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Part of the Sunday ritual, a Guilderland couple attend an open house for a Stratton Place home in Delmar. *Spotlight*

It's a seller's market in Delmar

By Ann Treadway

Whether it's a "fever," as a house-hunting Albany woman describes it, or simply a "seller's market," in the more business-like view of a local realtor, homes in the Tri-Village area are selling faster today than in recent memory.

"For every house we like, it seems there are a dozen people ahead of us," the woman lamented. She and her husband have been looking at homes for sale in the Town of Bethlehem since January and have made some offers, but have yet to close a deal. "A lot of buyers seem to be offering more than the asking price," she said.

Jack Healy of ERA Realtors in Delmar confirms that area homes are "moving very well," but injects a cautionary message to would-be sellers. "There are still a number of houses sitting on the market because they're mispriced," he said.

Homes in the \$70,000 to low \$100,000's price range are the ones being snapped up, according to Bill Weber of the Pagano-Weber real estate firm. "For those, we have more customers than houses," he said, "and they're generally on the market only a few days."

There's a significant price gap between these older, traditional homes, he said, and those that are new or are located in such prestigious neighborhoods as Birchwood Acres in Delmar or Colonial Acres in Glenmont. Those homes are now priced at \$140,000 and up, leaving an availability gap of at least \$40,000, he said.

Both Healy and Weber believe that today's active market in the Delmar area is a result of pent-up demand. People have been waiting for the past couple of years because of high interest rates and adjustable mortgages that were too wide-open, Healy said.

Nowadays, he said, about 60 percent of the home-buyers his firm represents are getting adjustable mortgages with caps, which reduce the risk factor, while the remaining 40 percent have fixed mortgages.

Healy also believes this area was "due for growth" in the appreciated value of homes. In 1984, he said, the Capital District's mean home sale price was under \$70,000 — the lowest in the country.

The mean price nationally, he said, was in the \$80,000's, but 1984 was a "flat year" with 39 percent of all homes placed on the market going unsold. Again, he attributes many of those non-sales to unrealistic pricing, and urges people to heed the appraisal and counseling services of reputable realtors.

But the so-far-unsuccessful buyer quoted earlier and another Delmar realtor, Annette Schiavo of Eaton and Breuel, think the older neighborhoods in Delmar and Elsmere are very attractive to young families today for a number of reasons in addition to affordable prices.

"A lot of these older homes are charming," Schiavo said, "and young couples enjoy improving them." She's also worked with people who happily buy homes in such centralized locations "so

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Back road or bypass?

The debate over HMC's rezoning plan

By Tom McPheeters

Fisher Blvd. and Orchard St. are back country roads in a suburban community. Only minutes outside Delmar and Slingerlands, they twist and turn past mown fields and wildflowers, farm houses and barns. On a recent Saturday morning, one Orchard St. resident counted 40 cars, 30 joggers, about 15 walkers "and a guy on horseback."

Fisher Blvd. in particular has become a symbol of unwelcome change. "It's the prettiest road in town," said one speaker at a Bethlehem Town Board public hearing last week. Former Supervisor Tom Corrigan agreed: "It's a pristine country road," he said. But then, he added, not too long ago so were Kenwood Ave. and Delaware Ave.

The plan by HMC Corporation to develop 92 acres between Delaware Ave. and Orchard St. is both an important town-wide issue — Bethlehem's best chance



Tom Corrigan

to unplug a traffic bottleneck — and a project that could radically change what is now an unspoiled section of town.

At the Bethlehem Town Board's public hearing on the project last week, those conflicting concerns dominated the discussion. The town's interest was underscored by an appearance by Corrigan — the



John Smolinsky

first time he had been back to a board meeting since he resigned in February — who recounted his efforts to reinterest the state Department of Transportation in the long-shelved plans to extend the Delmar Bypass.

In the last year, he said, the town tried to get a commitment from the state for funding, but the

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Rule No. 2: Hello, oldtimer

By Tom McPheeters

Twenty-six years ago, the house on Harrison Ave. was purchased for \$14,750 and the assessed value was set at \$3,000. Over the years, the property has been reassessed twice, both times going up \$500. But last year, a house across the street sold for \$65,000 and the inevitable happened — the 26-year resident of what is now one of Delmar's most desirable neighborhoods was hit with a \$1,000 assessment increase.

ANALYSIS

If there is such a thing as "welcome stranger" in Bethlehem — as a *Spotlight* investigation published June 12 indicated — there is another phenomenon as well. Perhaps it could be called, "Hello, oldtimer."

"We get a very good proportion

of people who have been reviewed and resent it," says Sidney Kaplan, chairman of the Bethlehem Board of Assessment Review, which completed its annual chore in two marathon sessions June 18. Most cases handled by the board are from people who have either purchased a home recently or whose home has been reviewed for the first time in many years, said Kaplan.

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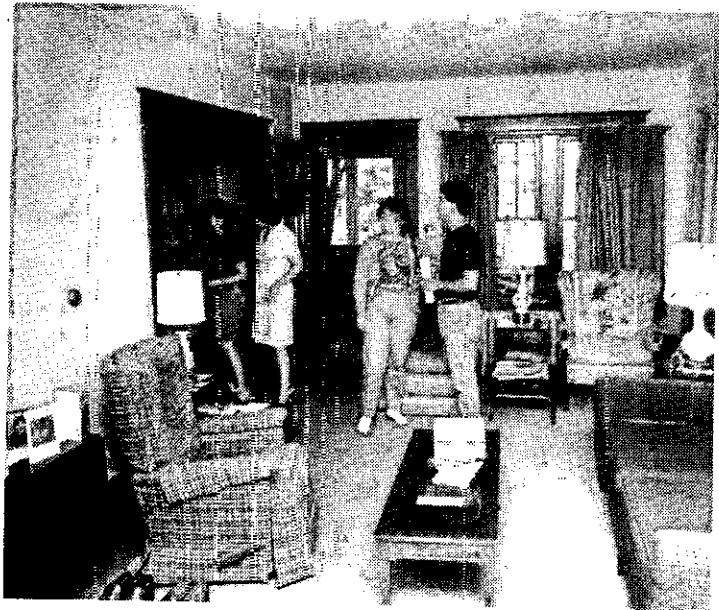


Robert E. Mulligan Jr. of Slingerlands is really very much a part of the 20th century, but he knows what it's like to live in another era. Mulligan was in full uniform when he appeared at the Civil War camp

recently held at Albany's Ten Broeck mansion to explain what a Civil War infantryman would carry on long marches.

R.H. Davis

□ A seller's market in Delmar



Inside, John and Karen Belgiovine liked what they saw — "It's a well-kept older house," said Karen. "We're looking for a well-kept newer house." *Tom Howes*

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their kids can walk to a lot of places and they won't have to drive them everywhere."

The Albany woman who is seeking to become a suburbanite feels there is "a sense of community" in the Delmar area that's lacking in other nearby suburbs, and that it's "the easiest commute" to Albany and many other work sites. She also wants close, compatible neighbors for herself and her two young children, so

she won't feel isolated while a stay-at-home mother.

Another factor these homes have going for them is, of course, the Bethlehem school system — which has attracted young families to Delmar for decades because of its excellent reputation. A more recent attraction, of which the Albany woman is well aware, is Bethlehem's Town Park and many other recreational programs.

Mark and Connie Alesse have been luckier than this woman and her husband, all of whom have lived in downtown Albany for several years and are close friends. The Alesses moved into their new home at 164 Winne Rd. in Delmar last month.

"My husband and I both work in Albany and have liked living there, too," Connie Alesse said last week, "but we're really looking forward to having a yard and a little more peace and quiet."

For them, typically, the main impetus for the move was the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth, a year ago. "I want her to be able to ride a bike safely, and to have many nearby friends, her mother said.

The Alesses looked at houses for a few months, including some new ones in Slingerlands that were "lovely, but out of our price range," and they bid unsuccessfully for one other house. But they are very pleased with their purchase, which they describe as small but adequate for them and in excellent condition.

When they decided to move out of the city, Connie Alesse said, she and her husband were considering many areas — "Clifton Park, across the river, or just about anywhere." Friends from Delmar convinced them, however that they'd be happiest here, particularly because of that "sense of community."

And while they may be busier than usual these days, the real estate people who sell homes in the Tri-Village area know the current boomlet is no fluke. "This area always attracts lots of good buyers," Bill Weber said.

Elmwood Park election set

A special election will be held between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, at the North Bethlehem Firehouse for qualified electors in the Elmwood Park Fire District, covering North Bethlehem and a portion of the Towns of Gunderland and New Scotland, to decide whether or not they want a new firehouse.

If approved by voters, the new \$325,000 building will be located across the street from the North Bethlehem Firehouse and will be paid for in 20 years or less. Kay Kellerman, president of the Elmwood Park Fire District, said the existing fire house is 35 to 40 years old and contains three stalls plus an additional stall that is not currently being used. Kellerman said the new building will probably have four to five stalls. According to figures supplied by Kellerman, the new building will cost the average family in the district approximately \$71 per year.

Proctor's cites Pratt

At a recent party organized by Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Gus Pratt of New Salem was cited for his volunteer service. Pratt has helped with the maintenance of the theatre's Golub Wurlitzer organ.

First meeting held on Elm Estates

Attornies from the Bethlehem School District and the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District met last Friday to discuss the disputed boundary between the two districts in Elm Estates, according to RCS Superintendent Milton Chodack.

Although parents from Elm Estates attended the RCS board meeting Monday night, the board did not discuss its position in the dispute publicly. "This is strictly a legal matter," Chodack said later.

Board members did review a letter of concern about the matter sent by the RCS attorney to the Bethlehem attorney in November of 1984.

During their regular meeting the board heard from Mr. and Mrs. Russell Peterson of Elm Estates. Peterson, whose son Christopher attends RCS Senior High School, explained that when his family moved 2 years ago, their primary concern was to stay in the RCS school district. "We feel as though we purchased the property in good faith," said Peterson. Noting that he would like the

boundaries reaffirmed, he said "We enjoy living in an island... We'd like to keep it that way."

"We've been more than pleased with the RCS School District," said Mrs. Peterson. "I would really prefer to pay our taxes to the RCS School District if our loyalties are there, our interests are there."

"The primary concern of our school board will be to protect the

interests of the people in our school district," said Williams.

During their organizational meeting on Monday, the board reelected Anthony Williams to serve as president of the board for a second year. With board member Louis Neri absent, the board also reelected board member Susan Gottesman to serve as vice president.

Charged in crash

A Selkirk man was charged with driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor and leaving the scene of an accident after a collision last Wednesday on Rt. 55 near Jericho Rd., according to state police at the Selkirk substation. Troopers said the Selkirk driver's vehicle crossed the center line on Rt. 55 and collided with a car being driven by a Feura Bush man. No emergency medical treatment was required, troopers said.

Foundation elects

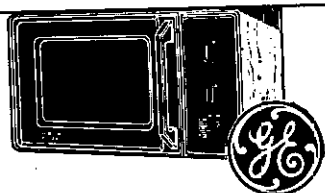
Newly elected officers of the Capital District Chapter of the National Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis include Diane Kahalas, Delmar executive vice president, and Batya Goldstein, Delmar, vice president of education.

The organization attempts to raise funds for research necessary to overcome this disease which affects the upper and lower colon. To contact a support group, or to obtain further information, call Diane Kahalas at 439-6976.

On the cover: New Scotland Town Supervisor Stephen Wallace unveils a plaque during last Sunday's open house and celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the New Scotland Senior Citizens Association at New Scotland Town Hall. Town citizens also got a chance to see the new wing at the town hall. *Tom Shaw*

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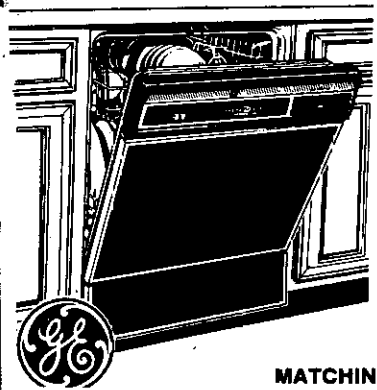
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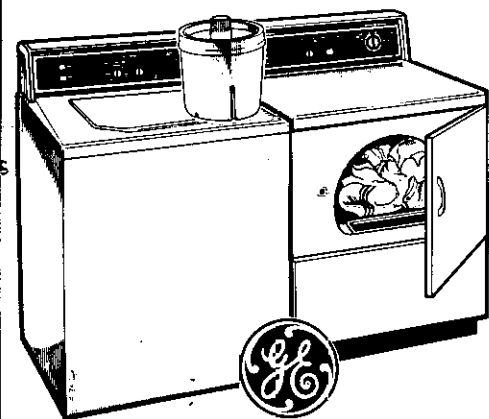


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Park and ride lot set

Bethlehem has reached agreement with Albany to lease land on Delaware Ave. as a "Park and Ride" lot.

"This fulfills one of the things we were working for with the Delaware Ave. Task Force," said Supervisor Robert Hendrick following last week's town board meeting. The board authorized Hendrick to sign the agreement with the city for the parcel situated between the State Bank of Albany and the Shanty restaurant. The land is part of the Albany water line that runs through Bethlehem on its way to the Alcove Reservoir in Coeymans.

Hendrick said the new lot can hold about 93 cars. Town crews will grade and spread gravel this summer, he said.

The board's action came at the end of a lengthy meeting that also featured a number of personnel actions, including four resignations. Resignations were accepted from Police Sgt. John W. Van Noddall, public information specialist Helenna Stasiuk, assistant Building Inspector Edward Dominelli and tax account clerk Elaine Cohn.

The board did, however, fill one existing vacancy in the police department and later, in executive session, discussed an appointment for Van Noddall's spot. Police officers and town officials have said recently that the department is undermanned because of retirements and a number of officers on light duty.

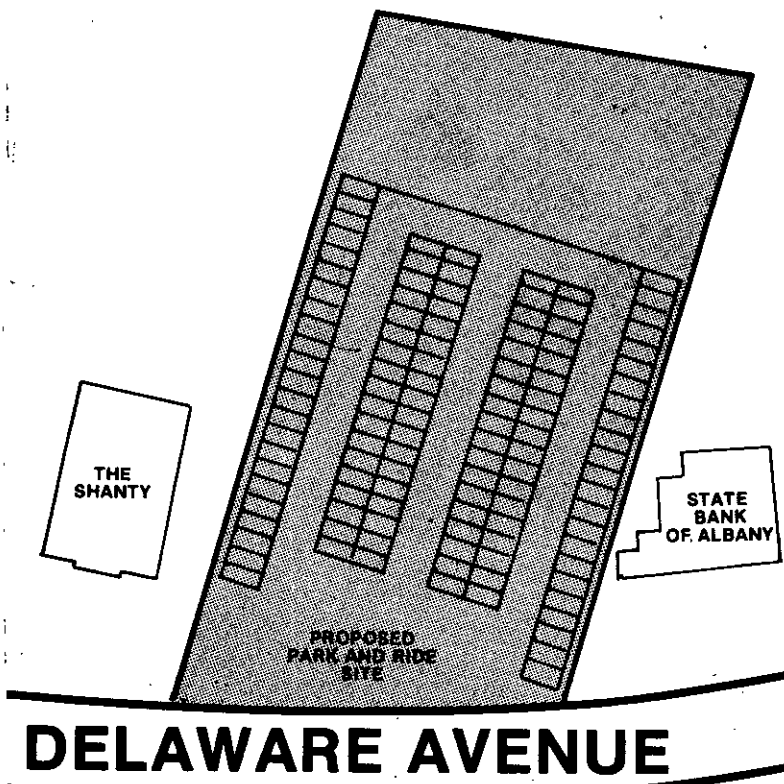
Appointed was Louis G. Corsi of Selkirk, a deputy in the Albany County Sheriff's Department for the last four years and before that an officer in the Coeymans Police Department. Hendrick said Corsi has already completed all required schooling. His starting salary will be \$15,654.

In other business Wednesday, the board:

- Adopted an amendment to the traffic ordinance creating a four-way stop at the intersection of Adams Place, Oakwood Pl. and Herber Ave., as requested by area residents.

- Received a petition with 105 signatures opposing the rezoning of the Lino property on Elm Ave., opposite the town park. The Bethlehem Planning Board had already recommended against the rezoning, which would permit clustered housing, and at its last meeting it was evident that a split exists on the town board. Hendrick said later he is not sure whether the matter will be on the July 10 agenda.

- Heard a presentation from



DELAWARE AVENUE

The new park and ride lot planned for Delaware Ave.

Spotlight map

Town Historian James Morgan and members of the Bethlehem Archeology Group, who are already making preparations for the town's bicentennial in 1993. Morgan asked the board to consider establishing a bicentennial commission to coordinate the eight-year effort.

- Learned that the town's Small Cities application for federal funds to provide water for Halter Rd. in Glenmont has been favorably received by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. A formal notification is expected by July 15.

- Awarded low bids for a pump station and pressure reducing

Rebuilding locally

Several area roads will receive some attention paid for with funds from New York State's Rebuilding New York bond issue.

Callanan Industries Inc., South Bethlehem, was awarded a \$1,179,412.20 contract to complete work on highways in Albany County, including Rt. 20 for about .5 miles in the area of Rt. 155 in Guilderland, Rt. 85 for 2 miles in and near New Salem, Rt. 85A for 3.1 miles in New Scotland and Voorheesville, and Rt. 146 for 1 mile in and near Guilderland Center. Pavements will be resurfaced, new guide railings and traffic signs will be installed and drainage will be improved.

valve, part of the town's water storage improvement project, to Wade Lupe Construction Company (\$333,300 base bid as general contractor); Stilsing Electric Inc. (\$72,433 for electrical work) and Crisafulli Brothers (\$6,160 for heating and ventilation).

- Agreed to purchase two factory reconitioned voting machines from Voting Machine Service Center, Inc., of Gerry, N.Y., for \$1,750 each. Earlier, the board had decided to buy used machines rather than new machines that might not be compatible with the town's other voting machines.

Cycle overturns

A Delmar motorist was injured last Tuesday when his cycle overturned on Rt. 85 at Blessing Rd. in Slingerlands, according to Bethlehem police reports. John E. Manne, 40, received emergency treatment at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany and was released, according to a hospital spokesman.

□ HMC rezoning

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chances are not good. "There's too much demand for that money," he said. "I think the town has to take the bull by the horns and show that we will do some of it ourselves," he said. The solution is to get developers like HMC to pay for sections of the road as part of their development plans.

"We're going to end up like Western Ave. or Central Ave. if we don't do something."

On the other side was John Smolinsky, an Orchard St. resident who has followed the rezoning closely. After all the questions about increased traffic, impact on schools and other services and use of the land, one conclusion remains:

"HMC hasn't provided any justification for a zoning change," Smolinsky said. In all, nine people spoke against the rezoning plan while two — both town officials — favored it.

Pat Brewer of the Slingerlands Homeowners Association said her group is firmly opposed to the plan "before there is some other access (to the bypass) to relieve the traffic on Fisher Blvd." Town planners are still calling the HMC-Fisher Blvd. road a spur of the bypass, with the main highway extending west to the Stonewell intersection. But, as Corrigan said, there is no money available for that option.

HMC, whose principals include State Sen. Howard Nolan and Slingerlands developer Norris MacFarland, is asking the town to change the zoning of the property from A and AA Residential and C-Commercial to Planned Unit Development, which will enable the company to build 280 apartment units and sell 57 single-family lots of between one quarter and one half acre each. A key element to the development plan is a limited access road linking Delaware Ave. to Orchard St. It is this road that will, according to the town's long-range plans, eventually link with an extension of the Delmar Bypass on the south and on the north extend to New Scotland Rd. via Fisher Blvd or a parallel road.

HMC's hour-long presentation appeared aimed at comparing the

benefits of its plan to what could transpire if the land is developed as currently zoned. Architect Clark Shaughnessy told the board he could put 260 lots of single-family housing on the land by grading the ravine area on the western edge. The proposed development preserves 21 acres of woodland and retains the creek running through the property.

Earlier, Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor told the audience that the farm on the west side of Fisher Blvd. has recently been sold and is in the early stages of development as single-family housing.

Traffic consultant Charles Manning said his studies found no change in the "level of service" at any of the major town intersections. He cited the earlier Vollmer report that indicated that an extension of the bypass would carry some through traffic around Delmar, relieving Delaware Ave. Asked about the intersection of Fisher Blvd. and New Scotland Rd., Manning said he did not study the intersection because he "didn't feel there would be that much traffic there."

James Burns, HMC's marketing consultant, reported that his survey found a .69 percent vacancy rate in apartments in the Tri-Village area — "indication of a serious shortage." The majority of tenants are elderly and have been there for a long time, he said.

The town board members made no comment at the hearing and gave no indication on when they would vote on the rezoning proposal. The Planning Board had recommended the rezoning by a 3-2 vote.

Clarification

All of Brookfield Estates, a housing development opposite Bethlehem Central High School, is and will remain in the Clarksville Elementary attendance area. A redistricting proposal before the Bethlehem Central school board suggested no change in the attendance boundary at that point. On a map of the proposed redistricting published in last week's *Spotlight*, the boundary line inadvertently was drawn too far west.

Homes on both sides of Brockley Dr. are and are to remain in the Slingerlands attendance area.

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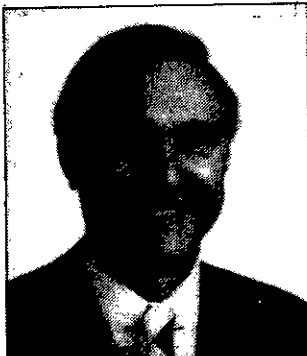
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The Lasher family has lived on these acres for 125 years. In recognition of these years on the land, the family received a Century Farm Award in 1960. Constance Lasher, daughter of the present owners, Clifford and Emma Lasher, is the fourth generation of the family to live here. Originally the farm contained 120 acres, but because of several divisions, today it consists of 101 acres. Property was taken for the Becker-Elementary School, in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District, as well as for the police barracks and a building lot.

In 1860 George Lasher and his wife, Henrietta Mull, purchased the farm from Maria and Jane Winne and Daniel P. Winne and

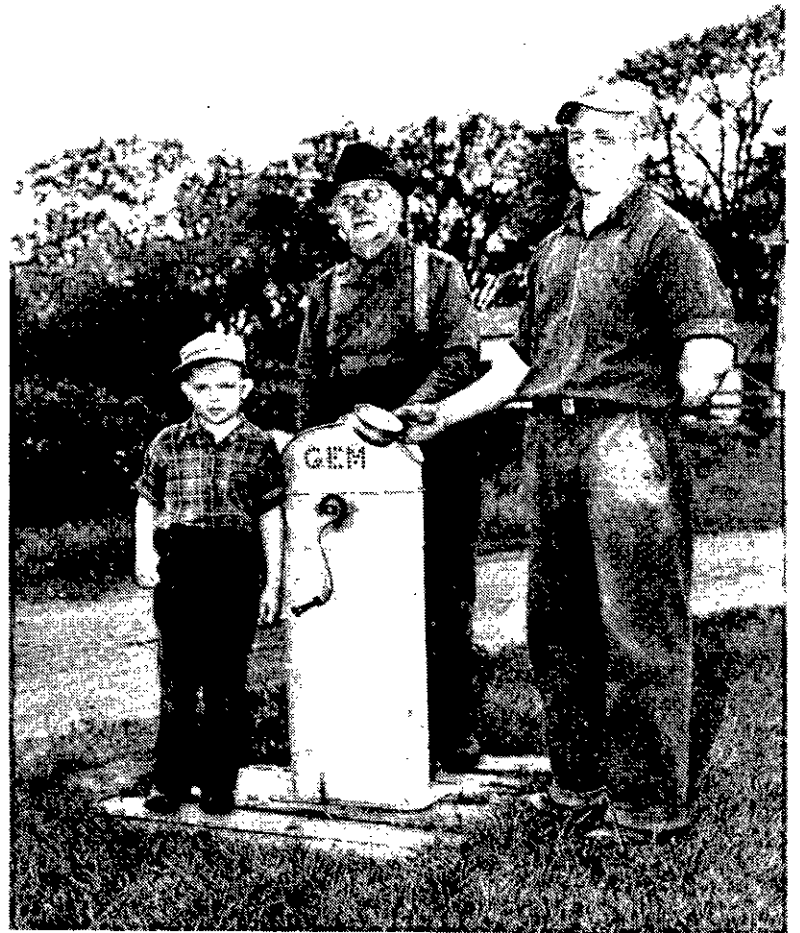
wife. The Winnes owned other land adjoining the farm and some of that family resided in the pre-Revolutionary stone and brick house that is still standing below the hill of the Lasher place, near the banks of the Vlauman's Kill.

The exact date of the building of the Lasher farmhouse is not known, but the style is of the Greek Revival period of 1820-60. The house was built before George Lasher purchased the farm in 1860. The present senior generation of the family were all born in the house — Howard S., Mildred I. and George Clifford Lasher. Howard has a newer home, built on the family property, and Mildred Lasher maintains her residence in a part of the homestead. The Clifford Lashers built a new home on the property four years after their marriage in 1927, but on their 25th wedding anniversary they moved over to the homestead, after the death of their parents. The three children of Clifford Lasher — Linda, Glenn and Constance — reached maturity in the farmhouse, whose large rooms provided ample space for the busy family. In 1956 the roof

was raised on the wing of the original house to provide seven bedrooms upstairs, as well as new baths and closets.

Spacious lawns and large maple trees shelter the main block of the house, which is entered through a columned entranceway typical of the Greek style. The spacious hall is graced by a lovely winding staircase to the second floor. The fireplace in the living room at the right has been modernized with tapestry brick. There also was a fireplace containing a Dutch oven in the old kitchen. That old kitchen, however, has been replaced with a bathroom and a laundry room for today's style of living, and a two-car garage has replaced the adjoining wood shed.

The woodwork in the older part of the house is composed of very wide molding surrounding the doorways and windows and there are panelled aprons under the large windows in the formal rooms. The ample dining room formerly served as a sitting room. The china cabinet houses a complete set of "flow blue" dinnerware, descending to Emma Lasher from her ancestors, the Hotalings. There is also a large collection of



Three generations of Lashers stand beside the pump. They are, from left, Glenn C., Howard M. and G. Clifford Lasher.



The Lasher homestead before the turn of the century.

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pitchers, brought back to Emma by friends and relatives who know her fondness for collecting these little mementoes. The present kitchen formerly served as a bedroom. It provides ample work space and is dominated by a 22-cubic-foot freezer chest that is kept full of much of the produce that is raised on the farm.

Mildred Lasher has furnished her living quarters with antique furniture that belonged to former members of her family. Her mother found 10 Hitchcock chairs in various states of disrepair in the attic when she came to the household. She sold seven of them, keeping three in the best condition and giving one to each of her children. The back splat of these chairs has a gold-stenciled lyre design that was very popular in the early years of the 19th century. A Victorian walnut sofa, an ogee mirror with a carved border and a handmade cherry chest of drawers are all family pieces that add interest to the room. Mildred fondly remembers

that she and her brothers when they attended the one-room school house up the road studied each night around the cherry drop-leaf table, and also later when they went to Albany to high school.

The house is given scrupulous care by Mildred and Emma Lasher, while Clifford keeps the lawns and gardens perfectly groomed. The warm summer days encourage large beds of annual and perennial flowers to bloom in profusion for the enjoyment of family and friends. While the ladies are busy with the work inside the big house, Clifford Lasher is out in the fields with his tractor, planting and cultivating the crops that he raises with such skill. The fertile fields grow cauliflower, cabbage, corn, green peppers and tomatoes, his largest crop. This year he will be setting out 7,600 young tomato plants. The crops are sold to produce dealers at the Menands regional market and to local roadside stands. Once a week in the harvesting season, Clifford makes



The Lasher homestead today. The roof on the wing at left was raised in 1956 to provide more and larger bedrooms. Tom Howes



The graceful stairway in the Lasher home.

a trip to Northville to furnish produce to a large roadside stand in that village. The huge barn on the property no longer houses farm animals, but it is useful as a place to store vegetable crates and farming equipment. At one time the concrete building adjoining it housed 3,000 chickens, but the flock is down to about 25 now, although eggs are still sold to local neighbors and, of course, consumed by the family.

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Verstandig's plans aired

By Theresa Bobear

Conflict over the status of another business in the residential part of Delaware Ave. returned to the Bethlehem Board of Appeals last week.

"Going from retail to a commercial production center doesn't wash," said Kevin Mahoney of the Central Delmar Neighborhood Association during last week's hearing on Robert Verstandig's application for a variance to permit the threefold expansion of his floral business.

Verstandig's Florist Inc. is seeking a variance to permit the replacement of deteriorating greenhouses and construction of an addition on the 5-acre parcel opposite the Bethlehem Public Library. The business is a non-conforming use in an A and AA-Residential zone.

Thomas Jeram of Delmar, attorney representing Verstandig, said the applicant was hoping to

grow wholesale and become more cost-efficient. "They're not looking to increase customers," said Jeram.

According to Verstandig, the renovated buildings would occupy approximately 17,000 square feet and would be moved further away from Delaware Ave. Currently, the business occupies approximately 5,000 square feet of the parcel.

Verstandig said he is planning to increase his wholesale business rather than his retail business. He said he anticipates "no substantial increase at all in traffic." Verstandig explained that the expansion is necessary to bring his son into the business.

Marie Capone, a Delaware Ave. resident, questioned how the owner could increase business and not generate more traffic.

Sandi Hackman, representing the Upper Delaware Avenue Neighborhood Association, said

she was opposed on principle. She outlined in detail the criteria for qualifying for a variance and argued that the proposal being considered did not qualify. Referring to the zoning ordinance as the only instrument for the protection of the residents, she explained that the residents were asking to be able to rely on what has been spelled out in the ordinance for homeowners.

Adjacent property owner Andrew Minor supported the applicants. "They've been good neighbors," said Minor. "I see no problem with traffic."

Chairman Charles Fritts said residents expressed concern about traffic exiting onto Adams Place. "It (the rear drive) will not be open to the public road, no," said Verstandig.

Board attorney Donald DeAngelis asked several questions that allowed the applicant to present evidence of a hardship for the record. The board is required to determine whether or not Verstandig presented evidence of a hardship that is not self-imposed.

Expansion of the wholesale side of the business was presented as a means of making room in the business for Verstandig's son, Robert F. Verstandig. The owner of the business explained that he would not expect his son to support a family on \$20,000 a year.

Fritts asked the applicants if they had considered locating the wholesale portion of the business elsewhere. "It's better if we stay centralized," replied Robert F. Verstandig. According to the applicants, the cost of utilities and additional employees would make splitting the business economically impossible.

"The buildings are open to the



The Bethlehem senior citizens' annual chicken barbecue last Saturday was the first to be held under the new pavilion at Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park. The seniors were happy to have the shelter on a somewhat blustery day, but still enjoyed the chicken and watermelon. *Spotlight*

public. They're in bad shape," said Verstandig. The new buildings of plastic and fiberglass would be more energy efficient, he said.

In other business, the board:

- Held a public hearing to consider Frank Crisafulli's application for a variance to permit cold storage, and storage of maintenance supplies and recreational vehicles at 500 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

- Scheduled a public hearing for 8:15 p.m. on July 10 to consider Daniel and Jeanne Ciampiano's request for a side yard variance to permit a solar addition at 454 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

- Scheduled a public hearing for 8:30 p.m. on July 10 to two additional units in an existing structure at Krumkill Rd. and Marathon La., Slingerlands.

- Granted a side yard variance to permit an existing deck at 5 Grove St., Albany. The property

is owned by Kevin Helm.

- Granted a variance from the allowed percentage of lot occupancy to William Johnson, permitting a detached two-car garage at 47 Salisbury Rd.,

- Granted a rear yard variance to Dennis Stevens of Van Dyke Rd., Delmar, to permit an addition.

- Granted a variance from the allowed percentage of lot occupancy to permit an addition to Susan and Ronald Backer's house at 10 Lyons Ave., Delmar.

- Postponed discussion of a public hearing held to consider a variance requested to permit storage of materials and equipment and a one unit apartment and office at 64 Hudson Ave., Delmar.

- Postponed discussion of a public hearing held to consider David R. Wooley's application for a variance to permit fencing more than 4 feet in height at 33 Adams Pl., Delmar.

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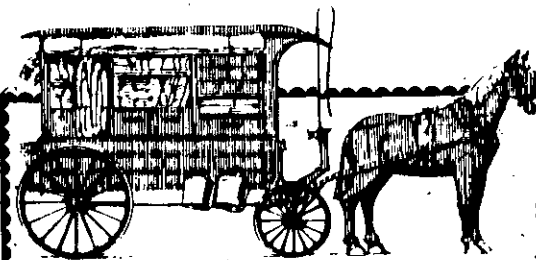
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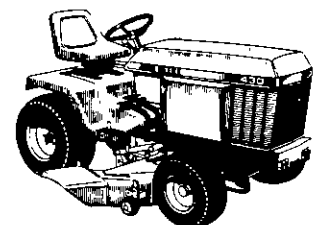
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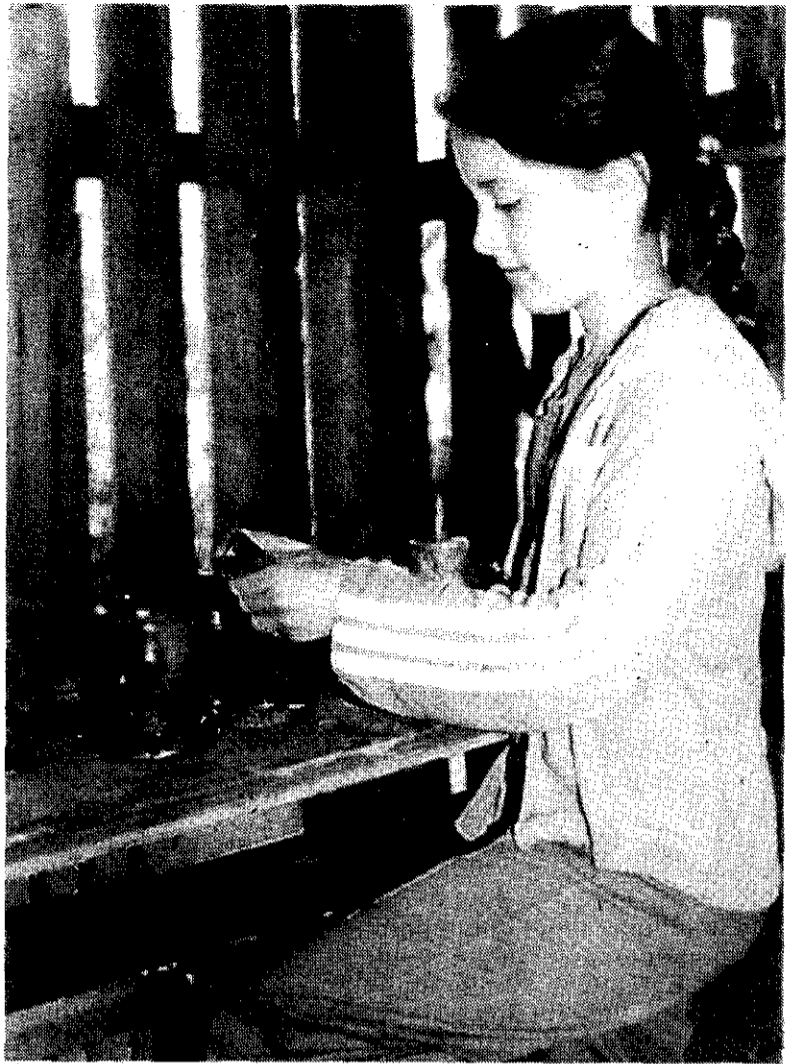


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Wildwood eyes Gay St. site

The site for a proposed community residence for 10 to 12 neurologically impaired young adults who have "aged out" of school settings has been proposed for 232 Gay St., Delmar, at the corner of Vadney Rd. Bethlehem already has three similar residences for the developmentally disabled run by the Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services. All have community support programs.

The new residence is being proposed by the Capital District Chapter of the New York Association for the Learning Disabled.

According to Edward J. Valente, director of adult services, "Wildwood," the name given to the association's programs, attempts to establish community living alternatives that allow adult individuals who have "aged out" of school programs the chance to live within a residence setting.

All residents will be ambulatory, self-preserving and present no medical or behavioral needs that cannot be met by the program's staff, according to information provided by the agency.

Establishment of such residences is permitted by the Mental Hygiene Law, and aims to provide the neurologically impaired adults important skills for every day life within a community.

Agency representatives will be available at the next Bethlehem Town Board meeting, July 10, 7:30 p.m., to explain their program and to answer any questions about the operation of the residence.

According to a fact sheet provided by the Wildwood, neighborhood residents are invited to become involved in the development and ongoing operation of the supervised living program. Wildwood requests the assistance of the current residents in developing an advisory board. The board's function would be to assist in the development of the project and to offer ongoing input into the program's operation.

Daily tasks of socializing with other residents, cooking, cleaning and the use of community resources such as supermarkets, banks and post offices provide hands-on learning experiences which help to foster growth and independence for each resident.

A trained staff consisting of a residence manager, assistant

residence manager and several counselors provide 24 hour supervision and instruction. They are assisted by a social worker, psychologist and nurse. All staff receive initial and ongoing training in such areas as medication administration, first aid, behavioral observation and intervention and skills of daily living.

Such community residences have been successfully operated since 1979. They are funded by the residents themselves, with each resident contributing a portion of wages or Social Security income, and by the Office of Mental Retardation and Development.

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Cars are target

Bethlehem police are investigating a report that two cars parked overnight last Wednesday on Delaware Ave. in Delmar were ransacked, according to police reports. It was not immediately known what was taken.

Guitar gone

An Albany man told Bethlehem police last Monday that a guitar valued at \$365 had disappeared from the Solid Rock Pentecostal Church on Kenwood Ave. in Glenmont, according to police reports. Also missing are a guitar case and a tuner, the report noted.

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Fire code limits library

By Lyn Stapf

New fire regulations that will limit the number of people allowed to participate in programs at the Voorheesville Library have given new urgency to the search for a new site for the library.

Although details of the three-month search for a suitable site are to be revealed in a report due in mid-July, little information on potential locations was disclosed at the library board's June 24 meeting.

The board learned that a letter had been sent to the Voorheesville Village Board inquiring about the purchase or leasing of land the village acquired when it acquired the Salem Hills Sewer District.

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The library board also learned that a similar letter was sent to St. Matthew's Church concerning land owned by the church. There was no mention of the Grand Union building, which had been the favored site but reportedly is not available on terms the library could afford.

The board hopes to hold a public referendum on the proposed library building this fall, and is anxious to finalize the site question so it can move on to other tasks, such as obtaining an architect and a contractor.

In the meantime, a more pressing problem has surfaced. A June inspection by the village's new full-time building inspector, Jerry Gordinier, and Assistant Fire Chief Dave Bayley, uncovered several violations of the new, stricter state fire codes put into effect this year. Some of the infractions may be dealt with by such simple procedures as posting exit and no smoking signs, replacing existing doors with fire doors and installing smoke alarms. Not so easily dealt with are occupancy limitations on the building.

According to the more stringent code governing wood frame structures that serve as places of assembly, the main floor will now

be limited to a total of 19 people and the lower level will be limited to 16 people.

With a large number of popular summer programs scheduled for the bottom floor, librarian Nancy Hutchinson was forced to schedule additional sessions for some programs and seek alternative sites for others.

St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Rd. will host summer movies and the Summer Reading Club. New sites for both morning and bedtime story hours as well as Saturday animal programs are still being sought.

Injured in crash

Four members of a Loudonville family were taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital Friday evening after an accident on Rt. 85 at Blessing Rd. in Slingerlands, according to Bethlehem police reports. Marie Mortensen, 29, and her daughter, Christine, 10, received emergency treatment and were released, according to a hospital spokesman, who added that the other two passengers in the car did not require treatment.

A Delmar driver, age 17, was charged with failure to yield right of way in the 6:30 p.m. crash. The Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad took the injured to the hospital.

Sunday social

A make-your-own-sundae Ice Cream Social will be held on the lawn of Clarksville Community Church, this Sunday, July 7, 2-4:30 p.m.

The special prices for enjoying a Sunday dessert while visiting with friends and neighbors are: banana split, \$2, large sundae \$1.50, small sundae \$1 and dish of ice cream 75 cents.

Greetings to mayor

By Theresa Bobear

More than the usual number of village residents attended last week's meeting of the Voorheesville Village Board, the first to be conducted by newly appointed Mayor Edward Clark.

Among concerns brought to the attention of the new mayor was the manner in which he was selected for the job.

"I'm a little displeased with the filling of the mayor's office," said Peter Baltis, a village resident and local developer. "First, was it legal? Second, we have a deputy mayor. Why didn't he fill in until the board could consider?"

"I feel the whole thing was set up," said Baltis. "I don't think that is the democratic way."

"I can assure I wouldn't have accepted if it wasn't legal," replied Clark.

Trustee Daniel Reh assured Baltis of the qualifications of the trustees and the new mayor. "It happened to nominate Mr. Clark because I thought he was the best man for the job," said Reh.

The board received a letter from Hugh McDonald, president of the Voorheesville Library Board of Trustees, requesting the village to consider the feasibility of leasing or selling two to three acres of the 10-acre sewer district property directly across from Danbury Ct.

The site is one of several being considered by the library board. "There are not very many

Summer schedule is revised

The recent fire inspection at the Voorheesville Public Library has forced Librarian Nancy Hutchinson to schedule additional sessions of some summer programs and find alternate sites for some others.

A letter sent to those who already registered for some of the summer student activities has already been revised due to the use of St. Matthew's Catholic Church as an alternate site.

To begin with, movies originally scheduled for Tuesdays will be held on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and Wednesdays at 1 p.m. at the church.

The first movie of the summer will be the children's animal classic, "Charlotte's Web," which will be shown on July 9 and 10. The film lasts about 85 minutes.

Also, the Summer Reading Club will also be held at the

Mountainview Rd. Church, with primary grades meeting on Thursdays. On July 11, kindergartners will meet at 1 p.m., first grade at 2 p.m., second grade at 3 p.m. and third grade at 4 p.m., but groups will now be able to be much more flexible, with parents who have several children in the program being able to attend at the same time or opting for a more convenient time.

Fridays will see the intermediate grades meeting at the church, with fourth grade meeting at 2 p.m., fifth grade at 3 p.m. and sixth grade at 4 p.m. The first meeting on July 12 will find lower grades taking part in rainbow crafts and upper grades participating in a quilting workshop. Those interested may still sign up at the library.

For the time being, both bedtime and morning story hours will be held at the library. Morn-

ing story hours will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Parents are urged to sign up at the library for specific times so as not to be disappointed if sessions are full. Bedtime story hours will be held on July 23 and 25 and August 13 and 15, with sessions being held at 6 and 7 p.m. Again, parents are requested to sign up so additional times may be scheduled if needed.

Finally, to help celebrate summer, area naturalist Dean Davis will present a series of animal programs on Saturdays. The programs will take place at 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m. on July 13 and 27, Aug. 10 and 24 at the library. Those interested are encouraged to sign up for specific times at the library.

Participants should watch for further details. Those having any questions may contact the library at 765-2791.

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requirements of the library," Edward Donohue, village trustee and library board trustee, told the village board.

Baltis said he had approached a member of the library board and offered to donate some of his land near Rts. 85A and 155. Baltis said he had only one request, which he did not outline during the meeting.

Paul Kling, a former village trustee, asked the board what was being done about the 40 mile per hour speed limit on Voorheesville Rd. "I don't think it should be 40," said Public Works Superintendent William Hotaling, noting that the state Department of Transportation has the power to make the change. The DOT was responsible for changing the speed limit from 30 to 40 m.p.h.

In other business, the board:

- Learned that no action has been taken on Bernard Stempel's request for permission to connect to the village water main. Stempel lives outside of the village. His water supply has reportedly been contaminated with sodium from a highway salt pile previously located nearby.

- Learned that the village will continue to receive CHIPS highway funding provided \$10,148 of the money is used for a capital construction project.

- Denied a request for permission to sell books door-to-door in the village.

- Granted the New York Public Interest Group a permit to conduct a door-to-door survey.

- Received an exemption for the village park program from the Albany County Health Department. The village will not be required to institute a lunch program and a fire program.

- Received a letter of thanks from Phil Joyce of the New Scotland Substance Abuse Task

Force. Joyce praised the village for supporting the Safe Spring program.

- Learned that slate from the village hall roof has been falling onto adjacent property.

- Learned that two vacancies exist on the village planning commission because of Clark's appointment as mayor and the death of Margaret Gott.

- Learned that flu shots will not be offered to senior citizens in the village because of a lack of interest.

- Learned that a proposed solution for the Pleasant St. sewage problem is being reviewed by consultant Joe Chiefari.

- Passed a resolution commending eagle scout Edward Donohue.

Wetlands workshop

An outdoor workshop, entitled "The Natural History of Wetlands," will be offered at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Wednesday, July 10, at 10 a.m. Participants will examine the flora and fauna unique to the world of water.

To register for the free program call 457-6092.

Trek for breath

"The Rip Van Winkle Bike Trek for Life and Breath," sponsored by the American Lung Association, will be held from Sept. 21 to Sept. 23.

The lung association will provide food and lodging, training, communications, safety support and guides during the three-day tour of the Catskill Mountains.

A tax-deductible fee of \$25 is required of all participants. In addition, each trekker will be required to secure a minimum of \$250 in pledges and sponsorships.

To register call 459-4197.

Antenna bill due rewrite

By Theresa Bobear

Well, it's back to the drawing board for the proposed ordinance to prohibit wind energy conservation systems and regulate satellite antennas and towers in the Town of New Scotland.

"When we get it (the public input received) punched into the ordinance, we'll have to give it back to the planning board," said Supervisor Stephen Wallace as he called last week's public hearing to a close.

Three representatives of the Albany Amateur Radio Association, Thomas Corrigan and William Lowenberg of Bethlehem and Saul Abrams of New Scotland, brought the concerns of local amateur radio operators to the attention of the town board.

"It's a public service hobby," said Lowenberg. "We are an emergency communication service for your benefit, for the benefit of the town government, for the benefit of the residents."

Lowenberg cited numerous instances where amateur radio operators have provided a crucial communication link to disaster-stricken areas, working with police departments, highway departments and civil defense departments.

"It (amateur radio operation) has provided a very valuable service to the community, and it can be invaluable," said Corrigan.

"We have to have equipment to do it," said Lowenberg. "We have to get the signal to each other."

"In hilly country like this the antenna is vital," said Lowenberg. "The higher the antenna, the more chance we have of reaching each other."

"It's 10 percent equipment and 90 percent antenna. The antenna is the system," said Abrams. "At 35 feet anyone who wants to have dependable long range communication, and I emphasize

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dependable, is essentially out of business."

The proposed ordinance would restrict residents to one tower no higher than 35 feet per building lot. The tower would have to be located in the rear yard, with minimum setback requirements.

Abrams asked the board to consider a special clause for non-commercial radio operators. Abrams also noted that the proposed ordinance contains no mention of grandfathering.

"It's a limitation on freedom of information," said Paul Richards. Richards said the proposed

ordinance was "fatally flawed" because it prohibited wind energy generators with no rationalization.

The ordinance was presented to the town board by the New Scotland Planning Board. Richard Stickley, chairman of the planning board, said residents did not want more towers on the Helderberg escarpment because they were ruining the skyline.

"It's a little late to start addressing that problem," said Richards.

At an earlier meeting, town board members noted that satellite dishes, often located on front lawns, are not aesthetically pleasing.

The town may consider a revised proposal at a later date.

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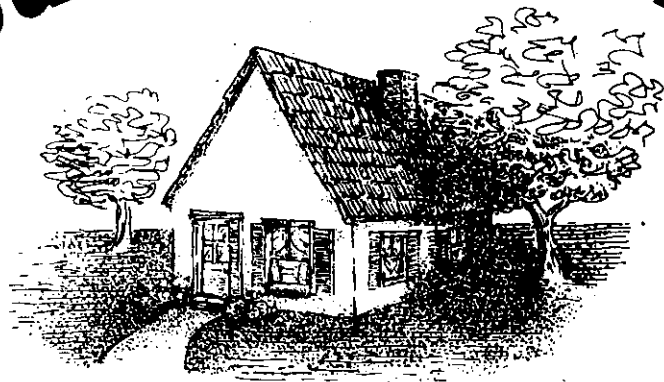
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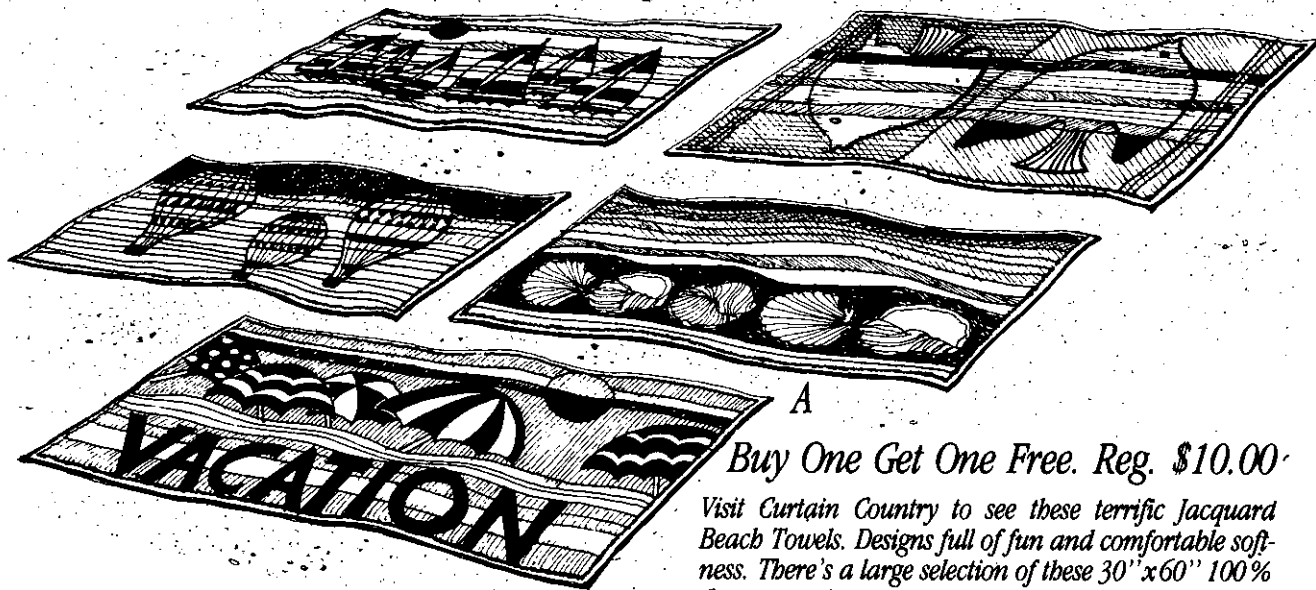
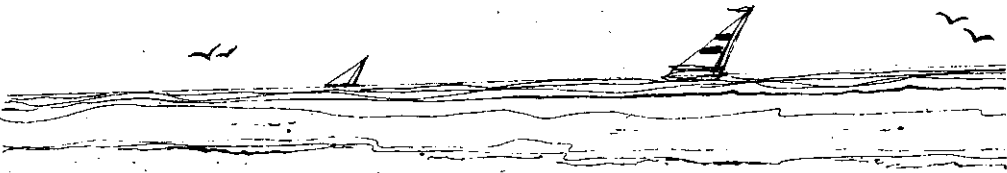
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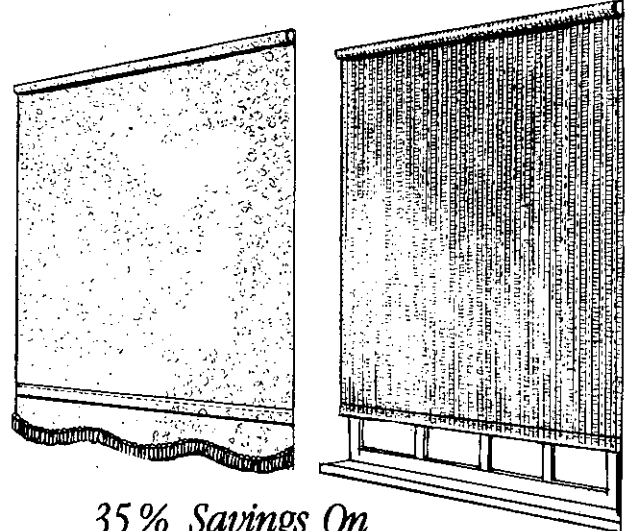


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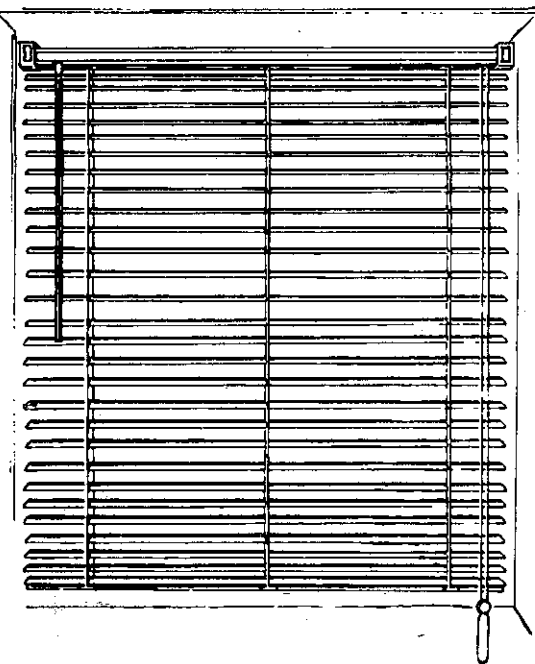
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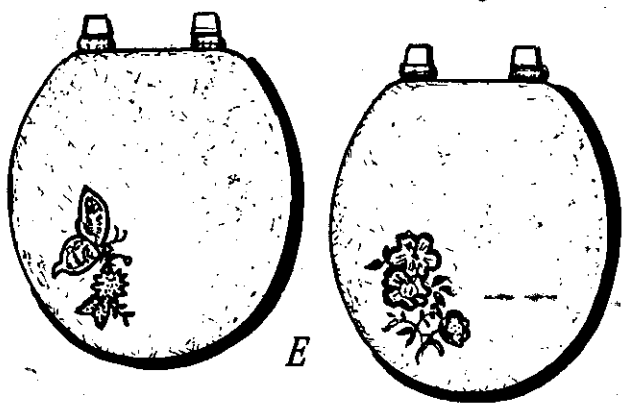
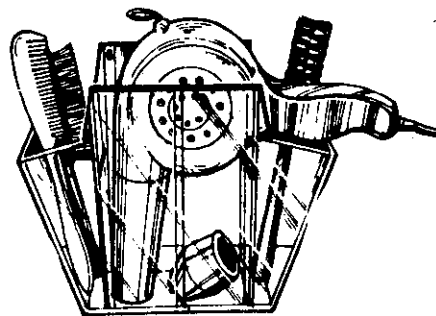
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Buckley memorials shaping up

The committee planning projects connected with several memorials to honor the late Tom Buckley. Voorheesville teacher and coach, last week firmed up plans before a meeting July 8 with the board of education.

Coordinated by Karen Leach and Bruce Martelle, the group plans dedication of the football field in honor of Buckley, who served more than 15 years as coach of the varsity squad. The dedication ceremony is planned for homecoming on Oct. 12. Members of the football teams over the past years are being invited to take part in the ceremony. Former players interested in participating in the ceremony are asked to contact this year's football captain, Bill Kelly.

Also planned to honor Buckley, a respected member of the faculty, is a physical fitness room at the high school to be funded by donations. Plans for such a room — a long-time dream of Buckley's — will be presented to the board this week.

To fund this project or possibly others, it is planned that a community day will be held on Sunday, Aug. 18, in the park behind the legion hall. Awaiting final approval by the village board, the day would tentatively include children's races, a fire-matic competition and crafts and food booths featuring local groups and individuals. A portion of the proceeds would go toward the memorial project.

The day would end with a benefit concert by Voorheesville's rising stars, Southbound.

Any group or individual interested in helping with any portion of the project is invited to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m. in room 160 at the high school or may call Karen Leach at 861-8147 or Bruce Martelle at 765-4930.

Southbound goes national

July 4, in addition to celebrating our nation's birthday, Southbound fans will have something else to rejoice over. On Thursday, the Voorheesville quintet will appear on nationwide television as they solo on "New Country" on the Nashville Network. The show was taped while the group was in Nashville to sign a contract with Warner Brothers.

The Voorheesville area cable television service does not carry Nashville Network, so local fans of the talented troupe will have to find T.V. sets outside the area if they want to watch. "New Country" is on weekly at 10:30 p.m. on Nashville Network.

Country-western at home

Those country fans who are looking for some good music and some down-home cooking will be happy to hear that the auxiliary of New Scotland Elks Lodge 2611

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will sponsor its sixth annual country-western night on Saturday, July 20. The festivities at Picard's Grove in Voorheesville will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a barbeque chicken dinner to be served at 7:30 p.m. Then it's dancing to the "Country Edition" from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$15 a person and may be obtained from any auxiliary member or by calling Rita Gavin at 439-2229 or Diane Koch 765-2030. Reservation deadline is July 15.

This outing is being coordinated by the new officers of the group, including president, Rita Gavin; vice president, Sharon Boehlke; secretary, Barbara Smith; treasurer, Kay Perrault; advisor, Diane Koch, and board members Shirley Perrault, Doreen Moak and Orry Lenihan.

Requests before school board

Summer may mean vacation for many, but the board of education of the Voorheesville Central School District still meets on the second Monday of each month. This Monday, July 8, the board will convene at 7:30 p.m. in the district offices at the high school with several important topics on the agenda. In addition to hearing a proposal by the Tom Buckley Memorial Committee, the board will also hear from the school-age child-care committee. That group, which began after a Parent-Teacher-Student Association survey of the need for such a program in the area, is now an independent not-for-profit group. At a previous board meeting the committee had requested that two rooms in the elementary school be made available for a supervised after-school program for children of working parents, hopefully beginning this fall. The board asked for more specifics on the organization of the program.

Board meetings are open to the public.

Firefighters have derailment drill

Those who ventured into the village last Tuesday around 7 p.m. found what at first seemed like a real emergency. The Voorheesville Fire Department was conducting an exercise with a simu-

lated train derailment. Six neighboring fire companies — Altamont, New Salem, Guilderland Center, Onesquethaw, Slingerlands and Selkirk — responded to the mutual alarm signal, sending both men and trucks to assist.

Voorheesville Fire Chief Ray O'Malley said the operation was coordinated by Fire Lieutenant Jack Halligan and Assistant Chief Dave Bayley. Halligan noted that with the railroad "running right through Voorheesville, such a real-life situation might possibly exist some day."

The drill addressed several problems, including the possibility of such an accident dividing the village, isolating one side from the other; the possibility of a fire accompanying a rail accident and the possibility that derailment might release toxic materials. The drill included partial evacuation of Main St. The practice took about 90 minutes, with the Voorheesville Area Ambulance on standby during that time. After the drill, the Voorheesville crew and the other fire companies participating returned to the firehouse for a review of the project and refreshments prepared by the auxiliary.

Swimmers welcome

The pool at the Voorheesville high school gives area swimmers a chance for some morning instruction and afternoon and evening fun. Summer pool director Dick Freyer noted the pool will be closed July 4.

The pool is closed to the public Monday through Friday mornings during swimming lessons, but is open for public swimming weekdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. On Fridays the pool closes at 3 p.m.

Locker fees are 50 cents for students and 75 cents for adults, with instruction passes and family swimming passes available at the high school office.

Shots reported

Bethlehem police were called Sunday afternoon when a number of gunshots were heard in woods near the A.W. Becker School in Selkirk by workers in a field nearby. According to the police report, the caller said bullets landed in the field. The firing, believed to have been target-shooting, had ceased when police arrived and they were unable to locate the shooter or shooters, the report said.



Even the rain couldn't dampen the spirits of children attending the New Scotland Presbyterian Church Bible School last week as they watched balloons with their names attached float toward the heavens.

Lyn Stapf

Prizes for Jamison

Anne E. Jamison was honored at the commencement exercises of Shattuck-St. Mary's School, Faribault, Minn. She was awarded the Nuba M. Pletcher Modern European History Prize and also received the Janes Award for creative writing.

A sophomore at the college preparatory boarding school, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benton N. Jamison, Delmar.


Included are Mrs. H. Gordon Brower, Delmar, chaplain; Miss Elsa Marie Kelp, Glenmont, historian; and Mrs. Richard Cronce, Voorheesville, director.

Paper boy bitten

A 14 year-old Delmar youth collecting for his paper route on Delaware Ave. Sunday evening was bitten by a dog, according to Bethlehem police reports. The boy was treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital and released, a hospital spokesman said. The dog's owner was told to confine the animal for 10 days, the report noted.

Mohawk DAR officers

At a recent meeting of the Mohawk Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, officers were elected for the coming year.



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Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project Equinox, Delmar Satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contact confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

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

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

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

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

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

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

LaLeche League of Delmar, meets one Wednesday each month to share breast-feeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breast-feeding information call 439-2343.

North Bethlehem-Selkirk-South Bethlehem Route: Leave Bethlehem

Central Bus Garage 11 a.m., to North Bethlehem Fire House via Cherry Ave., Rt. 85, Blessing Rd., Krumkill Rd., Schoolhouse Rd. and return to Elm Ave. Park via Krumkill Rd. to Rt. 85, south on Elm Ave. to Feura Bush Rd., east on Feura Bush Rd. to Rt. 9W, 9W north (stop at Glenmont School), 9W south to Rt. 396, Rt. 396 to Beaver Dam Rd., cover Beaver Dam Rd. to Rt. 144, north on Rt. 144 to Clapper Rd. and turn around.

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

Route subject to change depending on need. Call Elm Ave. Park office at 439-4131 to request pick up.

WEDNESDAY 3
JULY

Capital District Farmers' Market, Wednesdays through summer, First United Methodist Church, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 3-6:30 p.m. Information, 439-1450.

Bethlehem Lions Club, meets first and third Wednesday of month, Starlite Restaurant III, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, readings for the visually impaired, 4-7 p.m.

THURSDAY 4
JULY

Independence Day, Bethlehem Town Hall, New Scotland Town Hall and Voorheesville Village Hall closed.

Fourth of July Family Day, celebration at Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park, featuring baking contest, bake sale, tennis tournament, music by Skip Parson's Riverboat Jazz Band, chicken barbecue and more, beginning at 10 a.m. Information, 439-4955.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

FRIDAY 5
JULY

Farmers' Market, every Friday through October, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, Real George's Back Room, 7:30 p.m. and "The Music of John Senior," 8 p.m.

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

Elmwood Park Fire District, first Fridays, North Bethlehem firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 7:30 p.m.

Free Legal Clinic, for Bethlehem senior citizens, first Fridays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Appointment required, 439-4955.

SATURDAY 6
JULY

Tri-Village Squares, dance first and third Saturdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Prayer Vigil For Peace, all welcome, St. Thomas the Apostle Church parking lot, noon.

SUNDAY 7
JULY

Bethlehem Historical Assn. School House Museum, open Sundays during summer, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 2-5 p.m.

MONDAY 8
JULY

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Phil Ackerman on Tennis," part 1, ground strokes and volleys, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Christian Workshop, featuring class demonstrations and family night program, area homes and Bethlehem Community Church, July 8-July 12. Information, 439-5775.

"The Food Factory," for children 8 to 12 years to learn about food groups and nutrition, offered by Albany county Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development program. Thacher Park, July 8-12, 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. Registration, 765-2327.

Celebrate Summer Week, featuring courses in calligraphy, knitting, candlewicking, furniture refinishing, travel, cooking, bike repair, jogging, flower arranging, Albany history, sign language and more; St. Thomas the Apostle Church; 35 Adams Pl., Delmar, July 8-12. Registration: by July 3, 439-3945.

Delmar Kiwanis, meet Mondays at the Starlite Lounge, Rt. 19W, 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.

Overeaters Anonymous, meets Mondays at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. 439-9929.

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

Writer's Support Group, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m.

Voorheesville Board Of Education, district office at Clayton A. Bouton High School, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 9
JULY

Slingerlands Crafty Companions, second Tuesday of each month, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

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

Slingerlands Fire District, second Tuesday at Slingerlands Fire House, 8 p.m.

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Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Red Cross Safety: One Person Too Late," 7 p.m.; "American Legion Public Pledge of Allegiance," 7:30 p.m.; and "Salute to the Statue of Liberty," 7:45 p.m.

Bedtime Storyhour, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m.

Tom Buckley Memorial Committee, meeting at Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School, room 160, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

Charlotte's Web, film at St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 10
JULY

Evening On the Green, first in series of six performances will feature Albany Brass Quintet, outdoors at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

area arts

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

THEATER

"Unsinkable Molly Brown," The Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham, through July 7 (Wed.-Sun.). Tickets, 392-9292.

"Educating Rita," Woodstock Playhouse, Rts. 375 and 212, Woodstock, July 3. Tickets, 1-914-679-2436.

"Little Lizzy," by Thomas Mann, Skidmore College Theater, Saratoga Springs, through July 7 (Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 7 p.m.). Tickets, 584-5000, ext. 2347. Big Apple Circus Clowns, Woodstock Playhouse, Woodstock, July 4, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets, 1-914-679-2436.

"Much Ado About Nothing," Shakespeare and Company, The Mount, Lenox, Mass., July 6 through July 28 (Tues.-Sun.). Tickets, 1-413-637-1197.

OPERA

"The Bartered Bride," by Bedrich Smetana, Glimmerglass Opera Theater, Cooperstown, July 5 and 9, 8 p.m.; July 7, 4 p.m. Tickets, 1-607-547-2255.

FILM

"Ghandi," with Ben Kingsley portraying Mohandas Gandhi, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, July 5 through July 8 (Fri.-Mon., 7:30 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 2 p.m.). Tickets, 382-1083.

MUSIC

Senior Drum and Bugle Corps competition, Knox Field, Johnstown, July 6, 7 p.m. Tickets, 482-7092.

Herbie Mann Quartet, will present program of jazz at Jacob's Pillow, Becket, Mass., July 7, 3 p.m. Free; information, 1-413-243-2345.

William Jones, Delmar pianist, and Anne Turner, soprano, will present recitals at Munson Williams Proctor Institute, Utica, July 9, 12:25 and 3 p.m.

DANCE

Sachiyo Ito and Company, Japanese dance ensemble will perform classic Kabuki, Noh and Okinawan dance dramas, Bond Street Theatre Coalition, 2 Bond St., Palenville, July 5, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, 678-9021.

American Ballet Theatre, Woodstock Playhouse, Rts. 375 and 212, Woodstock, July 8, 8 p.m. Tickets, 679-2436.

"Travelon Gamelon," Richard Lerman's bicycle promenade, Jacob's Pillow, Becket, Mass., July 6 and 7, 2 p.m. Tickets, 1-413-243-0745.

ART

"Topping It All Off," exhibit of hats from 1800 to 1960, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 57 Second St. Troy, through Aug. 15. Information, 272-7232.

"The Educated Eye: Art Collections from State University of New York Campuses," State Museum, Terrace Gallery, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Sept. 2.

"Reflections on the World," exhibition of works by Joan Brown, Roy Lichenstein and George McNeil, Edith C. Blum Institute, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, through Aug 15.

Exhibit of photographs by nine Vietnam War veterans, Vietnam Memorial Gallery, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through June 28.

Adirondack Photographs, from Forest Preserve Centennial Photograph Exhibit, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through July.

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The Yankee Doodle Band will present free concerts at 7:30 p.m. on July 11 and Aug. 8 at the Crailo State Historic Site in Rensselaer.

Public Hearing, before Bethlehem Board of Appeals at Bethlehem Town Hall, on application of Edward F. Kleinke III for variance to permit relocation of two-car detached garage less than 85 feet from street line at Maher Rd., Slingerlands, 8 p.m.; on application of Daniel and Jeanne Ciampiano, 6 Marathon La., Slingerlands, for variance to permit solar addition, 8:15 p.m.; on application of Arthur G. Kontogiannis, 28-30 Olympian Dr., Slingerlands, to permit two additional units, 8:30 p.m.

"Delving Into Dinosaurs," museum workshop for children who have completed kindergarten through grade 4, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, readings for the visually impaired, 4-7 p.m.

Red Men, second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

New Scotland Democratic Social Club, all welcome, meets second Wednesdays at Meads Corners, Rt. 32, 8 p.m.

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

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

Capital District Farmers' Market, Wednesdays through summer, First United Methodist Church, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 3-6:30 p.m. Information, 439-1450.

Charlotte's Web, film at St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, 1 p.m.

"The Natural History of Wetlands," study of flora and fauna of marshes and ponds, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. Registration, 457-6092.

THURSDAY 11
JULY

Energy Assistance Form Aid, for Heating Energy Assistance Program,

offered by Harold Maher of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Town Hall, Tuesdays by appointment, 1-4 p.m., Thursdays on walk-in basis, 1-4 p.m. Appointments, 439-4955, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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

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

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

New Scotland Democratic Social Club, second Thursday, 8 p.m.

Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, regular meeting second Thursday of every month except August, at the fire house, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post 3185, meets second Thursday of each month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9836.

Elsmere Fire Company, meets second Tuesday of each month at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, *Tae Kwon Do: Martial Arts the Korean Way*, part 6, 7 p.m.; *Poetry with Cynthia Golderman*, 7:30 p.m.

Field Study, of waterfowl nesting habitat at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 7 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

FRIDAY 12
JULY

Farmers' Market, every Friday through October, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, *Real George's Backroom*, 7:30 p.m.; *The Music of John Senior*, 8 p.m.

Robin Hood, Walt Disney film, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m.

Bethlehem Elm Ave. Park Pool hours extended to 10 p.m. today only.

Onesquethaw Carnival, to benefit Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company, Unionville Firehouse, Rt. 443. Free.

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

SATURDAY 13
JULY

Onesquethaw Carnival, to benefit Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company, Unionville Firehouse, Rt. 443, 4-8 p.m. Free.

Albany County Audubon Society, field trip to Stolzenburg's dairy farm in Schoharie County, 11 a.m. Information, 439-0287.

Craft Fair and Flea Market, at Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, Selkirk, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

SUNDAY 14
JULY

Bethlehem Historical Assn. School House Museum, open every Sunday during summer, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 2-5 p.m.

MONDAY 15
JULY

Delmar Kiwanis, meet Mondays at the 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.

Overeaters Anonymous, meets Mondays at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Children's Film, at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

TUESDAY 16
JULY

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

AARP, third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

Legion Auxiliary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Medicare Form Aid, sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments required, 439-2160.

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

Bedtime Storyhour, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 17
JULY


Capital District Farmers' Market, Wednesdays through summer, First United Methodist Church, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 3-6:30 p.m. Information, 439-1450.

Evening On the Green, featuring Dragon Dance Theatre, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.


Bethlehem Senior Citizens, luncheon at Bavarian Chalet. Reservations, 439-4955, weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesday, Selkirk Fire House No. 2, Glenmont Rd., 8 p.m.


Bethlehem Lions Club, meets first and third Wednesday of month, Starlite Restaurant III, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.




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JULY 3

Child Care Discussion Group, hosted by Albany County Health Dept., West Shore Dr., Ravena, 2 p.m. Free.

Epilepsy Assn., of Capital District, support group for families effected by Epilepsy, Center for Independent Living, 22 Colvin Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8085.

Craft Fair and Flea Market, on Wednesdays through Aug. 28, Cairo Town Hall yard. Information, 622-8310.

Parent Without Partners, camping trip, July 3-7. Information, 869-5561.

THURSDAY
JULY 4

Fourth of July Celebration, featuring local musicians performing jazz, symphonic, Gospel and country-western music, outdoors at Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon-9 p.m. Fireworks on the plaza, 9 p.m.

Parents Without Partners, Albany Chapter, picnic. Information, 869-5561.

Fireworks, Cairo Town Park. Information, 622-3388.

Fireworks, Windham. Information, 734-4499.

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

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Events in Nearby Areas

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JULY 5

Italian Festival, featuring Anna Maria Alberghetti and Don Cornell, Hunter Mountain, July 5-7. Information, 263-3800.

Mexican Repertory Dance Company, appearing at Colonie Center, July 5, 6-9 p.m.; July 6, 2-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., and July 7, 1-4 p.m. Information, 459-9020.

SATURDAY
JULY 6

Artists Fabric Show, Art Awareness Gallery, Rt. 42, Lexington, July 6-28. Information, 989-6433.

Loft in the Sky Jazz Festival, with guitarist Kenny Burrell and trio, new Lex Theatre. Information, 989-6433.

Independence Day Celebration, at Altamont Fairgrounds, Rt. 146, Altamont, beginning at 1 p.m.; performance by Country Edition and fireworks, \$2 and \$1 admission, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
JULY 7

Summer Sundae Sunday, Ice Cream Social on the lawn at Clarksville Community Church. Banana splits \$2, sundaes \$1.50 and \$1, dish of ice cream, 75 cents, 2-4:30 p.m.

International Bazaar, outdoors at Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon-9 p.m.

Bloodmobile, sponsored by Farm Family and Farm Bureau, Farm Family Building, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

MONDAY
JULY 8

"Taking Charge in the Classroom," workshop at College of Saint Rose July 8-12, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Registration, 355-0580.

Public Hearing, on issues of federal employee pay, benefits and retirement, court room 1, Post Office and Federal Court House Building, Albany, 1 p.m.

Information Session, Empire State College, SUNY, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 447-6746.

Volunteer Training Sessions, for persons interested in working on the Samaritans suicide prevention 24-hour crisis line, 8 consecutive Mondays beginning July 8. Applications, 463-2323.

TUESDAY
JULY 9

Former Smokers, support group sponsored by American Lung Assn., meet first and third Tuesdays at American Lung Assn., 8 Mountain View Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 459-4197.

"Working With Words," writing workshop for teens, led by Athena Lord, award-winning local author, sponsored by Upper Hudson Library Federation, Colonie Town Library, 629 Albany Shaker Rd., Tuesdays during July, 7 p.m. Registration, 458-9274.

Farmers' Market, parking area of St. Vincent DePaul Church, Albany, 11 a.m.

"Spotlight on the New York City Ballet," review at Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, noon. Information.

WEDNESDAY
JULY 10

Child Care Discussion Group, hosted by Albany County Health Dept., West Shore Dr., Ravena, 2 p.m. Free.

"Overtures Lecture Series," sponsored by Capital District Humanities Program and Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Merrill Ashley will discuss New York City Ballet, Hall of Springs, Saratoga, \$5 admission, 6:30 p.m. Information, 587-3330.

Festivities, celebration with music and art, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free.

Faces felony counts

Timothy J. Relyea, 21, of Albany faces three charges after he was apprehended late Thursday afternoon in woods off Rockefeller Rd. with a stolen handgun in his possession, according to Bethlehem police reports. Relyea was charged with first and second degree criminal possession of stolen property and second degree forgery, all felonies, after police found he had a gun that had been in a car that was stolen earlier in the day from the Empire State Plaza, Albany, according to the report.

The accused was spotted crossing the Normanskill the the .38-caliber weapon strapped to his waist, the report noted. He later was found to have a forged check in his possession, police said. Relyea was sent to the Albany County Jail without bail after arraignment Thursday evening in Town Court, the report said.

Car leaves Rt. 9W

A 24 year old Feura Bush resident escaped serious injury when his car went off Rt. 9W in the early hours Sunday and hit two trees, according to Bethlehem police reports. The report said the vehicle glanced off one tree, turned and came to rest against a second tree. The driver did not require emergency medical treatment, according to the report.

Burglary probed

Bethlehem police are investigating a burglary last Monday at the Agway Feed Division building in Selkirk in which some \$200 in cash was taken, according to police reports. An office door and desk drawer were forced open, and \$170 in cash as well as coins from a soda machine were taken, the report noted.

Stolen van crashes

The driver fled the scene after a stolen van went off a curve on Waldenmaier Rd. and hit two trees last Sunday night, according to Bethlehem police reports. The van had been taken earlier that day from J.P. Jonas Inc., in Glenmont, according to the report. Police are looking for the driver.

Haverly heads class

Martin Haverly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Haverly, Wilmington, Del., formerly of Delmar, was graduated as valedictorian of his class at the Wilmington Christian School, Wilmington.

Haverly was the recipient of several awards including the PTA award for Christian commitment, leadership and character.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dorman, Delmar.

Volunteers needed

The American Lung Association has an immediate need for volunteers to assist in a variety of programs. Positions available include public affairs coordinator, smoking cessation support group leader and others. For more information, contact Eileen Cunningham, 459-4197.

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Older homeowners hit, too

(From page 1)

Reassessment based on market value inevitably causes inequities, Kaplan said in an interview, and it is the board's job to try and straighten them out.

"The name of the game now is average," he said. The board attempts to find some middle ground between the assessor's state-mandated responsibility of pegging a fair market value for the property — most often based on a sale price — and comparable values in the area. "It's done with some common sense," Kaplan said.

A report issued in January by the state Board of Equalization and Assessment pegged Town of Bethlehem's error rate for assessments at 21.46 percent for residential properties. The state board sets a 10 percent error rate — the amount, either up or down, an assessment should vary from true value — as its standard for residential properties. But the board reported that state-wide the rate of error is about 20 percent. Albany's error rate was 31.15 percent.

The most visible inequities come when a house is reassessed after a sale, often resulting in a sizeable increase, the "welcome stranger" phenomenon. Since the assessor has a market value, setting a new assessment is relatively easy. Often, however, comparable houses in the area have not been sold recently, and their assessments are much lower. The assessor is required by state law to fix a market value based on the sale price and the Equalization and Assessment Board's current equalization rate (Bethlehem's is currently 13.12 percent).

"At the same time," said Kaplan, "we must try to keep the overall assessments as equalized as possible with the owner who has for many years owned the same house."

Bethlehem Assessor John Thompson also periodically reviews areas of town, making adjustments to a number of properties that have not changed hands. In a recent interview, Thompson estimated that he reviewed about 1,000 properties (out of 8,736 in the town) in fixing the 1985 rolls.

Thus the Harrison Ave. owner's dilemma. Even with a new \$5,000

assessment, his full value for assessment purposes is only about \$38,000, far below what he could get for the house on the open market (the formula: divide assessed value by the equalization rate, .1312, to determine full value).

"So I'm not really hurting," the Harrison Ave. homeowner conceded. "But to me, being a retired person, 25 percent seemed to be kind of a kick in the slats. But I guess I can't complain about

the fairness of it." The Harrison Ave. story has a somewhat unusual ending — the owner didn't appeal his assessment, but decided to take advantage of a veteran's exemption he has had coming to him for years. That will push his assessment well below the \$4,000 it was before it was raised.

"I was going to let sleeping dogs lie..."

At its annual grievance day June 18, the assessment review

board handled an estimated 250 cases, Kaplan said. The board held two sessions during the day and then sat down with the evidence presented by owners and made its decisions. "We worked far into the night. The point is to make the decisions while the case is fresh in your mind," said Kaplan.

However, Kaplan said he cannot supply figures on the number of grievances upheld, how many stem from home sales versus reassessments or the dollar amounts involved. "Those figures

are unimportant to us" because each case is handled on an individual basis, he said. The board probably handled more cases this year than last year because it worked later, he said.

But even without statistics, Kaplan says, he can tell that Bethlehem's assessments are fair. "I've been on this board for 12 years, and I've gone through lots of files. I don't think we're that far off," he said.

"In my estimation, John Thompson is an excellent assessor."



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She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harold E. Marden, Delmar.

Bike missing

A 12-speed boy's bike was reported taken from a bicycle rack at Bethlehem Central High School last Wednesday, according to Bethlehem police reports. The bike, valued at \$200, was unregistered, according to the report.

Police last Wednesday found a green 5-speed boy's bike on Haddington Lane in Elsmere. The unregistered bike is being held at headquarters for identification by the owner.

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Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Pastor given fond farewell

A large gathering of friends was on hand last Sunday to bid a very reluctant farewell to the Rev. Kenneth Miller, who conducted his final worship service as pastor of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Planning on devoting more attention to counseling and creative writing, Rev. Miller is taking a leave of absence from full-time ministry. Although he leaves the community as pastor, his friends and acquaintances are pleased that he intends to remain in the Albany area.

With some 100 people in attendance, a special farewell dinner and program was held in his honor June 23 at the church in South Bethlehem. Arranged by the United Methodist Women, the meal, described as a gourmet-style covered-dish supper, consisted of extra-special dishes provided by those who attended. Included in the fare was a huge cake, beautifully decorated, and inscribed "Tis a Gift to be Free — With Love and Best Wishes in Your Chosen Ministry." The verse is a line from an old Shaker hymn, "Simple Gifts," which was sung by Rev. Miller on his first Sunday as pastor of the church three years ago and again during the service last Sunday.

With many of the congregation participating, Bob Vaber acted as master of ceremonies for the

program that followed. In a portion of the entertainment, accompanied by Marion Fross on the piano, Joan Kerker performed a comedy routine, taking both male and female parts in the duet. Another highlight was a song composed in tribute to Rev. Miller by a member of the congregation and sung by the entire gathering. The youth of the church gave the departing pastor a shirt bearing his name and proclaiming "We Are the World."

Volunteers take a bow

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education recently sponsored a volunteer recognition night in gratitude for the many hours district residents spent this year assisting students and teachers in the elementary schools. The program was held at the RCS Junior High School, with Dick Brooks as master of ceremonies.

Following a buffet for about 80 people, board member Wayne Fuhrman and former member Pat Marsh presented recognition pins to those who participated in the pilot adult volunteer program.

Coordinator of the program was Colleen Janssen.

At Becker: Joyce Layman was coordinator and volunteers were Margret Buckley, Marge Catellier, Eleanor Cornell, Josephine Hargis, Ellen Linsebigler, Sharon Pelton, Mary Risick, Heidi Sengenberger, Sherry Stanton and Edi Wagoner.

At Ravena: Janet Mantynen was coordinator and volunteers were Candace Bender, Jackie Blendell, Paula Clemenc, Laurie Clefford, Angelika Hoecker, Renate LaFleur, Doris Leewright, Beth Mahon, Pamela Moore, Faith Otto, Kim Sebert, Cindy Siciliano, Stacie Trosclair, Kathy Wolfe, Carol Wright.

At Pieter B. Coeymans School: Tina Irwin served as coordinator for volunteers Judy Boehlke, Krysia Cording, Frances Denham, Pat Feurbach, Theresa Filkins, Elizabeth Gutches, Dorothy Hohan, Barbara Hotaling, Judy Nicewonger, Jackie Paplow, Ruth Rauche, Sandy Smith, Bernadette St. Perre, Shirley Strauss, Wandy Whitney, Mary Yeomans.

Also assisting with the program were Judy Close, Raymond Johnson, Donna Mirande, Jolene Roe, Veronica Luke, Benay Britton, Gil Houck, Pat Meyers, Terry Tallman, Linda Deyoe, Vern Schermerhorn, Gary Nulton, Donald Winne, Chris Farrell, Maribeth Wilkie, Tom Rotello, Carmen Sgroi, Bob Stumbago, Mary Ingraham, Arlene Jordan, Linda Marshall and Dawn Carson.

Gone fishin'

Despite weather conditions that created some rough seas, 40 area men enjoyed a Father's Day weekend deep sea excursion sponsored by the Bethlehem Elks Lodge of Selkirk. The men left Selkirk June 15 for Gloucester, Mass., where they boarded a boat for a day of cod fishing off the coast. While there appears to be some question as to just which person caught the biggest fish and the most fish, there seems to be no doubt at all that the father and son fishing trip was a big success.



Jaime-Leigh Gooding and Joyce Gooding of Glenmont, winners of the local and state Sunburst Beauty Pageant, will travel to Atlanta, Ga., for the national competition in August. *Spotlight*

Sisters are winners again

They've done it again! The daughters of Judy and Richard Gooding of Glenmont, who were winners in the local Sunburst Beauty Pageant several months ago, have returned home with their arms full of trophies again.

Providing dad with a Father's Day he'll long remember, 4-year-old Jaime-Leigh Gooding, and her sister Joyce, 17, were each awarded four trophies on June 16, culminating three days of state competition for the Sunburst contest, held in Saratoga last weekend.

Joyce, a junior at Bethlehem Central High School, was crowned New York Sunburst Queen in the teen division and won first place in the beauty, most photogenic, and pro-model categories. Joyce received a trophy for each individual category, a \$100 savings bond and other prizes.

Jaime-Leigh was awarded first place in the beauty and most photogenic judging, and was first runner-up in the pro-model division for peewees. She was also

awarded four trophies, and the most-valued prize, a stuffed dog complete with stuffed bowl and bone.

As winners at the state level Jaime-Leigh and Joyce will be travelling with their parents to Atlanta, Ga., in August, where they will compete in the national competition.

Joyce and Jaime-Leigh are sponsored by Rogers Sport and Ski Shop Inc. of Delaware Plaza Maxwell Formal Gowns of East Greenbush and U S Kids of Delmar.

Deer hits car

A deer ran into the side of a car being driven by a Climax, N.Y. man early last Tuesday on Rt. 144 in Selkirk, according to Bethlehem police reports. No injuries were reported.

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As a result of these efforts, we have come up with such devices as the International Morse Code, pictorial traffic signs, the United Nations' earphone translation system, the price index of gold and silver, and Coca Cola and Kodak. I once heard that the name "Kodak" was selected in that it could be pronounced in any language. As I hail from Rochester, N.Y., Kodak's birthplace, I lent credibility to the hearsay.

Growing up, I recall teachers urging me to learn French, because at that time it was acclaimed the "international language." I understand that English has since replaced French in the top spot, but then, too, many of us who were headed toward academia were hard-pressed to select Latin for our language sequence because it is the common root of all the Romance languages and prerequisite to becoming a doctor, a lawyer, a pharmacist or a pseudo-intellectual, *volens volens*.

I chose not to pursue Latin studies, but instead become a jazz musician, because not only does

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



"music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," but it is widely recognized as the "universal language." My early musical experiences seemed to reinforce these claims. The very first band job I played — I was 15 or 16 years old — was at a settlement house in the city. The occasion was a dance held by a real-life 1950's street gang, which had engaged in a brawling, sprawling gang fight just the day before on the campus of our local high school. Reprisals were anticipated at the dance, so cops were there frisking everyone at the door. They collected a formidable cache of knives, chains and zip guns, I was told, but "music hath charms," and the evening rocked and rolled on uneventfully, and a good time was had by all.

...we experience anger, sadness, joy, love, fear and tranquility in a manner common to all human beings, perhaps to all living beings, for all I know.

As I traveled to many different cities and countries in pursuit of higher education, I discovered that music was indeed a key that opened many doors past the typical barriers to human contact. I didn't join a fraternity, but attended many frat parties as a band member, and got paid to do it besides. I played at church services in the backwoods of Tennessee. I played in bars in black ghettos, the only white person in the place. I never did

learn to speak French, but played with a French-speaking band in a basement jazz cafe in Paris. I played for poetry-jazz sessions during the beatnik era in plush mansions of the ridiculously wealthy. I played for the military in officer's clubs on various air bases. I attended countless wedding parties, graduation festivities, bar mitzvahs, Knights of Columbus ceremonies and political rallies, all as a musician. I saw a lot of people through the language of music.

But it was still limited, because not all people relate to music. I can remember many times when the music actually reinforced barriers, rather than tearing them down. "Can't you guys play something we can dance to?" "Turn your volume down! We can't hear each other talk!" "No, we don't play Jimi Hendrix. We don't even have a guitar in the band." "Look, why don't you fellows pack up early? There's nobody left in the place but us." "I like jazz, but I don't understand it.

Give me some good ol' Guy Lombardo or Lawrence Welk where you can at least hear the beat." And how often does music arouse the savage breast instead of soothing it?

So, is there a universal language, a means of understanding anyone at any time in any place? I believe there is. It is the language of feelings, the experience of emotion that bonds every human being to one another. Although I may feel my feelings for different

reasons than a bushman in Africa, or I may express anger, sadness, joy, love, fear and tranquility in manner common to all human beings, perhaps to all living beings, for all I know.

Once I have learned to feel my own feelings, I am then capable of feeling yours. Once I have experienced the variety and the intensity of my emotions, I am then open to experience yours. Once I have learned to identify what I have felt, I can then identify what you are feeling, and I can say to you, "I know what you are feeling," be it with words or facial expressions or actions or simply by feeling it myself.

Even in music, as I came to understand, real communication occurs only when the music is not merely heard or played, but felt. It is only through feelings that we can truly make contact with each other beyond the typical vis-a-vis and head-to-head exchanges that occur within the social order, because when we touch each other emotionally, we are connected heart to heart, and that, my friends, is the heart of the entire matter.

Sagamore setting

The College of Saint Rose and Sagamore Institute, a nonprofit educational organization based in Saratoga Springs, are offering two week-long graduate courses in July. Both courses will be taught at Sagamore Conference Center, located near Raquette Lake in the Adirondack Mountains.

"Cooperative Learning: An Effective Model for Cognitive and Affective Growth" will be taught July 7 to 12 by Dr. David and Roger Johnson, professors at the University of Minnesota.

"Humor and Creativity: Tools for Teachers and Helping Professionals" will be offered July 28 to Aug. 2, taught by Dr. Joel Goodman, director of the HUMOR Project of Sagamore. Dr. Goodman has written seven books, and he is the editor of the quarterly *Laughing Matters*.

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RIT grad goes to IBM

Jeffrey C. Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jenkins, Oneida Castle, has recently been employed by IBM, Raleigh, N.C. as a mathematical programmer.

Jenkins is a May graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology and a 1980 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Sanchez elected

Bonita Sanchez of Delmar has been elected 1985-86 treasurer of the State Council of the Arts Decentralization Plan for the Capital District.

Sanchez is currently assistant coordinator of field education, at the State University at Albany's School of Social Welfare. She is a past president of the Albany League of Arts and a member of the founding board of directors, AIM HIGH, Inc.

The Decentralization Plan for the Capital District annually reprints funds from the State Council on the Arts to local nonprofit organizations for arts programming in the Capital District. This year the panel will accept applications until Sept. 20.



Anthony DeFranco Earns MD from Tufts

Anthony DeFranco of Delmar, a graduate of Yale University, has received his M.D. degree from Tufts University School of Medicine.

DeFranco was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society and was the recipient of the Philip E. Sheridan, M.D. prize in medicine. He is currently doing his residency at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

Honors at Academy

During the 172th commencement exercises at The Albany Academy, the following area seniors were presented with awards: A. Christian Meyer, Voorheesville, the Andrew Rooney literary prize and the Declamation prize; and Charles Roth, Voorheesville, the Headmaster's Prize. Roth is also the co-recipient of the American Chemical Society Award.

Todd Drometer, Glenmont; John Grogan, Slingerlands, and John Harris, Glenmont, were presented with presidential academic fitness awards.

Other local graduates were Edward Lyons, Slingerlands, James Murnane, Delmar and Jon Toussaint, Delmar.

Travelers Aid honors Blue Cross president

Nancy Fenster of Delmar, outgoing president of the Capital District Travelers Aid Society, recently presented awards at the organization's annual meeting in Albany.

Chester E. Burrell, Delmar, president of the Albany Division of Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield, was one of the recipients of the Thelma Wade Holding Award, an award established to honor significant humanitarian and community service in support of the society's goals.

New board members elected for the coming year include Barbara Muhlfelder, Delmar, Thelma Wade Holding, Delmar, a longtime board member is an honorary life member.

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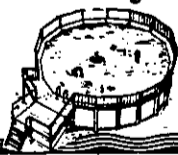
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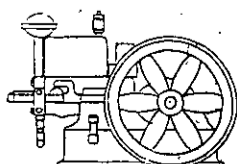
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More changes at plaza

Delaware Plaza, the scene of many changes in the past year, has a few more coming up.

The Honeycomb Restaurant, owned by Jean Hart of Albany and Betty Guilianelli of Delmar, will be moving later this summer to the arcade at the plaza, next to Lee's Chinese Restaurant. The Honeycomb is going into the space occupied by the Golden Krust bakery and part of the space formerly occupied by Paul Mitchell's menswear store. A spokesman for HMC Associates, owner of the plaza, said an Aug. 1 opening date is the target.

In addition, HMC has submitted plans for construction of a new bank office building on the now-vacant parcel of land adjacent to the west side of the plaza, according to Building Inspector John Flanigan.

The land is currently zoned for commercial use but the project will need site plan approval from the Bethlehem Planning Board, Flanigan said. HMC officials have reviewed the plans with property owners on Plymouth Ave., and have also discussed with the owners the possibility of expanding the parking area on the



More facade work, this time to the wing with the Baskin Robbins store and the Home and City office, is part of an ongoing upgrading of Delaware Plaza.
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west side of the plaza, Flanigan said. No concrete plans have been presented for the parking expansion, he added.

The Honeycomb has been at its current site on the west side of the plaza for nine years. Hours there are 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Saturdays, and 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

John's Normanside hair care center will be moving July 20 to the present site of John's South-

gate, 1 Becker Terr., at the rear of 339 Delaware Ave. Remodeling at that location is planned, with reopening on July 23 as John's Normanside, according to a spokesman at John's. The telephone numbers will remain the same, she said.

Brooks Drugs at the plaza, one of a chain, will be expanding into the space to be vacated by Honeycomb and John's, the HMC spokesman confirmed. A total of 37 businesses are at the plaza.

Town concerned over ANSWERS sale

What happens if the City of Albany sells its ANSWERS plant and the other municipalities that depend on the plant to dispose of solid waste find themselves faced with a major rate hike?

The Town of Bethlehem is one of the municipalities in that situation, and Supervisor Robert Hendrick this week asked state Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry G. Williams to consider that question before approving any sale.

Albany officials have announced that they are negotiating a sale of the waste processing facility to Smith and Mahoney, the Albany engineering firm that designed it. State officials have already questioned whether the

city would have to return grant money used in building the plant, but there has been no public comment on the plight of the other municipalities.

In his letter to Williams, Hendrick noted that the original rate for using ANSWERS was \$2.50 per ton, and that the town signed a long-term contract with the city based on that rate and subsequently began closing its landfill and acquired a site for a transfer station. The current rate per ton is \$6 and is about to go up again — had that rate been used in the original calculations, Hendrick said, ANSWERS "would not have been an economically attractive alternative."

If the plant is sold, Hendrick said, "I feel it is essential that the rates for the use of this facility remain stable so as not to place an undue burden on our taxpayers and that any future rate changes be subject to review and approval by a public agency."

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IDA funding approved

Bethlehem has received notification from the state Commerce Department that the town will receive an additional allocation of \$750,000 in industrial development authority funding. The money will be used for the Professional Insurance Agency building on Rt. 9W, according to Supervisor Robert Hendrick.

The Bethlehem Industrial Development Authority, which had not completed a single funding request in its first 10 years of existence, now has two projects that appear likely to go through, according to Hendrick. Earlier in the year, the IDA approved the preliminary application from a Syracuse company for \$1.2 million in tax free bonds for construction of a new food storage warehouse on Wemple Rd. That project used all of the town's state IDA allocation, so when the insurance agency expansion plan came before the board the town had to request a supplemental allocation, Hen-

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drick said.

Both projects are apparently on schedule and will be able to secure all their financing, Hendrick said.

Takes computer job

Joseph C. Bardwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton T. Bardwell of Delmar, a May graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology, has joined Arthur Anderson and Company, Chicago, Ill., as a computer technical consultant.

While in college, Bardwell worked as a programmer and systems analyst for IBM in Sterling Forest. The recent college graduate was a member of the Mathematics Tudor Society and the Math Club Executive Committee.

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By Linda Anne Burtis

On the evening of May 30, two weary but exhilarated Delmar men, Frederick Eckel, 48, and Kenneth Marriott, 60, walked out of the Adirondack forest and joined an elite group of mountaineers — the Forty-Sixers. Following several years of hiking — in Eckel's case, his first Adirondack peak was climbed in 1968 — they had doggedly chalked off the 46 high peaks that lie in the Adirondack Park region.

Labelling these North Country summits Forty-Sixers began in 1925, when two young men from New York City and their guide climbed all the mountains that rose above 4,000 feet. By 1957, only 166 climbers could claim membership in that exclusive group. Since 1980, close to 2,000 hardy hikers have reached all 46 summits.

Ray Bell, also from Delmar, and Theodore Dydych of Latham climbed with Eckel and Marriott on their final push. Both Bell and Dydych had previously completed their 46 climbs.

Operating on that pervasive human instinct that saves the worst for last, Eckel and Marriott faced a strenuous day when they started for the peaks of Redfield and Cliff on May 30. "Doing" Mount Redfield requires a seven mile walk simply to reach the base.

"We felt exhilarated on top of Redfield, but were mostly plain, good old-fashioned exhausted," said Eckel, back in Delmar. "And, of course, we still had to climb back down." It took the experienced party of four 16 hours of trekking on that warm spring Friday before Eckel and Marriott could officially consider themselves Forty-Sixers.

Although Eckel had already



Fred Eckel and Ken Marriott of Delmar on their last climb — for the time being. The pair now plans to tackle the White Mountains.

climbed two peaks in 1968 and 1977, it wasn't until 1980 that he set himself the goal of climbing the other 44 high peaks. Marriott joined him a year later. They methodically hiked every spring, summer and fall, adding "bagged" summits to carefully kept journals.

There is no numerical madness here. For Eckel, "it was the perfect way to get fresh air and exercise, keeping me in really good shape." Climbing mountains is rugged work. Bell planned on using hiking to help keep him in shape for winter hockey, but found it was the hockey that gave him the stamina to endure climbing.

Eckel was not at a loss for stories when a reporter asked if he encountered any frightening episodes in the woods. Once he was separated from his companions while climbing Whiteface Mountain and it was only his competence with a map and compass

that saw him safely back to his car. Then there was the time a black bear was walking up the trail they were climbing down. "Dydych spontaneously yelled and luckily the bear didn't challenge us," said Eckel. He added that hiking Haystack Mountain "was especially frightening because a terrible storm developed, keeping us from crossing streams in their proper spots, so we had to search for fallen trees to cross swollen creeks."

Next challenge? Marriott is already off to England on a climbing vacation. The men will next apply their climbing talents to the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Coincidentally, there are 46 peaks there which reach the 4,000 foot range.

In Delmar The Spotlight is sold at Handy Andy, Delmar Card Shop, Tri-Village Drug and Stewart's.

Giants and Traudt tighten grip on top spot in V'ville

John Traudt delivered a two-run double to back his strong pitching performance as the St. Matthew's Giants rolled by the Spotlight Red Sox, 10-5, and remained undefeated atop the Voorheesville Babe Ruth league.

Foley's Garage kept a close second as they handed the Berne Mets a 5-2 setback last week. Kevin Davis struck out 13 batters for the winners as Mike Race knocked in two runs with two singles.

Ken Andriano hurled a one-hitter and struck out eight as Rod & Gun Club rolled by the Berne Dodgers, 8-1. Bret Seyboth backed Andriano's strong mound showing with two singles.

Led by manager Bill Van Dyke

and coaches Bill Logan and Greene, the league's 13-year-old All-Star team is competing in the District 6 Tournament. The squad consists of Chip Adalian, Craig Lapinski, Brian Logan, Mike Haaf, Kevin O'Connor, Tom Haroldson, Dave Decker, John Becker, Alan Greene, Rich Tesiero, Tom Galvin, Brian Schrough, Joe Lech, Scott Fahd and Paul Jensen.

Voorheesville Babe Ruth

Standings as of June 30, 1985

	W	L	W
St. Matthew	7	0	Kiwanis 3
Foley's	5	3	Spotlight 2
Berne Mets	3	3	Berne Dodg 2
Rod & Gun	3	4	

All-Stars tote up 2

Bethlehem Babe Ruth's 13-year-old All-Star team recorded victories in the first two games of the District 6 Tournament held in Colonie last week behind the pitching of Alex Hackman and Bryan Mullaney.

In the opening game, Hackman allowed only one baserunner in a 17-0 win over Whitehall. Mullaney backed up the one-hitter with three hits, including a ground rule double. Mullaney provided the

mound work next game as pitched Bethlehem to a 10-1 win over Watervliet. Jamie Dillon and Quimby McCaskill chipped two hits apiece for the All-Star

The squad consists of Ky Snyder, David Sodergren, Steve Millett, Matt Denin and McCaskill of Glenmont Diner; John Hoffman of Houghtaling's Market; Dillon, Pat Doody and Jamie Mizener of Applebee Funer Home and Scott Hodge, Mullaney, Albert Greenhalgh, Hackman and Russell Loder of Ower Corning.

Bethlehem Babe Ruth

Standings as of June 30, 1985

Gold	W	L	Blue	W
Main Care	10	2	O. Corning	11
Blue Cross	8	4	Applebee	6
Nat Saving	3	9	Glen Diner	5
Davies Off	3	9	Ht'lings	4

Softball picnic

The Bethlehem Tomboys softball league has lined up a festival day on July 10. The league will hold its picnic and championship game on that date.

Just misses officer

An 18-year-old North Bethlehem youth was charged with misdemeanor reckless endangerment after he almost struck a Bethlehem police officer with his dirt bike, according to police reports. The youth was riding the motorized vehicle on a trail off Russell Rd. in North Bethlehem when he mistakenly accelerated and narrowly missed hitting the officer, according to the reports. He was arrested a short time later at a Russell Rd. address, the report said.

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Frank Otto and Marylou Schulz of Delmar turned in strong swimming performances on June 29th at Skidmore College in the Saratoga Summer Splash hosted by the Adirondack District Masters Swim Team.

Otto, competing in the 35-39 year old age group as a member of the Adirondack Masters, recorded personal bests in swimming to second place in the 50 meter breaststroke (42.79), second place in the 50 meter backstroke (42.87) and third place in the 100 meter breaststroke (1:34.5). Schulz, in the 45-49 year old division, gathered first place finishes in five different events.

The swimmers plan to travel to Canada for the Toronto Masters in August and Providence, R.I., for the Long Course Nationals.

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Standouts on track

Four Bethlehem youngsters turned in outstanding performances last Saturday as they competed in The Athletic Congress Regional Track Championship at Southern Connecticut University's Bowen Field.

Competing in the youth division (13-14 years old), eighth grader Ian Berry recorded a first place finish in the 400 meter run and a second place in the 800 meter run. Steve Connolly, also an eighth grader, scored a first place in the boys triple jump while seventh grader Meghan Connolly placed fifth in the girls event. In the midget division (11-12 years old), Amy Smith placed second in the high jump and the 80 meter hurdles.

On June 22, the youngsters qualified for the regional meet with performances in the top three at the Adirondack T.A.C. Track Championships at the State University at Albany. Berry placed first in the 400 meter run and second in the 800 meter run while Steve Connolly grabbed a first in the triple jump and third in the 200 meter run. Meghan Connolly placed second in the girls' triple jump.

Church Softball

June 27, 1985

Voorheesville 5, Del. Reformed 4
Presbyterian 13, Clarksville 6
Bethany 13, Beth. Community 6
Glenmont 10, St. Thomas I 5
St. Thomas II 15, New Scotland 5
Wynantskill 11, Methodist 1
Westerlo 17, Beth. Lutheran 16

W	L	W	L		
Glenmont	8	1	St. Tom I	7	2
St. Tom II	7	2	Voorhees	7	2
Wynantskill	7	2	Del. Ref.	6	3
Westerlo	5	4	Del. Meth	4	5
Bethany	3	5	Presby	3	5
New Scot.	3	6	Beth Com	1	8
Clarksville	1	8	Beth Luth	0	9

Drums and bugles

The Senior Drum and Bugle Corps competition, featuring such nationally known groups as the Hawthorne Caballeros, the New York Skyliners, the Matadors, the Sunrisers, the Hurricanes and the Bushwackers, will be held at the Knox Field, Johnstown, on Saturday, July 6, at 7 p.m.

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Action in the Bethlehem Soccer Club was fast and furious last week as the under 10-year-olds tussle for a loose ball.

Roberts, PG win

In Tri-Village Little League play last week, Roberts Realty picked up two wins, defeating Farm Family, 20-7, and Spotlight, 11-10.

In the victory over Farm Family, Josh Pierce kept a fourth inning rally alive with a two-run shot over the left field fence. Craig Davies added a single and a double for the winners. For Farm Family, Chris Black hit a two-bagger.

Roberts' triumph over Spotlight was a slugfest for both teams. For the victors, Ron Newkirk doubled, Dave Pierce singled and Scott Thornton had a pair of hits. For Spotlight, Darryn Fiske, Jeff D'Arcy and Jeff VanBlarcom all hit home runs.

Price Greenleaf had an excellent week as well, winning twice. In a 16-2 rout of Spotlight, hurler Scott Fish struck out 12, and Matt Shortell hit a triple. For Spot-

light, Kevin Curran homered.

In squeaking past Farm Family, 6-5, Price Greenleaf was led by Jim O'Brien's three doubles while Matt Quatraro added two more. Eric Seward singled for Farm Family.

Tri-Village Little League

Standings as of June 29, 1985

Majors	W	L	Juniors	W	L
Pr-Gmfl	11 1/2	1 1/2	Prt-Vail	11	1
Roberts	10	3	Hoogy's	9	1
Main Cr	10 1/2	3 1/2	McDnd	6	5
Starwd	4	9	Her Pool	4 1/2	6 1/2
Spotlight	4	10	Buenau's	4 1/2	7 1/2
Frm Fm	0	13	Paper Ml	2	9
			Verardi's	1	8

Intermediates

Nat	W	L	Amer	W	L
Main Cr	12	0	Del Ans	7 1/2	4 1/2
Stewarts	5	7	Keystone	6 1/2	4 1/2
GE	4	7	Pro Kit	5 1/2	6 1/2
Hdy Ady	2 1/2	7 1/2	Tkr-Ant	3	9

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Burkart gets MVP as Tomboys triumph

The Bethlehem Tomboy All-Stars won the third annual St. Francis Invitational this past weekend in convincing style as they swept three games.

Most Valuable Player Kristi Burkart won all three games while striking out 37 batters and yielding only seven hits in 21 innings and received solid offensive support from Julie Francis, Leslie Anderson and Holly Mendelsohn.

In the first game on Saturday, Bethlehem defeated host St. Francis by a 12-2 score. Julie Francis had three hits, including a first inning two-run home run and a second inning two-run double. Bethlehem toppled Brunswick 8-2 on Sunday as Anderson had a homer and a double. In the final game, the All-Stars soundly defeated Cohoes, 16-5, with Mendelsohn contributing three hits and Francis and Nancy Frattura

getting two apiece.

The three game sweep extended the streak of consecutive games won by the All-Stars to nine dating back to last year. Manager Si Karem noted, "The girls played really well and were very aggressive."

Bethlehem Tomboys

Standings as of June 30, 1985

Intermed	W	L	Minors	W	L
Tri-Village	1 1/2	3 1/2	GE Plastics	8	2
ETS	9 1/2	5 1/2	Carvel	7	3
Kelly's Jwlr's	9	6	Hndy Andy	7	3
Mom's	8	7	Betty Lent	4	6
Myers Travl	4	11	Farm Fam	2	8
Riccardo's	3	12	Eatn Breuel	1	9

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	W	L	W	L	
At. Cement	6	4	Beth Masns	4	6
Beth Elks	6	4	Frattura's	4	7
Kuivila	5	5			

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Tennis tips on TV

The Bethlehem Channel, now Cable Channel 17, has some new programs scheduled. On Mondays at 7 p.m. a tennis instruction series by Phil Ackerman will be aired. Ackerman, a Delmar resident, tennis pro at the Southwood Tennis Club, in Albany. The series, produced by Mona Finn, consists of three programs. The first, to be shown July 1 and 8, discusses ground strokes, both forehand and backhand and volleys. Parts two and three will air July 15 and 22. These programs cover the serve, the approach zone, specialty shots and doubles strategy.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 10, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Edward F. Kleinke, III, P.O. Box 131 Slingerlands, New York for a variance under Article XI, Front Yard, of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance to permit relocation of two car garage closer than allowed 85 feet from the street line at premises, Maher Road, Slingerlands; Town of Bethlehem.

CHARLES B. FRITTS
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(July 3)

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CHARLES B. FRITTS
Chairman Board of Appeals
(July 3)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 10, 1985 at 8:15 p.m. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Daniel A. and Jeanne M. Ciampiano, 6 Marathon Lane, Slingerlands, New York for Variance under Article XII of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance, to permit a solar addition at premises, Corner of Krumkill Road and Marathon Lane, Slingerlands, New York.

CHARLES B. FRITTS
Chairman Board of Appeals
(July 3)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO AMEND TRAFFIC ORDINANCE ADOPTED JULY 17, 1968

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, DOES HEREBY AMEND the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem adopted on the 17th day of July, 1968, and last amended on the 24th day of April, 1985 as follows:
1. Amend Article I, STOP INTERSECTIONS, Section 1, by adding

two new paragraphs (aaa) and (bbb) to read as follows:

(aaa) The intersection of Adams Place is hereby designated as a Stop Intersection.

(bbb) The intersection of Herber Avenue with Oakwood Place is hereby designated as a Stop Intersection.

The foregoing amendment to the Traffic Ordinance shall take effect ten days after publication.

The foregoing amendment to the Traffic Ordinance was presented for adoption by Mr. Prothero, and was seconded by Mrs. Bickel and was duly adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Mr. Hendrick, Mrs. Bickel, Mr. Geurtze, Mr. Prothero, Mrs. Ritchko.
Noes: None.

Dated: June 26, 1985
(July 3)

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF ALBANY)

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, being desirous of forming a Limited Partnership, pursuant to the laws of the State of New York, and being severally sworn, do certify as follows:

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2. The character of the partnership's business is to acquire for investment certain real property

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3. The principal place of business of the Partnership shall be at 10 McKown Road, Albany, New York 12203. The General Partner may establish such other offices or places of business for the Partnership as it may deem necessary or desirable.

4. The name and place of residence of each General Partner interested in the Partnership is as follows:

Name
Vincent M. Wolanin

Address
Loudonville, New York
12211

The name and place of residence of each Limited Partner interested in the Partnership is as follows:

Name
Gregory M. Wolanin

Address
Loudonville, New York
12211

5. The term for which the Partnership is to exist is from the 1st day of May, 1985, and shall terminate upon the adjudication of bankruptcy of the General Partner; the filing of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy of Chapter XI petition by the General Partner; the final disposition of all the Partnership Property; or April 30, 2085.

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(b) In the event of a sale, refinancing or condemnation, the proceeds thereof shall be distributed 50% to the Limited Partner and 50% to the General Partner.

(c) Depreciation expense shall be allocated 50% to the Limited Partner and 50% to the General Partner.

(d) Mortgage amortization shall be allocated 50% to the Limited Partner and 50% to the General Partner.

The above is subject to such further amplification and/or modification in accordance with an agreement of Limited Partnership to be executed by the undersigned simultaneously herewith.

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Vincent M. Wolanin,
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/s/ Gregory M. Wolanin

Gregory M. Wolanin,
Limited Partner
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 1st day of May, 1985.

/s/ Gayle Hartz

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) ss.:

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On this 1st day of May, 1985, before me came VINCENT M. WOLANIN, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same.

/s/ Gayle Hartz

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On this 1st day of May, 1985, before me came GREGORY M. WOLANIN, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same.

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Obituaries

Dr. John O'Hern

Dr. John A. O'Hern, 66, of Delmar, chief of thoracic surgery at the Albany Veterans Administration Hospital and active in Bethlehem youth sports, died suddenly on June 26 shortly after arriving at work.

Born in New York City, he graduated from Cornell University Medical College and served as an intern and resident at Boston City Hospital.

After completing his residency, he joined the staff of the Albany Veterans Administration Hospital and became one of the first area doctors to perform open-heart surgery and implant pacemakers. He also served as an associate professor at Albany Medical College, where he was honored for excellence in teaching.

The World War II veteran was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha fraternity, president of the Bethlehem Little League and

medical supervisor for the Bethlehem Pop Warner football team.

He was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Mariner O'Hern; five sons, Charles T. O'Hern and Kevin H. O'Hern of Delmar, Thomas J. O'Hern of Albany, John A. O'Hern Jr. of New York and Daniel J. O'Hern of Goshen, and three daughters, Mrs. Peter (Karen) Gerstenzang of Delmar, Mrs. Walter (Susan) Moniz of Rockland, Mass., and Deborah J. O'Hern of Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was in the Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar.

Sheldon G. Akley

Sheldon G. Akley, 89, of South Bethlehem, died suddenly at his

home on June 28

A longtime resident of South Bethlehem, he was a retired machinist for the New York Central Railroad.

He was a member of the High Hill United Methodist Church in Athens.

Survivors include a daughter, Anna Cronk of Coxsackie, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Caswell Funeral Home, Ravena. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery, Coxsackie.

Arnold Montgomery

Arnold M. Montgomery, 65, of Selkirk, a Conrail employee and farmer, died June 22 at the Albany Medical Center Hospital

Born in Bethel, Vt., he was a longtime resident of Selkirk. He was employed as a conductor for Conrail. He also operated a small farm. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Mitchell; two sons, Arnold M. Montgomery Jr. and Robert A. Montgomery, two sisters, Mrs.

Della M. Sawyer and Mrs. Marjorie M. Durrett, and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Caswell Funeral Home, Ravena. Burial was at the Pleasant View Cemetery, Randolph, Vt.

Edward J. Mitzen

Edward J. Mitzen, 41, of Voorheesville, treasurer of the Voorheesville Babe Ruth team, died suddenly on June 29 at the Albany Medical Center Hospital.

He lived in Delmar before moving to Voorheesville 10 years ago. He held a master's degree in chemistry and was employed for the past 16 years as a chemist for the Albany Veterans Administration Hospital.

He was a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn DeAngelis Mitzen; a son, Edward G. Mitzen; a daughter, Christina Ann Mitzen; his mother, Marjorie Mitzen, and a sister, Mrs. Roger (Catherine) Creteau.

Arrangements were by the Reilly and Son Funeral Home,

Voorheesville. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery, Piscataway, N.J.

William C. Mesick

William Charles Mesick, 71, of Voorheesville, a retired bus driver for the Voorheesville School District, died suddenly on June 28 at the Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, he was a resident of Voorheesville for more than 20 years. In addition to his service to the Voorheesville School District, he worked at the Voorheesville Liquor Store.

He was a member of the Voorheesville United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth West Mesick; a daughter, Pamela (Tracy) Longway of Skaneateles, and three sons, David Mesick and Lawrence Mesick of Albany, and Richard Kirk Mesick of Schenectady. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Scott and Chad Longway.

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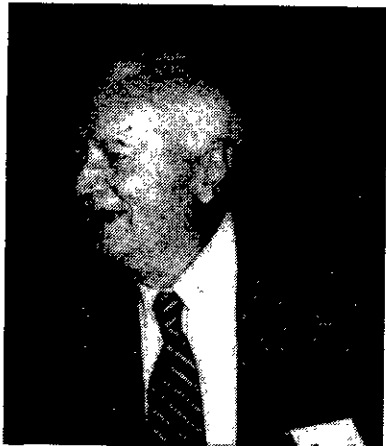
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Gordon is published

Andrew M. Gordon, Delmar, has been included in the 1985 "Apprentice Writer," a publication of the Susquehanna University.

The tabloid sized magazine features writing, art and photographs by high school students in eight states. Gordon's poem "What Luck" was one of 85 works chosen from more than 3,000 submitted.

JCA scholarship

Julianne Putnam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Putnam, Elmsere, has been awarded a scholarship from the Junior College of Albany.

She is one of eight students selected from 50 applicants who applied for the JCA competitive award.

Given SUNYA post

Donald S. Birn of Delmar, who teaches history at the State University at Albany, has been named director of the University's master of arts in liberal studies program. The program allows students to design their own interdisciplinary master's degree programs, and is designed especially for non-traditional graduate students.

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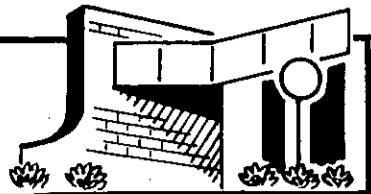
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BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Friends of the Library elected officers for 1985-86 at the group's recent annual meeting at the library. Elected for one-year terms were Irving Zeitz as president and Roslyn Faust as secretary. Patricia Meldrum was re-elected vice-president and Robert O'Neill was re-elected treasurer. Named to the board of directors for the year were Mort Adell, Donald Ballou, Eleanor Clarke, Fred Adler, Eleanor Haywood and Donald MacHarg. Also at the June 12 meeting, the group approved by-laws and a roster of permanent committees.

The Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library was organized in 1984 to promote a close relationship between the library and the community. The group has offered cultural and educational programs to the public and has helped the library implement a number of special projects. Members of the group assisted the library staff during both the fall and spring output measurements surveys and during "Celebrate the Library Day" June 15.

Many public libraries have friends groups and there have

been such organizations represented in the American Library Association since 1929. The groups vary widely in the ways they support their libraries. Some sponsor building improvement and collection development programs. Many hold book sales and other fund-raising events. Others organize book fairs, exhibits, story hours, film festivals, and countless other programs. All contribute to the cultural opportunities available in their communities. They encourage the use of the library's resources to the fullest extent and assist the library in interacting with other community organizations.

Bethlehem Public Library users with creative ideas and willing hands are welcome to join the Friends. For more information about the Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library call membership chairman Ginny Woodard at 439-6084 or Irving Zeitz, president, at 439-7155. Anyone interested in becoming a Friend can do so by stopping by the library, filling out a member registration form and paying the \$2 membership fee.

Restaurant entered

Bethlehem police are investigating a burglary that occurred sometime Thursday night at the Shanty Restaurant, Delaware Ave., Delmar, according to police reports. A cash register was damaged, but there was no immediate tally of what was taken, according to the report.



Bethlehem Central High School student Lisa Tomlinson of Delmar, right, was a participant in the school's Shadow Program, which allows students to visit local businesses and get an "inside" look at all phases of operation. Lisa spent part of two days at The Spotlight's offices learning about advertising, production, news writing, printing and publishing. Here staff reporter Theresa Bobear explains the use of one of the newspaper's new computers.

AROUND THE GARDEN

From Albany County Cooperative Extension

If your lawn doesn't look as good as it should, or seems especially vulnerable to disease and insects, the problem may be an excess layer of thatch.

Almost all lawns have some thatch — a layer of undecomposed organic matter. Thatch can be healthy for a lawn, but an excess can impair your lawn's health and looks, and it should be removed, either chemically or mechanically.

Thatch usually consists of grass stems and the root masses of the grass, and is situated just above the soil surface. In a healthy lawn, the thatch is one-quarter to half an inch thick, and is not visually noticeable. The thatch helps account for that nice, springy feeling when you walk on the lawn.

Thatch protects the lawn by providing shade and lowering soil temperature during the day. It helps retain heat energy at night, protecting the lawn from frost and low temperatures. It also helps protect lawns against drying winds and excess water loss, while providing a continuous recycling of nutrients in the grass.

If for any of several reasons the cycle of thatch decomposition slows down or stops, or thatch accumulates faster than it can be broken down and absorbed, a

layer of thatch can build up and adversely affect the lawn.

Excess thatch can make grass root systems too shallow, leaving the lawn more susceptible to drought, winter kill, insect damage and disease. It contributes to pest problems and interferes with proper watering, causing excess runoff and reducing the effectiveness of many pesticides.

One of the culprits in creating excess thatch is cool temperatures, which slow down the natural biological breakdown of the layer. Too much or too little fertilizer, excessively acid soil, increased use of certain pesticides, and new varieties of grass that produce greater amounts of stems, roots and rhizomes also contribute to an excess thatch problem.

Those who need to de-thatch their lawn can use a machine that mechanically cuts into the thatch with revolving blades and lifts it to the surface, where it can be raked away.

Cool-season grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescue and perennial ryegrass should be de-thatched in the early spring or late summer. Warm-season grasses should be de-thatched in late spring or summer.

In addition to mechanically removing thatch, the soil pH can be adjusted to a level of 6.0 to 7.0 to help alleviate the problem. Adding lime to acid soils increases microbial action so that decomposition and decay occur faster. Lime should be added only after a soil test has been done.

Dino readers

Dinosaurs are the topic of conversations for this summer's reading club meetings in the children's room of the Bethlehem Public Library.

A museum workshop, entitled "Delving Into Dinosaurs," will be held on July 10. Other programs will include: Dean Davis and a living exhibit of snakes, July 24, 2 p.m.; Ruth Pelham and the Music Mobile, July 29, 2 p.m.; "Dinosaur Days" (egg hunt, games and contests), July 31, 2 p.m.; Elizabeth Conley's Portable Puppets presenting "Little Red Riding Hood," Aug. 7; "Brontosaurus Bash," Aug. 14, 2 p.m., and volunteers' luncheon, Aug. 16, noon.

For information call 439-9314.

8 design playgrounds

Eight Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk sixth graders recently designed and put together two model playgrounds. Under the supervision of math teacher, Ardyce Elmore, the group undertook the project to apply their knowledge of ratio and proportion.

Eric Caswell, Shelley Distin, Rebecca Engel, Lori Friday, Kate Keleher, John Kubisch, Joan-Marie Nunziato and Jason Turck designed and constructed two model playgrounds from balsawood. In preparation for the project, one Sunday afternoon the students measured the playgrounds at Glenmont Elementary School, Doane Stuart School and the Empire State Plaza.

The students were assisted in drawing their designs to scale by Albert Nunziato, a junior at Roger Williams College in Bristol, R.I. whose studies include architecture.

Buses on holiday

On Thursday, July 4, Sunday-holiday schedules will be in effect on all Capital District Transportation Authority buses. Only buses with regular Sunday schedules will be in service. These include the Central Avenue, four-mile circuit and Albany-Schenectady routes for shoppers.

Wallet found

A wallet containing \$20, credit cards and personal papers was turned over to Bethlehem police Saturday after it was found on Kenwood Ave. at Dumbarton Dr. in Elsmere Saturday night, according to police reports. The wallet was found by a 14-year-old Delmar girl.

DWI charged

An Albany man, 26, was charged with driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor after the car he was driving went off Rt. 140 at Rt. 85 Thursday night, according to Bethlehem police reports. No injuries were reported.

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Karen Krulcik married

Karen Ann Krulcik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Krulcik of Delmar, and Charles Alan Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith of Framingham, Mass., were married June 1 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Siena College, is attending

Union College in a masters program. She is an inventory planning specialist with General Electric.

The groom, a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is a process engineer with General Electric.

The couple will reside in Slingerlands.

Park-Connolly

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Park of Framingham, Mass., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Edna Ann, to Thomas P. Connolly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connolly of Delmar.

Miss Park is a language student at Williams College. Her fiance is an English major, also at Williams College.

An Aug. 7 wedding date has been set.

Another show

Cary Fields, a Bethlehem Central High School graduate, will play the lead role of Billy in *Vo No Nanette*, to be offered at Columbia High School July 25-27, with a senior citizen performance on Wednesday, July 24. Fields recently completed the role of the pirate king in Stage 700's production of the *Pirates of Penzance*.

Other Bethlehem players include Lori Shimanski, who will play Flora, and Mark Kotzin, who is in the chorus.

Tickets for the production will be sold by cast members.

Phone help needed

Volunteers are needed to work on the switchboard at the office of the Albany area chapter of the American Red Cross. Help is needed weekdays between noon and 2 and training will be provided. The volunteers will be responsible for greeting visitors, and directing them to the appropriate location, and will handle incoming calls.

Familiarity with Red Cross services is desirable. For information call 462-7461.

2 to concertize

Delmar pianist William Jones and soprano Anne Turner will present two short recitals at 12:25 and 3 p.m. on July 9 at the Munson Williams Proctor Institute in Utica.

Jones, a piano teacher and church organist, is employed by BOCES. He is also an adjunct music faculty member at the State University at Albany.

REFER training

REFER Helpline and Crisis Intervention Center is beginning a training sequence for hotline volunteers.

"There are no requirements for volunteers except concern and care for others and a desire to learn," stated REFER Coordinator, Dan Lang.

The 10-week training sequence addresses many concerns such as suicide and depression, rape, runaways and substance abuse.

For more information on how to become a REFER volunteer contact Dan Lang at 462-5900.

Home nursing class

The Albany area chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a home nursing course at the chapter house on Hackett Blvd. in Albany on July 13, 20 and 27. The class sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A course fee of \$10 covers the cost of books and materials and is payable before the first session. For information or registration call 462-7461, ext. 294.



Members of the Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization and the Sunshine Senior Citizens are invited to a luncheon at the Bavarian Chalet on July 17.

For reservations call 439-4955, between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., weekdays.

Pool open late

Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park pool complex will be open until 10 p.m. on Friday, July 12, for the enjoyment of Bethlehem residents who would like to swim in the evening. The pool complex normally closes at 8 p.m.

Carnival coming

The Onesquethaw Carnival, featuring games of skill and chance, will be held at the Unionville Firehouse, Rt. 443 on July 12, 13, 19 and 20. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company.

There is no charge for admission.

Geese at 5 Rivers

An outdoor study of the nesting habitat of Canada geese at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, will be held on Thursday, July 11, at 7 p.m.

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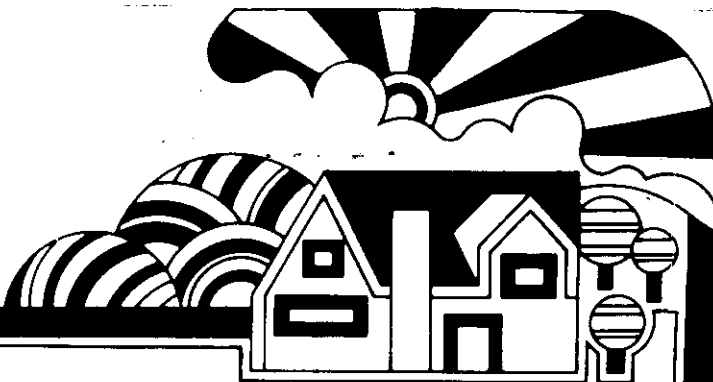
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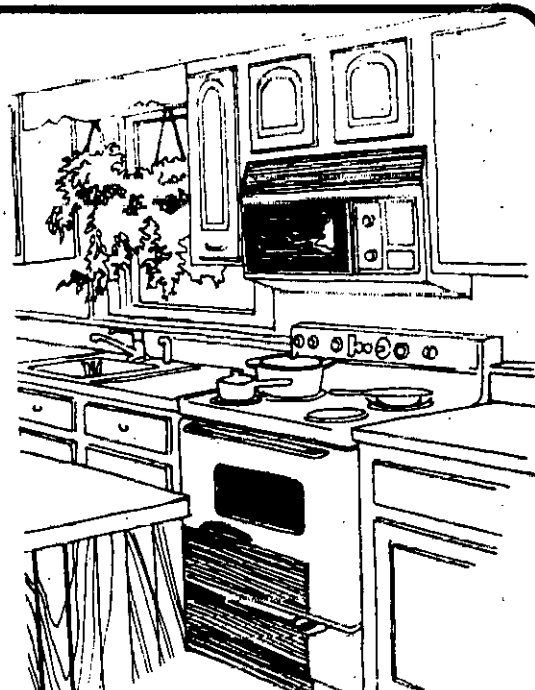
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