Michelle Chapman, Amy Hill, John McGuire, Becky Symula, Jimmy Kelly, Meg Heinrich, Jennifer Person, Annemarie and Tom Gianatasio, Christine LaBelle, Erin McClelland, Matthew Reh, Anjanette Ohlerking, Kevin Davis,

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Erin Donnelly, Adina Taluto, Cheryl and Bill Kerr, Dianne Jackson and Carl Treiber.

The last four students will present a double duet for two pianos — eight hands. Mrs. Greene and her father, Roy Vanderburgh, will perform a two-piano selection.

The public is invited.

Cub scouts in pool

Area Cub Scouts will get into the "swim" of things on Friday, March 16, when Voorheesville Pack 73 holds a swim night for the boys and their parents. Although the cubs will be able to have some free swim time, part of the 8 to 9 p.m. session will deal with fulfilling badge requirements. According to Cubmaster Nareen Copeland, this event will take the place of the monthly pack meeting usually held on the third Thursday of the month.

Two dinners on calendar

There is still time to make reservations for two upcoming area dinners. Those wishing to attend the basketball banquet feting those who took part in the school's basketball program may contact Sue Rockmore at 765-3661 for information or tickets for the event to be held at the Bavarian Chalet on Thursday, March 22.

Those interested in attending the Annual GOP dinner to be held at the Colonie Country Club on Friday, March 23, may call Anne Carson at 765-2588 or Fred Edmunds at either 765-2075 or 456-3391.

Slide show on birds

The New Scotland Senior Citizens will give its members a look into spring at the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, at 1 p.m. at the Old School House in New Salem. At that time they will welcome a representative from Five Rivers Environmental Center, who will present a slide program on birds of New

York State. Residents of the Town of New Scotland who are over 55 and who would like to know more about the program or the Senior Citizen group may contact president Lois Crounse at 765-2109.

Last call for Parenting

A reminder that the final session in the series of three programs sponsored by the Voorheesville PTSA featuring Dr. David Nevin will take place this Thursday, March 15, at 7:30 at the high school. All are welcome to take part in this workshop on "Parenting."

Courses for palates

Easter is only a month away. Those who would like to add some new flair to the holidays still have time to register to take one of two courses offered by the Continuing Education Program at the high school. Guaranteed to make this holiday a memorable one to those taste buds are Candy Making, a one-night course offered on March 21 by Voorheesville's own candy lady, Marilyn Dergosits, and Tasty Pastries, a four-week mini-course beginning on March 28 given by Jim Keigle, the local galloping gourmet. There is still room in both courses. For information call 765-3314.

New math whizzes

According to Karen Boyer, chairman of the math department at Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School, over 60 junior high school students from Voorheesville recently participated in the New York State Math League Contest. The five top finishers in both levels comprise Voorheesville's team score in the event.

Leading the seventh graders was Peter Meilling, who had the highest score, followed by David Larabee, Colin Breeze, Michael Sestak, Natalia Bausbach and Kevin Russo.

In grade 8 Matt Bates was high scorer, with John Corcoran, Jennifer Meilinger, Chris Jeffers and Renee Hunter following. Results of the state and county standings will be announced at a later date.

Looking for spring

The Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar will host a two-part nature program on Saturday, March 17. At 10 p.m., "Bluebirds: A Long Trail to Recovery" will discuss the natural history of the bluebird and demonstrate how to construct and maintain nesting boxes. Free literature and building plans for the boxes will be available, and box kits will be sold. To preregister for this workshop, call the center at 457-6092.

At 2 p.m. a guided spring walk will gauge the procession of the season by looking for geese, bluebirds, spring flowers and other bio-indicators of the arrival of spring.

Births



St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Andrew Joseph, to Julie and Joe Wendth, Delmar, Jan. 23.

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Girl, Jessica Lauren, to Mary and Oakley Neitzel, Voorheesville, Feb. 4.

Girl, Alison Lee, to Diane and Evan Speck, Slingerlands, Feb. 9.

In Philadelphia — Shannon Elizabeth, to Susan and Kenneth Boynton, III. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alan Guard of Delmar.

Court watchers wanted

Volunteers are needed as observers in the town justice courts in Bethlehem and New Scotland for one evening a week, April through June, as part of the spring court observation project of the Albany County Coalition of Court Observers. The 10 town courts in Albany County are the focus of the coalition's project to educate its members and the community about the judicial system.

A training session is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Guiderland Town Justice Court, Rt. 20, Guiderland. Kenneth Riddett, Guiderland town justice, Peter Porco from the county public defender's office and a representative of the district attorney's office will participate.

Persons interested in volunteering should call Mrs. Brandon at 439-4332.

A spring hike

The Albany Audubon Society will take a two-hour hike along field and stream looking for signs of the approach of spring on Saturday, March 24, at 9 a.m. The trip will leave from the parking lot of the Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar. In the case of rain, it will be cancelled. For information, call Mike Matthews at 439-0943.

'Corn coming

A gourmet popcorn dubbed Scouting Popcorn will soon be available from area Boy Scouts. The Governor Clinton Council of the Boy Scouts of America plans the popcorn sale March 19 through 29. Proceeds will be used for council activities as well as by local scout units. The council cited growing costs and growing participation as reasons for the sale, while noting that the primary source of support will continue to be the United Way and the council's sustaining membership program.

Bethlehem audit cites risk

A state audit has concluded that the Town of Bethlehem runs "more than a relatively low risk" in having the town comptroller be responsible for both collecting and disbursing funds and also for recording all receipts and disbursements.

But Supervisor Tom Corrigan said the risk identified in a recently released report by the state Comptroller's office does not justify hiring an additional town employee. "I'll just have to get a little more active," he said.

Corrigan said it has been his practice to spot check the town comptroller's books, but that from now on he will make it a practice to check and initial all of the records. The state audit did not find any errors in the books, but did recommend a

"periodic comparison of records with assets" to maintain internal control.

Following the retirement of long-time comptroller Martin Smith in January, the town board appointed his deputy, George Mann, to replace Smith. But on Corrigan's recommendation the board did not fill Mann's slot; the supervisor said the recent computerization of town bookkeeping functions had made the deputy position unnecessary.

Honored for service

Three area residents have received service awards from the Visiting Nurse Association of Albany, Inc. Maria Gervasio of Selkirk and Claire Netz of Delmar were honored for 10-years of service and Ann Marie Shea of Clarksville received a five-year award.

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And Treiber is proud of his prices on all manner of linens for kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms. The store is all off-price, he said, with a minimum of 20 percent off — more in many cases. For example, Kirsch window shades, including the energy-saving shade, are currently 40 and 50 percent off regular price. Quallofil pillows are \$7.99 right now, and Linens by Gail has a good selection of down pillows.

Delmar also likes the country curtain look, Treiber said, and his store has a wide selection of such curtains as well as the necessary hardware. There also is the sophisticated country look in curtains

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with such additions as lace for more elegance. Along with the strong response to window linens, Treiber has observed that Tri-Village shoppers are looking for bedspreads and comforters. Some of the Vera designs, for example, offer a real pick-me-up for spring, while flannel sheets with a floral print by Stevens are good chill-chasers.

The prices on the linen store's potholders drew praise from one customer, Treiber said, and certainly the selection is varied. Another customer may have been speaking for all when she said Saturday, "It's nice to have this type of store out here."

Spotlight drive brings in 500

The Spotlight's month-long subscription campaign in February "has been a major success," according to Richard A. Ahlstrom, publisher of the local weekly.

As a result of the drive, which offered as incentives a coupon book for local businesses and fund-raising commissions for local civic organizations, more than 500 new subscriptions and 1,300 renewals were received. That total pushed the paper's paid circulation over the 6,000

mark, the largest of any general circulation weekly newspaper in the Capital District.

Organizations that benefitted from the campaign were: Bethlehem Soccer Club, \$200; Bethlehem Tomboys, \$110; St. Matthew's Church Youth Group, \$56, and BCHS senior class, \$26.

Grand Union opens

Grand Union's new 56,000 square foot store at the Delaware Plaza officially opens its doors 8 a.m. Sunday. The ribbon is to be cut by state Sen. Howard Nolan, a co-owner of the plaza.

Trade show is postponed

The Bethlehem Central Marching Band boosters group has postponed plans to hold a second annual trade show. The decision to call off the event scheduled for March 25 was made Monday. The event will probably be rescheduled for this fall, according to Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Peter Merrill.

The group put on a successful trade

show last spring as a fund-raiser for uniforms for the newly organized BCHS marching band, but the response in booth rentals this year fell short of expectations. A spokesman for the boosters indicated that the band still needs funds for snare drums, flag bearers' uniforms and outdoor instruments to replace the quality indoor instruments many of the members are using.



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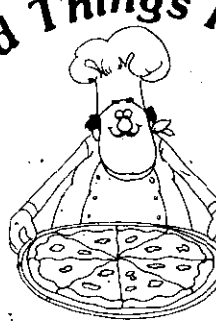
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Lady Eagles make it to the semifinals

By Julie Ann Sosa

The Bethlehem Central girls' basketball team was eliminated in a big way from the Class A Sectional tournament by Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons of Schenectady last Friday, 54-25. Gibbons, the state's sixth-ranked team and four-time Big 10 champion, is 21-0. BC finished the season 14-3.

The Lady Eagles had advanced to the semifinals with their own impressive show of power at home against Albany's Bishop Maginn (9-10). They won 56-42 behind Kim Zornow, who netted 24 points and grabbed 19 rebounds. Kelly Burke added 16 points and five assists in her best effort of the season. The win was never in doubt as Bethlehem took a 14-point lead at the half and increased it to 20 to start the final eight minutes.

The same BC offense was rendered harmless by Gibbons when Zornow, often triple-teamed, fouled out early in the final quarter despite sitting out much of the game. The mismatch, which was played in Rensselaer, saw Zornow finish with only nine points and fewer rebounds than Julie Liddle.

On a brighter note, Coach Gene Lewis will go into his second season as varsity coach with four of his tourney starters. Liza Tonetti, a freshman who had six points and eight rebounds in her first varsity appearance against Maginn, will back up Zornow, a junior, inside. Joining them will be Liddle, a junior, and Megan Bursey, a sophomore. Maura Fitzpatrick and Joan Peyrebrune, both juniors, will also return.



The last local basketball action of the season found Bethlehem Central's girls varsity thrashing Bishop Maginn in a Sectional semifinal game in Delmar. Kim Zornow (52) looks for an opening in the photo at left, and Kelly Burke (22), above, lofts a



pass. On the cover: Zornow, the lanky center and high scorer, went for two points on this off-balance jumper from the foul circle. Spotlight photos - Tom Howes

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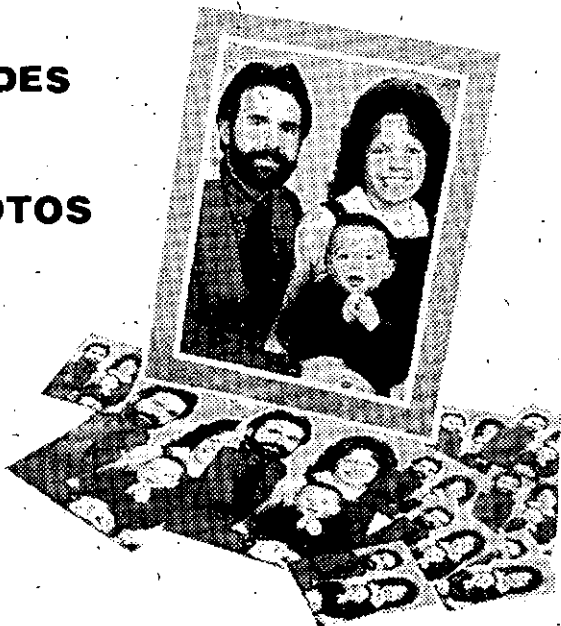
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RCS girls bow to Hudson Falls

By Kevin Hommel

The RCS girls varsity basketball team's hopes for a championship in the Sectionals were ended Friday with a loss to Hudson Falls, 42-29. Tracey Griffin led the way for the Indians with 10 points. Coach Betty Faxon said the girls played well below their ability against Hudson Falls.

However, it was a different story Tuesday of last week. They played one of their best games of the season in a 57-42 victory over Johnstown. They hit their outside shots, played a tight defense and stopped Johnstown's fast breaks, which was the main part of their game plan. The leading scorer for RCS was Jackie Mulligan with 16 points.

Looking ahead to next season, Coach Faxon is confident and optimistic about their potential. They will be playing without starters Janet Bourguignon, Kristen Daley and Tracey Griffin, who will be graduating this spring along with three other players. Coming back next year are freshman guard Jackie Mulligan and sophomore Beth White, both of whom are starters. There will also be players coming up from the championship JV team and it looks like it will be another exciting season.

Spring coaches at BC

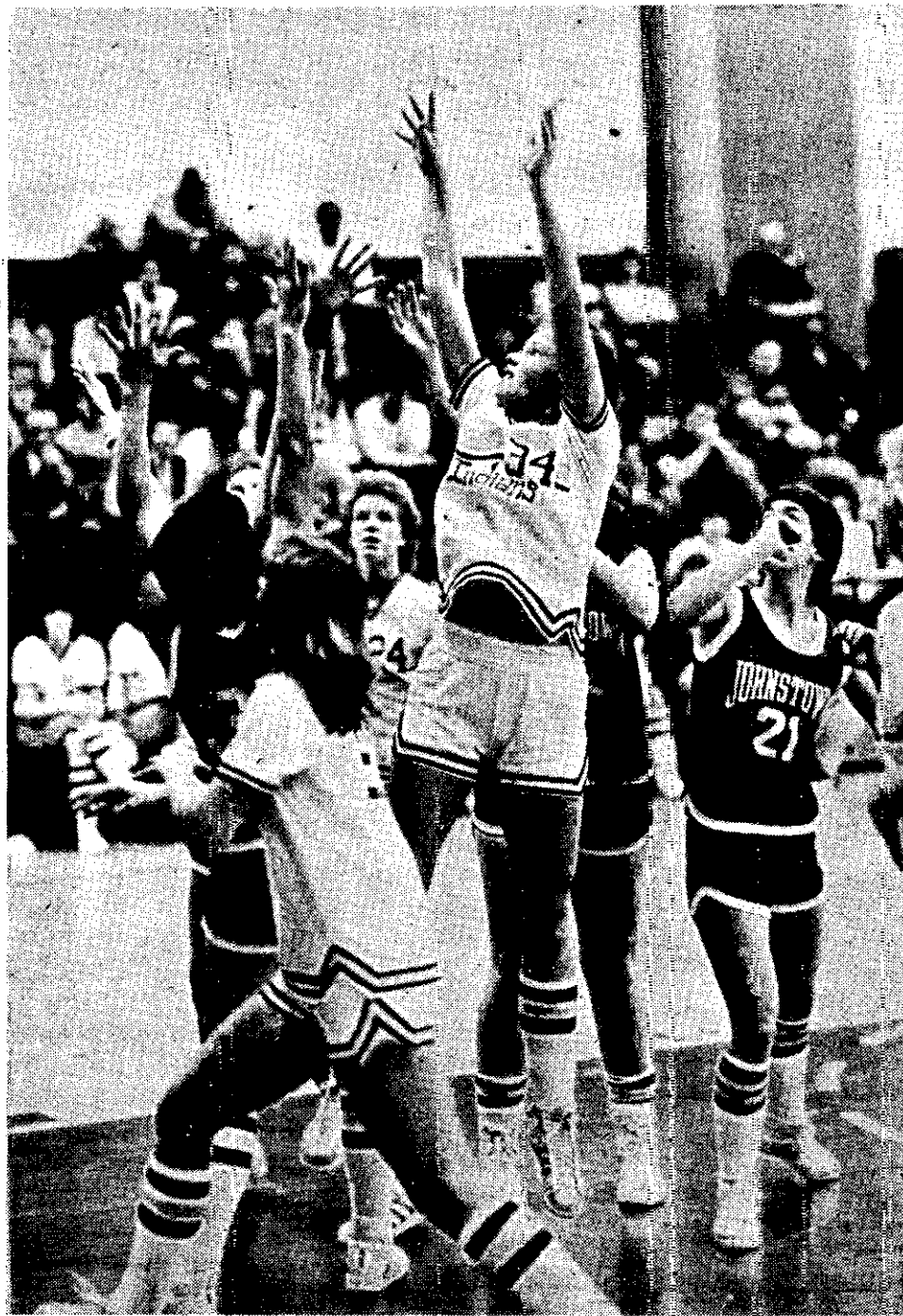
Veteran Art Ritchko has again been appointed varsity head coach for Bethlehem Central's baseball squad, with the junior varsity under Ken Hodge. Other coaching assignments for the spring include Nelson Harrington, modified baseball; John Furey, head of varsity boys' track with assistants Robert Collen and John DeMeo.

Varsity girls' track will be headed by Denise Minnear, with Kathy Cleary assisting. Julie Wendth is head coach for the varsity boys' tennis team and varsity softball head is Jess Braverman, with Linda Allaway coaching JV and Michelle O'Brien with the modified team.

Tots pool time

Swimming instruction for children 4 through 6 is being offered this spring by the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department. Classes will be given Tuesdays and Thursdays, in half hour segments, from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central Middle School. The program begins April 3.

Each swimmer must be accompanied by a responsible adult. There is a limit of



Tracey Griffin (34), a season-long sparkplug on the RCS girls basketball varsity, attempts a two-pointer from close range in a Sectional playoff against Johnstown at Ravena.

Spotlight - Tom Howes

10 children per session and pre-registration is required. The program is open to residents of The Town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Central School District. The fee is \$16 and registration can be made by calling (439-4131) or in person at the park office at E.M. Ave., Delmar, weekdays, beginning March 15.

Spotlight SPORTS



RCS coach Betty Faxon watches intently from the sidelines.

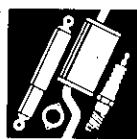
BC spikers bid for playoff spot

Bethlehem Central and Mohonasen volleyball teams will meet today (Wednesday) in a playoff for the eighth and last spot in the Suburban Council tournament. The team took a 3-11 record into their last league game yesterday (Tuesday) at home against Shenendehowa. There are no Sectionals in volleyball.

The team is led by co-captains Jeff Randles and Jaron Bourque, the only players with varsity experience prior to this season. Other starters are Tom O'Connor, Doug Cole, Rick Jones, Eric Dullea, Andy Tomlinson and Steve Shaefer.

The JV team is 6-5 and Coach Ray Sliter is hoping for many players to return for next year.

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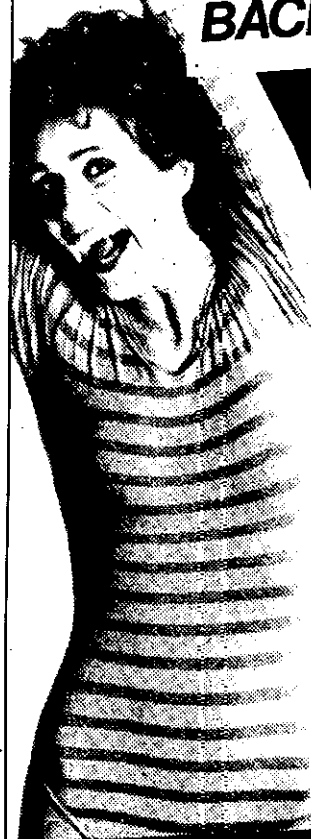
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Schulz, Demarest end season with a splash

It was altogether fitting and proper that the only two seniors in Bethlehem Central's six-member delegation at the state championship swim meet in Syracuse would be the ones to set records.

In their final appearance under BC colors, Doug Schulz and John Demarest took advantage of the prestigious state meet to chip a few more fractions off records they already held. Schulz rewrote two of his own school records, one of them also a Section 2 mark, and Demarest one.

In the process, these two brilliant athletes, latest in a sparkling array of outstanding swimmers produced in Jack Whipple's renowned pool incubator, helped the Section 2 team to its highest finish in the state meet since 1962. The six Bethlehem swimmers on the 14-member team from this section accounted for 94 of Section 2's 152 points, good for sixth place among the state's 12 sections.

Adding to the luster was Melissa Martley's third place in the diving, the highest finish ever by a girl in a boys' state championship meet. The previous high was a fourth place by Cheryl Brown of West Islip (L.I.) in 1975.

Schulz, who has been beating a steady rat-a-tat-tat on the wall of records at the BC pool all season, is leaving as his legacy Bethlehem school records of 1:59.12 in the 200 IM and 1:01.1 in the 100-yard breaststroke. Those times in the Nottingham High School tank Saturday bettered his 2:00.2 in the Sectional meet at Albany State the preceeding weekend and his 1:01.4 in the Eastern Interscholastics at Lawrenceville, N.J. two weeks ago.

Schulz's IM clocking was also a Section 2 record, and marked the third consecutive Saturday he had broken the school and Sectional record for that event. Despite cracking the 2-minute barrier for the first time, he had to settle for third place in the rarified atmosphere of the state meet.

Demarest, a superior sprinter for three years on the BC varsity, also shaved another fraction off a school standard for the second straight week. In the 50-yard freestyle at Nottingham he placed eighth

Youngest Dolphin scores high

One of the youngest swimmers among 33 members of the Delmar Dolphins competing in the second annual Knights Swim Classic at New Hartford Sunday was the only Dolphin to bring home four ribbons.

Emily Church, swimming in the 8-and-under age group, won the 100-yard freestyle, scored a second place in the 25-yard backstroke, and placed third in the 25-yard butterfly and 50-yard freestyle. Six places count in the awards.

Delmar's only other first place went to Justin Baird in the 11-12 boys division 500-yard freestyle. He also got a fourth in

Classes for swimmers

A stroke improvement program for children who are able to swim at least 25 yards is being offered this spring by the Town of Bethlehem. Sessions will be on Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursdays from April 3 through May 8. Tuesday and Wednesday sessions will be at the high school pool; Thursday sessions will be at the middle school.

Novices will swim from 6 to 6:45 p.m., followed by beginners, intermediates and advanced swimmers. Class size will be limited to 20 for novice, beginner and intermediate swimmers. The fee is \$12 and registration can be made in person or by calling (439-4131), the Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, weekdays beginning March 15.

SWIMMING

in 21.90 seconds, erasing the 21.98 he did in the March 3 Sectionals in Albany.

Three state records tumbled in the Syracuse action, one of them owned by a former Bethlehem superstar. Sean Herbert of Auburn High School (Section 3) swam the backstroke in 52.3, bettering the 52.6 set by BC's Ken Neff in 1979. The other new records were established by Rick Aronberg of Fairport (Section 5), 4:35.7 in the 500 free (old mark was 4:36.4), and by Dave Schraven of Kenmore East (Section 6), who rewrote his own 1:54.7 in the 200 IM with a time of 1:52.1.

Section 5 (Rochester) and Section 6 (Buffalo) tied for first place in the meet with 306 points each, followed by Section 4 (Southern Tier) with 226 Section 3 (Syracuse-Utica) with 205, and Section 11 (Long Island), with 157.

With Demarest leading off and Schulz anchoring, Bethlehem's crack 400-yard freestyle relay quartet finished sixth in 3:16.99. Swimming the middle stints were Knute Hvalsmarken and Eric Patrick. Hvalsmarken was 11th in the 200 free in 1:48.7, and Pierre LaBarge of BC was 15th in the 500 with 4:59.7.

Chris Martin, a Voorheesville senior swimming for the merger Guiderland-Voorheesville team, got a ninth place with a 56.5 clocking in the backstroke. A teammate, Dave Purrington of Guiderland, was seventh in the 100 free in 48.4 and 11th in the 50 free in 22.4.

For Jack Whipple, the state meet wound up what he termed "one of the most enjoyable seasons" of his 15 campaigns as head coach on Delaware Ave. "We had outstanding leadership from Doug Schulz and Dave Young, and all the boys were most cooperative in the last half of the season when I had to divert a lot of time from coaching to my work as acting principal (of the high school)."

Nai Boynton

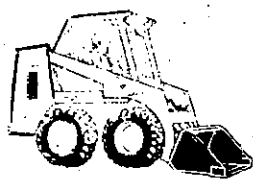


Teaming up for the Ronald McDonald House bowling tournament, which began this week at Del Lanes and other area alleys, are Deborah Ross, Ronald McDonald House manager; Kenneth Ringer, manager of Del Lanes and president of the Capital District Bowling Proprietors Association (BPA); Jean Denson, tournament director; Dan Formica, owner of the Delmar and Ravena McDonald's; and George Burton, executive director of the BPA.

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What a show!

Editor, The Spotlight:

In celebration of Bethlehem Central High School's 50th Anniversary, scores of people gave freely of their time and energy, culminating in two evenings of a sold-out production of the Variety Show. On behalf of the school district and myself, I want to thank everyone who worked so hard in preparation for "the show" and the crowds of people (many alumni) who came to share in the recognition of BCHS.

I also extend my sincere appreciation to *The Spotlight* for the marvelous special edition of March 7. It is a keepsake!

No one really expected the Variety Show would draw 300-400 senior citizens for the dress rehearsal, topped by two standing-room-only crowds, so it is regrettable that some who came never got in.

Lawrence A. Zinn, Superintendent
Bethlehem Central School District
Delmar

Out in the cold

Editor, The Spotlight:

Did anyone else notice the irony last weekend as BCHS celebrated "50 Years of Excellence," which I experienced through 12 years of school in the district and witnessed on stage Friday evening in a terrific production, was due, largely, to those individuals who stood *outside* the high school building holding picket signs. These teachers should have been *inside*, receiving applause and praise. The school board's lack of recognition of their excellence has forced them out in the cold.

As a proud alumna, an area teacher and a very satisfied member of Friday night's audience, I applauded the efforts of those who participated in the show, and especially the dedication and fortitude of the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association.

Rita Silverman '72
Slingerlands

Thanks for the show

Editor, The Spotlight:

While watching the Variety Show at Bethlehem Central High School last night, the thought kept going through my mind about how good people were to put on such a show. My wife and I enjoyed it immensely. It made me feel good, too, and very happy.

The director and all who participated in the show deserve a lot of credit. Thanks for the sunshine and joy you gave to my life. It confirms my view that people are truly wonderful.

James R. Adams
Slingerlands

In Memorium

Editor, The Spotlight:

Let it be known that we, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delmar Fire Department, do record with deep sorrow the passing of our member and charter president, Agnes Ryan, March 1, 1984.

Her efforts in founding our auxiliary and maintaining her active membership for 47 years will long be remembered.

Officers and Members of the
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Named state police aide

State Police Deputy Chief Inspector Frederick D. Thumhart has been promoted to assistant deputy superintendent. He will remain in his present position as director of planning and research at division headquarters in Albany. A 25-year member of the force, Col. Thumhart came to Albany in 1967 and was for many years associated with division headquarters on the academy staff. A Delmar resident, Thumhart has a bachelor's degree from Russell Sage College, a master's degree in public administration from C.W. Post College of Long Island University and a certificate of labor studies from the state school of Labor and Industrial Relations at Cornell University.

Electing officers

Friends of Bethlehem Public Library will be electing officers and adopting by-laws at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at the library. The group plans to discuss programs and policies for supporting the library, and everyone is welcome.

Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

March 12, 1959

The Cherry Blossom Ball was presented by the Class of '61 in the BC Senior High dining room against a Japanese setting. Polly Hale and Wanda Fish were general chairmen, assisted by Louise Calisto, Judi Jones, Elaine Freidel, Alice Daley and Alma Clegg.

A letter to the *Spotlight* from "a paid subscriber" is critical of the paper. The letter stated, in part: "You have a front page spread on Mr. Ryan's retirement. Last year you had the same for Mrs. Sophie Gleason, assistant in the Slingerlands post office. How come this same recognition was not given to Mr. William Degenaar, Slingerlands postmaster, who retired Jan. 1?" The editor (LeVere Fuller) apologized and stated: "We, too, were sorry we were not notified in time to do an exclusive story. Our reporting staff is so small we do not try to cover stories that have already appeared in the out-of-town (Albany) papers."

March 12, 1964

Edgar L. Potter, 69, has been elected unanimously to succeed the late Otto DeHeus as chairman of the Bethlehem Republican Committee.

March 14, 1969

The Bethlehem Police will meet the Delmar-Elsmere firemen in a donkey basketball game Saturday at BCHS for the benefit of the Bethlehem Lions Club Sight Conservation Program.

March 15, 1979

Marjory C. O'Brien, a Delmar housewife with five children, an RN certificate and a long list of volunteer activities, is the first declared candidate for the Bethlehem school board in the spring elections. She will seek the seat vacated by Mary Ann Stringham of Delmar, who has moved to Portsmouth, N.H.

An Albany father whose three sons, aged 8, 7 and 5, were waiting in Delaware Plaza while he placed bets at the local OTB parlor Sunday afternoon had to make restitution for candy taken from the Brooks drug store. Bethlehem police said a clerk saw the youngest boy grab two candy bars just before the trio ran from the store. The amount of the restitution: 40 cents.



Judith Cohen

Poetry at library

Judith Cohen of Delmar will read selections from her poetry at the Bethlehem Public Library's Readings at the Library on Sunday, March 25, at 2 p.m. Silvia Barnard and Jerry DeCarlo of Albany and Nancy Hayden of Slingerlands also will read original work.

Protect pets

Area veterinarians are urging dog owners to have their pets checked for heartworm infection this spring. The disease is spread by at least three species of mosquitos common to this area that have a flight range of up to 20 miles. When a mosquito bites an infected dog, it becomes infected with the baby heartworms and can pass them to a healthy pet.

A veterinarian can perform a blood test to determine whether a dog has baby heartworms present in its bloodstream. If none is found, daily medication can be given during the mosquito season to protect the pet. The test should be done annually, veterinarians said.

New chief to talk

Bethlehem's new chief of police, Paul Currie Sr. will address the town's Senior Citizen Organization on Thursday, March 22, at 1 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Town Supervisor Thomas Corrigan will introduce Currie, who assumed his duties on Jan. 1.

The meeting is open to the public.

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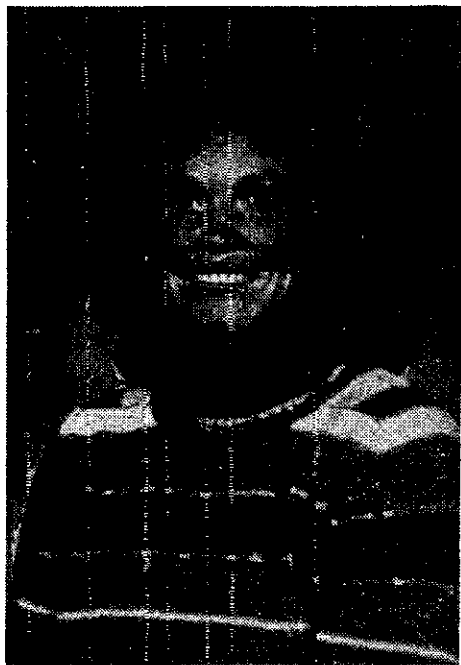
Mr. and Mrs. John Matey, Jr. of Slingerlands have announced the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Anne, to David Robert Fountain, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Fountain of Scotia.

Miss Matey is a teacher at Saint Teresa of Avila School in Albany. Her fiancé is self-employed, and is a pilot with the Air National Guard. A spring wedding is being planned.

Auxiliary plans supper

The American Legion Auxiliary at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post in Elmsmere will have its monthly meeting over a covered dish supper on Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. Members are asked to bring casseroles and their own place settings. The guest speaker will be Arlene Jordan, coordinator of the First Reformed Church's Bethlehem Food Pantry.

For information, call Helen Reynolds at 439-7386.



Mary Ellen Andrews

Andrews - Burns

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Andrews of Voorheesville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ellen, to Michael K. Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Burns of Delmar.

Miss Andrews is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and the State University at Cobleskill. She is presently employed at Peaches 'N Creme, Stuyvesant Plaza.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY at Brockport. He is employed at Colonial Plumbing Corporation, Albany.

A Sept. 15 wedding has been set.

Listed in 'Who's Who'

John Harlan Burriss, son of Mrs. Charles S. Burriss of Delmar, and an architecture major at Miami University, has been listed in the 1984 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Brandon-Von Ohlsen

David and Ann Brandon of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Bonita June, to Craig Alan Von Ohlsen, son of Richard and Ruth Von Ohlsen of White Plains. Miss Brandon is a 1979 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She and her fiancé expect to receive degrees in landscape architecture in May from the State University School of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse. The wedding is planned for July 7.

Park passes offered

New York State Golden Park Passes for residents 62 or older are available at the senior services office of the Town of Bethlehem, at the town hall. The passes give the holder free access to state parks and recreational facilities and a 50 percent reduction in some park fees. The pass also provides free entrance to state historic sites. Golden Park Passes are honored Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays.

On early retirement

Walter Burke, president of the Personal Consulting Group, a financial planning firm, will pose the question "Why not plan for early retirement?" to the Delmar Progress Club at its meeting on Monday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. The program is being sponsored by the government council, chaired by Rosemary Brown.

SENIOR CITIZENS



Senior citizens in the Town of Bethlehem will attend a performance of "The Wake of Jamie Foster" at the Capital Repertory Theater on Wednesday, March 28. A bus will leave the town parking lot on Kenwood Ave. at 1:15 p.m. and return at 5 p.m.

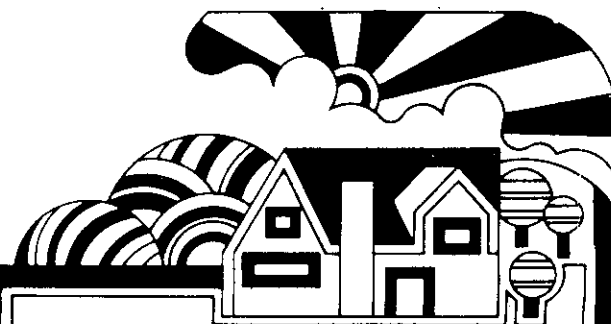
Seniors who wish to attend the performance can sign up at the senior citizen organization's weekly meetings, held from 12:30 to 4 p.m. each Thursday at the Bethlehem Town Hall. There will be a charge of \$8.50.

Sabbath service topic

Congregation Ohav Shalom in Albany will offer a class in the Sabbath morning service. Joan Ganz of Delmar will be instructor for the Monday evening class that will meet from 8 to 9:30 p.m., beginning April 2. The course is intended to increase fluency in reading Hebrew, to promote understanding of the underlying ideas of key prayers and to teach the rituals involved in Jewish liturgy and a core "vocabulary of Jewish life."

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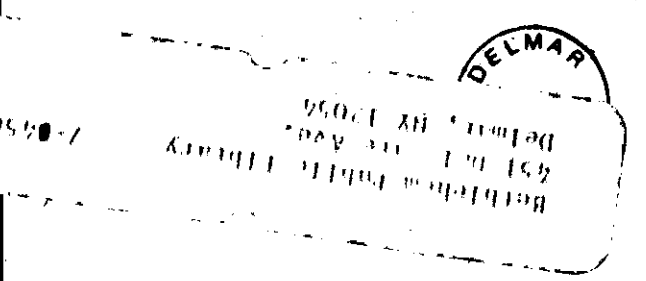
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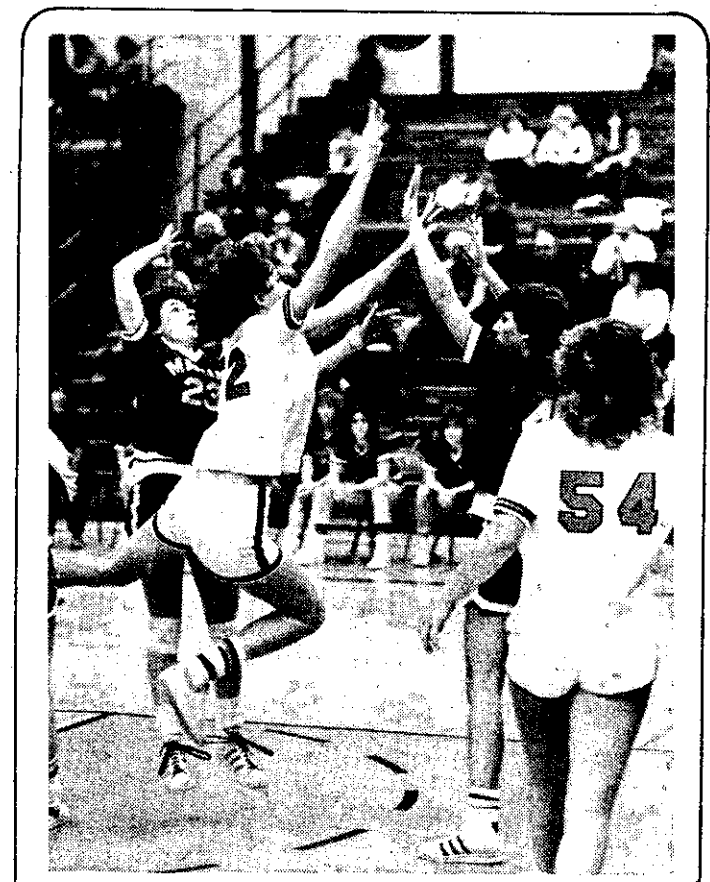
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