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The pipeline goes through

Woods and fields of rural New Scotland are alive with the sound of heavy machines as contractor work crews push completion of a new gas pipeline that traverses the town. The 7-mile "loop" paralleling an existing line was diverted through private lands and along a high-voltage transmission line when Bethlehem officials refused to permit the Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. to cross a narrow neck of the Vly Reservoir, which covers the route of the existing line.

Tom Howes photos

Another impasse for BC

A mediator is expected to be appointed shortly in contract talks between the Bethlehem Central School District and the union representing the district's non-instructional employees, according to Rex Trobridge, who is a representative of the National Education Association-New York and chief spokesman for the union at the negotiating table.

Talks between the district and the 190-member Bethlehem Central United Employees Association began last March 28 and since then eight sessions, some day-long, have been conducted, Charles Preska, BCUEA president, said.

A declaration of impasse was filed Aug. 10 with the state Public Employment Relations Board, Trobridge said. He declined to reveal specifics of the negotiations, but said, "We've made some progress. We're optimistic, although the talks seem to have stalled." Preska said it took some 30 sessions before the previous contract agreement was reached.

Trobridge, a 1962 graduate of Bethlehem Central, said the BCUEA is not a party to discussions currently underway on ways to ease negotiations between the district and the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association.



All of the work, a little of the glamor

By Caroline Terenzini

The big stakes and glamor that surround the Saratoga racing season seem a long way from Bill Barone's farm on Bullock Rd. in New Scotland. But he, too, is in the thoroughbred business — perhaps modestly in financial terms, but deeply in every other respect.

On his 13-acre Sunnycrest Farm, Barone currently has four broodmares and a foal. (Elsewhere, he has two horses racing and a 2-year-old in training).

The walls of his office are covered with pictures of his winners, the couch is piled with such volumes as the 4-inch-thick *American Racing Manual*, and the floor is knee-deep in back issues of the daily *Racing Form* and *The Blood Horse*, a weekly. The desk is thick with papers, because Barone is working on his twice-annual report to the IRS.

In his spare time, Barone, a hefty six-foot bachelor, scours the statistics and the track times that three years down the road will mean a breeder's share of a winner's purse for him and his partners. "I've paid my dues racing cheap horses," Barone said. "Now I'm into



Bill Barone has brought the art — and business — of horse-breeding to New Scotland. *Spotlight*

breeding." He also acts as a sales agent for others, and that and his breeding activities mean monthly phone bills in the triple figures.

Sunnycrest Farm is part of a phenomenon in New York that

has seen more than 500 thoroughbred farms registered in the past decade, thanks in large part to a breeder's incentive program put together by the state in 1973. The program, administered by the

New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund, a nonprofit corporation, pays 25 percent of a winner's purse to the breeder of the horse. Funded through an assessment on each bet placed in the state, last year the program paid out some \$4.2 million to breeders in the state.

The fund is accomplishing what it was meant to do — put New York in competition with the big horse-breeding states such as Kentucky — and it also has helped to change the industry, which has seen a doubling in the number of thoroughbreds born in this country in the past 10 years. (New York breeders produced nearly 2,000 of the 47,000 thoroughbred foals nationwide last year). But the numbers are putting pressure on all breeders to improve the stock, and this is particularly hard on small breeders like Barone.

That's okay, because for him "it's sort of like a hobby," he said. But it's also a business and "you have to like to work. You can't say I'll do it today, but I won't do it tomorrow," Barone said.

He gets up at 5:30 a.m. to check the horses and tote some water —

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Indictments sought in chase death

Indictments were to be sought this week against Donald Mooney, 31, of Corning Hill Rd., Glenmont, driver of a stolen truck that crashed Wednesday on Font Grove Rd. in Slingerlands, killing Donald W. McCoy, 25, of Albany, a passenger, according to county Dist. Atty. Sol Greenberg. Mooney faces felony charges of manslaughter, driving while intoxicated, and grand larceny in the second degree, according to spokesman for the Albany County Sheriff's Department. He also faces a charge of resisting arrest, the deputy said.

Mooney was discharged Saturday from Albany Medical Center Hospital, where he had been treated for injuries suffered in the crash, a hospital spokesman said. He was taken to the Albany County Jail, where he is being held without bail, a sheriff's deputy reported.

The chase began on Rt. 85 when an off-duty sheriff's deputy spotted a pickup truck that had been

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□ All work

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10 gallons each a day. Then the animals get their corn, oats, wheat, molasses, salt, vitamins and supplements, and hay, and then a walk. Late in the afternoon, when Barone gets back from Albany, where he's been on the police force for 12½ years, he cleans the stalls and feeds his charges again. That goes on seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

"I don't know whether I hate winter or summer more," he griped with a smile. "When it's 40-below the manure is frozen and in the summer the flies are awful," he also suffered a broken hand last winter when a young horse didn't want to go out in deep snow. That meant he did the stalls with one hand for a while. And two years ago, stitches were required to close a head wound when one of his mares got a little nervous while being led into a van. "And occasionally they'll step on your foot," Barone added.

Nor are the financial rewards assured. "You're talking \$20,000 a year to break even," Barone said.

And then there's just plain bad luck, such as when a colt frisking in an icy paddock last winter fell and shattered its hip. "I cried," Barone said. In a pursuit in which the favorites win less than 30 percent of the time, luck is the big player. "You can have the best horse in the overall, but that's no guarantee he'll win," Barone said, recounting the legend of "John Henry," a horse with no pedigree that was bought for \$1,000 and went on to win nearly \$5 million.

With the odds so long, why go in for such dangerous, dirty, unrelenting labor? Maybe it was that first \$1,500 claimer Barone and a partner bought that won five races the first year at Green Mountain. "We didn't lose any money with that first horse!" Or maybe it was because he was seen reading *The Racing Form* at the right moment by another enthusiast who had some spare cash. Or maybe it was all the visits to the track with his father, who taught him that betting was "mostly ripping up tickets." Or maybe it



This thoroughbred on Bullock Rd. may someday win headlines as well as purses. *Spotlight*

was because his uncle owned harness racers.

Or maybe it's the company the thoroughbreds keep. At a Saratoga cocktail party for breeders in mid-August, Barone and his partners were rubbing elbows with some people whose name always appear with titles. "I was the poorest owner there," he said with a grin. "The only one with callouses."

Anyway, after a stint as a law enforcement officer in Washington, D.C., in the late '60s, Barone sought out the peace and serenity of the countryside, and he bought the New Scotland homestead in 1975. One thing led to another and another and another and now the farm has a full complement of horses, with four foals due next spring, as well as three dogs, two rabbits and a clowder of cats.

Does the farm have a winner? Time will tell.

Honesty not dead

And now for some good news. A wallet and a pocketbook, each containing more than \$100 in cash, were found and turned over to Bethlehem police this week. The wallet, found last Tuesday by a Delmar youth, also contained a state correctional officer's badge and identification, along with \$125 in cash. The pocketbook, found Saturday at Delaware Plaza, contained \$195 in cash and personal papers.

GOP challenges road work again

By Susan Guyett

Republican leaders in the Albany County Legislature are pressing another day in court over the use of county money for road repair work in cities and villages. If they go ahead with the lawsuit, this will be the second time the GOP has challenged the use of any of the \$16.5 million earmarked last March for road repair work.

A number of Republicans have steadfastly maintained that the money can only be used on county roads or roads that connect to county or state roads. An earlier lawsuit brought by the Republicans was dismissed when a state Supreme Court judge decided the county had not spent any money illegally.

When the board approved at the Aug. 13 county legislature meeting a measure allowing up to \$24,000 for engineering work on the rehabilitation of George Street in Green Island, Republicans saw their chance to challenge the road bond issue again.

"George Street doesn't touch any county route. It doesn't touch any state route or interstate route," said deputy Minority Leader Peter Ryan of Colonie. "It doesn't connect to anything. It's a village road."

County Attorney Robert Lyman said the county was ready for any lawsuit and predicted the GOP would lose again. Lyman claims the county is permitted to do the road repair work on any "major transportation arterial" in the county. It's not required that it be a county road or connected to a county, state or interstate road, he said.

Ryan is quite candid about his fears. "If they can do this," he said, "the county could pave every street in the City of Albany." Ryan also questioned whether the county would have to assume maintenance of any road that it repaired or rehabilitated.

County Executive James Coyne called the Republicans concerns "political paranoia." Coyne conceded that the road repair work would benefit Democratic communities like Green Island but said it would also help some Republican municipalities.

Ryan said he would be meeting with an attorney and could not say when court papers would be filed in the matter.

In other actions, the legislature:

- Increased the county clerk's budget by \$61,198. The additional revenue will come in once the Higher Education Services Corporation starts paying filing fees for defaulted student loans. Until recently, the corporation was exempt from the fee when it started legal action on an unpaid student loan. Because the corporation is located in Albany, lawsuits involving the whole state — about 30,000 annually are filed here.

County Clerk Guy Paquin has been complaining about the situation for years, saying the extra workload was a drain on his department's budget. Special legislation will require the Education Services Corporation to start paying a \$35 fee for each case, \$5 of which will remain in the county.

With the extra funds, temporary clerks will be brought on full time, furniture purchases and renovations done to the clerk's office.

- Authorized the purchase of existing telephone equipment at the Albany County Jail from AT&T and New York Telephone. The county will buy the equipment for \$13,836, which it normally rents for \$1,233 a month. The purchase price of the wiring is \$4,554 which the county normally pays \$444 a month to rent.

Motorcyclist hurt

Mark A. Leisenfelder, 21, of Albany, was injured last Tuesday when the motorcycle he was operating went off Krumkill Rd. near Belldale Rd., according to Bethlehem police reports. The accident occurred when Leisenfelder braked to avoid an oncoming car in his lane, and the cycle skidded across the road and into a ditch, the report said. Leisenfelder was treated at St. Peter's Hospital emergency room and released, a hospital spokesman said.

Holiday coming up

Bethlehem town hall and the town's landfill will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3, Labor Day. Garbage collections usually made on that date will be made Tuesday, Sept. 4.

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Civic Center: how much will county taxpayers foot?

By Tom McPheeters

No sooner had the state Urban Development Corp. announced that an Albany civic center is "feasible" than County Executive James Coyne announced that he is looking for ways to finance the county's proposed \$20.7 million share of the endeavor without asking the county legislature to sell bonds.

That statement could be interpreted in different ways: Coyne said he is simply anticipating an obstructionist Republican minority, but cynics are already asking whether even members of Coyne's party can stomach a \$20.7 million debt on a project that everybody already agrees will most likely run a yearly operating deficit.

But the Albany County share is clearly going to take some time to digest. When Coyne first proposed a civic center nearly a year ago, it was to cost about \$15 million, and be financed and operated by a private developer. As the idea gathered steam and shifted locations, Coyne and other local officials have gradually conceded that some public money could be involved. No one, however, has talked in terms of a yearly debt service in the \$1.5 million range.

In any event, the UDC report issued last week appears to have raised as many questions as it answered. In addition to the obvious one of whether the GOP, with its paper-thin veto power on bonding issues, will go for the plan, other financing questions include the City of Albany's

participation in building a parking garage, whether the county could obtain a federal grant, and whether the state legislature will ante up the \$6.5 million the UDC recommends.

The UDC — more properly, its subsidiary, Sportsplex Corp. — was clearly in an expansive mood last week as it issued its final Albany report. Sportsplex is also studying civic center/sports arenas for Buffalo and New York City, and last Wednesday's announcement was accompanied by a press release announcing Sportsplex support for an "International Boxing Hall of Fame" as part of the proposed Flushing Meadows sports complex.

Speaking of the Albany proposal, UDC chairman William J. Stern said: "We believe that a 14,000-seat arena will make a positive impact on the economic development scheduled for downtown Albany. In addition, we are committed to offering all the support possible to assist Albany's effort in attracting major sports events."

Earlier, UDC had announced that it favors a site for the civic center adjacent to the Empire State Plaza in downtown Albany. While Coyne and his county civic center commission had favored a site south of the arterial into the plaza, the UDC site is north of the arterial and takes in 8½ acres of land — more than half of it in private lands.

The 14,000 seat arena would be complemented by 90,000 square feet of exhibition space and would

be serviced by a 1,200-car, city-owned parking facility.

Total cost: \$44 million.

That breaks down to \$3 million for site acquisition and development; \$25.8 million for construction of the center; \$3 million for traffic access; \$3 for fees, financing costs and debt service reserve; and \$9.6 million for the parking garage.

Of that amount, UDC anticipates the parking garage will be built by the city and will pay for itself (a conclusion not yet reached by the city), state and federal aid will cover the highway work, and a federal Urban development Action Grant (which would have to be obtained by the city) will reduce the cost by \$4.6 million. The rest of the cost would be shared by the state and the county.

Whether the county can persuade the state to increase its share remains to be seen. But the UDC report specifically and pointedly recommends that the county be required to guarantee completion of the facility and to hire a private operator to manage the civic center. The state's participation would be guaranteed by a second mortgage, to be retired from "operating profits."

Homecoming concert

Sweet Spirit, a group of 29 vocalists from Christian Music Ministries, will present their Homecoming concert on Monday, at 8 p.m. Aug. 27, at the Jerusalem Reformed Church, Rt. 32, Feura Bush. The singers will use the medium of music, comedy and drama to communicate the message of the Gospel. The program features the music of the Continental Singers, Celebant Singers, Jeremiah People and Isaac Air Freight.

The entire family is invited for an evening of enjoyment and introspection. There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted.

For literacy volunteers

Workshops to train adults to teach basic reading skills to other adults begin in September at the Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave. Sessions conducted by Literacy Volunteers of the Albany Area begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, and at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10.

Registration is required. To register and for information, call 449-3380, ext. 217, any weekday morning.

Cable franchise up

Adams Russell, which holds the cable television franchise for Bethlehem, has informed the town that it wants to exercise its option for a five-year renewal of the franchise.

Under the terms of the franchise, the town is required to hold a public hearing to review the company's performance. "It's not automatic," Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said Monday of the renewal clause.

A town board review of Adams Russell's performance was already in the cards for this year since the company had announced earlier that it had plans to file for a rate hike. But while the state Cable Television Commission is the ultimate authority on rate increases, the town board makes the final decision on the franchise.

According to Adams Russell Vice President William C. Henchy, Bethlehem granted its 10-year franchise on Aug. 1, 1976. The company has the option to renew for five years by filing any time between Aug. 1, 1984, and Aug. 1, 1985, Henchy said in a letter to Supervisor Tom Corrigan and the board. Corrigan said a hearing probably would not be set until September.

Voorheesville and New Scotland also have franchise agreements with Adams Russell, but they were signed after Bethlehem's agreement.

Calling all musicians

The Delmar Community Orchestra will begin its 44th season with a rehearsal at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium on Monday, Sept. 10. New players of all ages, especially french horn players, are welcome to attend the first meeting.

The orchestra meets each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at town hall and usually plays between five and 10 programs each season at area nursing homes, churches, hospitals and community-oriented organizations.

Interested musicians who are unable to attend the first rehearsal may contact orchestra president Samuel Kautor at 489-4161 or conductor Robert McGovern at 765-4610.

Bulletin in mail

The Bethlehem Women's Republican Club recently mailed out its bulletin and program for the 1984-85 year to all enrolled republican women in the town of Bethlehem. Included in the bulletin is a listing of programs for the year, dues information and important voter information.

Anyone who did not receive the bulletin and would like a copy or who has any questions is asked to call Jean Gardner at 439-1074 or Pat Pappert at 439-1829.

New hours for YES

Bethlehem's Youth Employment Service will begin its school year hours on Thursday, Sept. 6, the first day of school. The YES office is at Bethlehem Town Hall.

During the school year, the office will be open from 1 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Summer hours are from 8:30 a.m. to noon and will remain in effect weekday through Sept. 5. YES is a job referral service for young workers 14 through college age. There is no charge for the service — either to the young workers or employers. Those who wish to employ young worker should call 439-2238.

Faces DWI counts

Two motorists were charged this week by Bethlehem police with driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor. A Schenectady man was stopped about 3 a.m. Saturday on Rt. 85 in Slingerlands and a Ravena man was arrested about 2:30 a.m. Monday on Rt. 9W.

Lights in sights

Two Delmar homeowners Saturday complained to Bethlehem police that outdoor lights at their homes had been damaged, apparently by a BB gun or air rifle. The properties are on Wellington Rd. and Paxwood Rd.

Indictments

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reported stolen moments earlier from Picard's Grove, site of the Bethlehem Republicans' 25th annual steak roast. GOP officials said later that both Mooney and McCoy were attending the picnic, apparently as ticket holders. The officials said that there had been reports that the group the two men were with was unruly, but that as far could be determined they had not been asked to leave.

The accident occurred shortly before 5:30 p.m. when the pickup truck Mooney was driving was spotted weaving along Rt. 85, forcing other vehicles off the road, deputies reported. Lt. Reginald Saunders, head of the criminal investigation unit at the sheriff's department substation in Voorheesville, who was on his way home in an unmarked car, at-

tempted to pull over the pickup, which turned onto Font Grove Rd. and picked up speed, authorities said. The truck reportedly reached speeds of up to 80 miles an hour.

At the intersection of Font Grove Rd. and Upper Font Grove Rd., the truck went off the pavement, overturned and struck two trees, according to reports. Mooney attempted to leave the scene as Saunders approached the truck, deputies said.

McCoy, of 445 Delaware Ave. in Albany, died at Albany Medical Center Hospital as the result of multiple injuries.

The truck was owned by Paul Woodin of Elsmere, who is captain of the Delmar Fire Department; and had been attending the picnic.

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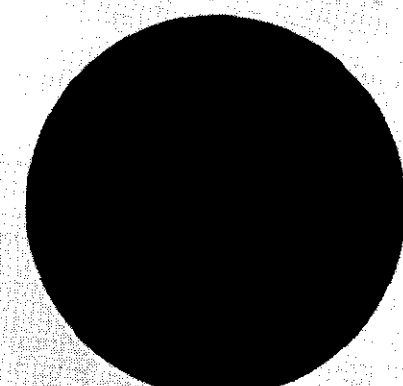
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Pvt. Frazier's war

By William F. Howard

William Henry Clay Frazier of Slingerlands was 20 years old when he left home and friends to volunteer for military service in the Civil War. Frazier, son of William and Eliza Martin Frazier, was born in Albany on Oct. 27, 1843, and enlisted as a private in Co. D, Ninety-first New York Volunteer Infantry under Capt. George W. Hobbs, Jr. on March 3, 1864, to serve three years.

Frazier's parents died when he was a young boy and he was brought up by a relative, Robert Frazier, who lived in the area. At the time of his enlistment, Frazier was working on the Delmar farm of William Patterson. The pre-Civil War Patterson farmhouse still stands on Murray Ave. across from Huntersfield Dr.

When Pvt. Frazier joined the Ninety-first New York at Baltimore in early March, 1864, the regiment had already experienced the horrors of war. The Ninety-first, an Albany County unit organized in 1861, had gone through several major battles in Mississippi and Louisiana, and was stationed at Fort Marshall in Baltimore to recuperate in preparation for General Grant's 1865 spring offensive. Frazier was one of a large number of local recruits sent to replenish the regiment's battle-thinned and disease-plagued ranks.

The Ninety-first remained in Baltimore for six months before another local regiment, the 7th New York Heavy Artillery, was ordered to relieve the garrison. All but Co. E of the Ninety-first, which remained in Baltimore until the end of the war, were trans-

ported by steamer to General Grant's huge supply base at City Point, Va. Upon arriving, the regiment was assigned to the First Brigade, Third Division of General G.K. Warren's Fifth Corps, Army of the Potomac, on the extreme left of the Union line before Petersburg, Va. Here Pvt. Frazier and the rest of the men endured the trials of siege warfare and patiently waited for General Lee's proud Southern army to break.

Although respected as one of the regiment's finest boxers in camp, Pvt. Frazier had yet to experience the battlefield. His first taste of combat was quick in

of hard fighting around Five Forks the Ninety-first lost 50 men killed and nearly 200 wounded. Just a few days later, General Lee surrendered his battered Southern army to General Grant at Appomattox Court House.

After Lee's surrender, the Ninety-first marched back toward Richmond and for two weeks guarded the South Side Railroad. It is not clear whether Pvt. Frazier accompanied the regiment on this movement. Family legend recalls that Frazier suffered from inflammation of his legs and was transported by steamer back to Washington. The Ninety-first was relieved of railroad patrol on May 1, 1865, and marched back to Washington in order to take part in the Grand Review of May 23. On July 3, 1865, the regiment was

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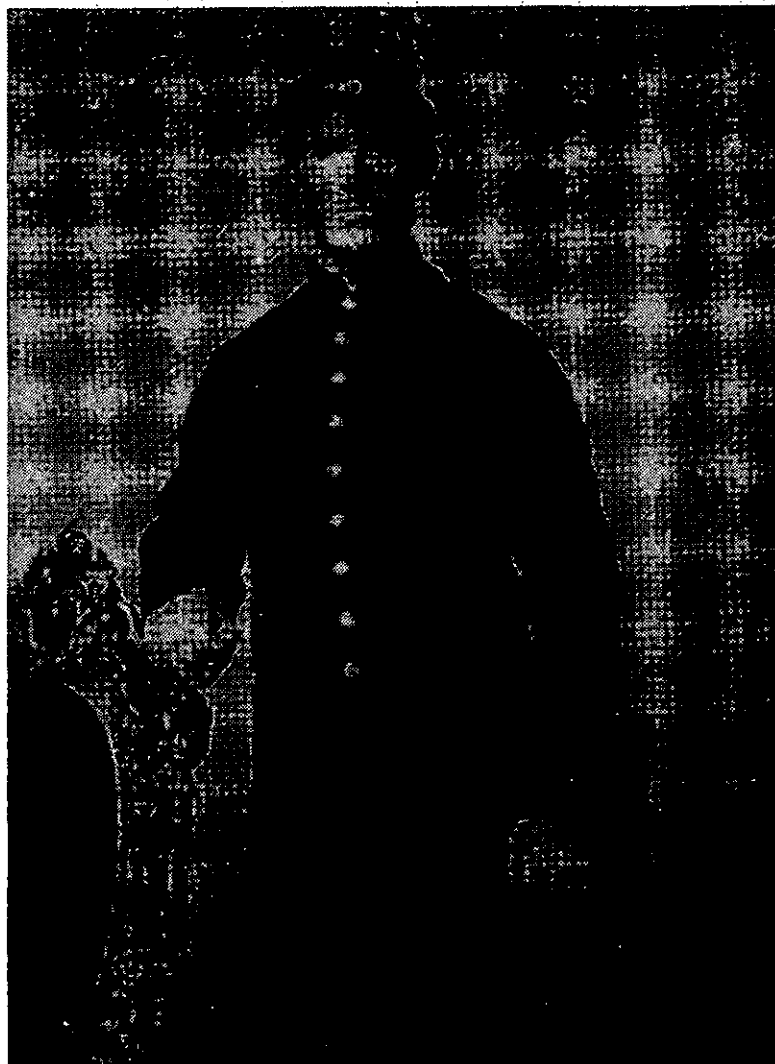
coming. The Ninety-first advanced with the Fifth Corps and was engaged in a severe fight at the White Oak Road on March 31, 1865, suffering many casualties. On April 1 the regiment accompanied the Fifth Corps toward the entrenched Confederate line at Five Forks crossroads and initiated a surprise attack against the Southern right flank. This movement was exploited by the bulk of the Fifth Corps and General Sheridan's cavalry and resulted in the capture of General Pickett's Confederate army. The loss compelled Lee to order the evacuation of Richmond and Petersburg. During the two days

mustered out of United States service and the men started their journey home to Albany.

Pvt. Frazier returned to Slingerlands and on Dec. 16, 1865, married Jane Patterson, a niece of William Patterson, at the New Salem Reformed Church. Although he lived to an old age, Frazier rarely talked about the war. He did tell his granddaughters about the time he and another soldier accompanied an officer and prisoner to New York City during the war and how the officer got drunk and Frazier used the opportunity to travel up to Albany. Walking up to the school where the Patterson boys attended, in full uniform and carrying his musket, he got the three boys out of class and told them of his military adventures. Returning to New York City the next day he found his officer companion prepared to desert and convinced the man to return to the regiment with him.

Frazier was a highly respected Slingerlands resident and was a trustee of the Slingerlands Methodist Episcopal church for 41 years. Before this church was built in 1871 Frazier was a communicant of the Delmar Methodist Episcopal church, where he held several elective offices.

William H.C. Frazier, the old soldier, passed away at his home at 30 Maple Ave. in Slingerlands on Dec. 10, 1926, as a result of a stroke that had left him bedridden



While in Baltimore with the 91st New York Infantry, Slingerlands soldier William H.C. Frazier stood for this photograph by J.H. Young. Private Frazier wears a standard issue kepi and rare infantry frock coat.

for 10 days. He left a son, Charles W. Frazier, and two granddaughters, and was interred at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, New Salem.

War authorities in this part of the state since winning several national awards as a teenager. He has authored many articles and papers, and has been a frequent exhibitor of Civil War displays at the Bethlehem Public Library. He is a resident of Delmar.

William F. Howard has been one of the most prominent Civil



After the Civil War Frazier married Jane Patterson and lived in this house on Maple Ave. in Slingerlands.



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Seniors to the Fair

The Seniors are going to the fair! The South Bethlehem-Selkirk Sunshine Senior Citizens are planning an outing to the Eastern

NEWS FROM SELKIRK AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



States Exposition in Springfield, Mass. on Sept. 12. They plan to leave by bus from the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem on Rt. 9W, Selkirk, at 8 a.m. They will meet at the Starrow Town Tavern for dinner before boarding at 4 p.m. for a 6 p.m. return to Selkirk. Cost of the trip including transportation is \$19.50. Seniors who would like to attend may contact Bob Mayo, 767-3006.

Scouts attend camp

Three area teens have recently completed a provisional week at Boy Scout Camp Rotary in Poestenkill. Scouts of Troop 81, which is sponsored by the Bethlehem Elks' Lodge of Selkirk, the scouts were Steven Barbic, Bill Cornell and Joseph Croscup. Concentrating their efforts in the fields of life saving, environmental science, cooking, swimming and



New students at the RCS Junior High School participate in a tug of war during a recent field day held at the A.W. Becker School.

leather work, the boys earned a total of eight merit badges for the week's efforts.

Field day for openers

With school opening shortly, in the case of RCS students on Sept. 5, thoughts have begun to turn to the first day, some with anticipation, others with a sense of apprehension as is so often the case when a child enters for the first time or advances to a different

school. Attempting to eliminate some of the anxious moments that sixth graders tend to face on their first day of school in the junior high, a field day was arranged for students from the P.B. Coymans and A.W. Becker School. Fifth graders from the elementary schools in the district, the RCS Class of 1991, met formally for the first time this June during a mini-field day held at the Becker

building. Students from each class were randomly divided among six teams to avoid competition between classes or schools, and were then introduced to each other through games such as tug-of-war, water balloon toss, jump rope relay and water relay races. The field day, which was coordinated by the administrators, teachers and parent volunteers, proved to be a notable success.

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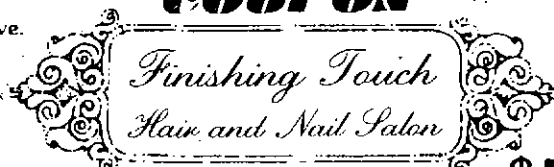
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Mr. Howard retired in June after 18 years of custodial work in the Bethlehem Central School District. Before working at Hamagrael Elementary, he was with the Voorheesville Army Depot for 20 years. He then went to the Bethlehem Central Middle School for 10 years and finally to Hamagrael in 1976.

As a janitor, Mr. Howard worked with a partner from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. every day, year round, with many hours of overtime put in. The students' extra-curricular activities, such as chorus, intramurals and concerts, kept Mr. Howard working past 8 p.m. some days, when he would set up bleachers, work the lighting and clean up afterward.

Even with his many duties — cleaning, checking the heating, lighting and PA systems, and setting up classrooms — Mr. Howard always had time to help Hamagrael students. He remembers most of the children who have passed through the schools he worked in — were you to talk to him today, he might say, "Oh, yes. You had light hair and big eyes, and you were in chorus, weren't you?"

You probably remember him as the man who helped you fish the bracelet out of the garbage can, or the man who showed you where the nurse's office was. Even if you never spoke to him directly, you can recall the big smile behind a broom, a smile that watched you grow through six years at Hamagrael.

Now that he has retired, he plans to keep cleaning — around his own house. Although he won't be full-time at his favorite hobby, working with kids, he'll be able to pursue other interests, like gardening, painting and relaxing. He said he'll be fixing up his house and barn, but mostly "just taking it easy."

He will miss the children, who he said were his favorite part of work as a janitor, and also his



Hamagrael's "Mr. Howard" will miss the youngsters, and vice versa. *Tom Howes*

partner and teachers at Hamagrael.

You have noticed by now that I haven't called Mr. Howard by his real name, Whitbeck, since the beginning of this article. That's because I'll always remember him as Mr. Howard, as you surely do, the janitor with a big smile and friendly personality, a person who added one more special memory to your short-lived elementary school days.

*Tania Stasiuk
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Priscilla Miller and Audrey McGregor won the Tri-Color ribbon for their "Ethnic Party" table setting which featured a strikingly authentic Japanese setting. A blue ribbon went to Peg Foster and Shirley Lloyd for their "Child's birthday party." Other blue ribbons were awarded to Jane Felgentreff, Shirley Lloyd, Virginia McGregor, Audrey McGregor and Doris Stephens.

Second place ribbons went to Evelyn Borg, Marion Kenney, Shirley Lloyd, Audrey McGregor, Audrey Merz, Peg Foster, Edrie Pregent, Doris Stepheny and Katherine Wood.

Third place ribbons were awarded to Evelyn Borg, Peg Foster, Marion Kenney, Doris Stephany, Beverly Toro and Joan Daniels. Honorable mention to Dorothy Haker and Mildred Cartright.

Club members get to keep their ribbons but the premiums for the awards go into the club's treasury. The first meeting for the season will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 11. For information, call Marion Kenney at 439-7306.

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Track issue will go public

By Theresa Bobear

Despite the fact that not all board members are in favor of building a new track, the Voorheesville School Board last week voted unanimously to bring the track issue to a public vote, hopefully next February following a January public hearing.

The vote was taken after Superintendent Werner Berglas explained that the school district would not receive aid for the track unless it is part of a substantial building project. Berglas estimated the cost of the track at \$150,000 and the cost of the accompanying building at \$50,000. He estimated that the 57 to 58 percent aid for the project would reduce the local cost to \$90,000.

Various members of the board made arguments for and against the proposed track. Members of the public had signed petitions and strongly supported the project during the past year. After going through the debates, board member Joseph Fernandez said, "the board can't choose to ignore the public."

"We have a broader obligation," stated board member Ann Balk. "We have to look at total planning for the entire community. It's an extravagance."

"A February vote won't catch all people not interested in a track or retired people," Mrs. Balk said.

After identifying himself as a track enthusiast, board member Peter Ten Eyck asserted that a track would not be cost-effective. The same amount of money, he said, could be used to help more children.

"We can't afford to do it," Ten

Eyck said before recommending that the board present the track proposition to voters along with a list of other expenses which would increase the 1985-86 tax rate. "I want everyone in the district to get a shot at the big picture," he said.

Board member Steven Schreiber was "not enthusiastic at all about this kind of project."

Berglas estimated that the \$200,000 track project would add about \$1.50 in taxes per \$1,000 assess property after deducting state aid.

The board unanimously agreed to add \$40,000 for capital construction to the 1984-85 budget and announced \$12,968,129 as the final total of taxes to be collected including \$95,345 for the public library.

The \$40,000 for capital construction includes \$15,000 to replace the interior stone facade above the front doorway of the Voorheesville Elementary School. Berglas expects the deteriorated stone to be replaced before the end of the summer.

Of the emergency capital construction money, \$25,000 will be used to replace a fire escape with a canopy at the elementary school. The present fire escape, Berglas reported, is badly corroded. A heavy coat of paint, he said, hid the actual condition of the fire escape. The school buildings are inspected regularly by principals, maintenance people and the fire inspector.

The board announced equalization rates of 7.83, down from 7.85 last year, for New Scotland and 4.38, down from 4.39 last year, for Berne. The Voorheesville school district will not be able to announce a final tax rate until after

an equalization rate is published for Guilderland.

Board members voted unanimously to apply the \$208,564 board of education fund balance toward the tax warrant.

In other business, the board:

- Tabled discussion of an early retirement incentive plan.
- Unanimously approved a bidding resolution for IBM computer devices and software.
- Approved a staff evaluation system similar to the system used in the Guilderland school district.
- Agreed to co-sponsor a series of four coffee hours with the parent teacher student association in a non-confrontational setting.
- Scheduled a luncheon for staff, board members, custodial workers and transportation personnel for noon, Sept. 4.
- Changed the date of the Oct. 8 meeting to Oct. 9 and changed the date of the Nov. 12 meeting to Nov. 13.

Tests for fitness

Beginning this fall, Gloria Stevens figure salons will incorporate a five-point fitness assessment into each member's individual fitness program. The measurement and evaluation will be charted and updated to determine progress.

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Voorheesville News Notes



Lyn Stapf 765-2451

Reading clubs celebrate

The fast summer pace at the Voorheesville Public Library will begin to slow down a bit this week. On Thursday and Friday, the summer reading clubs will hold their grand parties to celebrate the progress of members over the summer.

On Thursday, students in K-3 will meet for a special program of magic, puppets and fun with *Cranberry the Clown*, followed by refreshments, awards and a prize drawing. Those in grades 4-6 will meet on Friday for an afternoon of food, prizes, awards and movies. Both parties will begin at 1 p.m.

Parents of preschoolers should note that the summer story hour will end this Friday, Aug. 24 and resume after school begins.

This week's movie, the final film of the summer, will be *Inspector General* starring Danny Kaye. This hilarious comedy tells the story of a simple peasant who pretends to be a visiting bureaucrat. The film, free to the public, begins at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 28.

A brief reminder that Olympic lugist George Tucker will appear at the library next Friday, Aug. 31 at 3 p.m. All are invited to welcome him.

Don't forget board meeting

A final reminder that there will be an important meeting tonight, (Wednesday) of the Board of Education to discuss priorities of the school district. All area residents are welcome and encouraged to attend so that they may share their ideas with the board. The meeting will be held in the district offices at the high school beginning at 7.

It's back to school

Both schools in the Voorheesville Central School District will open for full-day sessions on Wednesday, Sept. 5. Parents of students entering seventh grade are reminded that there will be a parent-student orientation program on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the high school beginning at 7 p.m. Students in grades 7-12 who are new to the district are also invited to attend.

Also, parents who have children new to the district should contact either the high school at 765-3314 or the elementary school at 765-2382 to register their children as soon as possible.

Dinner for Tom Roe

For those who are already starting to fill in their calendars for September, here's a date to mark. On Friday, Sept. 14, a dinner dance will be held to honor Tom Roe, New Scotland's Citizen of the Year. Cost of the roast beef dinner to be held at the Guilderland Elks Lodge on Carmen Rd. is \$11. Tickets are available at the Voorheesville Public Library and the New Scotland Town Hall. Tickets may also be obtained by calling John Follos at 765-2343. Reservations would be appreciated by Sept. 10.

Democrat picnic Saturday

A reminder that the New Scotland Democratic Social Club will hold their annual picnic on Saturday, Aug. 25 from noon until dusk at Thacher Park. Donations are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children and everyone is invited. Those wanting more information are asked to call 439-6693.

Off to college

Many 1984 graduates will be leaving this week for college campuses around the state and nation. Among them will be several students who were awarded prizes for outstanding achievement at June ceremonies, including Michael Ricci, Most Valuable Key Club Staffer; Richard Oden, Senior Poetry Award; Wendy Knapp, Most Valuable Yearbook Staffer; Kristen McMullen, Environmental, Chemical and Equipment Co. Scholarship and French 4 Prize; Frances Spreer, Spanish 4 Prize and Elizabeth Mattfeld and John Ryan, the Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete Award.

Fall meeting set

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will hold its first fall meeting at the Albany Motel, Rt. 9W, Glenmont on Sept. 4 at 6 p.m. The club provides cultural and social events for business women in the community and meets the first Wednesday of each month.

Officers for the new year are as follows: Marin McCarroll of Delmar, president; Nellie Evar of Elsmere, vice president; Hele Harder of Delmar, secretary, and Patricia Bannan of Delmar treasurer.

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Showtime in Voorheesville

Summer project results in full-length, feature film

By Lyn Staf

Seven enterprising Voorheesville teenagers have created from scratch a full-length feature film, the product of four months of hard work, in between frustrations.

Taking part in the demanding project were recent high school graduates Yvonne Perry, Scott Storm and Peter Coffan and incoming seniors Dwight Anderson, Bill Schwartz, Lisa Petrone and Mark Bibbons — all students at Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High and all members of the school's drama club, The Dionysians, for the last two years.

The film, entitled *Lorenzo Lawrence and the Tortoise*, was inspired by high school social studies teacher Arthur Willis, who originally prepared a skit from the plot for the Renaissance Day held this past May. Seeing potential in the theme of the story, Storm asked Willis's permission to expand the character development and with the input of the cast rewrote the story into a 90-minute screen play.

The premise of this interesting story tells of a group of teens in the 1980's who encounter their medieval counterparts in the woods where the unexplained crossing of two time spheres occurs. This calls for the players to portray two parts — both the modern teen and the mirror-image renaissance

counterpart, each bearing a corresponding name such as Lawrence and Lorenzo, Lewis and Luigi and Lucy and Lucretia.

Adding to the intrigue are medieval music and period costumes, borrowed from the Albany and Schenectady Civic Theaters.

Although the entire cast took part in the directing and staging of the production, the person chiefly responsible for the camera work was Scott Storm, who has made four other films. Storm, who became interested in filmmaking after seeing *Star Wars*, has attended SUNY-Buffalo, where he took part in a film and editing summer seminar. He will be heading for The School of Visual Arts in Manhattan in the fall, where he will be majoring in film and communications.

Also pursuing similar careers are Coffan, who will be majoring in psychology at Albany Junior College and then going elsewhere to pursue a career in acting, and Perry, who will be attending Adelphi, where she will major in theater arts.

Although the project was predominantly the work of the younger generation, the cast was quick to give credit to adults over 30 who assisted in the making of the film, namely Willis, who besides inspiring the story also acted in the film, and Scott's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Fred

Storm, who acted as producers of the film providing the necessary capital, estimated at about \$1,500 to complete the project.

As in any filmmaking, *Lorenzo* was not without its share of problems. Shooting was done around the heavy schedules of the group's summer jobs. With all of the scenes shot outdoors, the cast was at the mercy of the elements, which were not often kind. Added problems came from insects and airplanes that obliterated the audio, forcing extra recording sessions towards the end. And, then, of course, there was the memorable day when the entire crew caught poison ivy while shooting in the forest.

With all that behind them, and the final film "in the can," all that remains is what to do with the finished product. Originally they planned on entering it in competition, but the final edition was too long. Storm explains, "I found I couldn't tell a really good story in so short a period of time."

But area critics will have their chance to view the film this Thursday at 3:30 p.m. when there will be a special showing at the Voorheesville High School. After that, who knows?

Local plant cited

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Edward Volkwein

Scholarships awarded to 2

Edward Volkwein of Voorheesville High School has been awarded a \$1,000 National Honor Society scholarship. Volkwein graduated as valedictorian and was awarded a NYS Regents scholarship, the Bausch and Lomb award for best in science and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute medal for excellence in math and science. The national merit finalist plans to major in physics at Harvard University.

In addition to his academic achievements, Volkwein served as captain of the Voorheesville High tennis and volleyball teams. He played tuba in the high school concert band and brass ensemble. Volkwein is a tournament chess player and an accomplished pianist.

Jeffrey Clark of Voorheesville High School has been awarded a \$1,000 local scholarship from the Albany Patrol basketball team. Clark plans to apply the scholarship money toward tuition at Harvard University in the fall.

Clark was captain of the Voorheesville High School wrestling team and is a state champion in his weight class. He has also won national championships and belongs to the Adirondack Freestyle Wrestling Club.

Winners at fair

A number of local residents won awards for exhibits entered in competition at the Altamont Fair. In the flower show blue ribbons were awarded to Hilda Luft, Mrs. H. Hillman, Evelyn Trudell, Davina Sherman and Jean Somerville of Slingerlands and Cheryl Hill and Maureen Wright of Delmar.

Lynne Petruska of Clarksville took four first-place ribbons in the rabbit exhibit, winning best of breed, and reserve youth in French Lop, Dutch best of breed and best of opposite sex in dwarfs.

In the rabbit exhibit Elizabeth Demis of Feura Bush won first place in the english angora class. Nancy Farina of Delmar won best of breed and best opposite sex in the french angora category.

Vandals hit boat

A boat on a trailer parked near Rt. 85 in Slingerlands was damaged sometime during the night last Monday, a Greenport, N.Y. resident reported to Bethlehem police. The rudder was turned by force, pulling the cable through the boat's dashboard, the report said. In addition, a rear door in the car towing the boat trailer was bent back against its hinges, denting the door.

Program a winner

Christopher Smolen, a junior at Voorheesville High School, is one of 12 students nationally to receive an Atari home computer system worth between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for a program entered into competition. Smolen's program, Pac-Hombre, will be copyrighted and marketed by Verbatim, a computer company.

Smolen has been studying computers for three years. Last year he computerized backstage effects for a play at the high school.

New post office approved

The Voorheesville village zoning board of appeals last week gave final approval for a new post office to be constructed on the east side of Voorheesville Ave. between Mead and Pine Sts. The new building will replace the cramped and outmoded facility on Main St.

Carmello Crisafulli plans to begin construction of the 2,500 square foot single-story brick building within two or three weeks. According to a spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service, the Crisafullis will lease the facility to the Postal Service for 10 years at

\$23,850 per year. After the 10 years expire, the government will have the option to seek additional five-year leases with escalating rental rates.



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

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

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

Bethlehem Board of Education meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education meets the first and third Mondays of the month, 8 p.m., at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

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

Bethlehem Landfill, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

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

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

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

Project equinox, Delmar satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contacts confidential. By appointment, call 434-6134.

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

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-noon during the summer. Call 439-2238.

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Kay Valentino at 439-9686.

Food Pantry, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

La Leche League of Delmar, meets one Wednesday each month to share breastfeeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breastfeeding information, 439-2343.

Voter Registration: You may vote in New York State if you are 18 on or before the election, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, city or village for 30 days preceding the election, and registered with county Board of Elections. Mail registration forms can be obtained at town and village halls, from political parties, from the League of Women Voters and from boards of election. The completed form must be received by your Board of Elections by the first Monday in October. Information, Albany County Board of Elections, 445-7591.

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

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

PLAYGROUND BUS SCHEDULE

North Bethlehem-Selkirk-South Bethlehem Route:

Leave Bethlehem Central Bus Garage 11 a.m., to North Bethlehem Fire House via Cherry Ave., Rt. 85, Blessing Rd., Krumkill Rd., Schoolhouse Rd. and return to Elm Ave. Park via Krumkill Rd. to Rt. 85, south on Elm Ave. to Feura Bush Rd., east on Feura Bush Rd., to 9W, 9W north (stop at Glenmont School), 9W south to Rt.

396, Rt. 396 to Beaver Dam Rd., cover Beaver Dam Rd. to Rt 144, north on Rt. 144 to Clapper Rd. and turn around.

South on Rt. 144 to Maple Ave., west on Thatcher St. to Cottage Lane, cover Cottage Lane to Rt. 9W, north on Rt. 9W to Rt. 396 to South Albany Rd., north on South Albany Rd. to Bell Crossing Rd. to Jericho Rd., Jericho Rd. east to Long Lane, Long Lane east to Elm Ave., Elm Ave. west to Fairlawn, Fairlawn to Elm Ave. Park.

Bus will return to North Bethlehem at 3:45 p.m. and to Selkirk and South Bethlehem areas (via same route as pick up) 4:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Farmers' Market, fruits, vegetables, flowers, baked goods and crafts, weekly rain or shine, through October, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 4-7 p.m.

La Leche League of Delmar, "Nutrition and Weaning," home of Ann Schucker, 25 Shetland Dr., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Evening on the Green, Fancy's Train, traditional Irish music, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Donald Schaik, 36 Wakefield Ct., Delmar, for variance to permit 5 ft. fence on premises, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

New Scotland Elks Lodge, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, Voorheesville Post Office, 8 p.m.

Voorheesville Board of Education, special meeting on priorities, district offices, Voorheesville High School, Rt. 85A, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

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

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

Soccer Registration, Bethlehem Soccer Club, under 8, under 10 and under 12 age divisions, proof of age required for first-time participants, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7-10 p.m.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, Tuesday and Thursday meetings give lab and excavation experience of regular volunteers, old Waldemaire building, Feura Bush Rd. just south of Town Park, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 439-4258.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Bethlehem Bijou" reviews "Sunset Boulevard," 11 a.m., "Kids Kaleidoscope" tours Bethlehem Public Library, 5:30 p.m.

Film, "Sunset Boulevard," Bethlehem Public Library, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

Farmers' Market, Fridays at St. Thomas Church parking lot, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Barbecue, Auction, Tag Sale, chicken barbecue with salads, tag sale for smaller items, silent auction with written bids for larger items. Clarksville Community Church, Rt. 443, Clarksville, 4-7 p.m., \$5.50 and \$3.50 admission.

Field Study, insect identification, led by Center naturalists, Five Rivers Environmental Center, 10 a.m. Registration, 457-6092.

Picnic, New Scotland Democratic Social Club, all welcome, Thatcher Park, noon, \$3 and \$1.50 donations, 439-6693.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

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

Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, 19th century textiles display, Rt. 144, and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, summer Sunday hours 2-5 p.m. through October.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

Back to School Fun, at Bethlehem Preschool, visiting time for new children, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, Aug. 27-31, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

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

Homecoming Concert, by Sweet Spirit, 29 vocalists from Christian Music Ministries, contemporary gospel music, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Rt. 32, Feura Bush, 8 p.m., donation accepted.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Team physicals, for all BCHS students playing fall sports, high school nurses office, 1 p.m.

Delmar Rotary, meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Starlite Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont.

Film, "Inspector General," with Danny Kaye, Voorheesville Public Library, 1 p.m. Free.

Breakdancing, performers 5-14 years, spectators and participants welcome, children's room, Bethlehem Public Library, 6:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Soccer Registration, Bethlehem Soccer Club, under 8, under 10 and under 12 age division, proof of age required for first-time participants, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7-10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Conversations," Liz Belcastro discusses her life as a professional actress, 6 p.m., "Kids Kaleidoscope," tours Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m.

Bloodmobile, St. Thomas School Gym, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1-7 p.m.

Movie Marathon, children's room, Bethlehem Public Library, 1-5 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Open House, School's Out, Inc., after school program for elementary school children, transportation from Hama-grael, Elsmere, Slingerlands, and St. Thomas schools provided, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9300.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

Nature Walk, study the ways of wildlife at dusk, led by center naturalists, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Free. Information, 457-6092.

Babysitting Workshop, for people 11 years and older, Bethlehem Public Library, 1-5 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant Selkirk.

THEATER

"Side by Side by Sondheim," Woodstock Playhouse, Rts. 212 and 375, Woodstock, Aug. 22 through Sept. 2. Information and reservations, (914) 679-2436.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham, Aug. 22 through Sept. 2 (Wednesday-Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m. and Sunday 5:30 p.m.) Box office, 392-9292.

"Heidi" (children's theater at Woodstock Playhouse), Aug. 25, 11 a.m. Box office, (914) 679-2436.

"The Rainmaker," The Theatre Bar, New Lebanon, through Aug. 26. Box office, 749-8989.

"Ransom of Red Chief" (Mac-Haydn children's theater), Aug. 24 and 25, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, 11 a.m. Box office, 392-9292.

"High Spirits" (musical based on Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" staged by Berkshire Theatre Festival), Stockbridge, Mass through Aug. 26 Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m. and Sunday 5:30 p.m.) Box office, (413) 298-5536.

"Romeo and Juliet" (Shakespeare and Company), The Mount, Lenox, Mass., Aug. 23, 25, 29 and 31 (Tuesday-Friday, 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.) Reservations, (413) 637-3353. In repertory with "A Midsummer Night's Dream, Aug. 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and Sept. 1.

MUSIC

Allan Alexander (guitarist and lutenist), Performing Arts Loft, 286 Central Ave., Albany, Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Gerry Mulligan Quartet (Jazz at the Pillow), Jacob's Pillow, Lee, Mass., Aug. 26, 3 and 8 p.m.

Catskill Chamber Players with composer Virgil Thompson, Rensselaerville Institute, Rensselaerville, Aug. 26, 4 p.m. Information, 797-3784.

FILM

Outdoor Film Festival, animations, documentaries, short features, videos, Washington Park, Albany, Aug. 25, 9 p.m. Free.

DANCE

Jacob's Pillow: Jazz Parade, through Aug. 25, The Flying Kamarazov Brothers, Aug. 28-Sept. 1. (Tuesday-Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 p.m.; Saturday 2 and 8:30 p.m.) Information and reservations, (413) 243-0745.

ART

Andrew Wyeth, a slide and sound program, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, Aug. 28, 12:15 p.m.

"The Beauty of Saratoga" (recent photographs by Robin Quinn), Ann Grey Gallery, The Casino, Congress Park, Saratoga Springs, Aug. 16 through Sept. 29.

"Small, Small World" (a sampling of miniature portraits), Albany Institute of History and Art, through Aug. 31.

"An Open Land: Photographs of the Midwest, 1852-1982" Blum Art Institute, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, through Sept. 9.

"Happy Times" (new permanent exhibit of 19th century pastimes), Farmers' Museum, Cooperstown.

Rockwell Kent, painting, prints and drawings, Plaza Gallery, SUNY Plaza, Broadway and State St., Albany, through Sept. 28.

"Community Industries of the Shakers... A New Look," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Nov. 30.

"Buddies" (art work by Vietnam veterans), Memorial Gallery, first floor of Justice Building, Empire State Plaza.

Contemporary Sculpture at Chesterwood, Rt. 183, Stockbridge, Mass., through Oct. 14. Open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

"Lights and Shadows: Images of Architecture" (photographed by R. Hugh Hewitt of Slingerlands and Arlene Westbrook of Voorheesville) Hudson Valley Community College Learning Resources Center, Troy, through Sept. 30.

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AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Farmers' Market, fresh fruits and vegetables, outdoors at Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Party in the Park, entertainment by Interstate, proceeds from beverage sales to N.Y. Easter Seal Society, Capitol Park, Albany, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Aug. 23 rain date. Free.

Health and Human Values Lecture Series, "Intensive Care Units, Scare Resources and Conflicting Principles of Justice: An Overview from the Bedside to the Congress," by Michael Rie, Humanities Bldg., Rm. 117, Union College, Schenectady, 8 p.m. Free.

Dancing at the Plaza, featuring the Al Cavalieri Band, (music from the forties to the seventies), outdoors, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free.

Plaza Arts and Crafts Show, more than 40 talented artisans sell, handmade crafts, outdoors, Capitol Park, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Public Hearing on Farm Minimum Wage, held by state Dept. of Labor prior to establishing a new minimum wage order for farm workers, Bldg. 12, Rm. 514, NYS Dept. of Labor, State Office Bldg. Campus, Albany, 10 a.m.

Plaza Arts and Crafts Show, more than 40 talented artisans sell handmade crafts, outdoors, Capitol Park, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Retirement Exposition, more than 500 booths offer aids to better health, education, travel and home living, Colonie Center, Aug. 22-26, weekdays 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Saturday noon-5 p.m.

Acting Audition, search for community actors to play four major roles in C.P. Taylor's "Good," Junior College of Albany theater, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 445-1725.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Albany County Young Republican Club, meeting and party, refreshments served and President Reagan's acceptance speech aired, Albany County Republican Headquarters, 855 Central Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 438-5983.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

Senior Festival, senior citizens join to enjoy music, dance, crafts, baked goods and more, outdoors, Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon-5 p.m. Free.

Plaza Arts and Crafts Show, more than 40 artisans sell handmade crafts, outdoors, Capitol Park, Albany, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Nature Fest, sponsored by Saratoga-Capital District region of NYS Office of Parks, nature walks, outdoor education events, displays and activities, bluegrass music and clogging by Shortstraw, Thacher State Park, Rt. 157, New Scotland, noon. Information, 584-2000, ext. 23. Free.

Dance, open fund raiser, sponsored by Parents Without Partners, music by Sundowners, Jeremy's, Victoria room, Northern Blvd. and Shaker Rd., Albany, 9:30-1:30 p.m., \$3 and \$4 admission.

Concert in the Park, music by The Daybreak, pop-rock group, lakehouse bandshell, Washington Park, 6 p.m. Free.

Art Auction and Cocktail Party, to benefit Multiple Sclerosis research and local community services, Saratoga Springs City Center, Saratoga, 6 p.m. \$25 tickets. Information, 459-5118.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Antiques Festival, Hunter Mountain, Hunter. Information, 263-3800.

Irish Feis, featuring step dancing contest, East Durham. Information, 966-8995.

Arts and Crafts Fair, Gordon Reid's Pine Grove Farm, Duanesberg, 895-2300.

Evening Entertainment and Dancing, River Valley Sweet Adelines join with the big band sound of the Mohicans, Sherman's Amusement Park, Caroga Lake, 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m., \$5 tickets. Information, 355-3858.

Political-Musical Day, sponsored by Rock Against Reaganomix Committee, Washington Park, Albany, noon-8 p.m. Information, 489-6632 or 489-4549.

Experimental Aircraft Fly-In, ground displays of homebuilt, antiques, classics, warbirds, ultralights and new production types, aircraft judging, refreshments, awards dinner, sponsored by NYS Sport Aviation Assoc., Schenectady County Airport, Rt. 50, Glenville, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., \$2 admission, 372-5656.

Chicken Barbecue, Helderberg Reformed Church, 140 Main St., Rt. 146, Guelderland Center, 2-7 p.m., \$6 adults, \$2.50 under 12.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Experimental Aircraft Fly-In, ground displays, aircraft judging, refreshments, sponsored by NYS Sport Aviation Assoc., Schenectady County Airport, Rt. 50, Glenville, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. \$2 admission, 372-5656.

Antiques Festival, Hunter Mountain, Hunter. Information, 263-3800.

Festival Shalom, foods, entertainment, history and crafts of capital district Jewish community, outdoors, Empire State Plaza, noon-9 p.m. Free.

Horse Show, by Golden Horse Shoe Riding Club, to benefit WGY Christmas wish program, Altamont Fair Grounds, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

Conference, on volunteer leadership, sponsored by the Greater Albany Professional Singles, open to all area singles, Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 436-0602. Free.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Guelderland Performing Arts Center Concert, Tawasentha Park, 7:30-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Bethlehem Bijou," Carole Lillis discusses "Sunset Boulevard," and work of director Billy Wilder, 6 p.m.

George Tucker, Olympic Sledder, speaks at Voorheesville Public Library, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

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

Bethlehem Business Women's Club, creates cultural and social interests for business women, meets first Wednesdays, Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Kids Kaleidoscope," tours town hall with staff member reading a story, 6 p.m.; "The Scrip Tape: How to Script a Video Tape," by Steve Swartz, 7 p.m.

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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Aug. 23, Garden bounty at regular Senior Citizens Organizational meetings. Gardeners may drop off extra produce after 8:30 a.m. Thursdays at Bethlehem Town Hall.

Sept. 4, AARP assisting area residents in filling out Medicaid forms; first and third Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call Ruth Jorgensen, 439-2160 for reservations.

Sept. 5, Trip to Colonie Coliseum for "Showboat," then dinner at Turf Inn. Reservations required.

Sept. 7, Legal clinic, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., call town hall for reservations.

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My Mom and Dad were both instantaneous reactors as parents. My brother or I would jump the last four steps of the stairway coming down for dinner, and the thump onto the hallway floor would produce an immediate alarm cry, "Who fell? Who's hurt?" My mother would race around corner of the hallway, chicken soup ladle in hand, with a look of impending horror on her face. When she found us unscathed, intact and smiling at her false alarm, then the tirade would begin about how she worried about us, why she even bothered, how much trouble we caused and how we didn't appreciate what a parent goes through. Moments later we would be slurping her delicious chicken soup and her smile returned.

God forbid if a glass should shatter on the kitchen floor. It took on the proportions of a major catastrophe. It required the response of the parental SWAT team to restore order and safety to our little niche in the world.

When adolescence was attained and the art of defiance refined, my parents' alarm response sped up

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



and evolved into anticipating the alarm. "Where are you going? Who are you going with? What are you going to do? When will you be home? Don't do anything foolish. Don't get in trouble. Mind your P's and Q's. Call home if you need to."

Life in those days resembled a cops and robbers movie. It wasn't that I intended to do bad things. I just wanted the freedom to try out new ventures, new places, new friends, and some of them just didn't correlate with Mom's and Dad's experience. They were "old-fashioned" and I was of the modern world. Their frame of reference was simply different from mine. I couldn't learn from their experience, because it was just different in "the old days."

So the struggles of breaking out of the shell of protected childhood went on and on, and alarm

was followed by anger, then by guilt, then by remorse, and back to calm until the next alarm. I grew adept at avoiding alarm by sneaking, hiding and deceiving, but every once in a while I got caught, and a general air of distrust ensued.

It was in the thick of that delicately balanced atmosphere that an everlasting memory between my parent and me occurred. It was a Sunday. I was 16 years old with a Junior driver's license and a 1949 black Plymouth sedan. It was a great little car, and I was

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taller than usual sitting behind the stiff steering wheel, mainly because I sat on an overstuffed cushion to see over the hood.

On this particular Sunday I was in somewhat of an unusual turmoil. My buddy who did not drive yet had called to inform me of a record hop at the pavilion in one of the suburban parks around

Rochester. One of the popular DJ's was going to be there and we knew that it meant lots of girls would be there too.

But I had been grounded for some transgressions that escapes memory. My car was inside the locked garage. I had the car keys, but my folks had the garage keys. I was stuck.

Nevertheless, I invited my friend over as my parents had gone out for the afternoon. When he arrived we perused the situation, and upon looking more closely at the garage doors, we realized that a simple screwdriver would remove the door latch itself and free the car without even removing the lock. So we did it,

and off we went mindful of the hour so we could return in time to re-screw the latch. We closed the garage door anyway so as to avoid the neighbor's suspicions.

A few hours later after a fun-filled Sunday afternoon, we returned to my neighborhood, eased onto my street, cautiously coasted into my driveway, and to our teenage dismay, my parents' car was already parked in the one-lane driveway. No way to get around it and replace my car in the garage.

My buddy jumped out of my car, bade me farewell and ran off leaving me alone to face the wrath of my short-fused parents. "They must know by now," I said to myself as I entered the house, "but if they don't, there's still no way I can get out of it. They'll see my car behind theirs eventually."

They were sitting at the kitchen table having a bite to eat. I said "Hi." They said "Where were you?" I said, "Out." They said, "Want something to eat?" I said, "No, thanks," and went up to my room. I waited and waited for one or both of them to come storming through my bedroom door with an instrument of torture or some such device that would lay waste to me for at least a week.

But no such explosion occurred. I waited for double, triple, quadruple the usual reaction time. Then I trod downstairs into the kitchen where they were still munching on fresh bought goodies.

"Do you know I took my car out?" I asked.

"Yes," my father answered.

"I unscrewed the garaged door latch," I testily offered.

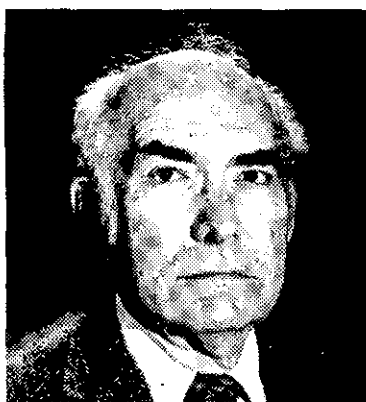
"Uh-huh," he said.

"I went to Willowbrook Point," I confessed.

"Oh," Mom said.

And that was all. Nothing more. No alarm. No rage. No punishment. Nothing. I never did

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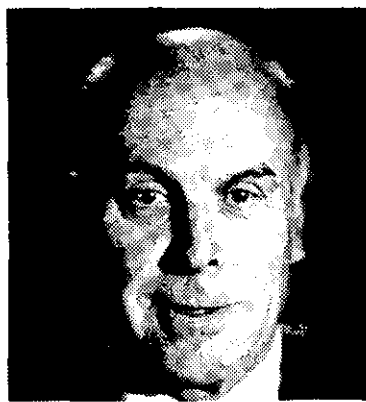
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Master swimmers lead local athletes

Spotlight SPORTS

In the rain of medals from the Empire State Games, some fell on the Bethlehem area.

Among athletes taking home precious metal from Syracuse last week were several swimmers, wrestlers and soccer players, a diver, a hurdler and a basketball player.

The largest loot came home with the masters swimmers, who collected seven golds, seven silvers and three bronzes. Three of the golds represented record-breaking performances.

Steve Bonawitz, a Delmar student at the Upstate Medical College in Syracuse, set new records in winning the 100-meter and 200-meter backstroke finals with clockings of 1:10.39 and 2:34.35 respectively in the masters 20-24 age group. He also had silver medals in the 50-meter backstroke and 50 butterfly, and a bronze in the 100 'fly.

His father, Irving Bonawitz of Delmar, swimming in the 60-64 classification, won the 50 'fly in 56.24 seconds, and captured silver medals in the 200, 400 and 1500 freestyle events.

MaryLou Schulz, matriarch of one of Delmar's premier swimming families, also accumulated five medals. Her 44.97 in the 50-meter butterfly was a new ESG record. She also took the gold in the 100 'fly in 1:50.82. She won silver medals in the 200 backstroke and 200 IM, and was third in the 200 free in women's 40-44.

Linda Simkin of Selkirk, swimming in the 35-39 division, won the 50-meter breaststroke in 49.22 and the 100 breast in 1:52.09. She earned a silver medal in the 100-



MaryLou Schulz



Steve Bonawitz

meter freestyle final and a bronze in the 50 free.

Melissa Martley of Delmar, a Bethlehem Central senior and member of BC's championship boys varsity swim team, won a silver medal in girls' scholastic diving from the 1-meter board. She was eighth off the 3-meter board.

Ann Marie Carey of Glenmont, a Bethlehem Central sophomore, brought home a silver medal in the scholastic women's 400-meter hurdles. She was timed in 1:05.21 behind Helen Henry of Freeport, L.I., who had 1:04.57. Carey, who attracted attention as a freshman star on BC's girls varsity last year, has had faster times in her specialty, and is regarded as having the potential to be the best in the state's scholastic ranks in the next several seasons.

A BC teammate, Jennie War-

ren of Delmar, turned in a 4:48 in the 1500-meter run, her fastest ever, but in statewide competition that was good for eighth place. No report was available on Chris Ainsworth, the third BC qualifier.

Bethlehem's youngest athlete at the games, 13-year-old Chris Saba of Glenmont, fought his way to a bronze medal in wrestling, winning three of four bouts at the 91-pound level. Saba, a member of the Bethlehem Central varsity as an eighth grader last season, lost only to the gold medalist in his weight class at Syracuse, and that by a close 11-8 point score. He also had the thrill of receiving his medal presented by Jeff Blatnick, the Olympic wrestling champion from Niskayuna who has come home to hero's acclaim from the Games in Los Angeles.

Three Delmar athletes participating in team sports for the

Adirondack District also earned medals. Jeff Guinn, a former BC soccer standout who will be a returning starter for North Carolina State's nationally ranked soccer team as a sophomore this fall, pumped in three goals in Adirondack's 5-3 victory over the Central region in the men's open soccer bronze medal game. Kara Matarresse, a 16-year-old BC varsity player, was a member of the Adirondack women's scholastic team, which bounced back from two defeats to win their last two games at Syracuse. Beth White of Ravena, a varsity player at RCS, was also a member of the Adirondack team.

Kim Zornow of Delmar, also a Bethlehem Central senior and a three-year starter on the BC girls basketball team, started all four games at center for the Adirondack women's scholastic team, which lost to Western in the ESG gold-medal final after winning three straight.

Other qualifiers who participated in the Syracuse games were Barbara Riedel, Alice Dyer and Frank Otto, who were among some 350 master-class swimmers. Robert Schmidt of Delmar, a senior at Christian Brothers Academy, was eighth in rifle shooting, English prone, and the Adirondack team finished fourth.

Reports on several other local participants were not available at presstime.

Softball playoffs on

Glenmont Community captured the opening game of a best-of-three playoff for the 1984 Church League softball crown by edging St. Thomas, 7-6, at the Bethlehem Middle School diamond. The second game was scheduled last night (Tuesday) and the third, if necessary, will be played Thursday at 6 p.m.

Correction

The dates listed for the Bethlehem Tennis Association's annual fall tournament last week were incorrect. The correct dates for the tournament are Sept. 7-9 and Sept. 14-16.

Tennis league playoffs set

The Eastern sectional playoff tournament for Michelob Light League tennis teams from New Jersey, Connecticut and New York will take place this Saturday and Sunday at the State University of New York at Albany. Sixteen men's and 11 women's teams, winners of their local league competitions, will play in the round-robin tournament. Matches will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday.

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About 350 players will be competing in the sectional playoff in Albany this weekend. Three teams from the Capital District are in the tournament, a men's team and a women's team at the 4.5 level, and a women's team at the 3.5 level.

The competing 3.5 women's team representing Slingerlands includes Dorothea Foley, Dianne Hampton, Patricia Heffern, Lynn Luther, Monica Mitchell, Kitty Murphy, Ellen Prakkert, Ann Schiff, Eileen Snow, Cissy Stasiuk, Alice Tenbeau and Barbara Woodruff.

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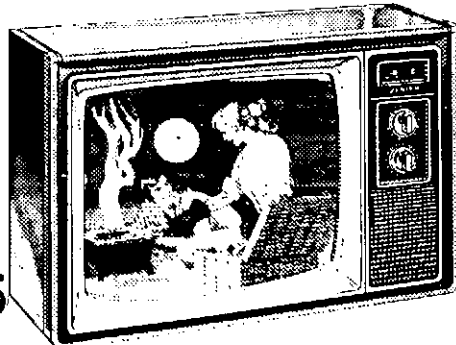
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Peggy Mott says a "swimmer's high" gives her a wonderful feeling.

Tom Howes

Their competition is themselves

By Linda Burtis

Saturated by television coverage of the Summer Games, watching the punishing prowess of Olympic athletes can easily put competitive fires in overdrive. One gymnastics school reports 10 times as many applicants as usual for fall classes. Presumably, many parents have visions of their offspring following Mary Lou Retton on the balance beam or the parallel bars.

In contrast to this popular climate of pitting oneself against others, there are those athletes who perform with no competitive spirit except an inner one. Such a pocket of fitness can be found almost daily at the Bethlehem town pool. Around 11 a.m. a handful of swimmers climb into the water to push themselves towards their own sense of satisfaction, emerging exhilarated many, many laps later. These well-conditioned residents are old enough to be the parents of most Olympians, ranging in age from 30 to 60 years old.

Meighan (Peggy) Mott, 30, swims continuously for two hours and 15 minutes, averaging stints of 210 laps. Patricia Ellis, school nurse at Hamagrael Elementary School, who describes herself as "an almost 50 year old," raised her personal best to 72 laps last week. That is equivalent to a one-mile swim.

Typical of the perspective taken by these swimmers, Ellis said, "my friends don't know that I do this." The glory and rewards are internal, in sharp contrast to the attention paid the athletes in Los Angeles.

There is an esprit de corps

among the swimmers, but like the individuals involved, it's quiet and low-key. Swimming, of course, excludes conversation, but "we are aware of each other's presence and we inspire one another," said Ellis. If someone suggested they had enough common interest to form a club, the idea would probably land at the bottom of the diving pool. Still, there are many similarities among them, including considerable background in sports and a keen sense of physical fitness.

Mott, for example, has been riding horses since she was four years old. She skis three ways (slalom water, downhill and cross-country) and is planning on running her marathon this October. She refers to herself as a "slow-twitch," meaning her talents lie in endurance activities rather than in those sports which emphasize a quick recovery.

Ellis, who has been swimming since childhood is such a fitness freak that she runs at 6:30 every morning in spite of the fact that "I have a really bad back. I can hardly tie my shoes in the morning."

Ellis and Mott share a common experience in swimming across lakes. Ellis swam Crystal Lake in the Helderbergs and Mott recently swam Lake George, both across and back. Both women had rowers accompany them, mostly to ward off boaters.

Richard Buyer, a sixth grade teacher at the Bethlehem Middle School, churns out 50 to 72 laps daily. Buyer adds an interesting

twist to his workouts. Since he has chronic left ankle problems, he uses weights at his feet, enabling him to use only his arms to propel him. Buyer also emphasized conditioning as the motive that gets him into the pool every day.

But Mott, Ellis and Buyer agreed that a prime factor that keeps them going, keeps them from boredom lap after tedious lap, is the "swimmer's high" they experience while in the water and when they are done. Mott compared the sensation to the Olympic optimum performance state (OPS) described by many athletes at Los Angeles. She said that the punishing pace produces mood-elevating hormones so that "you get to a point where you don't feel anything. It seems like you could keep going forever." Buyer agreed, adding, "I do it because it makes me feel good."

Feeling good, then is equivalent to an Olympic medal for these hardcore swimmers. Minus the media attention, the adulation of fans and the financial rewards guaranteed those who succeed at the Games, these superb athletes are swimming a rather enviable race of their own.

Pool is target

A wheelbarrow, two lawn chairs and three potted plants were thrown into a swimming pool at a Kenwood Ave. home sometime last Monday night, according to Bethlehem police reports. The owner had not determined the extent of damage at the time the report was made.

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Overdoing it?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Congratulations to the owners and managers of Delaware Plaza for making Delmar look a little like a banana republic!

I refer to the security guards now at the plaza and the heavy artillery they pack on their hips.

Don't get me wrong. I'm a member of the National Rifle Association and a strong believer in the Constitutional right of every law abiding citizen to keep and bear arms. Still, it's a little disconcerting to see such heavy armament worn by guys who aren't, after all, peace officers charged with defending the commonweal. Surely a nightstick would be more than sufficient weaponry for any situation they might have to face.

The heavy automatics are really overkill . . . let's hope it doesn't come to that.

Name submitted

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Skeeters gone

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to publicly praise the mosquito control unit in our town for the fine way they have kept the mosquito problem under control.

Before they sprayed, one could not enjoy the outdoors after sunset. The team did an excellent job and even had follow-up procedures. Three cheers for you all.

Mrs. Dorothy B. Sickinger
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Thanks to vets

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens of Delmar wish to thank the Bethlehem War Veterans Organization for the chicken barbecue which they hosted, an event looked forward to with pleasure. We thank all concerned.

Marguerite Morlock
Secretary, Bethlehem
Senior Citizens

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Midnight check

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to express sincere thanks to the Bethlehem police force for services rendered to me. Saturday night my telephone was out of order. I am elderly and don't go out.

Saturday night my daughter called from camp at midnight and could not reach me. She became very concerned and called the police. Members of the Bethlehem Police Department came to my house at midnight to check on me and then returned to the station and called my daughter to tell her that she had nothing to worry about.

Once again, I would like to say thank you to the police for a job well done.

William J. Hartnett

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Ferraro's 'no' vote

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a member of the United States Defense Committee I would be remiss for not calling to the attention of the public that Democrat Vice President Nominee Geraldine A. Ferraro on May 10 voted against H.R. Bill 5119 to help Pro-American El Salvador. This should be remembered on Nov. 6, Election Day.

Alexander J. Woehle

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Laura Tilaro

Law student cited

Laura Tilaro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Tilaro of Delmar, has been named a G. Joseph Tauro scholar at Boston University Law School. A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and St. Lawrence University she has completed her first year at Boston University.

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Miss Van Dyke marries

Edna J. Van Dyke and Stephen M. Restifo were married Aug. 18 in Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Feura Bush. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Van Dyke of Feura Bush. The bridegroom is the son of Alfred Restifo of Delmar and Valerie Restifo also of Delmar.

Lori Lehner was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Susan Gilbert, Dawn Oliver and Cathy Burroughs. Best man was Roger Augar and ushers were John Dare, David Restifo and Mark Mosher.

The bride is a graduate of Russell Sage College and is employed by the Capital District Psychiatric Center. The bridegroom is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. After a wedding trip to Italy and Greece, the couple will reside in Rensselaer.

Sheree Wright a bride

Sheree Marie Wright of Delmar and Gerald Francis Pittz of Delmar were married Aug. 11 in St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. The bride is the daughter of Marie E. Privler of Delmar and Valter S. Wright of Smithville, Tex. The bridegroom is the son of Edward and Joan Pittz of Delmar.

The bride graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and Bentley College. She is controller of the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar. The bridegroom, also a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Bentley College, is branch manager for Home and City Savings Bank in Rotterdam.

Mrs. Beverly Krugman, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Julie Fuino and Donna Wright, sister-in-law of the groom. Michelle Krugman, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Harry Pittz was best man for his brother, and ushers were James Pittz, brother of the groom, and Wayne Wright, brother of the bride. The groom's brother, Timothy Pittz, served as greeter.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in Delmar.

Bonita Brandon wed

Bonita June Brandon and Craig Von Ohlsen were married July 7 at the Rensselaerville Institute in Rensselaerville. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Brandon of Delmar. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Von Ohlsen of White Plains.

Devra Cohen was maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Margo Bloom, Jennifer Stringham and Lisa Decker. Erin Von Ohlsen, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl. Carl Von Ohlsen was best man for his brother. Ushers were Colin Hartnett, Steve Smith and Scott Campbell.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and the groom are graduates of the State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse and are landscape architects. The couple resides in Ridgefield, Conn.

Albert Schutz is married

Joan Kasputis and Albert J. Schutz were married June 17 at St. Anne's Church in Shrewsbury, Mass. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Kasputis of Millbury, Mass. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Alexander Rihm, Jr. of Delmar.

A reception was held at the Frohsinn Club in Shrewsbury following the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Memorial High School in Shrewsbury, and is employed by New England Electric Systems, Westboro, Mass. Her husband is a

graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass., and is employed by Dupont NEN Products Division, Bellerica, Mass.

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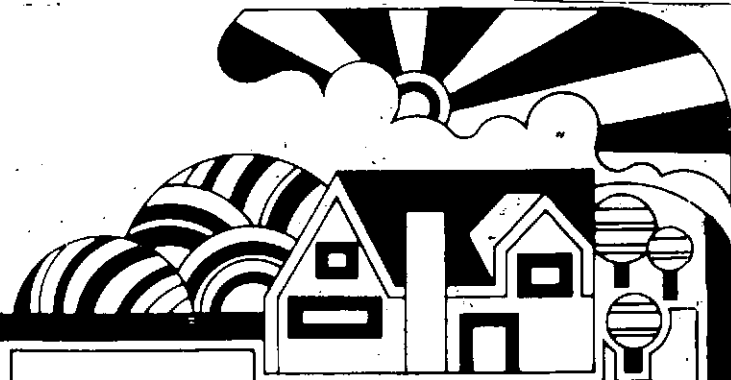
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Bringing the best out of 'gifted' kids

By Caroline Terenzini

Bethlehem Central's Challenge program for exceptionally capable students has been under fire from some quarters almost from the first day, with two staunch opponents on the school board and critics in the community. Objections focus on the "elitism" implicit in any program for which academic excellence is a criterion, but criticism also has been made of the program's selection procedures and, at budget time, of its cost. The debate has prompted a look at how programs for the gifted function in Bethlehem, Voorheesville and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school districts.

Dorothea Foley, one of Bethlehem's two Challenge teachers, agrees: "To say it's elitism for someone who's highly motivated just isn't fair. These children are ready to go with academic programs and they should be encouraged."

Concerning elitism, Voorheesville Superintendent Werner Berglas said of his district's five-year-old program, "We never had any negative feelings expressed in this community. Initially, there was some concern by some parents as to whether their child could get in, but this was handled by having a broad definition of gifted and talented. I don't think it's talked

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One problem is with nomenclature. Although the state Education Department and other professionals freely use the term "gifted and talented" ("GT" among insiders), school districts shy away from that appellation, both because of its connotations of superiority and because of its limitations as a description. "Elitism," too, carries an emotional charge, despite the plea of one district resident this spring that "elitism is not a dirty word."

about much any more . . ."

At Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk schools, Asst. Superintendent William Schwartz reported that "nothing has been said" about elitism in the one-year-old program. "We've constantly been aware of (possible objections) in our planning." He credited the absence of criticism concerning elitism to Project Reach teacher Jane Hilson "and the careful way

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Inquiring photographer:

We asked, "Are you looking forward to going back to school?"



Darrin Duncan
Voorheesville - 9th

This year we get to choose some of the classes. I'm looking forward to French — but I'm not looking forward to homework.



Jill Kaplowitz
Bethlehem - 12th

I'm looking forward to school in a way because it's my senior year, but I'm not because I don't want summer to end. I'm not looking forward to getting up at 6 a.m.

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she has administered the program."

The difficulty in defining "giftedness" is clear from the state Education Department's attempt. It describes gifted pupils as those "who show evidence of high performance capability and exceptional potential in areas such as general intellectual ability, special academic aptitude and outstanding ability in visual and performing arts." The definition includes pupils "who require educational programs or services beyond those normally provided by the regular school program in order to realize their full potential." However, perhaps in tacit acknowledgement of the difficulty of definition, the state has left it up to local school boards to define for their districts what giftedness is.

Gifted students were long believed to be able to shift for themselves in the schools; however, in 1976, the state Board of Regents issued recommendations for improving education of the gifted. In 1980 screening of all new entrants for both handicaps and giftedness became a requirement, and in 1982 the state school aid formula took on an added line for funding specifically for programs for the gifted. In terms of financial support, the state, operating under the assumption that about 3 percent of students statewide can be described as gifted, multiplies the formula aid figure of \$140 (up from \$60 in 1983-84) by 3 percent of a district's adjusted daily attendance to arrive at a dollar amount for state aid.

For BC that aid category netted approximately \$13,000 in the past year, against the program costs of about \$60,000, chiefly for two Challenge teachers. The Voor-

heesville School District expects about \$5,400 in gifted program aid in the coming year for a program costing less than \$10,000 (the program operates with volunteers). And Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's Project Reach in its first year had a cost of less than \$30,000 while receiving \$9,000 in state aid.

Despite the financial incentive, there is no state mandate that school districts have a program for exceptional students and there is no statewide curriculum for such a program. There also is no certification program for teachers of the gifted and, perhaps most importantly, there is no clear definition of what giftedness is. Against this background, local school districts have gone ahead along various paths to create

not ignored, there is less emphasis on them now than originally, he said. The program has evolved into "a strong enrichment program," Berglas said. "We no longer define it in terms of gifted and talented." About 10 percent of all district students participated in the program last year, he said.

In Bethlehem, about 17 percent of elementary pupils in grades 2 through 5 were enrolled in its Challenge Program last year. Participants are selected with the aid of a matrix on which five items relate to test scores, two to teacher recommendations and one to parent recommendation. The relatively large proportion of students in the program is because "in Bethlehem we have very bright children from very bright fami-

Voorheesville's definition of program goals has meant that one child participated because of talent in swimming and in another case a mentor was found for a student who was a 'wizard in electronics.'

programs intended to meet whatever special needs it can be determined the gifted have. The absence of a mandate can be seen as contributing to flexibility and innovation on the local level, and as helping to make each program responsive to the community it serves.

A 1982 amendment to state education law calls for identification of the gifted pupil to begin with referral by a parent, teacher or administrator, followed by testing or other evaluation of the child. In Voorheesville, pupils are nominated by a teacher, a parent or themselves, and they "go in and out of the program as they need to," according to Berglas. While scores on standardized tests are

lies," Foley said. "That's why ours is not a gifted program, it's an enrichment program."

RCS's program for the gifted — Project Reach — enrolled about 10 percent of elementary students in its first year. The RCS selection process includes scores on achievement and aptitude tests, and parent and teacher referrals, Hilson said. But, in creating the program, "we didn't define what giftedness is. We defined the goals of our program. Defining giftedness is kind of dangerous."

Voorheesville's program contrasts with the programs for the gifted at Bethlehem and RCS in that it operates mostly on a volunteer basis, with a teacher serving as a coordinator at the elementary and high schools, according to Berglas. Both regular teachers and outside mentors provide the instruction and guidance, backed up by program committees on both the elementary and high school levels. The way the program is constituted requires "tremendous staff cooperation, and we have that," Berglas said.

Berglas described Voorhees-

ville's program as permitting children to "go in and out as they need to," while at RCS, once in Project Reach, a pupil is considered to be a participant throughout the school year, Hilson said. The child "could be a passive member for a while, however," she said. "That makes it possible for the child not to be 'on' every minute." She said, too, that the program is intended for the lower-achieving child as well, if his interest were identified. At Bethlehem, too, once a child is identified as a Challenge participant, he or she continues in the program throughout the school year, whether actively engaged in a project or not. Berglas described the Voorheesville program as schoolwide, while both RCS and Bethlehem are concentrating efforts on elementary children.

In all three districts, the programs for the gifted make use of "pullout" time — time when the participant leaves the classroom — as well as time outside the school day. The state Education Department's guidelines suggest other possibilities, however, such as cluster grouping in regular class, acceleration (such as advanced placement classes), homogenous grouping of gifted students in one class, a differentiated curriculum for the gifted student in the regular classroom, and the use of mentors.

The pullout program at Bethlehem has included small group instruction on creative thinking and research skills, coupled with individual projects such as surveys on smoking, and research on anything from reptiles to submarines. One child collected toys at Christmas time, dressed up as Santa and delivered them to children at St. Peter's Hospital. Another arranged a tour of Albany County Airport for his classmates. At RCS, fifth graders in Project Reach put out a newspaper as a group, with each child having an individual project as part of the publication.

Voorheesville's definition of program goals has meant that one child participated because of talent in swimming and in another case a mentor was found for a student who lacked an outstanding academic record but was "a wizard in electronics." By contrasts, at both RCS and Bethlehem, academic giftedness is the standard.

Over five years, Voorheesville's program has evolved into "a much



Marilyn Terranova leads a Challenge class at Bethlehem Central elementary school. Tom Howes

wider program," Berglas said, "with more group programs and what is called 'the revolving door,' so children can get in as needed. And we do not define gifted and talented as narrowly as we used to. We define gifts and talents very liberally."

Bethlehem, too, has modified its program over the three years. Begun with one Challenge teacher, the program doubled participation when a second was added the following year. Participation also was broadened by lowering the test score cutoff level, Foley said, and, after the first year, by including recommendations from teachers and parents. The parent nomination form has been revised for this year to be less vague and parent nominations will be sought only after a child has accumulated a certain number of points on the selection matrix. In prior years, Foley said, frustration resulted when a child was not selected after parents had been alerted that he or she was being considered.

The BC program also is seeking to avoid "cutouts," Foley said, that is, children who are in Challenge one year but who do not qualify the next because of fluctuating test scores. And, in order to serve a larger group, she and Marilyn Terranova are planning workshops this year for all Bethlehem teachers on creativity in the classroom. The series of four workshops fell victim this past year to the work-to-rule policy adopted by BC's teachers in the spring.

RCS, with one year under its belt, is considering such modifications as a parent advisory committee "to help with getting community resources," Hilson said. She also is looking at different programs that would reach more students.

The fact that Bethlehem's Challenge Program has aroused strong feelings whenever it is mentioned may reflect more the makeup of the community than the makeup of the program. But a review of the program is on the agenda for this fall, when it can be expected the criticisms will get an airing.

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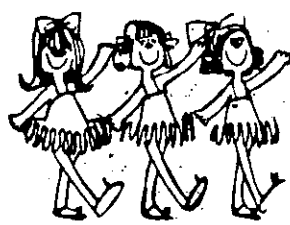
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We asked, "Are you looking forward to going back to school?"

A school district looks at its educational future

By Tom Howes

It isn't anything the average student will think about this year, but down the hall the administrators and school board members are thinking carefully about his or her education. Not just in terms of tests, teachers and football games, but also of the student's 13-year progression through the school district's offerings; of what those offerings are, will be or should be; of the student's study habits and response to the school environment, and of the district's short- and long-term educational policy. In fact, the overall educational experience of each and every student.

The administrators also think in terms of budgets, and how to provide the best possible education at the best possible price. Budgets and educational priorities rarely match without compromise.

In Voorheesville, as at other districts across the state, the past year tumbled several new shells upon the beach. The state Board of Regents passed its Regents Action Plan, a comprehensive overhaul of the state Regents curriculum that will increasingly impact district resources as it is phased in over the next several years. The plan toughens graduation requirements for the Regents diploma, now to include foreign language competency, fine arts instruction and additional core courses. Administrators understand there will be a corresponding shift in personnel, and plan for it.

As the requirements increase, students will spend more time fulfilling them. Will optional courses be cut? Which ones? How many can the district afford and is there time for them? Will the Ombudsman program be cut? What impact will the fledgling computer department have on the students' time?

Superintendent of Schools Werner Berglas noted that under the Regents plan, standardized tests involving students as young as third graders will include computer questions. Like cars and television, computers are here to stay, but how much instruction is

enough and how much is too much when balanced against the traditional curriculum? In the meantime, the district has spent around \$25,000 each of the past two years on hardware, and hired a fulltime teaching assistant for the elementary school computer room.

But beyond these two specific instances of a changing curriculum, the Voorheesville school

Various programs were begun; an elementary guidance program, the 'Ombudsman' self-image program, the Gifted and Talented program, remedial opportunities and one-day art projects like the Renaissance Art Festival.

An elementary School Advisory Committee was formed in 1983, joining the High School Advisory Committee as public conduits to the board of education. The elementary committee produced a list of home study habits to be distributed in September.

At the end of this past year, reports were drawn up detailing action taken on the priority list, and tonight (Wednesday), at 7:30 p.m. in the district offices at the high school, the board will hold a special public meeting to discuss and evaluate progress, and to set goals for the future.

Will optional courses be cut? Which ones? How many can the district afford and is there time for them?

administration and the Board of Education have tried to define the district's educational outlook. Perhaps buoyed by a public that has handily approved the district budget each of the past eight years (this year's budget of \$5,870,796 passed 222-107) the board created an eight-point educational priority list for the 1983-84 school year, including as input results from a district-wide survey taken during 1983.

The list identified general areas of concern within the school environment, including student study habits, student self-image, parental participation and the district's personnel review system.

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Brian Rubin
Voorheesville - 12th

I'm looking forward to going back to school because of basketball, baseball and soccer. This year we should do pretty good. And I'll get to know some of the teachers again. I'm friends with a lot of them, especially the athletic teachers.



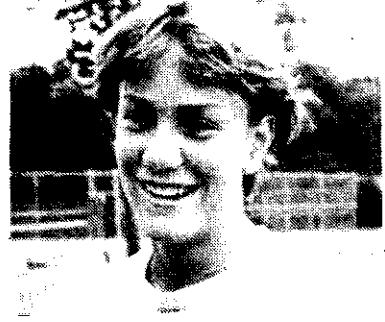
Jennifer Engstrom
Bethlehem - 10th

I'm sort of looking forward to going back, not really, I don't really care. I'm going to have to get up so early.



Stacey Kahalas
Bethlehem - 9th

It's going to be new going into the high school. Everyone says that the high school is better than the middle school. So, I'm waiting to see. We finally got there and we have to get through it, but we finally got there.



Marty Gordinler
Voorheesville - 9th

I'm really looking forward to working on my drawing stuff. It's just too boring (in the summer). This is where I always go (village park to play basketball).



Sue Loegering
Bethlehem - 10th

Yes, I'd like to see all my friends. I'm looking forward to playing in the band.



Ed Sapienza
Voorheesville - 9th

It's just something to do, (going back to school). I'm looking forward to football... I don't know, this question is tough.



Melissa Coccozza
Bethlehem - 10th

I don't mind the school work and the people are fun to be with, but the homework I don't look forward to. I can't wait for the track season.



Kelly Ross
Bethlehem - 9th

No, I'm going to be a freshman.



Bernie Colligan
Bethlehem - 10th

The only things I'm not looking forward to are the long hours of homework and studying.



Betsy Zeh
Voorheesville - 10th

I'm looking forward to going for the sports. I'll see friends again I haven't seen over the summer.

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Information regarding fees, sessions and course descriptions are available at the Voorheesville High School or may be obtained by calling 765-3314. Registration sessions will be held at the Voorheesville High School on Sept. 10 and 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. Persons interested in registering by mail may send their name, telephone number, course selections and registration fees to James Hladun, director, Voorheesville Central School, Voorheesville, New York 12186.

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Snow days are sometimes tough to call, but this late storm two years ago didn't leave much doubt. *Tom Howes*

It's snowing . . . too bad

On those quiet and bright mornings when only the wind can be heard whisking snow crystals through the air, and last night's tire tracks are buried in snow, the superintendent of schools makes a decision which may or may not give children throughout the district an opportunity to toboggan, build snow forts and make snowmen during the day.

For Dr. Milton Chodack, superintendent of the RCS school district, the decision to cancel school is one which should be made before 5:30 a.m. A snow day is usually announced before 5:30 a.m. because the buses normally leave at 6:15 a.m. The district allows for five snow days by scheduling 185 school days for the year. RCS tends to have more snow days than some, Chodack said, because the district spans a large and hilly area. "We can have snow at the top of a hill, freezing rain half way down the hill and rain at the bottom," the superintendent explained.

Normally, the crucial conference between district Transportation Supervisor Robert Albright and Chodack occurs at about 4:45 a.m., after Albright has talked with officials from the state highway department. If a decision to cancel is reached, Chodack calls radio station and Business Manager Charles Emery. Emery calls members of the administrative group and principals who, in turn, call the teachers.

If the school day is called off after the buses have departed, then the drivers are radioed. And,

if all five snow days have been used, then additional snow days are taken from spring break.

In the Voorheesville school district, Superintendent Werner Berglas confers with district Business Administrator Roger Lewis before making the final decision that so many children and their parents will listen for.

Berglas makes the decision at the earliest possible time. Before talking to Berglas, Lewis speaks with officials from the highway department, the state police and the sheriff's office in order to get an accurate picture of driving conditions. "There are a lot of side roads which are considered," Lewis said. The superintendent may make the decision to cancel as early as 5 a.m. if conditions are bad. The decision may be made later if road conditions are questionable.

When the decision is made to cancel, Lewis calls radio stations and Berglas designates people to notify teachers.

There are three snow days built into the calendar, Lewis said, and the district has no definite policy for dealing with unused days. In the past, he noted, the board of education has passed a resolution to give one unused snow day back to the students during springtime.

Bethlehem Central has allowed for two snow days in its current 1984-85 calendar, with two having been used last year. If more are needed, that will change vacation dates now scheduled.

As with other school districts, the decision to call a snow day must be made in the predawn hours. When a storm is forecast on the late evening news, district Transportation Supervisor Gardiner Tanner gets up around 4 a.m. the next day to drive over several roads to check conditions. He also checks with the Bethlehem and New Scotland town highway departments on the progress of plowing, and shortly after 5 a.m. he and district Superintendent Lawrence Zinn confer by phone.

The decision isn't cut and dried, however, because the options include delaying school by one hour or by two. And the decision has to be made by 6 a.m. so radio announcements of the cancellation can be made before bus drivers and teachers start out.

Nine radio stations must be notified, using a code to ensure the message is authentic. Then Zinn calls five staff members to start the chain of calls that will alert the district's approximately 230 teachers and more than 200 non-instructional employees as to the decision that has been made.

Sometimes, too, a decision must be made on whether to close school early, if a storm worsens during the day. Then all elementary parents must be contacted by telephone to be sure someone will be home when the child arrives. Parent volunteers help make these calls.

All in all, this is a climate to be reckoned with.

Voorheesville calendar set

With the first day of school scheduled for Sept. 5, children in the Voorheesville Central school district are carefully savoring the last days of summer vacation. Back-to-school time is bittersweet with the warm sunny skies of summer surrendering to the cool and dry colors of autumn. Many young people will not admit that they enjoy shopping for new school clothes and seeing old friends.

Parents and children in Voorheesville will look at the 1984-85 school calendar and remember that during Thanksgiving vacation, scheduled Nov. 22 to 23, and Christmas vacation, scheduled Dec. 24 to Jan. 1, they take time out to visit with relatives and family friends. Then, they will look further down the calendar and see that the welcomed mid-winter and spring breaks are scheduled Feb. 18 to 22 and April 22 to 26. Students who are graduating will keep the date of commencement, June 21, in the back of their minds as they enjoy the year.

RCS opening day

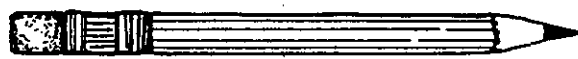
The RCS school district has announced Sept. 5 as the first full day of school for students. The district will present the 1984-85 calendar to residents in the near future.

Walk at dusk

Naturalists at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, will lead an outdoor walk and nature study on Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. Participants will study the ways of wildlife at dusk. The outdoor program is open to the public free of charge. For information call 457-6092.

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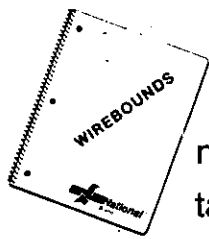
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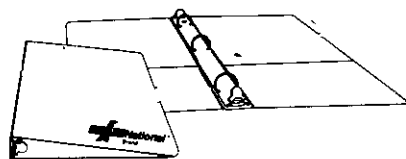
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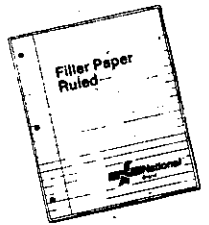
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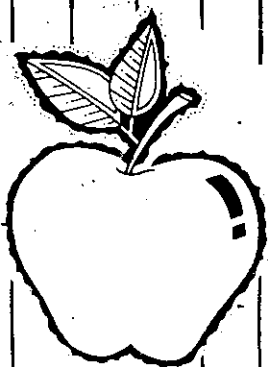
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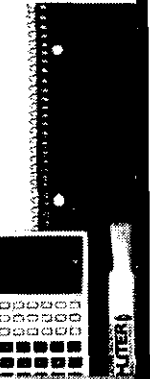
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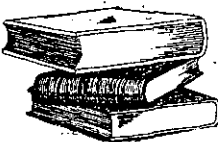
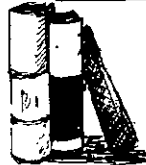
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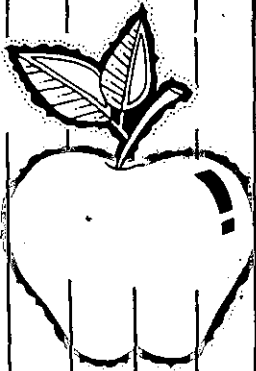
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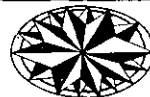
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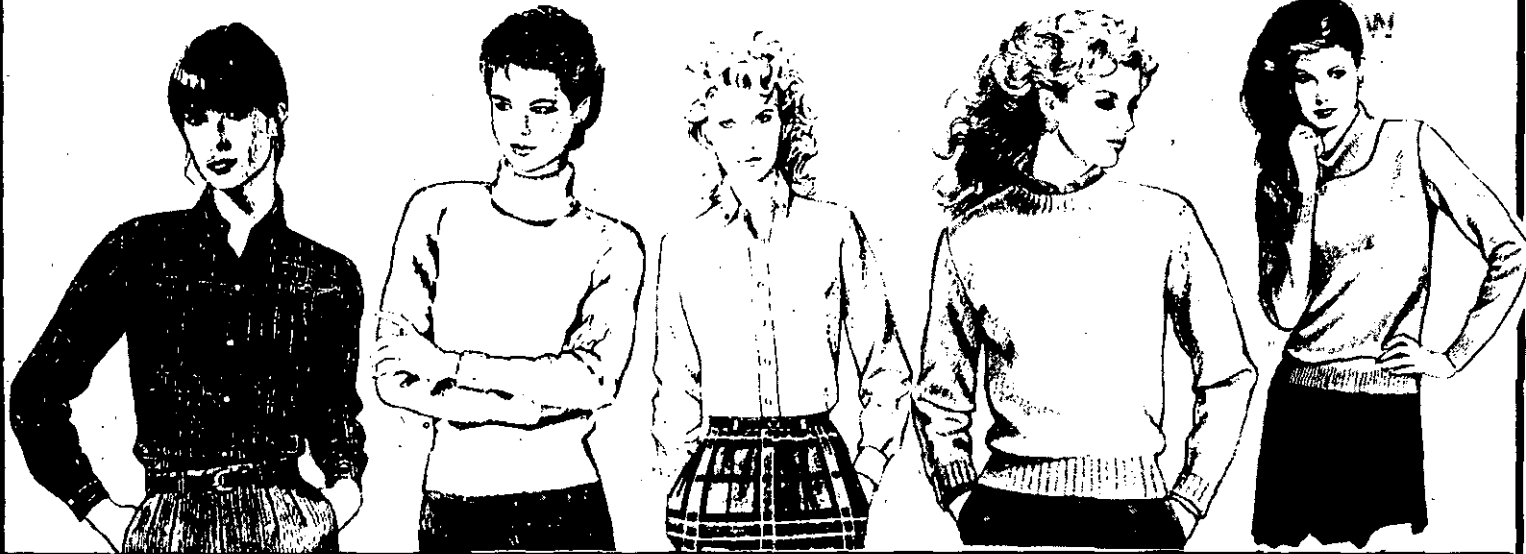


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By Theresa Bobear

School's Out, Inc. will soon begin its second year of providing educationally oriented supervision for local elementary school students. The private not-for-profit organization, directed by Terry Pullman, offers a secure environment, activities and individual attention to children from 3 to 6 p.m. on school days.

The program is usually "a home away from home" for children who may have parents who work outside of the home, Pullman explains. "This is the children's center," she emphasizes. Each child is greeted as he or she arrives from school and is given a nutritious snack. After hearing a list of activities being offered during the afternoon, the child may elect to participate in an activity, read, play a board game, pursue an independent project or do homework. The children are encouraged to constructively use their time as they would at home.

Activities offered by the program include drama, creative writing, sports clinics, arts and crafts, piano lessons and help with homework. Children who participate in the sports clinics will learn the rules of various games and participate in play. Children who wish to pursue independent projects receive guidance from staff members.

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Each child is asked to submit a list of hobbies and special goals upon entrance to the program. Staff members make an effort to serve each individual child. "The kids really plan the program," Pullman notes, and sometimes the enthusiasm of one child will "spark the interests of the others."

Group projects help to bring the children closer, Pullman observed. Last year, the children built a coat rack which holds 24 coats and has a platform for boots. It is painted purple — the children's choice. The children also made awards which were presented at a meeting of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce to businesses that have made contributions to the organization.

Pullman feels that the program is successful because "the kids love it and enjoy being here." In her opinion, the program is "very social. Kids can relax with their friends. It's fun being here because the staff is dedicated."

The children from kindergarten to fifth grade blend together, Pullman observes. "Bigger children act as older siblings. The



School's Out students and volunteers pitched in to make a combination coat rack and "cubby" last winter. At left, Holly Green, a board member who designed the structure, helps Andy Hallenbeck and



Christopher Candle-Czarnecki assemble the coat rack. At right, head teacher Margery Colbeth and Dana Cole make use of the completed project. Materials were donated by Curtis Lumber.

children act almost like brothers and sisters," she notes, "with a lot of interaction between age ranges."

The after school service was founded by Marty Cornelius along with other area residents who saw the need for a quality alternative to babysitters. After the organization was formed, Terry Pullman was hired to coordinate the program.

School's Out, Inc. currently occupies two large rooms in the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. All activities are held in the church

building except for occasional field trips to the playground and the library.

Children from St. Thomas School, Elsmere, Hamagrael and Slingerlands elementary schools are bused directly to the center after school. Last year, 30 children were enrolled in the program with one head teacher, one classroom aid and additional volunteers attending to every 20 students. Pullman expects the organization to expand as it gains a reputation.

An open house will be held at the school at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 29. Applications are now being ac-

cepted for fall admission. Persons unable to attend the Aug. 29 open house may stop in during the week of Aug. 20 to see what School's Out is all about.

BCHS gets 'audited'

The Bethlehem Central High School is set to begin a voluntary evaluation for re-accreditation by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges that will take some 18 months, according to Principal Charles Gunner. The last such evaluation was completed in 1976.

During the self-evaluation portion of the undertaking, faculty and staff assess the curriculum, facilities, guidance services, student activities, staff and administration, and school objectives. Then, in the spring in 1986, a committee drawn together by the Middle States Association is to visit the high school to investigate the school's self-evaluation and submit a report, with recommendations. The association then will issue an accreditation, which certifies that colleges and universities that the school meets association standards. BC subsequently will make progress reports on actions to implement the recommendations. Gunner described the process as an educational audit.

Montessori open house

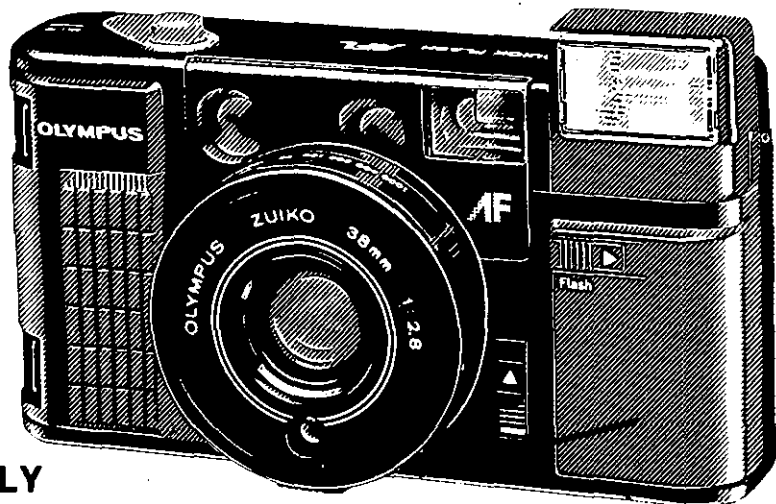
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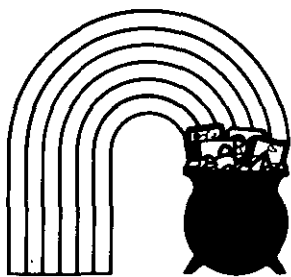
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BC volunteers work behind the scenes

The more than 800 Bethlehem Central School District residents who volunteered in the schools last year testify to the inter-connection between a community and its schools. While these volunteers recorded 21,500 hours of service, according to Janet Whitaker of Delmar, chairperson of the School Volunteer Program during 1983-84, what the numbers don't tell is the extent to which volunteers in the schools affect the cost and quality of education.

In Bethlehem many of the registered volunteers are used in the five elementary schools and at the middle school on a regular basis, but they and others also are called upon for special, one-time projects such as field trips, bake sales and science fairs. Bethlehem volunteers are most active at the elementary level, where their assignments may include supervising educational games with a small group of children, working one-on-one to develop computer literacy or helping a small group with a dissection in a science unit. Grade school volunteers also fill a dozen roles behind the scenes at school plays and assist in after-school enrichment classes. In addition, parents have erected playground equipment at the schools, collected soup labels to exchange for equipment, and

provided the manpower for PTA-sponsored fund-raisers such as book fairs, carnivals and roller-skating parties.

Volunteers in the schools also are adapting to changing needs as, for example, at Hamagrael Elementary where a cadre of parents whose only distinguishing characteristic was their willingness received a briefing on LOGO, a primer for computer programming, so they could work with children individually on the school's microcomputers. At Elsmere Elementary an innovation this past year was the babysitting provided during National Education Week so that other parents could visit classrooms without distraction.

With all this going on, Bethlehem's five elementary schools attracted more than 650 volunteers during the 1983-84 school year, according to the program's year-end report. The recorded totals were 75 at Clarksville (which has the smallest enrollment among the five schools), 107 at Elsmere, 183 at Glenmont, 109 at Hamagrael and 183 at Slingerlands. Despite these numbers, volunteer chairpeople at some schools reported fewer responses to requests for help during the year, Mrs. Whitake said, which may reflect increasing numbers of



No project seems too ambitious for some school volunteer groups. Parents pitched in to build a new playground at the Glenmont Elementary School a

year ago, and were back at it this summer as the school installed a new fitness trail. *The Spotlight*

single parents or two-paycheck families in the district.

Nonetheless 30 volunteers each managed to contribute more than 100 hours of their time during the year, including nine who recorded more than 200 hours apiece on school-related projects.

At the middle school, some 179 volunteers saw more than 1,700 hours of duty during the year. Their activities included field trips and bake sales, as well as chaperoning and some classroom assistance. Parents and other volunteers also had backstage roles in the school's annual musical. As the curriculum becomes more advanced, there are fewer opportunities for volunteers. In fact, no volunteer time was recorded at Bethlehem Central High School last year, according to the School Volunteer Program chairperson.

Union readies for Class of '88

The Class of 1988 will be welcomed at Union College during five days of orientation beginning Sept. 14. The orientation program includes panel discussions, receptions, workshops and social events including an all-campus picnic Sept. 18.

This marks Union's 191st academic year. Founded in 1795, Union was the first college chartered by the New York State Board of Regents. Approximately 2,000 undergraduates attend the independent, coeducational college, which offers programs in engineering and the liberal arts.

According to Kenneth A. Nourse, dean of admissions, 2,966 applications were received for this year's freshman class and 1,241 were accepted. As of Aug. 1, 536 freshman and 65 transfer students

were enrolled to begin classes in the fall. The Admissions Office conducted 3,000 on-campus interviews during the past year.

Of those admitted, 40 percent are women and 54 percent are from New York State. The average SAT scores are 560 verbal and 630 math. Seven National Merit Scholars are among this year's freshmen, and a total of 40 percent of the class will receive some scholarship aid from the college. The average scholarship totals \$4,237.

College President John S. Morris will officially greet members of the Class of 1988 at a convocation Friday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Chapel. A President's reception will be held later that day in Jackson's Garden on campus at which President and Mrs. Morris and other members of the college's administration will meet with new students and their families.

Although founded soon after the Revolutionary War, Union College does not take its name from the new union of states. The name reflects the sense of community felt by members of the various religious and national groups who were instrumental in founding the college.

Science and technology became important areas of study soon after the college began. In the 1820s, when the classical curriculum was the most widely accepted field of study, Union introduced a bachelor's degree with greater emphasis on science, mathematics and modern languages. In 1845 Union became the first liberal arts college to offer engineering.

Students must complete a minimum of 36 term courses to graduate; the normal course load is three courses in the three term per year. About one-third of a student's academic work is in the Liberal Learning program, where broad distribution categories are intended to provide each student with a diversity of intellectual background.

Through the college's Office of Graduate and Continuing Studies, graduate courses on a full and part-time basis are offered, as well as undergraduate courses in the late afternoon and evening. In addition to degree programs, a variety of non-credit courses offered each term.

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RCS organizing volunteers

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district this fall will introduce an organized volunteer program patterned after the successful volunteer program in the Bethlehem Central School District, according to Allen Keating, principal of the A.W. Becker Elementary School. The RCS board of education endorsed the program after a pilot program with eight volunteers was instituted last spring.

Parents and other community residents who are interested in donating their time to students in the district are encouraged to

apply to the volunteer program and receive training in building and district procedures, Keating said. The volunteers will then become part of a volunteer pool. Teachers throughout the district will be able to ask for volunteers from the pool to assist them with particular activities.

In their written application, Keating explained, volunteers should list their abilities and interests. Colleen Jansen, a parent volunteer, is volunteer program coordinator and will help teachers choose volunteers with interests and abilities appropriate for specific projects.

Keating said the district hopes to have approximately 30 people in the volunteer pool this fall. The volunteers generally will not have regular weekly hours, but will be asked to help at certain activities such as field trips, school fairs, and music and art projects. Those enrolled in the program will also assist teachers by reading to children, helping with math drills, monitoring microcomputer use.

Interested residents can apply by writing to Colleen Jansen, Volunteer Program Coordinator, Box 186, R.D. 1, Selkirk 12158.



Youngsters venture into the Slingerlands Elementary School for the first time. *The Spotlight*

Voorheesville uses parents, residents

The Voorheesville School District does not have an organized volunteer program, but many parents and other community residents donate their time to improve the educational experience for students in district schools.

Parent-Teacher-Student Association President Mary Van Ryn said volunteers assist teachers as homeroom mothers, reading partners and aides in music, art and

math classes. Volunteers also assist during activities such as the book fair, the "heart show," school picture day, career day, field trips, the gifted and talented program, and the remedial reading program. "In the library and in art class," Van Ryn said, "the volunteers serve as an extra set of hands and eyes for the teacher."

The PTSA sponsors programs in the schools and often asks for volunteers from the community,

she said. The school and administrators also ask for assistants. At parent's night, "teachers indicate to parents what activities volunteers are needed for and parents sign up," Van Ryn said.

Volunteers also serve on advisory groups dealing with issues such as establishing good study skills and establishing a formal volunteer bureau. Van Ryn and others hope to organize a volunteer program during the upcoming year, she said.

Maria College registration is Sept. 4

Maria College will conduct a registration session for students enrolling in fall evening courses on Tuesday, Sept. 4 from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Associate degrees in nursing,

physical therapy, general studies and liberal studies are being offered through the evening program. Through the weekend program, adults may earn an associate degree.

Classes are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Sept. 5. Course descriptions and other details may be obtained from Maria College, 700 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 12208 or by calling 438-3111.

Course variety offered

The State University at Albany is again expanding the list of credit and non-credit courses to be offered through its division of continuing studies. In addition to personal enrichment courses on subjects such as antiques, computer instrumentation, landscape design and investment, participants may study career oriented subjects such as computer programming, travel planning, management, finance, sales and retirement.

Registration for credit courses will be held at the uptown campus Sept. 5. Credit classes will begin Sept. 6, and many non-credit classes will begin the week of Sept. 10. Information regarding undergraduate and graduate programs may be obtained by calling 455-6121 or writing to the Division of Continuing Studies, 135 Western Ave., Husted 208, Albany, 12222.

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New RCS president wants open meetings

Newly elected president and seven-year veteran of the RCS school board Anthony Williams hopes to make the district's board of education as open to the public, faculty and administrators as possible by the end of the 1984-85 school year. Williams would like to "mend feelings and pull together a team program with cooperation from all to improve what happens in the classroom and educationally to students."

Williams replaces Prescott Archibald as president of the board. Archibald, Williams said, served the community for more than 20 years. Having served as president of the board for only two board meetings, Williams is not interested in sweeping changes. Rather, he said, he would like to guide the board and the community in making slow, well thought-out changes.

Williams also hopes to see more involvement from board committees in administering the affairs of the district, which has a \$10 million budget. As an individual, Williams realizes that he "can't be on top of everything. I'll have to depend on the chairman to report about what is happening in

different areas of the district," he said.

"The board will form a set of goals from the committee reports that must be realistic with what can be achieved," he added.

"Our greatest strength in this district is our students," Williams said. "We must allow our teachers to educate them as well as possible" and help them reach their full potential, he said. "Our ultimate goals is to educate children."

Williams, a life-long resident of the RCS School District, has a son who is a sophomore at RCS Senior High and a daughter who is in eighth grade at RCS Junior High. While remaining conscious of tax increases and past budget defeats, Williams plans to work with the board and the community to ensure his children and others' children the best possible education RCS can give at the best possible price." He realizes that some people don't have children in the district, but he is confident that the majority of the residents recognize the importance of education.

In Williams' estimation, the



Anthony Williams

members of the RCS board of education are "free-thinking, open-minded people" who have "a wide range of views" and are willing to express their opinions. He notes that the board has no pattern of voting and many debates which are important for constructive action.

Williams, who is employed as a quality assurance and energy supervisor by Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., taught for five years in the Cossackie-Athens School District after graduating from the State University at Brockport. His five years of teaching, he explains, taught him the importance of becoming involved in school district problems.

RCS offers continuing ed

All adults, regardless of residency, may register for continuing education courses offered by the RCS school district. Photography, sewing, CPR, pottery-making, gourmet cooking, tennis, sign language and substance abuse are among the subject areas to be explored by participants.

Persons interested may sign up for courses on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the RCS Junior High School. Mail registration packets, including a complete registration form for each class

and correct registration fee in the form of a check payable to RCS Central School, must be received by Joanne Nunan, RCS Junior High School, Rt. 9W, Ravena, 12143, no later than Sept. 10.

Senior citizens of the RCS school district will be entitled to free registration when enrolling for classes which have 10 paid registrants. Classes will begin the week of Sept. 17 and will meet in either the RCS Junior High or Senior High located on Rt. 9W in Ravena.

New programs at St. Rose

Every fall, for more than 60 years, the College of Saint Rose in Albany has greeted returning students with new programs and educational opportunities. This September, CSR continues its tradition of growth as a new academic division begins operation, new graduate and undergraduate programs are announced, and cooperative engineering affiliations with two universities are expanded.


A major expansion at CSR this year is the institution of a new academic division, the Division of Business Administration/Economics. Chaired by Sister Ida DeCastro, CSJ, the new division will offer programs leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with a choice of specialization in accounting, economics finance or management. Students may also pursue an interdisciplinary major combining math and business, or they may choose to earn the B.S. degree in Business Administration with a major in accounting.

This fall, CSR is widening the educational opportunities of students interested in the field of engineering, as the college has completed negotiations with Alfred and Clarkson Universities for a "three-two" engineering affiliation plan. Under this arrangement, students may now enroll in special engineering studies programs at CSR which lead to university degrees in ceramic, chemical, civic, electrical, industrial and mechanical engineering.

Students in these cooperative programs will be able to earn both an engineering and a liberal arts degree within a five-year time period. Under such an option, the CSR student would receive appropriate degrees from both CSR and the university.

For evening students, CSR has introduced two new majors: Communication Arts and Computer Information Systems. The Communication Arts program is designed for the part-time student who wishes to pursue the Bachelor of Arts degree in a program which emphasizes all of today's communication skills. The Computer Information Systems major prepares students to become information specialists possessing both technical skills and business knowledge.

A new opportunity for graduate students will also be available at CSR, as the Graduate School has recently introduced a program leading to a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration and/or New York State Certification as a school building administrator. Under this program, individuals who already have a master's degree and who have at least three years of teaching experience may take an 18-hour credit core and an internship to earn New York State certification as a building level administrator or supervisor. Persons wishing to obtain the master's degree in Educational Administration will complete 36 credit hours of course work.

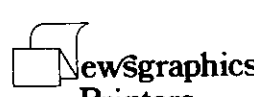


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Glenmont parents probe safety

A group of Glenmont parents, spurred by a bus mishap last fall, have been looking into issues surrounding school bus safety, according to Sue Belemjian of Elm Estates. While the children aboard the Bethlehem School bus suffered only minor bruises and the driver was not at fault in the accident, the parents set out to explore what could be done to enhance the children's safety in the future.

What they found was that the state transportation aid formula is part of the problem, said Joyce Dzekorius of Glenmont. The state says a full bus load includes standees (allowed at 20 percent of the seated capacity) and that a district is eligible for aid only if at least three-quarters of its buses travel with full loads. Hence, there is an incentive to have standees. Property tax payers, too, do not want to finance half-full buses. (Checks by the parent revealed that some children chose to put their book bags on the seat and to stand).

Lee Comeau of the state Education Department, asked about the safety of standees, said, "Our biggest problem is fatalities outside the bus." The height of school buses and their interior construction make them safe vehicles, he said, meaning that the danger is greatest outside the bus — when students are getting on or off. Even then, bus driver education and a public safety campaign have reduced the state's school bus fatality rate from about six a year in the 1970s to one or none in

recent years, he said. Comeau pointed out that standees are allowed only on trips under 10 miles and he emphasized that "there are no certifiable statistics" on the safety of standees.

In her research, Mrs. Dzekorius learned that one school district in the state had installed seat belts in its buses despite the fact that it meant the loss of state transportation aid, a price most school districts aren't willing to pay.

Most Bethlehem buses have two-way radios, permitting quick notification to the transportation supervisor of a mishap or other delay, according to Superintendent Lawrence Zinn, but \$2,300 budgeted for four more radios this year was knocked out of the district's spending plan when voters rejected the equipment proposition in July. That purchase would have meant that all 31 Bethlehem school buses had two-way radios, Zinn said.

The district's computerized bus routing system provides a list of pupils assigned to each bus, but the lists do not necessarily include everyone who is on a given bus on a given day, Zinn pointed out. Older students may stay after school for sports or clubs or decide to walk, and younger pupils have had the privilege of going to a friend's house on another bus when they have a note from a parent.

Mrs. Belemjian said that, with the classroom teachers' help, parent volunteers in Glenmont compiled a list of the children

assigned to each bus, and then the Glenmont school PTA redesigned its telephone "tree" around the bus assignments so there would be a system in place for notifying parents if any buses were delayed. She also met with district Transportation Supervisor Gardiner Tanner several times and he arranged a meeting of the parents with the bus drivers, who also had questions for parents.

The state PTA is considering lobbying for seat belts on all school buses, Mrs. Belemjian said, but that would require redesign of bus interiors and the idea is not popular with bus manufacturers. It also would raise the price of a school bus, an idea not popular with taxpayers.

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It's back to the books for Bethlehem Central students on Thursday, Sept. 6. Bus routes and times will be published in the district's newsletter, *Central Highlights*, and Kindergarteners have been notified whether they are in a morning or afternoon class.

The state holiday in January in honor of Martin Luther King has yet to be added to Bethlehem's calendar, but at this writing fall school holidays include Columbus Day Monday Oct. 8; Veterans' Day Monday, Oct. 12, and two days off for Thanksgiving, Nov. 22 and 23. Pending a change because of the added King holiday, the Christmas break will

begin at the close of school on Friday, Dec. 21, and classes will resume Wednesday, Jan. 2.

The February break is scheduled for the week of the 18th and Friday, April 5, is Good Friday. The spring vacation is due to begin at the closed of school April 19, with classes back in session April 29.

Memorial Day will be observed Monday, May 27, and Regents' exams will begin Friday, June 14, with the last day of school for students Thursday, June 20. Bethlehem's calendar allows for two snow days in 1984-85. If more are needed, the vacation breaks will have to be changed.

ABC registration starts

Registration for evening and weekend credit courses at Albany Business College will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 29 and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 30 and Sept. 4. Adults with work schedules or family responsibilities that would not normally allow them to attend college may participate in a variety of practical courses.

A selection of classes including accounting principles, cost accounting, sales, managerial finance, advertising, marketing, data processing, computer programming (BASIC, RPG II, and COBOL), mathematics, writing, statistics, insurance, economics, shorthand, typewriting and word processing.

In addition to credit courses,

the college will conduct a series of short microcomputer seminars for area business people. In the new IBM computer classroom, participants will have an opportunity to learn microcomputer fundamentals, word processing fundamentals, professional word processing, beginning BASIC programming and VisiCalc.

Day classes and continuing education classes are scheduled to begin Sept. 5.

Financial aid

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Union is non credit too

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Union's non-credit program, offered through the Office of Graduate and Continuing Studies, begins in late September, offering a variety of courses for professional advancement or just for fun. Some are one-day sessions; others meet weekly for two to 10 weeks.

Classes in professional and business skills include "Using Humor to Promote Personal and Professional Health," "Managing Conflict," "How to be an Effective Supervisor," "Time Management," "How to Enhance Your

Image," and "Survival Skills for the Adult Student." Also, courses are available in memory skills, word processing, caring for the elderly, print media advertising and creative writing.

In the cultural interests category, classes are offered in 17th century Dutch painting, creative writing, music, Chinese, Japanese, Swedish and ballet. A three-week series on the Adirondacks will be offered, as well as a five-week series on Schenectady's history and a weekend cultural excursion to Washington, D.C.

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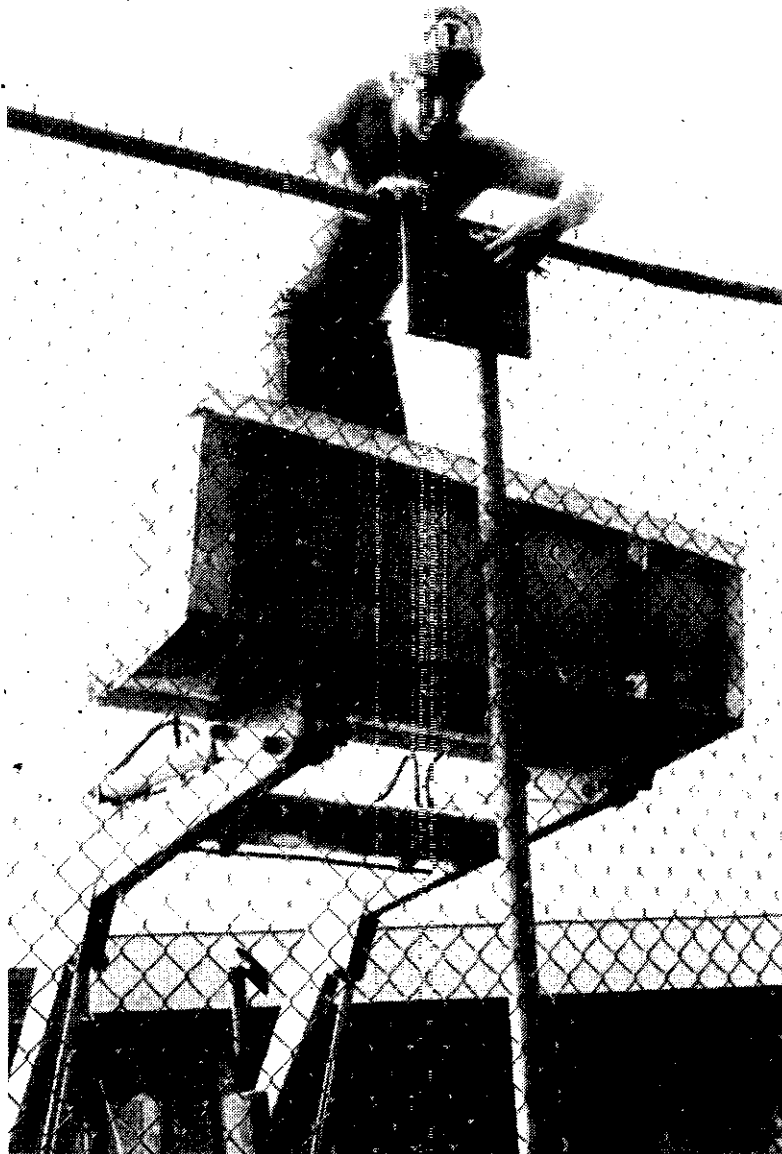
Returning as director of the institute for the 23rd year is Harry Shave of Schenectady, a practicing PR professional and member of the ABC evening division faculty.

In holistically related presentations, the course successfully converts professional PR tools, techniques and concepts into "everyday" communication applications for personal, business or professional use. The intensive course, which may be taken for credit or non-credit, covers written, spoken, graphic and non-verbal skills.

Unique to the Institute are two sessions on Imagineering — creative thinking based on the now popular "left-right brain" concept. The specially developed sessions on Imagineering have helped students discover for themselves the full potential of their cerebral (thinking) capacity.

Since its inception in 1960, the institute has graduated over 800 students including area television, radio and newspaper people, association, professional and business executives, state employees and more recently a marked increase in four-year college graduates looking to improve communication skills.

The class is limited to 25 students and early registration is advised. An informational brochure is available or students may register by contacting the Albany Business College, 130 Washington Ave., or calling 449-7163.



While most BC students play, Chris Essex is spending the summer getting the district's physical plant ready for the school year. The day's project was repairing the tennis court fences at the high school.

Tom Howes

Evenings at Siena College

More than 600 adults are expected to take part in Siena College's evening Session this fall, many working toward a bachelor's degree part-time.

Requests for mail registration forms will be filled until Aug. 23, according to Frederick J. DeCas-

peris, dean of continuing education. In-person registration will take place Sept. 4 from 6:30-8 p.m. in Foy Campus Center.

Courses in 23 different disciplines help returning adults fulfill requirements within eight different degree programs. Bachelor's degrees can be earned at Siena in accounting, computer science (business track), finance, marketing and management.

In addition to working toward a degree, other enrollment possibilities available are credit-no-degree status, audit and special senior citizen standing. These are described in the Evening Session brochure for fall that is now available from the Office of Continuing Education, 783-2341.

Parents and schools said in partnership

With school just around the corner, the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) is suggesting 10 ways parents can help their children to learn. The group is also offering programs and materials to build an "educational partnership." among the 250,000 people the union represents are the teachers and other school employees in more than 90 percent of the state's elementary and secondary public schools.

NYSUT President Thomas Hobart said, "It's important to remember that no matter how good a child's teacher or school is, there remains a need for positive reinforcement at home. As we begin a new school year, I hope that every parent considers himself or herself an integral part of the education system. Parental involvement is critical at the elementary school level, but important throughout a child's school years."

NYSUT suggests the following ways for parents to help in their children's education:

- Read with a young child at least 15 minutes a day. Short, regular sessions encourage the reading habit.
- Offer positive comments on your child's work. Encouragement builds self-respect and morale, and every child needs to experience success.
- Resist the temptation to compare your child's work with a sibling or any other child. Each child develops at his or her own rate and in different directions.

- Plan family outings to interesting, educational places such as zoos, museums, historical sites, parks.

- Play games requiring imagination and thinking: number games, word games, guessing games.

- Provide a well-lit, quiet area for homework and agree with your child on a regularly-scheduled time for homework.

- Maintain regular communication with your child's teachers. Attend your parent-teacher conferences and other opportunities for progress reviews. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Your comments can help teachers know

your child better and therefore improve the teacher-student relationship.

- Be a good listener. When children perceive (and they do) that a parent is "tuning them out" when they talk about school, friends, etc., they soon stop communicating. Take a sincere interest in your child's school activities and friends; it can help avoid a lot of problems.

- Use television creatively to stimulate discussions, introduce new ideas, provide insights. TV isn't going to go away, and it's unreasonable in most families to try and prohibit viewing. But you needn't let TV control you or your child. A little foresight and initiative can turn TV into a positive educational tool.

- Get involved in your child's school through the local parent-teacher organization, school board, or other groups. Help shape your community's schools in the interest of your children.

Among other activities, NYSUT has distributed about two million pieces of literature in the Parents as Reading Partners program started in 1979. The more than 800 NYSUT-affiliated local unions across the state participate in this and a variety of other NYSUT-sponsored programs designed to encourage parent involvement.

Hobart said, "Education is really a partnership between the home and the school. No partnership can flourish if one party is working against the interests of the other. We must take the simple steps to draw students, parents and teachers together, sharing the common goals we have in the educational process."

Courses top 300

Registration for the more than 300 Sage Evening Division undergraduate and graduate courses to be offered this fall will be held Aug. 22, 23, 27, 28 and 29 from noon until 6 p.m. on both the Troy and Albany campuses of Russell Sage College.

Mail registration is due by Aug. 17. Late registration will be Sept. 10-13 and 17-20 from noon until 4 p.m. and Sept. 7 and 14 from noon until 4 p.m. Classes begin Friday, Sept. 7.

The courses can lead to associate's, bachelor's or graduate degrees. In addition to regular course offerings, weekend intensive courses, real estate courses, and a variety of course offerings at Sage's six extension sites will be offered. Special courses are listed on such topics as counseling the drug and alcohol dependent person, and mathematics for business application. In addition, the fifth annual Parsons/Sage Fall Institute for professionals working with children and families with special needs will be held.

For information and registration materials, contact the Russell Sage College Evening Division at 455-1717.

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