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## District, teachers reach tentative accord

By Caroline Terenzini

What everybody has been hoping for apparently has happened — an agreement in the year-old Bethlehem Central School District teacher contract talks. Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn and Bethlehem Central Teachers Association President William Cleveland, meeting privately Monday for six hours, came up with an accord to present to their respective sides.

Approval by the BCTA and the school board could come today (Wednesday), with a BCTA meeting slated this afternoon and a regular board meeting already scheduled for this evening.

"We couldn't have done what we did without the work done by our negotia-

tors," Zinn said when asked about the apparent bypassing of the negotiators hired by both sides. Gordon Molyneux, a teacher at the high school, is the chief negotiator heading the BCTA negotiating team, and Joseph Kelly of Thealan Associates in Latham has been in the

process" but that negotiation was not precluded. Asked beforehand about the session, he described himself and Zinn as "somewhat in parallel positions" in the talks and therefore as able "perhaps to bring additional understanding on the issues."

***Bypassing the stalled negotiation process, Superintendent Lawrence Zinn and teachers association President William Cleveland met Monday and hammered out an agreement.***

talks for the district, along with Business Administrator Franz Zwickbauer. Cleveland said the Monday meeting had been intended to "expedite the negotiation

Monday's meeting dealt with all outstanding issues, Cleveland said, including some things not in the fact-finding report issued in January. He

characterized the long session as "extremely useful." Cleveland said his recommendation to the union executive committee and the membership would be for a three-year agreement, but he and Zinn declined to reveal specifics until the teachers and the board had heard them. When talks began, the union was seeking a one-year agreement and the district one for three years. As the year melted away in unsuccessful negotiations, the range was narrowed to two years with 6 percent raises in each, or three years with 6½ percent in the first two years and 6 percent in the third. What pay increase was agreed upon was not revealed.

Arbitration or some other means if

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It may have been a bit early to paint Easter eggs (and definitely too wet to hunt them outdoors), but Gretchen Gies, 8, of Voorheesville was just in time to get her face

painted Saturday at the annual Junior Carnival at the Voorheesville Elementary School. Junior Mary Beth Manning applies the paint. Tom Howes

DELAWARE AVENUE

## Focal point is site plans

By Vincent Potenza

The power of site plan review has become the focal point of interest for no less than four distinct groups in the Town of Bethlehem — the town board, planning board, chamber of commerce and a coalition of neighborhood associations — via the Delaware Avenue Task Force.

And in the midst of it all, the planning board has proposed a fee schedule for site plan applications that may raise a few eyebrows in the business community, especially since it's not quite certain yet exactly who will come under review and how often.

The meeting of the task force last week was dominated by a report from planner John LaForte's aesthetics subcommittee that began with recommendations for altering the existing site plan approval procedure. First was the recommendation that the review be extended to include all commercial construction and any change in use for an existing structure that would affect traffic and parking requirements.

The current commercial site plan procedure extends only to those businesses altering a structure in excess of 50 percent of its current area.

Next LaForte recommended that all site plan applications include the height of structures as well as details of materials to be used in construction. To this would be added, at the request of the planning board, a rendering of the building as well as photographs of adjoining properties and any structures thereon, he said.

LaForte went on to say that guidelines for the site plan would indicate the maximization of green area and the encouraging of low plantings in the front yard. The committee, during a discussion of plantings, arrived at a working consensus that there should be one "major" tree per every ten parking spaces in a commercial parking lot.

The group also decided it would be desirable to have no trees closer to the roadway than one foot back from the state right-of-way, and that there should

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## BC's budget: where the money's going

By Caroline Terenzini

The proposed 1984-85 Bethlehem Central budget carries a 10 percent tax increase for Bethlehem property owners and 9.5 percent for district residents in New Scotland. It has been called the largest tax increase in the district's history, and many people are upset.

In fact, the increase is not the largest ever — taxpayers in 1954 saw a 43 percent increase; in 1967, a 14.3 percent hike and in 1971, a 10.3 percent boost. Nevertheless, a 10 percent increase in school taxes means a taxpayer who paid \$1,500 to the school district last September will be paying \$1,650 this year, and explanations are in order.

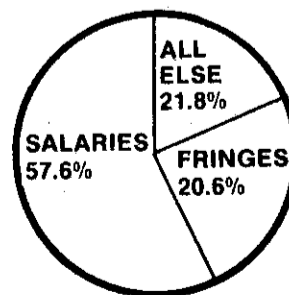
But there appears to be no single, simple explanations for this budget. State aid is virtually the same as last year. Teacher salaries will go up either 6 or 6½

percent when the current contract dispute is settled. Other major cost increases facing the district are \$110,000 more for capital projects and \$96,000 more for equipment.

Veteran school board member John Clyne calls the \$16.78 million budget plan "reckless spending" and has called for its defeat in the May 9 district election. Administrators and the other five board members, who voted for the budget, say the reasons the tax rate has increased so much are largely out of their control, a product of the way education is financed in New York State and of the fact that education is a personnel-intensive industry, which means that budget choices often become personnel choices.

Personnel is the one area where Clyne

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The school district has 426 people on its payroll, including 237 instructional employees and 14 administrators. The cost of fringe benefits is made up of payments to the state retirement and teacher retirement systems, the Social Security system, workers' compensation fund and health and life insurance providers. Spotlight chart

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## Delaware Ave. site plans

exist a 10-foot "buffer zone" between a commercial site and any adjoining residential property.

LaForte recommended to the group that any architectural review undertaken for a site plan application should insist that all buildings be "harmoniously constructed as far as building style and materials." This would alleviate the practice particularly noticeable on Delaware Ave. of tacking modern additions on much older buildings. LaForte pointed out.

that these should be displayed in the vicinity of the front entrance.

There was another long discussion over whether the flashing "time and temperature" signs that alternate between the two should be permitted. There was some question as to how these signs (there are two on the street now) were allowed in the first place, since the ordinance already prohibits flashing signs. The group decided, however, that if the time and temperature displays were separate

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Wherever possible, he continued, utility wires should be run underground, or, failing that, utility poles should be to the rear of sites.

Lighting for a commercial site will be looked at in detail by the planning board. LaForte continued, to see that it is adequate for security and safety but not excessive so that it bothers residences nearby. He also recommended that any type of lighting whose color or position with respect to Delaware Ave. is such that it can be confused with traffic or vehicular lighting be banned.

The group as whole spent a long time discussing the problem of signage along the road, beginning with LaForte's recommendation that all signs be affixed flush to buildings. But the group was stumped for the time being about how to handle directory-type signs that list a multitude of tenants in one building.

One suggestion was to use two or more smaller signs and space them so that they are individually visible from a moving car, but no consensus was reached on that point. There was agreement that all buildings should have street numbers and

and continuous not alternating the signs could stay.

LaForte went on to recommend that the setbacks for new construction along the street shouldn't be "any closer to the road than the closest adjoining structure." This was the best method he could come up with for keeping buildings at least as far back as they are now, he said. LaForte further recommended that commercial lots should have side and rear yards of at least eight feet, a figure he arrived at by trying to discern how much room would be needed to put up a 30-foot ladder. There are currently no side or rear yard setbacks for commercial lots required in the zoning ordinance.

As for parking, LaForte continued, his group had decided that when businesses are on corner lots the side streets should be used for entrances whenever possible.

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# Town board hikes landfill fees

But the residents were a little more stringent in their requirements. They proposed that all new construction be either Colonial or Victorian, that all existing trees should not be removed unless unavoidable and then replaced, that all signs should be of "a modest and uniform size" and attached to buildings, that vacant buildings be maintained by owners for safety and appearance, and that the site plan procedure itself be reviewed annually.

The residents' letter said they "oppose and would strongly resist" any encroachment of existing commercial zones into residential areas.

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is in the process of preparing its own recommendations to the task force, and its views on the expansion of the commercial area are likely to differ from that of the neighborhood groups. However, the chamber is not expected to oppose the basic thrust toward more control over commercial space on Delaware Ave.

The residents and the task force were basically in agreement on the point that fueled controversy over the highway some six months ago — Elsmere School in particular and all schools in general should be buffered from high-volume traffic-generating or otherwise undesirable types of business. Planner Warren Kullman's subcommittee, set up to review just this problem, last week presented the group with a list of commercial uses that would not be allowed within 250 feet of a school.

Among these were liquor stores, bowling alleys, pool halls, arcades, restaurants, fruit and vegetable markets, and so on.

But another controversy over all this new regulation may be in the works. That is, who will pay for it?

At a regular meeting two weeks ago, the planning board quietly passed a resolution recommending to the town board a new fee schedule for site plan review, with fees of \$500 and up for new commercial construction and \$250 and up for changes in a commercial use.

Although the planning board has had a limited power of site plan review for some two years and the ordinance says a fee will be charged for the review, that fee was never settled on, hence none has been charged. Planning Board Charles Redmond has pushed for the fee schedule because, he said, members of the town engineering department and town planning consultant Edward Kleinke are continually called on by builders to help work out a site plan. It's wrong, Redmond maintained, for residents to pay for this service with their tax money when the burden rightly belongs with the builder. Hence the fee schedule.

But nobody currently knows just who will come under the new, as-yet-unwritten site plan ordinance, and how often. And it is clear that if the new ordinance is enforced as rigorously as it is being written, the multitude of small businesses along Delaware Ave. will be undergoing a lot of review — and paying for it.

It's costing Albany more to dispose of the solid waste it accepts from Bethlehem and other communities, and in the case of Bethlehem that cost is being passed right on through to the consumer (or should we say the disposer?). The only ones coming out ahead on the deal is the town.

The Bethlehem Town Board last week agreed to pay the fee increase Albany has been asking of all the municipalities that use its ANSWERS facility, which means that the per ton cost of delivering solid waste to the Rapp Rd. plant goes from \$4.40 to \$6 per ton. At the same time, the town board hiked its own fees for using the Bethlehem landfill on Rupert Rd. for everybody but residential-users (still 25 cents a load with a town tag).

Commercial users will now pay 75 cents a yard for non-compacted loads (up a quarter); \$2 a yard for demolition, brush and stumps (from \$1); and \$6 a yard for compacted loads.

The old fee for compacted loads was \$2 per yard. Supervisor Tom Corrigan told the board that "the idea is to steer all compacted loads to ANSWERS, so we don't have to bother with them."

Bethlehem was one of the last municipalities to agree to the fee increase from Albany, and only after negotiations had produced the concession the town wanted. "We got permission to hold off

on building a transfer station until the volume of refuse reaches a certain level," Corrigan said.

The town board also approved an extension of the Bethlehem water district to include four properties on Orchard St. The new 16-inch water line will run about 2,700 feet southwest of Fisher Blvd., and will be paid for entirely by Dr. Frank Maxon and his wife Joan, who own the largest parcel to be included in the extension, and the board discussed the possibility that eventually the line can be extended all the way to Delaware Ave.

Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor said he expects the work to be completed by July or August depending on how quickly the plans are approved. "It'll only take us two or three weeks to put it in; it'll take the rest of the time to shuffle the paper," he said.

In other business, the board:

Agreed to hire Clough Harbour Associates to conduct a limited study of soil conditions at the proposed Normans Gate subdivision in Elsmere. The study, with an estimated cost of \$2,850, is to be paid for by the developer, the Van-Euclid Co. The company and the town are involved in complicated litigation, and the question of the soil stability of the area is the major outstanding issue. Secor said Van Euclid preferred the phased



Town workers prepare a section of the new sidewalk on Elm Ave., installed to eliminate hazardous walking conditions for students on their way to the high school.

Tom Howes approach over the more expensive work proposed by other area engineering firms; if the first phase indicates more study is necessary, a second phase would cost an estimated \$3,675, Secor said.

• Approved dumping permits for J.J. Keenan Construction on Clapper Rd., off Rt. 144; Glenford Craft on Clapper Rd.; Howard Vagele on Lyons Rd. and the Bethlehem Elks for their lodge on Rt. 144.

• Accepted 11 easements for the sidewalks the town is currently installing on Elm Ave. between Murray Ave. and Delaware Ave. Corrigan said town crews have completed the work, except for the final blacktop, which will be installed in several weeks.

## House burglarized

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of \$600 in cash, a quantity of antique coins and two silver candelabras from a dwelling on North Helderberg Pkwy., Slingerlands, about 6:15 p.m. Friday. Police said that entry was gained by breaking a pane in a rear door and that each room in the house had been ransacked.

## Site plan fees proposed

The proposed fee schedule for site plan review by the Bethlehem Planning Board has been forwarded by the planners to the town board for approval. The town board is expected to take up the proposal on its April 25 meeting.

The part of the schedule that is likely to cause some controversy is the commercial section. Currently being "re-written" by the Delaware Avenue Task Force, it is not yet clear exactly how the new, beefed-up review power of the planners would be handled and who would be affected.

The proposed schedule calls for fees of \$500 plus \$10 per parking space for new construction in a commercial zone, and \$250 plus \$10 per parking space for a change in use in a commercial zone.

It is not clear whether this review — and the fee — for a change in commercial use would apply when a building changed from one use to another, less traffic-intensive; say, from a retail store to an insurance broker's office. Or, for that matter, whether a review would be required when the "use" — say, retail — remained the same but traffic volume changed; as when a large store becomes a restaurant, assuming there are no exterior changes and there is adequate room for parking.

The planning board has also provided a site plan review fee of \$50 per lot for two family residential construction and \$50 plus \$40 per unit for residential construction of three or more units.

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# □ School budget is personnel-intensive

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and the rest of the board have specifically disagreed in the long, detailed series of budget meetings that produced the final spending plan. Clyne wants the staff cut. In budget discussions this year, he sought again to eliminate the Challenge program for the gifted, which uses two teachers, and he argued that the district cannot afford current class sizes - 30 pupils in elementary class "wouldn't be fatal," he said.

Other board members didn't agree. In prior years, staff cuts have been made to keep pace with a declining enrollment overall, and adjustments have continually to be made as "bulges" occur in the school population. For the coming year, overall enrollment is projected to be essentially the same as this year's, but with fewer middle school students and more in the lower grades and high school.

The fact remains that personnel is the biggest expense for the school district. In Bethlehem this year, \$1.1 million of the \$1.4 million increase in the budget is attributable to personnel costs. Of the 426 people on the district payroll, 175 are noninstructional workers (many of whom are part-time), 237 are instructional employees and 14 are administrators, including building principals.

In addition to negotiated raises,

teachers receive automatic salary increments at certain employment intervals, or "steps," a hangover from pre-negotiating days when the district simply handed out pay increases. These "step" increases amount to 1.7 percent of the payroll. The district has begun negotiations on a new contract with its noninstructional employees, and the 10 principals and assistant principals make up another bargaining unit.

Other expenses - such as Social Security payments and payments for retirement benefits are also pegged to the payroll and in the case of Social Security the percentage assessed also is going up. The district's payment to the Teacher Retirement System will go up in the coming year about \$48,000, to \$1.58 million.

Where is the rest of the increase coming from?

The proposed budget has \$110,000 more for capital projects in the next fiscal year, which accounts for 1 percent of the tax rate increase, and \$96,000 more has been allocated for equipment (much of it microcomputers) in the coming year - nearly another 1 percent of the tax rate. The nearly \$300,000 budgeted for building improvements is to take care of "immediate needs" of the district, according to Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer. But it does not eliminate

the possibility of a bond issue for capital improvements in the future.

In earlier budget sessions, the board was told that the district's physical plant is in need of about \$4.4 million in improvements. But the board has put this question on the back burner while it deals with more pressing issues; a public vote on the bond issue could come later this year.

On the income side of the ledger, the district remains under the "save harmless" provision of the state aid formula for the fifth year in a row. This means it will get the same number of dollars from the state as it got each of the preceding four years. But, as district officials point out, these dollars buy less each year. (And, if "save harmless" is ever eliminated, the district will be even worse off in terms of state aid, at least under current formulas.)

State aid is now distributed under complex formulas that take into account the wealth behind each pupil, determined for the next fiscal year on the basis of total property value and total income of the district, considered equally. So, Bethlehem's high proportion of desirable, marketable property and its high percentage of affluent residents lead the state to, in effect, it can take care of its own. State aid is now just under 21 percent of Bethlehem Central's budget.

An inflation factor is missing from school district budgets, too. The state's income tax revenue and the state's and county's sales tax revenues increase in an inflationary economy, but the school district's income is derived chiefly from the property tax, which is far less responsive to an expanding economy.

Bernard Harvith, a professor at Albany Law School and a board member for 12 years, sees the district as "a victim of circumstance this particular year." But where does that leave Bethlehem taxpayers, about 70 percent of whom don't have children in the district's schools?

If the school budget is rejected by the voters, the school board has several choices: it can resubmit the same spending proposal for another vote, it can cut the proposed budget and submit

## Where to look for the money

Copies of the Bethlehem Central School District's proposed 1984-85 budget are available for public inspection at the Bethlehem Public Library, in the offices of each of the district's seven schools and the Educational Services Center.

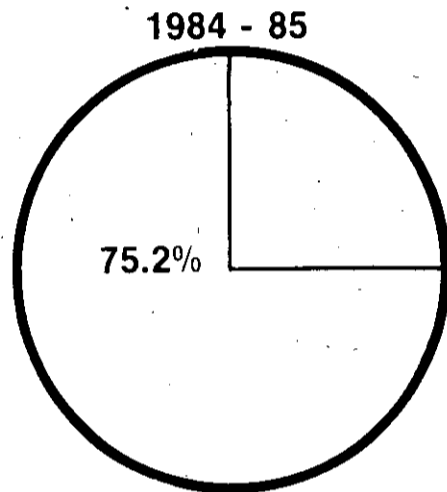
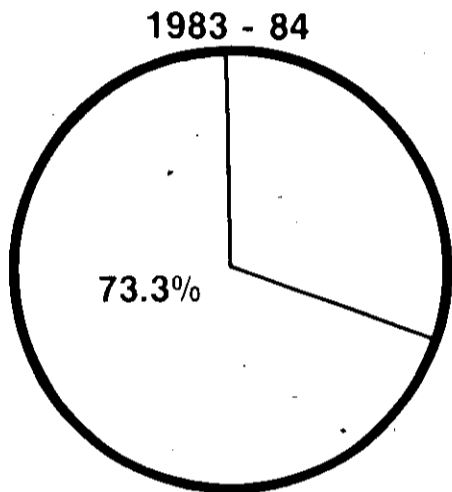
But interested citizens will have a difficult time matching what's in the document with what is being said publicly about raises for the district's employees.

An examination of the budget, which includes the budgeted amounts for 1983-84 (the current year), the actual expenditures for '83-84 and the budgeted amounts for 1984-85, shows overspending on the salary lines due to the expected salary settlement. Underspending on the other lines is expected to make up the difference.

In order not to tip the district's hand during contract talks, money for pay hikes is put into the budget, but not always on salary lines, so it cannot readily be identified. The "hidden" money includes pay boosts not only for the district's 237 teachers, but also for principals, noninstructional workers and three central administrators, who will get their raises (if the board keeps to past practice) after settlements are reached with the district's three bargaining units.

this revised plan, or it can adopt a contingency (or austerity) budget, submitting the eliminated expenses to the voters in one or more separate proposals.

Excluded from an austerity budget are such items as equipment purchases, all busing except that mandated by the state, interscholastic athletics, library books, nonessential improvements in buildings and grounds and public use of school buildings and grounds without charge.



The projected property tax levy for the coming fiscal year totals \$12.6 million, or 75.2 percent of the \$16.78 million budget. In the current fiscal year, the amount assessed on property owners was \$11.34 million, or 73.3 percent of the \$15.46 million budget.

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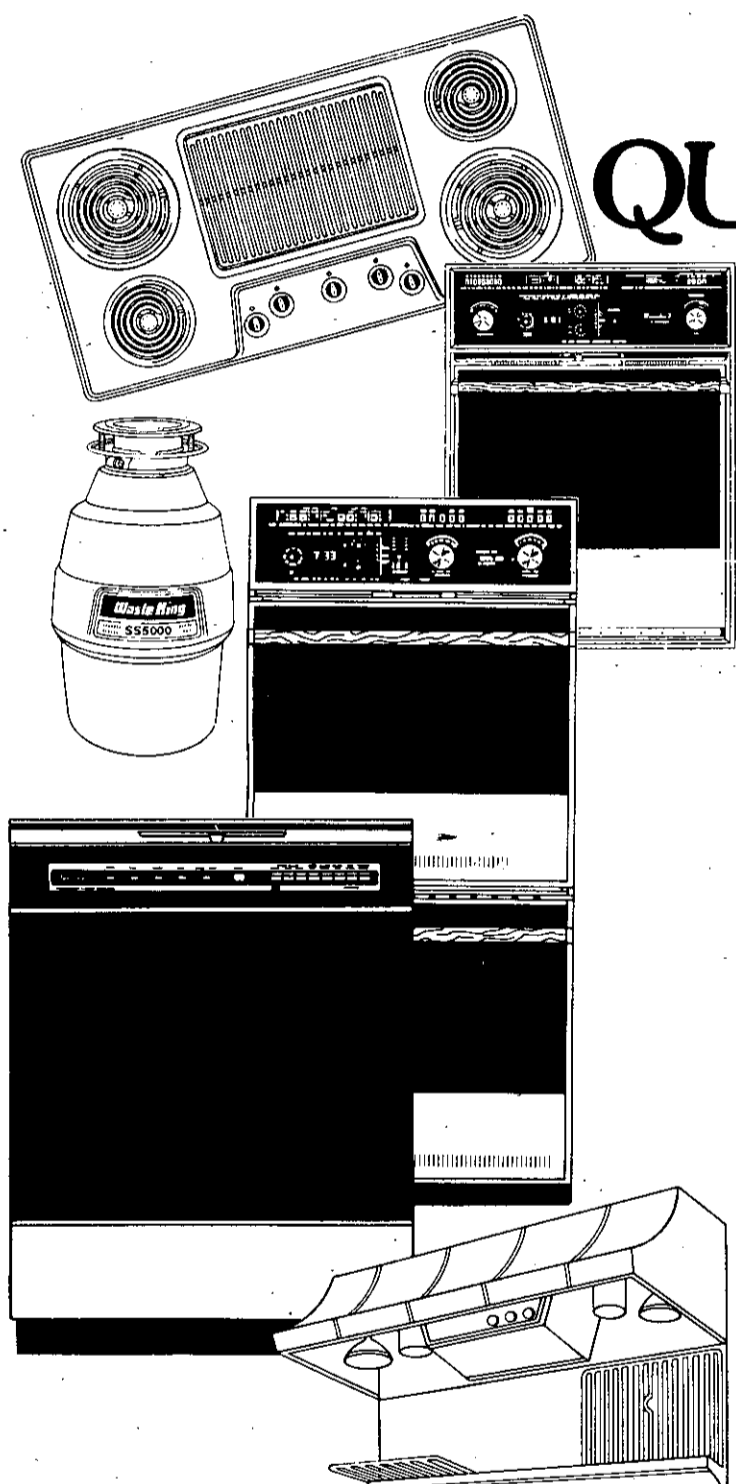
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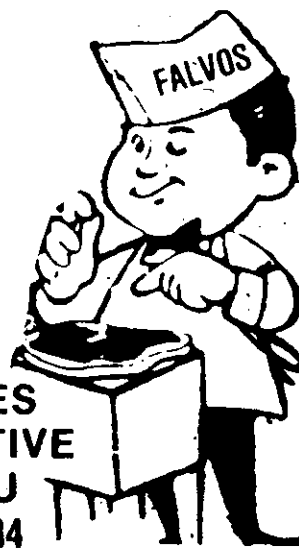
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# □ BC accord reached

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bringing finality to future negotiations was a major issue this year (and has been a BCTA demand in past contract talks), but indications are that it is not part of the current agreement. The school board has been strongly opposed.

The agreement comes at a point in the talks at which community interest has become aroused, chiefly because of a work-to-rule policy adopted by the teachers two weeks ago, but also because of picketing by teachers at board meetings and other public events in recent weeks. On the teachers' side, a good deal of tension has developed as a result of the campaign to bring pressure to bear on the school board. Even while marching in the picket line, one union member said fervently "I hate this!" In one elementary school, disagreement over what was required under work-to-rule had invaded the previously close-knit faculty to the extent that long-term friendships were being strained. High school teachers acknowledged their discomfort in refusing after-school help to students, and one elementary teacher said her teaching time had been cut in half by the need to use class time to correct papers so she would know what the children did not understand.

On the other side, the frustration of school board members with lack of progress in the talks was heightened by concern over what voters' reaction will be to the proposed 1984-85 budget, with the protracted negotiations as a backdrop.

The BCTA, concerned that the teach-

ers not "take the rap" for a possible budget defeat, had called a public meeting for May 3 "to explain where we are in terms of issues and in terms of positions." Cleveland said. If all goes well, that May 3 meeting can be cancelled.

## Success is shared

The Bethlehem Central High School 50th anniversary show, which played to standing-room-only crowds, is sharing its success. Four Bethlehem seniors will receive awards of \$500 each from the proceeds of the show. Patricia DeCecco, director, said awards will be made in recognition of motivation and potential in a specific area of endeavor, not restricted to the academic. Application forms may be obtained at the school guidance office and should be returned by April 30.

The remaining proceeds from the show will be used for a gift to the Student Senate to be used for the class of 1984 and for technical equipment for the high school auditorium. The event netted more than \$4,500.

## Dog bites man

James Mulholland, 37, of Latham, a mail carrier at the Delmar postoffice, told Bethlehem police he was attacked by a dog while making a delivery at an Elsmere Ave. address last Tuesday. The police report said Mulholland was treated by a physician for a wound on the right hand.



Lori Wasserstrom

## Going to Girls' State

Lori Wasserstrom of Delmar has been named the local representative to this summer's week-long Girls' State program sponsored by the American Legion. The citizenship training session will be conducted at the State University at Albany in June, with more than 300 girls participating from across the state.

A junior at Bethlehem Central High School, Lori is active in the Key Club at the school, a service organization associated with the Kiwanis Club. She is on the Junior Class Council and is a member of the Math Club. She also has worked on the yearbook and "The Thinking Reed," a student literary publication. Lori has a particular interest in aiding the deaf, and she has taken courses in sign

language at the State University and has helped to teach classes in signing at the Bethlehem Public Library. She is the daughter of William and Anne Wasserstrom of Delmar.

## BC candidates forum

Candidates for the Bethlehem Central School Board will square off before a studio audience and cameras at a forum on Monday, April 23, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. The debate, which is being sponsored by the Albany County League of Women Voters, will be televised at a later date on Cable Channel 16. The public is invited to sit in the audience, but questions from the floor will not be allowed.

## Snapping nature

The Delmar Camera Club's monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere. Al Hillis will present his animal program "Nature Far and Near," and the slide and print competition will have the theme "Bubbles." Last month's winners included Yota Lindroth, Amelia Anderson, Dean Stout and Florence Becker.

## Convenient checkup

The Bethlehem Lions Club and the American Legion will cooperate to sponsor a Health Day Fair on Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post in Elsmere. The free community service project will see trained personnel test for diabetes, high blood pressure and sight and hearing problems.

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# County receives funding for health care projects

By Susan Guyett

The Albany County Health Department has been awarded five grants totaling almost \$230,000 for maternal and child health care projects which will be administered through the county, state and Albany Medical Center.

The projects, funded by the state Department of Health through the Federal Emergency Jobs Bill, will concentrate on the following areas of concern: primary and preventive care for children from birth to five years old, prevention of low birth weight, care of chronically ill children, lead poisoning control and infant health assessment.

The Albany County Legislature authorized the county executive to sign agreements with the state and medical college for the programs at its April 9 meeting. The meeting was dominated by the legislature's discussion of the proposed Albany County civic center.

In other actions, the legislature called

for a public hearing on a new local law for the regulation of pretreatment and disposal of sewage for the Albany County Sewer District. The hearing will be held April 26 at 3:30 p.m.

The rules in the local law adopt federally required language for handling toxic and other substances in the county's sanitary and storm sewers. The proposal will be studied by the legislature's health committee prior to the public hearing.

Albany County will be chipping in \$12,500 to help fund The Shakespeare on the Plaza Theatre Festival. Other money for this summer, outdoor theatre will be provided by the City of Albany, Aetna Life and Casualty, the L.A. Swyer Company and the New York Telephone Company.

The county's contribution will come out of the budget's contingency account. County Attorney Robert Lyman said about 20,000 spectators are expected to view the performance.



Winners in the Bethlehem Art Associations 17th annual juried exhibit gathered last week at the Bethlehem Public Library. From left, Jan Thalheimer, who won second prize for her "Landscape in Blue and Orange"; Virginia Remington Rich, first prize winner with "Reflections"; Marilyn Pendelton, third prize for "The Normanskill," and Micki Ahl, an exhibitor. J.W. Campbell

## Sign up for signing

The Bethlehem Lions Club and the Bethlehem Public Library will combine for their third annual sign language workshop that begins Tuesday, May 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. The free 12-part class,

which will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, will be taught by Lions Club members and deaf people. Gene Levine is directing the popular program.

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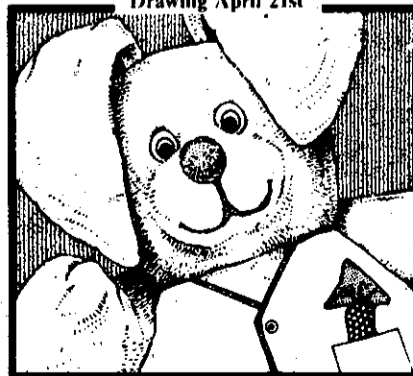
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# Will state tighten sulfur rules?

By Mary Pratt

New York has been a leader in pollution control during the past quarter of a century and is considering taking a lead again. This time the state may call for added reductions within its borders of the air pollutant sulfur dioxide, one of the chemicals that contributes to acid rain. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's power plant at Glenmont could be affected.

Sulfur and nitrogen oxides come from electric power plants, some industrial facilities, even automobiles, and to a much lesser extent natural events such as volcanic eruptions. These gases can change chemically in our atmosphere to produce the sulfuric and nitric acids that dissolve in rain and snow and form that part of air pollution we commonly call acid rain. Only recognized in the past decade, acid rain has captured enough attention to become an issue in this year's presidential election.

Acid rain and its effects on the environment were reviewed by scientists, citizens and business and government leaders in Albany last week at "Acid Rain: A New York State Agenda," a conference sponsored by the Rochester-based Center for Environmental Information. Officials from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) engaged in the first public discussion of options for further reducing New York State's sulfur dioxide emissions.

Since the state produces a significant portion (estimated at 10 to 20 percent) of its own acid precipitation, it could thereby reduce some of the damage to sensitive areas, such as Adirondack lakes, and reduce the pollution it exports to other states and Canadian provinces.

Reactions to New York's "going it alone" illustrated how polarized the feelings on this issue continue to be. David Sterman of the New York State Business

Council predicted that if New York were to cut its sulfur emissions unilaterally by 50 percent, some marginally profitable industries would leave the state or go out of business entirely.

The DEC's executive deputy commissioner, Langdon Marsh, did not see "serious economic dislocation because actions would be taken incrementally over several years." Frances Beinecke of the Adirondack Council, an environmental organization, said, "If we don't act now, future generations will consider us irresponsible; we cannot wait for others to act." By contrast, John Nutant of Consolidated Edison Company asked state officials why they conclude there is imminent danger from acid precipitation when, he said, the scientific evidence says that's not so.

Governor Mario M. Cuomo and state agency and legislative leaders also presented positions — all calling acid rain a national problem, but speaking in favor of actions New York can take or is taking. Cuomo was asked if New York will take some action for added control when its sulfur emissions policy is final.

"The state, I believe, will take action," Cuomo said. "Our history is one of, if not

having led the way, of being aggressive... doing everything we could on our own." He added, "What we need is for the Federal Government not only to recognize (acid rain) as a problem, but to recognize it as a problem that requires compromise."

Conversion of oil-fired electric power plants to coal has been one goal of energy planning in New York. So far those utilities which have applied to do so will also be required to limit the amounts of sulfur dioxide emissions from coal burning. (Locally, when Niagara Mohawk proposed converting its Glenmont plant to coal, emission controls were also being considered, although the company balked at suggestions that it install an expensive scrubber system). That application has since been withdrawn.

Under the proposed revised sulfur emissions policy, even those upstate utilities that continue to use oil could have to use oil with a sulfur content. The NiMo plant at Glenmont, although now burning gas, is allowed to use oil with up to two percent sulfur, according to a DEC staff member. Under a revised policy, that maximum could drop to 1.5 or 1 percent.

The DEC will release an environmental impact statement within a month or two, and will hold several hearings throughout the state. The new policy is expected to be in place by August.

## Language Olympics

The second annual Language Arts Olympics is slated for Saturday, June 9, from noon to 5 p.m., at the Empire State Plaza.

Boys and girls, ages 4 through 12, may register for the competition at local participating McDonald's restaurants throughout the tri-city area. The Language Arts Olympics are co-sponsored by the following organizations: Albany City Reading Council, McDonald's Albany Advertising Coop, Office of General Services, and WRGB-TV 6.

Events to be held in this year's competition are creative computer use, dramatic presentation, extemporaneous speaking, interpretive reading, spelling bee, story telling, creative writing, literary illustration and puppets and pantomime.

## A Burroughs tribute

An evening nature walk highlighted by the writings of John Burroughs is scheduled for Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, for Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. "John Burroughs' April" will explore the natural wonders of the spring twilight with particular emphasis on how the Hudson River naturalist interpreted his favorite month. Bluebirds, woodcock, hepatica, and the spirit of the Seer of Slabside will be among many subjects of interest to the budding naturalist on this walk. The evening exploration is open to the public free of charge.

## Pancakes at Slingerlands

The Slingerlands Fire Department's ladies auxiliary will serve a pancake breakfast at the firehouse on Sunday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets for the eating event are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children over five.

## Democrats go for Hart

Democrats in Bethlehem and New Scotland apparently didn't find much to choose from in the New York primary between front runners Walter Mondale and Gary Hart, although they did show a somewhat surprising fondness for Jesse Jackson.

Bethlehem Democrats chose Hart over Mondale by three votes, 687 to 684, while their counterparts in New Scotland gave the Colorado senator a somewhat larger

margin, 256 to 221. Jackson polled 153 votes in Bethlehem and 41 in New Scotland.

Both towns are in the 23rd Congressional District, which gave Mondale a solid win. In the district's cities, the Democratic organizations worked hard for Mondale, but the suburban vote was apparently not influenced by any major organizational efforts on either side.

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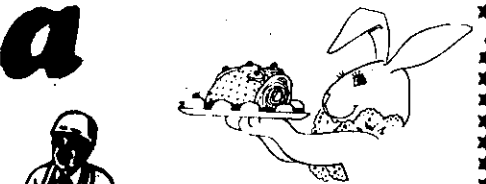
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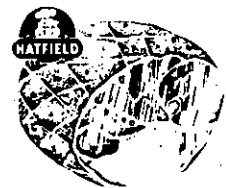


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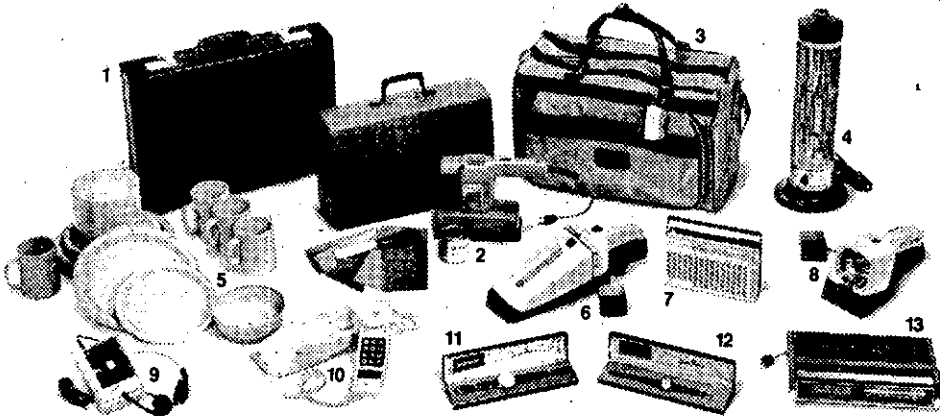
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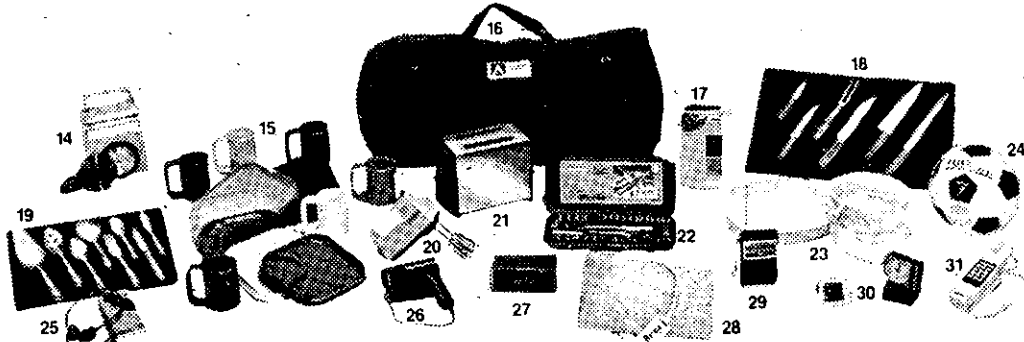
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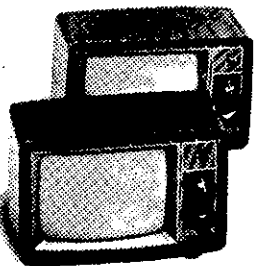
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# 15 students in honor society

Fifteen RCS Senior High students were inducted into the National Honor Society at an impressive ceremony on Thursday, March 22. Honor Society advisor Mrs. Bonnie Myers explains that membership is open to students in grades 10-12 and selections are based on scholarship, service, leadership and character. The scholastic level of achievement is 90 percent or higher. Inducted at the ceremony were Tina Boyere, David Brown, Meridith Bryant, Kimberly Daley, Ian Goodrich, Elizabeth Hunter, Debra Lawrence, Rhonda Newton, Divina Pannone, Tina Patterson, Sheila Seerly, Brian Stumbaugh, Lyn Marie WassdeCzege, Stefanie Wheeler and De Tran (honorary member).

## Bake sale on wheels

The United Methodist Women of South Bethlehem United Methodist Church have scheduled a traveling bake sale for next weekend. According to Mrs. Ada Court and Mrs. Austa Cole, co-chairmen, the sale will commence at the fire house in South Bethlehem on April 28. Beginning at 9 a.m. the women will remain at that location, allowing ample opportunity to purchase the variety of home-baked cookies, pies and cakes, before continuing through the streets of South Bethlehem until supplies have been exhausted. Anyone who would like to bake for the sale or wishing additional information may contact Mrs. Cole, 767-9920, or Mrs. Court, 767-9913.

## Another honor for Tom

Thomas Christopher, a senior at RCS Senior High School, is one of 500 finalists for a Josten Foundation scholarship. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Christopher of Blaisdell Ave., Coeymans. Tom was one of more than 19,000 high school students throughout the United States who applied for the award. The 200 scholarship winners will be announced later this month. Selection of the finalists and winners is based on outstanding achievements in school and community affairs, meaningful work experiences and academic excellence.

## Senior citizens plan trip

The South Bethlehem-Selkirk Sun-

## News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



shine Senior Citizens will be traveling to Schoharie on Monday, April 30, to visit the "Egg Tree." The group will tour the museum which is noted for its outstanding displays of beautiful and intricately designed creations made from the fragile Easter egg. While in the area they will be dining at the popular Parrot Restaurant. A bus will leave from the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem parking lot at 10:15 a.m. Any senior who would like to attend is invited to contact Bob Mayo, 767-3006.

## Learning about museums

A group of RCS students attended the Rensselaerville Institute on Friday, March 30. The workshop titled "History You Can Touch" was conducted by Dr. Martin Sullivan, director of the New York State Museum. Dr. Sullivan led a discussion in the morning, centered around artifacts. Students learned about what a museum is in business to do. In the afternoon session, students worked in small groups and were involved in a simulation activity to set up a museum in a school.

Attending the workshop were Ted Austin, Mark Henry, Michelle Diedrick, Bill Craft, Bill McMillen, Connie Hollenbach, Tricia Wasial, Netanis Lamoy, Christine Adriance and Theresa Frey. Miss Paula Vatalaro, junior high school art teacher, accompanied the group.

## Elks honor teenagers

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge has announced the four boys and girls selected as Teenager of the Month for February and March from Bethlehem Central High School. Teenage Girl of the Month for February is Lisa Suzanne Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Clark of Delmar, a senior and a member of the National Honor Society. An active member of Stage 700, the musical theater group she is currently vice president of

the organization. Lisa plays piano and clarinet and has been a member of the wind ensemble for three years.

Teenage Boy of the Month for February is Tung H. Cai of Delmar. A senior, Tung has been a member of the cross country team for two years and a member of the track team for three years, captain for the last two. An outstanding student, Tung is a member of the National Honor Society.

Carol Ann Hernandez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hernandez of Delmar, has been chosen as March's Teenage Girl of the Month. While Carol's hobbies include reading, skiing and running, her main interests center around music and the theater. A member of Stage 700, Carol has participated each year in the musicals performed by the group. Carol is also a member of the BCHS choir and orchestra. Accomplished in ballet, she helps teach ballet classes to young children.

Bethlehem Central's Teenage Boy of the Month for March is Thomas J. Denham, son of Mrs. Maud Denham of Delmar. Tom is in his senior year and a member of the National Honor Society. An avid coin collector, Tom also enjoys

sports, and is president of the Ski Club. Tom is an outstanding student and is president of the Student Senate.

## Wildlife programs set

Two programs on wildlife will be presented at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, April 28. "Sharing Spring with your Children" at 10 a.m. will introduce nature games and activities that the whole family can do to discover the world of spring. Pre-registration and a \$1 fee per family will be required for this indoor-outdoor workshop. Children and adults must accompany each other at this family-oriented program.

"Inviting Wildlife to Your Backyard" at 2 p.m. will discuss ways to attract wildlife, from butterflies to hummingbirds, to your own backyard ecosystem. Birdhouses, nest boxes and plantings will be among the wildlife management ideas to be examined at this workshop. This program is open to the public free. For information, call 457-6092.

## Rummage sale at church

The St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere will be the site for a spring rummage sale on Thursday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call Ruth Day at 439-6270.

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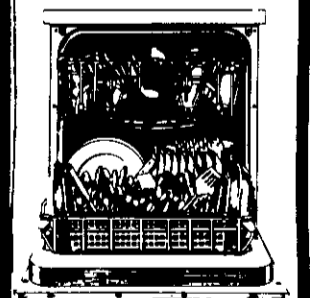
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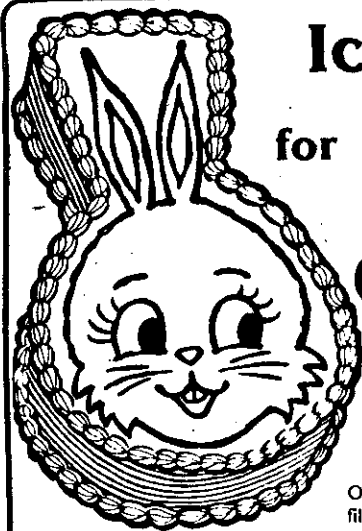
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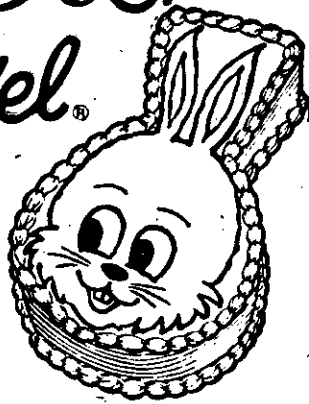


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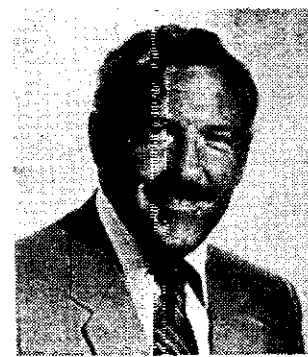
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## Contest on for library seat vacated by Osterhout

By Lyn Stapf

Wyman Osterhout is stepping down after 41 years as a charter member of the Voorheesville Public Library board, and his replacement will be chosen in the first election contest since the library was founded in 1943.

Three candidates have filed petitions for the balloting on May 9, simultaneous with the annual school board election and budget vote. They are Marilyn Bradley, Diane Connolly and Edward Donohue, all of Voorheesville.

Currently on the five-member board are Jane Blessing of New Scotland, Mary Jane Ewart of Altamont, Hugh McDonald of New Salem and Anthony Manning of Voorheesville.

A preliminary report is due in late October on a feasibility study by a consultant on proposals to expand, renovate or relocate the library. The facility has occupied the former Presbyterian Church structure on Main St. since 1950, when a smaller building across the street became too cramped.

Bradley, who has a master's degree in library science from SUNYA, worked in the university's library for a year and a half and for seven years as librarian in the elementary school in New Lebanon. She is a former board chairman of the Com-

munity Nursery School in Voorheesville and presently holds the part-time position as director of Christian Education at the First Church of Albany. She and her husband, David, live at 1 Birch Lane and have two children.

Connolly, a pediatric office nurse, holds an RN and BS degree in education from SUNYA-Plattsburgh. She has been active in PSTA and church organizations. She and her husband, Ken, have three children and live at 5 Danbury Ct.

Donohue, a U.S. Army veteran and graduate of Hudson Valley Community College, has been with Burroughs Corp. for 17 years and is presently manager of software services for the company. He is a past exalted ruler of the New Scotland Elks Lodge, president of St. Matthew's Parish Council, and active in the local American Legion and Boy Scouts. He and his wife, JoAnne, have four children and live on Swift Rd.

Osterhout was president of the board for a number of years. He is a member of the New Scotland town board and long active in community organizations.

Also on the May 9 ballot are two seats on the Voorheesville Central School District board of Education. Two incumbents, John McKenna and John Zongrone, are unopposed for reelection.

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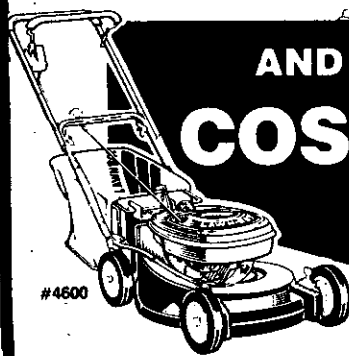
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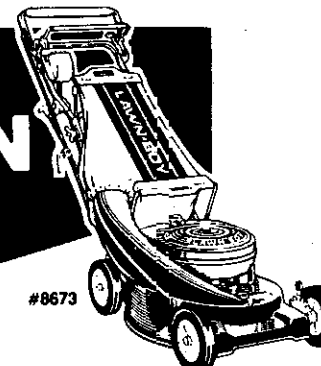
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# School budget up again

By Tom Howes

When New York State changed its school district aid formula, some districts stood to benefit, some to lose.

Voorheesville lost.

Examination of the new figures revealed the district had \$80,000 less in state money than anticipated. With the May 8 annual meeting only weeks away the Board of Education has decided to split the difference—trimming \$40,000 from the proposed budget and adding \$40,000 to the tax levy. District Superintendent Werner Berglas estimates the increase would add \$3.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation—raising local rates to about \$243 per \$1,000 for New Scotland residents, \$21 in Guiderland and \$445 in the Town of Berne. The new budget total drops to \$5,870,796.

Prior state aid formulas were based almost exclusively on property values. The new configuration is based 50 percent on property values and 50 percent on local income wealth, putting wealthier districts at a disadvantage. According to a press release put out by the district, Voorheesville ranks higher than average on the State Education Department's list of district-income-averages in the immediate cluster of counties.

Most of the \$40,000 deleted from the budget is "scattered all over the place," Berglas said. "\$500 here, \$1,000 there." But \$17,000 will be cut from the \$358,800 originally allotted the district's BOCES program. Seven fewer students enrolled in the BOCES curriculum than were budgeted for, Berglas said.

In other business at last week's board meeting, Berglas said there were no challengers for the two board seats available in the May 9 election. Therefore, John Zongrone and Jack McKenna (board president), will run unopposed.



Elizabeth R. Singer

The board's next monthly meeting is May 14.

The board also announced the hiring of Elizabeth R. Singer as Elementary School Assistant Principal, replacing 27-year school district veteran Roger Kallop, who is retiring.

Currently employed as a reading teacher in the Bethlehem Central School District, Mrs. Singer brings 20 years experience as an elementary school teacher to the job. She has a B.S. degree from Long Island University, an M.S. from Brooklyn College and has completed graduate work at SUNY Oswego and Russell Sage College.

## Fennigs to play

Fennigs All-Star String Band will perform at the next Old Songs contra-dance on Saturday, April 21, at the Voorheesville United Methodist Church. The toe-tapping event will run from 8:30 p.m. until midnight. Admission is \$3.50 at the door. Call 765-4193 for information.

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John Burroughs Tribute, guided nature walk highlighted by the naturalist's writing, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 6:30 p.m. Free.

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

Changes in the Telephone Industry, sponsored by Cooperative Extension, County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 6:30 p.m. complaint-taking session, 7:30 p.m. program. Information and registration, 765-2874.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

"Pippi Longstocking," children's vacation movie, Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Red Cross Bloodmobile, at Owens Corning, Rt. 32, Delmar, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For appointments, 462-7461.

"Johnny Tremain," children's vacation film, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Soil Test Clinics, at Jeffers Nursery, 1900 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Price Greenleaf, 14 Booth Rd., Delmar, 1-3 p.m. 50-cent donation.

McDonald's Scouting Clean-Up Day, trash bags and free food for troops participating in Delmar beautification; registration forms at McDonald's 132 Delaware Ave.

Wildlife Programs, "Sharing Spring with Your Children," family nature games and activities, 10 a.m.; "Inviting Wildlife to Your Backyard," 2 p.m., Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, Free.

Health Day Fair, free diabetes, blood pressure, sight and hearing tests sponsored by American Legion, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Elsmere, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Traveling Bake Sale, sponsored by United Methodist Women, Selkirk firehouse No. 3 and South Bethlehem, 9 a.m.

Chicken and Biscuit Supper, sponsored by Women's Guild at Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Rd., Feura Bush, 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Poetry Reading, by Joseph Cardillo, local poet and short story writer, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

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Sunshine Senior Citizens, day-trip to Egg Tree Museum, Schorharie, 10:15 a.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

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

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

Learn Sign Language at the Library, first of 12 sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays, sponsored by Bethlehem Lions Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Free; registration, 439-9314.

Ravena - Coeymans - Selkirk School District vote on plans to ease overcrowding, RCS Senior High cafeteria, 1-9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

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

Delmar Progress Club, antique study group trip to Johnstown's Johnson Hall. For reservations, 439-9634 or 439-9003.

Apple Writer Workshop, for members of Bethlehem Apple Corps to use Apple IIe micro-computer, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Free; registration, 439-9314.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Turf, Tree and Shrub Maintenance, spring garden lecture, Colonie Town Library, Albany-Shaker Rd., 7 p.m., soil testing, 7:30 p.m. lecture. Free.

Senior Citizens Activities, drama interest group, 10 a.m.; bridge for beginners, 1-3 p.m., and intermediates, 10 a.m.-noon (\$16 for 8 lessons), Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 465-3322.

Youth Problems Workshop, "Acting Out Adolescents: A Family Systems Approach for Working with Court-Related Youth In and Out of Placement," sponsored by Parsons Child and Family Center, at Temple Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Rd., Albany, 7 p.m. For \$5 registration, 447-5211.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

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

Home Security Seminar, with local burglar alarm companies, locksmiths and police crime prevention unit, conducted by Capitol Hill Improvement Corp., Albany Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Free.

Alzheimer's Association, support group meeting, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Empire State College Information Session, at 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Free.

W.B. Yeats: The Man and the Poet, Lunch With the Arts poetry reading by CSR Professor Dr. S.R. Swaminathan, Picotte Gallery, College of St. Rose, 324 State St., Albany 12:15 p.m. Free.

Senior Citizens Activities, Pass-over luncheon, noon, and creative writing program, 1:30 p.m., Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany. Registration, 465-3325.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Albany Audubon Society Field Trip, tour of Van Hornesville Fish Hatchery, leaves from 20-Mall, Western Ave. and Rt. 155, 9 a.m. Information, 439-0943.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

Empire State College Information Session, for Master of Arts degree candidates, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 7 p.m.

Adirondack Wilderness Bike Trek Orientation, for cyclists interested in American Lung Association's 180-mile fundraiser, Our Lady of Mercy cafeteria, Wilson Ave., Colonie, 7 p.m. Information, 459-4197.

"Gigi," free film classic for senior citizens, Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 1 p.m.

Ceramics Lecture-Demonstration, "The Art of the Teapot," Albany Ceramic Institute, 305 Hamilton St., 6:30 p.m. Information, 463-2946.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Legislative Forum, "In-House Advocacy: Fighting for the Elderly From Within," Albany Public Library, 10 a.m.-noon.

"Quebec Project," Franco-American and Quebec Heritage Series Lecture, Schenectady Public Library, 7 p.m. Free.

Safe Place, support group for families and friends of suicide victims, Friends Meeting House, 727 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Adirondack Wildflowers Lecture, Lecture Center 18, SUNYA, 1400 Washington Ave., 8 p.m. Free.

Professional Secretaries International, dinner celebrating Professional Secretaries Week, the Century House.

Chinese Diplomat Speaks, Wang Zicheng, second ranking diplomat at Chinese embassy in Washington, with modern Chinese dance troupe, University Alumni House and Performing Arts Center recital hall, SUNYA, 3:30 and 8 p.m. \$2.50 admission; for reservations, 457-8608.

Vegetable Gardening, spring garden lecture, Albany Public Library, noon soil testing clinic, 12:15 p.m. program.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Complaint-Taking Session, for people with grips against local utility companies, Albany Public Library, 1 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Hilltowns Home Buyer-Seller Seminar, Westerlo Town Hall, Rt. 401, 7-9 p.m. Information, 872-0152.

Middle East Update: The Dynamics of Crisis, lecture 4 of 6-part series, Roger Bacon Hall, Siena College, Loudonville, 7-9 p.m. Information, 457-3907.

Ceramic Lecture-Demonstration, "Surface Decoration of Pottery," Albany Ceramic Institute, 305 Hamilton St., 6:30 p.m. Information, 463-2946.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Grandmothers Chapter 865, 10th anniversary celebration, at the Butcher Block, Central Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 462-3918.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Dedication, near the Court Building at the Empire State Plaza, 11 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screener Instructors Program, for EMT's and other volunteers from Red Cross blood pressure clinics, Albany Chapter building, Hackett Blvd., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

Behind the Scenes at P.M. Magazine and the Movies, Lunch With the Arts program, Picotte Gallery, College of St. Rose, 12:15 p.m. Free.

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# Schedules listed for Easter week

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday — "Christ in the Passover" service with holy communion, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday — service traces Lord's suffering through dialogue, music and choral selections, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday — festival service, 10:30 a.m.

Nursery care provided.

## Community United Methodist Church of Slingerlands

Maundy Thursday — 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday — noon - 3 p.m.

Easter Sunday — outdoor sunrise service, 7 a.m.; fellowship breakfast, 7:30 a.m.; indoor worship with Junior and Chancel Choirs, 10 a.m.

Child care provided; for breakfast reservations, 439-1766.

## Delmar Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday — service with communion, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday — service with communion, 10:30 a.m.

Child care provided.

## Delmar Reformed Church

Easter Sunday — worship service, 9 a.m.; light breakfast and celebration for children and adults, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.

Nursery care provided.

## Faith Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday — service with holy communion, 8:30 p.m.

Good Friday — "The Passion of St. John," 7:30 p.m.

Saturday — Easter vigil service, 5 p.m.

Easter Sunday — "The Resurrection of Our Lord" with holy communion, 9 a.m.

Child care provided.

## First United Methodist Church of Delmar

Maundy Thursday — family dinner program, 6 p.m.; "Sacrament and Light" communion service, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday — Easter vigil service with Junior and Intermediate Choirs, 8 a.m.; family service and special children's celebration, "The Traveler and His Destiny," with Youth, Chancel and Brass Choirs, 9:30 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m.

## First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville

Maundy Thursday — "Blessed to Receive" Tenebrae Service with holy communion, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday — "What God Has Done for Love" joint service with New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday — sunrise service and car procession to Thacher Park leaves from New Scotland Presbyterian Church and returns for breakfast, 4:25 a.m.;

"Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord," 9:30 a.m.; "An Unfinished Dream," 11 a.m.

Child care will be provided for 9:30 and 11 a.m. services on Sunday.

## Good Samaritan Nursing Home

Easter Sunday, service by Rev. Richard Gall, 4 p.m.

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Albany

Maundy Thursday — Holy Eucharist, noon and 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday — liturgy and sermon, noon; Tenebrae Service, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday — "The Great Vigil," 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday — Holy Eucharist, 8 a.m.; choral Eucharist with Brass, 11 a.m.

## St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany

Maundy Thursday — service by Rev.



## New Salem Reformed Church

Maundy Thursday — communion service, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday — "The Last Enemy is Destroyed" service, 11:15 a.m.

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Maundy Thursday — services at 11:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Good Friday — talks by Tri-Village Clergy, noon - 3 p.m.

Easter Sunday — Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10 a.m.

Child care provided on Sunday.

## St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Holy Thursday — "Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper," opening Triduum liturgy and parish fellowship in school auditorium, 7:30 p.m.; chapel vigil, 9 p.m.; night prayer and Paschal Fast begins, 11:45 p.m.

Good Friday — morning prayer, 9 a.m.; "The Three Hours" opening prayer, noon; "The Three Hours" closing prayer and "Stations of the Cross," 3 p.m.; "Celebration of the Lord's Passion" Triduum Liturgy, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday — morning prayer, 9 a.m.; "The Easter Vigil," concluding Triduum liturgy, and Paschal Fast ends, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday — morning Eucharist, 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m. (church and school), noon; evening prayer, 7 p.m.

## Unionville Reformed Church

Maundy Thursday — Tenebrae Service and communion at New Salem Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday — sunrise service and donation breakfast, 7 a.m.; "The Last Enemy is Destroyed" service, 9:45 a.m.

Child care provided Sunday.

William Robinson, Anglican Bishop of Ottawa, noon.

Good Friday — service, noon; "Passion According to St. Matthew," 1 p.m.

Easter Sunday — holy communion, 8:30 a.m.; children's service, 10 a.m.; festival service with holy communion broadcast on WWCN, 1460, 10:30 a.m.

## Unitarians elect

Franklin V. Walker of Delmar has been elected to a third one-year term as president of the First Unitarian Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave. Nine other Bethlehem and New Scotland residents have been elected to positions in the church. They are: vice president, Lawrie Lierheimer of Delmar; treasurer, Martha Schroeder of Delmar; co-treasurer, Ruth Estey of Delmar; trustee, Travis Boggs of Delmar; nominating committee, Charles Manning of Delmar and Sam Freeman of Slingerlands; audit committee chairman, John Cross of Delmar; buildings and grounds chairman, Charles Estey of Delmar; and religious education council chairman, Don Odell of Voorheesville.

## Honor Holocaust victims

The victims of the Holocaust will be remembered this year on April 29 with the annual Vigil of Names sponsored by Congregation Ohav Shalom. During the 24 hours of Yom HaShoah, the names of victims will be read and memorial prayers recited. Names of victims may be sent to Congregation Ohav Shalom, New Krumkill Rd., Albany, 12208. Anyone wishing to join in the recitation of names may call the synagogue at 489-4706. The vigil will be conducted at Temple Israel this year, in conjunction with a Holocaust survivors' conference.

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Thursday  
April 19th

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Christ in The Passover - A Service of Holy Communion

Friday  
April 20th

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:30 p.m.** A Service of Lights, Music and Scripture.

Sunday  
April 22nd

**Festival Easter Service 10:30 a.m.**  
Holy Communion

*Nursery care provided for all services.*

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<b>Maunday Thursday</b>	12:00 noon - Holy Eucharist 7:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist
<b>Good Friday</b>	12:00 noon - Liturgy and Sermon 7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae
<b>Easter Eve</b>	7:30 p.m. - The Great Vigil
<b>Easter Day</b>	8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. - Choral Eucharist with Brass

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### Holy Week Liturgy Schedule

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	<b>April 19, 1984</b> 8:30 p.m.
Good Friday The Passion of St. John	<b>April 20, 1984</b> 7:30 p.m.
The Easter Vigil	<b>April 21, 1984</b> 5:00 p.m.
The Resurrection of Our Lord Holy Communion	<b>April 22, 1984</b> 9:00 a.m.

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One of the most frustrating experiences of my childhood took place every year on Easter morning. My family, like many others, engaged in the annual search for baskets of candy that were hidden around the house. This ritual was one which I anticipated with a mixture of gladness and anxiety. Wandering from room to room, I would desperately try to uncover the prize that I knew awaited the basket with my name on it. My sisters, I recall, always seemed to find theirs with ease, as if they had a special radar which could draw them to the right spot. But I seemed to always be the last one to achieve the goal. To this day, I take very little pleasure in seeking the hidden — I always look in the wrong places.

It is no wonder, then, that each time I read the Gospel narratives of the Resurrection, I am struck by the words of God's messengers to the women at the tomb. They had come to tend the body of Jesus, and they were sad and distraught. This was the one last thing they expected to be able to do for the One whom they had followed. Then they were struck by the vision of angels appearing before them,

saying: "Why do you look amongst the dead for one who is alive? He is not here; he has been raised." They were looking in the wrong place for the Christ; for Christ is to be found not in the tomb, but in the midst of life.

From time to time, people will ask where God is in the midst of all our world's problems and confusions. Often the question is raised in mockery of faith: "Where is your God?" Those who raise the question may very well be looking in the wrong places. Sometimes, even people of faith who are seeking to know Christ find themselves looking in the wrong places as well. The One we seek is not to be found in empty ritual or hollow doctrine; Christ cannot be entombed in our exclusive prejudices or narrow, divisive perspectives. Christ has burst forth from all the tombs in which we seek to hold him.

The God who created life and who sent His son to redeem all life makes all things new. Look for him not in the empty tombs of sorrow and despair but in the hope and renewal that can transform life today. Look for him not in the agents of

fear and insecurity but in the lives of those who work to bring peace into the lives of others and of our world. Look for him not in the greedy manipulation of others for the profit of a few but in the efforts to feed the hungry and to heal the broken. Look for him not in bitterness and hatred, but find him in the loving and compassionate. Look for him not in the world's way but in the Way of God, the lives of faithful people committed to the mission of Christ and thankful for the love of Christ.

The message of Easter, proclaimed every time people of faith gather to worship God, is the message Jesus himself taught in his earthly ministry — the kingdom of God is not apart from us in some other-worldly, alien location; the kingdom of God is alive and present in the midst of life. Christ is with us, even now for He is risen; and His presence with us can comfort and sustain us in our times of need as we trust in Him, as we come to know the reality of Christ's presence with us, we know that we need never be alone. The power that is at work through Christ is the power to bring us comfort, assurance and hope.

Especially hope. We stand in need of the hope for life which Christ offers and to which His resurrection testifies. There is no power of darkness, fear or death that can ever control us if we have faith. Our security is in the love of God and nowhere else. Only God's grace, mercy and love are eternal. If we put our trust in the powers of this world, we are

ultimately left alone, but nothing can separate us from the love of God that was in Christ Jesus, that is in Jesus Christ! As we celebrate the Festival of the Resurrection, we proclaim to all the world: "The truth is out. Christ is risen and is with us now."

*Shall we bury our spirit  
Under tears of misplaced hope?  
The truth is out: He is not there!*

*Shall we look for unlimited hope  
In empty tombs and shallow  
dreams?  
The truth is out: He is not there!*

*When we put our trust  
In the patterns of our past,  
Only to see them swallowed up  
In the mourning shroud,  
the truth comes out:  
He is not there!*

*In vain we search for life  
In the negative and cynical,  
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out:  
He is not there!  
Nor can we hide behind the  
screen  
Of despair or doom,  
For the voice draws us out  
To move death from life:  
"You shall not find Him there!"*

*Roll away the stone;  
Lift the shroud;  
Move out into celestial clarity:  
Rise in trust with Him;  
Follow in the way he leads;  
For He is risen and He is here!*

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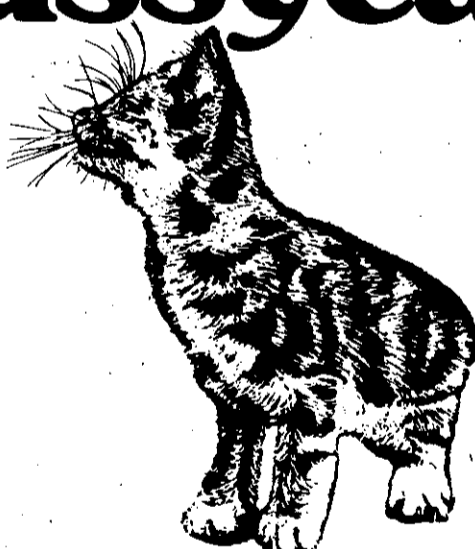
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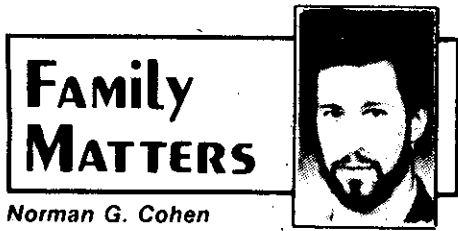
# Grace before meals, not during

*God is great; God is good,  
And we thank Him for this food.*

I wonder who wrote that traditional ditty so often chanted before chow? Probably it was the famous Greek author "Anonymous," whose name appears on so many wonderful stories and poems that have been handed down through the ages. I also wonder how many families take the poetic liberty of humorously mispronouncing "food" to make it rhyme with "good?"

Whatever the custom, grace before meals is an inherent part of many cultures intended to display and share appreciation for the bounty and the fellowship surrounding the eating of a meal. With some families it is performed ritualistically with everyone repeating a prayer in unison. With others it is an act performed by the head of the house whose sentiments are presumed to represent the rest of the members at the feast.

Some families approach the custom by asking each individual to offer a personal testament, while others join hands around the table in silent meditation. In my youth I maintained the unconventional stance of shunning grace before meals in favor of "feeling grace with each mouthful during the meal." What I was shunning was the mechanical part of the ritual, not the intention or feeling of it. These days I am more graceful about sharing grace with my fellow diners, and



Norman G. Cohen

it has become indeed a fulfilling hors d'oeuvre.

However, grace before meals does not always forecast grace during meals. It frequently resembles the singing of the national anthem prior to the start of a baseball or hockey game, merely postponing and peaking the tension of getting the event under way.

I can recall many silent and solemn moments of grace before meals immediately followed by the rush and din of "Dig in!" and "Help yourselves," and "Pass the bread," or "Where's the salt and pepper?" At times it looks like the start of a marathon with runners bunching up and pressing to gain a favorable start position. "Save a drumstick for me, somebody!"

Then there's Uncle Al who had begun picking off vegetables from the platter in front of him during grace, and is now calling for the meat tray with his mouth full of those vegetables. His wife, Aunt Maggie, deftly grabs the meat tray from across the table to shut him up, and to

make sure she gets her portion, too. She's learned from years of living with him that she has to look out for herself at the dinner table. Without so much as a thankful nod Uncle Al begins forking the meat while Aunt Maggie is still selecting hers.

The soup has been served from the kitchen stove to keep it hot. Too bad for Cousin Camille who can't eat soup unless its steam is filling her nostrils, because just as the bowl was set in front of her, Tracy, her three year daughter, announced, "Mommy, I have to go to the bathroom." The kindest gesture was Molly's, the lady of the house, who said, "Go ahead Camille. I'll put your soup back in the pot until you're through."

You could unmistakably tell where Harold sat. Harold had just turned 14, but his arms and legs were already 18 while his brain and personality were still only 10. His gangly appearance coupled with his uncoordinated muscles and vocal chords led him to commit numerous acts of etiquette violation such that at the end of the dinner the tablecloth in front of him displayed a perfectly round circle of meat scraps and vegetable droppings, and there was a distinct trail of gravy leading from the gravy boat to Harold's plate and back again. Harold spent a lot of time in between mouthfuls saying "I'm sorry. Excuse me. I'll wipe it up. Sorry."

Harold's seven-year-old brother, Gary, who was an extremely finicky eater, had been waging a running battle with his

father, who was a systems analyst for a high tech firm, and had a system for everything. Except he had yet to devise a system that would get his son, Gary, to eat green vegetables. Each dinner became a new challenge for the both of them, the one to get the other to comply, and the other to avoid the one. Today's system not only failed, but when Dad reached over to stop Gary from playing with his food, he knocked over his son's glassful of grape soda.

By the dessert course, some had lost their appetites, some had already filled them, and some were still hanging in for more. In the end, everyone, whether at the kitchen sink or asleep in front of the television or racing up and down the stairs in a game of tag, all felt a sense of satisfaction that the event had been completed and that all had survived with a bellyful of food and interaction. The entire family began settling back into a quieter routine, and with a sense of relief and a sigh of exhaustion, each in his or her own way uttered a profound and silent grace after the meal.

## Classes for kids

Registration is underway for the second session of the State University at Albany's new youth program for children in grades 1 through 12. Classes will begin April 30 and subjects include computers, sign language, photography and water ballet. Several programs are offered for parents and youngsters. Discounts are available for two or more youngsters from the same family. For information, call the Division of Continuing Studies at 455-6121.

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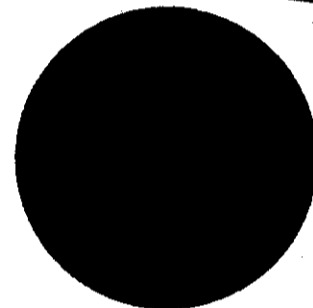
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Twining, with a manner more English than Alistair Cooke, is the ninth generation descendant of the famous tea family, operating a business that has sold teas since 1706. Since Twining's Teas is 278 years old, it is likely that its product lies today at the bottom of Boston Harbor, part of the batch thrown into those waters during the Boston Tea Party.

As he autographed a company brochure, containing such palate-pleasing recipes as Black Irish Tea (black current liquor, heavy cream, black current preserves), Twining entertained customers with detailed advice about how to brew the perfect cup of tea — leaves, not bags; soft, not hard water, and, of course, no sugar. Twining encouraged every red-blooded American to "remember that we should look after the tea and, put the cap back on the box."

This British businessman speaks about tea in nutritional, medicinal and fiscal terms. According to Twining, "this soother and fantastic thirst-quencher is the next cheapest thing to drink after water."

Tea contains less caffeine than coffee. Twining notes that tea's "caffeine content varies, ranging from eight percent to 50 percent." Earl Gray, a best seller, contains less than 10 percent caffeine.

Clearly not one to dish out advice and not observe it, this crusader for tea drinkers consumes nine cups a day, a habit he likens to wine drinking "because it calls for different teas for different occasions."

Linda Anne Burtis



Samuel Twining at his favorite pastime.

## Homeowners can call

Rosen-Michaels, area builders, have established a customer service division to coordinate follow-up services, including answering calls from customers about routine maintenance of a newly constructed home. The after-sale courtesy service will take care of a variety of "settling-in" situations such as sticking windows or adjustment to fixtures, the company said.

Rosen-Michaels expects to build about 300 homes in Guilderland, Clifton Park and Delmar during the current year.

## Telephone update

Evan Richards, a consumer specialist with the Public Service Commission, will explain the "Changes in the Telephone Industry" on Thursday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the County Resources Development Center in Voorheesville. The program, which is sponsored by the Cooperative Extension and the Public Service Commission, will follow a complaint-taking session that begins at 6:30 p.m. Consumers with gripes against local utility companies should attend and be heard.

For information and registration, call 765-2874.

## Named to surgery post

Martin F. McKneally, M.D., has been appointed chief of the subdepartment of Thoracic Surgery at St. Peter's Hospital. A graduate of Holy Cross College and Cornell Medical School, Dr. McKneally also earned a doctorate from the University of Minnesota. His internship and residencies were completed at The New York Hospital-Cornell Medicine Center and the University of Minnesota.

He is a professor of surgery at Albany Medical College and head of the division of cardi thoracic surgery at AMC.

## Bosses take note

April 22 to 28 has been designated Professional Secretaries Week. Activities of the Albany chapter of Professional Secretaries International during the observance are under the direction of Patricia Bender, who is with the Delmar law firm of DeAngelis, Kaplowitz, Rice and Murphy.

## Barbershop benefit

A barbershop chorus concert is planned May 19 at the Bethlehem Middle School as a benefit for the Epilepsy Association of the Capital District, which is based in Delmar. The association provides education and support services for persons with seizure disorders. The Electric City Barbershop Chorus, cele-

brating its 40th anniversary this year, will headline the concert and will be joined by The State Streeters, The Master Blend and Northern Comfort, a group from the Sweet Adelines. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. concert are \$4 and may be purchased through Community Box Office, at the door, or by calling 439-3403 after 7 p.m.

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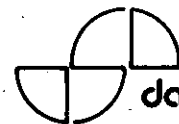
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# A&P building gets new tenant

The A&P building on Delaware Ave. and Elsmere Ave. will have a new tenant — Capital Area Community Health Plan, the area's first health maintenance organization, plans to open a satellite center to serve Southern Albany County by the end of the year.

Negotiations on a lease were expected to be concluded this week, John Baackes, a spokesman for CHP, said Monday. The building is owned by a Connecticut investor, who had leases it to A&P.

A&P closed the building in December, 1981, and speculation about a new use started almost immediately. Price Chopper went so far as to lease the building, but then decided it was too small for a modern supermarket. Since then, it has figured in speculation as a roller skating rink and a youth center — always, however, without any indication that such a venture would be financially successful.

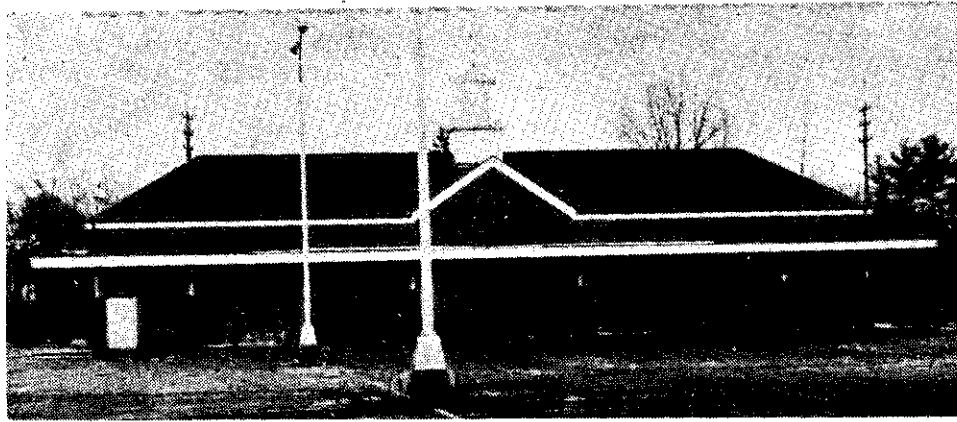
Baackes said the CHP lease would be with the owner, not with either of the two supermarket chains.

CHP had been looking for a Delmar location for its new Southern Albany County office for several months, and Baackes said the A&P building is particularly attractive because of its location and because it is "basically a shell."

CHP plans to use about half of the 14,000 square feet of space in the building in its first phase of operation, which will include three primary care physicians and related services. A second phase would add more primary care physicians and specialized services, Baackes said.

The organization's application to the Health Systems Agency of Northeastern New York estimates that it will cost \$900,000 to renovate and equip the building. CHP also projects a first-year operating budget of \$1.6 million, with a deficit of about \$66,000 to be made up from reserve funds.

Baackes gave a Jan. 1, 1985, opening



The A&P building at Delaware and Elsmere Aves. has been vacant for nearly 2½ years. Tom Howes

date "if everything moves smoothly." CHP needs approval both from the Health Systems Agency and from the state Health Department for the new venture; the HSA's Albany Subarea Council is scheduled to meet May 7 at its 75 New Scotland Ave. offices to begin the review process.

CHP has nearly 48,000 members enrolled in seven area health centers. Its main facility in Latham opened in 1977. As with other prepaid health plans, enrolled member select their own physician at the CHP facility serving their area, then pay \$2 per visit for most services and are covered for hospitalization and most surgical procedures. The plan is affiliated with Albany Medical Center and St. Peter's Hospital.

Baackes, the plans director of marketing and community relations, said the Delmar facility will start out with three full-time physicians, a physician's assistant, a laboratory of laboratory collection service, X-ray facilities and pharmacy services. It will be capable of serving 7,000 clients, and CHP expects many local enrollees will switch to the new facility.

## Lost and found

A pupil leaving his schoolbooks on the bus might get him in trouble with his teachers, but leaving a bag of marijuana on the bus means trouble in a court of law.

Bethlehem police said a black velvet bag containing five small bags of marijuana, apparently packaged for sale, was found on a Bethlehem Central bus after its run to three Albany private schools, Bishop Maginn, Christian Brothers Academy and Mercy High School. The bag was traced to a 15-year-old Delmar youth, police said.

The youth, whose name was withheld, was released in custody of an attorney pending action by Albany County Family Court.

## Appeals board meets

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals held a public hearing April 14 for Robert H. Finke and Sons, who requested a variance to permit a construction equipment business on the west side of Rt. 9W in Selkirk. While several area residents had questions for Finke, none in attendance spoke in opposition.

The board also held a public hearing for the Amerada Hess Corp., which sought a special exception that would extend the time allowed for construction of a canopy at its station on New Scotland Rd. in Slingerlands. The board informally granted the request.

The board also scheduled a public hearing for A.T. Zautner and Sons, who sought a special-exception concerning five four-unit apartment buildings on Beacon Rd., Glenmont, for 8:30 p.m. tonight (Wednesday).

Scheduled for 8 p.m. the same night is a public hearing for Peter Dorwaldt of 59 Greenock Rd., Elsmere, who is requesting a variance from the side yard provision of the zoning ordinance so that he can construct an addition to his home.

## Chicken 'n biscuits

The Women's Guild at the Onesquehaw Reformed Church in Feura Bush will prepare and serve an old-fashioned "chicken 'n biscuit" dinner on Saturday, April 28, at the church. Supper will be served at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call 768-2611.

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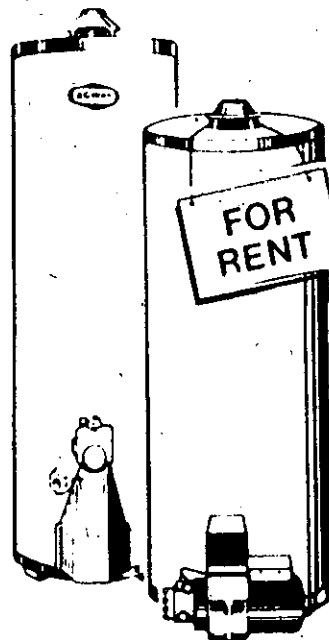
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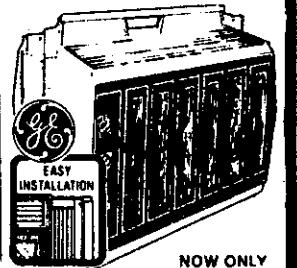
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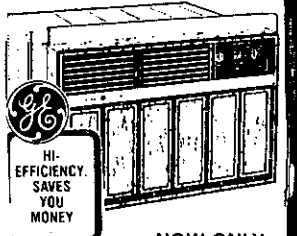
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# Voorheesville News Notes

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## Art festival tonight

A reminder to area art lovers that this evening, Wednesday, April 18, the elementary school will host their Festival of the Arts from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. The evening will feature exhibits of two- and three-dimensional art projects done in grades K-6 as well as live demonstrations of art techniques taught in class during the year.

The program will also include a puppet show, science experiments, an exhibit of needlecraft, and a computer demonstration of expandable literature. Everyone is welcome to come and view this free and interesting program of student work.

## It's spring vacation time

In the Voorheesville School District, April 20, Friday, will be the first full day of vacation. Both the high school and elementary school will have classes on Thursday, April 19, with both schools being dismissed early in the afternoon. High school students will be dismissed at 1:40 p.m. while buses are scheduled to leave the elementary school between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Thursday. School will resume for all students on Monday, April 30.

## Library plans for summer

If spring vacation is here, then summer vacation can't be far behind. Librarian Nancy Hutchinson has already begun to plan some special summer library activi-

ties for children, one of which is an all new Pen Pal Club. Open to children aged 7 and older, the club will hold its first meeting in July, at which time members will receive the name and address of a "pen pal" who is the same age and having the same interests. They will also receive materials to write to their new pen pal and at subsequent meetings will share their writing experiences and letters with the rest of the group.

Anyone interested in joining the club is asked to stop at the library before May 15 and leave his or her basic information with Mrs. Hutchinson, including special interests, hobbies and any particular country they are interested in. Also any student who speaks a foreign language "really well" may include that.

## Children's film at library

Back to spring vacation: the library will be showing the children's movie *Pippi Longstocking* on Friday, April 27 at 2 p.m. Based on the popular children's books by Astrid Lindgren the movie lasts about an hour and 40 minutes. Children of all ages are invited to view this free film.

A final reminder that a pre-Easter craft afternoon will take place today (Wednesday) at 4 p.m. at the library. A movie will also be shown at that time.

## New reference books here

Speaking of the library, the Voorheesville Central School District has added

several new and unique books to its collection of reference materials. The five blue binders located near the desk are filled with information concerning the workings of the district, including Board of Education minutes, the annual budget, a listing of personnel, school publications, guidance materials, *Helderbarkers* and copies of newspaper clippings pertaining to school events. Most of the information is quite recent, beginning in the summer of 1983, and will be updated continuously. The district invites all residents to consult these convenient books at their leisure.

## Travel program for oldsters

The New Scotland Senior Citizens, just returned from Washington, still have globetrotting on their minds. This evening (April 18) the featured speaker at their meeting will be a representative from Eastern Airlines, who will address them on details of a special "travel pass" program being offered to senior citizens through the airlines. All are welcome to attend this informational meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m. in the old schoolhouse in New Salem. Those who are unable to attend may contact senior citizen president Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

## Updating the Reading Olympics

The final figures are now in on the March of Dimes Reading Olympics. Due to a delay in receiving contribution envelopes, some children who had fulfilled their reading obligations to the program were not counted in the previous tally.

According to library media specialist Andrea Hampston, 220 children in grades 1-6 read 4,796 books during the month-long program and collected a total of \$2,934 for the March of Dimes. In a breakdown of the participants, 40

students earned bronze medals for reading four to nine books; 55 received silver medals for reading between 10 and 19 books, and an impressive 125 students read 20 or more books to earn gold medals.

In the final count the same three students ranked first in number of books read with Chris Coyle, Melissa Cooper and Brennan Hill reading 150, 125 and 120 books respectively. All are from class 2A.

Updating the list of those whose sponsors contributed the most money to the March of Dimes in their names, the high earners were: Jonathan Getnick, class of 1B, \$161; Hans Kieserman, 2A, \$116.60; Anita Kishore, 1A, \$112.50; Melissa Cooper, 2A, \$108.50; Noah Kieserman, 1A, \$105.40 and Torey Severino, 2C, \$91.

The program, which has been popular among students for the past few years, gives a chance for every student to be a winner — and to help other children while they sharpen their own reading skills.

## PTSA slate announced

At last week's PTSA board meeting, the organization's nominating committee announced the proposed slate of officers for the 1984-85 school year. Those candidates will be elected at a general meeting of the PTSA to be held on May 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

The slate includes the nomination of the following people: president, Mary Van Ryn; first vice president, Ken Getnick; second vice president, Joanne St. Denis; recording secretary, Larry and Rosemary Pakenas; treasurer, Janice Genovesi and corresponding secretary, Jeanne Knouse.

Other news from the meeting included



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the announcement of the date of a pet show sponsored by the PTSA, which will be held at the elementary school on Saturday, June 9. The community-oriented activity will give both young and old contestants a chance to enter their pets in over a dozen different categories for a nominal entrance fee.

In the month of June the group is also sponsoring a bus to New York City, which will take riders to the "Big Apple" for a day of individual activity. The bus

trip, scheduled for a Saturday, will cost interested riders \$15 per person for the round trip, payable by May 21. Those interested in reserving a seat on the bus or obtaining more information should contact Joanne St. Denis at 765-4748 or Jean Mattimore at 765-2061.

Finally, to promote school and community spirit the PTSA will be selling T-shirts and sweatshirts. The purple shirts with gold letters saying

"Voorheesville" will come in two designs, with the children's sizes bearing a drawing of the grade school and adult sizes just a simple logo. Price of the T-shirts is \$6 for children and \$7 for adults. The shirts, which will be on display at the pet show, may be ordered in advance by calling Joanne St. Denis, 765-4748, or Joyce Schreiber, 765-2210. Prices of the sweatshirts were unavailable at this time but may also be obtained by calling those numbers.

### Reunion next door

The Class of 1959 Guilderland Central High School is planning a 25th reunion on Saturday, July 14, with a dinner dance at the Western Turnpike Golf Club in Guilderland. G.C.H.S. faculty members from 1959 are invited to attend.

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Preschoolers have plenty to do these days. At left, Jill DePasquale of Serendipity zips up Bret Fortrane for a trip to the library. At right, Alfalfa Sprouts Walter Tambasco and Cynthia Reed play with Marble Magic.

## Preschools grow, change to meet parents' needs

By Lyn Stapf

The first week of April saw child care centers and preschools celebrating "The Week of the Young Child" with a variety of exhibits and displays concerned with the ever-increasing need and changes in the field. Over the past decade much has happened in the field and even a small community such as Voorheesville has reflected the trends in the care and education of young children. Where five years ago there was only one preschool in the area, this year three separate facilities welcomed children under six, and were filled to capacity.

The oldest of the three, The Community Nursery School of Voorheesville, is a non-sectarian preschool housed in and sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. The school was

founded in 1966 by a group of area mothers to give their children a chance at early socialization and some structured activity before the youngsters entered kindergarten.

A totally co-operative nursery, the school was run by a parent board, with each mother coming into the school on schedule to "participate" in classroom activities.

Ten years later the school is still offering three half-day sessions for two classes of four-year-olds, with a governing board of parents that changed every year, but the parental participation concept has changed to accommodate the increasing number of mothers who find it difficult to take part in the classroom due to working outside the home or caring for younger children. A flexible tuition scale

permits all those who want to participate to have the chance, according to Nancy Halligan, who chairs the parent the board.

In fact, in the past few years there has been a growing number of "participating fathers" who come in and assist teacher Nancy White, a trend attributed to the fact that more men are taking an active hand in child rearing and that many fathers, being more established in their jobs, are more able to take time off than a mother just beginning her career.

Another recent change reflecting the times was the hiring of Teresa Becker as a full time aid, giving the class an extra set of hands to work on the more complex type of activities demanded by this generation of children.

In the spring of 1982, two Voorheesville residents, Jill DePasquale and Pat Burnham, aware of the need for a full-time center in the area, decided to pool their talents and educational backgrounds and form the Serendipity Pre-School and Child Care Center.

According to DePasquale, who now runs the school, "We had a lot of ideas we wanted to implement, changing things we saw in some larger day-care centers."

DePasquale and Burnham wanted something like a small community center that could serve as a substitute for home, with a staff that could really get to know each individual child and where turnover was minimal. The center, off Voorheesville Ave., opened in September, 1982, after fulfilling all the stringent criteria set up by the state.

At that time only children between the ages of 3 and 5 were admitted, but after a renovation project needed only to comply with the state's regulations opened its toddler program to children between the ages of 18 months and three years old in the spring of 1983.

"Concentrating on something more than custodial care," the school offers its charges a wide variety of interesting experiences, including field trips and visits by service personnel such as the fire department.

According to DePasquale, the children who attend the program learn a great deal during the day. Although socialization is an important part of the day, these children are ready to absorb a lot of the information about the world around them. They live and learn by the calendar and the school provides them with a chance to learn what they are ready to by giving them a wide range of activities in an informal nursery school setting.

Although the school lists an enrollment of 25, the schedules of the children, which coincide with the needs of the parents, never put all 25 children in the center at the same time. "Part time care, two and three morning nursery enrollment and fulltime participation are the most

requested of the option offered," says DePasquale.

Closed last summer for renovations, the school will be open this year from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. year round, and with a lengthy waiting list is certain to be around for a long time.

Last fall also saw the opening of the Alfalfa Sprouts Nursery School, located on New Scotland Rd., which served many children from the Voorheesville area. Housed in what was formerly Betty's Barn, the school offers a program of three one-half-day sessions for children three to five years old. Alfalfa Sprouts was the brain child of Robin Geery, a Delmar parent, who, along with her husband Kevin, moved to New Scotland from Utah and renovated the structure in hopes of embarking on a venture that would enable her to spend some time with her two young daughters, put her teaching skills and creative talents to work and perhaps even bring in some extra money.

With an enrollment of 15 students it was obvious that there certainly was need for the school. But even after what Geery terms a most "interesting and exciting year," Alfalfa Sprouts will close its doors in June. Robin Geery, with her children older, is now ready, like many area mothers, to pursue a fulltime career — "hopefully in education" — come this fall.

### Wrong customer

When Paul Roberts, a Bethlehem police officer, headed home after changing out of his uniform Wednesday night, he was approached by a man on Feura Bush Rd. offering to sell him a set of six antique glasses for \$75 and furniture for \$350. After learning the source of the items, a nearby house Roberts knew to be vacant, the officer feigned interest and said he wanted to call a friend to help load the furniture onto the pickup truck he was driving.

Instead, Roberts called Sgt. Pat Dorsey on the police desk. When the patrol car arrived, Roberts arrested Fred Allen Taylor, 18, of Columbus, Ohio, on a burglary charge, according to police reports.

Taylor was taken to Albany County Jail after being denied bail by Bethlehem Justice Peter Wenger. Police said Columbus police had issued a warrant for Taylor's arrest on a larceny charge in that city.

### Stolen check cashed

Police are looking for the person who cashed a \$200 check written by an out-of-state company on which a stop-payment order had been issued. Officials at the Delmar office of Key Bank, Inc. told Bethlehem police Friday that the check had been issued to an Altamont man who said he had never received it.

### Squares on Saturday

The Tri-Village Squares have "called" their next dance for Saturday, April 21, at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. The dance, which runs from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., will be called by Bob Bourassa. It will include mainstream dancing with a plus tip.

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## SPOTLIGHT SPORTS

### Blackbirds fall in openers

By Mike Larabee

The Voorheesville baseball team jumped out of the gym and into regular season play unsuccessfully.

The quick change in weather last week sent the Blackbirds into their opening game without benefit of more than two days of outdoor practice. But Coach Jerry Gordinier doesn't blame the bad weather for his team being 0-2 after the first week of competition, pointing out that conditions were the same for everyone. Rather, lapses in fielding and lack of hitting were the prominent causes for home Colonial Council losses to Cohoes and Schalmont.

In Monday's 7-1 loss to Cohoes, starting pitcher Brett Hotaling allowed just one earned run on five hits, walked only three and fanned nine en route to a complete game. The only run charged to him came when the leadoff man walked and later scored. The remaining six runs crossed the plate as a result of five Blackbird errors. On the day, all Voorheesville could manage at bat were singles by Jerry McNamara, Tom Wight and John Ryan.

Wednesday against Schalmont, errors again cost Voorheesville as three pitchers saw action during a 10-4 defeat. Senior Frank Baker, started on the mound and surrendered two early runs. However, in the fourth, the Blackbird bats showed signs of life. Mike McCarty walked, stole second and scored on McNamara's

double to right center. Brian Rubin singled and scored the third run of the inning. With Voorheesville leading 3-2 in the sixth, the Blackbirds did themselves in. The bases were loaded on a walk, single and error when a fly ball dropped between second and right. When the ball was bobbled three runs scored. A frustrated Baker walked the next man and was pulled for Kevin Conley, who also had problems with control, walking two more. Finally Gordinier opted for lefty McNamara to clean up the final four outs.

Aside from early games, spring brings player vacations, sometimes so many that coaches must bring on disciplinary action. Last season Coach Bob Crandall was forced to forfeit one game and play several without key players. This year only two players will miss the week of April 23-28, when the Blackbirds have no fewer than five games.

"My concern is a good attitude and learning the game of baseball," Gordinier said. "Hashing over the vacation controversy is not going to patch things up for the future. Family and academics come first."

On his own policies Gordinier stressed the need to build a solid program. He said: "I opted not to enforce any strict rules because we only have two boys going. They should not have to choose between a year of baseball and a week of family vacation."



Softball in the rain (see cover photo) may not be much fun, but when you're 12-1, it's tolerable. It was wet, wet wet when the Bethlehem Central varsity played Shenendehowa Friday in Delmar, and the girls were in a happy mood despite the elements. Tom Howes

their own and had a 7-3 bulge by the third inning.

The first-inning uprising came with two aboard as Kasius doubled to score Scott Bonanno and Roohan doubled for two more. The BC bats were quiet the rest of the day.

After some shuffling, Ritchko appears to have settled on an infield combination, or several depending on who is on the mound. Jim Dering and Ray Roohan, Kevin's twin who also does some left-handed pitching, are alternating at first base, junior Tom Amell appears to be a fixture at second, Thompson will play short except for an occasional stint on the rubber, and Kasius will play third. Tim McTague has been moved to the outfield, but will play third when Kasius is pitching, or when Kasius is filling in at short when Thompson is pitching.

### Swim classes start

The Voorheesville Swim Club will be sponsoring a learn to swim program beginning on Wednesdays and Fridays. The cost of the 9 session course for children aged 6 through 14 will be \$15 per child. Lessons for non-swimmers will be given from 6 until 7 p.m. and lessons for those interested in stroke improvement will take place from 7 until 8 p.m. For more information on the courses or to register parents are asked to call either Larry Dedrick at 765-2107 or Steve Casabello at 482-4351.

### Pitching thin for Eagles

Art Ritchko may have to resort to giving all 14 of his Bethlehem Central baseball players a try at pitching, perhaps in alphabetical order, in an attempt to develop some sort of a winning stride.

The Eagles opened the season last week with two setbacks and a rainout. They dropped their Suburban Council inaugural to Scotia by 13-2, and lost at Niskayuna by 11-4. Howard Thompson, the big senior righthander started the first game, and Steve Mendel, a junior southpaw, was Ritchko's choice in the second outing, but both needed relief early.

With two games on the docket this week, Ritchko may have to go to the grab

bag. "We could start anybody," he said over the weekend. "We're waiting for warmer weather to pitch Thompson. He's a curve-ball pitcher, but he couldn't grip the ball in cold weather. Mendel's curve was in the dirt a lot, but he should come around with more work. (Andy) Kasius throws hard, but he has a ligament problem in his shoulder."

The pitching problems and an inexperienced infield wouldn't be so bad if the Eagles had some hitters. Mike Cronin had two hits and Kevin Roohan lashed a two-bagger in the Scotia game, but that was about all. At Niskayuna, BC erupted for three runs in the top of the first, but the home team came back with three of

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# Voorheesville 2-1 with the tough ones ahead

By Peter Fisch

After only three matches in their young season, Voorheesville's tennis team faces their toughest test as two strong Colonial Council schools travel to the Helderbergs this week along with a non-league foe.

On Monday, Cohoes was scheduled to journey to VCHS for a league hook-up. Today, the Colonial Council's most powerful team, Albany Academy, will be in town. With several players returning from last season's squad, the Cadets won their 100th consecutive league match on April 11 with a 7-0 trouncing of Lansingburgh. Academy's closest call throughout this amazing feat came last season as they edged the Blackbirds, 4-3. Schoharie travels to Voorheesville tomorrow (Thursday) to close out the homestand.

In the season opener at Ravena, the Birds fell to the Indians, 6-1. Only senior Ed Volkwein managed a victory, 6-2, 7-5. Wednesday brought a brighter day and match as VCHS nipped Schalmont, 4-3, to even their league mark at 1-1. Volkwein again led the way with a 6-0, 6-0 singles sweep and an 8-5 doubles win with eighth-grader John Meacham. Sophomores Paul Nichols (6-1, 6-3) and Dean Solomos (6-0, 6-3) rounded out the scoring.

To cap off the week, the Blackbirds made Cobleskill's trip a little less enjoyable as they dished out a 5-2 loss to the visitors. The elder Volkwein remained undefeated with an easy 6-2, 6-0 singles victory. Both sophomore Jim Volkwein (7-5, 3-6, 7-5) and Meacham (6-2, 3-6, 6-2) captured their first victories of the season. Nichols (6-2, 7-5) extended his streak to two straight as did the doubles combo of Ed Volkwein and Meacham (9-7). The big story of the day were the comebacks staged by both the younger Volkwein and Meacham.

"I was very pleased with Meacham playing the third position. He gutted out the match and eventually won it," commented coach Tom Kurkjian. "Jim Volkwein was down 5-1 in the third set after losing the second and came back to win. Their efforts to come back were very promising and pleasing."

## Name omitted

Nicole Leach's name was inadvertently left out of last week's article on the Voorheesville Swim Club. Nicole was also a finalist at the Adirondack Junior Olympics, bringing Voorheesville's finalists total to six. She finished fourth overall in the butterfly with a time of 35.69.

## TENNIS

# BC does its warmups

By Julie Ann Sosa

The Bethlehem Central varsity tennis team had more than enough time to dispatch hapless Mohonasen, 9-0, and Colonie, 8-1, before rain reappeared to cancel a road match at Scotia on Friday. Although the Eagles remain among the undefeated ranks (2-0) of the Suburban Council's Gold Division, Glens Falls edged them out of their annual non-league match, 5-4, which went the other way last year.

Seven love sets, two Mohonasen defaults and only 11 lost games characterized BC's cakewalk on Monday. Colonie only proved taxing for senior Andy Tomlinson, who lost the No. 6 singles in three sets, 4-6, 7-6, 6-1. Freshman Stanley Lee, who has yet to lose his first Council game, received special plaudits from Coach Julie Wendth.

Senior Andy Saidel, Lee and the doubles team of Ellenbogen-Breslin and Tyree-Cunningham won their matches

against Glens Falls easily, but Tomlinson, Jay Simard and the No. doubles, Cluett-Grant, came up just short in pivotal three-set matches that allowed the visitors to win.

Doug Cole and David Cory, Nos. 2 and 4 singles respectively, will go on vacation early this week, leaving the team undermanned for what would otherwise be easy matches against Scotia today (Wednesday) and Columbia on Thursday, both away.

# 5 swimmers going to games

Five Delmar swimmers have qualified for the Empire State Games to be held in Syracuse in August, setting five Adirondack District records in the process.

The local quintet took 11 first places, nine seconds and one third in qualifying in 21 age-group events at a meet sponsored by Albany State and the Adirondack District Masters Swimming (ADMS) at the SUNYA pool last weekend.

Mary Lou Schulz led the assault on the record books with five firsts, shattering three district records in the women's 40-44 age division. Her new marks were 26:10.79 in the 1650-yard freestyle, 3:36.71 in the 200-yard butterfly, and 3:22.92 in the 200 IM. She also won the 50-yard butterfly and 100 free.

Irving Bonawitz won the 1650-yard freestyle for men 60-64 in record time (28:31.34) and his son Steve posted a record 28.38 in winning the 50-yard backstroke for men 20-24. The senior Bonawitz also qualified in four other events with second places in the 50, 100, 200 and 500 freestyle. Steve Bonawitz was second in the 50-yard butterfly in his division, the youngest recognized by the master's group.

Frank Otto of Elsmere qualified in four events in men's 35-39 winning the 50- and 100-yard backstroke, placing second in the 50 free and third in the 100 free. Barbara Riedel of Delmar won the 50 and 100 free in the women's 25-29 grouping, and earned second places in the 200, 500 and 1650 freestyle events.

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# A track team with a slight handicap

By Frank Baker

Once again this season, as in the past, Voorheesville's track team is behind the competition before the starting gun is ever fired.

One of the reasons is lack of a track at the high school. Instead, runners entered in the track events are forced to practice on a painted oval approximately 400 meters long, which goes uphill and down, and through a small thicket of woods.

Coach Ken Kirik looks at the situation optimistically. "It hurts us very much (not having a track), but what can we do? It's very difficult to get accurate timings on our course, but it's the best we've got," he said.

He also added that a physical education program that lacks field events hurts the team. "I'll bet there are a lot of kids sitting home this spring just because they've never had the opportunity to try some field events," he said.

The school board has voted down proposals to install track and field facilities at the school because of budget priorities.

The team boasts a slew of returnees from last year's team, but only three are seniors, Adam Clark, Breton Bissell and John Reilly. Other returnees include juniors Craig Applegate, Lee Kraus, Adam Schiabe, Doug Arthur, Tim Godin and Chris Biernacki; sophomores Ben Greenberg, Mike Biernacki, Ed Donohue, Dave Symula, John Manss and Tim Houle, freshman Chuck Rogers and eighth-grader Lenny Mertens.

According to Kirik, Voorheesville's strongest competitors should be Rogers (mile), Mertens and Schiabe (2-mile), Kraus (quarter mile), Clark (sprints), and the mile relay team of Kraus, Applegate, Clark and Rogers.

Says Kirik: "We're very young this year. We'll do a lot of experimenting and we'll learn a lot. We should do better in the larger invitationals than in the dual meets."

Voorheesville has no entries in some events, and strong entries in others. "It's hard to win a dual meet when we have no one entered in an event and we fall behind 20 or 30 to nothing before we can even hope to score a point," he added.

Thus far, the team is off to a shaky 1-2 start. The first meet was a loss at Chatham, and the second was a combination win over Berne-Knox and loss to Cohoes. Rogers was one of the few bright spots for the Blackbirds as he won the 3200-meter races in both meets and high praise from his coach. "Chuck and Lenny (Mertens) will be outstanding in the years to come, and who knows what school, sectional or even state records they can break," their coach said.

Even the team's coaching staff is youthful this year with the addition of 23-year-old Chuck Bohl and 21-year-old Brian Dollard.

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### Not for status quo

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is time once again for our annual school budget charade. I am tired of this charade. I am tired of being asked to vote higher taxes without hearing, in plain everyday language, how these dollars will get translated into better education for our average student.

Over the years, I have learned (somewhat to my surprise) that my children are more accurate sources for information on the quality of their education than are our school officials. The message from my children is very clear. There are very good teachers at Bethlehem and there are poor teachers as well. Most recently, my children are showing some disgust at the petty vindictiveness of some teachers during this contract impasse.

I am voting NO this year. I will continue to vote NO until our board negotiates a contract that is based mostly on merit (administrators, too!). If state law must be changed, then *let's change it!* I want to encourage our good teachers and I want the others to leave.

I will also continue to vote NO until it is clear that new administrators with better ideas will run our schools.

I am not voting for the status quo of Bethlehem Central this year. I am tired of having our budget problems blamed on the state. I want, and my children deserve, a school leadership that will take initiative in guiding us to changing those laws that need change that will let us have a real voice in our schools. I think we also deserve a school leadership that finds creative solutions to benefit our average students, solutions which recognize that the best education is not, simply, the most expensive.

Name submitted

Delmar

### A 'yes' vote on budget

Editor, The Spotlight:

The School Board has approved the largest school budget in the history of the Bethlehem Central School District, with a significant tax increase. Even the board is not in full agreement on the budget, but as one who sat through hours of budget work sessions, I must commend the board and urge the members of our community to support this budget.

No one likes to pay higher taxes and I am no exception. However, I have watched the board members consider each line of the budget, weighing the financial and educational implications of every option. The result is a budget that is fiscally responsible, while supporting the tradition of excellence and quality to which we have become accustomed in Bethlehem.

We are up against the wall of a multitude of circumstances and problems. State aid is essentially at the same level as five years ago, which is tantamount to a loss of aid. Our buildings and equipment are aging and require substantial repairs, improvements and upgrading. Multiple programs and requirements are state mandated, but sufficient funding is not supplied.

There is much concern in the community about the lack of a contract with the teachers. It should be understood that raises for our teachers are in this budget. A vote against this budget because one is upset about the lack of a contract will hurt only our children.

Most of all, it is crucial to understand that if this budget goes down to defeat, Bethlehem property owners will still face an 8½ percent tax increase, as state law dictates that teacher salaries

may not be cut after a budget is defeated. Cuts will have to come everywhere else. Thus, defeat of the budget will save each tax payer only a few dollars, but cost us dearly in the quality of education we provide to our children.

I thus urge residents of Bethlehem to vote for excellence and quality in our schools, and for the future of our children. Vote FOR the school budget.

Laura C. Kagan, Ph.D.

School Board Representative

Hamagrael Home School Association  
Delmar

### Some suggestions

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem School District tax situation appears to be way out of control. I would like to make a few suggestions relative to this situation:

1. Mr. Clyne, school board member, attributed the "horrendous tax increase" in the proposed budget to the management of the district, to "reckless spenders" on the board and to a board "honey-combed with private, personal interests." These words are taken directly from *The Spotlight* dated April 11. They are strong words. Mr. Clyne would do the taxpayer a great service by writing a letter to *The Spotlight* explaining these words, especially his reference to a board "honey-combed with private, personal interests."

2. The school board should make a very strong effort to collect back and present school taxes from those individuals who never pay their taxes. This effort should be coordinated with the county treasurer's office. If these taxes could be collected it might save us all some money.

3. The present system of school district taxation is based on property values and assessments and probably according to law. I believe it would be fair to substantially increase the school taxes of families who presently have children in the schools, who want the very best in education for their children that money can buy. This might decrease school taxes for senior citizens, retirees and for those people who no longer have children in the schools. I am aware that this may appear to be selfish, but in the present circumstances it is nevertheless fair, in my opinion. Those people who benefit most from quality education for their children in the present time should pay the highest taxes. They should think about what it would cost them to send their children today to a first-rate private school that offers the same quality education that the Bethlehem schools offer.

4. If we want to get a better break in state aid for the Bethlehem School District, every effort should be made to overcome the appearance of being so wealthy in the district that we don't need state aid. Are we really this wealthy?

James R. Adams

Slingerlands

### Editorial rang alarm

Editor, The Spotlight:

The views expressed in your April 4 editorial regarding expansion of the commercial zone to Adams St. are well taken. Although, we, too, have apparently been sleeping at the switch, we intend to wake up before election time, vote against every local candidate who has not vehemently opposed the expansion, and exhort our friends and neighbors to do likewise.

Perhaps *The Spotlight* should invite Messrs. Corrigan et. al. to publicly and promptly state their views and intentions so that there will be no confusion on the issues.

Barbara Wiley

Delmar

### Welcoming newcomers

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will sit down to coffee with newcomers and new mothers in the area on Thursday, May 3, at the Drew home, 79 Paxwood Rd., Delmar, at 7:30 p.m. Call 439-0509 for more information.

### Keep us residential

Editor, The Spotlight:

The recent suggestion that the planning board of the Town of Bethlehem was considering an ill-advised proposal to reclassify a large area of central Delmar, namely Oakwood Pl., Adams Pl. and Herber Ave., from residential status to a commercial zone classification appalled many of us who had been assured of the sanctity of our residential zoning when we purchased our properties and homes.

While progress should never be denied, it should not be employed as an excuse for exploitation. The reasoning of the law of eminent domain holds up under the concept of "benefitting the majority of the citizens at the expense of a few" but the concept suffers when translated into "financially befitting a few politically and economically prominent individuals at the expense of a few non-influential majority."

Has any attention been given to the reasoning employed by our town planning people who years ago decided that the areas in question should be maintained as residential?

Most of us in the concerned area came to Delmar to escape urban commercial blight and to seek the quality of life provided by a small town with a superior educational environment. We have witnessed the commercialization of Wolf Rd. in Colonie, the sprouting business development that industrialized the Latham Circle, and the turbulent impact of the Crossgates Mall in Guelderland as one quiet suburban residential area after another was squeezed out of existence, metastasizing business and political interests. Is that what we want or indeed need in Delmar?

If these residential areas in central Delmar are zoned for commercial use, adjacent areas will be next. The process has unquestioned precedence in our neighboring towns.

The concerns of the taxpayers in the Town of Bethlehem should be addressed to all members of the Town Board.

Gerald B. Austin

Delmar

### Emergencies first priority

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would like to inform the residents of the Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands fire districts, to all of which the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad responds, of a few facts about the squad. Hopefully, this may eliminate any misconceptions some residents apparently have regarding a service which we at times provide. That service is non-emergency transportation to hospitals, doctors' offices and so forth for patients unable to be taken by car.

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The above facts relate primarily to emergency calls.

As mentioned previously, we also provide, when possible, non-emergency transportation. This may include trips to hospitals, doctors' offices, and home from the hospital for persons unable to go by automobile. This, of course, is secondary to our main purpose which is to provide prompt, efficient emergency medical care 24 hours a day.

Please be aware that at times we will be unable to provide this service. This is due to the limited personnel available during the daytime, when most of these requests are made. Even with 24-hour notifica-

tion, which we require, it cannot be guaranteed that we will be able to respond to a request.

Our main concern with the limited members available during the daytime, is that enough be available to respond to a life-threatening emergency. If we have an ambulance tied up on a non-emergency run, we are jeopardizing this emergency service.

Be assured that we will make every effort to honor your requests, but also remember our prime responsibility is to have an ambulance and personnel available for your emergency calls.

Thank you for your understanding.

Robert J. Boyea, Captain

Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad

Louis P. DiLillo, Chief

Delmar Fire Department

### Fire chief lauded

Editor, The Spotlight:

The time has come for us to pay tribute to one of our community's most unselfish and respected residents. Robert Wiggand of Glenmont, a well-known local contractor, has recently retired from his duties as a chief officer in the Selkirk Fire District after 30 years of service.

Bob Wiggand, a familiar name to many due to his varied community involvement, is also highly respected by those of us in the fire service. His distinguished career, spanning three decades, involved him as chief of Selkirk Fire Company No. 2 in Glenmont, and subsequently as district chief of the Selkirk Fire District. The latter position gave Bob responsibility for all three Selkirk fire companies.

Those who are not involved in the fire service might not appreciate the amount of time, dedication and personal sacrifice that Bob has given for his community. He accepted responsibility as a volunteer that many would avoid even if properly compensated. His contributions to the volunteer fire service are too numerous to list here. The major role Bob played in controlling the potentially disastrous Mobil Oil fire at the Port of Albany in 1980 is only one example of his commitment to community service.

Those who know Bob are confident that his contributions to the fire service will continue to benefit all of us in the Town of Bethlehem.

George M. Kaufman

Glenmont

### Homes on display

Three newly restored houses in the historic Pastures area of Albany will be the setting for designer showroom tours for Vanguard-Albany Symphony's Showhouse '84, a benefit for the symphony. Dates are April 29 to May 19.

Two of the houses, 137 and 151 Green St. will have a total of 17 rooms decorated by area interior designers, while at 135 Green St. gourmet lunches will be served daily by staff of Capital District restaurants. The lunches will be accompanied by fashion shows. This is the fourth and largest interior design showhouse program sponsored by Vanguard. It will open with a preview party on Saturday evening, April 28.

The houses will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, with a 6:30 p.m. closing time on Thursdays. Sunday hours are noon to 4 p.m. The house will be closed on Mondays. Their location on Green St. is two blocks south of Madison Ave. between Westerlo and S. Ferry St. Admission is \$4 and lunch is \$7.

For information, call 465-4755.

### Artistic standouts

Laura Fish of Delmar received one of three Top Artist Awards in the recent College of St. Rose undergraduate art show, and Jeff Gonzales of Feura Bush received an honorable mention. More than 300 entries were submitted. The college's senior show will open at the Picotte Gallery, 324 State St. in Albany, on April 25.

# Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

April 16, 1959

Cary Grant and Sophia Loren in *Houseboat* is the feature movie as the Jericho Drive-In announces its opening for the season. For the next few weeks the theater will operate only on weekends.

It's the end of an era for Delmar: Mary K. Jarvis will lock for the last time the doors of the Delmar Theater, a casualty of that new medium, television. The building has been sold to the Vets Garage. The last billing to appear on the screen is a double feature, Gregory Peck in *The Bravados* and a scary thriller, *The Fly*, with Herbert Marshall and Vincent Price.

April 18, 1974

There were many dignitaries on hand last weekend when Bethlehem grange celebrated its hundredth anniversary. More than 200 enjoyed the anniversary dinner at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, and the RCS stage band played selections from various years.

April 19, 1979

Teenagers scrambled for the back door when Mayor William J. Wenzel and members of the Voorheesville village board paid a surprise visit to the Arcade, an amusement parlor on Main St. that has been the subject of many complaints in recent weeks. Last week several residents appeared before the board and demanded that the teen hangout should be padlocked as a "public nuisance." After hearing the complaints, the mayor recessed the board meeting, reached for his coat, and led a delegation down the street to the game room a block away.

In contrast to last year, when only two of the winners at the Bethlehem Middle School Science Fair were winners, first-place ribbons this year went to five girls. The 1979 winners were Philip Kaminsky, Laurie Trotta, Whitney Obrig, Ruth Choppy, Janet Schaffer, Nonika Mascarenhas, Brad Green and Matt Healy.

## Apple writer workshop

The Bethlehem Apple Corps will be at the keyboard of the Bethlehem Public Library's Apple IIe microcomputer learning how to use the new "Apple Writer" word processing program on Wednesdays, May 2 and 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. Attendance at the two-part workshop is limited to people who are already validated to use the computer.

To register, call the library at 439-9314 by May 1.



**Slingerlands Community Methodist Church last week honored four members of 45 years or more, including one who has attended for 77 years. They are, from left, with the year they joined: Helen Coughtry (1906), Don Arthur (1935), Ethel Delaney (1907) and Dorothy Sickinger (1920).**  
Tom Howes

## Furey - Schilke

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Furey of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia, to Dr. Clifford H. Schilke, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Schilke of Oak Park, Ill.

Miss Furey graduated in 1965 from Bethlehem Central High School and in 1969 from the State University at Albany. She received a master's degree in linguistics in 1973 from the University of Pittsburgh and is a lecturer in the linguistics department there.

Her fiancé graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Cornell College, Iowa, in 1966 and received his M.D. in 1978 from Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. He is a staff physician at Butler Memorial Hospital, Butler, Pa.

A May wedding is planned.

## Cuffney - Dinnel

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Cuffney of Vestal have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joan Elizabeth, to Thomas John Dinnel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Dinnel of Delmar.

The bride-to-be will be a May graduate of the State University College at Potsdam. Her fiancé is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College and the State University College at Potsdam. He is employed at Micrognosis, Inc., Danbury, Conn., as a software engineer.

A Sept. 8 wedding is planned.

## Benefit for hunger

The Delmar Community Orchestra will give a benefit concert for the World Hunger Fund on Monday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. The concert, which is being sponsored by the church outreach committee and the Bethlehem Ministerial Association, is open to the public.

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## Snyder - Ballantyne

Mr. and Mrs. Clair S. Snyder of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Ann, to Lewis Bacon Ballantyne III, son of Mrs. Lewis B. Ballantyne, Jr. of Guilderland and the late Mr. Ballantyne.

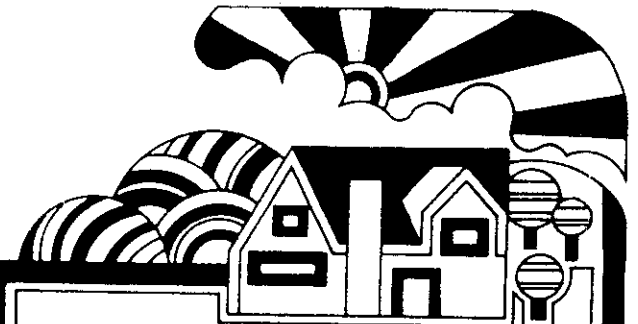
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the College of Saint Rose. She is employed by Pinebush Framing Station, Guilderland. Her fiancé is a graduate of Paul Smith's College and is employed by J.C. Penney Co., Albany.

An Aug. 25 wedding is planned.

## deWysocki - Furey

Mr. and Mrs. Peter deWysocki of Ithaca have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia, to D. John Furey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Furey of Delmar. Miss deWysocki is a 1975 graduate of Ithaca High School, and a 1979 graduate of the State University College at Brockport. She is employed at Vogel Van & Storage in Albany. Her fiancé is a 1975 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a 1979 graduate of Ithaca College, where he also earned a master's degree. He is a physical education teacher and football and track coach in the Bethlehem Central School District.

The couple plans a June wedding.



## COMMUNITY CORNER

### Cancer Crusade

Albany County's Cancer Crusade takes place April 13-30, during which time some 4,000 volunteers will be going door-to-door as well as using other forms of seeking support.

This year a prominent Bethlehem resident, Clifford Montgomery of Glenmont, is chairman of the crusade. The emphasis is not only on raising funds for this critically important cause, but also to give out information on the two most serious forms of cancer — lung cancer and colon/rectal cancer.

Included in the package being handed out is a Quick Test that enables you to pinpoint how factors such as personal and family medical history, age, lifestyle and health care habits can affect chances of getting cancer.

In our dedication to health care, we urge everyone to support Cliff Montgomery and his volunteers in their efforts over the next two weeks.



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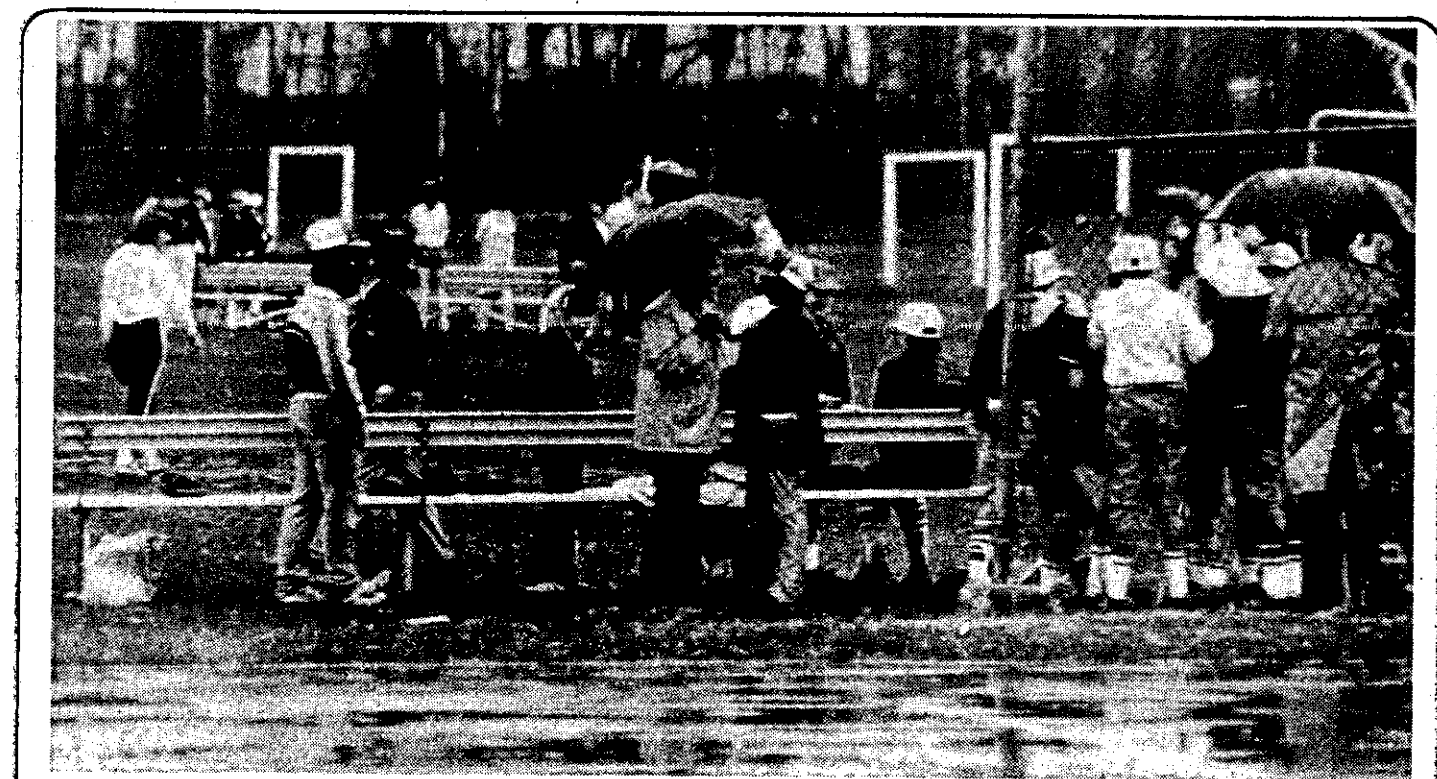
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