

Homecoming



A week of hype and hoopla produced a record crowd (at least in recent times) at Bethlehem Central's Homecoming football game with Guilderland, plus lots of color on a magnificent autumn Saturday. Everything went well except the final score. BC's new marching band led a parade up Delaware Ave., the Pop Warner gang at the 10-yard line showed winning enthusiasm, and the scenario was strictly Family Day. More photos of the game

More photos and game story on Pages 16 and 19.

Tom Howes



Board acts on duplexes

Deciding it couldn't wait for fine tuning, the Bethlehem Town Board decided last week to remove duplexes from A-Residential zones.

The decision came on a split vote, with dissenting Councilman Scott Prothero holding out for a time limit for implementing measures that would make the impact of the ban less severe.

The board hearing recommendations Edward Kleinke for doing just that: increasing the lot size required for duplexes, limiting two-family residences to major highway corridors, permitting "clusters" of duplexes that would keep building costs down while avoiding high density, or simply creating a new zone for duplexes in areas not likely to be overwhelmed.

All of these ideas, Kleinke said, will take time to implement — eight or nine months. That, observed Prothero, means no duplex construction in A zones next year. He pressed for a Jan. 10 time limit for the changes.

"I'm just so concerned that this thing will drag and drag," Prothero said. "Time just seems to slip away."

The board was reacting to concerns that duplex construction in North Bethlehem could overtax the newly completed sewer system in that area. At a public hearing last month, however, several builders contended that the town was taking a blanket approach to what is an isolated problem.

Just how serious that problem is still in question. At Wednesday's town board meeting, Kleinke told the board that the magnitude of development in that area "has changed." Some 400 units of duplexes are being considered for North Bethlehem, he said, and that is half of all the duplexes now in the town.

However, the town is currently entertaining only one development proposal in North Bethlehem that involves duplexes — a 98-unit Carnevale development near Blessing Rd. and Krumkill Rd. Much of the open land in the area off North St. is zoned for planned unit developments, which could also see extensive development now that sewers are in place.

(Town officials were not certain Friday whether the town board's action last week would stop the Carnevale proposal, which is in the early stages of review. The change takes effect 10 days after it is published, which would make Oct. 27 the effective date and Carnevale was due for more discussion by the planners this week.)

According to Building Inspect-

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Civic center issue in county tax hike

A property tax increase of five percent faces Albany County property owners in the budget proposed last week by County Executive James Coyne.

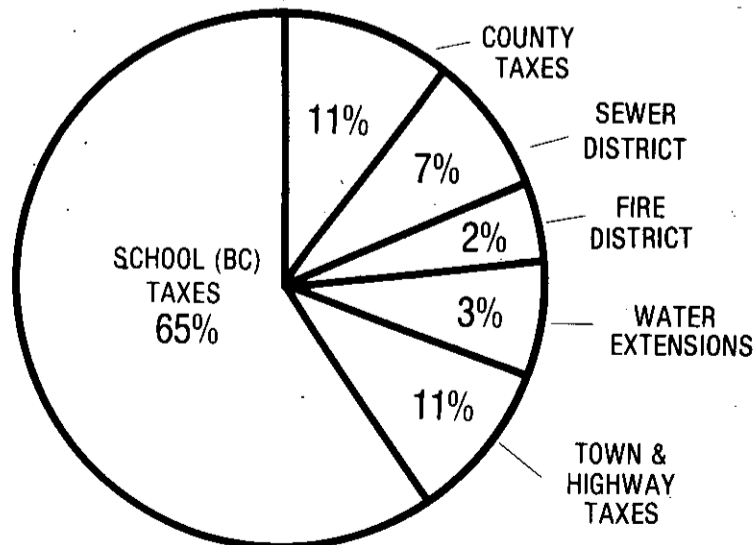
Coyne called the increase "modest," noting that it is only the second time in seven years he has called for higher taxes. But county Republicans, who had earlier called for a massive cut in county taxes, immediately pointed out that without a proposed \$1 million fund to be used to develop a civic center in downtown Albany there would be no tax increase at all.

County and town budgets both must be adopted in November.

Locally, New Scotland appears headed for a minute property tax increase (see story, page 5), while the Bethlehem Town Board is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) for a budget work session. Preliminary indications are that the Bethlehem budget will see a tax increase of less than a dollar, but substantial increases in water and sewer rates due to new construction.

At \$178.2 million, Albany County's budget is by far the largest in the area, but primarily because of revenue from the county sales tax, which grows with the economy, the tax rate has

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Property owners who just finished anteing up for school taxes now face the second half of the yearly bite, with increases proposed for Albany county and, in Bethlehem, water and sewer taxes. The chart above shows the relationship of taxes paid by property owners in the Bethlehem Central School District; it is an approximation only and does not include such additional items as special sewer districts and sewer and water charges, which also show up on the tax bills. One reason for Bethlehem Central's heavy tax burden is discussed on Page 2.

Spotlight Map

Why is BC shortchanged?

OPINION

Sherwood Davies of Delmar, who headed the state Health Department's radiation control program for 25 years before his retirement, undertook to research just what the state school aid formula means for the Bethlehem Central School District. What he found was presented in a letter to Gov. Mario Cuomo, the substance of which appears below.

By Sherwood Davies

Declining enrollment, an aging population, increased taxes and no increases in state aid contribute to public concern about the present and future of our school system. The operating aid formula accounts for approximately two-thirds of all revenues flowing from the state to local schools. The formula determines the amount of state aid based upon an arbitrary classification ranging from "poor" to "wealthy."

In 1981-82 the Bethlehem Central School District received \$855 per pupil from state revenues

compared with a statewide average of \$1,555. In 1982-83 the 11 Suburban Council schools received an average \$1,619 per pupil from state sources compared with \$869 for BCSD. Looking at the state's fiscal support of our public schools as a function of the total countywide school budgets, one finds the state supporting 66.12 percent of the school budgets (combined) in Tioga County to a low of 14.9 percent of the school budgets in Hamilton County.

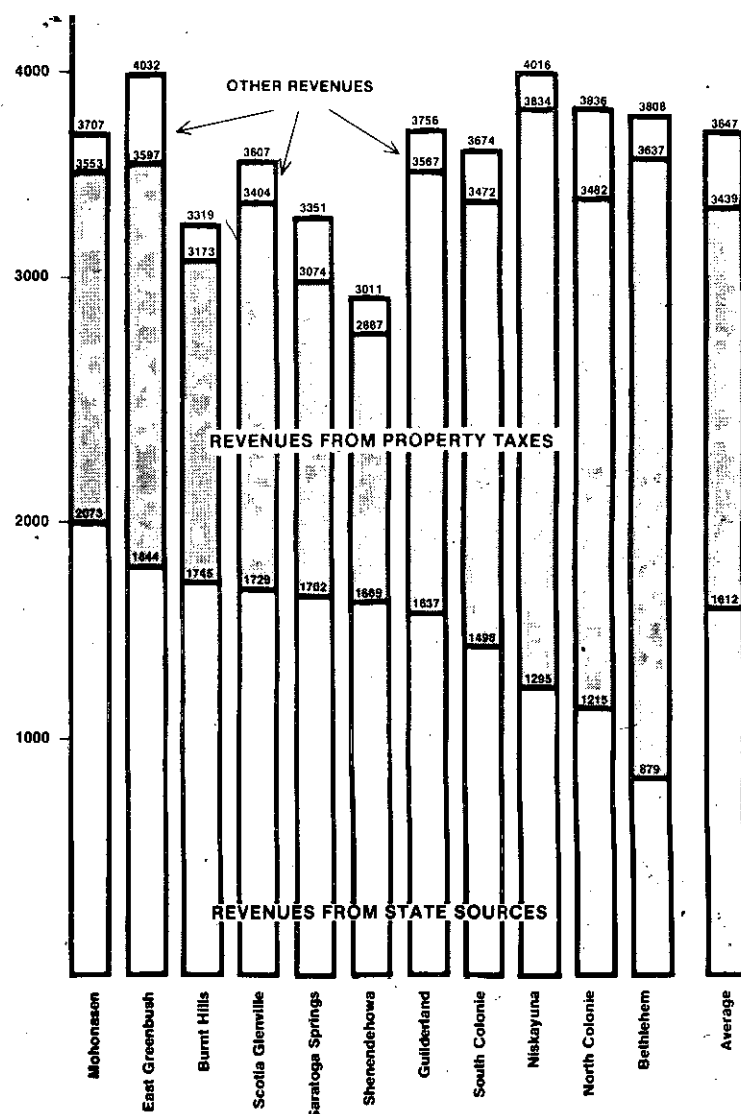
The 1984-85 state budget of \$5.3 billion for education provides for substantial increases to many schools. No increase can be foreseen for the "wealthy" schools based upon the operating aid formula, yet the Regents Action Plan mandates costly new programs.

Inequities in the apportionment of state aid are as follows:

- There is an extremely wide range of support to our public school systems: A "wealthy" or "poor" classification can mean a difference ranging from \$340 to \$2,750 per pupil operating aid, or 15 to 66 percent of the total school budget.

- The subtle inequities in the basic state aid formula can be subject to manipulation — for example, via the equalization rate used to calculate the full value property assessment. New York City, with over 40 percent of the state's population, represents less than 33 percent of the full assessed valuation used in calculating state aid. This works to the advantage of New York City. For example, compare the New York City per-pupil property tax of \$2,420 and state aid of \$1,480 to the Bethlehem Central School District property tax of \$2,530 and \$855 state aid. Based upon per-pupil

Where districts stand



This graph shows per-pupil revenues in 1982-83 for the 11 Suburban Council school districts, broken down into revenues from state sources, property taxes and other sources. The information is from The University of the State of New York/The State Education Department, "Annual Educational Summary 1982-83" (unpublished).

state support, BCSD appears to be 73 percent wealthier than New York City!

- A few commercial properties or wealthy landholders with high assessments in a district may push the average pupil assessment over the state average whereas most residents' incomes may approach the poverty level. This would work to the disadvantage of a small school district. The "total adjusted gross income," part of the operating aid formula, does

not exclude exemptions such as property taxes, interest expense, medical care and other deductions. This works to the disadvantage of an aging population with higher medical costs or a younger population paying high taxes and high interest rates on property. The formula would work to the advantage of school districts with a high percentage of state and federally subsidized rental properties, i.e., New York City.

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first time the trailer was torn in half. The tractor made it safely, but the driver, a Coxsackie man, was charged with exceeding the bridge clearance. The overpass received minor damage, police said.

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asbestos hazards from school buildings is not based upon the degree of risk or health hazard to pupils and teachers but on the wealth of the district!

• State taxpayers subsidize State University of New York college costs exceeding \$1,350 per pupil for in-state residents and \$3,200 for out-of-state residents. If the state applied the operating aid philosophy to SUNY tuition costs, wealthier parents of a SUNY student should pay a larger portion of the student's total costs. Can the state justify supporting out-of-state SUNY students to a greater extent than our public school students?

A few suggestions:

Abandon the philosophy of the more money pumped into our public school systems, the better the final product. Let's minimize the role of the state Education Department's attempt to redistribute the state's wealth through equalization of school property

taxes, but instead concentrate on a system of financial rewards and incentives based upon achievement and accomplishments in our local school system.

Reward those schools showing low ratio of pupils to classroom teachers, a low ratio of non-classroom expenses to total expenditures, improvement in test scores, reduction of the percent of students below average in academic skills and lowering of the dropout rate. Needless to say, our "track record" needs improvement, if the media reports are correct. "U.S. students below average compared to students in 21 countries." "New York State SAT scores below the nationwide average yet is next to Alaska in highest per pupil costs."

If the state philosophy remains on its present course for funding the public school systems, the better schools will fall into mediocrity and many schools will be trying to find ways to spend their newfound wealth.

Symphony fete

Conductor Victoria Bond will be honored by the Vanguard-Albany Symphony organization at a membership party Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. at Pine House, 207 Old Niskayuna Rd.

County taxes

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increased only by about three percent since 1975. (Because of variations in equalization rates, property owners in different taxing districts pay different rates, usually set near the end of the year). The budget, however, has increased at a far greater rate — this year's proposed increase is \$18 million, of which only about \$800,000 is to be made up by increased property tax revenue.

Coyne's budget includes a seven percent salary increase for non-union county employees, \$1.6 million more for Medicaid, and about \$1.5 million for highway reconstruction. This last item prompted another Coyne-GOP exchange, with the county executive calling the minority party "obstructionist" for fighting highway bond issues last year and this year.

Gordon Morris, of Elsmere, the Republican leader in the county legislature, was unperturbed by the charge or the prospect that the county will pay cash for future road projects. "We've said for a long time, when we have the money, why not use it?"

Morris saved his harshest criticism for the civic center fund,

while at the same time noting that since the budget requires only a majority vote the Republicans have no chance of blocking it on their own.

"It would mean we would have to appeal to the better instincts of the finance committee," Morris said.

Coyne justified his "startup funds" for the civic center proposed for a site east of the Empire State Plaza on the grounds that it will stimulate economic development in the county, thus keeping future taxes low. However, he did not specify how the funds would be used.

Morris said that Coyne has "misled the public continuously" on the civic center, citing varying sites, cost figures and financing plans. At this point, he said, the county would be unwise to spend any more money (about \$100,000 has already been committed to an environmental impact study) until those questions are answered.

"The responsible way of going about the civic center is to get all the responsible people together and determine whether or not there is going to be support," Morris said.



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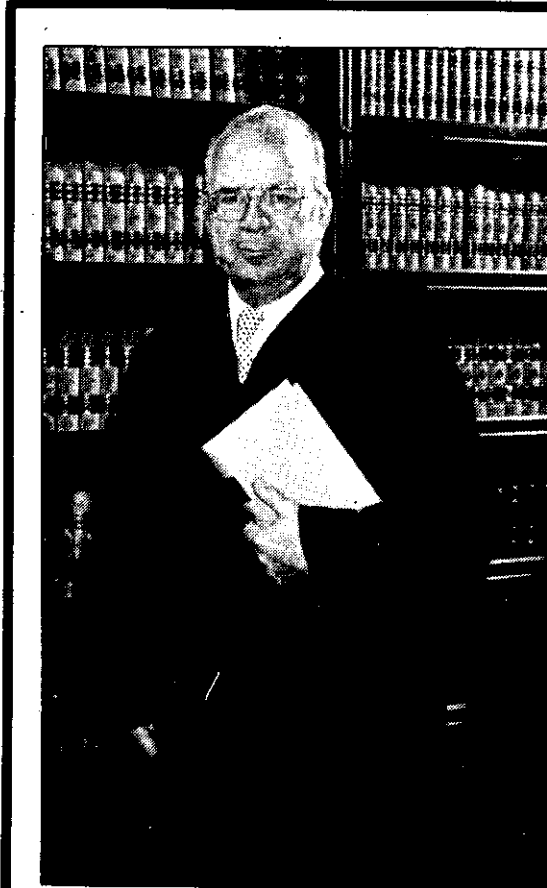
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Planning lag brings complaints

The leaders of Bethlehem's increasingly active neighborhood associations — as well as at least one town councilman — are unhappy with the town board's lack of progress in implementing recommendations made by the Delaware Ave. Task Force this spring.

The task force last May recommended requiring all changes in businesses along Delaware Ave. to go through Site Plan Review by the planning board — a process that would give the town some control over the aesthetics, traffic movement and parking along the busy road. The town board has accepted the recommendations in general and asked the task force's consultant, Edward Kleinke, to prepare specific legislation. So far, however, that has not been forthcoming.

At Wednesday's town board meeting, that lack of action came up twice. First, during a discussion of a proposal to remove duplexes from A Residential zones in the town Councilman Scott Prothero pushed for a specific time period in which other measures designed to alleviate the impact of the change would be introduced.

"I'm still waiting for one that was due in September," he said,

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referring to the Site Plan Review changes. When Prothero failed to receive assurances that the other changes could be implemented in a three or four-month span, he refused to vote for the duplex change.

Later in the meeting, the board briefly discussed a letter it had received from the Neighborhood Associations of Bethlehem, a council that became active during the Delaware Ave. Task Force meetings.

The group's letter expressed its concern "with the length of time that has elapsed" since the Site Plan Review recommendation from the task force. The letter also asked the board to "fulfill the need for an updated zoning map" of the town that can be reproduced and made available to all interested parties. A third concern was the town-wide traffic study to be conducted by Vollmer Associates, which the neighborhood associations said should not be restricted to the more built-up areas of town and should look at development in neighboring towns.

As it turned out, answers were

available to two of the points raised in the letter. At the meeting, however, the discussion quickly turned to politics when Doug Zeno of the Central Delmar Neighborhood Association asked Supervisor Tom Corrigan for permission to read the letter. Corrigan said that wasn't necessary because everybody already had a copy; Zeno persisted, complaining again that the neighborhood position hadn't been adequately represented on the Delaware Ave. Task Force.

Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz shot back: "You're not satisfied until someone of your political party gets on it, and that won't be if I have anything to do with it."

Zeno is a Democratic committeeman and Kaplowitz is chairman of the Bethlehem Republican Committee.

Later, tempers subsided. "That letter is not a partisan thing, nor is the council of neighborhood organizations," said Lucy Dunn, an Elmsmere resident.

"I know that," replied Corrigan. "But that doesn't mean that everybody in the council is non partisan."

Kleinke was at the meeting, but wasn't asked to report on com-

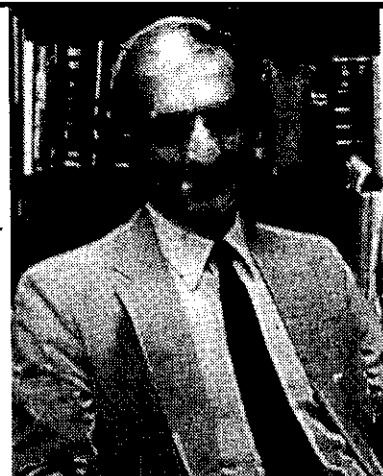
mercial site plan review. Asked later, he said he has finished drafting the proposed revisions to the ordinance and they are being reviewed by town officials. In addition to requiring review of all commercial additions and changes, the ordinance attempts to give the planners design and architectural review powers, he said.

"That's not an easy thing to put together," Kleinke said.

It turned out there was also an answer regarding the neighborhood council's request for a zoning map. Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor said Friday he has contracted with a cartographer to draw a more accurate large-scale map based on existing zoning ordinances, and then to work out a way to reduce and reproduce it.

'Anything Goes' again

The Bethlehem Central High School Key Club is sponsoring an "Anything Goes" fun competition between students and faculty. The event will be held in the girl's gym at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19. Everyone in the community is invited to attend and make a \$2 donation to the Leukemia Society.



Dr. Martin F. McKneally

Given hospital post

Martin F. McKneally, M.D. of Delmar has been named professor and head of the division of cardiothoracic surgery and thoracic surgery at Albany Medical Center Hospital. A graduate of Holy Cross College and Cornell Medical School, Dr. McKneally earned a doctorate in immunology from the University of Minnesota. He has been a researcher for the National Cancer Institute, an editorial board member for the *Annals of Thoracic Surgery* and *The Journal of Biological Response Modifiers*, and consulting reviewer for *The New York State Journal of Medicine*.

Abrams on board

Albert J. Abrams of Slingerlands has been named to the board of trustees for the newly created Visiting Nurses Foundation, Inc. The foundation will address the widening gap between the number of elderly people and the availability of health care services by providing free medical services and home care to those who cannot help themselves and do not qualify for government aid. Abrams is president of the Retired Public Employees Association.

Crafts wanted

The Elmsmere School Community Organization-Parent Teacher Association has scheduled its annual craft fair for Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Persons interested may reserve a \$20 space by calling Jean McQuide at 439-7233 or Rita Altman at 439-2378 by Oct. 22. Set up help, break relief, beverages and chairs will be provided, but vendors must bring their own tables. The fair will be open to the public free of charge.



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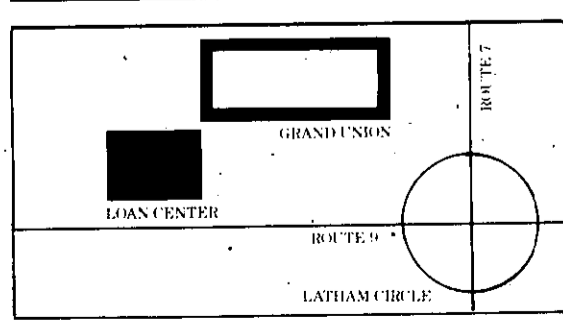
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Board sets small tax increase

By Theresa Bobear

Taxes for residents of New Scotland who live outside of the Village of Voorheesville will increase by \$.03 per \$1,000 of assessed value if the preliminary budget adopted last Friday by the town board remains unchanged.

According to the preliminary budget figures, Voorheesville residents can expect to pay town taxes of approximately \$20.84, up from about \$20.17 last year.

Town residents who live outside the village can expect to pay about \$33.25 per \$1,000, up from \$33.22 last year.

The amount to be raised by taxes will increase by \$9,844, according to the preliminary figures, for a total of \$399,220.

Revenues for the town are expected to increase because the assessed valuation has increased by \$217,489 and because the town anticipates additional federal revenue sharing, additional sales tax revenue and additional mortgage tax revenue.

At this preliminary stage an estimated \$1,498,400 in funds will be appropriated by the town, for an increase of \$151,379 from last year. According to Supervisor Stephen Wallace, the additional money will be used to give a six percent raise to town employees, make a final \$39,975 payment on the garbage truck purchased last year, pay \$60,000 on the landfill bond anticipation note, pay \$25,000 for the Onesquethaw Creek highway bridge, pay \$16,000 toward the town hall addition, pay \$10,000 toward the new roof for the highway department garage at New Salem and pay \$45,000 toward the development of a park in Feura Bush.

As part of the preliminary budget, Wallace presented preliminary rates for various water, light and sewer districts in the town. The tentative 1985 district rates are: Onesquethaw Fire, \$11.72 per \$1,000, up from \$11.47 in 1984; New Salem Fire, \$12.81, down from \$13.01; Clarksville Light, \$12.56, down from \$13.23; Feura Bush Light, \$23.44, down from \$24.91; Onesquethaw Ambulance, \$3.77, up from \$3.52; Voorheesville Ambulance, \$4.23, up from \$3.39; and Clarksville Water, estimated at \$20 per \$1,000 for exploratory drilling. Annual payments of \$250 for Feura Bush

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Water, \$28 for Swift Rd. Water and \$231 for the Heldervale sewer service remain the same as last year.

The councilmen were largely in agreement with Wallace's budget proposal for the new year. After listening to the supervisor's presentation, the group did discuss the proposed six percent salary increase.

Councilman Herbert Reilly objected to a pay hike for part-time town employees, including the members of the town board. "I'm not comfortable with being in office and voting myself a raise," he said. Councilwoman Ann Carson said the board should approve the increase and look at individual salaries with relation to

job descriptions during the year. "Who's going to give a raise?" she asked.

"I'm doing a lot more work. I don't mind doing it, but I think we should be paid for the work we do," Councilman Wyman Osterhout said. Wallace said the raises were justified by the increased town business.

Osterhout suggested that the town hire a court clerk to collect fines and reduce the judges' workload and eliminate the large crowds on court nights. Wallace suggested that the board consider hiring a part-time person.

Attend Army meeting

Lt. Col. Alexander J. Woehle (retired), founder of the Capital District chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, was a delegate to the association's recent annual meeting in Washington, D.C.



William Schoonmaker, legal advisor, presents a dues check to JoAnn Davies, treasurer of the new theater group.

Theater group forms

A brand new amateur theatre group, The Village Stage, is being born. The Delmar Progress Club will open its doors to the public on Tuesday, Oct. 23, in an effort to attract members for the group. Theatre lovers are encouraged to attend the 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Bethlehem Public Library community room.

Village Stage president Pat DeCecco will introduce members of the group's board of directors and explain the group's concept, format and goals. Entertainment will be provided by a group representing the Bethlehem Central High School 50th anniversary variety show.

DeCecco was coordinator and director of the high school's successful variety show last year. The group was formed because "the standing room only crowd, the cast and the crew wanted the sense of accomplishment, comradery and fun to continue," according to Arlene Ainsworth, who is handling publicity for the group.

The group's first production will be the musical *The Fantastiks*. Half-price tickets to the musical and a Christmas gala will be offered to those who join the group by Dec. 1.

Persons unable to attend the Oct. 23 meeting may send their \$10 membership dues to The Village Stage, P.O. Box 306, Slingerlands, N.Y. 12159. All checks or money orders should be made payable to JoAnn Davies, treasurer of The Village Stage.

Squares on Saturday

The Tri-Village Squares of Delmar will host a dance at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Oct. 20 from 8 to 11 p.m. Lon and Helen Penna will call the mainstream dance with a plus tip. For information call 439-7983 or 439-3289.

Hadassah dinner

The Minna Breuer group of the Albany chapter of Hadassah will gather at the home of Tobie Dorn in Delmar on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at

7 p.m. for a covered dish membership dinner. Linda Minkes, past president of the Miami region Hadassah will give a special presentation. For reservations call Barbara Pryba at 439-1987.

Camera club meets

The Delmar Camera Club will hold competitions and hear a lecture at their Oct. 23 meeting at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar. Member Fredricka Florant will speak about "Mexico — A Traveler's Bargain" when the group gathers at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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Looking at colleges?

For seniors at Voorheesville High School, college is just around the corner. To assist in making that all-important decision, a college information program is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. Representatives from more than 200 colleges will be there to inform students and parents about their respective institutions and to answer questions about entrance requirements, test scores and student aid. The morning session will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and an evening session is planned from 7 until 9 p.m.

The high school guidance department has arranged to have students bused to the morning session, but seating is limited. Interested students should take a signed permission slip to school as soon as possible. Forms may be obtained at the guidance office.

All college-bound students and their parents are urged to take advantage of this opportunity and attend the evening session.

Chance for scholarship

Seniors at Clayton A. Bouton High School also are invited to apply for a Century III leaders scholarship. Application deadline is Oct. 22, at which time students are expected to take a current events test and to submit an essay on "Projection for Innovative Leadership." The scholarship program was developed in 1976 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals to give recognition to student leaders and to tap their skills. Century III winners at the state level may go on to receive a \$1,500 scholarship in addition to an all-expense-paid trip to the national Century III leaders conference in Williamsburg, Va.

Brian McKenna, a 1983 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, was a statewide winner.

He is studying at Notre Dame University.

For an application or information, contact the guidance office at 765-3314.

Computer comes to library

Computer buffs take note! The Voorheesville Public Library now has an Apple II computer that soon will be available for public use. Anyone 12 or older who has a valid Voorheesville Public Library card and has completed the library's validation training is eligible to sign up to use the computer for one hour a week.

On Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. there will be a general orientation session for anyone interested in using the computer. Bill Dodge will give an introduction to computers and computing.

Validation sessions will begin on Thursday, Nov. 1, and will be held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the library for as long as needed. Sessions are limited to eight participants and will include instructions and rules for using the computer. Those interested must sign-up either in person or by calling the library at 765-2791.

Library gets into the spirit

With pumpkin time upon us, members of the Voorheesville Public Library's Pen Pal Club are invited to the library on Friday, Oct. 26, at 4 p.m. for a Halloween party. All are urged to bring the letters they have received from their pen pals to share with everyone. A short Halloween movie will be shown.

For all area trick-or-treaters the library plans its annual pumpkin contest on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 4 p.m. All children are invited to decorate a pumpkin and take it to the library. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest, smallest, funniest, happiest, scariest and most unusual pumpkins. Halloween movies will be shown and everyone who attends will receive something, too.



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Needs of other topic

A reminder that the Human Concerns meeting originally scheduled for Oct. 17 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jean Lewis, 176 Georgetown Court. With winter approaching, the need for assistance with food and fuel is sure to increase. All area residents are welcome to attend and assist.

Carnival coming up

The Voorheesville Parent-Teacher-Student Association has some fall fun planned for area residents on Saturday, Nov. 3, when it has its first fall carnival. The event will be at the grade school and will feature game and craft booths, and snacks.

Residents are urged to put the event on their calendars. Those who would like to volunteer to assist the PTSA or those interested in renting table space for

crafts displays should contact JoAnn St. Denis at 765-4748.

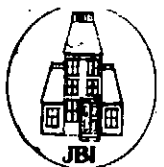
Open house at high school

A high school open house for parents of students in grades 9 through 12 will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at the high school. Parents are invited to meet their children's teachers and learn about this year's curriculum.

Senior singer selected

Courtney Brennan, a senior at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School has been chosen to perform at the Music Educators National Conference choral festival this weekend at Hartwick College in Oneonta. The two-day festival will conclude with a performance of Mozart's *Requiem in D Minor* at 4 p.m. on Oct. 20 in the music circle of the Anderson Center of the Arts.

The daughter of Michael and Mary Lou Brennan, Courtney is a member of the Voorheesville High



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Track financing debated

three high school students, Louis Berstein, Michael Larabee and Maribeth Manning, who were commended by the National Merit Scholarships.

Halloween bash

Polish up those dancing shoes! The New Salem Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual Halloween Bash on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the fire house on Rt. 85A. Tickets are \$7.50 per person and include door prizes, snacks, cheese, bread, beer, set-ups and dancing to the 50's-60's sounds provided by Goldrush from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Costumes are optional! Tickets may be obtained from any member or by calling Judy Schear at 765-4334.

Supper in Feura Bush

The Jerusalem Reformed Church in Feura Bush will hold a chicken supper and bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 27. Booths will open at 4 p.m., and servings will begin at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. During the evening a crocheted afghan and a hand-painted pillow will be raffled.

Reservations may be made by calling Eleanor Loucks at 439-2046 or Julian Chamberlain at 439-1878.

Coop Extension meets

The Cooperative Extension Association of Albany County has scheduled the annual business meeting for Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Resource Development Center, 191 Rt. 85, and Martin Rd., Voorheesville. A reception and open house will begin at 7 p.m. During the business meeting, which begins at 8 p.m., Albany County residents who are at least 18 years-of-age will have one last opportunity to vote for members of the board of directors. The meeting will also include a summary of the association's programming during 1984.

For information or ballots call 765-3635.

By Theresa Bobear

After receiving a proposal from Superintendent Werner A. Berglas for a capital project to accompany the proposed high school track, the Voorheesville Board of Education last week discussed financing for the project. The proposal will be presented to voters in the form of a referendum planned for next February following a January public hearing.

In order to receive an estimated 57 to 58 percent state aid for the project, Berglas said, the track would have to be part of a capital project. His proposed capital project includes smoke alarms, non-friable asbestos cleanup, insulation of steam shafts for energy conservation, waterlines to irrigate the school's playing fields and prevent injury, and new ceiling tiles for the cafeteria.

Berglas said he could not accurately estimate the cost of the project until after architectural drawings are made. Previously, he had estimated the cost of the track at \$150,000.

If the capital project totals approximately \$250,000, Berglas said, the district would receive approximately \$140,000 in state aid. The district would receive additional state aid for interest paid.

After generally discussing financing for the project, the board asked Berglas to present the different financing options to the board.

Board member Peter Ten Eyck suggested that the board present the track project to voters with a two-year payment plan to save money otherwise paid in interest and show people the "dramatic cause and effect" of having a track. Ten Eyck said a five year payment plan would hide the cost of the track and would actually cost taxpayers more money.

Board member David Teuten said 350 people presented a petition to the board for a track. The board will have a referendum and should present an affordable plan to the public, he said. Board member Joseph Fernandez noted that most large projects in the district have been funded with bonds.

If the district paid for the project up front, the entire amount would have to be paid before any state aid was received, Berglas explained. Should the state decide to eliminate the "save-harmless," which protects school districts from state aid reductions, the district would lose aid because of its growing wealth, he said. With two bonds totalling \$150,000 in yearly payments coming to term in 1985, a five year expenditure such as the track could balance revenue, Berglas said.

Board member Stephen Schreiber said the dialogue for a track should include discussion of a library. The board was left with the understanding that the library committee would present a report to the board, Fernandez said. "Now is the time," Ten Eyck agreed. Teuten suggested that the board merge the two projects. Board President John McKenna said he would try to get a progress report from the committee.

Earlier in the meeting, the board reviewed information from Robert Clark, sales manager for the Weatherfield construction project in Guelderland. The proposed development would add about 700 housing units, including 234 garden apartments, 234 townhouse units, 116 country houses and 116 estate houses, to the school district over the next 7 to 10 years. Clark estimates the first phase of the project would add about \$10 million to the tax base in 1985. Berglas said he would be surprised if the development would add more than 100

children to the district.

In his report to the board, Berglas said he was working with faculty members to update the goals project for the district. By refining teaching goals, Berglas said, teachers have an opportunity to evaluate and improve their teaching skills. "It's really the way a curriculum should be written. It makes teachers think through what they're teaching," he said. The goals, ranging from general to specific, give a basis for comparison and constant improvement, Berglas asserted.

Peter Griffin, principal of Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School, announced the names of

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Ambulance corps needs new members

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Corps needs your help! Today marks the beginning of the ambulance service's membership drive. Now through Dec. 1, the squad will be canvassing in Selkirk, South Bethlehem and Glenmont in an attempt to increase their number. They will be giving out packets containing telephone stickers and emergency information, and explaining the shortage of help the ambulance service faces.

There are no special qualifications to become a volunteer other than that a person must be at least 17 years of age and in relatively good health. Training will be provided, and individuals can decide how much time they are willing to contribute.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer may contact President Linda Schacht, Captain Dave Pratt, Glenmont lieutenant Janet Burns, Selkirk lieutenant Herb Parisi, 767-9307, or South Bethlehem lieutenant Kathy Wheeler, 767-3383.

Dessert, cards and more

The Town of Bethlehem Historical Association will have its annual card party and social on Thursday Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144 and Winne Rd., Selkirk. Apple strudel will be served. A boutique and gift table will be featured, and there will be a raffle and door prizes. Tickets are \$2.50 a person.

Charles Alford is general chairman, with committees headed by

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Ann Vandervort, boutique; Mary E. VanOostenbrugge, tickets; Mary Ann Twardowski, refreshments; Nancy Houk, door prizes, and Charles Clarke, raffle. Other committee members include Marjorie Terrell, Cynthia Wilson, Lillian Weiler, Eleanor Turner and Helen, Clarke. For information call 767-9919 or 439-4526.

Masquerade for Elks

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge is planning a Halloween masquerade party at the lodge, Rt. 144 and Winne Rd., Selkirk, for Saturday, Oct. 27. The evening promises to be fun, with prizes for the best costumes. Music for dancing will be provided by Sundowners from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m., and a buffet is included in the cost of the tickets. Costumes are optional. Tickets are available at the lodge.

Musicians get nod

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk junior and senior high students have been chosen to perform with the all-county band and chorus on Oct. 19 at the Greenville High School at 7:30 p.m. Appearing in the chorus will be Benay Britton, Dawn Koonz, Susanne Morehouse, Trisha Quay, Laura Grace, Kristin Gottesman, Joanmarie Nunziato, Linda Brown, Jeremy Sawyer, Erik Deyoe, Christopher

Racine, Danielle Libertucci, Carin Swanson and Paul Charpentier.

Chosen for the junior high band are Erika Warnstadt, Dawn Dinardi, Michael Gleason, William Stanton, Larry Sandgren, Christopher Drevojan, Philip Christopher, Jason Tucker, Darrin Hall and Chad Hotaling. Senior high all-county band from RCS are Bray Engel, David Oliver, Lisa Pass, Leonard Philhofer and Laurie Sutton.

Performing with the jazz band will be Dana Pickett and Stephen Oliver. Conductor for this year's festival is George Smith of the Bethlehem Central music department. Tickets are available at the door at \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children. The public is invited.

Sunshiners to dine

The South-Bethlehem-Selkirk "Sunshine" Senior Citizens will meet at noon Tuesday, Oct. 23, at The Starlight Restaurant in Glenmont for dinner. Any senior who would like to join them is invited.

RCS board invites questions

The Board of Education has invited residents of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District to attend a meeting in the junior high school library on Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. The evening will be devoted to questions and answers about the school district.

Tire on the loose

Three Troy residents, one a baby, escaped serious injury Thursday evening when a spare tire fell off a passing truck and struck the car they were riding in on Rt. 144 in Selkirk, according to Bethlehem police reports. No charges were filed in the accident.

RCS board invites public participation

The community relations committee of the RCS Board of Education has scheduled two open meetings to give district residents an opportunity to express ideas or concerns about the district. The first meeting will be held at RCS Junior High School on Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. The second meeting will be held at the A.W. Becker Elementary School on Feb. 11 at 8 p.m.

The meetings will take the form of an open forum, and the board will take any action necessary at a regular meeting, board member and committee chairman Wayne Fuhrman said.

Fuhrman said the group was formed on his recommendation

during the 1983-84 school year to "encourage open communication among students, parents, teachers, administrators and board members." The committee members believe the best way to serve the district is to get as many parents and residents involved as possible, Fuhrman said. The group formed the district's adult volunteer program, which began this past Monday. Fuhrman hopes that residents who have not been attending the regular board meetings will take advantage of this opportunity to offer suggestions to the board. He believes the February meeting will give residents a chance to discuss budget issues.

Town to update list

At a recent meeting of the New Scotland Town Board, David Teuten, deputy coordinator of the County Committee for Natural Disaster, received board approval to update the list of town equipment and facilities available to residents of Albany County and neighboring counties in case of emergency.

By keeping an up to date list of available resources, the committee will be better able to react to the needs of disaster victims, Teuten said. In the event of an emergency, the county would obtain permission from the town before borrowing any equipment, Teuten said.

In other business, the board:

- Scheduled fall refuse pickup for Oct. 29 through Nov. 2.
- Increased the fee paid to the town's election inspectors from \$55 to \$65.

- Rescheduled bid opening for a new roof for the highway garage in New Salem for Oct. 25 at 9 a.m. in the New Scotland Town Hall.

- Approved the purchase of two used voting machines with three-year warranties at cost not to exceed \$2,000 each. The machines will replace two older machines that will be donated to

Clarksville and Voorheesville Elementary Schools for educational use.

- Considered a petition signed by eight residents calling for extension of the Heldervale sewer district northward on Rt. 85. Wallace said he would check the feasibility of such a change with Bethlehem officials.

10 to join 4-H Devils

On Sept. 25 the 4-H Delmar Devils elected officers and welcomed new members, including Kerry FitzPatrick, Jennifer Bestler, Betsy Taffe, Erin Stine, Mary Keeley, Joseph - Keeley, Cassy Jeram, Clayton Koonce, Timothy Mooney and Garry Hurd. The group's projects for the year include indoor gardening and counted cross-stitch.

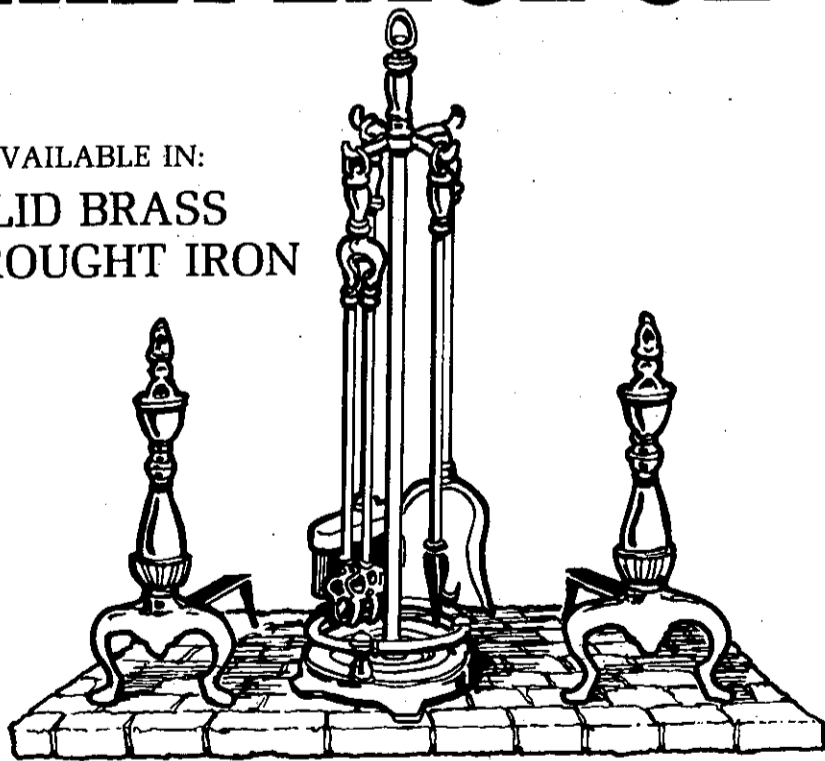
Dinner in Slingerlands

The Methodist Men of Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, will sponsor a ham dinner on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 and \$3 tickets may be obtained by calling 439-1766. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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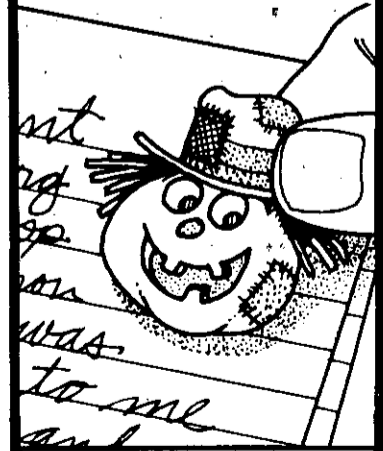
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The corporation now has four branches, with the main office in Selkirk. Branches are in Albany, Schenectady, Glens Falls and Johnstown. The business supplies all the major lines of plumbing equipment, and employs 56 people, Williams said. It also maintains 22 vehicles.

Sentenced in arson

Two men who admitted setting fire to a barn on Krumkill Rd last January were sentenced Friday in Albany County Court to six months in the county jail and five years on probation. Wilber J. Brady, 34, and John J. Smith, 43, both of Albany, also were ordered by County Judge Joseph Harris to pay \$23,000 through the county Probation Department to Harry Kelly, whose barn was destroyed in the Jan. 27 fire.

Monster of a sale
The "Monster Garage Sale" will be held at the Delmar Reformed Church parking lot, 386 Delaware Ave., on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds from the sale will be used by the Delmar Peace Breakfast to send to Gus Cadieux on a witness for peace trip to Nicaragua. For information call Mary Miner at 439-2941.



Many people attended the recent 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of Security Supply Corp. in Selkirk, including William M. Bennett, left, and Harold L. Williams, founders; William D. Bennett, past president, and Harold L. Williams, Jr. president.

Probe check fraud

Warrants are expected to be issued for the arrest of two women who attempted to cash a forged \$600 check at a Delmar bank Thursday, according to Bethlehem police reports. The women left with the check before police were contacted.

Duplexes

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or John Flanigan, residential construction in Bethlehem is running well ahead of last year's pace, with 15 duplexes built so far, compared to four in all of 1983. But unless new lots are available, Flanigan said, many builders will be running out of buildable lots next year.

Asked about the discrepancy in numbers, Supervisor Tom Corriegan said Friday that both he and Kleinke often get informal soundings from developers before they come to the planning board. Much of the farm land south of Rt. 32 is also being optioned by developers who have an eye on the future, he noted.

Although none of the other board members would agree to Prothero's deadline, there appeared to be general agreement that other steps should be taken. "Is it conceivable," asked Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz, "based on what was said at the public hearing, that we have more than one problem? Maybe it's causing a different problem in Elsmere and Delmar than in North Bethlehem."

"I think so," replied Kleinke.

But the discussion was more on the lines of a brainstorming session than actual decision-making, with Kleinke instructed to go back to the planning board for more specifics.

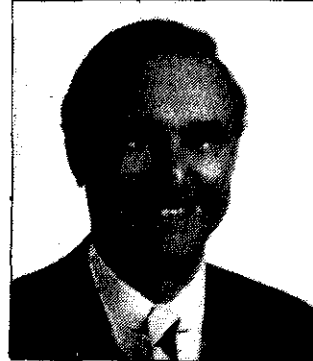
When the planners do come back with a proposal, Kaplowitz

noted, "you can expect to have a lot of input, which is fine."

Faces court

A Delmar man faces a charge of petty larceny in connection with the removal of building materials from a construction site in Elm Estates Friday night, according to Bethlehem police reports. A tracking dog was used in the investigation, police said.

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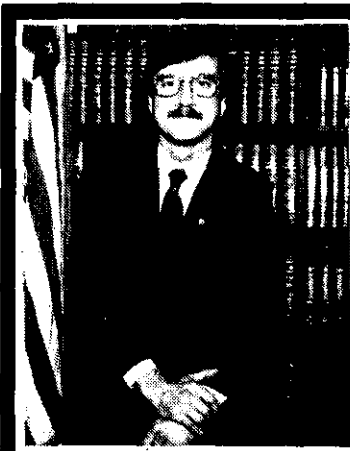
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American Legion Auxillary, dinner honoring Marcia Turner and her officers, N.A. Blanchard postrooms, Poplar Dr., Delmar. Reservations, 439-9287.

Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Investment Seminar, by William Sack, manager of Albany office of Shearson Lehman American Express, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Job Interview Workshop, with Adrienne Rockwood, career counselor, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Stories with Grandma Edna," with Edna Salkever, 6 p.m.; "Physicians for Social Responsibility" report on the consequences of nuclear war (part 2 of 6), 7 p.m.

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

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

Delmar Progress Club, craft exhibitors will demonstrate wares, evening group will meet at home of Margaret Holmgren, Van Wies Point, 7:30 p.m.

Open House, Cooperative Extension Assoc. of Albany County, county residents 18 years or older may elect board of directors, Resource Development Center, Rt. 85A and Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3635.

Card Party, Bethlehem Historical Assoc., boutique table, raffle, door prizes and dessert, Bethlehem Elks, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m., \$2.50 tickets. Information, 767-9919.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting, members invited to bring prospective members, Normanside Country Club, Elsmere, 8 a.m. Reservations (by Oct. 22), 439-0512.

Open House, Bethlehem Middle School, grades 7 and 8, 7:30 p.m.

Travelogue, by Nelson Mauer entitled "Nature's Fantasyland," featuring Yellowstone Park and the Grand Teton Mountains, sponsored by Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept., Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Introduction to Computers, Voorheesville Public Library, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

Pen Pal Club, Voorheesville Public Library, 4 p.m.

Lecture, Bob Budliger, former president of Hudson Mohawk Bird Club and Albany County Audubon Society, will speak about bird attracting, feed and feeders bird identification and bird natural history, Garden Shoppe, Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-0006.

Children's Workshop, "No Trick Treats," sweets made without a stove, for preschoolers 3 years and older, children's room, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

Halloween Party, sponsored by New Salem Fire Dept. and Ladies Auxillary, music by Goldrush, costumes optional, dancing, New Salem Firehouse, Rt. 85A, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. \$7.50 tickets, 765-4334.

Supper and Bazaar, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, 4-7 p.m., reservations, 439-2046.

Dinner, sponsored by Methodist men of Community United Methodist Church, 1449 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, continuous serving 5-7 p.m. Tickets, 439-1766.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Road Race, 14 mile run, begins and ends at Selkirk No. 3 Firehouse, Rjt. 396, 8:30 a.m. registration at firehouse.

Runathon, sponsored by Bethlehem Athletic Assoc., Bethlehem Central High School track, sponsors needed, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-4921, ext. 315.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

Mother's Time Out, nutritionist will answer questions about pre-menstrual syndrome, Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers, meets Mondays at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information, 439-9929.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Pumpkin Contest, Voorheesville Public Library, 4 p.m.

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

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

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

Toy Sale, by Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School, Slingerlands Methodist Church, New Scotland Ave., 9:30-noon.

Bethlehem Cable College, Dr. Floyd Brewer talks about work of Bethlehem Archaeology Group, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Delmar Camera Club, competitions and lecture entitled "Mexico - A Travler's Bargain," by member Fredricka Florant, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Covered Dish Supper, for members of the Minna Breuer group of Albany chapter Hadassah, talk by Linda Minkes, home of Tobie Dorn, Delmar, 7 p.m. Reservations, 439-1987.

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


Toy Sale, Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School, Slingerlands Methodist Church, New Scotland Ave., 9:30 a.m.-noon.

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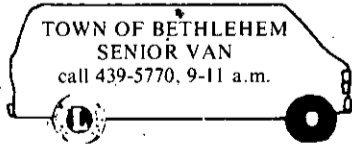
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Mondays: Bowling for senior women, Del Lanes, 1 p.m.
Tuesdays: AARP assistance with Medicare forms, 4 p.m.
first and third Tuesdays: Appointments, 439-2160 or 439-3305.
third Tuesday: Blood Pressure Clinic.
first Wednesdays: Senior Bowling, Del Lanes, 9:30 a.m.
Thursdays: Senior Citizens Organization meetings, town hall, 12:30 p.m.
first Fridays: Free legal clinic, 1 p.m. Appointments, 439-4955.



Every Monday: Grocery shopping at Delaware Plaza for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
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Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Slide Talk, "Historic House Paint Analysis and History Threatened: Arson," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 12:15 p.m.

National Assoc. of Bank Women, meeting at Century House, Rt. 9, Colonie, 5:30 p.m. Reservations, 445-2097.

Widowed Persons Service, meeting at Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Albany, 7:30 p.m.

American Assoc. of University Women, Laura Chodos, New York State Regent, guest speaker, Americana Inn, Albany-Shaker Rd., Colonie, 5:30 p.m. Reservations, 237-4086.

Child Care Discussion Group, hosted by Albany County Health Dept., led by pediatric nurse practitioner Katherine Gracely-Kilgore, 169 Mohawk St., Cohoes, 9:30-10:30 p.m.; South Ferry and Green Sts., Albany, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Workshop, "How To Start a Home-Based Business," sponsored by Albany County Cooperative Extension, Thruway House, Washington Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$15 registration, 765-3635.

Field Crop Dealer Meeting, Kozel's Restaurant, Ghent, 9:15 a.m. Information, (607) 256-2177.

Empire State Business Show, featuring national companies, sponsored by Capital District Business Review, Empire State Plaza, convention center, Albany, noon-7 p.m., Oct. 17 and 18.

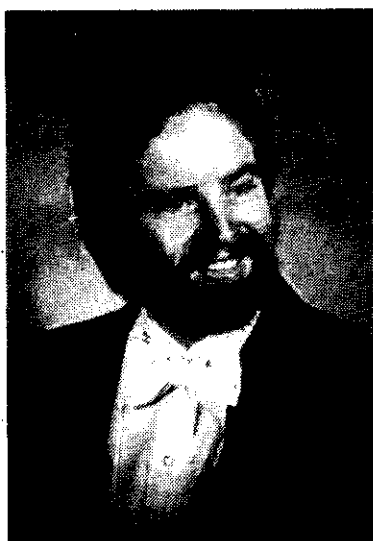
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help and support group for parents of substance abusers, meets every Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information, 465-2441.

Child Care Discussion Group, hosted by Albany County Health Dept., West Shore Dr., Ravena, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Free.

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Assoc., open meeting, family support and informational program, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-8728.

Capital Dist. Assoc. of Property Owners, Charles E. Miller, attorney and CPA, will speak about "1984 Changes in the Tax Law," Ramada Inn, 1728 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 663-5089.



Pianist Morey Hall of Elsmere will perform his first recital as an adjunct faculty member of Russell Sage College on Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Bush Memorial Center of the Troy campus.

Evening Concert, for participants in A.G.A.T.E. conference on gifted children, all welcome, music of American Musical Theatre performed by Gary Aldrich, Joel Aroeste, Helene Binder and Betsy Normile, Saratoga Springs City Center, 8-9 p.m. Free.

Slide Presentation, Dr. G. Daniel Blagg speaks about Cyprus, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., Albany, 12:15-1 p.m. Information, 454-5105.

Workshops, writers workshop with Joe Bruchac, editor of "The Greenfield Review," conference room 1, 10 a.m.; handivan workshop, "Moisture Control in Your Home," with Ken Holmes of Albany County Cooperative Extension, 7-9 p.m., Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany.

Film, "de Kooning on de Kooning," portrait of artist sponsored by WPA Federal Arts Project, New York State Museum auditorium, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 12:10 p.m., Oct. 18 and noon, Oct. 21.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

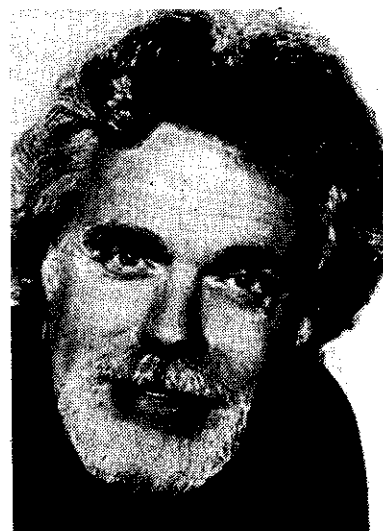
Fashion Show, to benefit AIDS council of Northeastern New York, EBA Chapter House, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, \$8 tickets, 434-4686.

Festival and Auction, with dinner provided by Club 21 Restaurant, Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled, 314 So. Manning Blvd., Albany, 6 p.m. Reservations, 458-8810.

Biology Seminar, Dr. Dudley Raynal will talk about acid rain and the Adirondacks, Roger Bacon Science Center auditorium, Siena College, 3:30 p.m.

Antique Show and Sale, Greenbush Dutch Reformed Church, Rts. 9 and 20, East Greenbush, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Oct. 19 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 20, \$1.75 admission.

Dinner, with Richard M. Switzer of State Education Dept., lecture entitled "Rehabilitation - A Partnership," to celebrate 30th anniversary of Menands Workshop, all welcome, Albany Hilton, reservations, 465-5201.



Carl Sandburg's The People, Yes will be dramatized by actor-director-producer Joseph Ehrenberg tonight (Wednesday) at 8 in Siena's Foy Campus Center.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Conference, on gifted education, sponsored by New York State Advocacy for Gifted Education, (A. G. A.T.E.), Saratoga Springs City Center and Ramada Renaissance Hotel, Saratoga Springs, Oct. 19 and 20, Registration, 584-3239.

Turkey Supper, Thompson's Lake Reformed Church, Rts. 157 and 157A, East Berne, \$5 and \$3 admission.

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Lecture and Film, "The Common Soldier of the Civil War," by William Howard, and "The Red Badge of Courage," State Museum, 10:30 a.m. Free.

Fire Safety Instruction, lectures, demonstrations and more, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1-5 p.m. Free.

Card Show and Sale, sponsored by Capital District Card Collectors, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free.

National Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis, educational meeting, Cusack auditorium, St. Peter's Hospital, New Scotland Ave., Albany, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Craft Demonstration, quilting bee with the Charlton quilters, Glen-Sanders Mansion, 1 Glen Ave., Scotia, \$4.50, \$4 and \$2.50 tickets. Information, 377-8839.

Five Mile Run/Walk, pledges to benefit Health Assistance Program, Inc., starts at Rts. 401 and 405, South Westerlo, 9 a.m. registration, forms available at Berne Library.

Field Trip, any weather, at Kenrose Sanctuary, Berne, climb led by Dot McMichael and Rho Woodard, meet at Berne-Knox School, Rt. 443, 2-4 p.m.

Contra and Country Dancing, with Fennig's All Stars playing and Debbie Gray calling, beginners welcome, sponsored by Old Songs, Inc., Guildersland Community Center, 2211-B Western Ave., west of Rt. 155, 8:30 p.m., \$4 admission. Information, 765-4193.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Field Trip, at Christman sancturay, Duaneburg, led by Peter Brooks and Rho Woodard, meet at Perillo's Place, Duaneburg, 1:45 p.m.

Oktoberfest, RPI Houston Field House, Troy, noon-8 p.m., \$2 and \$1 admission.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

Bloodmobile, St. Peter's Hospital, Cusack auditorium, New Scotland Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

International Hot Spots Lecture Series, "South and Southwest Africa," with Dr. Helen Desfosses of SUNY at Albany, State Museum orientation theatre, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Bloodmobile, sponsored by NY Telephone, Empire State Plaza, meeting room 6, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Public Forum, for national issues, sponsored by Domestic Policy Assoc., Albany Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 463-5254.

Safe Place, support group for families and friends of suicide victims, open meeting, 727 Madison Ave., Albany. Information, 482-0799.

Albany Artist Group, open meeting, lecture and demonstration by Ed Kenny, artist with State Conservation Magazine, West End Presbyterian Church, Central at Main, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-7216.

Natural History Lecture, "Are We Building Toward A Hurricane Disaster?" with Neil Frank, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, lecture center 7, SUNY at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., 8 p.m.

Silent Film, D.W. Griffith's "Broken Blossoms," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Noon Talk, WNYT News managing editor Ed Dague reviews *Privileged Information*, by Tom Albrandi, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany.

Massachusetts Floriculture Tour, sponsored by local Cooperative Extension Associations, Oct. 23-25. Information, 765-2331.

Embroidery Workshop, conducted by Mila Andic, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 10-11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Albany Area Postal Customer Council, dinner and business meeting, Italian-American Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 6-9:30 p.m. Reservations, 869-1587.

Housing Preservation Program, "Identification of 19th Century Domestic Lighting," slide talk by Capital Hill Improvement Corporation begins at 12:15 p.m., Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave.

Farmer's Market, outdoors, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.



The New York Chamber Soloists will perform Memorial Chapel on Sunday at 8 p.m. Bach's Brandenburg Concerti at the Union College

College Information Program, more than 200 colleges and universities will be represented, convention center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Free.

Greek fete planned

The Philoptochos Society will hold a Hellenic Happening Saturday, Oct. 27, at the St. Sophia

Greek Orthodox Church Parish Center, 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany, featuring a Greek buffet from 5 to 8 p.m., followed by a dance until 10.

Symphony on disk

Albany Symphony Orchestra Music Director Julius Hegyi recently presented Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen with the first copy of the orchestra's new record album, featuring works by four early 20th century American composers.

The album, recorded by New World Records, includes Albany Symphony performances of *Chanticleer Festival Overture* by Daniel Gregory Mason, *Dance in Three Time* by Quincy Porter, *Sea Drift* by John Alden Carpenter and *Scherzo Diabolique* by Henry Hadley.

The album soon will be available at area record stores, or may be purchased through the Albany Symphony. For information call 465-4755.

Teachers to gather

The Albany Area Retired Association will have its fall luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Century House in Latham.

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

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Bookstore on the move

As the magician says, now you see it, now you don't. But Michael Aikey knows it wasn't magic that transferred Lincoln Hill Books from one side of Delaware Ave. in Delmar to the other this week — it was sheer hard, back-breaking work. "There must be 90 boxes here!" he said Friday. "Too many boxes!"

But that's all behind the Aikeys now and all Michael and his mother, Barbara, have to do is get all the books back on the shelves — in order — at their new quarters in Delaware Plaza, two doors down from The Paper Mill. The move means more space for the book store, including all-important office space, and it also means an expansion of their magazine section and a move into newspaper sales, Aikey said. There also will be more room for

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books that represent a particular interest for Aikey — antiquarian volumes, especially those about the Civil War.

The move means that when things settle down, the book store will be open more hours, Aikey said, following the pattern of most stores in the mall. More immediately, however, Aikey commented when he was caught in the throes of moving: "It'll take us a month to sort through all this."

The first book store in Delmar, Lincoln Hill Books had been at the corner of Normanskill Blvd. and Delaware Ave. for four years.



Stephen P. Malinowski

Named vice president

Delmar resident Stephen P. Malinowski has been named assistant vice president at Manufacturers Hanover, N.A., Latham. Malinowski joined the bank in October of 1983 and served as a corporate loan officer in the commercial loan department.

The assistant vice president earned a bachelors degree in finance at Siena College and a masters degree in business administrative at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Medal for scholar

Joan Mary Hartigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hartigan of Delmar, has been awarded the Bishop David F. Cunningham Medal in junior liberal arts, presented annually at Le Moyne College in Syracuse. She is a senior, majoring in English.



Congressman Sam Stratton and Jerry Solomon congratulate Diane Crutcher, left, executive director of the National Down's Syndrome Congress, for having declared October National Down's Syndrome Month. Madeline Harwood, chairman of the Vermont Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and Timothy O'Brien of Delmar look on.

Chamber breakfasts

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold a breakfast and membership meeting at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Normanside Country Club in Elsmere. Members are encouraged to attend and bring a prospective member. Non-members are being invited to this recruiting day by mail and personal invitation. A list of prospective members will be available at the breakfast.

Reservations for member and guests must be made no later than Monday, Oct. 22. For information call the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce at 439-0512.

Picotte in merger

Picotte Realty USA and Blake Realty, Inc. have announced their merger to become Picotte Realty USA for residential sales and Picotte Blake Real Estate for commercial sales in Albany County. The merger makes Picotte Realty USA part of the largest real estate firm in the Capital District, according to John Picotte, president of Picotte Real Estate, Inc., and Jeffrey Christianna, president of Blake Realty, Inc.

Picotte Realty USA will continue to operate a residential office at 205 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Gun taken from car

A shotgun valued at \$350 was stolen from a car parked on Pine St. in North Bethlehem last Tuesday, according to Bethlehem police reports. The theft occurred between 10 and 11 p.m., the report said.

Gas station remodeled

The old Mobil Station on Kenwood Ave. in Slingerlands is being remodeled as a small office building, according to Bethlehem Building Inspector John Flanagan.

The long-vacant structure was purchased recently by builder Brian Parenteau and will contain two offices. No additions to the building are planned, Flanagan said, and the builder has presented landscaping plans as well.

Under current town laws, the remodeling required no review by the Bethlehem Planning Board because the structure is not being enlarged.

Investments discussed

William Sack, investment professional and manager of Shearson Lehman-American Express in Albany, will talk about general investment topics at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Interested members of the community are invited to attend.

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Baseball historians may remember 1984 as the Year of the Statistics Explosion. If America has moved another step closer to the ultimate megapolis — an unbroken strip city from Portland to Miami — her national pastime has taken a giant step toward the ultimate in statistical strangulation, when the sheer ecstasy of the numbers threatens to transcend the game itself.

We saw this coming in the 1982 championship playoffs. It took firmer root in the 1983 Game of the Week, and in 1984 emerging as a triumph of videographics wherever baseball is televised.

Next to the beauty of the stolen base, the double play, the diving catch, the long throw to the plate and the tape-measure home run, nothing is dearer to the heart of the baseball addict than the statistic. A schoolboy growing up in the Thirties, undistracted by the pace and scope of today's society, revered the weekly tables of batting averages and pitching records with biblical fervor. There wasn't a guy on our block who couldn't tell you what Bill Terry was hitting, Dizzy Dean's strike-out total, how close Jimmy Foxx was to Ruth's home run record, and who was second to the Philadelphia Athletics in leading the league in double plays.

Now there is new excitement as each batter steps into the eye of

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the TV camera as he approaches the plate. We get his ID, along with "Leads NL Second Basemen in Grounding into Double Plays Since the All-Star Break" or "Has Struck Out Fewest Times of AL Left-Handed Hitters in Extra-Inning Games With Runners in Scoring Position."

The potential of this mathematical phenomenon, if permitted to expand, has no foreseeable horizon. Think of what might come in 1985 and beyond as the rest of the world moves deeper into the Space Age. The prospects paralyze the mind. Imagine the joy of seeing such graphics as:

- Leads NL East in Drawing Pickoff Throws on 2-2 Count With Team Trailing by One Run.
- Has Had Fewest Third-Strike Appeal Calls in Night Games, AL West.
- Holds Cardinals Record for Middle-Inning Relief Appearances Without Decision.
- Is Within One of New NL Record for Left-Handed Batters Flying Out to Right Field Most Consecutive Times With Bases Full and Two Out.
- Holds AL East Record for Bunting on First Pitch With Bases

Empty, Month of August.

Somewhere behind those network cameras must lurk an army of researchers and statisticians who track all these things. ABC achieved new and glorious heights during the league playoffs this month, and it was somewhat of a letdown to discover in the World Series that NBC was sticking to just the significant statistics, more or less. Is NBC less vigilant?

For a while in Game 2 I wondered whether either team was near the team or league record for Consecutive Innings Without a Two-Handed Catch by an Outfielder, nor did I know what the record was or who held it. But I felt a lot better when, in a late inning, along came a graphic with Tony Gwynn: "Hit .411 with Wiggins on Base." But I never found out what Lemon was hitting with Parrish on base, or anyone else for that matter.

In the nether reaches of my alleged mind I get the feeling that perhaps pro football started all this. I can't recall being told 10 years ago that the Giants were only 6-for-14 in converting fourth-down 3rd-and-7's inside the opponent's 18-yard line while trailing by one or less touchdowns, but I do remember enjoying those long-ago Sunday telecasts in what I now realize was ignorance.

But football, addictive as it is, can't touch baseball when it comes

to statistical opportunities. Even with the zeal of network TV's computerized resourcefulness, there is a suspicion that we have hardly scratched the surface. Look what's available to blend into statistics — ball-strike counts, number of outs, nine or more innings, four bases, runs, hits, errors, putouts, assists, steals and caught-stealings, pickoffs, flies, grounders, right-center-and-left, home-away, night-day, grass or carpets, starters, relievers, pinch hitters, months and seasons, youngest-oldest. The combinations are only slightly less restrictive than the dimensions of the solar system. All we need is more people like those who traced Tony Gwynn's at-bats for 160-odd games to see what happened when Wiggins was on.

No wonder today's teenager is more versatile and more intellectually resourceful than we were back in the Thirties. All we had to carry in our heads those Depression summers was how many games Lefty Grove won in 1930, what Pie Trainor and Lefty O'Doul were hitting this week (plus the regulars on a mere 14 major-league rosters, not counting the Phillies and Browns), plus a couple of dozen (i.e. basic)

pitching statistics for 20 or 30 established starters.

A pipe compared to the demands of the mid-Eighties. If we had to deal with Game-Winning RBI's on Two-Strike Counts or recognize the First Player Since Musial to Hit Into 100 Double Plays, Bat Over .300 and Hit 15 Opposite-Field Three-Run Homers in Three Consecutive Seasons, we might have been forced to develop a PC before IBM did.

And with artificial turf and the American League playing 10-man baseball, it's tough for us old-timers to keep up. We don't want to be embarrassed for not knowing who leads the NL West in Sacrifice Flies While Batting Fourth Since the All-Star Break.

Craft and service fair

A craft and service fair will be held at the First United Methodist Church, of Delmar, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20. Everyone is encouraged to donate craft items or a service for sale at the fair. Consumers are also needed to make a contribution to the church.

Items such as crafts baked goods, books and plants will be available along with services such as lawn mowing, lawn raking, auto repair, hair cutting and mending. One can attend the sale as a buyer, seller or both. Registration forms are available at the church office.



Jennifer Bowen, center, and her mother, Eleanor Bowen, both of Glenmont, watch as Margaret Thompson, an election inspector, plows through

paperwork at voter registration at Bethlehem Town Hall.

Tom Howes

Claims second victim

Margaret Watson, 41, of Coeymans Hollow, injured Oct. 3 in an accident that claimed the life of Sandra Chalk, 42, of Ravena, died last Wednesday at Albany Medical Center Hospital. The accident occurred on Rt. 144 near Wheeler Rd. when Chalk swerved the pickup truck she was driving to avoid a disabled vehicle beside the road, Bethlehem police said, and the pickup went out of control and hit a tree.

Tire blowout blamed

A car that was northbound on Elsmere Ave. near Bender Lane Friday morning skidded across a lawn and hit a car parked in a nearby driveway after a rear tire blew out, according to Bethlehem police reports. The disabled vehicle came to rest against the house in the 7 a.m. accident, the report said. The young Glenmont driver and his passenger reported no injuries, police said. The youth was charged with failing to reduce speed on a curve.

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Showdown ahead

An even break in three games — one win, one loss and a tie — last week clinched a berth in the Sectionals for Bethlehem Central's boys' soccer team, but the championship of the Gold Division was still up for grabs as of the weekend.

Bethlehem's surprising team, carrying a 7-3-1 record into the showdown week with Niskayuna and Burnt Hills, will have a lot to say about that crown. They were booked for a trip to first-place Niskayuna yesterday (Tuesday), and will entertain Burnt Hills in Delmar Thursday at 3:45 p.m. On Monday morning the Gold Division standings had the Niskies on top with 9-1, Guilderland close behind at 8-2, Bethlehem in third at 7-3-1 and Burnt Hills fourth with 7-3. The Spartans, however, have the league's best defensive record, yielding only seven goals in 10 games.

It was Gene Lewis's Eagles, however, who pulled off the best defensive performance of the season by holding Shenendehowa to a scoreless tie. The Plainsmen, defending Suburban Council and Sectional champions leading the Blue Division with 8-1-1, had not been shut out all year until they came to Delmar for the Homecoming attraction.

"We played a beautiful game," Lewis enthused. "The game was very even. They (Shenendehowa) had 20 shots on goal and we had 17. We had 10 saves to their nine."

The Eagles got several good breaks as the speedy Plainsmen launched three shots that hit the posts, but the breaks went against them late in the game when Toby

Soccer

Dunmore came in on the cage and eased the ball over to Damon Woo only to have the keeper come up with a fine save and Bethlehem missing the rebound opportunity.

Earlier in the week the Eagles edged Scotia, 2-1, and dropped a 3-1 decision at Guilderland. Peter Blaustein, junior left wing, and Mat Dunmore, junior center halfback, scored at Scotia. Bobby Keens, senior right half, got an assist on the first goal, and Toby Dunmore, sophomore center forward, set up his brother on the winner. Scotia scored with 13 minutes left on a high shot over the head of BC goalie Aaron Halsdorf.

At Guilderland the Dutchmen gained revenge for BC's 2-0 shocker in their first meeting. It was 1-0 most of the first half until the game's lone referee called a penalty on the Eagles two seconds before intermission. The shot was good, and the Dutchmen put the game out of reach with a goal 10 minutes into the second half. Lewis cleared his bench after that, and the second string averted a shutout on a shot by Mayank Parackh on a feed from Peter Nelson a minute before the end.

Runathon at BC track

The Bethlehem Athletic Association is sponsoring a runathon on Sunday, Oct. 28, at the high school track from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students in the district will



Bethlehem Central's Damon Woo (10) battles a Shenendehowa defender for a header in Suburban Council soccer Saturday in Delmar. The Eagles held the Blue Division leaders to a scoreless tie in overtime.

Tom Howes

be soliciting pledges to support this effort.

One-half of the money raised by each student will be given to the club or school of his choice. The other half of the funds will be used

to support the high school athletic programs. This year the association hopes to purchase a multi-use public system, team benches, trophy cases and a permanent softball backstop.

Key play bobbles hurt BC

Everything was great except the final score in front of the largest and most vocal crowd to witness a football game at Bethlehem Central since the "good old days" . . . beautiful weather, festive spirit, Homecoming reunions of old friends, and the colorful spectacle of bands, cheerleaders and black-and-orange haberdashery.

Guilderland won the game, 13-12, and the only two teams in the Suburban Council that had not won a game this season put on a good show if not an artistic one. There were a lot of good plays among the bad ones, and if it weren't for a couple of bobbles at key times, the end result might have been happier.

"It was a disappointing loss for us," said BC Coach John Sodergren. "We had our chances, we moved the ball more consistently than they did, but a couple of big plays at critical times really hurt us."

Those key plays did hurt. A long pass set up the first Guilderland touchdown, and a mis-handled punt — BC's only turnover of the game — gave the Dutchmen the ball on the 20 and opened the door to the winning points.

Bethlehem's best offensive show of the year was tarnished by those little things that become big things. A field goal attempt from the 12 that was just wide to the

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Landmark in X-C

By Damon Woo

For the first time in 12 years, the Bethlehem boys cross country team defeated Columbia, 28-31. The victory left the team a good chance of finishing .500, breaking a series of disappointing seasons.

With victories over Scotia and Mohonasen and losses to Guilderland and Colonie, the team's record is four wins and four losses. The team went against Shenende-

howa and Shaker in its last Suburban Council meet yesterday (Tuesday).

Coach John Nyilis was disappointed by the losses to Guilderland and Colonie. Injuries to several key runners cost the Eagles precious points in both contests. "Between my boys and girls team, this is the worst year I've had in terms of injuries in my 20 years of coaching," he observed.

RCS kickers still hopeful

Coach Ron Racey of the RCS boys soccer team is still optimistic about this season's finish despite three losses this week. There is a close race for third place in the Colonial Council and Racey believes that Ravena can upset the other contenders with a few wins in the upcoming two weeks.

Last Tuesday Cohoes defeated the Indians, 4-2. Tomaz Jablonski and Benny Stillwell had one

goal each on passes from Joey Rotello. The following day Albany Academy was victorious over the boys in an 8-0 romp. To end the week Voorheesville beat RCS 3-0. With two more games this week against Watervliet and Lansingburgh on Monday and Wednesday, the team has an opportunity to improve on its overall record of 0-9-1.

Kevin Hommel

Spotlight SPORTS

Off to slow start

By Dan Tidd

Here, Cobleskill, you take the ball, I don't want it. Why, Ravena, you take the ball, we don't want it.

That's how things went in Ravena's 13-6 come-from-behind win over Cobleskill Saturday at Ravena in a non-league football game. Both teams fumbled and kicked the ball around for over three quarters before getting things in control. As Ravena Coach Gary VanDerzee put it bluntly, "We just played downright terrible, and if we expect to beat Watervliet next week we have a lot of hard work ahead of us."

VanDerzee was referring to this week's showdown with the physical Cannoneers at Ravena. But let's talk about this one first.

The first half was just a rash of team and mental mistakes by both teams. Ravena defensive back Bill Phillips intercepted a pass at the Ravena 45-yard line, but two minutes later Ravena returned the favor by fumbling the ball away on its own 43-yard line. After three consecutive offside calls on the Indians, Cobleskill was quickly on the Ravena 23-yard line, but three plays later the Indian defense dug in and stopped the drive on the 20.

On the first play of the second quarter, Ravena quarterback

Doug Keyer fumbled an option pitchout on his own 18 and Cobleskill once again was sitting pretty. Again the Ravena defense rose to the occasion, this time defensive tackle Chris Carroll sliced through the Cobleskill line and stole the ball from the quarterback on a handoff on third and 8.

After two short gains by fullback Steve Boxley, Keyer fired a strike over the middle to tight end DeKovan Bowie. Bowie rumbled into Cobleskill territory before he fumbled the ball away on the 43.

Late in the third quarter Ravena again fumbled, and two minutes later Cobleskill halfback Darren Janakis took a pitch from Bill Pacatte and scooted in from the 15 to make it 6-0. The extra point was blocked.

In the final quarter the Indians went right to their ground game with Boxley and Bob Baranska but to little avail. They finally got the break they were looking for when Keyer boomed a 55-yard punt that rolled dead at the Cobleskill 5. The Ravena defense forced a punt deep in Cobleskill territory and the Indians took over from their own 47. Two plays later Keyer scrambled out of trouble, rolled right and fired 40 yards to a wide-open split-end Kevin Hoffman in the end zone. Keyer then drilled the extra point, putting the Indians on top, 7-6, with 7 minutes remaining.

After a long kickoff by Keyer the Ravena defense came up with the biggest play of the game. Keyer knocked the ball loose from the fullback Summers and recovered on the 17. Baranska and Boxley ran the ball to the 3, and Gre Kennah plunged in and made 13-6. The two-point conversion failed, but the Indians held on to win it.

Keyer finished with 5 for 11 and 80 yards in the air, with one touchdown and 3 interceptions. Hoffman had 3 catches for 4 yards and a TD. Baranska carried 12 times for 43 yards. Chris Carroll on defense had 9 tackles and 4 sacks and Matt Rodd and Kennah had eight tackles each. Ravena goes to 3-2 overall and 1 in Capital Conference play. The Indians host co-leader Watervliet this Saturday at 1:30.

Babe Ruth registration

Registration sessions for 1985 season of Bethlehem Babe Ruth will be conducted from 7 p.m. on Oct. 17 and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 20 at Bethlehem Town Hall. Players born between Aug. 1, 1969 and July 31, 1972 eligible. All new and returning players must register at this time.

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BC hurt

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right, a fumbled snap on the extra-point kick that would have made it 7-7 at the half, and the two-point try near the end that was barely short of the goal line made the difference between winning and losing.

But the Eagles pulled off a couple of big plays of their own. In the second period, trailing 7-0 but buoyed by a good march that ended with the missed field goal, the Eagles took a punt near midfield and scored in two plays: Steve Mendel, the southpaw quarterback having his best day, fired a pretty strike to Jeff Masline on the left side for a first down on the Guilderland 7. On the next play Mendel threw to Brian McGuinness on a timing pattern to the right side. McGuinness and the defender went up together in the end zone, but the Eagle wrestled the ball from the Dutchman and it was 7-6. That's when the kick didn't get off on the snap.

It was 13-6 early in the fourth when the Eagles uncorked another big play that set up a touchdown. This time it was a halfback pass, Masline to McGuinness, good for 33 yards. Darrin DeRosia scored the touchdown on a 4-yard burst across the line. At 13-12 the Eagles opted to go for the win instead of the tie, and the pass missed on the goal line.

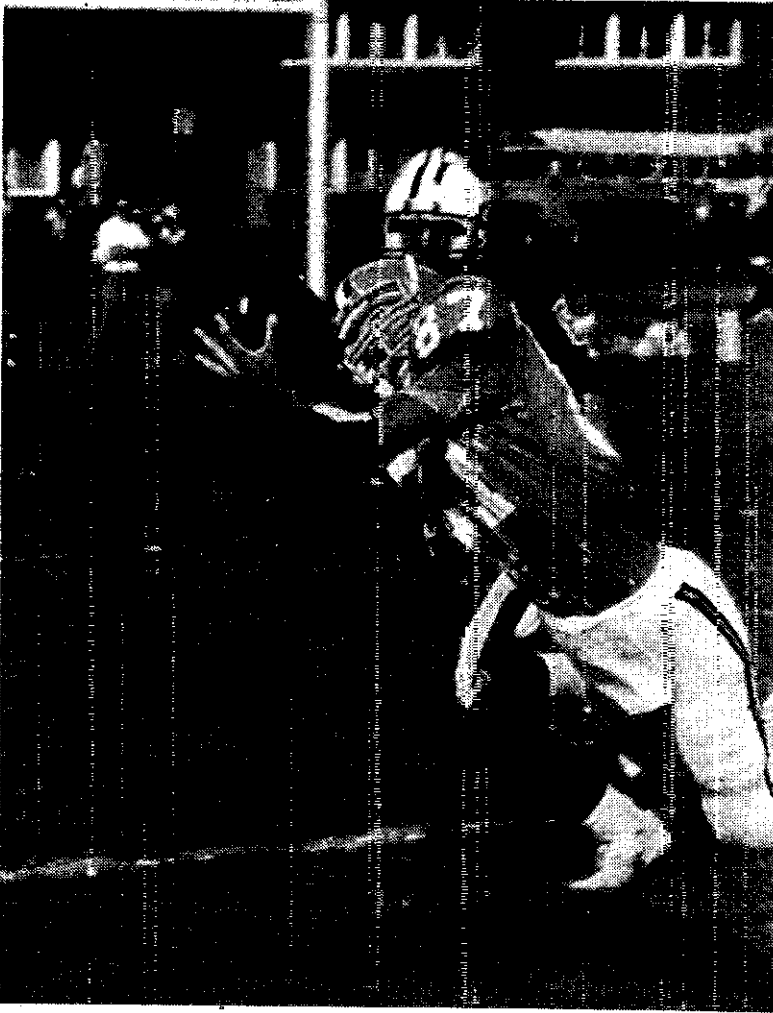
Mendel threw for 129 yards and one TD with no interceptions. He completed 11 of 19, and several others were catchable. Mike Cole had four receptions for 65 yards and McGuinness 4 for 57 and a touchdown. Adding Masline's long pass and 97 yards rushing, 56 net by Masline, the offense came to 260 yards overall. The tackling was improved, and the secondary, so porous at Saratoga, looked a lot better, led by the two cornerbacks, DeRosia and Ed Perry, who shared the post-game citation for defensive backs.

Other orchids in the coaches' Sunday film reviews went to Mendel and Rick Bailey as the offensive back and lineman respectively, and Steve Tedder as the defensive lineman of the week. Tedder led the team in tackling points, blocked a punt, recovered a fumble and had a quarterback sack, a fair day's labor.

The coaches elected Joe Diacetic bench player of the week and gave the specialist award to Mike Clarke. The Player-of-the-Game plum was shared by Tedder and DeRosia.

This week it's Shaker, another longtime rival that is also struggling in the Council with only one win in five outings. After that come Scotia and the league's two bona-fide powerhouses, Shenendehowa and Burnt Hills.

Nat Boynton



BC's Brian McGuinness (87) made several key receptions against Guilderland, including this catch good for a 15-yard pickup deep in enemy territory. The Eagles won the day but lost the game, 13-12.

Tom Howes

Keenan beats own best

Dale Keenan of South Bethlehem lowered his own record in winning the second annual Mohawk-Hudson River Marathon, covering the course from Schenectady's Central Park to downtown Albany in 2:20.59. He won the first running of the event last October in 2:22.16. This time he hit the tape 14 minutes ahead of the second-place finisher.

Nick Sbuttoni of Delmar finished eighth in the field of 220.

Patricia Remmers of Slingerlands was third in the women's race with a clocking of 3:23.26.

Norm and Ann Drapeau of Delmar pulled off a double victory in Saturday's 10-kilometer Clifton Park Stampede. Norm won the men's 50-59 age-division race in 38:59 and Ann the women's 40-49. Ann Drapeau's clocking of 43:16 was good for fourth place among the women over the 10K course.

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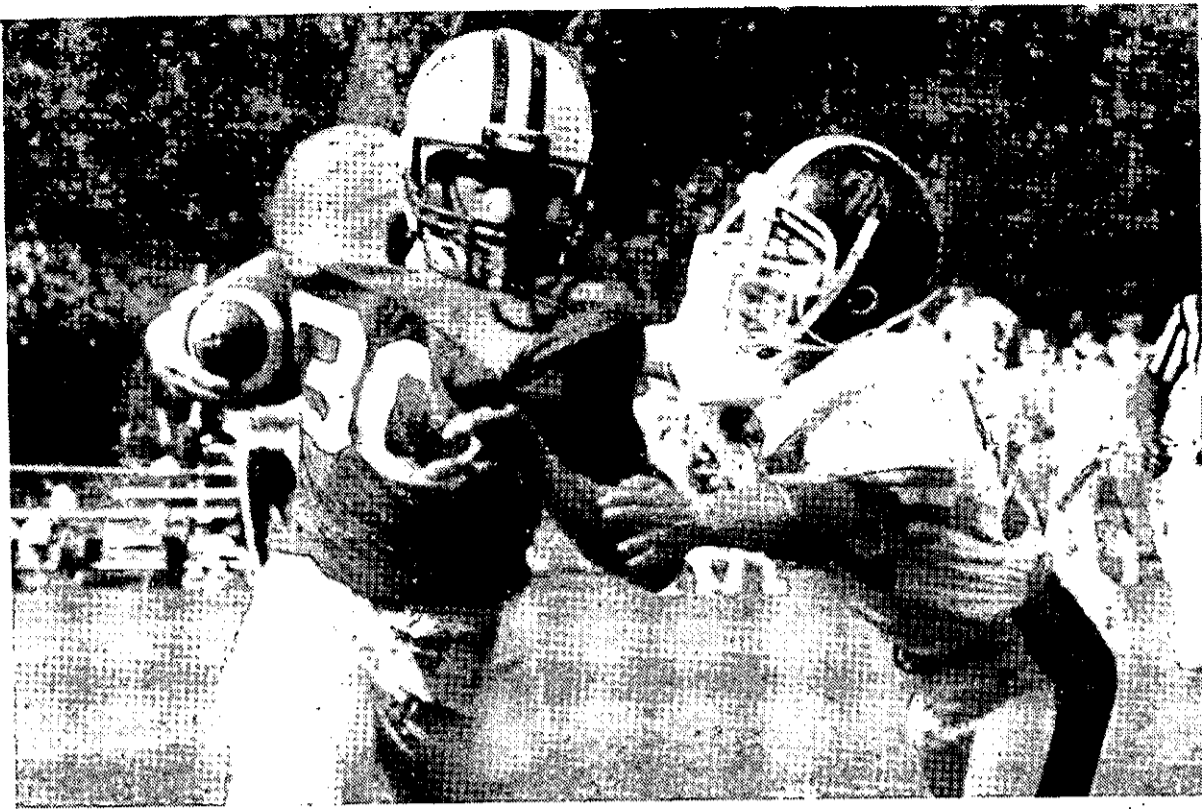
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Ed Mitzen, Voorheesville running back, got 10 yards on this sweep to the right side in the Blackbirds' easy win over Mohonasen Saturday. The

play carried to the 5-yard line and set up the second touchdown. Tom Howes

Eagle girls show pool power

By Damon Woo

The Bethlehem girls swim team took a major step toward capturing the league title by defeating previously unbeaten Burnt Hills, defending Sectional champions and BC's fiercest competition. The powerful Eagles won by 52-31.

En route to the victory, Bethlehem captured eight of 11 events and broke two records. The Eagles, led by Lynn Schultz, Sue Mallery and Lynn Apicelli, wasted no time in getting out to a quick start. Showing the fastest 200 medley relay team in the Section, BC won the first event in a pool record 1:57.74. The above three were joined by Sandi Blendell for the winning combination.

The other record was taken by Schultz in the 100 breaststroke. A

time of 1:11.49 gave her both the school and pool record.

Mallery and Apicelli were triple winners. Mallery captured the 50 free and 100 fly, while Apicelli took the 100 free and joined Blendell, Lisa Ogawa and Kris Mallery for a win the 400 free relay.

Other noteworthy performances came in the 500 free and the diving event. Kris Mallery won the 500 in an outstanding time of 5:32.76, a mere half second from the record. In the diving event, Melissa Martley led a 1-2 finish for the Eagles. Coach Buzz Jones pointed out that this is where the team lost points last year when the Spartans proved stronger.

Jones was happy with the girls' performance. "We're much stronger than I anticipated, but they'll

(referring to Burnt Hills) be tougher at Sectionals," he commented.

On Friday the team defeated Amsterdam-Fonda to improve their record to six wins and no losses. The Eagles have six more meets before the Section championships, starting with Niskayuna today (Wednesday). Jones said that the remainder of the season would be spent trying to get everyone to qualify for the Section meet.

Jones, who has been coach of the girls varsity for two years and coached the freshman boys team last winter, has accepted the position as boys varsity coach for the coming season. He replaces Jack Whipple, who resigned to take an administrative position in the Guelderland schools.

'Birds eye upset

Seniors on Voorheesville's football varsity are facing the possibility of completing four years of high school without seeing a victory over Albany Academy unless the Blackbirds can upset the visiting Cadets in the season's top attraction on Saturday.

The Cadets, always potent but not as fearsome as in past years, are bringing a 3-1-1 record to the Helderbergs, 2-0-1 in the Colonial Division. The Blackbirds, fresh from a 41-0 romp over hapless Mohonasen, are 3-2.

Academy has won two of the last three meetings with the Blackbirds. The rivals played to a 7-7 standoff in 1981.

Comparative scores mean next to nothing in scholastic football, hence Voorheesville Coach Tom Buckley is minimizing the fact that Academy narrowly survived Lansingburgh, a team the Blackbirds smothered, 34-6, with four touchdowns in the final period. Buckley attributed that to superior conditioning, meaning that all those wind sprints and calisthenics pay off.

It was hard to tell whether Voorheesville was much improved from recent lackluster performances, or whether the opposition made them look like the Forty Niners. They scored the first three times they had the ball, and the reserves played most of the second half.

"We looked much better," conceded Buckley over the weekend. "We did a lot of good things. The offensive line did an outstanding job. (Vince) Foley had a fine game running the option, and it was a good day for a number of our experienced players."

So quickly did the Blackbirds strike that Buckley was able to run in two sets of backs, some extra linemen and reserve receivers as early as the second quarter. When the regulars returned to perpe-

tuate another scoring drive to make it 28-0 in the third period Buckley was able to substitute several bench players at a time. Almost every regular except the quarterback got some relief, and as Buckley noted, "some kids had a chance to show they could play some football."

Bill Kelly, the junior fullback returned the opening kickoff 33 yards to midfield, and Voorheesville scored the first touchdown in nine plays. Foley threw 13 yards to Lee Kraus and 12 to Ed Mitzen for the score.

Moments later the Blackbird smothered a Mohonasen fumble on the visitors' 38. That time it took 10 plays, mostly by Kelly and an 18-yard aerial to Kraus. Kelly scored the TD, the first of three in a row by the rugged junior. He got his second on a 15-yard ramble to make it 21-0 at halftime. In the second half it was Kelly again. Mitzen on another TD pass from Foley, and a 47-yard return of an interception by Kevin Furlong, senior linebacker. Mitzen kicked four extra points and had one blocked.

Kelly wound up the exercise with 100 yards on 20 carries. Foley connected on 11 of 18 for 16 yards and two touchdowns without an interception. Kraus caught five passes for 78 yards, giving him 27 for the season, eight behind Mitzen's record of 35. Mitzen had four receptions for 49 yards and two scores, extending his school career record to 67.

On the defense there were heroes aplenty, among them Mark Gillenwalter, the junior nose tackle, with two sacks, Rick Kane with one sack and strong games by Bob Wilklow, defensive tackle, and Craig Applegate, a senior safety.

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Art Ritchko, right, was honored at halftime for a quarter century of coaching Bethlehem Central football teams before his retirement in 1978. Making the presentation was the incumbent head coach, John Sodergren. *Tom Howes*

Coach: Take risk

By Tania Stasiuk

In both games this week, Bethlehem's varsity field hockey team fought opponents into overtime and then into flickoffs. Although both games were lost in the flickoffs, Coach Jeannette Rice feels that her team has been the better in almost all of the games played.

Why, then, does the record read one win and 10 losses? Rice believes that the lady Eagles have a problem unique to field hockey teams: instead of staying aggressive until scoring, the team is satisfied with a turnover. She commented that the girls are "... not risking shots on goal once they make it there ... they must take that risk to win." This is proved each game when BC dominates for 45 or 50 of 60 minutes but only scores once, if at all.

Peggy Jeram and Tricia Weber are links with outstanding defensive moves and stickwork, and Emily Holsinger, the goalie, has "tremendous concentration," says Rice, but the defensive line has not been able to pick up enough of the slack to win games. Rice is especially pleased with Holsinger's

composure during flickoffs, where five opponents each take one turn shooting against the goalie one-on-one. Only four shots of 10 have made it past Emily in the past two games.

BC lost to Niskayuna last Wednesday during the flickoff, 3-2. Kathleen Schrempf and Roxanne Chin both scored on their attempts, but three Niskayuna players scored on theirs. Bethlehem lost to Columbia on Friday, 1-0, again during a flickoff. This week BC was scheduled to play Burnt Hills on Monday, and will match up against Saratoga today (Wednesday) at home at 3:45. On Friday BC will travel to Scotia for their final game of the season. The girls will not play in Sectionals this year because of their low scoring and record.

In JV action this week, BC lost to Niskayuna but beat Burnt Hills, 1-0. A goal scored by forward Carolina Westergren in the second half of the game and excellent defense by sweeper Wendy Memmott gave Bethlehem a well-deserved win.

Voorheesville basketball Pressure's on in search

By Nat Boynton

In Voorheesville, one of Section 2's perennial basketball hotbeds, many eyes are on the school administration as a search got underway for a new varsity hoop coach.

Basketball practice starts officially two weeks from Monday, which gives a coach about three weeks to prepare for the first combat in a 20-game schedule.

The quest for a new coach has picked up momentum since the Schenectady *Gazette* carried the news of Chuck Abba's decision to give up coaching this year. The Albany papers picked up the story a day later as shock and disappointment spread through the village and environs.

Abba has been more than the most successful basketball coach in Voorheesville's proud history; he is recognized as one of the top tutors of roundball in this part of the state. He took over an inconsistent hoop program three years ago and guided the Blackbirds to a 14-8 season. The memorable Cinderella season, 26-1, that carried the Blackbirds to the Final Four of the state Class C tournament.

Last year, with only one returning starter from that team, Voorheesville was 12-10.

Abba told the *Gazette* and the school administration that he had agonized for a long time over his decision to give up coaching in order to do some soul-searching at what might be a crossroad in his career. In addition to his success and stature in the coaching profession, he is a respected teacher of social studies on the Voorheesville faculty. In that capacity he was a popular choice last year as the school's Teacher-of-the-Year and was asked by the students to be their commencement speaker last June.

Abba's love affair with basketball took root in his school days Schenectady, and he went on to become the high scorer and inspirational leader of the Union College team. As a coach in Voorheesville, first with the JV, he was as much a fundamentalist as a strategist, putting in hours of drill time on set plays for specific situations and teaching the most disciplined defense in Section 2. If

such records were kept, researchers would find that the Blackbirds were called for the fewest personal fouls of any team in the precinct.

Blessed with a remarkable insight into the capabilities of his players, Abba installed the style of play best suited to the talent at hand. Unlike many coaches who teach basketball their own way, Abba adapted each year to the strengths and weaknesses of his players. At Voorheesville he never had a "big" man and rarely more than two 6-footers at a time, but he adjusted by installing disciplined offenses and shifting defenses that made it a delight to watch the Blackbirds work against towering centers and 6-4 forwards on opposing teams.

In reaching his decision, Abba said he needed time to do some thinking about where he was in his career as an educator, in what direction he was heading and in what direction he felt he should point. "During basketball season I get totally involved, and that leaves no time for anything else," he said.

Abba also said he was "extremely happy" in Voorheesville, and considers this district a fine

incubator of basketball spirit and support. He has made no decision as to future classroom teaching or whether he will pursue a career in a larger school system or in a different field.

Abba is the second top-level athletic coach in the Bethlehem-New Scotland area this year to take a sabbatical from coaching in favor of a shift in career direction. Bethlehem Central's Jack Whipple, the most successful swimming coach in Section 2 history, resigned last summer to take an administrative job in the Guilderland system as assistant principal of the high school. In so doing he bequeathed to his successor the longest winning streak by a varsity team in the annuals of New York State scholastic athletics, 115 wins without a loss dating back to 1977.

The search committee for Abba's successor is composed of Athletic Director Dave Cady, High School Principal Peter Griffin and Schools Superintendent Werner Berglas, subject to approval of the school board. Nov. 5 is the first day that qualified adults are permitted to supervise students bouncing basketballs on the gym floor with eyes on the hoop.

BC netters in Sectionals

The Sectional tournament for individual tennis players on scholastic teams gets underway today at Central Park, Schenectady, with at least one Bethlehem Central entrant having a shot at the crown jewels.

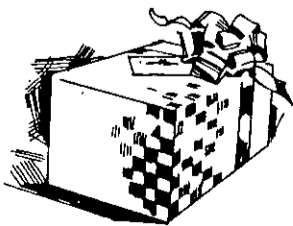
Jody Jones of Slingerlands, with more than five years of tournament experience, goes into the lengthy eliminations with a new notch in her gumbelt. The blonde BC freshman last week dealt the Suburban Council's premier player, Jennie Whalen of Saratoga Springs, her only loss of the season in the team Sectionals. The Eagles lost the match to the Suburban Council champions, 8-

1, but Jones won the No. 1 singles confrontation, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, in a see-saw battle. Jones was leading 5-2 in the first set, lost the set, then fought back to take the match.

Taking the courts with Jones today are two BC 11th graders on the varsity, Kim Burkhart and Lisa Tomlinson, in the singles, and three doubles teams. For two of the BC pairs it will be their final appearance in orange skirts, Carolyn Cross teaming with Barbara Hipp, and Libby Thomas with Joan Peyrebrune, all seniors. The other Eagle tandem will be around for quite a while - two of the Woodruff triplets, Colby and Kelly. Both are ninth graders.

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Ills hurt harriers

By Peter J. Fisch

With the Albany County championships coming up Friday, several question marks have arisen amidst the Voorheesville cross country corps. Playing a major role in the forming of these question marks has been an athlete's enemy — illness.

"We've yet to have everyone healthy," stated veteran coach Ken Kirik after his boys squad came in third at Saturday's Ballston Spa Invitational. Without the services of sophomore star Chuck Rogers, the Birds were missing that important punch. "We were missing Chuck because of illness. I feel we would've won if Chuck had been able to run," remarked Kirik.

Freshman Lenny Mertens and senior Adam Schiabe finished strong for the Blackbirds as did senior Vicki Ross. Ross crossed the line second to lead the girls squad to fifth place. "She ran a great race. She's bouncing back and I hope she can make the state meet this year as a senior," said Kirik. "Lenny and Adam ran well

and appear to be coming around."

One week earlier, the Birds placed third in a field of 15 teams at the Cobleskill Invitational meet. Rogers led VCHS with a fifth place finish, disappointing for him. Sickness hampered the sophomore and kept him from beating runners he had defeated prior to the meet. Mertens finished ninth with Schiabe 10 seconds behind in 11th. "We ran one of our better races but still didn't run up to par," reported Kirik. "It was frustrating. If anyone ran a little better, we would have won." Ross led the girls from VC with a 29th place finish in a field of 115.

Rogers broke away from the pack to win the Grout Invitational, but that wasn't enough as Mertens and Schiabe reported ill. The boys managed a third-place finish as the girls placed seventh with Ross finishing well. "The girls did well against a lot of tough schools," noted Kirik.

Thus far into the season, the boys have compiled a 4-0 league record, 7-1 overall. On the year, the girls are 3-5 with a 2-2 league



Kevin Riegle carried the ball for a Bethlehem Hawks touchdown on this play with help from a block by Brian VanAernem in Pop Warner football action Sunday.

mark. "I really haven't been able to tell how good the girls are because they haven't been sound," theorized Kirik. "The girls should improve in these last few weeks."

For now, the Birds have to set their sights on the Albany County Championships at SUNY Friday. "CBA will be the team to beat," projected Kirik. "We're as good as everybody else." After a fourth-place standing last year, Kirik is optimistic. "We could worry CBA a little bit if we run up to par." Next Tuesday, Voorheesville hopes to capture the Colonial Council meet title at Saratoga State Park.

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Hawks tack on another

The Junior Midget Hawks continued their winning ways in Pop Warner football by crushing Cairo, 25-7. Touchdowns were scored by David Sodergren, Boe Acquario, Craig Weinert and Kevin Riegle. The lone extra point was made by Brian VanAernem. Brooks Tarbell had an excellent up-the-middle tackle in the fourth quarter. Offensive coach Fred Minnear praised the offensive play of Chris Wood, right guard, and Chris Thornton, right tackle.

The PeeWee Falcons turned in their highest score of the season in a 40-28 loss at South Troy. The Falcons came alive in the second half, scoring all their touchdowns. Scott Fish made two touchdowns and two extra points. The remaining two were scored from a 35-yard run by Josh Connell and a 40-yard bullet to Sean McNerney. Michael Pratt had a fumble recovery with a 25-yard runback.

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Time to plan is now

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like an opportunity to respond to Mr. Hemstead's letter in the Oct. 10 issue of *The Spotlight*.

I read Mr. Hemstead's letter and could not believe how naive he is. The town planners have finally done what master planners should have done 30 years ago. The state Department of Transportation tried 20 years ago but their plans were devastating. The plan they proposed a few years ago to widen New Scotland Rd. was no better. It was most unfortunate that the DOT officials 20 years ago allowed their pride to get in the way of sound long-range planning regarding bypass roads around our community.

Mr. Hemstead, you speak of the peace and tranquility of Fisher Blvd. as if all the rest of the undeveloped land west and south of the Tri-Village area is going to remain "forever wild." We have already seen residential streets turned into inadequate major thoroughfares — i.e., Cherry Ave. and Elm Ave. The traffic problems on Delaware Ave. are of such concern as to be the focal point of the recent task force.

My husband and I have lived on Mayfair Dr. for over eight years. I have seen the traffic steadily increase during the morning rush to the point that some long-range planning is needed NOW. To enter New Scotland Rd. in an easterly direction from our street at certain times becomes a life-threatening calculated risk. I often have had to test my car's maximum acceleration rate as a speeding driver suddenly appears on my tailgate. It's a delightful thrill when it's an empty molasses truck rolling down out of the hills.

You talk about decreasing

property values. What do you think is going to happen in a few decades when the traffic is bumper to bumper crawling at a snail's pace on New Scotland Rd.? And when the NYS DOT steps in to make a long-overdue decision? The cost of extending the Delmar Bypass will be staggering and the upheaval caused by extending a limited access road through exclusive housing areas will do a real negative job on property values. The residents should not kid themselves: the open land that abound around Delmar and Slingerlands WILL eventually be developed. We live adjacent to some of the last large areas of desirable land in Albany County.

I would rather see the street of Delmar and Slingerlands return to local traffic use only and allow those who need to travel from one side of our town to the other to do so on roads designed to accommodate that traffic.

Oh yes, Mr. Hemstead, you should be grateful that the hapless truck driver hit the Slingerlands RR underpass at 8 p.m., not at 8 a.m., or you could have gotten a realistic picture of what commuter traffic will be like in a couple of decades.

Slingerlands

Ann Rymski

Singles group forms

A singles group has been formed at St. Thomas Church in Delmar. The group meets on the third Saturday of the month for a social evening at a members home or a night out "on the town." On Oct. 20 the group will meet at the home of Cheryl Karam in Slingerlands for a costume party. Anyone — male or female — who is single, divorced or separated is encouraged to attend. For information call 439-1229.

Nation in torment: a first-hand view

By Richard M. White

I recently had an opportunity to view first-hand the tiny, troubled nation of Nicaragua. On Sept. 25, armed with a student's knowledge of history and culture of Central America and deep concern for its people, I left Miami International Airport with a small group. I wanted to see the peoples' faces, hear their voices and listen to their views on the plight of their country, and learn of their objectives to combat their problems and build for a future.

But to understand their future, one must know their past. Before the July 19, 1979, overthrow, there was only government by Somozas, father and son dictators. Each headed the brutal and repressive National Guard that protected their tight grip on the nation's resources and people. But the real revolution did not begin on this date. It began on Feb. 21, 1934, when peasant leader Augusto Cesar Sandino was executed by the National Guard commander Anastasio Somoza Garcia. It is from this peasant cowboy's name that the word Sandinista is derived. Thus today's Nicaraguan government is the fruit of a struggle that took place many years before.

Nicaragua, sandwiched between Honduras and Costa Rica, is largely an agricultural nation, depending mainly on foreign consumption of their cattle, cotton, sugar coffee and tobacco exports. This rural nation of three million inhabitants subsists mainly on beans, maize, beef and rice. Internally it is a country stricken with serious economic and political ailments, revealed to me in shocking but realistic veins.

Our first visit was with Dr. Julio Zapata, an official with the Ministry of Health. He explained that prior to 1979, few, if any, medical facilities were available, especially in the countryside. Now however, with the help of doctors from Europe and the Caribbean, health posts have been established on a progressive level of treatment. If a patient cannot be treated at the health posts, he is sent to better equipped facilities. Prior to this system, there was virtually no care for the poor. People in medical need either died or were left maimed. Life expectancy was 50 years in 1973, in 1983 with this system it was 57 years. Though it appears comprehensive, supplies and personnel are still lacking.

In Matagalpa, a small city in the coffee-growing highlands, we met with Governor Diogenes Martinez Arauz. His jurisdiction includes 50 miles of border area

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with Honduras, an area frequently infiltrated by U.S. supported guerillas on search and destroy missions. The governor related accounts of random attacks by the guerillas on peasants, health center, farms and private businesses. Such attacks were major setbacks for a people with few resources to build at all.

As the meeting progressed, the governor was slipped a note by an aide. It read; "50 mothers attacked on way to visit sons in military . . . 9 dead . . . 21 wounded." The attack took place just north of the city the night before.

Later in the day, we visited a hospital, also in Matagalpa. In the emergency room were an estimated 20 patients, most lying in obvious pain on make-shift beds. One young man had a gaping hole in his stomach barely covered by blood-soaked bandages that proved 'delight to the hovering flies. The relief granted by pain-killers was but a wish. The medical equipment outdated, usually broken, or barely operative. The hospital's sole x-ray machine worked at half-capacity for lack of parts, which could not be obtained from its U.S. manufacturer. To me, seeing such conditions was very upsetting. This was not a hospital but a living hell for the many who were sure to die here.

I met with officials from labor, opposition groups, party representatives. Each of them asked that I bring back this message: "tell your people that all we want is to work in peace. We are trying to develop our nation but the U.S.-backed aggression won't let us."

Many would think that Nicaraguans would harbor ill-feeling to the U.S., but that is not the case; even after a long history of our intervention in this country. They have a great and deeply held respect for the American people, whose own destiny was born out of revolution. However, most Nicaraguans do not hold this present administration in high esteem. They feel that those in the White House are trying to take their revolution from them — the revolution that for the first time in Nicaraguan history gave them self-determination.

Reflecting back, two occurrences will remain forever vivid: first, as I landed in Nicaragua I was approached by a young child, not seeking money (as I expected), but asking instead for pens and paper to use at school. I heard this



A typical Nicaraguan family in an agricultural area.

request from other children during my stay. The second was a message that Dr. Rene Cruz of the Ministry of Labor asked me to take home: "tell your people what you saw in Nicaragua, good or bad, tell them the truth." I have kept my word as an individual, for the truth is that there is much pain and suffering in Nicaragua that we can help ease. Yet, the tragedy that we as a nation are doing very little to help.

The author is a Delmar resident and an administrative aide to state Assemblyman John C. Dearie. The trip included three state legislators and interested staff. It was not state-sponsored or related.

BIRTHS



Out of Town

Girl, Emily Potter, to Gretchen and Joseph Meeks of Lunenburg, Mass., Sept. 18. Deborah and Robert Waugh of Elsmere at maternal grandparents.

Albany Medical Center Hospital

Boy, Gregory Alan, to Cath and Jon Pankow of Slingerland, Aug. 29.

Girl, Ashley Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Acosta, Slingerland, Aug. 29.

Girl, Tera Elizabeth, to Fan and Robert Weddell, Selkirk, Sept. 10.

Boy, Paul Anders, to Chris and David Rittner, Voorheesville, Sept. 13.

Girl, Karla Antoinette, to Bernie and Alta Schallehn, Voorheesville, Sept. 14.

Boy, Gered Michael, to Ken and Joseph Burns, Delmar, Sept. 14.

Boy, Jon Michael, to Daw and Richard Dolan, Delmar, Sept. 15.

Boy, James William, to Joan and Bruce Susser, Selkirk, Sept. 17.

Boy, Clifford William, to Kathleen and Walter Eck, Jr., Delmar, Sept. 25.

Girl, Allison Dorothy, to Patricia Collanan and Edward Carloni, Glenmont, Sept. 27.

Boy, Stefan Matthew, to Laurie and Raymond Kidalowski, Glenmont, Sept. 27.

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Richard White of Delmar poses with young Nicaraguan volunteers in the military.

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Melanie Miller is bride

Melanie Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Miller of Feura Bush, and Chris Frueh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Frueh of Feura Bush, were married Aug. 11 in Bethlehem Community Church, Delmar.

Suzanne Miller was maid of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Heather Frueh, sister of the groom; Wendy Trenchard, cousin of the bride; Lisa Deleskiewicz and Stephanie Francois. Theresa Wilkinson, a cousin of the bride, was flower girl. Louis Dicarolo served as best man, and ushers were Marc Micare, cousin of the

groom; Brian Snyder, Aaron Goldstein and Gordon Miller, Jr., brother of the bride. David Frueh was ring bearer for his brother.

The bride, a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, is a student at Hudson Valley Community College, Troy. The groom, also a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School is employed by Peter K. Frueh, Inc.

After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple will reside in Selkirk.

SENIOR CITIZENS



The Bethlehem senior citizens organization is sponsoring a trip to the Capital Repertory Theater on Nov. 18, for a performance of "The Dining Room." The bus will depart at 1:30 p.m. from the town's municipal parking lot on Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

After the performance, the theater-goers will travel to Vee-der's Restaurant for dinner. Signups must be made in advance and additional information is available from Ann Reardon at senior citizen organization meetings, held from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Capital Rep describes the play as a "charming and nostalgic comedy, which pays tribute to the values, morals and customs of a vanishing breed. Through a series of wildly funny and poignant scenes, The Dining Room celebrates 50 years of American resiliency, endurance and pluck."

Receives scholarship

Brian Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Wagner of Delmar, has been awarded a full tuition scholarship to attend the State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse. Wagner received the scholarship from the Syracuse Pulp and Paper Foundation.

Married in Plattsburgh

Donna Ann Knef, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Knef of Plattsburgh, and Ensign Stephen Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Richards of Voorheesville, were married June 10 in St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh.

Leigh Edwards was maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Laura Knef, sister of the bride; Eliza Richards, sister of the groom, and Renee Hatch. Chris Brayden served as best man. Peter Richards, brother of the bridegroom; Joseph Cillis and Steve Heineman were ushers.

The bride graduated from Mount Assumption Institute in Plattsburgh and from Albany Business College. She is a medical secretary. The bridegroom, a graduate of Voorheesville High

School and St. Lawrence University in Canton, is stationed with the Navy at Corpus Christi, Tex.

Chris Wall wed

Lyn Sack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Sack of Croton and Christopher J. Wall, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Wall of Delmar, were married June 24 at Tappan Hill, Tarrytown.

The bride is a graduate of Croton-Harmon High School, Cornell University and State University at Albany. She is employed as an assistant manager by Palais Royal in Houston, Tex. The groom graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is a salesman for Quality Beverages of Houston, Tex.

Gail M. Drinkard, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Lucy Wall, sister of the bride, and Donna Schneider were bridesmaids. James Schanz was best man, and ushers were Peter Harris, cousin of the groom, Leigh David Jones, Michael Drinkard, brother-in-law of the bride, and David and Stephen Wall, brothers of the groom.

The couple will reside in Houston, Tex.

Blood is needed

Nine Bethlehem area churches are co-sponsoring a Red Cross bloodmobile visit on Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 1 to 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 E. m Ave., Delmar.

Red Cross volunteer Santa Ganey, an Elmsere resident, said 1,450 units of blood must be collected each week to meet the needs of the 29 hospitals served by the Northeastern New York Regional Blood Clinic. Diane Stevens, head of the board of social ministries at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, urged healthy people to donate blood regularly to help maintain the Red Cross supply.

Healthy individuals 17 or older and weighing at least 110 pounds may sign up at participating churches or call the Bethlehem Lutheran Church office at 439-4328. Questions about donor suitability may be directed to the Albany red Cross, 462-7461, extension 261.

Learn about herbs

Peg Brown, an expert on the culture and use of herbs, will be the guest speaker at the Oct. 22 meeting of Mother's Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers. The group meets every Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar. New members are welcome, and child care is provided. For information call Mary Ann Wierks at 439-9929.

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The Bethlehem Athletic Association is sponsoring a runathon on Sunday, Oct. 28 at the high school track from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Soon, a district student may ask you for a pledge in support of this event. The funds will be used to support school teams and clubs and purchase a multi-use public address system, team benches, trophy cases and a permanent softball backstop. We encourage you to support this worthwhile cause.

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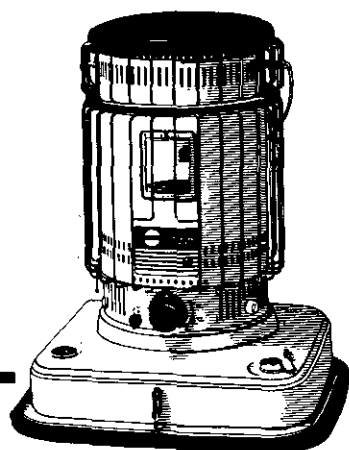
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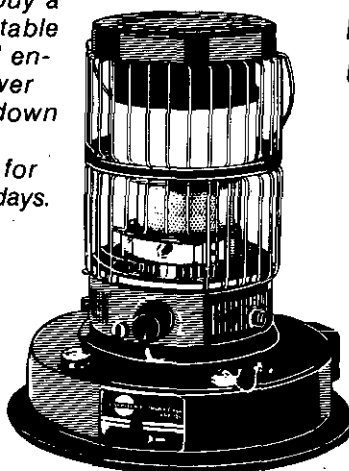
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