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Still a day to remember

Rain canceled parades in Voorheesville and Bethlehem, but the American Legion carried on. Bethlehem Supervisor Thomas Corrigan and an American Legion official review a Color Guard at the Blanchard Post's service at Memorial Park. Barbara Riedel and son Michael, 3, watched from underneath an umbrella and a tree. At Post #1493 in Voorheesville, the Color Guard of Saratoga Springs American Legion Post #70 salute during the national anthem. *On the cover: Although rain canceled Bethlehem's parade for the first time in 32 years, the Blanchard Post marched anyway.*

Tom Howes and Lyn Stapf

Task force finishes its business

By Vincent Potenza

With the exception of a report from the state Department of Transportation and subsequent recommendations to the town board on easing traffic congestion, the Delaware Avenue Task Force has wrapped up its five-month-long study of the town's problem highway with little change in its position since the public forum it held three weeks ago.

At that meeting in the town hall auditorium committee Chairman Charles Redmond told residents that the task force would not recommend expanding commercial zones into residential districts — easily the most controversial topic of the committee's tenure. He reaffirmed that statement at last week's meeting, but prefaced it by saying he couldn't promise that the future would not be different. The two members of the town board appointed to the task force were quick to agree.

"As of the moment, I don't see the need for it," said Councilman Robert Hendrick, referring to the expansion of the commercial zones. He added that 10 or 15 years from now things might be different, however.

"Route 9W is adequate for more businesses," Councilman W. Scott Prothero said. "We won't be causing a

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RCS budget has tax hike

By Lorin Pasqual

Following months of debate and deliberation, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education last week approved a \$10,264,237 budget Thursday for the 1984-85 academic year.

The final estimated tax levy totals \$1,490,378, so residents will pay approximately \$156.86 per \$1,000 in Coeymans, \$206.45 in New Scotland, \$123.21 in Bethlehem and \$121.54 in New Baltimore. These increases from last year's tax amount to about \$11.53, \$4.70, \$3.44 and \$1.93 respectively.

According to school officials, Coeymans residents face a higher tax hike than other areas because of decreased valuations for businesses, primarily the Atlantic Cement Company, whose assessment has been reduced by about \$1 million.

Specific changes in the budget and accurate cost figures will appear in *The Chalkboard* next week, according to a board members. Thus, residents will have more than three weeks to study the provisions before voting on the budget in the June 20 annual election.

One provision in the budget authorizes a 10 percent increase to all schools over last year's building budget, allowing school administrators to use the additional money for programs they deem necessary. Although board member Susan Gottesman recommended that the high school receive a larger increase since it offers more diverse programs that cost more to run, the board defeated the

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Finding a day camp you'll both like

By Lorraine C. Smith

What can your children do this summer? Almost anything! The choices within just a few miles of Bethlehem and New Scotland are almost endless. And for almost everyone. Programs are available for preschoolers of 2½ (at Camp Shalom) on up to 18 year old high school seniors (Summer Fun by Junior College of Albany). Even parents can "co-camp" with kids (at the Helderberg Workshop).

Decisions you and your child should consider: activities (will it be camping or computing, swimming or soccer?), cost (free to \$400), distance (transportation available or will it be carpool arrangements?) and dates (family travel time set aside?)

Some guidelines for making summer decisions were suggested by Delmar resident Jane Ritz, recent recipient of the "Young Child Award." This award is given to an individual who has contributed to improving the lives of young

children. Mrs. Ritz, mother of five children, was instrumental in organizing the Capital District Child Care Coordinating Council. She also served as program director of Kenwood Child Development Center, Salvation Army Day Care and has past experience as a camp director as well.

"Health and safety are of prime importance. As a parent I would check to see the program is regulated, licensed, or certified," Mrs. Ritz said. She next emphasized the importance of determining activities with appeal to both child and parent. For example water sports would meet both requirements for most people. Children like to swim or go boating. Parents are anxious for their children to learn water safety. "Camping sometimes is a convenient choice of the parent rather than the child," she said. "There should be a meeting of minds between parent and child."

While acknowledging that certain children profit from music or other special camps, Mrs. Ritz praised pro-

grams that invite children to be outside. "Activities should be something different from what children can do during the rest of the year," she said.

Summer is also the opportunity to be free of schedules and structure. "The worse approach is the camp that sends a schedule for every hour on the hour." Mrs. Ritz recommends routines that are

A guide to summer camps in this area. Page 4

flexible. "A planned morning hike to the woods to collect rocks, for example, with the afternoon set aside to do something experimental or something very simple with those rocks."

For further discussion of guidelines or considerations, check with the Bethlehem Public Library. "Summer Camps and Programs," and "1984 Guide to Summer Camps and Summer Schools," as well as other directories are available in the reference section.

Town looks for water thieves

Bethlehem police have a new type of "criminal" to watch for — water thieves.

Spurred by an incident two weeks ago in which a street was undermined by water leaking from a damaged fire hydrant, town officials have instructed police to be on the lookout for unauthorized uses of hydrants. Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor told the town board last week that the major culprits appear to be tree spraying services and hydro seeders, both of which require large amounts of water. In addition to the damage sometimes done to hydrants, both uses pose a risk to other water users, because a sudden shift in water pressure could result in dangerous chemicals being sucked into the water system.

State law, Secor said, requires an "air

gap" for such uses — that is, the spraying operation cannot be hooked directly to the municipal water supply, but must be separated by a space. The town routinely sets up such a hookup for businesses with special needs, Secor said.

He added that the town will set up alternative water supply sources for tree spraying outfits and seeders doing business in the town.

Secor had intended to ask the town board for a local law setting stiff penalties for persons or businesses who "steal" water from hydrants or who damage them during unauthorized use. But Supervisor Tom Corrigan said it appears a new law would not be necessary, since the police can enforce existing "theft of service" ordinances. Corrigan said Bethlehem police have been alerted to the problem.



Three prominent Bethlehem women were recipients of the first awards established by the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club honoring the memory of Ruth Miner, former Secretary of State for New York State and a longtime Slingerlands resident, who served as first president of the club. Cited at the annual luncheon were, from left, Marion T. Camp, Bethlehem town clerk; Ruth O. Bickel, Bethlehem councilwoman, and Sue Ann Ritchko, former county legislator. The presentation was made by Cynthia Wilson, right, club vice president. *Spotlight*

Task force finishes

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hardship on the business community. There's plenty of land to develop down there."

The other task force members concurred, including the chamber of commerce's representative, Lee Faulkner, who said his personal opinion was that "if the need arises there is time to look at it in the future."

The remaining point that had caused some problems — the creation of a "buffer zone" between commercial and residential property along the street — brought a similar acquiescence to the wishes of the residents. "If this is going to be done at all, I think the thrust of the public input was to do it with existing commercial property and leave the residences alone," said committee member Bernard Harvith.

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has contended all along that the commercial zone is already too narrow and that further restrictions recommended by the task force concerning setbacks and green areas will only decrease usable space, so the whole buffer zone idea was tabled for the time being.

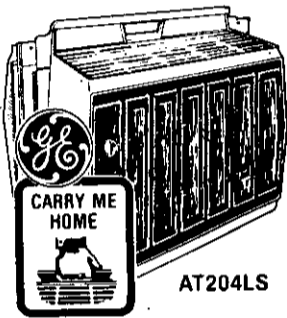
Virtually all of the other ideas emerging from the last five months were left as is, subject to refinement by the town board and building and engineering departments, as well as further study and trial-and-error on-the-job training by the town planning board on the proposed beefed-up site plan review procedures.

The traffic report from DOT is due in "soon," according to Redmond, but whether this means a few weeks or a few months is unclear at this time.

Shells go off in fire

Anthony L. Bonneau, 20, of Slingerlands was treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital last Monday for bullet wounds he reportedly suffered when he and a companion threw .22-caliber shells into a trash fire on property along Bask Rd., according to Bethlehem police reports. The wounds were in the lower back and upper right leg, the report said, and Bonneau was admitted to the hospital and listed in fair condition Monday.

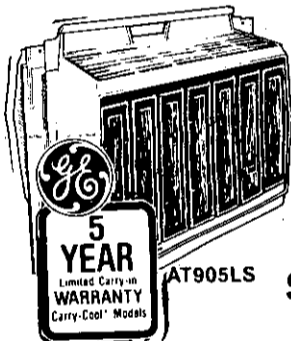
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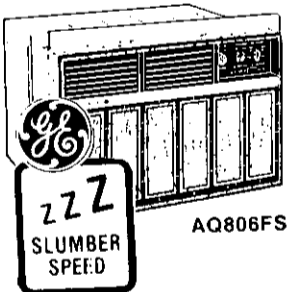
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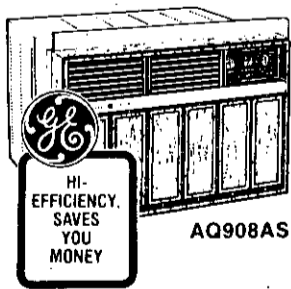
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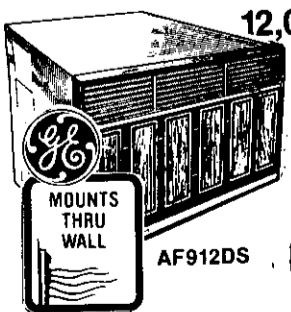
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The Bethlehem Town Board had no trouble last Wednesday deciding it is time to spend \$4.5 million to upgrade the town's water supply system. But there may be some differences of opinion later on how to pay for it.

Following a public hearing, the board adopted Phase One of the plan prepared by J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates that calls for two new four million gallon storage tanks — an open tank near the Elm Ave. Park and a closed tank in New Scotland near the town's reservoir — a second interconnect for the Albany Water Line near General Electric's Selkirk plant, and a new pressure reducing valve at Fisher Blvd. The second phase recommended by Fraser, with an estimated cost of \$2.95 million (in 1984 dollars), can be deferred until 1990, James Fraser told the board.

Bethlehem's main source of water is the Vly Creek Reservoir, but since 1979 the town has also bought water from Albany, and is "now committed to a long-term relationship" with the city, Fraser said. That decision to buy water from Albany avoided large capital costs five years ago, and about half of the work now planned would have had to have been done even if the town had built its own second source of supply, he said.

"The problem in the future will be meeting peak rates of use," Fraser said. While the Vly has a peak capacity of five million gallons per day, the town already demands up to 5.7 million gallons per day in peak summer months — and up to 9.3 million gallons per day if measured on an hourly basis.

Water district improvements are usually paid for by issuing long-term bonds, with the debt service retired from revenue collected by the district. In Bethlehem, water users pay 60 cents per 100 cubic feet of water, and owners of property in the water district pay (whether or not they use water) \$7.92 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor estimated that if the town issues bonds to be paid off in 30 years the cubic feet charge would go up 70 to 75 cents, and the tax would go up to \$9 or \$9.50 per \$1,000. For the average homeowner, that would mean a yearly increase of between \$12.60 and \$16.75 — "it shouldn't be a crushing blow," Secor said.

But Councilman Scott Prothero questioned whether the increase shouldn't be more. By selling 30-year bonds, he noted, the town commits itself to paying back the original cost of the improvements between two and three times. Bonds with a shorter life span, perhaps 20 years, would mean higher yearly payments (and initially higher town taxes), but in the long run would be cheaper, he said. "Even if it cost \$18 a year, I don't think that's a problem," he said.

That, however, is not a decision the board has to make now, since the bonds won't be sold until the project is finished. Although work is expected to start this summer, the job probably won't be completed until next year.

In other business, the board:

- Agreed to advertise for bids for playground equipment for the Elm Ave. Park. The playground has been designed "with diligent effort" by a group of mothers who petitioned the board for the facility last year. Supervisor Tom Corrigan said. The design is similar to the timber playground structures at local elementary schools and the Empire State Plaza.

- Heard a presentation by a representative of General Code Publishers Corp. to codify the town's local laws and ordinances. The project is expected to take about two years and cost \$13,500, with additional fees for ongoing supplemental services. The board took no action on the proposal.

- Appointed Parks and Recreation Administrator Philip Maher as the board's representative on the Bethlehem Public Library's committee on cable television. The committee will oversee the new public access channel facility at the library.

- Awarded contracts for aluminum and plastic pipe to Armco Inc. and Vellano Brothers. The contracts had been rebid because no one responded the first time, Secor said.



They just kept coming and coming — Mary Lou Riccardo of Glenmont, a wild animal rehabilitator for the Five Rivers Environmental Center, has been kept busy this spring pulling raccoons out of chimneys. At this house in Delmar recently, she plucked out six little ones after she and animal control officer Red Ray had first caged the mother. The animals will be released in a more rural area when the babies are big enough. Chimneys should be capped or screened to avoid the problem, Mrs. Riccardo notes. *Spotlight*

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Summertime in Bethlehem

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The 1984 Parks and Recreation Summer brochure details the popular swim and playground programs as well as gymnastics, tennis and basketball clinics.

Fees range from no fees at all up to \$20 (for the Tiny Tots one-on-one swim instruction).

Some require signup (May 30, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall assures get-in-line fun for everybody!) and some are "come if you like, no notice required," (poolside playground at Elm Avenue Park).

In addition, the town has scheduled

special events from June and August tennis tournaments and Independence Day family Day festivities to a Magic Show in July — all at Elm Avenue Park.

The Parks and Recreation Department is offering some two dozen programs as well as places to go for picnics, jogging and fitness, and tennis. Three different parks are available to town residents. Call the Elm Avenue Park Office, 439-4131 for more information or a complete brochure.

Merlin's Midsummer Magic is the theme for Bethlehem Public Library's summer Reading Club — and it's not just for "readers." Kindergarteners who like to be read to can qualify for membership, and give their book reports in drawings or other individual interpretations.

Besides offering pre-school story hours and bedtime stories (participants come in their pajamas!) summer staff will be visiting all the town parks and schools. Each location has a day and time set aside

Day Camps in the Area

Compiled by Lorraine C. Smith

NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT	PHONE	DATES	HOURS	AGES	FEE	TRANSPORTATION
Camp Shalom	Albany Jewish Community Center 340 Whitehall Road Albany	Joyce Pagoda	438-6651	6/25-8/17	9-1 9-4	2 1/4-15	Inquire	Yes
Albany County Cooperative Extension	Summer Scene Lincoln Park, Ridgefield Park Albany	Will Zwink	463-4267	7/9-8/17	10-3	7-12	None (\$2 Donation)	No
Emma Willard Girlsummer	Emma Willard School 285 Pawling Ave. Troy	Katie Haviland	274-4440	7/2-7/13 7/16-7/27	9-3	9-15	\$185 per 2 wks	Yes
Tri Village Nursery School Summer Program	First United Methodist 428 Kenwood Ave. Delmar	Jill Murphy	439-1447	7/9-8/10	9-11:30	3-5	\$20 per week	No
Summer Recreational Program	Kenwood Child Development Center, End of Delmar Bypass Albany	John Peters	465-0404	6/25-8/31	8-5	6-11	\$45 wk	No
Albany Academy Summer Day Camp	Albany Academy Fieldhouse Academy Rd. & Hackett Blvd. Albany	Ernest D. Steck	465-1461	7/2-8/10	8:45-4	5-14	\$200 per 3 weeks	Yes
Horizon — Tennis, Fine Arts, Video/Films, Computer Programming	Doane Stuart End of Delmar Bypass Albany	Lynn Sitrin	465-5222	7/2-8/24	9:30-4	4-16	\$400 per 4 weeks	Yes
Summer Art at Junior College of Albany	Junior College of Albany 140 New Scotland Ave. Albany	Anne Hubbard	445-1717	7/2-7/27	8:30-3:30	14-18	\$350 program	Yes
St. Gregory's Summer Recreation Program	Saint Gregory's School Old Niskayuna Road Loudonville	Mark Michele	785-6621	7/2-8/3	9-2:30	6-11	\$50 per week	No

SPECIALIZED CAMPS

Cerebral Palsy Center for Disabled	Center School Summer Program 314 South Manning Blvd. Albany	Dorie Godfrey	489-8336	7/9-8/17	9-3	Birth-21	Inquire	Yes
St. Gregory's Summer Computer Camp	Saint Gregory's School Old Niskayuna Road Loudonville	George Repicky	785-6621	6/18-6/29 7/2-7/13	8:30-1:30	9-13	\$75 1st \$70 2nd	No
St. Gregory's Soccer School	Saint Gregory's School Old Niskayuna Road Loudonville	Mark Michele	785-6621	6/18-8/18	9-12	6-14	\$75 1 wk. \$50 each add'l week	No
Yury's 7th Annual Gymnastics Summer Camp	RPI Armory The Robison Gym 15th St. Troy	Yury Tsykun	869-6299	7/2-8/24	9-3	5 and up	Inquire	Yes
SUNY Summer Sports camps	State University of New York Physical Education Center 1400 Washington Avenue Albany	Sue Pozniak	457-4514	Offers individual sports camps in football, softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, and a variety-sport clinic. Call for brochure for different session dates, ages, and costs.				

CAMPS IN THE COUNTRY

Albany Y.W.C.A.	Day Camp Mohawk Gun Club Road Altamont	James Deschamps	449-7196	6/25-8/17	8-3:30	6-14	\$60 per week, \$57 add'l wks	Yes
Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council	Camp IS-SHO-DA Mannix Road East Greenbush	Rose Ann Woodard	439-4936	7/2-8/17	9-4	6-13	Inquire	Yes
Temple Israel	Camp Givah East Berne	Rabbi Paul Silton	438-7858	7/2-8/23	9-3:45	4-14	\$70 wk	Yes
Ben Becker's Camp Nassau	Camp Nassau Veeder Road Guilderland	Richard Lang	456-6929	7/2-8/24	9-4	3-13	\$89 wk	Yes
Sunny Acres Day Camp	Sunny Acres Day Camp Elm Avenue Selkirk	"Aunt Bea" Bernice I. Alger	439-2464	7/2-8/24	9-4	4-15	\$70 wk	Yes
Heldeberg Workshop	Heldeberg Workshop Picard Road Voorheesville	Fran Krause	456-3790	7/16-8/10	9-12	6-adult	Inquire	Yes

This outline is intended only as a guide. Cost indicated may be for one week, a complete session, or for a minimum registration of two weeks with one or more weeks optional. Some camps reduce fees for early payment, registration for more than one session, or with enrollment of more than two family members. In addition to the hours stated, some may offer extended hours (for additional

charge) before or after the scheduled day. Although some do not provide transportation, assistance may be provided in coordinating car pools. For complete information, contact the camp directly for a brochure and specific details.

Rocky, Fame and Black Beauty are just three of the feature length movies offered weekly at the library. For each age group, something specific is planned. For toddlers: films and fingerplays; for young adults: special programming including workshops and movie marathons; for chess players: A Medieval Fair Chess Tournament; for everyone: the Bennington Puppets and Ruth Pelhelm of the Music Mobile in the "Evening on the Green" series.

A complete brochure will be available the third week in June. Or contact the Children's Room at the library, 439-9314.

One mile south of the library just off Delaware Ave. is Five Rivers Environmental Center. With a reason for all seasons but especially summer, children (and adults too) can take a hike, watch the geese, smell the herbs, or find tadpoles in the ponds. On rainy days, changing exhibits provide hands-on-learning experience in the Interpretive Building which will be open every day this summer including new Sunday hours of 1 to 6 p.m.

The Explorer Program, a four day series for kindergarteners through fourth graders, will be offered again this year. During Preschool Fun Days parents and their preschoolers may attend one day or every day of week-long lessons that continue the center's current theme "sharing nature with children."

On site nature walks at the Pine Bush, Henry Hudson Park, and the Corning Riverfront Preserve will highlight the summer lectures. In addition, Five Rivers will present its normal programming, ranging from birdwatching and edible flowers to forest values and fire ecology.

Some programs require preregistration or a small charge. A complete list of the season's sessions will be available mid-June. For more information, call Five Rivers at 457-6092, or obtain a copy of their newsletter, *The Tributary*.

Lorraine C. Smith

Five charged with DWI

An Albany man was charged Saturday by Bethlehem police with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated as a felony after he was picked up about 10 p.m. on the Elsmere Extension in Glenmont. Donald E. LaBarr, 35, who was on a motorcycle, also was charged with operating a vehicle while his license was suspended. Police said the felony charge is a result of a previous DWI conviction.

Four other persons were charged with misdemeanor counts of driving while intoxicated as a result of Bethlehem police action this week.

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Okay kids, what do you what to do this summer?

"I like to go to the pool, play in my back yard a lot, and be with my friends."

Larissa Read, 7
 Holy Names School

"I like to go to my grandma's, and play with friends especially with squirt guns. I like to eat whenever I want to and ride my bike."

Chris Lane, 7
 Slingerlands Elementary

"I like to play kick-the-can and go swimming. Anything to do outside. We can get together a game of soccer, baseball, or football. I even get a chess club going outside."

Derrick Tant, 13
 Middle School

"This summer I want to go play in the water and play with the sand toys and go on the slide. Best of all I like to go in the pool."

Michael Hanley, 4
 Slingerlands Nursery School

"I play the fife and belong to three different fife and drum corps so I'll be going away every weekend for musters. Other times I like to play war with cap guns. We chase everyone around in the neighborhood. I go to the town park a lot and try to earn money by mowing lawns."

Chuck Freuh, 13
 Middle School

"I like soccer, baseball, and football. I hate camp, part of it. I like some of it — specifically I like sports. On our vacation we go somewhere special. This year Montana."

Jeremy Bollam, 7
 Slingerlands Elementary

"I like to swim — anything on the water, sail, water ski, surfing, canoeing. Last year I went to a sailing camp and that was fun. I like to hike and dance and listen to music, but water stuff is the main thing."

Lisa Vancans, 16
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"I like to go to the town park to swim and to have picnics. I like camping in my back yard, and squirt gun fights. I get to stay out later and play longer."

Stephen Smith, 7
 Slingerlands Elementary

"I like the lazing around in summer, staying up late at night, and sleeping late in the morning. There's no pressure of school. Just hanging out with friends and swimming."

Aileen Burke, 14
 St. Thomas School

"I like to go work in my father's garden, and go swimming. I like to play King of the Mountain and go to the Great Escape."

Daniel Schreiber, 8
 Voorheesville Elementary

Variance hearing set

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals has scheduled a public hearing for 8:30 p.m. June 6 for Dave VanDenburg, Inc., P.O. Box 48, Delmar, to consider an application for a variance from the town zoning ordinance that would permit more than two dwelling units at 403 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

\$100 gone, footprints left

A Glenmont woman returned to her home on Rt. 9W about noon Thursday to find muddy footprints inside and a bedroom in disarray, according to Bethlehem police reports. One hundred dollars in cash was missing from a drawer, police said.

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Moving up to Junior High?

An orientation program for the parents of fifth grade children in the Pieter B. Coeymans and Albertus W. Becker Schools will be held Thursday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the RCS Junior High. Parents will be greeted by Robert DeSarbo, Principal, and Robert Wade, assistant principal, who will explain the sixth grade program, building procedures, and extra-curricular activities. There will be a coffee hour and question period. All parents are invited.

May teenagers announced

Teenagers of the Month for May are Deanna Tiberia and Joseph Rotello, the latest students to be honored in the Bethlehem Elks Lodge citizenship program.

Deanna is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph Tiberia of Ravena and the late Joseph Tiberia. She is a participant on the soccer team, volleyball team, stage band, All-county band, and jazz band, and is president of the senior class.

Joseph, son of Virginia and Thomas Rotello of Ravena, is a member of the RCS varsity soccer team, track team,

Student Council, and prom court. He was in charge of this year's prom decorations. He is also a member of the French-Italian Club.

Last call on paper drive

This weekend will bring to a conclusion the bottle and paper drive the youth of South Bethlehem United Methodist Church has been conducting. A trailer will be located in the parking lot of the church on Willowbrook Ave. for the convenience of everyone who has been kind enough to save these items. Anyone who finds it inconvenient to go to the church may call Bob Vaber, 767-9821, or Mary Dushek, 767-3400, to arrange to have the papers and bottles picked up.

Trip for jazz players

The RCS Junior High Jazz Ensemble will be performing at the Empire State Plaza on Sunday afternoon, June 3, at 2:30 p.m. for the Imagination Celebration. The Jazz Ensemble is a new performing group at the junior high as of this year and is under the direction of Scott Andrews. Also performing that afternoon will be four other area schools.



Colleen Nyilis

Scholarship awarded

Colleen Nyilis, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Delmar Progress Club. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Nyilis of Delmar, she is fourth in the class of 309, and is a National Merit Scholarship finalist. She plans pre-medicine studies at Stanford University.

Tandem trucks banned on 396

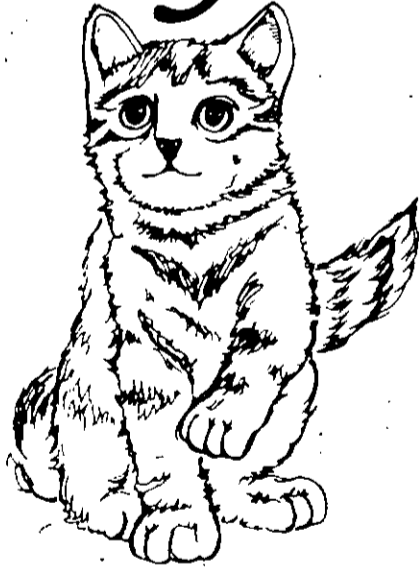
The State Department of Transportation has agreed with Bethlehem's contention that Rt. 396 through Selkirk is too narrow and winding to accommodate large tandem trailers. With that exception, the state has announced final approval of an order that will permit the tandems on major town highways that are linked to the Thruway.

Under the new state system, trucks up to 102 inches wide (six inches wider than currently allowed) and with either one 48 foot trailer, or two 28.5 foot trailers will be allowed on designated highways. For the Town of Bethlehem, that means Rt. 9W, parts of Rt. 144, Corning Hill, the Delmar Bypass, Long Lane and Rt. 55, and Rts. 53 and 396 through South Bethlehem to Rt. 9W. All of those routes are designed to allow trucks to get to and from the Thruway and their terminals.

When the new designations were first announced, Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan objected to all of them, but issued his strongest objection to allowing the large trucks to use Rt. 396 through Selkirk.

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Becker kindergarteners to move

By Lorin Pasqual

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board approved a plan Thursday to alleviate overcrowding at the A. W. Becker Elementary School by transferring two Kindergarten classes to Ravena. In addition, the board agreed to investigate the possibility of utilizing existing portable classrooms for art and music courses at Becker.

Residents in the district will have the opportunity to vote on the issue in the June 20 annual election. In a prior vote, district residents opposed the board's original plan to implement new portable classrooms or redistricting by grade levels.

Susan Gottesman, chairman of the Committee to Equalize Class Sizes, appeared noticeably upset with the board's new proposal. She stated that the committee, which began investigating the overcrowding problem in October, presented various alternatives to the public but believed complete redistricting would provide the best solution. The committee, she said, had hoped to equalize educational opportunities for all students in the district as well to decrease class sizes to 25 students or less.

"We always felt there was more to education than merely warehousing students," she said. "And as far as we are concerned, none of the other issues have been addressed."

Although the local media publicized the issue adequately, many residents have been misinformed about the benefits derived from redistricting all grades, she added.

Clearly the majority of residents did not favor such a plan, but they proposed other options. For instance, about 29

people submitted a petition to the board May 23 to transport the portable classrooms currently located at the school bus garage to Becker, where they can be used to house Kindergarten classes.

But portable classrooms lack adequate facilities and space for Kindergarten classrooms, according to board members. They can, however, provide additional space for art and music classes.

Angelo Rosato, superintendent of buildings and grounds, said portable classrooms, which now serve as a warehouse for supplies, have suffered from years of neglect and need major structural repair. He said he will investigate the possibility of renovating the structure, however, and will submit a cost figure to the board by Tuesday after speaking to a contractor.

Al Dwyer, principal at Becker, said he believes partial redistricting coupled with portable classrooms will solve the class size problem temporarily and effectively. In addition, he said, it will "buy time" for the board to investigate other alternatives for the future.

Moreover, a similar plan has been implemented in the past with great success, he added, so the public can tread on familiar ground. Gottesman disagreed. If the plan had worked before, she said, the board would not have had to devise another solution now.

The new proposal appears to have gained the support of most board members and residents, however. Additional information from census figures for one, two, three, and four-year-olds, which the board obtained Thursday, will enable administrators to adequately prepare for future enrollments.

In other action Thursday, the board reviewed a petition from 90 registered voters in the RCS School District to elect board members by voting at large rather than by individual seats. Only board members Gottesman and Tony Williams favored the idea philosophically, but the board unanimously approved including the proposition on the June 20 ballot.

Accident at light

An accident Friday afternoon at Feura Bush Rd. and Rt. 9W sent a Glenmont woman to Albany Medical Center Hospital, where she was treated and released. According to Bethlehem police reports, Doris Schultz of Glenmont had stopped her car for a traffic signal when it was struck from behind by a car driven by Arnold Medwin, 65, of Albany. No charges were filed.

Assessment rolls ready

The Town of Bethlehem's assessment rolls will be open for public inspection from Friday through June 19. The assessment list can be perused at the assessor's office, Room 114 in the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and also will be open until noon on the first three Saturdays in June.

The town Board of Assessment Review will hear grievances on Tuesday, June 19, from 9 a.m. to noon and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Town Hall. Property owners who may wish to file a grievance should get necessary information from the assessor's office before June 19.

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Girl, Shannon Elizabeth, to Donna and Michael Halpin, Delmar, April 27.

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Girl, Christina Sara, to Kathy and Andy Michael, Voorheesville, May 4.

Girl, Catherine Louise, to Carolyn and Bruce Barke, Delmar, May 4.

Boy, John Bernard, to Hope and John Cameron, Slingerlands, May 5.

Girl, Marisa Elaine, to Diane and Stephen Harrison, Slingerlands, May 6.

Boy, James Michael, to Nancy LaPointe and Paul LaSalle, Slingerlands, May 6.

Boy, Joshua John, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nesbitt, Selkirk, May 11.

Pre-school playgrounds

Parents can register children in Bethlehem's pre-school playground program beginning Thursday, May 31, by calling 439-3456, between 5 and 6:30 p.m. weekdays. Registrations will be taken during those hours only.

The program is open to children aged 4-6 who live in the town or school district. There is no fee, but there is a limit of 28 children per session. Proof of age will be required. Play periods will be between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. weekdays at these locations: June 25 - July 6, Slingerlands School; July 9 - 20, Glenmont School; July 23 - Aug. 3, Hamagrael School, and Aug. 6 - 17, Elmsere School.

RCS budget is up

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motion, citing an unnecessary cost to taxpayers.

Administrators at the elementary schools indicated they will use the additional funds to purchase textbooks and computers, and high school officials said they will probably bolster existing programs, which faced budget cuts from the board.

Major staffing items in the budget include the addition of a physical education department chairman, a bus mechanic, a fifth grade art teacher and a special education department chairman. Other provisions allow for an architect's fee to investigate a solar energy plan, and one eight-passenger vehicle.

The board also agreed to sign a \$15,933 contract with Equinox, Inc., an Albany-based human service agency, to provide counseling services to elementary and high school students in the district. They authorized the expenditure of about \$2,000 from this year's budget to build a 50 by 50 foot playground at the Becker Elementary School as requested by the Parent Teacher Association.

By changing the educational offerings in an appropriate manner, board members said they hope to present a realistic budget that the public will not defeat. Most judgmental decisions have reflected prior budgets, according to administrators.

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Welcome to kindergarten

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Parents may opt to provide their own transportation if they wish. Those taking advantage of the Kindergarten Express should be waiting outside their homes during the times listed.

Orientation at Junior High

This Friday, June 1, sixth grade students at the Voorheesville Elementary School will get a chance to view the Junior High. After eating lunch at the high school they will enjoy a musical

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program by the junior high school band and chorus, listen to the impressions of the junior high by members of the Junior High Student Council, tour the school and meet their teachers. This is the first time the expanded program will be held in the spring, and will hopefully dispel student anxieties about the move to the high school.

Card party at firehouse

For those looking for a fun evening, here's a winning idea. The ladies auxiliary of the Voorheesville Fire Department is sponsoring their 17th annual card party on Thursday, June 7, beginning at 8 p.m. at the fire house. The evening includes games, prizes, homemade refreshments and a "surprise" fashion show. For information contact Donna Welker at 765-3100.

Before beginning work on the card party the members took some time off to attend the installation dinner/dance at the Bavarian Chalet. Installed were: president, Donna Welker; vice-president, Barbara Stone; secretary, Beth Timmis; treasurer, Evelyn Berger, and chaplain, Helen Cantlin.

Kiwanis tag sale set

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will be holding its annual Tag Sale from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the upper parking lot at the Voorheesville Elementary School on Saturday, June 9. Members are looking for donations of things to sell. Those wishing to donate any used or new items should call Jay LaBelle at 765-3679.

Proceeds from the sale will go towards community and youth activities sponsored by the men's service group, which include grasshopper baseball and softball, youth soccer, summer band, the Halloween Party and the monthly blood pressure clinic.

Soccer and baseball starting

Good news for those who get a kick out of playing soccer. The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will hold registration for its fall youth recreational soccer program to be held during August and September. Boys and girls who are presently in grades 3-5 are eligible.

Those interested may register at the elementary school on Wednesday, June

6, from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. or on Saturday, June 9, between 9 and 11 a.m. A \$6 registration fee is payable at that time. Those participating in the grasshopper baseball program may register with coach Mike Lancor either Tuesday, June 5, or Thursday, June 7, either before or after the games.

Coaches and assistants are also needed for the soccer program. Those interested in helping, or wanting information may contact Lancor at 765-4883.

Ball players 'on camera'

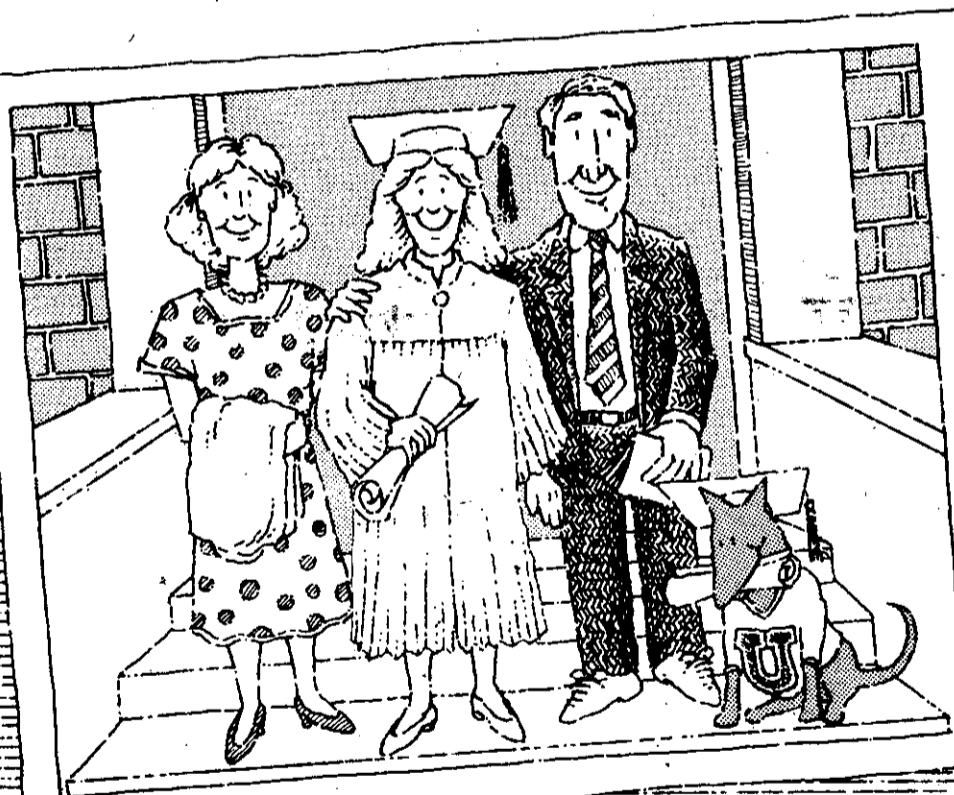
Smile, sports fans! Boys and girls participating in the Kiwanis grasshopper baseball and softball program will have their pictures taken this week. Majors will have photos taken on Tuesday, May 29 (rain day June 5); girls softball will have theirs taken Wednesday, May 30 (rain day June 6). Minor league teams are scheduled for Thursday, May 31 (rain date June 7).

Art at the plaza

Also this Friday, 123 students from the elementary school will travel to the Empire State Plaza to take part in the Imagination Celebration. While there they will attend workshops in the arts and view a performance of the Honolulu Theater for Youth.

The students are sure to visit the art exhibit in the lobby of the museum, which will feature the works of Voorhees-

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Students at Voorheesville Elementary School last week sent off balloons, each with a message asking the finder to write them. *Lyn Stapf*

ville sixth grade students Jenny Kraemer, Kristen Foster and Erin Alonzo. According to their art teacher, Margaret Fennell, their work will be exhibited with other art projects from around the state.

Covering all this with the eye of a reporter is Alex Englander, editor of the *Voorheesville Voice*, the school newspaper, who has been attending seminars along with other area students concerning journalistic techniques.

The Imagination Celebration will run through June 3, culminating with a parade at the plaza on Sunday afternoon.

Bloodmobile in village

A reminder that the community Bloodmobile will be at the Voorheesville Methodist Church this Friday, June 1, from noon until 6 p.m. Donors are welcome to stop by or may call chairman Diane Guyer at 765-2529 to make an appointment to come in and give blood.

Instrumental decision

Those children who are presently in fourth grade at the Voorheesville Elementary School will get a chance to come, with their parents, and see the different instruments available to them next year at the school's annual instrumental signup night to be held on Wednesday, June 6, at 7:45 p.m. in the grade school gym. At that time students will be given a chance to speak with high school music students, music teachers from the school district and John Keal, of Keal's music store, who provides an instrumental rental service to pupils in the school district. Anyone having questions or unable to come that evening may call elementary school music teacher Lydia Tobler at 765-4649 evenings or at the school, 765-2382.

In Feura Bush The Spotlight is sold at Houghtaling's Market

Sportsmen to promote fishing at reservoir

By Lynn Stapf

More than two dozen people went "fishing" May 17 for answers on how to persuade authorities to open the Vly Creek Reservoir to public fishing. The group, composed of members of local game and sportsman clubs, officials from the Town of New Scotland and the Village of Voorheesville and Kiwanis, were invited to the weekly meeting of the New Scotland Kiwanis club to pursue the positive and negative arguments in favor of the fishing proposal issued by the men's service group.

The obviously pro-fishing group listened intently as Norman McBride, who manages fisheries in Albany County for the Department of Environmental Conservation, discussed the pros and cons of opening the reservoir to fishermen.

Vly Creek Reservoir is the Town of Bethlehem's major water source, and town officials have consistently said they are reluctant to consider any move to open it to the public. Town officials were invited to the meeting, but none attended.

According to McBride, most of the United States has opened public reservoirs for unlimited recreational purposes without adverse effects, but the northeast as a rule has been reluctant to follow suit. He continued that the fear of contamination of the water system dates back to the 19th century, when such use of the system did foster disease, but with the advent of modern water treatment such as filtration and chlorination systems found in Bethlehem, such fears are unfounded.

Citing the usual objections such as the concern over litter, liability and vandalism, as well as the impact on increased cost of treatment, McBride proposed some solutions for the first three and discussed the elevated costs many feel

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accompany such a move. He stated that when a district enters into a fishing and game management agreement with the state the costs of developing parking areas, stocking, posting of properties and management would be absorbed by the state with the cost to the district being minimal, a factor which could even be eliminated by the selling of permits to offset the costs. He added that it would be more costly to create a comparable compound in the area and totally unnecessary when the 240-plus-acre "lake" exists.

McBride also pointed out that the opening of the creek to fishing could be controlled by the type of restrictions placed on the site, limiting the season and type and quality of fishing. He stressed that even though En-con does favor the opening of the reservoir to fishing, that it would not assume the responsibility to convince the governing bodies, and would leave that up to the local interest groups.

The boards of both Bethlehem and New Scotland met several weeks ago to discuss the proposal, with the Bethlehem board indicating it was reluctant to open its reservoir. New Scotland officials favor the proposal, but stated they did not want to strain relations with the Bethlehem board or pressure New Scotland's second largest taxpayer into conceding the request.

Following McBride's talk and an extensive question period, those present discussed possible further action on a new appeal to the Bethlehem board.

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Well owners get village tap

By Tom Howes

A resolution by the village board has cleared the way for Voorheesville's first water line outside municipal limits. But the board's resident-only water tap policy remains intact, according to Mayor Richard Lennon.

Financed by Albany County, the construction will "impact five to eight houses" on East Rd. near the county Highway Department's salt storage facility on Rt. 85A, Lennon said. The residences are currently serviced by wells, and each has suffered salt contamination. The decision by the county to provide a water line follows an agreement between the county and East Rd. residents not to pursue an identification of the contamination source, according to village attorney Donald Meacham.

"It's not a proven fact that the county contaminated the wells," Meacham said. But he noted the salt storage would be a logical suspect.

Superintendent of Highways William Hotaling said the village will "oversee" construction of the line, then assume maintenance responsibility. Since the users will be taxed by the village and the town in that area, those double rates would offset any ongoing costs, he said.

Lennon said: "I don't know if true maintenance cost is an issue in the long run."

The initial construction costs will entail "no cost to the village" according to Trustee Daniel Reh.

The precise number of houses affected is not yet known. "It's fairly definite five wells are contaminated, and three more may be within the year," said Hotaling.

Village policy has been not to honor water requests for residences outside village limits, but Lennon drew a distinction: "We have to be flexible in our response. These people had good wells (which) through no fault of their own, were contaminated . . . I make a distinction between someone buying a lot . . . and people living in a house for a number of years."

VOORHEESVILLE

"I still don't feel we should be giving taps outside the village."

Marilyn Straccuzzi, a candidate for trustee in the May election, expressed concern for the village's aquifer and wondered what would happen at the site. Lennon said he understood that the county would build a salt shed.

In other business, the board:

- Received a report from Clough, Harbour Associates outlining results of the firm's flow studies on the Salem Hills Sewerage facility. The report also details rehabilitation, maintenance and purchase costs. Lennon said the village would hold a special meeting in "four to six weeks" to allow community input on the plan. "The decision we make will affect people for the next 20 years," Lennon said, "it's important people in that district have input." The costs are higher than expected, he said — "the initial reaction will be . . . disbelief." No copy of the report was available at Tuesday's meeting, and no date was set for the special meeting.

- Announced that Niagara Mohawk requires a \$5,700 increase in street lighting costs, based on previous use figures.

- Announced that the Adams Russell cable television franchise is repairing area amplifiers, a process that may cause temporary picture loss in some homes.

- Granted a vendors license to the Mr. Ding-A-Ling ice cream truck. Mr. Ding-A-Ling has sold in the area for three years. The license is \$12.

- Approved a water levy of \$40 per 30,000 gallons; a real estate tax of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; and agreed to apply unpaid 1983 water levies to 1984 as real estate taxes.

- Announced the summer concert series will begin July 8, running every other weekend. Five or six are already

scheduled, Lennon said, with several more in the works. "We'll provide a reasonable level of entertainment," Lennon said, adding that "any facility the village has should be utilized to the maximum, within some reasonable limits." All concerts will be held in the village park, not Evergreen Park, this year.

- Rezoned, by resolution, the limited parking area in front of the Voorheesville Carpet store on Main St. to a no parking zone extending from Center St. to the public library driveway. "We don't want to put them out of business," Lennon

Drug group branches out

By Lynn Stapf

The Voorheesville Substance Abuse Task Force met May 21 and by the end of the session had changed its name to the New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force in hopes of getting more of the community to participate.

The group was begun last fall as part of the Chemical People program offered on Channel 17, which fostered meetings of school and civic organizations to help combat the ever-increasing problem.

The group has proposed an active program next year and is in need of interested people to help with its projects.

Much has also been planned to finish out this year, including the first issue of a newsletter scheduled to come out with the June issue of *The Helderbarker*, as well as a series of talks scheduled to take place in area churches concerning the seriousness of the abuse and presenting alternatives.

To assist parents in facing the challenges of child rearing, the group is also beginning a parents' support group which, although it may touch upon substance abuse, is open to discussion of any questions concerning parental problems.

According to Sue Nachbar, who along with Albany County resource person Kathy Provencher is co-ordinating the

said, but cited the business's "repeated refusal" to abide by informal conditions previously agreed upon. Hotaling said: "They can make parking out back. They got a lot of land back there." A neighbor made the request. No one from the business was present.

- Announced no movement in the search for a tenant in the Grand Union store. "I talked with Howard Vagele (plaza owner) and nobody had contacted him in regard to anything," said Meacham. The village's pamphlet advertising the property has circulated in food industry channels for six to eight weeks, Meacham said.

Date for dancing

Contra dancing is on tap Saturday evening at the United Methodist Church on Maple Ave. in Voorheesville.

program, "It will be a place where parents can laugh, cry, vent their feelings and ask their questions on everything from toilet training to drugs." Stressing the confidentiality of what is said at the group meetings, Nachbar invites all area parents to attend the first session on Thursday, June 28, at the Voorheesville Area Ambulance building on Voorheesville Ave. Meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Due to the success of several area "after-the-prom-parties" featuring lots of fun and no alcohol, the group is beginning to plan ahead for next year's prom and has several ideas but could use some extra heads and hands. Those interested in working on the prom project or any other programs may contact chairman Phil Joyce at 765-4336.

It was also proposed that Richard Leach, school health coordinator, teach a special mini-course on chemicals and what they do to you in conjunction with the fall continuing education program.

Yard equipment taken

A lawn tractor trailer was taken from the yard of a home on New Scotland Rd. in Slingerlands sometime overnight last Wednesday, according to Bethlehem police reports. The trailer is valued at \$170.

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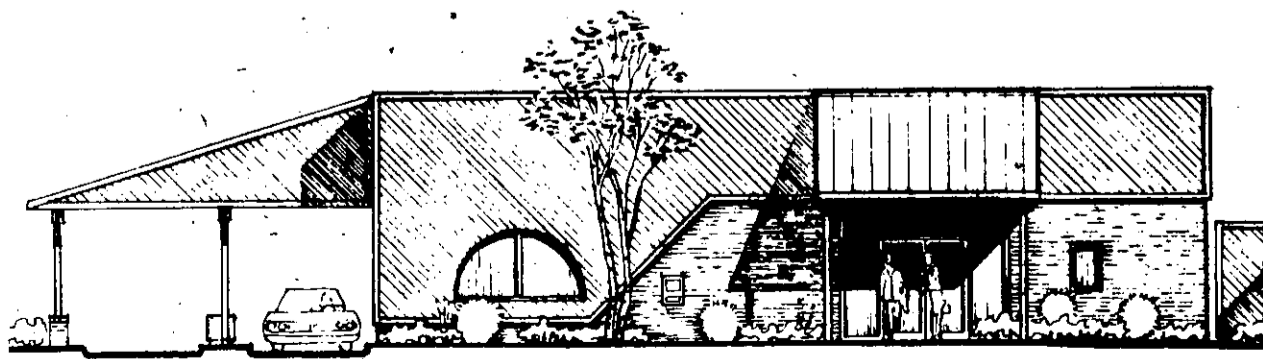
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"Yes, well, I thought you might help me find myself."

"You have lost yourself?"

"Well, not really, but in a way, yes, I guess so. I'm just not happy."

"What is making you unhappy?"

"I'm not sure, but I suppose it's a lot of things. My job, my relationships, my outlook, myself, me."

"How long have you have been unhappy?"

"I'm only now coming to grips with it, but I'm realizing that I've felt this way for most of my life. I just don't feel worth very much."

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against the bridge of his nose between his closed eyes. It was as though he was pressing the rewind button of his life's tape recorder to review those lessons he had learned. A moment later he opened his eyes, slowly focused them on the beamed ceiling of the richly wooded study, and began.

"When I was a young man, I was a dreamer. I daresay I spent more time dreaming of what could be than I did

myself with emptiness, nothingness, no plans, no security, no alternatives, except, that is, whatever I could create out of my own ingenuity and my own individual worth."

"That was taking quite a risk, wasn't it?"

"Perhaps it was. Yet the risks I faced by remaining untrue to myself were by comparison far greater. I had begun to sense the pain of losing myself to the demands of life's external pressures. I realized that I was selling my soul in favor of satisfying my need for day-to-day security. I was feeling much the same way you are feeling right now."

"Then . . . how did you find yourself?"

"By realizing that I had never lost myself at all. What I came to know was that my discontent, my pain with myself was coming from no one other than myself. It was a sign, a symptom of the inner me rejecting the outer me I was pretending to be. If I had been a person content to work at a routine, inconspicuous career, I would have been at peace with myself. However, I was not and am not. I happen to be a dreamer who must try to transform his dreams into realities. Nothing less can please me or grant me peace. It is my truth and, also my burden.

"But, Sir, not everyone can risk losing the security of earning their daily bread at a dull job in order to pursue dreams."

"You are right, but then not all dreamers can afford to risk dulling their dreams to pursue their daily bread either. It depends on how much ache is in the soul. Some of us have a higher pain tolerance than others. But your unhappiness is a guide. It tells you what not to do just as your happiness is a guide in what you should do."

"But if I do only what makes me happy,

then aren't I being selfish, inconsiderate?"

"Most of us cannot feel happiness when we realize that we have neglected or hurt those we love and care for. To be truly happy, we must tend to all of the responsibilities we have accepted, not merely those tied to our pleasure impulses. Nor must we constantly sacrifice our own need for pleasure in order to give to others, for then we might be seen as martyrs, and a martyr's existence is centered around suffering, not happiness."

"Well, I can't just go off and do my thing. It would upset my family too much. I'm doing what I'm doing because I love them."

"I understand that you love your family, but your family also loves you. They most likely want your happiness much more than they need your sacrifice for them. You have been performing the act of loving them while you do not love yourself. That is a fraudulent act, because you are offering your love as one who doesn't feel worth very much. If that is so, then how much can your love be worth?"

"I see what you mean. So if I try to do things that make me feel better about myself, then I will have more to offer people I love."

"Exactly."

"It sounds so simple."

"It is. Even if it doesn't work for a while, you will eventually succeed, because you will be feeling better and better about yourself. It is the most important lesson I can share with you: Be yourself, and then be the best you that you can be. Goodbye, and good luck."

"When I was a young man, I was a dreamer," he said. "I daresay I spent more time dreaming of what could be than I did experiencing what actually was."

"What makes you think I can help you?"

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"There are no secrets to living life as I see it. There are lessons, however, that we can learn through our experiences. I can share some of those with you, if you wish."

"I do, because I am lost within myself. I don't know what to do or what to try."

The self-made man sat back in his plush wing chair, folded his hands and pressed his two extended index fingers

experiencing what actually was. When I was eventually faced with life's obligations, I made the best choice I could at the time, and got a job, a very modest job, one that taught me little more than duty and humility. I learned to see myself as indistinguishable from all other human beings, save a few great ones I had read about."

"Yes, that's exactly how I feel about myself."

"I spent almost two years working at that job, achieving raises in pay and promotions in rank, well past my supervisors, until I realized that I was different from them, not merely in deeds, but in spirit. So I left that job and faced

Car overturns

Jerry P. Jonas, 50, of Delmar escaped injury Thursday afternoon when the car he was driving went off Rt. 335, up a cable guide wire for a telephone pole and overturned, according to police reports. The accident occurred when the driver attempted to pick up a notebook that slid off the seat, the report said.

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Carol King, program director for the Bethlehem Channel, said programs will be cablecast on Channel 16 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. all next week from the studio at the library. Monday, Bethlehem Central High School's 50th anniversary celebration will be shown. Tuesday, a program by the Upper Delaware Avenue Association is scheduled, and next Wednesday the preview tape will be repeated. An evening of Victorian music is planned in that time slot on June 7 (made possible by WMHT Channel 17) and June 8 a program on video graphics

by artist-in-residence John Hughes is planned.

An advisory committee for the channel is headed by Rob Lillis of Delmar as chairman and includes Phil Maher, town parks and recreation director; archaeologist Dr. Floyd Brewer and Lois Dillon of the Bethlehem Historical Association, among others.

Tribute to principal

A reception honoring retiring Elsmere Principal Richard J. Herrmann is planned for Wednesday, June 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the school gym. The Elsmere School Community Organization (ESCO) is issuing an open invitation to the community to attend. Herrmann has been principal of the school for 32 years.

Van trip planned

The Bethlehem Senior Van will take a group of senior citizens from the town of Bethlehem to Stuyvesant Plaza on Tuesday, June 12. The first 11 seniors who make van appointments will be taken on the shopping trip. To make appointments, interested senior citizens should call 439-5770 between 9 and 11 a.m. weekdays or sign up at senior citizen organizational meetings Thursdays at the town hall.



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BC fifth graders had an elimination event Thursday at Hamagrael Elementary School, and local sixth, seventh and eighth graders are competing for slots in meets this week.

Stamp in wrong place

A Brooklyn man was charged with criminal possession of stolen property, third degree, and criminal possession of a forgery device after he was found to have a learner's permit validation stamp belonging to the state Motor Vehicle Department. Manuel Astor, 36, of Brooklyn was stopped by Bethlehem police at 3 a.m. Saturday in Selkirk. He was sent to the Albany County Jail. The driver, Jesus A. Liciaga Jr., was charged with driving without a license and failure to keep right.

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In one breath Governor Cuomo has backed the legislation to raise the drinking age to 21 in this state while in another he has signed legislation allowing children 14 years old to get married providing certain conditions are met and permission is given. There seems something incongruous about these two items, but perhaps it is only my faulty logic.

We have heard in the past year statistics regarding massive unemployment and seen the opening of an unprecedented number of "soup kitchens" while one government official has declared that there is not a problem with hunger in this country.

Diet books and exercise programs flood the market daily as we rush to shed unnecessary pound from overeating while "It is primarily in the Third World that protein energy malnutrition (PEM) affects 500 million people and kills 10 million every year." (Christian Century, May 23, 1984).

These are confusing times and we and our children are receiving and sending confusing signals from one another to one another. Life changes so quickly we barely have time to catch our collective

breath. The parade is passing us by and we are having problems catching up with it as the last float disappears around the corner.

Where will it all end? Will it ever slow down? Or will we burn ourselves out in the end attempting to keep pace with all that life throws at us? These are questions we will have to answer for ourselves or await the answers for in whatever form they might take until we recognize that we are not in control, that we are not the masters of our destinies, that there are some things that are simply out of our hands.

In the midst of all the changes that life hurls at us, there is one constant, one thing that remains sure and everpresent, that being the love of God. The promise of Christ to his disciples is our promise; "I will never leave you nor forsake you." And perhaps it is only at those moments in our lives when things are completely out of control and running at break-neck speed, when we have reached the end of our rope that we are able to recognize God's throne of grace and mercy. Perhaps it is only when we allow ourselves the luxury of recognizing the

presence of God that we also receive the power of God.

Until that point, we are found standing on our self-made pedestals touting our self-important philosophies and successes. But when they begin to crumble and we begin to fall and reach out for anything to break the fall, and recognize in that descent that it is God who has made us and not we ourselves our fall is broken by the outstretched arms of mercy of the God of mercy. The scars evident in the hands of His son declare more loudly than words His love for us and ultimately our need for him.

And recognizing that, we are able to pray, "Be present, merciful God . . . so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Weekend for bonsai

The art of bonsai trees will be displayed at the annual show of the Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Society Saturday and Sunday at the Albany County Cooperative Extension building on Martin Rd. in Voorheesville. Visitors are urged to bring their cameras. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, with admission \$1. William T. Breiten of Cooperstown will explain the bonsai art form during the show. Helen Breeze of Slingerlands is a member of the show committee.

Mothers to hear speaker

Alan Joseph, a Family Court attorney, will be the speaker at the Mothers' Time Out meeting at the Delmar Reformed Church on June 5. Joseph specializes in family and child protection cases. A question and answer session will follow.

Mothers' Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers, welcomes new members. Child care is provided each Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. For information, call 439-9929.

Painting demonstration

The Albany Artists Group has announced that local artist Robert Longley will be giving an outdoor demonstration in oil painting at 10 a.m. on June 2 at the Five Rivers Environmental Center on Game Farm Rd. in Delmar. Those interested in attending are asked to bring a lunch and sketching and painting equipment.

For more information, call Mary Bruno at 489-7216.

Chorale at church

The Bethlehem Central High School combined choirs and student soloists will perform the choral masterwork, *Gloria* by Antonio Vivaldi on Wednesday, June 6, at 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Keith Williams, a BCHS alumnus, will accompany the chorus, and Joseph Farrell will direct. The concert is free and open to the public.

A directory of popular restaurants recommended for family dining in the immediate area within easy driving distance of Bethlehem and New Scotland.

We trust that you will continue to enjoy your favorite restaurants and hope that on your next evening out, you will try one of the fine dining places advertised on this page.

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J.W. Campbell

Software tell-all

Roger Creighton Associates of Delmar has produced a microcomputer program titled Address Guide System that can provide information on public and private services available at a given location. These include, for example, the nearest bus stop and firehouse, the ward or voting district, and whether the location has sewer service. The software was originally developed to help school districts in bus routing. The firm's School Bus Routing System is being used by the Bethlehem Central School District, and is being distributed nationally by the transportation division of Ernst & Whinney.

Heads statewide group

Franz Zwicklbauer, business administrator for the Bethlehem Central School District, July 1 will assume the presidency of the New York State Association of School Business Officials. The organization has a membership of 660 colleagues and 400 others. Zwicklbauer, a Bethlehem Central graduate, has a bachelor's degree and master's degree from the State University at Albany, and earned an advanced certificate in educational administration from SUNYA in 1975. He has been business administrator in Bethlehem since 1973.

BUSINESS

Federal check for fresh fish

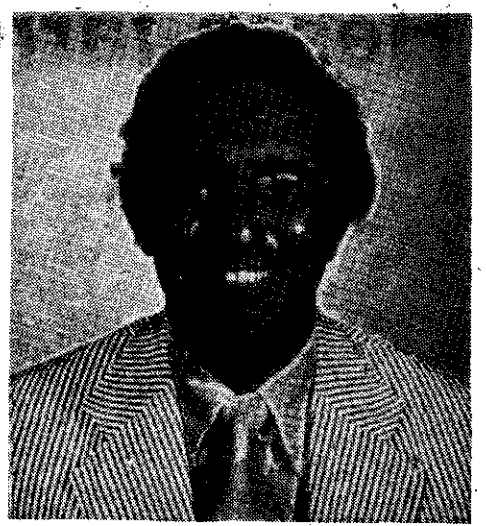
The Grand Union Company, which has supermarkets at Delaware Plaza and the Town Squire Shopping Center, has entered into an agreement with the National Marine Fisheries Service of the U.S. Department of Commerce to have its fresh and frozen seafood inspected and graded by federal inspectors.

The agreement initially covers all Grand Union supermarkets in the company's Northern Region through upstate New York, Vermont and New Hampshire. Grand Union is the only chain throughout northern New York State and sections of New England to carry U.S. Grade A fresh seafood, the company said.

Robert J. Saba, corporate vice president in charge of the Northern Region, said the agreement provides inspection services at the company's Waterford Distribution Center as well as spot inspections in Grand Union supermarkets.

Under the program, federal inspectors look for fresh odor and flavor, firm flesh, shiny skin; no jellied, milky or chalky fish. They cook and taste samples to make sure the Grade A quality will hold up when cooked. Saba said consumers, too, should carefully inspect fresh seafood before making their purchase. He said consumers should examine fish for fresh look and smell. There should not be a disagreeable odor, and the fish should have firm flesh and eyes that are clear and full.

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Howard R. Netter

Present paper in Italy

Delmar Obstetrician-Gynecologists Drs. Howard R. Netter and Albert A. Apicelli recently attended a medical conference in Italy, where Dr. Netter presented a paper at the University of Rome concerning treatment of renal transplant patients in pregnancy.

Dr. Netter was the first obstetrician-gynecologist to establish a full-time practice in Delmar. He is chairman of the Department of Gynecology at the Childs Hospital, a clinical associate professor at Albany Medical College and an attending obstetrician-gynecologist at St. Peter's Hospital.

Dr. Apicelli is a clinical associate professor at Albany Medical College, attending obstetrician-gynecologist at St. Peter's and attending physician at the Childs Hospital.

Settlers to gather

The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany will have its annual meeting Saturday at the Albany Country Club in Voorheesville, beginning at noon. Speaker will be Charles Van Rensselaer, who will discuss his recent visit to his ancestral home in Crailo, in the north of Holland.

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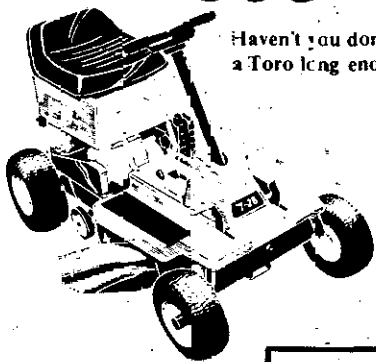
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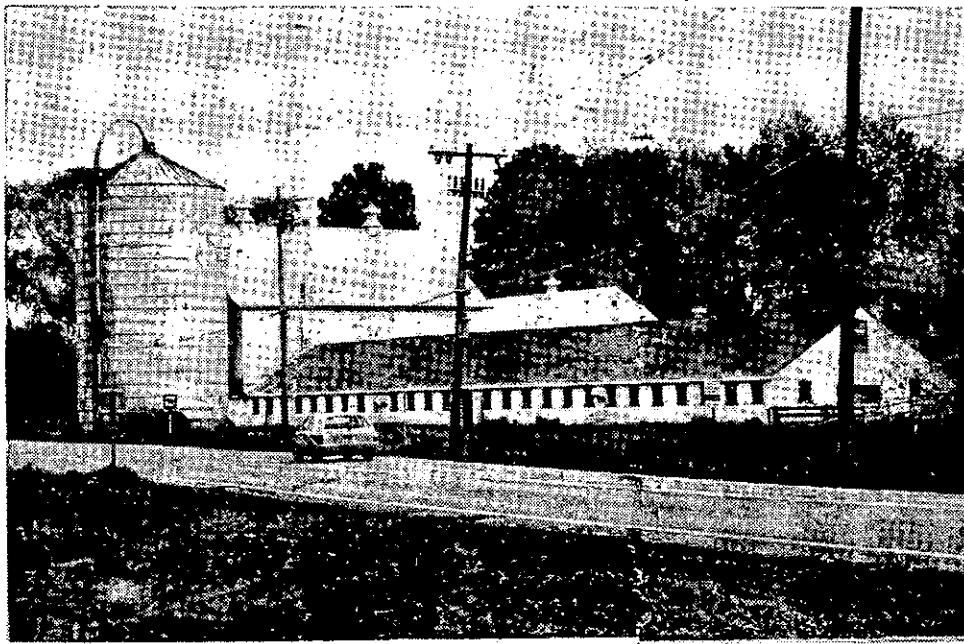
By Caroline Terenzini

The Heath farm in Glenmont, in the family since 1920, is on the market. The 450 acres, now supporting more than 100 milking cows and some 25,000 laying chickens, have an asking price of \$1.25 million, according to local realtor John F. Healy. The property's boundaries include Rt. 9W and Wemple Rd. in Glenmont and the state Thruway.

Mrs. Jerold A. Heath, wife of the eldest son in the Heath family, which owns the farm in partnership, said Tuesday, "The farm is still in excellent condition, but the people are getting older and it's getting to be too much. There are so many factors for small farmers nowadays," Mrs. Heath said when asked about the decision to sell. The farm is owned by William H. Heath, who will be 93 in September; his two sons, Jerold A. and William L., and his daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Richard J. Thayer, she said.

The planned sale is of interest to the community for a number of reasons. The price and the acreage involved make the marketing of the farm one of the biggest deals ever locally. In addition, the farm is a landmark of the community, having supplied the dairy products and eggs that many residents have bought over a long period of years. Delivery trucks from the Heath Dairy have been a common sight on local roads. The farm also is a mecca for families, welcoming visitors to the retail store on the premises and permitting visits to the cow barns, milking area and milk processing building.

Who might take over from the Heath and Thayer families is unknown, but



The Heath farm on Rt. 9W is Glenmont landmark.

Tom Howes

"450 acres in that location, close to Delmar, is very significant," Healy said. He noted that information supplied by the listing realtor indicated 300 acres would support the farm operation, leaving some 150 acres available for other uses, depending on zoning restrictions.

Jerold Heath said he sees probably a 50-50 chance of selling the farm this summer as a working unit, but "come fall, the cattle will be sold."

Jack Hughes, director of governmental relations for the New York State Farm Bureau, an organization of farming interests which has an office in Glenmont, when asked about concerns in farming

today, said, "Generally, with dairy farming, prices have been very flat." Price supports help, he said, but a milk surplus nationwide prompted Congress last year to throw out the formula that would have caused the support price to rise.

"Commodity surpluses suggest that farming is not in trouble," Hughes continued. "There is also concern that we do not lose important farm land — prime farm land tends to be prime development land." And there is concern for open space near cities and for preserving farm land near markets, he said. The crunch is a number of years off, however, he added. "There is a lot of land still idle."

The Heath farm has, in addition to the farmhouse fronting on 9W that dates to 1820, four tenant houses and a tenant duplex, two cattle barns and two poultry barns with automatic feeding, cleaning and egg-collecting equipment, according to the listing. There also are three pole barns and a storage barn on the land, in addition to the 3,000-square-foot milk processing building.

D-Day luncheon

Blanchard Post of the American Legion will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France, with a luncheon at the post at noon on Wednesday, June 6, for members and guests.

Air Force Col. Ignatius Gennaci of the Air Science Department at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will speak on the theme "Peace Through Strength."

Grandmothers' garage

The National Federation of Grandmother Clubs Chapter 865 will hold its annual garage, white elephant and bake sale on Saturday, June 2, at 13 Bedell Ave., Delmar from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain date is June 9.

Paper drive coming

Boy Scout Troop 71 will try to recycle newspapers into money at its annual paper drive on Saturday, June 2, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the St. Thomas Church parking lot drop-off. To have your papers picked up, call John Barker at 439-7930, Tim Landers at 439-6987 or Joe Giglia at 439-6683.

Charged in collision

Teresa Bruno, 17, of Delmar was charged by Bethlehem police with failure to yield right of way after a collision Sunday afternoon at the Four Corners in Delmar. Angela M. Shea, 18, a passenger in a car driven by Laura Propp, 17, of Delmar was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital by private car after the 4 p.m. accident, and was treated and released.

Correction

The Bethlehem Planning Board will not be holding a formal public hearing for the proposed Delwood Acres subdivision off Rockefeller Rd. in Elsmere at its June 5 meeting, as reported in last week's issue of the *Spotlight*. The project is still in the preliminary stage of consideration by the board.

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BC ends schedule with a heartbreaker

Bethlehem Central closed out its 1984 baseball season at 5-10 in the Suburban Council, 6-12 overall, with a sterling show of good pitching that went for naught as bats fell silent.

Rich Keefe had a no-hitter for four innings in a non-league affair at Albany Academy and a three-hitter after six. The Cadets broke a 1-1 deadlock by bunting a double and two singles for the winning run with two out in the last of the seventh.

The Eagles managed only five hits, three of them by Keefe. They got their only run in the second inning on a two-base error and a Ray Roohan single.

Earlier BC dropped the last two league games to Shaker by 7-3 and Colonie by 9-6. Ray Roohan, a junior lefthander, was locked in a 3-3 tie before giving up a run in the sixth. Howard Thompson pitched the seventh and was touched for three more. Mike Crobin had two of BC's 7 hits.

The loss at Colonie was a heartbreaker. Bethlehem was up by 6-4 after 5½ and would have escaped unscathed in the sixth but for an infield error. There were two on and two out when a routine grounder that would have retired the side was misplayed. That opened the gates, and a bases-loaded double accounted for five runs and the ball game.

BASEBALL

The Eagles opened with four in the first. Thompson and Jim Dering driving in two runs apiece. Thompson had two doubles and a single in four trips and Ray Roohan was 2-for-3.

Cronin, the centerfielder, finished the season with a .349 average on 22 hits in 63 trips. Kevin Roohan was 18-for-52 and .327. Tom McTague 16-for-49 and .322. and Thompson 19-for-59 and .322.

Nat Boynton

'Same thing' for Blackbirds closes out disappointing season

Voorheesville closed out the final games of their schedule last week in the same disappointing fashion that became the team's trademark during the '84 season. The Blackbirds lost 6-1, 8-0 and 13-3 to Waterford, Lansingburgh and Watervliet, respectively, to run VCHS's record to 3 wins and 13 losses.

"It was the same thing that has bothered us all year," remarked Blackbird

Spotlight SPORTS

Church Softball

Results 5-24-84

Voorheesville 11, Delmar Reformed 4
Beth. Community 10, Methodist 3
Glenmont 12, Presbyterian 4
New Scotland 10, Albany 5
Bethany 7, Clarksville 3
Westerlo 3, St. Thomas II 2
St. Thomas 19, Wynantskill 5

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Westerlo	3 1	New Scot	2 2
St. Tom II	3 1	Del. Reform	1 3
St. Thomas	3 1	Bethany	1 4
Presby.	3 1	Methodist	0 4
Glenmont	3 1	Clarksville	0 4
Beth. Com.	3 1	Albany	0 4

Coach J. Gordinier. "We played with no confidence. All season long we've committed too many errors and allowed too many walks."

Case in point, Tuesday's game with Lansingburgh. In the shutout loss, the opposition had three men across the plate before they laid the bat on the ball once, the runs coming on a bizarre sequence of walks, hit batters and throwing errors. Later in the week, Jerry McNamara was credited with Voorheesville's lone hit versus Watervliet. Poor hitting also was evident at Waterford.

VCHS will lose six players to graduation, but Gordinier is very optimistic about the outlook of next season's squad. One of the seven underclassmen on the team led the Blackbirds in every statistical category except average, saves and wins, the latter two being claimed by senior pitcher Frank Baker.

Other seniors leaving are starting catcher and team batting champ John Ryan, short stop Mike McCarty, utility outfielders Jake Herzog and Charlie Ricci and reserve catcher Matt Beals. Returners are first baseman Joe Rissberger, pitchers Brett Hotaling and McNamara, second baseman Tom Wight, sophomore third baseman Bill Kelley and outfielder Kevin Conley.

Mike Larabee

Double homers keep tie going

A pair of two-homer performances helped Price Greenleaf and Farm Family, tied for first place in the Tri-Village Major League, gain decisive victories last week. Quimby McCaskill walloped two round-trippers in Farm Family's 12-1 trouncing of Main Care. Dan Roberts and Jamie Dillon also aided the win with a double each. Pat Doody, Farm Family's ace, allowed no hits and whiffed 14. On the mound for Main Care, Alex Hackman managed eight K's.

Bob Griffin also had two four-base hits in Price Greenleaf's 14-13 edging of General Electric. Griffin, in addition to his success at the plate, came into the game late in the last inning to strike out the last batter with the bases loaded and saved the game. John Emsing homered, and Keith Rabideau hit three singles for GE.

Price Greenleaf had a second win last week as they blanked Roberts, 5-0. Josh Pierce provided the only two hits for Roberts with a single and a double. For Price Greenleaf, Scott Fish hit two singles and Craig Weinert a double.

Spotlight's record was boosted with a 7-6 win over Main Care. John Kelle scattered five hits on the mound for Main Care and Todd Danz and Robert Pauley each had a pair of singles. Spotlight's five hits, all one-basers, came from Jeff D'Arcy, Jamie Mizener, Brian Ross, Tim Carroll and Frank Archino.

Seth Graham

Bethlehem Tomboys

Standings as of May 27:

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Riccardo's	3 3	Myers Trav.	5 1
GE Plastics	3 4	Betty Lent	3 3
Eaton Br.	2 3	Bailey's Gar.	2 4
Farm Fam.	2 4	TriVil Drug	2 4
Mom's St.	2 4	Kelly's	2 6

Second Pop Warner signup

Bethlehem Pop Warner will hold a second signup session on Saturday, June 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall for the season scheduled to open Aug. 1. On June 3 a clinic will be held at the high school by varsity Coach John Sodergren and staff from 1 to 3 p.m. The clinic is open to all Pop Warner players.

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Voorheesville's toughest opponent

By Peter J. Fisch

If the question "Who has been the Voorheesville Blackbirds' toughest opponent this past tennis season?" arose, one might quickly answer Albany Academy. Looking back on the records, the Cadets did blank the Birds twice and haven't lost a league match in a few years. Despite these impressive stats, Academy is overshadowed by a much more powerful opponent — rain.

Mother nature was at her worst last week as she dealt the second day of the Colonial Council tournament a string of showers. Only senior Ed Volkwein advanced for the Blackbirds as he tallied a third place finish in the singles. After losing in the semifinals, Volkwein never actually played for third place. Due to the inclement weather, a mere coin flip determined the third and fourth place finishers as the lanky Volkwein topped Academy's Chris David, an earlier victor over VCHS's eighth grader Jon Flanders. Neither doubles team had a chance to move on as the combo of sophomores Paul Nichols and Dean Solomos along with the duo of eighth graders John Meacham and Jim Volk-

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were ousted by separate Academy squads in the first round.

In the singles and doubles, the top four finishers qualify to represent the Colonial Council at the Sectionals on June 4 and 5 at SUNY. With his league showing, Volkwein now awaits the Sectional tournament. Coach Tom Kurkjian feels that Volkwein's chances partially rest in his placing for the tourney. Last season, Kurkjian saw VCHS standout Alex Saez draw the area's best player for an opponent in the first round of the event. "If Ed gets a good draw, he should at least get to the quarterfinals," remarked Kurkjian. "He's a strong enough player to give anyone trouble. He has the ability to do something if he plays well."

Rounding out their league season, the Birds split a pair of matches last week. In defeating Watervliet, 5-2, prior to the league tourney, Nichols, the two Volkweins, and the teams of Meacham-Volk-

wein and Jim Volkwein-Solomos recorded victories. Mechanicville proved too tough for the netters as the Raiders nipped the Birds, 4-3. Nichols, Ed Volkwein, and the contingent of Meacham and Volkwein contributed in the scoring. In the league the Birds produced a 4-10 record (5-10 overall) for a sixth place finish.

Only Cobleskill remains on the schedule as the Birds take to the road today (Wednesday). Next week an in-depth look will be taken at the results of the league tournament.

Winner on links

Joe Ballette of Delmar won the Normanside Country Club's annual Spring Handicap golf tournament May 20, besting Lee Tinsom, also of Delmar, 3-2. Ballette advanced to the final by defeating Earl Winchester, 3rd of East Greenbush in the semifinals while Tinsom was eliminating Phil Giaccone of Delmar in the other bracket.

The women's final is scheduled for Thursday with Mabel Farrow facing Millie Jagereski, both of Delmar. In the semifinals Farrow won over Carol Giaccone, 1-up, and Jagereski defeated Mary Winchell, 2-1. In the 9-hole final, Margaret Scott won over Virginia Blackwell, 1-up.

Voorheesville awards night

The high school awards program will be held this year on Thursday, June 7 from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Following the ceremony, which will award honor to students in grades 10 through 12, a reception will be held in the cafeteria. Parents of award winners will be contacted prior to that evening.

Among the awards to be presented are several memorial awards, as well as awards from local school and civic organizations. According to coordinator Marty Dwore, student chairmen of the event are Christine Cillis, Karen Foley and Frances Spreer. All are invited to attend this free program.

Sports picnic

The Bethlehem Central Athletic Association will sponsor the 39th Varsity Award Night and picnic at Elm Ave. Park on Wednesday, June 6. Varsity, junior varsity and frosh teams are invited guests. Parents and other interested persons will be charged \$2.

Games and activities will start at 4 p.m., food will be served around 5:30 and the award program will begin at 6:45.

Swim-a-thon set

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club will hold its 1984 Swim-A-Thon on Saturday, June 9 at the Bethlehem Central High School pool from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is being held to raise funds to enable the club to maintain and improve its strong swimming program. Currently over 75 swimmers participate in the Dolphins competitive and developmental programs in age-group swimming.

Swim-A-Thons are conducted across the country by many of the 3,000 member clubs of U.S. Swimming. While a majority of the funds raised is used locally, a portion helps U.S. national and international efforts, including the U.S. Olympic team.

This S-A-T is open to any swimmer who obtains sponsors and is capable of swimming any number of laps of the 25-yard pool, according to Gil Brookins, co-chairman of the June program. Persons interested in sponsoring a swimmer should contact Brookins at 439-9132 or Steve Mann, 439-9513.

Takes first at meet

Suzanne Dorfman of Slingerlands took first place in the eight-and-under division at a gymnastics meet at the Colonie Athletic Club held May 5. She racked up an all-around score of 29.10 by nabbing a first in the vault, second on the beam, third in floor exercise and another first on the parallel bars.

Her teammate, Lori Newkirk of Albany, placed second in the all-around standings with a 29.0. Both girls are members of the Northeast Institute of Gymnastics, Albany.

BC's week forgettable

Last week was certainly a forgettable one for the Bethlehem Central boys' tennis team. Niskayuna manhandled their visitors on Tuesday, bettering an 8-1 win from the previous week with a 9-0 victory. The Suburban Council Tournament soured in its second day when BC's only real hope, Andy Saidel, was eliminated in the quarterfinals.

The Eagles' Niskayuna stay was a brief one, as the home team abruptly dismissed all 12 visitors in short, straight sets. On a brighter note, Saidel managed to claim his first four games from Nisky's No. 1 singles sensation Mark Freedman, and BC's No. 3 doubles team of Tyree-Cunningham came very close to winning a set. They lost respectably, 6-4, 7-6.

The Council Tournament began well enough. Saidel was given a favorable draw and the No. 4 singles seeding behind Dave Marra, Mark Cavalier and Freedman, all of whom had beaten him this year. Yet it will be Eric Aronowitz, Niskayuna's No. 2 singles, who will be the

fourth player to advance to individual Sectionals. After a bye in the first round, Saidel won his next two matches against the No. 2 singles players from Shaker and Burnt Hills by scores of 6-3, 6-2. Aronowitz surprised him 6-4, 6-2 the next day, however. "I happened to play my worst tennis on the worst possible day," Saidel said sadly.

In other tourney action, Doug Cole advanced to the third round, where he ran up against Marra and lost, 6-1, 6-1. Andy Tomlinson got just as far, but he tired and lost after playing three long matches in one day. Bethlehem's doubles teams didn't fare quite as well. Teams from Niskayuna and Colonie eliminated BC pairs Ellenbogen-Breslin and Cory-Simard in the second round.

The Bethlehem squad must rebound in time for team Sectionals, which will be played at Albany State today (Wednesday) and Thursday.

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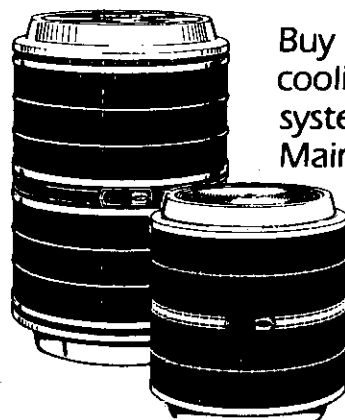
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The works include the furnishing of all labor, materials, tools, and equipment as herein specified.

Copies of Plans and Specifications, Information to Bidders, Form of Contract and Bond may be examined at the Office of the Engineers, MYRICK & CHEVALIER, at 77 Troy Road, East Greenbush, New York, and at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, 12054. Copies may be obtained of the offices upon payment of \$50 for each set. Any bidder, upon returning such set promptly and in good condition, will be refunded his payment. Any non-bidder upon returning a set, will be refunded \$25.00.

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(May 30)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 6, 1984 at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Jonathan VanDerpoel, 7 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, New York for a Variance under Article XII, Side Yard, of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance pertaining to an existing structure at premises, 7 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, Town of Bethlehem.

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The school budget — two editors' views

By Nat Boynton

To understand why the Bethlehem school board, faced with the problem of making a significant reduction in the tax rate in order to get a budget approved, made only token cuts, citizens must understand the inherent philosophy of the board and the options open to it.

Voters curious as to how the board would respond to a budget rejection of historic proportions got their answer last week after two business sessions. The community, having delivered the most thunderous budget rejection in Bethlehem history, had reason to expect positive, constructive action, not only in the bottom-line numbers but in showing a degree of integrity and responsibility to the public.

Instead, the six members of the "PTA Alumni Association" came up with a wishy-washy effort, assuming that a few half-hearted cuts will get the budget through. Instead of using a sharp knife, they picked up their dime-store paintbrushes and soda straws and hacked away.

The board even rejected a list of suggested cuts courageously put forth by the school superintendent, totalling some \$600,000, cuts that removed some of the so-called "fat" in the budget without seriously affecting the school program.

The result was officially announced as cuts totalling \$308,000. But was it really that much?

Taking a hand-held calculator to the list of 16 items on page 5 of the May 23 *Spotlight*, this suspicious old budget-watcher found only eight legitimate cuts, two of them somewhat deceptive. Four others (total \$62,075) were known prior to the May 9 public vote and should not have been in the original budget to begin with, two others (\$88,000) are highly dubious, and in two others (\$79,040) the board resorted to a poor-business expediency, deferring vital physical-plant items to a possible bond issue next year that will add to the burden of taxpayers far into the future.

Routine items that should not be counted as a "cut" are staff retirements, negotiator services, computer purchase and Social Security savings through retirements. The shift of insurance carrier may or may not win approval from the teachers union, long after the June 13 vote, hence is questionable. In estimating \$5,000 for possible maternity leaves (the difference between low-salaried replacements for high-salaried staff people), the board may have intimate information that some of the staff members themselves may not know over the next 12 months.

Cutting out the 5:15 p.m. bus after football practice and play rehearsal is deceptive: state aid reimbursement the board surrendered reduces the revenue side of the 1985-86 budget. The same principle applies to the computer coordinator, where there is partial reimbursement from BOCES.

This sort of thing fuels the public's image of the budget procedure as a charade. It also destroys the credibility of the litany so often repeated by board members that "we-have-so-many-mandates-we-have-little-control-over-the-budget."

Citizens who refer to the Bethlehem board as the "Bethlehem PTA Alumni Association" may not be joking. Apart from a semi-retired insurance man, the board has three lawyer-fathers and three dedicated mothers. There are no business people, no one with "outside" budget experience, no one with management experience, no one trained in running a \$16-million operation turning out a quality product in a competitive, cost-efficient environment, no one with investment experience, and no CPA. In this parameter, taxpayers can hope for, but not expect, board members to take forceful action like demanding strict accountability of central administrators, school principals, department supervisors and staff, or evaluate administrative costs, or establish money management guidelines and policies, or measure the performance of department supervisors, and staff, or evaluate administrative costs, or establish money management guidelines and policies, or measure the performance of department supervisors, or demand a restructuring of this function or that. Businessmen are

Hence the board views the Bethlehem district as a perennially affluent bedroom community, wanting only the best for their children. They see — and get applause from — the audience, primarily parents and teachers who come to their meetings.

This explains why Robert Ruslander lashed out at several senior citizens and a few other interested persons at the May 16 budget-repair session. "I see the vultures have come to gloat," he said, adding that "I wish there was an opposition press." Presumably he was angry at the Albany papers as well as this one, forgetting for the moment that the board has its own newspaper, printed and mailed with tax dollars.

It also explains why a delegation of Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce directors several years ago pleading for the same kind of tax incentives granted by the town, other towns and school districts to attract new plants and commercial development, got a one-sentence putdown. The Chamber never went back, and Bethlehem gets minimal new commercial construction.

It explains why suggestions, written and spoken, by thoughtful citizens are filed for oblivion or discarded as unworthy of consideration if they advocate more efficiency.

But it doesn't explain why Marjory O'Brien and Jed Wolkenbreit at the May 16 session voted against a motion not to go directly to a state-mandated "austerity" budget. That would hurt the children more than avenge what the angry board members regarded as the action of an ungrateful citizenry.

By Tom McPheeters

What do people want from the Bethlehem Central school board?

The board has come up with a second budget, with cuts totaling \$308,000 in the May 9 budget the voters so soundly rejected. That means tax increases of about 7.3 percent in Bethlehem and 6.8 percent in New Scotland, as compared to 10 and 9.5 percent increases the first time around.

For some people, including my friend and colleague Nat Boynton, that is not enough. I'm not sure I know what would be "enough" unless it were a budget with no tax increase, which in the district's present situation is an obvious impossibility. Any budget in which three-quarters of the costs are in personnel and in which the only other revenue source — state aid — stays absolutely static is going to be very difficult to cut.

The real question is, do any of the school board's numerous critics really want the kind of cuts that would be necessary to eliminate the yearly progression of tax increases? John Clyne talks about "fat" but zeroes in on the Challenge program, which at roughly \$70,000 is more symbolic of the "elitist" image the BC system has developed, deserved or not, than of excess personnel. Cutting Challenge means a half a percent off the tax rate, and where does the board go from there?

Nat Boynton's critique of the board's performance similarly avoids the reality of the situation. Quite simply, what happened at the May 18 meeting was that the board approved every cut proposed by the administration until it got to cutting teachers, and then it stopped. True, some of the cuts it did make are administrative, paper shuffling kinds of things — they don't seem to hurt enough to satisfy the critics. But they are real nevertheless, and they do reduce the tax rate. And does anybody really believe that the board of education or the administration purposely risked going to the voters with a 10 percent tax increase the first time so they could keep these items in as padding?

In my view, this budget has become a political fight. As Nat says, the board is composed of people who seem to vote as parents first, who naturally represent the point of view of those who want the best education possible for the children of the district. The critics go further, charging that the board ignores the taxpayers' burden and conspires to slip the largest possible tax increase past the public by relying on voter apathy and public relations techniques. It's up to the public to vote the budget down until the board comes to its senses, they say. Truth to tell, the board hasn't done a lot over the years to dispel that notion. Its budget sessions have too often been conducted in an air of unreality, without the bottom line figures that would allow interested citizens to participate meaningfully in the process. Its use of *Central Highlights* and the infamous letter to parents urging a yes vote on the budget seemed a clear appeal to one segment of the community at the expense of another. Haranguing visitors to the board meeting after the vote as "vultures" and discussing an austerity vote didn't help the board's image.

There is a certain fortress mentality at work here — perhaps justified. People forget that the board worked from February to April on this budget, and during that time virtually nobody paid any attention. Even after the projected tax rate was announced, nearly two weeks before the budget was adopted, there was virtually no public comment. And what about the makeup of the board? With three seats up for election, there were three new candidates, and any difference in educational or spending philosophy between them and the incumbents was undetectable.

So where is the dissent? What do people want?

Much of the debate over the BC budget has been conducted in *The Spotlight*. Our coverage of the board's budget sessions has been as thorough as we could make it, but I suspect what most people remember are the letters, which on both this issue and on Delaware Ave. have come in extraordinary numbers and length.

Our policy has always been to run every responsible letter, and as much of each letter as was necessary to fully represent the author's view. But as important as it is to give everybody their say, it is equally important to remember that most people don't express themselves by writing letters to the editor.

When the voters expressed themselves so forcefully at the polls, we thought it important enough to try and find out why. After the May 9 election, *The Spotlight* commissioned a survey of voters. The poll was scientifically designed to reach a random sample of those people who had cast ballots, and while there is certainly room for error in the results, they make such good sense that it would be silly to ignore the findings.

In a nutshell: most people who voted against the budget did so primarily because the 10 percent tax increase was too much. This was as true of younger people as of older people (the traditional scapegoats when school budgets are voted down). The only other factors that appear to have heavily influenced the voters were the teacher contract negotiations (with blame rather evenly spread) and the board's use of tax-financed mailings to plead for a yes vote. Are the majority of the voters particularly unhappy with the board? No. With the administration? No. Teachers? No. Want Challenge cut? No.

Under the circumstances, it seems that the board's mandate is to cut as deeply as possible, but not to cut into the educational quality of the schools. If there are serious questions about educational programs, they should be taken up after the budget is dealt with, in a calmer, more rational setting. And let's hope the critics show up.

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is open to all readers for letters in good taste on matters of public interest. Letters longer than 300 words are subject to editing and all letters should be typed and double-spaced if possible. Letters must include phone numbers; names will be withheld on request. Deadline is the Friday before publication.

The case for CHP

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

As board members of the Capital Area Community Health Plan and long-time

residents of the Delmar area, we would like to respond to the anonymous letter in the May 9 edition of *The Spotlight* concerning the development of a CHP Health Center in the former A&P building on Delaware Ave.

The writer questioned the need for this facility given the number of medical professionals currently practicing locally. CHP was developed in the mid 1970s by a community board from the capital area in order to provide an alternative to the financing and delivery of health care. There were those of us who felt the residents should have the choice of a prepaid system of care that provides that care through a designated staff of physi-

cians in a comprehensive facility where all our patient services would be available under one roof. We have succeeded in proving that the community is interested in supporting this type of service through the development of centers in Latham and Troy.

The role of the Health Systems Agency of Northeastern New York and The Certificate of Need process is to determine whether or not the proposed facility would serve the existing and potential membership in CHP. We are confident that this Health Center will do just that and will be as successful.

As residents of this town, we share the

concern about traffic congestion. We note that the zoning currently in effect at the former A&P site allows for uses that would generate far more traffic than that which would be generated by CHP.

— We are confident that once the CHP Health Center on Delaware Ave. is established, the people of this town and the businesses on Delaware Ave. will regard CHP as a good neighbor and an asset to the community.

Theodore Wenzel
Richard Mattox

Delmar

Not 'slimmed down'

Editor, The Spotlight:

What is being hailed as a "slimmed down" budget by the Bethlehem School District Board of Education really will be an increased budget of \$3.75 per \$1,000 bringing the total nearer to \$29.24 per \$1,000 to be paid in 1984-85. Thus the \$25.84 per \$1,000 overwhelmingly voted down by voters of the district goes up again.

Conveniently swept under the rug by the Board of Education in their suggested tax rate is the \$390,000 in district funds already lost in the Lion Capital Group bankruptcy and the additional \$18,000 of interest on that money that has already been lost.

The unavailability of that \$408,000 means the Board will now have to borrow this month (or next) if the teachers payroll in June is to be met, unless \$408,000 is hidden away somewhere (which I don't believe is possible).

It was already well established that investing with Lion in "repos" was risky business as outlined in an article on page 4 of *The Spotlight* issue of May 16.

That same article pointed out that our Elsmere neighbors, The New York State Dormitory Authority, in 1982 lost \$17.5 million investing in "repos" (apparently the board does not learn from experience).

Not only does the Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education insist in defying prudence in the investing of taxpayer money, but they also continue to defy the courts of the State of New York in the Justice Harold Hughes case (see the May 22 *Times-Union* editorial on use of taxpayer money to advocate affirmative budget votes).

It is inconceivable that the superintendent of schools and three lawyer members of the Board of Education would set such a drastically poor example to the students of the Bethlehem Central schools in defying the courts. Apparently these four do not believe in "law and order."

The 2,584 taxpayers of the Bethlehem Central School District who voted "No" on the budget on May 9 will vote again on June 13 and hopefully they will bring their friends and neighbors with them. . . Your vote is important. Do not lose your vote.

John H. Clyne
Member Bethlehem Central
Board of Education

Delmar

The \$390,000 invested by Bethlehem Central in Lion Capital Group is currently frozen by a federal judge sorting out Lion's Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition. At this point, it is not known whether the district will recover the principal, or any part of it, but that "loss" is not reflected in the revised budget to be voted on June 13. Ed.

Time to unite

Editor, The Spotlight:

The school board has heard the community. It has offered a new budget which the community should now support. Let's put aside the rumors and prejudices of a few and again regain that positive attitude toward our school board, administration and teachers. Let's not dismantle any program(s) (especially Challenge) until all the facts are known.

In regard to Challenge, an official, outside evaluating team should be established this next year to study and report how the Challenge program can best be effectively carried out in this school system. Such a study must be endorsed, supported and evaluated by the board, administration, teachers and community at large before making any lasting judgement of Challenge's existence. All children should receive the best possible education that they are capable to learn under.

I also want to publicly thank Jed Wolkenbreit for his dedication, time and expertise he offered to this district's school board for the last three years. The community has truly lost a valuable board member. Let's hope Velma Cousins can be as effective.

Merri Meislahn

Delmar

Much too high

Editor, The Spotlight:

We fight against the Bethlehem Central School District budget and vote it down for the following reason, and for no other reason: the cost to us in school taxes is *much* too high.

We are older people, retired on a fixed income, with no children in school for many years. We don't mind paying a fair and just school tax, but the amount we pay each year is outrageous (no other word can describe it better).

I would like to ask a few questions of the school board:

1. Would it be possible to change the law, or laws, that govern the equalization rate that is such a hardship to us in New Scotland?
2. Can anything at all be done to obtain a higher percentage of state aid for the Bethlehem Central School District?
3. Is it true that the cost per pupil in the Bethlehem Central School District is close to \$5,500 a year and, if so, is this not too much, in your judgement?

James R. Adams

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Early bird swimmers?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem is blessed with many excellent town-supported facilities including the Elm Ave. Park and its pool complex. However, I feel that the pool is not being utilized to the fullest extent possible during the brief swimming season. More specifically, I would like to see the establishment of an 'early-bird' swimming program (perhaps 7 to 8:30 a.m. daily) to accommodate the growing number of Bethlehem residents who have chosen to swim for exercise and who cannot adapt to the established hours.

I have spoken with parks administrator Phil Maher who has promised to look into the matter if a sufficient number of town residents express interest in early morning swimming. I'm willing to take 'the plunge' and be responsible for providing Mr. Maher with a list of seriously interested swimmers — so any readers or swimmers, either please call me or Mr. Maher and express your interest in extending the pool hours.

Delmar

Richard F. Seegal

Appeal for competitor

Editor, The Spotlight:

How seldom we have an opportunity to support a local champion in his try for an Olympic medal! Earl Hauf, son of Shirley and Lou Hauf, Jr., of Glenmont has won the New York State Junior Olympics championship, National Invitational championship, Northeastern States championship and National All-Star team in the 22-caliber rifle and air rifle competitions.

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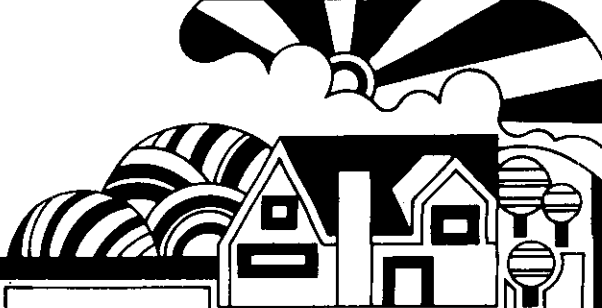
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