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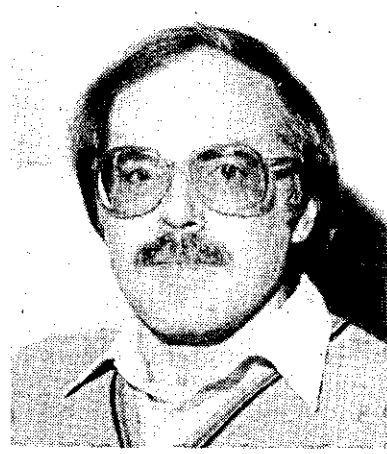
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serving the towns of
Bethlehem and New Scotland



Nathaniel Boynton



Sherwood Davies



Timothy Fitzgerald



Bernard Harvith



Marjory O'Brien

No fireworks, but BC choices still clear

By Caroline Terenzini

Any of the 50-plus residents who went to the forum for Bethlehem Central school board candidates Sunday night looking for pyrotechnics went home disappointed. Missing from the forum at the town hall was the rhetoric that has been the trademark of advertisements and broadsides published by Bethlehem United Taxpayers (BUT) last year and this year and which has given district voters a clear set of choices in the May 7 election.

In fact, Nathaniel Boynton of New Scotland, former editor and

publisher of *The Spotlight* and one of two BUT candidates this year, sounded a conciliatory tone during the forum when summing up BUT's goals. "We aren't bad people" he said. "We really want to help, and if we don't get that message across, we are not communicating well."

A casual reader of issue No. 3 of *Bethlehem Central Sidelights*, a BUT takeoff on the district's *Highlights*, might miss that message. The issue, mailed and distributed over the weekend, contains some vintage BUT: "the image of a majority of the school

board members...as puppets of the administration," "lamb-like adherence to dictates of central staff," and "total lack of responsibility in exercising even a minimal control over a spendthrift administration."

Copies of the *Sidelights* were brought to the forum, but the sponsoring Albany County League of Women Voters asked the candidates not to distribute campaign literature.

The forum provided an opportunity for all five candidates for two seats on the board to get their messages across to the public

before the voters get their turn next Wednesday. In the contest, Marjory O'Brien of Delmar, a member of the board for seven years, is opposed by Boynton, while Bernard Harvith, also of Delmar and a 14-year veteran of the board, faces challenges from Sherwood Davies of Delmar, a BUT founder, and Timothy Fitzgerald of Selkirk.

The forum produced no surprises. The two BUT candidates hewed to the publicized party line, which has been critical of the administration and of six of the seven members of the school

board, while the two incumbents rebutted BUT as they characterized the district as among the best. Fitzgerald sided with the incumbents on budget questions and questions relating to educational quality, while presenting himself as a candidate who would bring diversity to the board.

Asked to identify the strengths of the school district, Boynton acknowledged that BC has "fine" teachers and "very intelligent, bright kids," but went on to say, "Maybe we're not quite the top any more and we should find out

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Elephants are just the beginning

By Patricia Mitchell

Some unusual animals will be taking up residence in the town park in a few weeks when Vidbel's Old Tyme Circus comes to town.

Llamas, donkeys, elephants, ponies, fantail pigeons, macaws, cockatoos, baboons, monkeys, chimpanzees and an assortment of dogs will be coming to town on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18, to headline acts in the one-ring circus.

Along with them will be about 50 trainers, handlers and performers including Alfred and Joyce Vidbel, their daughter Sharon, and granddaughters Susan and Jennifer, ringmaster Charles Van Buskirk, and several troupes from Europe.

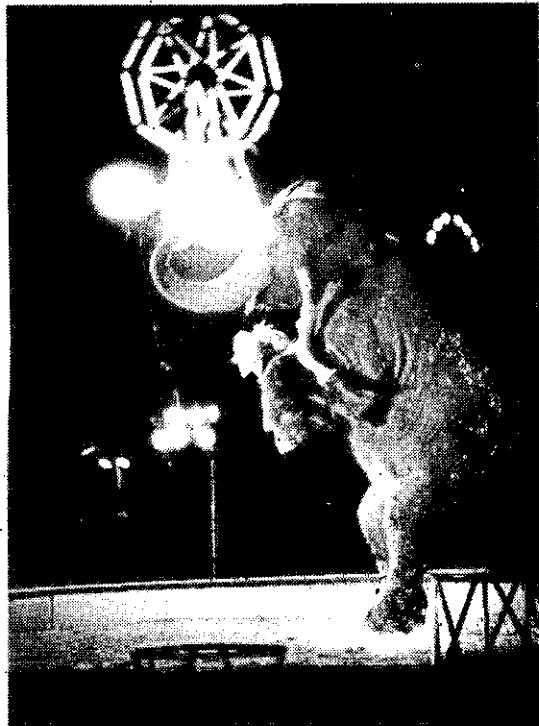
Vidbel's Old Tyme Circus is sponsored by the Delmar Kiwanis and *The Spotlight* to benefit the Kiwanis' community projects.

Joyce Vidbel said one of their most unusual acts is when Al directs his mixed animal act that includes llamas, English sheep dogs, a donkey, elephant and pony.

"This makes for quite a unique group. It is different," she said. The act has been featured at the Catskill Game Farm for two seasons. It is the sign of a good trainer, she said, because each animal has to know its name and signals to perform. The animals will show confidence in their trainer and in other animals in this act.

Granddaughters Susan and Jennifer, both 10 years old, will be performing under the spotlight this year with their bird act that includes fantail pigeons, macaws and cockatoos.

"They are just getting into the business. It is their first experience getting with the animals



Daffodil, one of the Vidbel's "flower power" elephants, dances ever so gracefully.

and in the ring by themselves," their proud grandmother said.

A special act this year will feature Susan and Jennifer with the circus's three young Asian elephants. In one daring feature, four-ton Daffodil will lie down on Susan and cover her with her entire body. Vidbel said this is very tricky because elephants can only see out and

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The vanishing farm



Farmers can't find reasons for staying

By Caroline Terenzini
Second of two parts.

The towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland still retain a rural flavor. Even in Delmar, where expensive homes mushroom up seemingly overnight, there are fields being plowed and seeded this spring. But some of them may not be next year.

Area farmers can list any number of reasons not to stay in the business. Mostly, though, it's the economics.

Conrad Hartmann, whose land on Krumkill Rd. in Slingerlands is up for sale by a bank, told how easy it was to get into debt. A 200-horse tractor costs \$100,000, he

said, and a six-row combine is \$90,000. "Then there's the bayer and the corn planter, weed control, pesticides, fertilizer... It costs so much to cover an acre of ground." At one time, he and others worked some 2,500 acres in three counties. But in 1983, he filed for bankruptcy.

"It's fine to like it, but you want to make living off it, too," said a New Scotland farmer who asked not to be identified. "There's almost no profit in it any more. And when you get to be my age, you want to be able to see you're not going backward."

His family farm is up for sale, but when it sells and he's paid off

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Here Are The REAL ISSUES in the Bethlehem School Election

1. A Spoon-fed School Board

DO THE VOTERS WANT

- A board that obediently rubber-stamps every whim and wish of a top-heavy and costly administration, a board that treats any criticism as destructive, and dilly-dallies on vital issues?
- Or a board that does what it's supposed to do—oversee administration policies, put businesslike controls on school spending and take aggressive action to guarantee excellence in classroom programs?

2. Fiscal Responsibility

DO THE VOTERS WANT

- A board that lets the central staff dictate every line of the budget, that follows lamb-like each administration dictum?
- Or a board that recognizes its accountability to the taxpayer, tenant, parent and business community, provides protection against runaway public spending, and makes sure the community gets its money's worth in public education?

(In other words, Who's in Charge Here?)

3. The Role of BUT*

DO THE VOTERS WANT

- A hard-working core of responsible citizens keeping a watchful eye on the school board, monitoring board meetings and board procedures, and identifying key issues?
- Or, if Sherwood Davies and Nat Boynton are defeated in the May 7 election, shall we fold our tents and quietly slip away, leaving the school board a free hand for the next 14 years?

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Wemple Rd. water cost said too high

Water district extensions on Font Grove Rd. in Slingerlands and on Bender Lane in Delmar were approved last week by the Bethlehem Town Board, but a proposed district extension on Rt. 144 and Wemple Rd. went back to the drawing board after cost estimates came in too high.

The residents of Wemple Rd. who have sought town water for a number of years may be in for another disappointment unless two large property owners are willing to foot more than their share of the costs. According to Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor, preliminary costs for the extension, which would run north along Rt. 144 from the Job Corps to Wemple Rd., then west along Wemple Rd. past the railroad tracks, would be \$60 to \$68 per \$1,000 — "too high to proceed with." The problem, he said, is that while the area has the potential for much development, the assessed valuation is now too low to support the \$130,000 to \$150,000 expense of the new water main.

However, Secor told the board that two owners, Vincent Wolanin, who owns a building he is trying to sell on Wemple Rd., and Frank Zeronda, who owns 30 acres on Rt. 144, had earlier offered to put in water lines at their own expense, and may be willing now to help with the cost of the district

Tour scheduled

At the invitation of the Hospital Group of America, four community representatives will tour another facility operated by the Hospital Group of America, which is proposing to build a psychiatric hospital on Rt. 9W in Glenmont.

A trip to the Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry, Fort Washington, Pa., has been planned for Thursday, May 1. Scheduled to make the trip are Susan Belemjian, president of the Glenmont Parent Teacher Association; Coleen Foro, an executive board member of the Glenmont PTA; Theresa Bobear, a *Spotlight* reporter, and John Flanigan, Bethlehem's building inspector. Hospital Group of America is paying transportation costs for the trip.

A number of local organizations have opposed the proposal to build the Glenmont hospital on the grounds that it is too close to the Glenmont Elementary School. The Bethlehem Planning Board may discuss the April 15 public hearing on the proposal at its May 20 meeting.

extension. The board told Secor to discuss the situation with the two owners.

By contrast, the tax rate calculated for the Bender Lane extension, which would encompass 16 existing residences and the proposed Meadows subdivision, is a "very favorable" \$8.43 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, Secor said.

The Font Grove Rd. project, which will allow the town to replace an antiquated line running from the railroad tracks to the town line, is calculated at \$16.08 per \$1,000. About 70 people in Bethlehem will be affected, and there are plans to extend the line into New Scotland with the formation of a new district.

At its brief meeting Wednesday, the board also:

- Approved new 30 m.p.h. speed limits on Monroe Ave., Bridge St., Pine St., Arch Ave. and Front St. in North Bethlehem. Police Chief Paul Currie told the board that residents of the area had complained last year about through traffic from a development in Gunderland, and on investigation the town discovered that there were no speed limits at all for the area — meaning that the state 55 m.p.h. limit applied. "Is it possible there are other streets in this condition?" asked Councilman Scott Prothero. "It is," replied Currie. He said the current town codification project should uncover other gaps in the local traffic laws and allow the board to correct them.

- Approved new house numbers for Murray Drive and Feura Bush Rd. from Rt. 9W to Elsmere Ave. In both cases, the changes were made by the town engineering department with the assistance of post office and fire office. They will become effective Saturday.

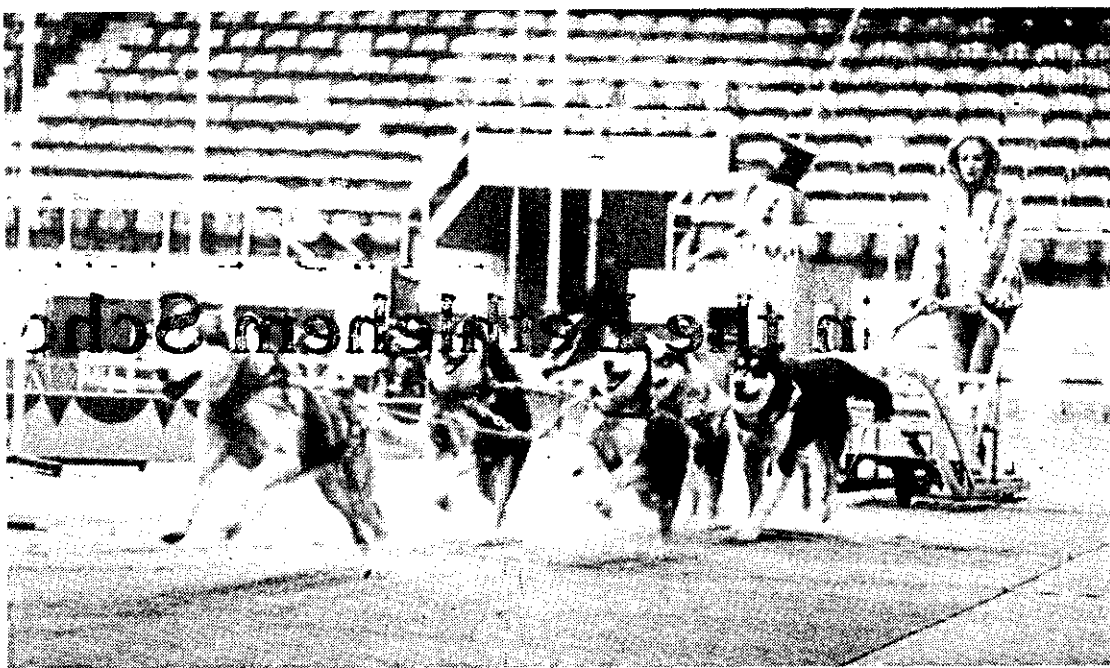
- Approved dumpin permits on Wemple Rd. and in Cedar Hill.

Assessment rolls

The tentative assessment roll for the current year in the Town of Bethlehem has been completed. A copy has been left with the Office of Assessor at Bethlehem Town Hall, where it may be examined from May 1 to May 20.

The office will be open on weekdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Saturdays, May 3, 10 and 17, from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

The Board of Assessment Review will meet to hear all complaints in relation to assessments on May 20, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 6 to 8 p.m.



The Vidbel's daughter, Sharon, has trained Siberian huskies and Alaskan malamutes for an unusual animal act.

Animals galore at the circus

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away not down, and after a certain point Daffodil can no longer see where Susan is — a cause of great anxiety for the elephant.

"She shows a lot of care and concern," Vidbel said.

Susan will put her hand on Daffodil's leg to assist her, and when the elephant stands up she will place her weight up front first to stand and then carefully raise on her hind legs so as not to harm the young trainer.

The elephants will also walk on their hind legs while carrying a girl with their front legs and carry them in their mouths.

"I don't believe there is another act in the country like it," Vidbel said.

The "flower power" elephants, Daisy, Daffodil and Dandelion, were bottle fed and raised on the Vidbel farm in Windham. Daffodil came from India when she was seven months old, and now stands 36 inches tall at nine years. Daisy came from a zoo at the age of two and is now 18. Dandelion arrived from India when she was one year old, and she is now 11 years old.

Daughter Sharon will be under the big top with the only dog act of its kind. She has trained five young male Siberian huskies and two Alaskan malamutes to perform a dogsled entrance, hind-leg stand on a rope and a high wire act.

Five young male hamadryas baboons will also be performing in the ring this year and they are one of the most unusual animal acts ever presented in the circus ring. Captive born and bred in the United States, baboons are one of the most feared animals in the jungle.

For the delight of all, a petting zoo will be available for young and old. Goats and llamas will be included with other exotic animals, and a chimpanzee and monkey will be on display.

"People get a lot of enjoyment out of it," Vidbel said.

From France this year will be the Zerbinis family, complete with their own bag of tricks. The sons will perform a table comedy act called the Lucky Brothers that Vidbel said is excellent.

"It brings the house down," she said.

The matriarch of the Zerbinis will perform a sword balancing and trapeze act and one son will also perform a juggling act.

"I think it's five or six generations of circus performers," Vidbel said of the Zerbinis.

Also performing a "very European" act will be two boys from Copenhagen clowning around on a unicycle.

And for those who attended last year's circus, ringmaster Charles Van Buskirk will be back for his second year with Vidbel's Old Tyme Circus.

Their appearance at the Elm Avenue Park will be the first for the season, and they will continue traveling into September with at least three appearances a week. A strictly New York State-based circus, they will travel for the first time to New Jersey this year on special request.

This is only the third season that Vidbel's Old Tyme Circus has been performing, and their second year in front of local audiences.

Shows begin at 2, 4, and 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, and 3 and 5 p.m. Sunday, May 18.

Advance sale tickets are on sale at Bush's Hardware, Cornell Pharmacy, and Kid's Stuff Children's Outlet in Ravena; Jeffer's Nursery in Slingerlands; Voorheesville Pharmacy in Voorheesville; Houghtaling's Market in Feura Bush; Bumby's in Selkirk and the Clothes Circuit in Glenmont.

Also, the Paper Mill, Carvel's, the Tri-Village Pharmacy, and *The Spotlight* offices in Delmar.

Advance sale tickets will be sold by the Kiwanis at McDonald's on Delaware Ave. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 3.

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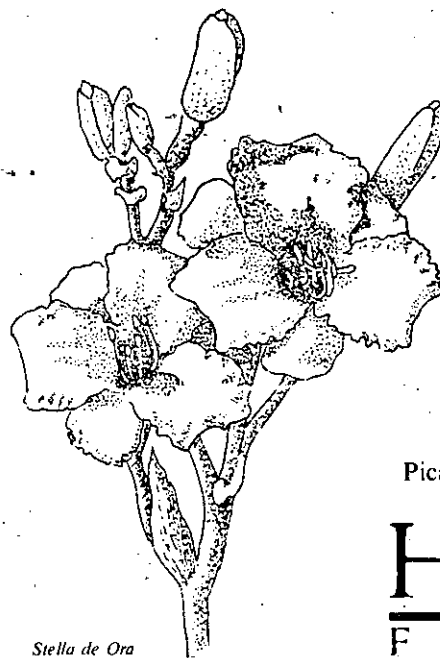
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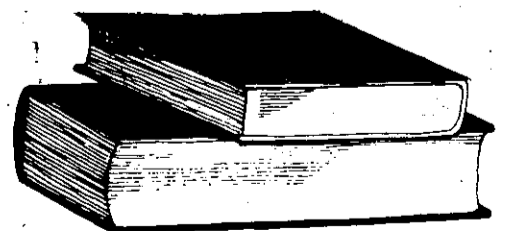
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Old town hall open house set for Friday

By Allison Bennett

The New York State Association for Retarded Children Inc. will welcome the public to its recently renovated headquarters at 393 Delaware Ave. this Friday, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., with an open house and reception.

The building will be officially named the Joseph T. Weingold Building, in honor of the association's first executive director. Weingold has been a pioneer in the planning and implementation of programs for the mentally retarded and serves on many boards and committees directly related to this cause.

The new headquarters of the association served in its early years as a stagecoach station and inn, known as the Adams House, later became the Bethlehem Town Hall, and was purchased in 1983 by the New York State Association for Retarded Children Inc., which wanted to move to the Albany area to be more centrally located within the state and nearer to the capital city.



TIMES REMEMBERED

Allison Bennett

The renovations, which took many months to complete, were under the direction of the architectural firm of Mendel, Mesick, Cohen, Waite and Hall of Albany and the contracting firm of Clifford Quay and Son of Rotterdam. The exterior of the building retains its original appearance, but it was necessary to make major architectural, as well as cosmetic changes to the interior.

The most startling and beautiful change has been the installation of a graceful period staircase in the center hall that recreates one that was originally in that location. Fireplaces in the main rooms have been reopened and walls have been painted in soft, muted colors of beige, gold or grey, with white woodwork around the door and window trim.



An office at the front of the newly renovated Adams House, now the home of the Association for Retarded Children, is accented with a reopened

fireplace, and the walls painted with a muted beige to take advantage of the abundant sunshine from large windows. *Patricia Mitchell*

The paneled doors have been stained and grained to resemble mahogany. Floors throughout are covered with a rich green carpet, patterned with diamonds in red and gold. The carpet was imported from England and is representative of the period, circa 1840. Reproduction lighting fixtures and mahogany desks and occasional chairs typical of English furniture of the period circa 1840 furnish the front office rooms.

The Association's library is located in the old tax department headquarters, familiar to many area residents. The walls here are painted in a soft gray with dark green carpet on the floor. The room is surrounded with bookshelves and furnished with a circular reading or conference table. Modern steel and plastic chairs repeat the reddish color of the mahogany door. The library offers research assistance to college students and persons from the 64 chapters of the association located throughout the state. Some may remember the steep and rather perilous stairway that led to the second floor. That has

now been replaced, in the same location, with a very modern "lift" that is for use by the disabled to reach the second floor.

The new stairway leads up to the former ballroom of the inn, which has been opened up from the former offices that were partitioned in the room. The floor is carpeted and the room is fitted with several cubicle-type offices that are self contained, with modular desk and computer arrangements, all of which are completely moveable. The room itself has been painted a light gold with a darker trim on the ceiling molding. The window and door trim is white. The original wood-

work has been retained throughout the building. Windows throughout are fitted with mahogany venetian blinds and a new heating and cooling system has been installed.

The renaissance of a beautiful old structure has been completed. Marc Brandt, director of the New York State Association for Retarded Children Inc. has invited us all to come in on May 2 for a tour of the building and a pause for refreshments. Let us show the association that we appreciate what they have done for one of our landmarks by turning out in large numbers to welcome them to our community.



The hallway was extensively renovated to include a replica of the original staircase and some new seating. The building, which last served as the Bethlehem Town Hall will be renamed as the Joseph T. Weingold Building. *Patricia Mitchell*

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□ High costs of farming

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the bills, he figures he'll have to get a job to live on.

"After a lifetime of work, I'd like to have something left," he said.

He told the story of the lucky farmer who won the lottery. Asked what he was going to do with all that money, the farmer replied: "Oh, I guess I'll just keep farming until it's gone."

"Unless something changes radically, I don't see that I could make a living farming full-time," said Charles Preska of Delmar, who used to grow vegetables on some of his 100 acres that lie only two miles west of the Four Corners. "If you've got the money to go into farming, you might as well buy stocks and bonds and live off the interest."

The farmer is in a bind. When he wants to buy a tractor, Preska said, he hears, "This is the price." But when it's time to sell what his farm produces, he hears, "This is what we'll give you."

"Prices are always a problem," said Joseph Huth of the county Cooperative Extension Service. But right now, there is additional pressure on farm prices because, with improved production methods in Third World nations, demand is falling at the same time U.S. production is rising, he said.

And then there is suburban wildlife. For Preska, there was the raccoons' taste for sweet corn to be dealt with. "I wouldn't mind so much if they'd eat the whole ear," he said, "but they just claw through every ear to see if it's ripe." He got 45 raccoons one year, between trapping and shooting and the dogs.

But the raccoons prevailed and so the farm stand was closed down. "Why open the stand with no corn to sell?"

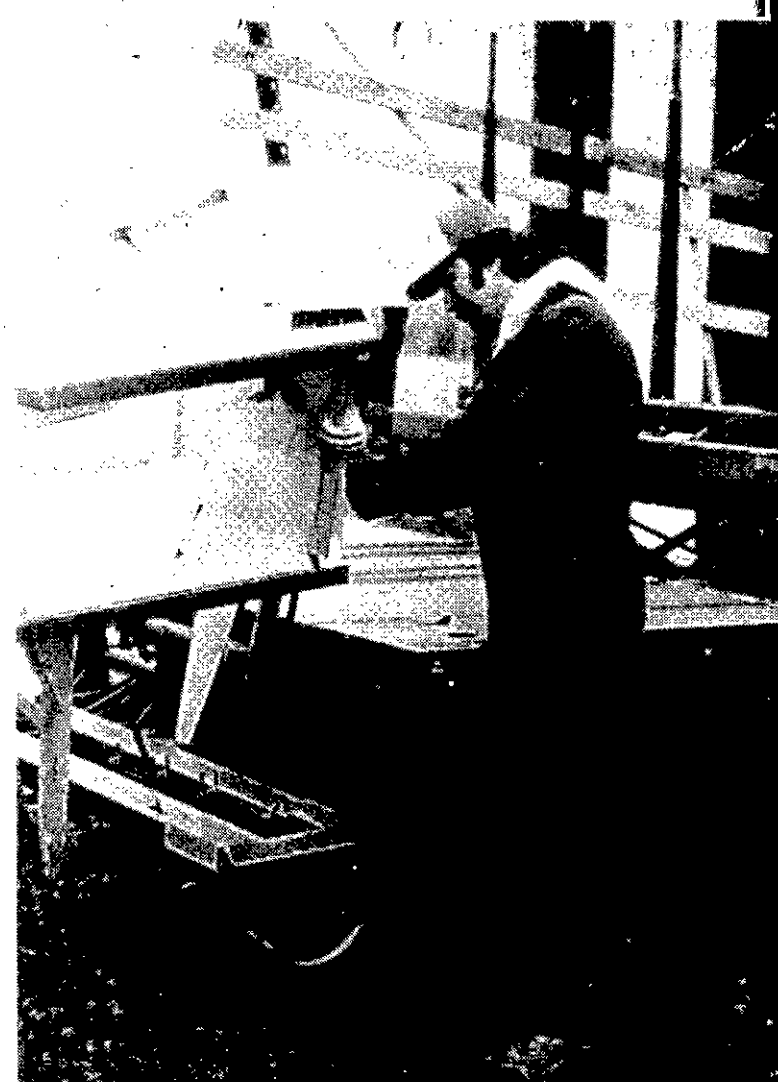
Paul Kleinke, who grows vegetables on 23 acres two miles east of the Four Corners, remembers when the marauding deer used to run away when he'd go out and clap his hands. "Now," he said, "they just look at you."

Preska, who takes hay off about 50 acres of his farm, said local

farmers have to travel long distances to pick up spare parts for their machinery. "This is not a real agricultural area any more," he said. "Equipment dealers are not right around the corner." The market for the produce isn't right around the corner any more either, he noted.

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Delmar farm owner Charles Preska looks over his equipment before the growing season begins. *Spotlight*

For Elwood Vanderbilt, whose 200 acres are in "a beautiful setting" off Tarrytown Rd. in New Scotland, there was "a problem getting hired help. "It just got to be too much to do a job and do it right," he said, so he sold his dairy herd five years ago. Now he's raising dairy replacement heifers, "but I may have to give that up, too."

"I don't blame young kids for not wanting to go into farming," he said. "Take my father, for example. Thomas Newell, whose acreage straddles Wemple Rd. in Glenmont, said that road has made a difference. When he was a child, it was a dirt road. But, he said, his father kept asking the town highway commissioner to get it paved, despite warnings from a

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friend — "Ernest, you'll regret it." Now, said Newell, it's hard to farm with the road going through. Farm machinery is wider these days, and "it's hard to move it with all that traffic."

As suburbia comes nearer, there are differing sensibilities to deal with as well. Suburban homeowners may like the rolling fields around them, but "they don't like the 'unfringe' benefits, like a little manure on the road," said Newell, whose farm once included the land on which Chadwick Square now sits. And still fresh in many minds is the outcry about odor that greeted Bethlehem Councilman John Geurtze's attempt to move his pigs to a new farm on Rt. 9W.

One New Scotland dairy farmer told how he had stopped plowing the field close to town because farm equipment left in the field overnight proved to be too enticing a target for vandals. Each year, too, he'd find more of his corn stalks broken down by dirt bikes or three-wheelers. When it was time to bale the hay, he'd find sticks in the windrows — or, worse, he'd find the sticks in the baler. The land, he said, became impossible to use.

Despite the drawbacks, however, people who farm retain a strong attachment to the land.

"I did enjoy it," said Hartmann. "It was almost like I was married to it."

Preska remembers his father's tales about walking the cows from the family farm in Rensselaer in 1922, across a bridge over the Hudson and on down to the Van Dyke Rd. property. Then, only four or five houses stood between the Four Corners and the farm.

The farm has had its ups and downs since, and when Charlie took over there was equipment to buy and the land had to be fertilized and limed and reseeded. Now, with the amount of work he's put into the property, Preska doesn't want to see tract houses on it. Raccoons or no raccoons, he's not going to quit and sell out, he said.

"I own the property and if I don't want it developed, it won't be."

Kleinke, who also drives a bus for the Bethlehem Central School District, isn't interested in selling either. He remembers how his father came out from Albany in 1916 and traded a horse for a couple of Guernsey heifers to start his dairy farm. Now Kleinke hopes to build his farm up, maybe extend the growing season a bit, and make a living off it some day.

"I'm not looking for wealth," he said, "but for self-satisfaction."

Elwood Vanderbilt is looking at the industry moving into the Selkirk area and expecting to see houses marching his way some day. "Nobody minds too much if somebody sells off a lot here and there," he said, "but a big piece? I love the country too much. You couldn't hire me to live in a city."

He and others agreed, however, that there's not much to prevent development from encroaching on their farmland as demand for houses grows and municipal water and sewer lines come closer. If the ledger shows red ink, if there's no one to carry on the farm, if there are too many dirt bikes in the corn rows, that might tip the balance and more farmland will be for sale. Then though the farmer won't go to the city, it could be the city will come to him.



Preska and his son, Tom, check the fences. *Spotlight*

Fire house slated for debate

After a public hearing this week to gauge public sentiment, the commissioners of the Elmwood Park Fire District will again tackle the volatile question of building a new fire house at its meeting Friday. A new fire house on a site across the street from the present building on Schoolhouse Rd. District officials have said the existing building has serious structural problems and may be too expensive to repair.

According to Philip Schweppenhauser, chairman of the fire commissioners, the district now faces three choices: "build a new fire house, repair the old one or go out of business." The third choice would involve becoming a fire protection district and contracting for services from adjacent fire districts, he said.

The fire department has sold the site that had been proposed for the new building, but the district has its eye on a new site on church-owned land at the intersection of

Russell Rd. and Krumkill Rd., Schweppenhauser said. The district's lease with the fire department expires on Dec. 31, and without some action the fire house will not be usable for another year, so a decision must be made this year, he said. The public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, and the fire commissioners meet Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the fire house.

Trees at the schools

The Bethlehem Lions Club and the Bethlehem Central School District will sponsor tree plantings at the six elementary schools in Bethlehem, including St. Thomas School, through Friday, May 2.

One tree will be planted at each school and one Norway spruce seedling will be distributed to each student. Lions Club members Tom Collins, Dan Ryan, Frank Downs, Sid Kaplan and Mike Durand will speak to the students about the importance of trees and the ecological base of living.

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BC choices

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why. I'd like to be No. 1 instead of one of the top four or five."

He later said, "There are about 450 kids in Challenge (a district enrichment program), and I don't know whether they're all gifted. What about the 30 or 40 who may have a chance for top colleges?"

Harvith countered, "I don't want to run a school for the 30 students who will get into top colleges. I don't want kids pushed to nervous breakdowns; I don't want two hours of homework in the first grade. Students need time to sit under a tree and read a book," he said. "People can teach themselves something, too."

"The district is better now than it was 10 years ago," he said. "Test scores do not indicate any decline — when they're accurately interpreted."

Asked to suggest budget cuts, Harvith, O'Brien and Fitzgerald took the opportunity to dispute BUT's contention in its advertising that the proposed \$18.8 million budget could be trimmed. Boynton, on the other hand, while accusing several board members of not participating in budget discussions at the meetings he attended, said "a lot of areas could be streamlined for efficiency, by trying for a more effective alignment of teaching staff."

Davies said the question should be: "How can we reduce the property tax rate?" and he suggested examining both the state aid picture and BC spending.

On a question concerning ways to increase public participation in school district affairs, O'Brien commented that while most residents lack the time to attend board meetings, all can contribute an "informed vote." She urged residents to read carefully what is written about the district.

Boynton said one "roadblock" to public participation in district affairs was the timing of public comment at board meetings, and he complained that "letters and communications to the board are not always answered promptly."

Harvith noted that the public participates through citizen committees such as the Building Needs Assessment Committee, which endorsed the recently approved \$4.6 million bond issue, and the Challenge Review Committee (on which Davies served). In addition, board agendas include two opportunities for the public to speak, Harvith noted, and board members "answer their telephones and open their mail."

In a reference apparently aimed at BUT's published claims, Harvith cautioned that it is "essential there be care in the information disseminated by the district and others — it should be accurate and complete."

Fitzgerald said the public has "ample opportunity" to address the board and suggested creation of a parents' council to serve as a liaison with the board.

Summing up, Davies awarded gold stars to Harvith and O'Brien for doing "almost a thankless job," while saying that he had listened to many "routine, perfunctory" school board sessions that failed to deal "in a meaningful way" with curriculum, expenditures and similar major issues in running a school district.

Fitzgerald, chiding others for "spending too much time on Suburban Council comparisons," said he himself wanted to see a

board that "more accurately reflects the talents in the community."

Harvith said he wished "something would come of all the research Davies has done" and observed that "the Board presumed scores were declining in student achievement in fact reflected the higher percentage of Bethlehem students taking these exams and thus lowering the average of the scores."

"I agree it's good to address the strengths and weaknesses in the system," Harvith concluded. "We've done that as we've gone along, and we have a super program."

Boynton contended that the forum had not touched on the real issues of the campaign, which he said were the "quality of the system," the board's "accepting pretty much what comes in from the administration," and BUT itself. The election, Boynton said, would show whether the community wants "a citizen watchdog organization that is trying to get more efficiency" in the schools.

In her summation, O'Brien said Bethlehem "continues to rank among the top schools in the Suburban Council, in Albany County and in New York State." She said, "I will not allow others to use erroneous data and inaccurately drawn conclusions to diminish the pride I have in our school district or to distract me from my commitment to quality education. Use of such flagrant misinformation demeans us all."

By Caroline Terenzini

All five candidates for two seats on the Bethlehem Central Board of Education endorse "quality education" but the two candidates fielded by Bethlehem United Taxpayers (BUT) say the quality at BC could be better and it could be achieved with a lower price tag. BUT advertisements also have attacked six of the seven members of the school board as willing to be "spoon-fed" by a "spendthrift" administration.

Whether these public statements are making their intended impact should be known next Wednesday, when district residents go to the polls to vote on the proposed \$19 million budget and a bus purchase proposition, and to choose two board members.

Incumbents Bernard Harvith and Marjory O'Brien are seeking re-election. Sherwood Davies and Timothy Fitzgerald also are seeking Harvith's seat, while Nathaniel Boynton is challenging O'Brien.

Harvith, a long-time resident of Delmar, has been on the board 14 years, including seven years as president. He has been on the faculty at Albany Law School for 20 years. A graduate of Bethlehem Central, he holds degrees from the University of Rochester and the Harvard Law School. Harvith also has the L.L.M. degree from New York University. He and his wife have two daughters, one of whom graduated from BC in 1984 and is a student at Mount Holyoke. The other daughter is completing her high school career this year.

Seen by others as articulate and a leader on the board, Harvith has

BC spending plan outlined

The nearly \$19 million budget that goes before Bethlehem Central School District voters on May 7 carries a tax rate increase of 3.16 percent in Bethlehem, or \$5.22 per \$1,000 assessed. In New Scotland, district residents would pay an additional 2.84 percent, or \$7.79 per \$1,000 assessed.

Thus, the owner of a property in Bethlehem assessed at \$10,000 would pay \$52.20 more in September to finance the budget.

Another 1.5 percent will be tacked on to the tax bills to pay for four relocatable classrooms being purchased to ease crowding at the Glenmont Elementary School.

With the \$203,000 cost of the relocatables added in, the proposed spending is up nearly \$1.6 million over the current year's \$17.5 million spending plan, or 9.3 percent.

While the tax rate increases may seem modest, the budget increase has become a major issue in the election. Charles Reeves, who was elected to the board last year with the backing of Bethlehem United Taxpayers (BUT), a taxpayer watchdog group, cast the lone no vote among seven when the school board adopted the budget it will present to voters next Wednesday. He said that, tax rates aside, the projected 9.3 percent increase in expenditures is too high. The two BUT-supported candidates in the May 7 election have also made this charge.

District Superintendent Lawrence Zinn at an April 16 budget hearing said the major increases in the proposed budget include 8.39 percent more on the teaching line, chiefly to cover pay raises of 7 percent plus step increments (a holdover from pre-bargaining days) due the district's 240 instructional personnel.

Since education is personnel-intensive — nearly 80 percent of BC's budget goes for salaries and fringe benefits — pay raises have a major impact on the budget. In addition to the actual dollars given employees, payments to the Social Security system and the state Teachers' Retirement System, which are assessed as percentages of the payroll, also rise.

The district plans to add a kindergarten teacher because of increased enrollment; one elementary level teacher to maintain class sizes in the 24-28 range, and three teachers at the middle school because of a bulge in the sixth grade enrollment and because of new regents' requirements for courses in home and career skills, and technology.

The district also intends to hire a groundskeeper and three part-time bus drivers, in a move to eliminate most standees on Bethlehem buses.

Other cost increases include health insurance premiums and a 17 percent boost in charges by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, as well as pay increases for noninstructional employees.

On the revenue side, helping to trim the tax rate increases (although not the budget total), are a hike of \$60,000 in state aid, a \$2.6 million increase in the tax base in the district and a projected yearend surplus of some \$229,000.

Also on the ballot will be a proposition asking for approval for five-year financing in the amount of \$326,200 to purchase eight buses and a station wagon for the district. No payment on this debt would be due in the coming year.

And BC board candidates profiled

been a staunch defender of the district's performance. In response to BUT's campaign, Harvith said, "I agree it's good to address strengths and weaknesses in the system. We've done that as we've gone along, and we have a super program."

Davies, a Delmar resident for 28 years, retired in 1980 after 40 years as an engineer with the state Department of Health. A graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the University of Minnesota, Davies concluded his career with the state as director of the Bureau of Radiological Health. He is serving as second vice president of the 26,000-member statewide Retired Public Employees Association. He and his wife have three children, all BC graduates.

A member of the district's Challenge Review Committee, formed in the fall of 1984, Davies has spent many hours delving into questions of quality and cost in education, and has made his findings public. At Sunday night's candidate forum, Davies accused the school board of failing to deal in a meaningful way with such questions and said the district "must build on its strengths, but must also be willing to identify its weaknesses."

Fitzgerald, a Selkirk resident, is a mechanical engineer for the state Office of General Services, where he has worked 12 years. A graduate of Watertown High School, in northern New York, he received an associate's degree from State University College at Canton and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Clarkson University. He and his wife have resided in the district for

four years and have a fourth grader at Glenmont Elementary School.

Also a candidate in 1985, Fitzgerald said he is seeking election again "because the community is more diverse than the board is," adding that his background in building repair and maintenance would be a useful addition to the board. He said that because he is without ties to community groups, he would be free to work on problems related to the schools. Fitzgerald also has urged that the district have a master plan for tracking growth in the district, and a parents' council.

O'Brien, a native of New York City, has resided in Delmar more than 20 years and has served on the school board for seven. A graduate of St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing, she is completing her work for a baccalaureate degree at the College of Saint Rose this spring. She is a legislative aide in the State Assembly and also works part-time as a nursing supervisor at Good Samaritan Home in Delmar. Three of her five children have graduated from BC, while two are in high school there. O'Brien's community activities have included service as a Girl Scout leader and a Slingerlands PTA president, an instructor in the Red Cross first aid program and a volunteer in the town's blood pressure clinic.

Identifying the district's strength as its ability to "meet the needs of each and every student," O'Brien said, "All of our students are important. We cannot offer them less than what they need and deserve to have." She added that

she is committed to the entire Bethlehem Central community: "I owe my allegiance to no particular interest group or group of financial supporters."

Boynton, a resident of New Scotland, was editor and publisher of *The Spotlight* before retiring in 1980. He has continued to write for the paper and currently coordinates its high school sports coverage. A graduate of Princeton University, Boynton was managing editor of *The Geneva Daily Times* before moving to the Albany area to work for the Associated Press wire service as a legislative correspondent. He also worked 19 years for the General Electric Co. A resident of the school district for 27 years, he chaired a district Citizens Advisory Budget Committee in 1964. He also was a director of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce for two terms. He and his wife have three children, who attended BC schools.

A founder and guiding force in BUT, Boynton has been a frequent critic of the district's spending and what he terms a "do-nothing" board. At Sunday's forum, he accused the board of "accepting pretty much what comes in from the administration" and said one of his goals is to "get parents to realize that a really effective study" of the trend in college admissions of BC graduates and of elementary achievement test results would show the district was declining.

Terms for school board members are for three years, and voting will take place Wednesday, May 7, at the middle school from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

BUT group gets a rebuttal

Bethlehem United Taxpayers (BUT), which calls itself a taxpayer watchdog group, already can see some results from its advertising campaign on behalf of two candidates for the Bethlehem Central school board — two other taxpayer groups have sprung into being, essentially as opponents of BUT's point of view and tactics.

Respecting Education: Bethlehem Unified Taxpayers (RE:BUT) was organized recently because the community "needs a group that emphasizes education first," according to Susan Backer of Delmar, a spokesman for the group. Backer said organizers had been considering creation of such a group since the 1985 school district election campaign, when BUT first made its presence known in a series of hard-hitting advertisements.

And, Bethlehem Taxpayers for Quality Education (with a less zingy BTQE) is in the campaign because "whatever needs to be done (in the schools) needs to be done in the spirit of cooperation, not detraction," said spokesman Holly Billings of Delmar. Disclaiming any interest among BTQE members in opposing BUT, Billings said the group hopes to exert a positive influence.

While all three taxpayer groups endorse quality education, RE:BUT and BTQE disagree with BUT on how to get it, how much it should cost — and even on how to tell when you've got it. With a showdown in the offing in next Wednesday's budget vote and board election, the question arises of how much strength the organizations command.

Nathaniel Boynton of New Scotland, former editor and publisher of *The Spotlight* and a candidate this year, said BUT does not maintain a list of supporters. However, during last year's campaign BUT ran a full-page ad on page 2 of the May 1 *Spotlight* listing the names of 200 people it said were voting for BUT's candidates. In that election the two BUT candidates each

drew more than 1,500 votes from the 4,500 votes cast. One BUT-backed candidate, Charles Reeves, was elected.

RE:BUT spokesman Backer said the group, with some eight to 10 initial organizers, is circulating more than 30 petitions in the community seeking signatures of residents whose "first interest is the children." She said the primary goal of the petitions is to heighten awareness of the candidates and the issues.

The fledgling Bethlehem Taxpayers for Quality Education, like BUT, maintains no membership list, but "includes many viewpoints," Billings said. "Where we are unified is that we believe you can improve the schools by working within the system."

RE:BUT was organized to provide "a different emphasis," Becker said when asked about the group's reaction to BUT's full-page ad in last week's *Spotlight*, again in a premium spot on page 2. That advertisement, laid out to resemble a page of news articles, included headlines such as "Games School Boards Play" and "Disguising the Budget."

The ad put forth the platform on which Sherwood Davies, a retired state employee, and Boynton are running. The message included the allegation that "parents are not getting the full story" about student achievement, and a list of what BUT termed "ploys" that it said the current school board has used to gain public support for its budget proposal.

Backer said RE:BUT had no intention of attempting to dispute all contentions in the BUT advertising, although in reference to BUT's claim that comparisons of SAT scores reveal the Bethlehem school district as

inferior to several other Suburban Council schools, she questioned whether the "best education means the best SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores."

And, she added, "I don't know that all the facts are there." "I think BUT wants to cut taxes as a priority," BTQE's Billings said. "If the primary goal is cutting taxes, sooner or later you're going to be cutting teachers' salaries and having larger classes."

RE:BUT and BTQE jointly are spending \$330 to run a full-page ad in this week's *Spotlight* to draw attention to what is returned to the community from its investment in its schools.

Boynton declined to release financial information about the organization, but an accounting given in December in *Sidelights* (a BUT takeoff on the school district's *Central Highlights*) listed expenditures in the 1985 campaign as \$1,100.

This week BUT included a copy of its April 23 full-page ad in the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce newsletter mailing, which goes to

230 addresses in the community. However, because the ad did not go out over an individual member's name, the chamber had to send out follow-up postcards with the message that the ad did not necessarily reflect the views of the chamber.

With two new organizations in an arena that BUT previously has had to itself, and with one week to go before the election, the biggest issue in the campaign could wind up being dollars of SAT scores, but BUT has a higher percentage of Bethlehem residents.

SOS wasn't

An emergency locator transmitter signal sent police and Civil Air Patrol members scrambling to the area of Three Farms Dairy on Rt. 144 in Selkirk last Sunday (April 20), according to a spokesman for the state police at Selkirk. Investigators found the signal had accidentally been sent from a small aircraft parked in a field behind the dairy.

Cost per student

Superintendent Lawrence Zinn said Monday that the Bethlehem Central School District's per pupil expenditure of \$4,779 places it fifth highest among the 11 Suburban Council schools. Zinn was correcting a figure given out at a school board candidate forum Sunday night. The highest per pupil expenditure among Suburban Council schools is \$5,218 and the average is \$4,769, he said, putting BC just slightly above the average.

These figures are among the data provided by the Suburban Council superintendents to each other annually, Zinn said.

Sewing clinic

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Religious Service, Sunday School and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

Religious Service, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens, van trip to see "The Pleasure of His Company," St. Andrew's Dinner Theatre, 5 p.m. Reservations, 439-5770, 9-11 a.m.

Parenting Workshop, led by Larry and Chris Deyss; First United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 4 p.m. Registration, 765-2392.

Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club, evening walk in search of courting woodcock and local owl; Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Delmar, 6:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9929.

Open House, sponsored by New Scotland Historical Assn., New Salem Schoolhouse Museum, 2-4 p.m.

RCS Crop Walk, Main St., Ravena, 1 p.m.

MONDAY 5
MAY

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

Mothers Time Out, Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers will review book entitled *Help, I'm a Parent*, Monday at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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

Quartet Rehearsal, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Delmar Progress Club, business meeting at Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Astrology with Judith Longley," 7 p.m.; "Cynthia Golderman: A Visionary Poet Speaks," 7:30 p.m.; "Bethlehem Bijou—On Her Majesty's," 8 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

Voorheesville PTSA, all welcome to meeting with Hugh McDonald, president of board of Voorheesville Public Library, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY 6
MAY

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

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

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

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

Delmar Progress Club, legislative forum at Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 10 a.m.

Dana Natural History Society, wildflower hunt, led by Dr. Eugene C. Ogden, Joralemon Memorial Park, noon.

Raffle, of quilt handcrafted by Tri-Village Welcome Wagon of Slingerlands, Delmar and Glenmont, noon.

Field Study, search for American woodcock, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

CPR Course, class in cardiopulmonary resuscitation open to Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District residents, May 6, 13 and 20, 7-10 p.m. Registration, 439-4955, ext. 77.

"The Value and Beauty of Colonial Gardens", by speaker Wayne Harvey, sponsored by New Scotland Historical Assn., Old New Salem Schoolhouse Museum, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Dean Cavis's Snakes of the World," 7 p.m.; "Talk of the Town: My Mother's Vanity," 8 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

Voorheesville Budget Meeting, to discuss school and library budgets for 1986-87, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

Poetry Reading, local poet Cynthia Golderman, will read from her latest book *Oh! That We Would!*, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Registration 439-9314.



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WEDNESDAY 7
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Bethlehem Lions Club, meets first and third Wednesday of month, Starlite Restaurant, 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.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem.

Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club, search for migrant and resident birds, meet at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 a.m.

Soil Testing and Gardening Lecture, sponsored by Albany County Cooperative Extension, "Perennial and Bedding Plant Design," Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

"Language and Liturgy", presented by Joan Lescinski, C.S.J., Ph.D., of College of Saint Rose, St. Thomas School, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9253.

Budget Vote, \$1.3 million budget for Bethlehem Public Library will be presented with school district ballot.

THURSDAY 8
MAY

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.

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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM SENIOR VAN call 439-5770, 9-11 a.m.

- May 1 Senior citizens organization, business meeting at Bethlehem Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- May 2 Legal Clinic, Bethlehem Town Hall, room 116, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointment required.
- May 7 Voting day, on school district budget and school board elections. Senior van transportation available.
- May 8 Senior citizens crafts, Bethlehem Town Hall, room 116, 1 p.m.
- May 14 Senior van trip to Red's Seafood House. Pick-ups at 4:30 p.m.



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

Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxillary, 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.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Readings for the Visually Impaired," 4-7 p.m.; "Astrology with Judith L'Angley," 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

United Methodist Women, meeting at South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., 8 p.m.

Budget Vote, Voorheesville Central School budget and Voorheesville Library budget, Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School, Voorheesville, 2-9 p.m.

City Fest, festival presented by students and faculty of Voorheesville High School, Albany County Executive James Coyne scheduled as keynote speaker, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Perennial Gardening and Bedding Plant Design, presented by representatives of Albany County Cooperative Extension, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

Overeaters Anonymous, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Girl Scouting Summer Camp," 7 p.m.; "Tae Kwon Do: Martial Arts the Korean Way," part 9, 7:30 p.m.; "Cooperative Extension: How to Plant a Garden," 8 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

Voorheesville American Legion Auxillary, monthly meeting, Legion Hall, Voorheesville Ave., 8 p.m.

FRIDAY 9
MAY

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

Youth Group Meetings, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Senior Citizens Walk, weather permitting. Town of Bethlehem's Wednesday and Friday exercise classes will look for wildflowers at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, meet at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Astrology with Judith Longley," 11 a.m.; "Real George's Backroom," 7:30 p.m.; "Capitol Chambers Artists: Vienna Then, New York Now," 8 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

SATURDAY 10
MAY

Spring Plant Sale, sponsored by Men's Garden Club of Albany, Key Bank, Delaware Ave., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

SUNDAY 11
MAY

Religious Program, Delmar Presbyterian Church, adult education, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-2983.

Religious Service, Sunday School and worship service, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

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

Home Accessing Program, presented by design director Barbara Leonpacker, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Legislative Internship Program, Russell Williams from NYS Senate Fellows Office and a representative from NYS Assembly Intern Office will explain learning experience to be gained from each internship, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Blood Pressure Clinic, sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis and American Red Cross, United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 9-11 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. Information, 462-7461, ext. 228.

WEDNESDAY 14
MAY

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.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem.

Bethlehem Senior Van, dinner at Red's Seafood House, pickups, 4:30 p.m., 439-5770.

Lecture, American composer Ezra Laderman, will discuss his new composition, "Pentimento," which will be given its world premiere by Albany Symphony Orchestra, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Resume Writing Workshop, two-day class conducted by Judy Fruiterman, M.S., Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.



Mike Monahan, left, Dick Harte and Rita Russell will appear in the Albany Civic Theater production of *Deathtrap*, running from May 7 through May 18.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS
Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY 30
APRIL

Alumni Homecoming, celebration of 40th anniversary of Culinary Institute of America, April 30-May 4. Information, 1-914-452-9600

XI Gamma Psi Founder's Day celebration at Century House, Latham.

Asthma and Allergies Seminar American Lung Association, 8 Mountain View

Ave., Colonie, 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Registration: 459-4197.

Open House, offer information about graduate and continuing education programs at College of Saint Rose, 6:30 p.m. Free; information, 454-5144.

Luncheon and Fashion Show, sponsored by Albany Academy Mother's Association, Albany Academy Fieldhouse, Hackett Blvd., Albany, \$12.50 reservations, 371-8484.

Press Conference, to announce "Live at the Lakehouse" season schedule, Washington Park Lakehouse, 11 a.m. Reservations, 434-2032.

Bloodmobile, American Red Cross, regional blood center, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 3-7 p.m. Appointment, 462-7461, ext. 312.

Lecture, Jared Diamond, physiologist and ecologist, will discuss role of human activity on extinction of animals, State University at Albany, Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., 8 p.m. Free.

Speech-Language and Hearing Assn., of Capital District, meeting with Bette Civitello, audiologist, speaking about "Brainstem Auditory Evoked Potential Testing," St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 1
MAY

Capital District Mineral Club, Inc., meeting with Dr. Donald Caldwell, geologist, comparing glaciers of Alaska and New York, and Dr. Richard Stein, speaking about calcite, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4358.

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Open House, Kenwood Center kindergarten classroom, Doane Stuart campus, 5 p.m. Information, 465-0404.

Writers Workshop, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 449-3380.

Workshop, "Taking Pride in Ourselves as Parents" presented by Ellie Marsh, Young Women's Christian Assn., 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Registration, 438-6608.

Registration, for May 17 trip to Hartford, Conn., \$28 and \$35 fee, sponsored by Historic Cherry Hill, 523.5 South Pearl St., Albany.

Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, mainstream class, 7 p.m.; workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help support group for parents of substance abusers, meets every Thursday, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

SHARE, support group of parents who have experienced death of newborn, miscarriage or stillbirth, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 So. Manning Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1602.

FRIDAY 2
MAY

Grandparents' Day, at Saint Gregory's School, Old Niskayuna Rd., Loudonville, 11:30 a.m. Information, 785-6621.

Tribute to Women, awards ceremony, sponsored by Albany YWCA, Albany Institute of History and Art, 5:30 p.m. Reservations, 438-6608.

Transportation Advisory Council of Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce, meeting with John E. Taylor, state DOT regional director, Ramada Inn, \$8 admission, 8 a.m. Information, 372-5656.

SATURDAY 3
MAY

Field trip, to Limestone Rise Preserve, sponsored by Nature Conservancy, Eastern New York Chapter, meet at former Altamont train station, 10 a.m. Information, 489-5939 or 465-3958.

"Readings Against the End of the World", 24-hour reading for world peace, to benefit Albany Peace and Energy Council and Social Action Center of Albany, Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., midnight. Information, 434-4037.

Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club 10-kilometer race for men over 40 and women over 35, Eastern Regional Championship for Road Runners Club of America and Adirondack TAC Masters Championship, Guilderland High School, \$3.75 registration, information, 456-2499.

Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Our Lady of Angels/St. Patrick's Outreach to benefit needy, St. Patrick's Parish Center, 283 Central Ave., Albany, \$3.75 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens and children, 1-7 p.m. Information, 465-8262.

Photographic Exhibition of Turin Shroud, sponsored by Albany Center Turin Shroud, Quality Inn, I-90 and Everett Rd., Albany, \$3 admission, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 477-8351.

Grand Opening of museum store at Historical Society of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, noon to 4 p.m. Store hours, Wed.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sat., noon-4 p.m. Information, 462-1676.

Workshop, "Considering Change" for women thinking of new stage in work or education, Russell Sage College Troy Campus, 9 a.m. Registration, 270-2306.

Playground Cleanup Rensselaerville Playground, 9 a.m., rainedate June 7. Information, 707-3034.

Old Songs Country Dance featuring music by Rude Girls, Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, Guilderland, \$4, class, 7:30 p.m.; dance, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

Weekend College summer program begins, Maria College, 700 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Registration, 438-3111.

Chicken n' Biscuit Supper to benefit Helderberg Reformed Church, will be served at Masonic Temple, Rt. 146, Altamont, \$5 and \$3 admission, 3:30 to 7 p.m. Information, 9 a.m. to noon, 861-8031.

Pygmy Goat Show all welcome, Lydia Hale and Tim Norman will judge show at Altamont Fair Grounds. Free; information 767-2317.



Alison Farrell, left, and Nancy Tucker will present a Kids' Fare concert at 2 p.m. on May 4 at the Harmanus Bleeker Center, 19 Dove St., Albany.

SUNDAY 4
MAY

Historic Albany: Its Churches and Synagogues lecture entitled "Protestants Proliferate," Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m.

Diabetes Bike-A-Thon sponsored by Capital District Chapter of American Diabetes Association, sponsor sheets available at McDonald's Restaurants, and area middle schools and high schools, 1 p.m. Information, 489-1755.

Greater Albany Professional Singles, forum on "The Single Paycheck Investor," Foxwood Apartments Community Room, Crescent Rd., Clifton Park, \$3, 6:30 p.m. Information, 436-0602.

"Black History Through Literature", with author Ton Cade Bambara, sponsored by Capital District Humanities Program, Bush Memorial Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, 2:30 p.m. Information, 442-4237.

Opening Day, Tri-City BMX of Rotterdam, open Sundays through summer, 1076 Keyes Ave., Schenectady, registration, 9 a.m.; races, noon. Information, 371-7841.

Scottish Country Dancing, social dancing to traditional Scottish music, Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

MONDAY 5
MAY

Training Program 14-day homemaker-home health aide training program, Home Aide Service of Eastern New York, Inc., 10 Colvin Ave., Albany. Free; information, 459-6853.

TUESDAY 6
MAY

New York Legislative Program, all welcome, with Honorable Mae W. Newburger, chairman of Legislative Task Force on Women's Issues, speaking about "Reforming New York State's Divorce Laws," and Patricia B. Snyder, executive director of ESIPA, speaking about ESIPA's tour of Moscow, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 439-0748.

Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce, small business council, meeting with Robert A. Slutsky, president of Schatz Stationary Stores, Americana Inn, 660 Albany-Shaker Rd., Albany, 7:30 a.m. \$7.50 and \$8.50 reservations, 434-1214.

Concert Preview, for Albany Pro Musica and introduction of new choral work by Dr. Allen Gimbel of SUNYA, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. Free; information, 463-4478.

Preparatory Class preview of oral examinations for New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University, State University at Albany, 6 p.m. \$8 registration, 473-1931.

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

Albany Numismatic Society, all welcome to meeting with collector William S. Panitch speaking about "Albany, New York, 300 Years of Numismatic History," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 7
MAY

"AIDS: Concern and Compassion", all welcome, program to increase understanding of disease, with Laurie Novick, executive director of AIDS Council of Northeastern New York, and Rev. William Doubleday, chaplain to AIDS patients at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Free; information, 463-2257.

Luncheon, for people with AIDS and AIDS Related Complex sponsored by AIDS Council of Northeastern New York. AIDS Council offices, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, noon. Free; reservations, 434-4686.

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Rapport with class teacher's biggest test

"Tom moved *amorous* closer to Amy." Andy was already giggling in the front row when we came to this, his sentence using a vocabulary word scrawled in a jagged ascending script across the chalkboard. As I praised Andy for an accurate application of the word and tried to correct his faulty usage, the class began to titter at the implications of Andy's sentence for Tom and Amy, who sat scowling at opposite corners of the room.

In fact, as we moved across the board from one student sentence to the next, each one teasing some classmate or other, the students seemed less interested in the vocabulary lesson and more interested in making fun of each other. I finally had to change my demeanor and play the mean teacher in order to salvage the lesson. I stopped smiling and laughing and started scowling and reprimanding. Sensing my shift in sympathies, the students now turned against me and ignored my reprimands. Unfortunately, the scene was becoming typical for this class in recent weeks. A playful rapport between teacher and students was fast disintegrating into a non-educational free-for-all.

Student rapport is not everything, but it makes almost anything in the way of classroom instruction much easier. I find that when my rapport with students is good, we can laugh, enjoy each other's company, and get a great deal of work done. But when rapport breaks down, students become adversarial and uncooperative, and the task of teaching becomes onerous. The problem is establishing and

IN THE CLASSROOM

Jim Nehring

I learned a lesson on this subject a few years ago. It was my second year of teaching in a district downstate. In fact, I was experiencing difficulty keeping a good relationship with the very class mentioned earlier. Up to that time I had not become involved in extra-curricular activities as club advisor or athletic coach. I enjoy long distance running myself, so, as the snow melted, and thoughts turned to springtime activities that year, I applied for a coaching position and was assigned assistant varsity track and field coach for the long distance squad. Coincidentally, seven of 271 students in that sixth period class joined the team.

Generally, kids greatly respect their athletic coaches, I suspect because of their authority and leadership qualities and mostly because of shared interest. The same is not as often true in the classroom. I love to study history and language, but I am reasonably sure that it is a minority of my students who share my interest. I grew pleased that as the first few weeks of the track season flew by, my athletes and I established a wonderful good rapport. We all loved running and they respected my judgment and eagerly obeyed my directions.

And there was an unanticipated dividend. Sixth period English became a pleasure to teach. Students in general became at once more serious about our work and ready to laugh and kid around in a positive way. I started to develop the same good rapport with that class as I enjoyed with my athletes. All because seven students in that class were on the team.



Members of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk senior band, with Director Brent Wheat were greeted by

Assemblyman Clarence Lane during their recent appearance at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

From the point of view of a student, a teacher is a cardboard character, an aloof figure of authority and learning encountered briefly each day. A cardboard character is difficult to love or respect and very easy to abuse without remorse. When my seven English students came to know me outside the pressurized classroom and came to share an interest outside of school, that aloof figure gained depth and personality. The results were dramatic.

The changed attitude of those seven students turned around the collective behavior of an entire class. That year I learned the importance of giving my students the opportunity to see and know me outside of class, because their changed perceptions can greatly influence the quality of their learning.

But that's only half the lesson. During the spring track season, I learned that one student, Debbie, was struggling through an ugly contested divorce between her parents. I learned that Jason had extensive farm chores that stressed his ability to meet school commitments. And I learned that Jeanie's mother lay in a hospital with a brain tumor dying a slow death. I hadn't realized that I perceived my students as cardboard characters encountered briefly each day, difficult to love and respect. With a deepened understanding of their lives outside the classroom, I found that my attitude toward them had changed as well.

Too much for teens

Two Slingerlands youths, ages 14 and 16, were taken to Albany Medical Center, Hospital Saturday afternoon for treatment of drug overdoses, according to Bethlehem police reports. A Brockley Dr. resident noticed the two were in an impaired condition and contacted authorities. The boys, one of whom was violent and the other of whom was described as groggy, told police they had consumed a quantity of barbiturates. They were treated at the hospital and released.

DEAN'S LIST

Rochester Institute of Technology — James F. MacFawn, Delmar.

State University at Albany — Julie Austin, Aaron Corman, James Dixon, Robert Dixon, Elizabeth Eckel, Melinda Haven, Francis Pomakoy and Suzanne Syrett, Selkirk; Mark DeAngelis, Veronica Gioia, Alan Marwill and Grace Santos, Slingerlands; Evan Coon, Brian Goldstein, Brenda Negus, Douglas Nendza, Dorothy Ungerer and Deborah York, Voorheesville; and Carol Campaigne, and Kathryn Turk, Glenmont.

Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. — Brian Mark Culnan, Voorheesville.

Scholarship winner

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Following Renaissance Day and the Technology Fair, City Fest has joined members of the student body and faculty in exploring a topic which has affected all mankind.

Open to the public, the day will begin with a keynote address by Albany County Executive James Coyne, who will define the city from a political science perspective.

At 9 a.m. several large group programs will be presented, including a multimedia show on the city and another lecture by Coyne on the impact of sports programs on the city. Meanwhile, students in the eleventh grade will participate in a residency presented by the Empire State Institute of the Performing Arts (ESIPA). Set in London during the time of Charles Dickens, the program will follow the students' viewing of *Great Expectations* at The Egg on May 5.

Classroom exhibits, depicting everything from events in the past 300 years in Albany to cities of the future, will be displayed from 10 to 11 a.m.

At 10:40 a.m. the students will reach out to other cities by launching several hundred balloons with messages attached.

Science and entertainment in the city will be highlighted between 11 a.m. and noon with programs featuring music by high school groups and demonstrations found in many city science museums.

Food from around the world served at noon by students in international costumes. Flim Flam Alley will focus on street life in the city with mimes, street dancers and vendors peddling cotton candy and hot dogs.

Afternoon entertainment will include a Paris fashion show, a Gatsby celebration and a 1960's folk cafe, as well as a theater featuring short films by Voorheesville's most frequent visitors to



Jenny Meilinger and Sue Carhart look on as Aline Wilson, workshop leader, demonstrates how to hand paint a slide. These Voorheesville Central School District students are preparing for a multimedia show that will be presented at the City Fest on Wednesday, May 7.

Nashville, Huntington Station, (formerly Southbound), will discuss their journey to the country music capital and perform several of their songs between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The day, was organized during the past year under the direction of student planner Tom Vecchio and faculty advisor Linda Wolkenbreit. A lecture series, featuring

historian Allison Bennett, city planner Roger Crieghton and Cornelia Frisbee Houde, former director of Historic Cherry Hill, preceded the festival.

Partially financed by a grant from the Teacher Center, City Fest is free and there's no traffic to fight to take in the splendors only a city can offer.

BC senior needs funds for peace trip to USSR

This summer Bethlehem high school senior Jenny Hammer will be taking part in a very unusual cultural exchange. Thanks to the efforts of the "Fellowship" of Reconciliation, she will be traveling to the Soviet Union for a three-week stay. She will visit the USSR with 20 other students from 11 states.

The biggest obstacle for Jenny is not obtaining a passport or even a visa, but raising the money for the journey. The goal of \$2,500 has been set, and so far only \$200 has been donated to the peace-oriented exchange by the American Legion Auxiliary. The Delmar McDonald's is also helping to sponsor Jenny's trip, letting her

sell gift certificates for a profit between \$400 and \$1000.

The group will leave on June 23 and return on July 15. They will pass through Helsinki in Finland, Tallinn, Minsk, Novo Sibirsk, and Irkutsk on Lake Baikal and spend a great deal of time in Moscow, where the group will attend the friendship games and meet with several Soviet peace groups.

The exchange has been organized to foster relations with Russian youth and provide a broader understanding of the American-Soviet relations. Anyone interested in donating money for the trip may call Ed Solomon at 768-2832 or Jenny Hammer at 439-0704.

Composer speaks

American composer Ezra Laderman will speak about his new composition, "Pentimento," at the Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. Laderman's composition will be given its world premiere by the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

A winner of three Guggenheim Awards and the American Prix de Rome, Laderman has taught at Sarah Lawrence College and the State University College at Binghamton.

To register for the program call 439-9314.

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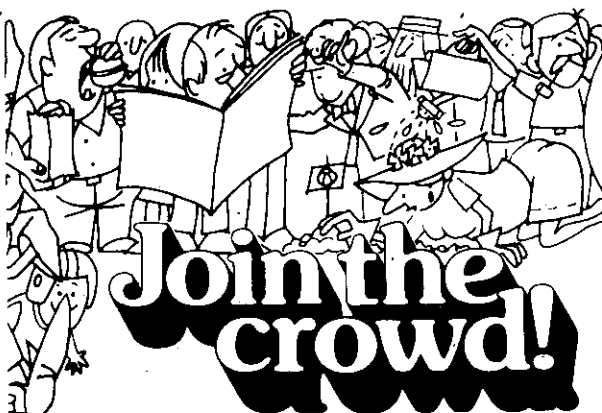
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Berglas honor dinner set

The Voorheesville PTSA will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 5, at Voorheesville Elementary School. After candidates for 1986-87 PTSA officers are announced, Hugh McDonald, president of the Voorheesville Public Library executive board, will speak on site selection, building plans and the upcoming referendum for a new public library in Voorheesville. All are welcome.

Sound of music

The hills of Voorheesville will be filled with music on Wednesday, May 7, as the Voorheesville Elementary School bands and choirs present their spring concert at the high school, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Instrumental music teacher Lydia Tobler will strike up two bands. The fifth grade band, making its first appearance, will play "Chip Off The Old Block" and other tunes, while the sixth grade band, in its last concert appearance as a grade school music ensemble, will present Lionel Richie's "Hello," and other pieces.

The fifth and sixth grade choirs will perform under the direction of Cynthia McDermott. The fifth grade chorus will present

Voorheesville NEWS NOTES



This year's "This Year in Music" featuring recorder accompaniment by Missy Bayly, Hilary Kresner, Courtney Langford, Meg O'Connor, Kati Pakenas and Hannah Spence, with Lea Foster playing the cowbell and Becky Bayly on the triangle. The sixth grade chorus will perform "Yellow Sun," featuring David Lancor on bongos, Alison Meilinger on guiro, Katy Ramsey on maracas and Heidi Siver on claves.

The finale will feature the combined choruses singing "Lady Liberty" and "We Are The World," accompanied by high school students Paul Nichols on drums, Greg Toritto on electric bass and Larry Bach on electric guitar.

A special dimension will be added by Laura Blanchard, Kim Horan, Amanda Scheible and Erin Sullivan as they interpret the song in sign language.

All are welcome to attend this free concert.

Berglas honored

With Voorheesville Central School District Superintendent Werner Berglas retiring at the end of this school year, a dinner to honor him will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, at the Shaker Ridge Country Club in Loudonville. Friends, colleagues and former students are invited to attend.

Dr. Berglas has served the district for the past 34 years, first as a teacher of mathematics and biology for 10 years, as principal of the high school for 13 years and as the district superintendent for the past 11 years.

For reservations or information call Sarita Winchell at 765-3313, before June 3.

Budget vote

Residents of the Voorheesville Central School District are reminded that the annual budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. Both the 1986-87 school budget and library budget will be discussed. All are invited to come and share their input with the school board and library board.

On the following day, Wednesday, May 7, the vote to adopt the respective budgets will be held at the high school between 2 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Dinner and crafts

The New Scotland Presbyterian Church will serve a roast beef dinner on Saturday, May 3, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the church on Rt. 85, New Scotland Rd. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Also on hand will be a variety of handcrafted items, many suitable for Mother's Day gifts, as well as baked goods. All are welcome.

Tennis ladder

A tennis ladder is being planned for area residents. According to coordinator Tom Walter, you need not be an expert because the ladder allows each member to play people who are at a similar skill level.

The ladder operates with one player challenging another to a match at a time and place agreeable to both. If the lower-



Dr. Werner Berglas

ranked player wins, he or she assumes the higher rank while the loser and all other players between the two players' original positions move down one place.

At this time only one ladder is planned. If there is sufficient interest separate ladders for men and women or a doubles ladder will be formed.

Sign up by calling Walter at 765-2768.

Error of omission

Apologies to John and Daniel Reilly, sons of Mother of the Year Sue Reilly, whose names were omitted from last week's photograph.

Memorial dinner

Tickets for the community dinner dance to support the Thomas Buckley Memorial Fund are now on sale, according to co-chairmen Karen Leach and Bruce Martelle. The gala will be held on Saturday May 17, at LaSalette in Altamont. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served after 8 p.m. and will be followed by dancing to the music of Changes until 12:30 A.M. Tickets are \$25 per couple and may be obtained by phoning Jenny Cillis at 768-2850, or speaking with Pete Douglas at the elementary school or Dick Leach at the high school.

College fair

Voorheesville high school seniors and their parents are reminded that the Capital District College Fair will be held at the Empire State Plaza on Tuesday, May 6, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and from 7 until 9 p.m.

Approximately 200 colleges will send representatives to

provide materials and information on their respective institutions.

The guidance department will transport 40 students who signed up for the morning sessions. Those not attending in the morning are encouraged to go in the evening.

Food pantry

On Wednesday, May 7, the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School will become a city mission food pantry as part of the City Fest celebration. Students and faculty will make donations of canned and boxed foods to the project coordinated by the high school guidance department. Community members attending the day long urban experience theme festival are invited to bring along items to be contributed to the local food pantry.3

Thieves pose

A recent incident in Colonie in which three men gained entry to the home of an elderly woman by posing as representatives of Niagara Mohawk has led NiMo officials to once again warn against thieves and confidence men posing as Niagara Mohawk employees.

"Every Niagara Mohawk employee carries a sealed identification card bearing a picture of the employee," according to Richard Foley, system security supervisor. "No one should admit a person into the house until they have seen this identification card."

"Persons without the proper identification should be turned away and if the customer is suspicious, they should report the incident to the police," Foley said.

Soil testing set

A spring soil testing and gardening lecture will be held by Cooperative Extension on Tuesday, May 7 at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Soil testing will be done at 7 p.m. and a perennial and bedding plant design lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Phone the Cooperative Extension Association of Albany County Agriculture Program at 765-3510 for more information. The program is free of charge and will be open to the public.

Wins scholarship

Kimberly J. Laraway of Voorheesville has been awarded the Mildred Z. Buxton Memorial Scholarship at Paul Smith's College of Arts and Sciences.

Laraway, who is completing her freshman year in the forest recreation program, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Laraway of Voorheesville.

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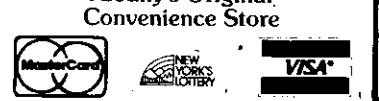
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Board sets hearing date for proposed mining site

By Patricia Mitchell

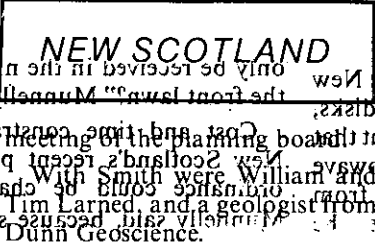
A year after a special use permit was requested to mine 27 acres of the former Tall Timbers Country Club, the New Scotland Planning Board has decided to hold a public hearing on the issue Tuesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m.

The special use permit was requested by William Larned and Sons for Voorheesville Sand and Stone. Larned holds 73 acres that is zoned industrial on the back of the property located off Rt. 85.

Town zoning ordinances were amended in 1984 to allow soil mining in areas zoned low density residential and industrial. Before the amendment, soil mining was allowed only in residential forestry districts.

Wayne Smith, a Schenectady-based attorney for Larned, requested a public hearing on the special use permit after a geological survey determined that mining activities would not tap into the ground water supply in the area. The survey was requested in March by the planning board over concern for the water supply after receiving a favorable impact report from the Department of Environmental Conservation. Commissioned by Larned, the survey was completed by Dunn Geoscience Corp. of Latham.

"I was hoping we could alleviate the paper chase. We have a right to the hearing at least," Smith said before the Tuesday, April 22,



Chairman Richard Stickley agreed that the company has a right to a hearing before a decision is made on the special use permit. Stickley said he held out on setting a date for the hearing because Larned has not supplied all the information that the planning board has requested.

In a March 3 letter, Stickley requested that Larned supply a map showing the bedrock contours in some detail in relation to the gravel deposits. And in an April 16 letter, Stickley again asked for the information, and said until it is received, no date will be set for a public hearing.

The special use request has generated concern from residents of the town, especially from those in the area of the proposed site who receive their water from wells.

Stickley said Larned may not be prepared for the public hearing.

"When this public hearing is announced, this room will not be big enough," Stickley said. "This board is very concerned about the water supply. The residents of Appleblossom La. and the board are concerned over water. If we

destroy the water supply, that is the end right there. Of particular concern to the board are the bedrock contours and the water table in the area. Stickley said neighbors are also concerned over noise, dirt and trucks during mining activity, and property values that could be affected.

Smith requested that any questions on the mining activity could be forwarded to the planning board or Larned so they can be answered at the public hearing without adjourning to find answers.

"If we know what the questions are, that is a good way to address those questions," Smith said.

Stickley requested that various geological maps and representatives of Dunn Geoscience, the state Department of Environmental Conservation and the Albany County Health Department be present at the May 27 public hearing.

Mark Zdunczyk, a geologist who compiled the geological survey for Dunn Geoscience, said he has all the information that the planning board has requested. When completing the report, he used the report, "Bedrock topographical and glacial deposits between Saratoga and Coeymans" by geologists DiNeen and Hansen, an in-depth study of buried glacial channels.

With the map, Zdunczyk said he determined that the deep



Daisy Sharp and Marietta Schultz, charter members of the New Scotland Senior Citizens, enjoy the group's 25 anniversary tea last Sunday. Lyn Staff

aquifer in the area of the proposed mining site is very deep and pointed out that mining does not generally hurt deep aquifers. He said that the channels may contain a silky-clay material that is not a good aquifer.

Zdunczyk said he can also use a map that will show the thickness of the gravel at the proposed site. Smith added that most drillers keep logs on how deep water wells are dug.

"The mining is at a minimum, 50 feet above (the deep aquifer). The Voorheesville Sand and Stone operation will probably not come near it," Zdunczyk said.

Board member William Childs, a New Salem Rd. resident in Voorheesville, pointed out there are deep water wells on Appleblossom La. in the village and also in the development under construction in back of Appleblossom La. He requested a profile of the mining in relation to the water table and the wells in the area at the public hearing.

Town building inspector Walter Miller said there is a difference in depth of the wells between wells on Appleblossom La. and in the new development.

"When you are speaking 50 feet above, you are not speaking 50 feet above the Smith La. (wells)," Miller said.

Larned and Sons received the title to the 182 acres of the Tall Timbers Country Club in 1984 after Key Bank foreclosed on the property. Last year, they sold 109 acres to Munchkin Enterprises, Inc., and its principal, developer Robert Iovinella. Smith, also the attorney for Munchkin, is trying to clear the title on that land.

Smith has said the proposed mining would not affect any development, and any development would not affect the proposed mining.

Robert Cooke, chairman of the town's advisory water committee, suggested that the planning board request additional information on the water table in relation to the proposed mining activity. He said a United States Geological Survey has shown there is a past glacial valley in the area between Hilltown Rd. and Rt. 85A where Larned has asked to mine.

Cooke said he felt the information supplied by Larned to the planning board's request was "not responsive."

The next meeting of the Town of New Scotland Planning Board is slated for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13.

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Correction

The Voorheesville Board of Education has signed the required papers to hold a referendum on a \$800,000 bond issue for the proposed new library at the Prospect St. site.

Due to editing changes, a story in last week's *Spotlight* said the board at its April 14 meeting declined to certify the referendum to the state Education Department; however, after 90 minutes of playing "devil's advocate" on the site question, board members did agree to sign the papers.

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Satellite ordinance needs fine tuning

By Patricia Mitchell

If the Town of New Scotland wishes to program a satellite ordinance, it will have to include all antennas, and regulation of the site or a building permit fee may not be allowed.

That is the signal from a recent Federal Communications Commission ruling that does not allow local governments to regulate satellite reception except for safety, health and aesthetic reasons. The ruling also says that any regulation must not prevent reception of signals or place an unreasonable cost on the dish owner.

Town board attorney Fred Riester said last week the town is taking a look at the FCC ruling, and a decision to introduce another satellite ordinance to the town board may be made within the next few weeks. He added that the satellite ordinance proposed last February is on the back burner. "There is not a whole lot

we can do. It is one thing fighting city hall — it is another fighting Washington."

The Town of New Scotland has been working on a satellite ordinance since early 1985. A revised edition was handed to the planning board in February for their comments, but because of the FCC ruling that took effect in March, no other action has been taken.

A state assembly aide called the satellite ordinance that the town was looking at "interesting and suspect" under the FCC ruling.

The state Assembly Committee on Local Government, headed by Assemblyman Dennis T. Gorski, D-Buffalo, held a hearing last week on the state's role in satellite ordinances because satellite dish manufacturers, distributors and local officials said they felt confused about the FCC ruling. Kenneth Munnely, an aide to Gorski, said the assemblyman believes some kind of state

clarification on the FCC ruling is necessary.

Action from the state clarifying the FCC ruling will probably not be made this session.

The most recent proposed New Scotland ordinance covers disks, antennas, or other equipment that receive television, radio, microwave or other electrical signals from space satellites. Its purpose, the ordinance states, is to maintain town aesthetics and harmony.

"They would have more of a problem," Munnely said, because the proposed ordinance singles out satellite dishes. "You can not take one type of antenna and treat it different," he said.

The proposed ordinance allows one satellite dish or antenna per lot and it must be placed in the rear. There are minimum setback requirements, height limits, and the planning board can also say where the antenna can be placed,

and may require screening or protective devices.

"That is where the problem arises. This could potentially have problems. What if the signal can only be received in the middle of the front lawn?" Munnely said.

Cost and time constraints of New Scotland's recent proposed ordinance could be challenged, Munnely said, because satellites must receive a building permit and must receive approval from the planning board. Building permits in the town cost \$2 per \$1,000 of final cost.

"I would put this in the suspect class. I can see a strong case being made against it," Munnely said.

Regulation powers of the town seem very broad under the most recent New Scotland proposed ordinance, Munnely said. Other satellite zoning ordinances are more definite.

The Federal Association of Broadcasters has also petitioned

the FCC ruling, and a decision may be made on that within the month, Munnely said.

The most recent New Scotland proposed ordinance was drafted in February after local amateur radio operators voiced their concern for the original, which also covered radio towers. Wind energy conversion systems, windmills, were allowed by special exception from the town board.

\$12,000 in heist

Burglars who forced open the front door of a home on New Scotland Rd. in Slingerlands last Tuesday netted more than \$12,000 in cash and jewelry, according to Bethlehem police reports. Police were called about 11:30 p.m. after the owner had returned home to find the front door open and the house ransacked.

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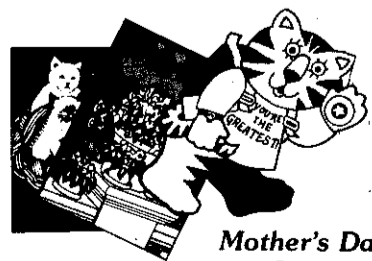


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RCS updates tax rates

By Theresa Bobear

With the budget ready for presentation to the voters May 14 and the school year nearing the end, business was quick and routine for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education last week.

With the incorporation of revised estimates for state aid and lower equalization rates, estimated tax rates for the proposed 1986-87 budget are: \$256.21 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for New Scotland, up by \$39.21; \$154.85 per \$1,000 for Bethlehem, up by \$24.10; \$207.13 per \$1,000 for Coeymans, up by \$33.03; and \$149.99 per \$1,000 for New Baltimore, up by \$22.74.

The board, which must now wait for the voters' reaction to the budget, split 4 to 4 on including a statement of the fact that negotiated teachers salaries will not be affected by the outcome of

the budget vote in the next issue of the *Chalkboard*.

The motion, which failed to carry, was introduced by board member Louis Neri. "I think it is important that the public know that this is an issue that is outside of the budget, that does have repercussions on the budget," said Neri.

"This is a major issue," said Vice President Susan Gottesman. Board member Ronald Peretti also spoke in favor of letting people know that teachers' salaries are not being voted on in the May 14 budget vote.

Other members of the board spoke against identifying teachers' salaries as an element of a contingency budget as a negative message to voters. Fuhrman spoke against identifying only one of the contingency items.

The motion failed with board members Neri, Peretti, Gottesman

and Marie Muller voting in favor and board members Wayne Fuhrman, Anthony Williams, Ronald Selkirk and Frank Filippone dissenting. Board member Sara Hunter was absent.

The board approved a proposal for summer driver education. "This proposal is contingent upon passing of the budget," said Williams, noting that driver education is not included in a contingency budget.

After speaking with physical education instructor Betty Faxon, the board decided to speak with Frank Stoltz regarding insurance coverage for the district's summer girls basketball program.

The board accepted a flag donated by Shirley Van Alstyne in memory of her uncle, Ralph E. Ducharme.

Finally, the board approved a \$7,442 health contract with the Albany School District for 65 students and a \$42.17 health contract with North Greenbush School District for one student.

The next meeting of the RCS Board of Education will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 5, at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk. The budget vote and district elections will be held on Wednesday, May 14, from 1 to 9 p.m. at RCS Senior High School.

Bike missing

A resident of Sylvan Ave. in Elsmere told Bethlehem police last Monday that a girl's red 10-speed bicycle had been taken from the family's garage. The bicycle is registered with the town, which means it can be returned to the owner immediately if found.



Ann Leamy, Glenmont Job Corps supervisor, left, and Barbara Harris and Rebecca Mallard, Glenmont Job Corps Center volunteers, were honored by Clark Graninger, Veterans Administration Medical Center director, Karen Burnstein, state Department of Civil Service president, Dr. Lawrence Flesh, V.A. chief of staff, and Kenneth Mizrack, V.A. associate director, at a recent awards ceremony. Volunteers from the Glenmont Job Corps donated more than 1,400 hours of service to the V.A. Medical Center during the past year.

Walk for hunger

Two CROP walks to combat world hunger will be held during May. The 10-kilometer Albany walk will begin at the First Reformed Church, Orange St., Albany, will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 18. In keeping with Albany's Tricentennial, the route will take walkers past several historical churches around the city.

A walk will be held in Ravena on Sunday, May 4.

The fund raiser for the Church World Service World Hunger Relief Project is sponsored by the Capital Area Council of Churches, the Roman Catholic Diocese of

Albany, the Greater Albany Jewish Federation, the Albany County Emergency Food Task Force and the Upstate New York Office of Church World Service.

For information call 489-8441.

Walk for seniors

Bethlehem senior citizens who participate in the Wednesday and Friday exercise classes are invited to join exercise instructor Gloria Fabry for a wildflower walk at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Friday, May 9. The group will meet at Bethlehem Town Hall at 10 a.m.

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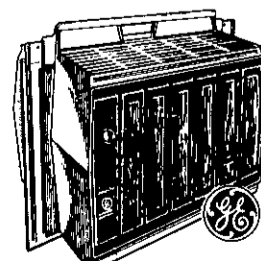
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RCS honor society inducts 17

Honor students

Seventeen RCS Senior High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society at a ceremony on Thursday, April 10. Led by honorary member, Dr. Mohammad Yadegari, the new inductees and their sponsors filed into the high school auditorium, each carrying lighted candles symbolizing scholarship, service, leadership and character. Bonnie Myers, an RCS science teacher, and William Schwartz, assistant superintendent, were guest speakers.

Student inductees were: Jill Burrows, Stephen DiAcetis, Bray Engel, Michael Frazzatta, Connie Hollenbach, Lisa Holsapple, Brian Keeting, Lisa Korzatkowski, Kristina Moak, Kim Nalson, Kenneth Newkirk, Lisa Pass, Nichole Quay, Lisa Ray, Tammy Samsel, Patricia Surrano, and Richard Thayer.

Stefan Mortenson, an exchange student from Denmark, was named honorary member. Dr. Mona Selover and Elizabeth

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup



Costanza were also named honorary members.

Mrs. Karen Sack, advisor, and her committee provided refreshments.

Grange dinner

The Bethlehem Grange has scheduled a dinner for Saturday, May 3. The family-style roast beef dinner will be served at the grange hall, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, Selkirk, starting at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under twelve. The women's activities committee will also conduct a "This and That Sale" during the evening.

Women invited

All women of the community are invited to attend the 8 p.m. meeting of the United Methodist Women on Wednesday, May 7, at the South Bethlehem United

Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave. The group will present a play, entitled "Women and Addiction-The Hidden Problem." Under the direction of Unice Hunter, the cast will include Joan Keerker, Marion Fross, Ruth Radliff, Carolyn Savery and Alice Haskell.

Students to perform

On Friday evening, May 2, music students from the RCS Central Schools will perform in the Greene County Music Educators Association Spring All-County Music Festival. The All-County concert will begin 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Catskill Senior High School.

Participating in the performance will be students from the Cairo-Durham, Catskill, Coxsackie-Athens, Greenville, Hunter-Tannersville, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Windham-Ashland-Jewett School Districts. Mr. Jerry Conklin of the Hyde Park School District will be guest conductor.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for seniors. All are welcome.

Successful book fair
The recent book fair, sponsored by the A.W. Becker Parent Teacher Organization, was a success. Through the efforts of volunteers under the direction of Cathie Searles, this year's book fair netted a profit of almost \$500.

The proceeds will be used to purchase library materials.

Scouts safety lesson

Police Inspector, Daniel Kelly of Conrail was guest speaker at a recent meeting of Cub Scout Troop 81 of Selkirk. Kelly spoke to the scouts about railroad safety, emphasizing the hazards near trains and railroad tracks. The Scouts viewed a movie on railroad safety and had an opportunity to ask questions.

CROP walk

Many residents of the RCS area will be participating in the CROP walk this Sunday (May 4). Anyone interested in joining the effort to ease hunger may participate as a walker or a sponsor. The fund raiser begins at 1 p.m. on Main Street in Ravena. One-fourth of the money earned will be used for those in need in our own community.

For information call Laurie Dickerson of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem at 767-2243.

Skilled for vocation

Wendy Jones and Suzanna Tuscano, seniors at the RCS High School, recently participated at the regional competition at Vocational Industrial Clubs of America at the Troy BOC Center. Wendy, vice president of the club, placed second in the entry competition. Suzanne placed second in the speech category.

Merit scholar at RCS

Rhonda Newton of N. Baltimore, a senior at Ravena Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, has been named a Merit Scholarship winner.

Newton, who is the salutatorian of her class, is also a Regent Scholarship winner.

Newton is a member of National Honor Society, Model Congress and Debate Club, the principal's advisory committee, the German Club, Spanish Club and the drama club. She is editor of the Gossard Thread, the school's literary magazine, captain of the girls tennis team and statistician for boys basketball team.

Newton plans to major in American studies at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania.

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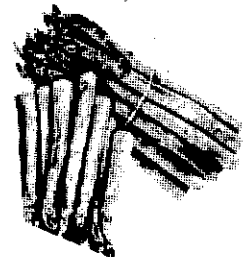
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Things that go bump....

You can usually pick out people who have young children at home. It's not their age so much as it is their aging. Unmistakable signs appear subtly at first, then become progressively more obvious as time and experience take their toll.

Notice the next time you're at a small gathering over at a friend's house for a quiet evening with mellow music, tasty hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. In the clam of the childless atmosphere you may see a young mother slurping her wine instead of sipping it daintily as you remember her from last year. You may catch a brief glimpse of that young man, who used to be a regular party-goer, look at his watch and then slip inconspicuously into the next room to call the babysitter for a mid-evening check of the home front. And should the phone ring during the festivities, you are likely to hear utter silence for a few tense seconds followed by two or three guests jumping up quickly to answer the call for fear one of their little cherubs has come down with a fever or fell out of the crib.

Such social gatherings that used to spill over to the next day's sun now end abruptly near midnight when one couple makes the first move toward the front door and the rest follow with such frenzy that it appears a plague has visited the area. Babysitters must be paid and driven home, energy has been sapped from a day's toil at home and the office, babies rise early with full agendas for the morning meeting, and besides, social conversation at the party has been reduced inexplicably to talk of the kids, and grows boring.

Parents of young children join an unchartered club that boasts a hazing far more cruel and inhuman than any fraternity, a membership card that is etched in distinct facial lines of every paid-

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



up member, and a veteran status by which one is measured with more awe and regard than the bravest veteran of any war the world has known. To have raised young children, and survived, is an accomplishment nothing short of creating the world in six days and, on the seventh, cleaning up the mess you left in the process.

There was a time long ago when the sound of a door slamming was merely the sound of a door slamming. Having diligently

fearsome nightmares when, finally, after hours of trying to get your screeching, thrashing baby to sleep, you resolve to let the little one cry him or herself to sleep and, following a particularly prolonged sob that sounded as if it came from somewhere deep in the poor baby's soul, there is complete and utter silence. What loving parent doesn't rush into that baby's room, flick on the light, pick up that sleeping bundle and jar it back into screaming fits of interrupted slumber?

Teenagers are typically awkward and impatient. It seems against their nature to walk up or down steps one at a time. It is unnatural, as well, for them to perform that feat gracefully. Their treks through the stairwells of life bear strong resemblance to the sound

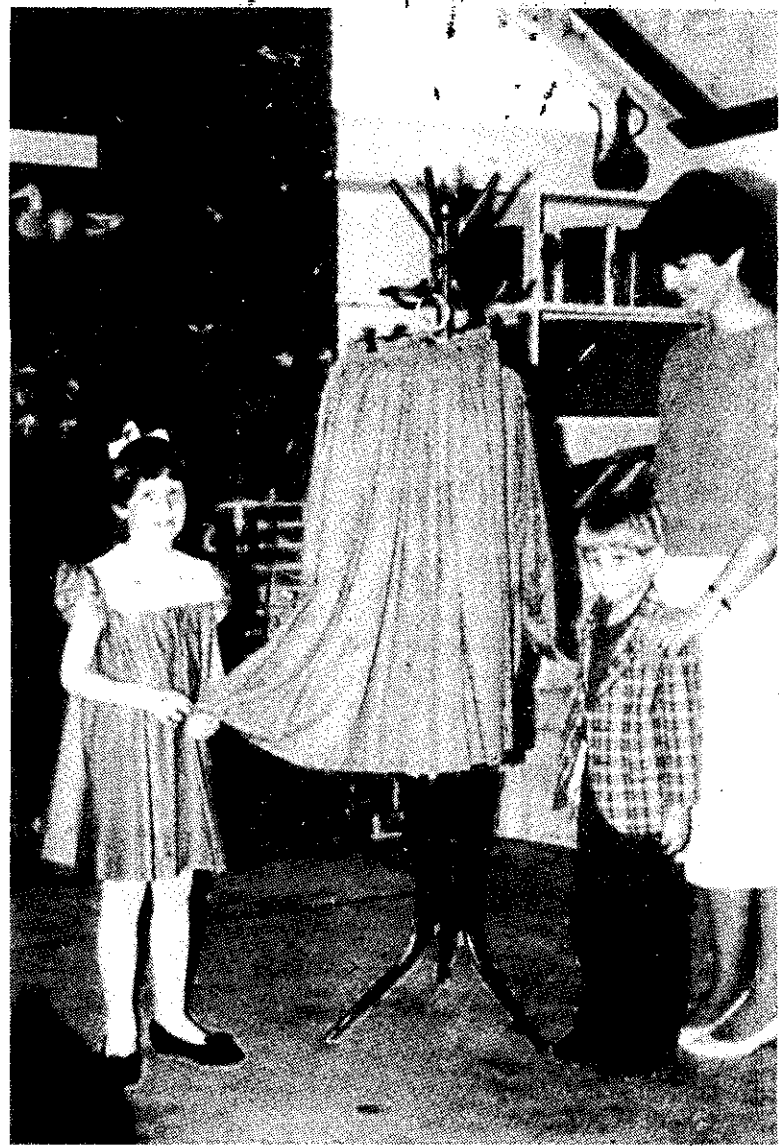
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attended the School for Expanded Sensitivity, as taught by my three children, I have learned to redefine that sound as either a signal to get the car ready for a trip to the Emergency Room of the nearest hospital, a farewell fanfare of a teenaged malcontent running off into the unknown to seek his misfortune, or the announcement that nuclear war has been declared between siblings and I should close the windows, take the phone off the hook and cancel all plans for the rest of the day.

The worst sound, however, is no sound at all, but rather the silence which follows a crash. It is a proven fact that the longer the silence after a crashing sound, the deeper the cut, the more compound the fracture and the more blood there will be to wash out of the clothes in the next day's laundry. Silence also conjures up

of elephant stampedes I remember from old Sabu movies. Yet, whenever I hear that sound, I still react not to the image of teenagers bounding recklessly down the stairs, but as though they were babes again and their helpless bodies were being hurled uncontrollably to the bottom of the flight of steps where I would find them in a crumpled heap whimpering from untold injuries. Somehow the dread image doesn't erase with time and no amount of chiding from my cocky teen about my overreaction will diminish it.

Used to be when I was a kid, that sounds that went bump in the night scared the heck out of me. Now that I am grown and mature and know the difference between conjured fears of a childish imagination and the hard facts of reality, my deepest fears come from sounds that go bump in the day.



Kate Sumner, left, Joshua Myer and Barbara Sumner prepare to model fashions from Talbots and Gingersnips and shoes from Laura Taylor at the St. Thomas fashion show on Friday, May 9. For tickets call 439-6704 or 439-6979.

Historical meeting

The New Scotland Historical Association will hold its last meeting of the season at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, at the Old New Salem Schoolhouse Museum. Wayne Harvey will speak about "The Value and Beauty of Colonial Gardens." All are welcome.

The Historical Association invites the community to an open house at the house museum on Sunday, May 4, from 2 until 4 p.m.

CPR course offered

A course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation will be offered to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Central School District on Tuesdays, May 6, 13 and 20, from 7 to 10 p.m.

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Student needs help to attend program

Brian Caufield, 12, a seventh grade student at Bethlehem Middle School, has been invited to attend a summer program at the Johns Hopkins University Center for the Advancement of Academically Talented Youth, Baltimore, Md.

However, because of the cost of the program Brian may not be able to attend, and his parents are appealing for help in meeting part of the \$1,285 cost of the program.

Last December, at the request of Dr. Phil Gibbons, Bethlehem Central's math department head, Brian participated in the Youth Talent Search, conducted by Johns Hopkins University. With Scholastic Aptitude Test scores of 700 in mathematics and 670 in

verbal, Brian ranked higher than 96 percent of college-bound seniors.

Brian was invited to a state awards ceremony on May 3 in Syracuse, a regional awards ceremony on May 17 and 18 in Baltimore. He has registered for a three-week course in astronomy at Johns Hopkins University, beginning June 30. He will receive a \$300 scholarship toward the total estimated cost of \$1,285.

Unless his parents borrow the money for the events mentioned above, Brian will be unable to attend. Any local civic organization interested in sponsoring Brian Caufield may contact Dr. and Mrs. Caulfield, 25 Fairway Ave., Delmar, N.Y. 12054.

Doane Stuart honor roll

Twelve area Doane Stuart students have received high honors or honors for the third quarter of the 1985-86 academic year.

High honors at the co-educational, college-preparatory school in Albany are given for a 3.5 or above average out of a possible 4.0, and honors are given for a 3.25 to 3.49 out of a possible 4.0.

Students are:

From Delmar, high honors to Susan Cleary, Bartholomew D'Alauro, Jessica Harper, David Hughs and Mark Hughs; and honors to David Cleary.

From Glenmont, high honors to Jessica Bell.

From Selkirk, high honors to

Scott Spellmeyer.

From Slingerlands, high honors to Robert Hardt and Edgar Henriques; and honors to Ryan Boyle.

In Who's Who

Hartwick College students George Kansas of Delmar and Evelyn M. Carey of Glenmont have been named to the 1986 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Carey, a senior majoring in mathematics, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Carey of Glenmont.

Kansas, a senior majoring in management, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kansas of Delmar.

Spotlight ON THE SERVICES

Marine Pfc. Harry B. Townsend, son of Thalia Townsend of Delmar, has completed the Infantry Combat Training Course at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC. A 1985 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, he joined the Marine Corps in August of 85.

Staff Sgt. Edward C. Zabel, son of William G. and Mary E. Zabel of Feura Bush, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force aircraft electrical repair course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.

His wife, Patricia, is the daughter of Robert and Jennie Tracey of Delmar. The sergeant is a 1972 graduate of Greenville Central High School.

Second Lt. Michael J. McCluskey, son of Joseph and Elizabeth McCluskey of Voorheesville, has graduated from the 58-day ranger course at the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Ranger training is conducted at Ft. Benning, in the mountains of northern Georgia, in the desert at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and in the Florida swamps.

The lieutenant is a 1985 graduate of the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne.

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Navy Seaman Recruit Lawrence P. Shipp, son of Frank F. Shipp of Delmar, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

A 1982 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, he joined the Navy in September, 1985.

Christopher T. Lotz, son of Joanne Lotz of Delmar and Walter B. Lotz Jr. of Guilderland, has been promoted to petty officer. Lotz was formerly an operations specialist on the USS America CV66 air craft carrier. He has been assigned to Basic Underwater Demolition School in San Diego, California.



Garrett Wirth is flanked by Eugene Johnson, left, Fort Orange District executive, and Phil Quickenton, district Round Table commissioner at the April 17 ceremonies awarding Wirth the Eagle Scout.

Wirth becomes Eagle

Garrett Wirth, a 16-year-old Bethlehem Central sophomore, has been awarded the Eagle Scout Award.

At April 17 ceremonies at the Slingerlands Methodist Church, Wirth received the award for the planning of a geriatric fitness trail at the Good Samaritan Home last summer.

A member of the Governor Clinton Council Troop No. 72, Wirth is also a junior assistant scout master. Troop scout master is Steven Spring.

Wirth traveled to the Philmont

Track in New Mexico two years ago, and was a patrol leader and a reporter at the 75th jamboree at Fort AP Hill in Virginia last year.

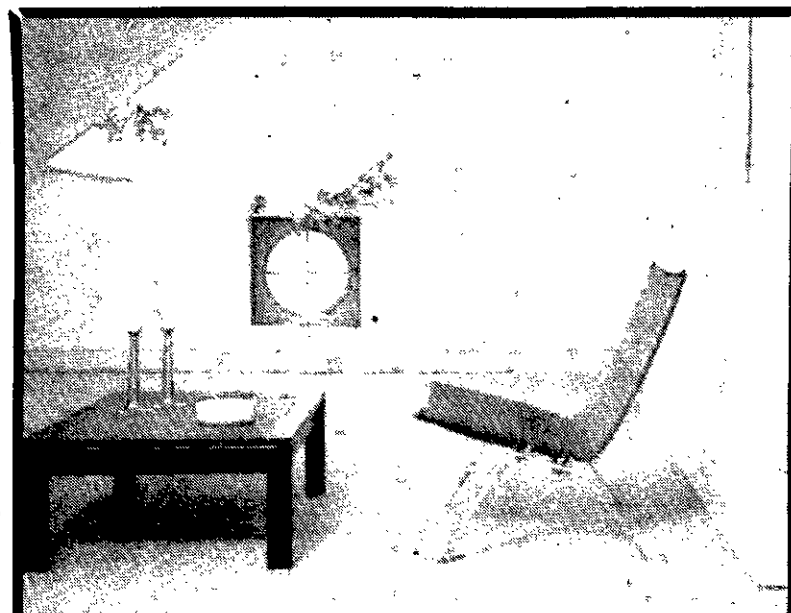
Wirth is the son of Carl and Caroline Wirth of Carstead Drive in Slingerlands. His brother, Carl, became an Eagle Scout last year.

Eilertsen an Oracle

Marjorie A. Eilertsen of Delmar was recently inducted into the Oracle Society, a freshman honor society at Ithaca College. Eilertsen is the daughter of Sigbjorn and Marjorie Eilertsen of Delmar.



Eric Siegel of Albany, left, and Eric Horowitz of Delmar work on "French Helper," a computer program they created for use in the French department at Saint Gregory's School.



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Bethlehem man makes general in Air Force

Former Bethlehem resident Richard Hawley has been promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force.

Hawley attended the Elsmere School, Bethlehem Middle School and High School until the 10th grade. He resided with his family at 6 Alden Ct. in Delmar and 1578 New Scotland Rd. in Slingerlands.

Hawley is the commander of the 18th Tactical Fighter Wing at Kadana Air Base in Japan. He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1964 with a bachelor of science degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. In 1965, Hawley earned a masters of arts in economics from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and attended the Armed Forces Staff College in 1973 and the Naval War College in 1981.

Hawley's extensive career in the Air Force included assignments at the Pentagon as a deputy chief of staff for personnel, an operations staff officer in the office of deputy chief of staff for plans, and assistant executive officer to the Air Force chief of staff.

He received pilot training at Williams Air Force Base in Arizona in 1967, and during his assignment in Southeast Asia, Hawley flew 435 combat missions. He was a combat crew member in the 36th Tactical Fighter Wing at Bitburg AB in Germany, and three years later, Hawley transferred to Wiesbaden AB, Germany, and became a member of the U.S.

Air Force Europe Inspector General team.

At Moody AFB in Georgia, Hawley was operations officer for the 68th Tactical Fighter Squadron, and eventually served as base commander. After moving to Langley AFB in Virginia, he was director of operations for the 1st TFW.

Holding a command pilot rating, Hawley has logged more than 2,700 flying hours in various aircraft. His military decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with one cluster, the Air Force Medal with 12 clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with one cluster.

Hawley is married to Mary Ellen Myers of McKeesport, Pa., and they have three children, Christopher, Jared and Richard.

Joins Albany firm

Ted Kansas of Delmar, an optician and contact lens fitter, has joined Sheehy and Cahill, Opticians, of Albany.

A graduate of Erie County Community College, Kansas previously worked for Buena's Opticians Inc., Delmar, and 747 Madison Optical, Albany.

Kansas and his wife, Joann, have three children, Nicole, George and Theresa.

Graham heads group

Don F. Graham of Urbach, Kahn and Werlin PC has been elected president of the Capital District Chapter of the Association for Systems Management.

The group meets on third Wednesdays at the Marriott Hotel. For information call 449-3166.



Installed at the April 19 Slingerlands Fire Department banquet were, from left, John Flanigan, member of board of commissioners,

James McCarroll III, fire chief; Walter Eck Jr., first assistant chief; Douglas Smith, president, and Werner Zwicklbauer, second assistant chief.

Lora Ide

Academy honors students

Raymond Endres and John Scicchitano, both of Feura Bush, earned highest honors during the third quarter at The Albany Academy.

Area students earning high honors were Christopher Cykoski, Glenmont; Matthew Fleming and Eric Pelletier, Slingerlands, and Douglas Welt, John-Erik Amund-

sen, Mark Fasser, Gregory McQuide, Kevin Allen, Samuel Pickands and Quimby McCaskill, Delmar.

Students earning honors included Jay Reed, Robert Sponzo, Christopher Tobin, Stein Amundsen and Alex Buerle, Delmar, and Eric Martin and James Sanderson, Slingerlands.

Honors in research

Andrew F. Hall, a senior at Brown University, has been elected as an associate member of Sigma Xi, an honorary society for research scientist, for his work in neurobiology. Hall is currently enrolled in a sea semester of the Sea Education Association in Woods Hole, Mass.

He is the son of Dr. Lorne and Jeannette Hall of Delmar.

Hughes finalist

Bridget Hughes, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, has been selected as a finalist in New York's sixth annual homecoming queen contest. The final portion of the contest will be held on May 24 and 25 at the Albany Hilton.

Hughes was named Bethlehem Central High School's homecoming queen.

Attending conference

Martha Brown and Margery Cooper will represent the Junior League of Albany at the 64th Annual Conference of the Association of Junior Leagues, Inc. to be held May 4-7 at the Sheraton Hotel on Harbor Island in San Diego, Cal.

The conference subject is "Women in the middle — Complex lives in complex times." It will examine the many roles played by women today, how these roles have evolved over the year, the challenges they present and the constant struggle women face in achieving a balance in their lives.

Over 800 delegates will attend the conference, representing 163,000 women volunteers from 266 Junior Leagues in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

Returns from Norway

Jonathan D. Howland of Delmar has returned from a fellowship at the Norwegian Technical Institute in Oslo, Norway, and has joined Dunn Geoscience Corp. of Latham.

He studied in Norway for two and a half years.

Howland is with Dunn's GeoEngineering Division, which specializes in subsurface investigation and engineering studies for foundations, earth structures, sanitary landfills and hazardous waste sites.

Howland has a bachelor of science in civil engineering in geotechnical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and then worked for two geotechnical firms in California.

He is married to Ellen Braun of Delmar, who is a post-doctorate associate in microbiology at RPI.

In theater school

Naomi Barr, a junior at Bethlehem Central High School, has been named a member of the 1986 School of Theatre of the New York State Summer School of the Arts.

The School of Theatre will be at residence at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs from July 27 at Aug. 23.

Of more than 3,000 students in the state who are eligible to compete, only 32 win places in the School of Theatre.

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By Tom Kuck
Broker Manager

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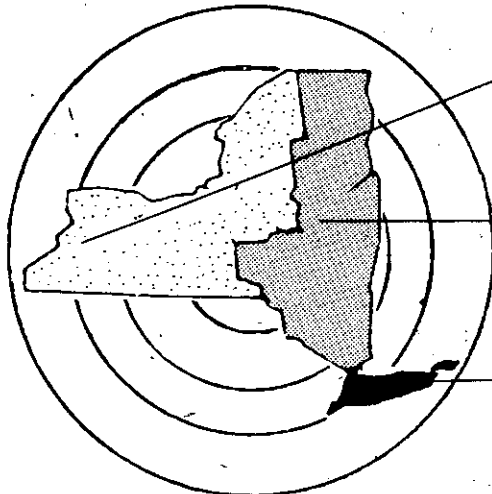
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Conrail says it's worth a lot more

If Norfolk Southern Corp. acquired Consolidated Rail Corp. today, it would receive nearly \$1.3 billion in Conrail cash, \$100 million more than it would pay the federal government for the railroad's stock. L. Stanley Crane, chairman and chief executive officer of Conrail, has told a Senate subcommittee.

Conrail officials have been campaigning against the sale. In a recent swing through the Northeast, company officials warned of massive job layoffs and cuts in service if the publicly owned railroad is sold to competing Norfolk Southern.

Crane's comments came shortly after Conrail reported a net income of \$60 million on revenue of \$775 million for the first quarter of 1986 compared to last year's first quarter net income of \$55 million on revenue of \$803 million.

Before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,

Takes Parsons post

Sherry Putney of Selkirk has been appointed planning giving officer for the Parsons Child and Family Center in Albany.

A graduate of Wellesley College, Putney previously served as the membership director for the Albany Institute of History and Art and as a teacher at the Albany Academy for Girls.

She is a member of the board of the Northeastern Association of the Blind and the Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood executive committee. Putney is also a member of the Albany Wellesley Club and president of the Junior League's Sustainers.

In Elsmere The Spotlight is sold at CVS, Johnson's, Brook's Drugs, Paper Mill, Grand Union, Tri-Village Fruit and Lincoln Hill Books

BUSINESS

Crane said Conrail's cash balance was \$939 million at the end of March, 1986, and the railroad's pension plan was overfunded by \$360 million.

Crane told the subcommittee that for the \$1.2 billion sale price agreed to by the Federal Government in June, 1984, Norfolk Southern would also receive hundreds of millions of dollars in tax benefits.

Net income for a common share was also up for the first quarter of 1986 at \$2.10 compared to \$1.96 for the first quarter of 1985.

Traffic volume in the first quarter of 1986 was down about one percent compared to the first quarter of 1985 as measured by both freight carloadings (700,000 to 707,000) and revenue ton miles.

La Fleche elected

Peter D. La Fleche, senior vice president for human resources at the Key Bank in Albany, has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the Community Health Plan. La Fleche and his wife reside with their four children in Clifton Park.

Workshop for women reentering job market

Judy Fruiterman will offer a free two-session workshop for women reentering the job market on May 29 and June 12, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Fruiterman will administer the Harrington-O'Shea interest test, discuss skill assessment, career possibilities and decision making.

Register before May 23 by calling 439-9314.



Andrew Toga

St. Peter's appoints

Andrew Toga has been appointed to director of materials management at St. Peter's Hospital.

Toga comes to St. Peter's from Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City, where he served as director of materials management for the past five years.

A native of Boston, Toga received a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Tufts University and obtained Masters' degrees in both business administration and public health from Columbia University in New York City.

In his new position, Toga will be responsible for the hospital's purchasing, supply processing and distribution, transportation, print shop, mailroom and records management.

Toga will reside in Delmar with his wife and their son. He is a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators and the Health Care Materials Management Society.

Joins C.T. Male

Regina Szelest of Delmar has joined the staff of C.T. Male Associates, P.C. Szelest, a graduate of the State University at Albany, is working in the accounts receivable department. She was formerly employed by the Sears Credit Department.

Beware of spring cons

Spring brings not only showers and May flowers, but also con men, according to the state police crime prevention unit.

Troopers warn that the schemes confidence men try are many and varied. For example, in the bank examiner scheme, a con man will telephone a victim and ask for help in exposing a dishonest bank teller. If the victim agrees, he is asked to withdraw money from his account and give it to the con man for redeposit in order to catch the crooked teller. However, neither the money nor the con man is ever seen again.

Another common confidence scheme involves phony home repairs. The con man will knock on the door and offer a deal on driveway sealing or house painting because his crew is allegedly already working in the area. If the homeowner says she wants the service, she is asked to pay in advance for work that is never done, or for which an inflated price is charged.

Sometimes a confidence man dons a uniform to pass himself off as a utility company employee who says he needs to see gas or electricity bills. When the homeowner leaves the room to get the bills, the con man ransacks the room and leaves with whatever valuables he is able to find.

Elderly persons in particular may be the target of a "home invasion," police said, in which teams of con men use any ruse to gain entry to a home. One may threaten or actually use force

against the victim while the others ransack the home for valuables.

Other schemes involve invoices submitted under threat of legal action to force payment, or a phony arrest warrant that the con man offers to "fix" for a price.

Residents are urged to be alert to any apparent confidence schemes and to notify local police at once if they are suspicious of anyone in the neighborhood. For additional information, call Trooper Edward Dyer at Troop G headquarters in Loudonville, 783-3211.

Grand Union will accept phone company payments

Cashere, a shared electronic funds transfer network, and the Grand Union Co. have announced plans for a pilot project to accept New York Telephone Co. bill payments. Paul A. Frank, executive director of Cashere, said phone company payments can be made at certain Grand Union stores, including the Delmar and Glenmont stores, and will be processed through the Cashere point-of-banking terminals.

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Strong pitching boosts Indians to top of league

By Bart Gottesman

After six games and less than one-third of the season gone, the RCS varsity baseball team has already won more games than all of last season. The team raised its record to 4-2 overall and a first place 3-0 on the Council. Last year's team won only three games.

Last week the team defeated two of its Colonial Council rivals, Voorheesville by 6-3 and Albany Academy in 14-3 blowout. Both games were played on Friday as the Voorheesville game was a make-up game in the morning, and the Academy was an afternoon game.

Strong pitching was a major

BASEBALL

factor. Russ McBride picked up his first victory of the season, hurling a complete game, giving up five hits while fanning 10 Blackbirds. John Waddingham led Ravena's offense with a single and a double and two RBIs.

In the 14-3 win over Albany Academy, Larry Rivers pitched six shutout innings, picking up his second victory of the season. Don Keyer relieved in the seventh and preserved the victory.

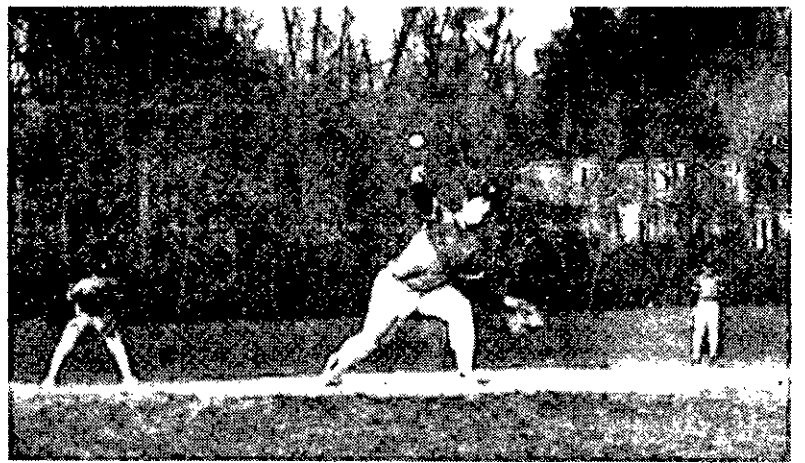
Leading the attack were Rivers,

who hit his second home run of the season, and Andy Casale, who had two singles and a double with 2 RBIs. Waddingham went 2-4 with 2 RBIs while Peterson went 2-2 with one RBI. Jim Rafferty and Rich Losee each had two hits.

Coach Gary VanDerzee feels his team is playing aggressive baseball.

Waddingham has a streak of four consecutive multiple hit games.

This week the team will be tested as they took on second-place Mechanicville Monday, and will face defending Council champs, Watervliet, today, (Wednesday).



Eagle relief pitcher Doug Pratt struck out one Burnt Hills batter in the bottom of the ninth to preserve during last Friday's win.

Patricia Mitchell

Defense aids Eagles in Burnt Hills win

By John Bellizzi III

Bethlehem Central's varsity baseball team chalked up its third victory Friday in a rousing league contest with Burnt Hills. The score was 7-4.

"It was a good win," said BC coach Ken Hodge. "It puts us at .500 in the league and 3-2 overall. I'd like to see it give us a shot at first place in the division."

Winning pitcher Geoff Mackey had only two strikeouts, and relief pitcher Doug Pratt, only one against a hard-hitting adversary, but aided by a strong defense they were able to hold Burnt Hills to five hits. Center fielder Tom Frazier had no fewer than five impressive catches, and second baseman Joel Keens sparkled in the infield.

The Eagles scored five of their runs in the second inning. Left fielder Paul Evangelista, first baseman Mike Hodge, and designated hitter Josh Weinstein opened with a single. Right fielder Paul Stracke bunted in Evangelista, and Hodge crossed on a fielder's choice. Before the inning ended, Jim Francis and Keens walked, and Weinstein, Stracke and Boyd all scored.

BC scored two more runs in the sixth. Weinstein, leading off, was hit by a pitch, took second on a well-executed Stracke bunt. Jeff Boyd was safe on an error by the shortstop, and Phil Russo singled, driving in Weinstein. Boyd scored on a fielder's choice.

The Eagles were scheduled to



Geoff Mackey

play Bishop Maginn at Blecker Stadium on Saturday, but the game was postponed due to inclement weather. Monday they faced Mohonasen, today (Wednesday) they host Guilderland at 3:45 and Friday they play at Saratoga.

Rain wipes out lead

By Rick Leach

There was a light rain falling in Ravena on April 21 as Voorheesville came to bat in the top half of the third inning with a 3-0 lead. The Blackbirds had the bases loaded with slugger Chuck Giantasio at the plate. The rain came down harder and harder and the contest was halted, ruining what the Birds had hoped would be their first victory of the season.

When the game was replayed last Friday the Blackbirds were not as fortunate. The team got behind the 3-0 Indians early and could not catch up, losing 6-3.

Ravena came out of the gate quickly and grabbed a 4-1 advantage. Voorheesville rallied, but couldn't stage a big enough comeback to win. Bill Kelly played excellent baseball for the Blackbirds, getting two hits.

Voorheesville had three games on tap this week, starting with a home game on Monday versus Lansingburgh. Today (Wednesday) they will challenge Johnstown in a non-league matchup, followed by a game Friday at Waterford. The team is 0-4 and hope that a win in these games will get them on a winning track and back in the quest for a sectional bid.

Run for Women set

Entry forms are now available for the 10-and 5-kilometer road race events of the Freihofer's Run for Women on May 17, beginning at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., at the Empire State Plaza.

Runners who are entering the 10-kilometer race as a team must submit a roster form. Five-kilometer runners from area businesses and organizations may sign up as a team using corporate roster forms. Team runners must also enter individually for \$7.

Entry forms are available by visiting Athlete's Foot and Athletic Attic stores or by writing to Freihofer's Run for Women, 382 Broadway, Albany, N.Y. 12207. Registration forms should be submitted by May 7.

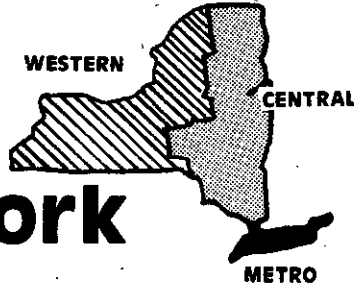
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**Spotlight
SPORTS**

By Tania Stasiuk

Bethlehem's outdoor track season is balancing with a 3-3 record for the boys in dual meets, but several individuals have begun to shine. For the girls team, the story is a little less bright, with a dual meet record of 2 and 4, but with some outstanding individual performers as well.

A new coach has joined BC's staff. Karen Leeb is working with the distance runners. Heldover packages include Denise Minnear, who has taken on hurdling and middle distance; Ron Cameron, who trains field events competitors, as well as some long distance runners, and John Furey, who works with sprinters and some field events.

The outstanding athlete for the boys is senior Mark LeBeau, who is breaking records regularly. He anchored Bethlehem's two-mile relay team to an 8:13 school (and meet) record at Gloversville with a 58 split. In that same meet he placed second in the open 800 with 1:57, which put him under the previous meet record there. LeBeau has also taken over BC's hurdling events by setting a school record in the 110 high hurdles with 15.7, and by bringing his 400 intermediate hurdle time down to 56.8, with "room for improvement here," according to Cameron.

Junior Pete Winkler is also a big factor in the Eagles' success this season. He is a part of the outstanding two-mile relay team, earning in a 2:05 split, and master of the 1600, with a 4:45. He has also broken the challenging 10-minute mark in the 3200, coming in at 9:57. Both Winkler and LeBeau placed high in the Guilderland double meet, where events are assigned points for different achievements. They tied for sixth place out of over 125 competitors.

Freshman Ian Berry is emerging as an excellent outdoor track athlete with a 2:05 split on the winning two-mile relay team, plus sizzling 54.3 open 400, which placed him fourth at Gloversville. Sophomore Tom Nyilis, running a peepchase for the second time over, placed fifth with a 10:53 in the 300-meter race over hurdles and water obstacles at the Guilderland double meet. Junior

TRACK

John McCarthy is also improving fast, and has already brought his 800 time down to a 2:08, which earned him an easy first place in the unseeded heat at Gloversville.

Field events, usually a weak spot for the Eagles, are shaping up to be better this season. Although no outstanding throwers have yet emerged, junior Chris Dwyer is proving to be a strong pole vaulter, and has already cleared 9 feet, 3 inches. Three triple jumpers are also improving, with both freshman Steve Conolly and senior Brian McGarrahan breaking the 40-foot barrier. McGarrahan would have placed third at Gloversville, but was disqualified because BC submitted more than two competitors in that event. Bob Dillon placed fifth in that event, just missing the 40-foot mark.

Sophomore Brendan Kearse, a focal point during the cross-country season this year who had to sit out indoor track due to a leg injury that kept him on crutches, is pulling down his 1600 time, and has already run a 4:45.

The boys were scheduled to travel to Shaker on Tuesday, and on Saturday will visit Colonie for the coed Colonie Relay meet.

One school record has already been taken by the girls team this season, with the two-mile relay record near to the breaking point. Senior Jen Hammer led off the record-breaking mile relay team with a 65-second split. She was followed by classmate Cindy Ferrari, who clocked a 68, and by her eighth grade sister, Julie Hammer, who smoked past with a 66 split. Junior Anne-Marie Carey anchored this team with a 60-second final lap to take their winning time to a 4:21.

Carey also anchors the strong two-mile relay team, which is only 14 seconds away from the school record established last year. Carey finished the relay with a 2:24. She was following a 2:33 split from the younger Hammer and a 2:31 from Jenny, and junior Heather Wolfe completed the quartet with a 2:31. Wolfe and junior Tricia Shultes will be alternating for the fourth place on the team.

The Hammer sisters are continuing a legacy begun by their older brother, Peter. Jenny is living up to his long-distance standards, having placed second in the 1500 at Gloversville with a

5:03, and registering a 5:01 in a dual meet against Mohonasen. Julie is an established speedster in the middle-distance events. An incredible 2:28 800 earned her fourth place at Gloversville.

Shultes is also racking up points, with a 5:16 1500 that took fifth at Gloversville. Other important assets for the team include Wolfe and eighth-grader Kathy Saba, who are competing in the 3000. Heather placed sixth at Gloversville with the time of 11:37, which was not close to her personal best of 11:28. Saba's times are close to Wolfe's, and the two are able to push each other when racing.

The only strength in the girls sprinting department right now is coming from sophomore Connie Pogue, who has a handle on both the 100- and 200-meter races. She placed second in the 100 at Gloversville, with her personal record of 12.5, and fourth in the 200, with a 26.4. Field events are weak, but some help is coming from junior triple jumper Jen Engstrom, who placed fifth at Gloversville with a leap of 13 feet, 11 inches.

The girls will run at home tomorrow (Thursday) against Shenendehowa, and will join the boys at Colonie on Saturday.

Indian squad skips a week

By Josh Curley

Although the RCS boys' track team is undefeated in dual meets and thoroughly dominated its own invitational the week before, the Indians placed only seventh out of 12 schools competing in the Albany Academy Invitational on Saturday.

One reason for the mediocre finish was the absence of several key track members who were vacationing. Another factor was the strong field at the Academy meet.

Senior Mike Mims has proven that he is one of Section 2's top performers. He set a meet record in the triple jump at 42-6 1/2 and won the long jump at the RCS Invitational. He also won the triple jump at Albany Academy and finished second in the long jump.

Senior Bob Baranska also broke a meet record at the RCS Invitational by finishing the 120 hurdles in a hair under 15 seconds. Baranska was one of the vacationing Indians last week.

On Tuesday the Indians were scheduled to go against Voorheesville.

Blackbird runners on the go

By Stephen A. Smith

The Voorheesville track team has been busy over the past two weeks with meets at Cohoes, the Albany Academy Invitational, the Guilderland Decathlon and a Colonial Council meet against Albany Academy.

Last Thursday the Birds ran in a dual meet against Cohoes and Berne-Knox. Due to the absence of 16 runners the Blackbirds weren't able to pull off a victory. Sophomore John Decatur ran his fastest mile of the season and Chuck Rogers won the 400-meter intermediate hurdles.

On Saturday the Blackbirds turned out one of their best meets all year, competing with all Class A and larger B schools at the Academy Invitational. Coach Ken Kirik commented, "I was

really encouraged. All these kids did exceptionally well." Rogers won the mile run with a time of 4:28 and came in second in the half mile, missing by a half a second. The Voorheesville two-mile relay team ran its best time of the season with John Decatur, Ben Greenberg, Pat Lentlie and Kevin Davis.

Also running their best time of the season was the one-mile relay team of Greenberg, Lentlie, Rob Raynsford and Kevin Kelly, who ran his fastest quarter mile of the year. "Kevin had a really good day" commented Kirik. Kelly also placed third in the 200-meter run with a time of 24.1 while running against two of the premier runners in Albany County.


Prior to the spring vacation Voorheesville ran against a dominant Albany Academy team.

Rogers set a track record in the two-mile run with a time of 9:47. A week earlier he was third overall in the Guilderland Decathlon Invitational meet, winning the 1500 and placing second in the half mile. Matt Rose was first in the half mile for his section.

With all their runners returning

from vacation the Blackbirds are hoping their meets will be better and more competitive. Yesterday (Tuesday), the Birds ran against the Ravena Indians and will be competing in the Middleburgh Invitational this Saturday. Rogers will be competing in a regional meet in Long Island this Saturday.


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Birds top Burgh, face Academy next

By Rick Leach

When you talk about dynasties, you talk about the Albany Academy tennis team. The Cadets have gone over six years without a league loss, winning championships in all of those seasons. They stand alone atop the Colonial Council standings in 1986 and so far no one has done anything to jeopardize their lead.

The young Voorheesville Blackbirds challenged that record this week on Monday at home while this edition was going to press.

Other matches this week are today (Wednesday) at Lansingburgh and at home in a non-league contest with Schoharie. The Indians are playing Voorheesville for only the second time. They are one of the top teams in the Tri-Valley league and they defeated the Blackbird netmen, 4-3, a year ago.

Next Monday Voorheesville will travel to Schalmont and try to avenge the heartbreaking 4-3 loss

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they suffered at the hands of the Sabres at the beginning of the year. "I am looking forward to playing them again," coach Tom Kirkjian noted.

Voorheesville had one match last week against Colonial Council foe Lansingburgh. The Blackbirds escaped with a 4-3 victory. Tom Kirkjian, playing in the No.3 position, came from behind for a 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 victory. Chris Stevens continued to play outstanding tennis by sweeping to a 6-0, 6-1 triumph to remain undefeated. In the No.5 spot Dave Larabee won his first varsity tennis match, 6-0, 6-2. Kirkjian and Stevens continued their fine play with an easy doubles victory to wrap up the victory. The Blackbirds improved to 2-2 in the league and 3-2 overall.

RCS girls beat Vliet

By Tim Penk

The RCS girls softball team chalked up another league win last week by beating Watervliet, 4-3. The Indians began this week in second place in the Colonial Council with a record of 4-1 (7-1 overall).

Against Watervliet Terry Baker pitched a two-hitter with 10 strikeouts. Coach Bruce Stott said, "Terry just overpowered them."

Amy Kane led in hitting with a triple that scored a run. Marie Setford drove in another with a single. The Indians were not strong offensively, but took any opportunity to score, and from there their solid defense took over. Watervliet was held to one run in the first six innings and scored two

runs in the seventh on walks.

The Indians' game against Holy Names was postponed and will be played along with games against Mechanicville, Schalmont, and Waterford already scheduled for this week.

Hotline for anglers

Fishing for trout and salmon has begun in New York waters. In order to aid fishermen in finding where the fishing hotspots are, as well as the most productive fishing techniques, the state Department of Environment Conservation has set up "fishing hotline" numbers in various regions of the state. Messages on these hotlines are updated weekly or as necessary to provide current fishing information. In the 518 dialing area, the hotline number is 623-3682 and 891-5413 in Ray Brook.



Adam Rose (7) and other members of the New Scotland under-14 traveling soccer team played their first game Sunday at home. They lost to Scotia-Highland. Lyn Stapf

Spring soccer starts

Two of the Bethlehem Soccer Club's traveling teams opened the spring campaign with victories in the Capital District League on Sunday, while three others suffered losses in the first week of play. Three other teams will launch their league seasons this week.

Bethlehem's under-16 girls team dominated Columbia by 4-1, and the under-12 girls edged Village by 1-0. The under-14 girls entry lost to Mechanicville, 7-4, while the under-12 boys team suffered a 5-0 setback from powerful Clifton Park.

A mixed team of under-10 boys and girls lost to Niskayuna, 6-3.

There will be a doubleheader this Sunday at the Bethlehem Middle School field. The under-12 boys team will take on Niskayuna at 2:15, and the under-14 boys will take on Niskayuna at 3:30. Spectators are welcome.

Poet at library

Cynthia Golderman, an area poet, will read from her latest book *Oh! That We Would!* at the Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesday, May 6, at 7 p.m.

Register by calling 439-9314.

Wanderers safe

State police at Selkirk were called in twice this past week to look for missing children. Last Tuesday two children were missing for about three hours in woods off Jericho Rd., according to a state police spokesman. They were found safe, as were two children who wandered off Saturday while a parent was washing a car at the Bethlehem Auto Laundry, Rt. 9W.

Baird keeps on winning

Justin Baird, a member of the Bethlehem Central Varsity Swim, did a personal best in the 50 yard freestyle at 23.79 in the Eastern Zone Swimming Championship held at the University of Pittsburgh April 4 to 6.

The 14-year old BC freshman maintained an AAA rating in all events he participated in. Baird placed first alternate in the 1650 yard freestyle at 17:34; first alternate in the 200 yard freestyle at 1:51:96; 11th in the 50 yard freestyle at 23.79; 11th in the 100 yard freestyle at 52.20; and 12th in the 500 yard freestyle at 5:00:86.

He did not swim his best times in the 100, 200, 500, and 1,650.

Baird recently placed in the varsity sectionals, intersectionals at West Point and Junior Olympics at Burnt Hills.

This summer, Baird will attend swim camp at the University of

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Texas at Austin. Richard Quick the 1980 Olympics coach, will head the camp.

Two former area residents were also in the event. Steve Bonawit (25-29) placed first in the 50 back stroke at 29.04 and third in the 50 fly. Irving Bonawitz (60-64) Steve's father now living in St. Thomas Virgin Islands, placed first in the 50 butterfly at 45.57 first in the 100 butterfly at 1:47.61 and fourth in the 50 breaststroke.

The meet was an Empire State Games qualifier. All times earned by the local participants are under the "cut-offs" and qualify the swimmers for Empire State Games participation in these strokes.

Summer soccer

Saint Gregory's School has announced that three sessions of soccer school will be offered to elementary school boys and girls who have completed first grade and are 14 years of younger from June 16 to 20, from June 23 to 27, and from August 11 to 15. Students will meet on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A pre-season soccer training clinic for boys and girls in grades five through nine who expect to be playing team soccer in the fall semester will be offered at St. Gregory's from Aug. 18 through 22.

For information call 785-6621.

Gymnast stars

Elizabeth Bartoletti, 16-year old Delmar gymnast, finished 11th overall at the USGF Class 1 compulsory and optional regional gymnastics championships at Keene, N.H. last weekend.

Her score of 67.45 against top age-group competitors from several northeastern states included a seventh place in the vault with a score of 17.55 and an eighth on the beam with a score of 16.65. Her performance helped New York State win the team title.

Bartoletti, an 11th grader at Bethlehem Central High School, is a member of the DC Star Gymnastics Club in Colonie. She is coached by Doug Connors.

Wallet found

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The state budget just adopted allocates \$1.75 million for creation of a police Mobile Radio District that will encompass the 12 law enforcement agencies in Albany County, including Bethlehem. Once the equipment is in place, each police force will be able to communicate directly with other police agencies in the district. In addition, when on the road, local patrol cars will be able to use a common frequency to communicate with police agencies across the state. A frequency also will be available for communication with federal law enforcement units.

Irving McAndrew of the Bureau of Municipal Police in the state Division of Criminal Justice Services said Monday that the first step will be to make an inventory of the resources of each department in the district. Then the system will be designed around the agencies' requirements, and competitive bids on the radio equipment will be sought.

Bethlehem Police Chief Paul Currie noted that the cost of putting the system in place is being met by the state and no local money will be required.

The program to link police agencies was begun in the early 1970's, under the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, which then

provided the bulk of the funding, with local departments supplying the rest. The federal support fell victim to budget cuts in the mid-70's, and Currie was among those who then appealed to the state to maintain the communication advance.

As chief of the Herkimer police department before coming to Bethlehem, Currie was involved in creation of a Mobile Radio District there covering Herkimer and Oneida counties.

Currie noted that when the new equipment is installed in

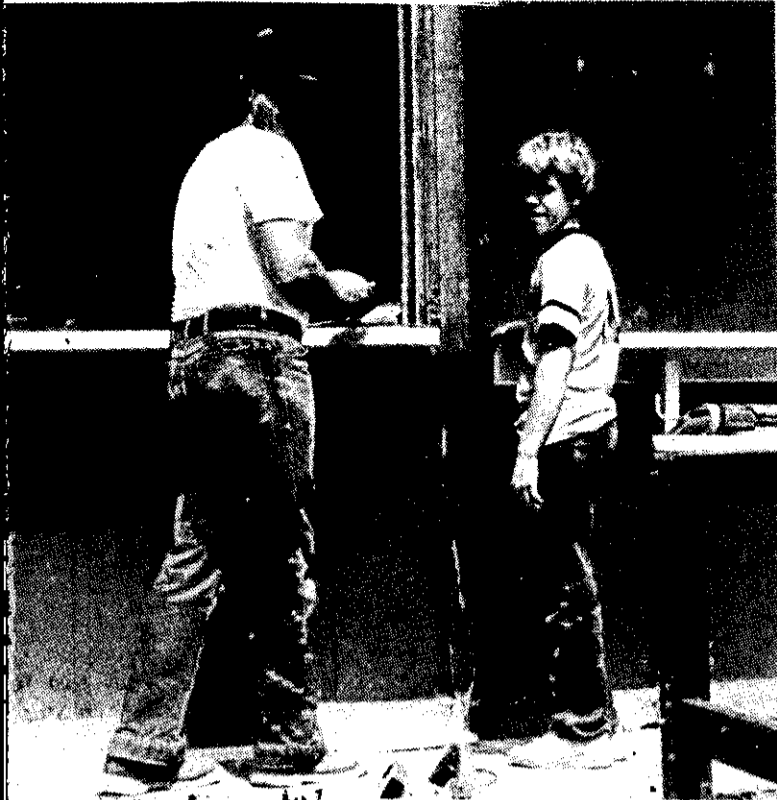
Bethlehem, the present police communications equipment could then be used by other departments of town government.

Rare coins taken

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of rare coins from a residence on Sandhurst Dr. in Slingerlands last Tuesday. According to police reports, the house was entered through a bedroom window, although pry marks were found on the front door. Cash and the coins were taken from a metal box on the floor of a bedroom closet, the report noted.

Faces weapons count

Robert J. Libertucci, 39, of Hannacroix, faces a felony charge of third degree criminal possession of a weapon after a billy club and a gravity knife were found in his car Friday afternoon, according to Bethlehem police reports. The report said Libertucci was stopped for speeding on Rt. 32 about 12:30 p.m. and the arresting officer spotted the billy club on the floor of the car. The suspect was put in the patrol car and then a search of his vehicle yielded the knife, according to police. Libertucci also was ticketed for speeding.



Bill Kosoc of Delmar and his son Brent work on the concession stand during Saturday's clean-up day at the Little League park on Kenwood Ave. Volunteers, including Little League players and their parents, spent the day painting and refurbishing the park. *Spotlight*

Time for camp applications

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The above-described area being more fully shown on a map entitled "Water District No.1, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, Proposed Font Grove Road Extension," dated May 1985, and made by J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, P.C., Consulting Engineers, Rensselaer, New York.

WHEREAS, the total cost of all of said improvements and the maximum amount proposed to be expended therefore is \$35,000 which will be borne by the owners of real property within said proposed extension, and

WHEREAS, the improvements proposed to be made in said proposed extension consist of the construction of a new water supply system including the original furnishings, equipment and apparatus required for such system, and the maximum amount proposed to be expended therefore is \$35,000 which is to be raised by the issuance of bonds issued by the Town of Bethlehem, and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the cost of making said improvements shall be assessed, levied and collected by the Town Board from the several lots and parcels of land within the extension in the same manner at the same time as other Town charges, and

WHEREAS, said map, plan report is on file in the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, said Town Board duly adopted on the 14th Day of August, 1985, an order providing that said Town Board meet at the Town Hall, Delmar, Bethlehem, New York, on the 25th day of September, 1985 at 8:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard

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Time, to hold a public hearing on the extension of said district, at which time all persons interested in the subject thereof may be heard concerning the same, and certified copies of said order have been duly published and posted as prescribed by law, and said Town Board has, at the time and place specified in said order, duly met and considered the extension of said District and heard all persons interested in the subject thereof who appeared at such time and place, concerning the same; and

WHEREAS, the evidence at such time and place requires that the Town Board make the determination hereinafter made; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany that it be and hereby is determined as follows: (a) the notice of hearing held on September 25, 1985 was published and posted as required by law, and is otherwise sufficient; (b) all the property and property owners within the proposed extension of the Bethlehem Water District of said District are benefited thereby; (c) all the property and property owners benefited are included within the limits of said proposed extension, and (d) the extension of such district is in the public interest; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the extension of said Bethlehem Water District so as to include boundaries set forth in this resolution and the construction of a water supply system in said District, in accordance with the map and plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum as provided by Section 209-e of the Town Law, and the Town Clerk is directed to publish and post a notice which shall set forth the date of the adoption of this resolution and contain an abstract thereof concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof in accordance with the provisions of Section 90 and 209-e of the

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Town Law, and it is FURTHER RESOLVED, that if no petition for referendum has been filed within the time set by law, that the Supervisor be authorized to sign and execute an application to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the approval of said extension.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is authorized to file a certified copy of this resolution, in duplicate, with the office of the State Department of Audit and Control, at Albany, New York, together with an application, in duplicate, for permission to extend said District, duly executed by the Town Supervisor of said Town and complying in all respects with Section 209 of the Town Law of New York;

The foregoing resolution was presented for adoption by Mrs. Ritchko, was seconded by Mr. Geurtze, and was duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Hendrick, Mrs. Bickel, Mr. Geurtze, Mr. Prothero, Mrs. Ritchko.

Noes: None.

Dated: April 23, 1986 (April 30, 1986)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND COUNTY OF ALBANY NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, New York on Wednesday, May 7, 1986, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board of Education will present for consideration the school district budget for the period July 1,

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1986 to June 30, 1987. Copies of said budget may be reviewed by any inhabitant of the district during the seven(7) days immediately preceding the annual election, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., EDT at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York and at the offices of the elementary schools, the Middle School, and the High School of the district.

The Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present for consideration the public library budget for the period July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987. Copies of the budget may be obtained at the reference desk of the library.

Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1986 to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Marjory C. O'Brien, incumbent; and petitions nominating candidates for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1986 to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Bernard E. Harvith, incumbent; and petitions nominating candidates for the office of trustee for the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 1986, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Ethel Birchenough, must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 4:30 p.m., EDT, April 7, 1986.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that votes will be taken upon the following:

1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

2. RESOLVED: (a) That the Board of Education of Bethlehem Central School District, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase eight (8) school buses and a station wagon for use by the District, i.e., three (3) fifty-

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nine (9) passenger buses at a cost of \$41,000 each, and three (3) sixty-five (65) passenger buses at a cost of \$43,500 each, and one (1) thirty (30) passenger bus at a cost of \$32,500, and one (1) sixteen (16) passenger bus at a cost of \$29,200, and one (1) eight (8) passenger station wagon at a cost of \$11,000, and to expend therefore an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$326,200.00; (b) a tax in the amount of \$326,200.00 is voted therefore to be levied by and collected in installments in such years and such amount as determined by the Board of Education; (c) in anticipation of said tax, bonds are authorized to be issued in an amount not exceeding \$326,200.00 and a tax is voted to pay interest on said bonds.

3. For the election of two members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, one for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1986, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Marjory C. O'Brien; and one for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1986, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Bernard E. Harvith;

4. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

5. For the election of one trustee to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, for a full term of five (5) years, commencing July 1, 1986, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Ethel Birchenough.

Kristi Carr District Clerk Dated: March 14, 1986

(April 30, 1986)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ORDER ENTERED BY THE SUPREME COURT on the 21st day of April, 1986, bearing Index No. 4203-86, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk of said Court, located at the Albany County Court House in room number 128, grants me the right, effective on the 31st day of May, 1986 to assume the name of RICHARD FRANCIS HARRISON, my present address is 64 North Lake Street, Albany, New York, the date of my birth is August 27, 1962, the place of my birth is Pittsfield, Massachusetts; my present name is Richard Francis Paul.

(April 30, 1986)

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BUT, RE:BUT and BC's board race

Voters' choice

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem's school community is split into two camps. As described by each other, they are the spendthrifts, who lack concern for taxpayers, and the tightwads, who lack concern for education. Such rigid polarization is detrimental to a democratic system. The group holding power becomes cautious and defensive. Innovation is stifled. The system begins to suffer. Regardless of who sits on next year's school board, I hope some changes in approach can be made.

Ideally, the board will:

- Establish lists of goals and priorities for the year and review them frequently. Currently, goals are not examined until the year's end, which defeats the purpose of goal setting. Heading a priorities list would be educational quality. This would require the board to keep an eye on teaching methods, curriculum success and student progress. Presently, these matters are not reviewed since the board buries itself in lesser details.

- Speed the decision-making process by obtaining necessary data prior to public discussion. Too often very crucial information is unavailable or inaccurate.

- Listen more sympathetically to conflicting opinions. Had the board "given more respectful hearings to some citizens, had they considered some concerns instead of counter-attacking in offensive, and sometimes abusive manners there might not be a BUT organization or challengers for the open seats.

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

- Be more willing to compromise between conflicting viewpoints and to try new approaches. It's tedious to keep hearing, "This is the way we've always done it."

Having long pitched my tent in the camp of the status quo, I've recently been listening to ideas of members of BUT. I may not agree with all their points. However, the hysterical accusations that BUT members are unconcerned with educational quality and want only to destroy the budget are totally untrue.

Bethlehem earned its reputation for excellence when today's parents of young children were still children themselves, when student achievement peaked at levels not known before and not approached since. This was the handiwork of today's older citizens, many now BUT supporters who insist they accomplished more with less money. They did! Could they do it again? Probably not. Circumstances have changed. However, we can't afford not to take them seriously.

BUT members have been asking school personnel to address possible deficiencies in programs and test results for a

long time. Having been ignored, they've recently dropped their data like a bomb on a puzzled public. A prompt, open examination of their statistics might have diffused tensions. Weeded out insignificant findings and possibly uncovered some areas of weakness deserving attention. Instead, we have more mutual suspicion and hostility.

As for the budget, I'll fight BUT if they tamper with teacher's salaries. However, could there be compromise in other areas? Of course. If the budget process were streamlined as they suggest, would the system suffer? Other districts have managed successfully. If BUT members cut costs would quality education crumble? Nonsense! Money helps but it's not synonymous with excellence.

In selecting candidates this year, I'm looking beyond which ones best reflect my own educational philosophy. There are other considerations. Which candidates will make Bethlehem stronger by insisting on a more open, innovative, flexible board? Which candidates will pursue quality by listening to and encouraging conflicting views, thus compelling more critical analysis and compromise from us all? Which ones will aggressively seek excellence, not by refusing to experiment for fear of changes, but by daring to risk failure in the hope of something better. Conscientious voters have some serious thinking to do.

Phyllis Braga

Clarksville

Grassroots RE:BUT

Editor, The Spotlight:

A grassroots effort is growing in Bethlehem. We are called RE:BUT — Respecting Education: Bethlehem Unified Taxpayers.

RE:BUT is FOR careful budget considerations. We are FOR thoughtful investigation of what is best for the ENTIRE community.

RE:BUT is a special interest group. Our interest is providing the BEST education for EVERY child in the district.

Many of us are decision-makers for our local schools. Many volunteer hundreds of hours in the schools, helping the children and teachers in limitless ways. Many are interested citizens without school-age children.

We know, from the inside, our school system's weaknesses, and we are out there *doing* something to help our students succeed.

WHY? Because there is no better insurance for our future than our children; no better investment of our time and energy than for the future of this community, and this nation.

We ask you to join our growing numbers. Help preserve our School Board's commitment to each child. Vote for Bernie Harvith and Marge O'Brien. They are dedicated to the highest ideals of what *good* education means.

Phyllis & Steve Hillinger

Elsmere

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More on BUT

Editor, The Spotlight:

It seems to me that the two Bethlehem United Taxpayers (BUT) candidates for the Bethlehem Central School Board have a lot to answer for. If I recall correctly BUT has consistently opposed our school board's recent budgets using the argument that proposed tax increases would be an unacceptable burden on the taxpayers. Now it seems that BUT's arguments have shifted to attacking the quality of programs in the district. BUT seems to want to have its cake and eat it too. To me this is grossly irresponsible.

The future of our children, our school district, our property values and this community depends on responsible planning and programming. This cannot be accomplished without some cost and lots of dedication to achievement.

The BUT organization has contradicted itself. To me this is not the kind of leadership that will serve the best interests of the future of this community.

Thomas J. Goodfellow

Delmar

Yes on budget

Editor, The Spotlight:

As the time approaches for the school budget election, I find myself reading of opposing views on the proposed budget. As a parent with two (and soon to be three) children in the system, I agree with Mr. Charles Reeves (Spotlight, April 23) that my own vote needs to be a thoughtful one. Thus, I can conscientiously vote only one way—YES.

I don't like to pay any more taxes than I have to, but I cannot find the so-called fat in the BCSD budget. Where should we cut? We must keep our buildings in good repair or face far greater costs down the road. We must provide safe bus rides for our children to and from school and other activities, so that's not where the budget fat can be found. We must keep our textbooks, workbooks, lab and educational equipment up to date. Of course, our greatest expenditure is on personnel. Are our teachers receiving too large a pay raise in our new contract? Although inflation is currently low, I remind others that during inflationary times, our teachers received raises far below the rate of inflation, falling further and further behind in earning power. We must now play catch up, as well as bringing our teachers up to a salary level that is appropriate for the level of education and professional expertise that is required of them. Our contractual obligation to our teachers is fair and justified.

Should we cut staff? Absolutely not. Our elementary population is growing and it is essential to keep class size down during these formative years. Our middle and high school students must take more classes to meet both state requirements and the ever-increasing demands of a complex society. We cannot meet these needs by cutting staff.

The budget process may indeed need some revision, but that does not negate the validity of the proposed budget. This is a responsible budget that respects the educational process. It has been said that if you think education is expensive, try ignorance! I don't believe that we are in great danger of graduating ignorant children in

Tests and quality

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a licensed psychologist, I read with some interest remarks by Mr. Charles Reeves, as well as an advertisement placed by the Bethlehem United Taxpayers (Spotlight, April 23) regarding the evaluation of our school system with the results of various standardized tests that our students take each year. In both instances, these tests seem to be regarded as the ultimate measure of the quality of the school system. While these tests may be the only objective measures we have, they are by no means a comprehensive measure of what our children learn and thus are not a comprehensive measure of the quality of our school system.

These tests provide useful information, but we must also be concerned with our children's growing abilities to think in a problem-solving fashion using the information they learn in the classroom. We also need to pay more attention to each child's feelings regarding themselves in the classroom situation, so that we can maximize their learning and growth.

I agree with Mr. Reeves that defining quality education has remained an elusive problem. Given that reality, I am disturbed that he and the BUT group seem to attribute so much meaning to test scores. I can only assume, therefore, that they are using these scores for political purposes and not as a comprehensive evaluation of the BCSD educational programs.

Richard M. Kagan, Ph.D.

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The price of education

Bethlehem now or in the near future. I do believe, however, that if we start cutting our staff and don't offer salaries that attract the best people, we are in grave danger of mediocrity in our school system. This thinking parent will be supporting the budget and the two incumbents on May 7.

Laura C. Kagan

Delmar

Numbers that count

Editor, The Spotlight:

Of all the numbers being bandied about in connection with the Annual Budget, for the school system, two are conspicuous by their absence: 3637 and 25,000.

The first represents the number of students served and served well by our system. The second represents the most recent census figures for our community. These two groups are the primary beneficiaries of a sound, quality school system. The ripple effect of such a system is well established. The budget for 1986-87 provides for the continuation and enhancement of ours.

Is quality education solely a matter of numbers? I hope not. Is it affordable? I believe it is. Is the budget important? Most definitely!

I urge all voters to study and reflect between now and May 7, 1986, on the budget and its impact on the students and the community. Following that study and reflection, I believe that you will feel positive about the budget and vote Yes on May 7.

Sheila Fuller

President, Board of Education
Bethlehem Central School District

Budget realistic

Editor, The Spotlight:

It has been noted that we have spent many hours over the last several months developing and refining our proposed budget, but the amount of work that has gone into this document is meaningless if we have not achieved an acceptable and realistic budget.

The Bethlehem School District employs over 500 persons, making us one of the largest employers in this community. We maintain eight buildings with an average age of over 40 years. Our oldest building, the Elsmere School, was built in 1927, and our newest building, the Glenmont School, was built in 1958. The final payment on the land purchased for the Glenmont School was made in 1984.

Most importantly, we provide for the education of over 3,600 students from kindergarten through grade 12, and over 82 percent of our graduating seniors go on to higher education.

We are a significant part of this community and have been for well over 60 years. As the community has grown and prospered, it has been blessed with a school system responsive to its needs, one that has always been pointed to with pride, and we have always been proud to have the support of the community.

Public education is the cornerstone of this nation, and it is just as much the cornerstone of this community. We have responded to the needs and the concerns of our community in developing our proposed budget. It is a realistic budget — one that recognizes the ongoing needs of our students, our staff and our

aging buildings, and one that also must recognize that we have no dynamic source of income.

State aid provides only 21 percent of our budget and our property tax base has increased at a rate significantly lower than the inflation rate. Our expenses increase at the same rate as other inflation-controlled expenses, but our resources do not, and we are forced to go to the taxpayer for the additional revenue needed. Our tax rates are not out of line with others. Bethlehem's tax increases have over the long term been way below the inflationary rate.

The budget that will be voted on May 7 is one that has been responsive to the concerns of the taxpayers and to the needs of our students. I am confident that our community will see this as a budget that is both realistic and acceptable.

Marjory C. O'Brien

Delmar

Marjory C. O'Brien is a member of the Bethlehem Central Board of Education and is a candidate for reelection May 7.

A fair price

Editor, The Spotlight:

Over the past several months I've frequently watched and listened to the Bethlehem Central School Board struggle with the problem of delivering a quality education to our children at a fair price.

During this time I've learned that in the past 10 years, the consumer price index rose on the average 6.66 percent annually or 66.6 percent. I also discovered that Bethlehem's school budget only rose at an average rate of 4.97 percent annually for a total of 49.7 percent, this is if you use the school district's figures for this year's budget increase of 7.5 percent. If you prefer to use the BUT figures for this year's school budget increase of 10 percent instead, you get an average annual budget increase of 5.27 percent or 52.7 percent, for the period between the 1976 and 1986 school budgets! To put this all in plain English, it seems that the budget increases the school board has requested over the past 10 years will not keep up with the average rate of inflation.

That's right.

For every dollar increase in the cost of living we've experienced as a nation over the past decade, the Bethlehem School Board has only spent 80 cents to keep up. Can you, or any other reasonable person really call this kind of behavior either "fiscally irresponsible" or unresponsive to the community's desire for thoughtful and sensible spending policies? I don't think so!

In fact, if you really look into it, I think you'll agree, the hallmark of the Bethlehem School Board's budgetary efforts this year, like in years past, has been an honest commitment to a quality education for our children at a fair price to the community. It's a record of achievement they should be proud to own. And a record of achievement that shows there is good reason to trust their decision to submit this year's budget to the community for approval.

Greg Maher

Delmar

Bad site for hospital?

Editor, The Spotlight:

The proposed site for a psychiatric hospital on Rt. 9W is equally as detrimental to prospective patients as it is to the people objecting to that location.

This fact has been highlighted by the recently concluded *Times Union* reports about the current state of psychiatric treatment.

Based on the information in that series, the rapidly growing need for constant, repeated and non-confined treatment of psychiatric patients has already antiquated their facility. Only patients known to be dangerous may be unwillingly confined.

This venture cannot peak financially, or effectively provide the needs of today's psychiatric patients, without an official out-patient program.

In that event, is the record of the experiences and control of Capital District Psychiatric Center patients an indication of what to expect? Their control of patients is admittedly minimal at best.

The urgency to expedite profits by the proponents is understandable. Their primary investment is financial.

If it were not, they would have scoffed at the prospect of this site as a proper environment for treating people suffering from all forms of acute psychiatric illness.

Within a mile north of the site is a new bridge under construction, spanning the Normanskill Creek.

The old bridge was well known throughout the area as the scene of numerous suicides, including one since the new construction began.

Within minutes south of the site are the schools.

West, to the rear of the facility, are open fields culminating in rugged terrain that drops off steeply.

Looking east, directly in front of the facility, is Rt. 9W. About 150 yards away is the Thruway.

Rt. 9W is poorly lighted and prone to fog conditions at night.

Those of us who live near 9W and the Thruway know that the noise level from the dual highways is not a soothing melody — to someone who is already depressed or troubled with shattered nerves.

An AWOL patient will be in immediate danger from fast-moving, commercial traffic, including tractor trailers.

We have been forewarned, repeatedly, that an AWOL patient will probably be somewhat sedated and/or disoriented.

Let the proponents know that their cause is appreciated and respected by the opposition. The objection is obvious. The Rt. 9W location is simply too vulnerable for all concerned.

If you possessed the ability to help the unfortunates who will be your patients as effectively as you have stirred the emotions of our town, you would not have to exert any effort to entice us to join your ranks.

In fact, we would have sent for you.

Edward P. Dillon

Glenmont

Proposed hospital draws mixed views

Do we listen?

Editor, The Spotlight:

From the comments appearing in the vox pop and at the school and planning board meetings in response to the issues concerning the Glenmont community, I have to ask, "Do we really listen to each other? Do we hear with understanding what people are saying?"

Without the above understanding, what has resulted is a series of assumptions and blanket statements which merely breed judgemental and defensive remarks. Unfortunately, the real issues never seem to have been discussed in a meaningful and fruitful way.

I am further concerned about the internal structuring of these meetings and the messages the community receives while in attendance.

After the April 15th meeting of the planning board, my anticipation and commitment had turned to frustration, disappointment and anger. I feel as if we were all being manipulated and, somehow, were just going through the motions.

I have been aware of the repetitive patterns at the meetings of the various boards (and not just recently) that allow me to feel as if the community has little representation. Representation doesn't mean agreement with what the community is saying, but, rather, understanding (hearing the needs and concerns) and directly addressing the same.

After careful observation, I feel as if the community has been making desperate attempts at representing itself. This representation is further realized as members of the community either present research material or state personal experiences, and intelligently and articulately make the needs and concerns of the community known to the boards.

With due respect to all board members who willingly give their time and effort, the fruitfulness of your positions can only be realized if the extent to which we sometimes miss each other can be lessened.

I have one further concern that affects the growth of Bethlehem whether it be through industries, building developments, budgets, school policies or institutions. Most of the decisions are made by one board or another. This practice has seemed to work for the most part but has recently been questioned. Since decisions affecting the community are sometimes multi-dimensional, may there not be times when our boards may not have to exist as separate entities? Due to the nature and complexity of some of the issues, a more viable solution would be called for through joint communication and effort of one or more boards.

Our nation is governed by the Constitution. This respected document contains an elastic clause that allows the nation to respond to changing needs. Is it not feasible for Bethlehem to allow for some internal flexibility when considering issues related to growth, development or other matters?

Decisions are not always easy to make, and all people of a community can never be satisfied. However, we may have to carefully examine and remove some of the obstacles that have

threatened our communication — the most important fiber that binds us all.

Thank you Bethlehem for listening.

Claire Sellitti

Delmar

'Sound and fury...'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I attended the marathon hearing on April 15. I arrived at 7:30 p.m., left at 1:30 a.m. I said nothing. However, I would like to say a few things for the record.

• This entire discussion about Northeast Psychiatric Hospital is a kind of replay of another such about the Glenmont Job Corps Center: "Full of sound and fury...."

• I am more concerned about disturbed people, even in our own community, who are *not* receiving any kind of professional intervention than about people in hospital.

• Whether or not you approve the request for the hospital, those objecting to it have done a great deal of harm to the children and youth of our community while appearing to be concerned about them. A very negative, hidden message is sent out. "Disturbed people are dangerous, to be avoided, a minority who are somebody else's problem. Keep them away from all of us. They will hurt us. They are strange." Such a subliminal message is so destructive, in-human and, alas, un-Christian.

• In any case, it is most unfortunate that Bethlehem does not have a real "development" plan into which and against which projects could be assessed. Without a plan, public confidence is eroded, the public reaction often becomes panic, human greed may really be calling the shots.

William G. Scanlan

Glenmont

Emotion

Editor, The Spotlight:

Emotional issues. That phrase has been used too often lately. Why do people imply that emotions and unsound thinking go hand in hand? When children's rights are questioned, immediately the issue is labeled emotional with condescending undertones.

Bethlehem United Taxpayers (BUT) accuses the Board of Education of using an "Emotional Ploy." The School Board readily acknowledges that its responsibility encompasses the needs of children. BUT infers that this acknowledgement is a guise to "sound fiscal management." I fail to see the logic. It is because of the board's cognizance that Bethlehem provides a well-rounded, quality education for our children. This awareness is essential in any candidate for the school board.

Proponents of the proposed Northeast Psychiatric Hospital discount endless testimony of concerned parents as being emotional. When, in fact, valid, well researched and — yes — rational questions have been raised. In this instance it is clear that a strong emotion inherent in parents acted merely as a catalyst to the opposition. I for one do not believe the old adage that "love is blind."

Colleen Foro

Glenmont

Vox Pop

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

Round of applause

Editor, The Spotlight:

Congratulations and a round of applause to the firemen of the Slingerlands Fire Dept.

What a service they provide and the happiness the children get out of the annual Easter Egg Roll.

For the concern these men have and the dedication with which they serve the community, no only in fire prevention and experienced service but also the community events they sponsor. Thank you all very much.

Mrs. Charles Kirchner

Delmar

Unightly corner

Editor, The Spotlight:

In light of the concern Glenmont parents have right now (and their cause is fully justified) the problem I am writing about may seem less than major. However, as a resident of this community for 26 years and a homeowner in my neighborhood for 16 of those years I cannot restrain any longer with my personal complaint.

If anyone passes by the route I travel many times daily, they may know of which I write. The area I am referring to is on the corner of Adams St. and Hudson Ave. Take note of what is fast becoming the most unsightly array in this town.

I have watched Macri Paving

Co. for some time now let all their equipment, half of which appears to be a heavy equipment graveyard, a ramshackle unpainted building, rusty old barrels, along with undefinable piles grow mountainous. This collection surrounds their building and is anything but pleasing to the eye.

Added to this a new addition adorns the corner. We now have anywhere from six to eight used cars lined up in front of and next to the L. & H. Building (under new ownership). As of yet I have not seen bright colored banners typical of a used car lot so maybe it isn't. If so why are all the front windshields painted "FOR SALE?" Then, as you turn left on Hudson Ave. another eyesore greets you. Behind this same building there is now a collection of old dilapidated and/or decapitated cars.

If you were to continue along Hudson Ave. and into the Harding Ave., Marion Rd., Hunter Rd., neighborhood you couldn't help but become aware of the care the homeowners give to their property. It is a lovely, unobtrusive section of Delmar and has always been well maintained and groomed by the residents. Why, then, does this community allow areas like the aforementioned to steadily crop up and not expect the residents to become critical and unreceptive.

A year or so ago the land owned by the D. & H. Railroad had

become overrun and had it been left to the town I don't think anyone would have seen any improvement. It took many telephone calls by one resident to the railroad company before the overgrowth was finally trimmed and the general appearance of old, dead trees, limbs and brush was cleared away.

One can't help but wonder if the other establishments along Adams St. share my concern. They have neat, clean attractive businesses.

Rest assured I am not the only resident of this area who is disturbed at the lack of regard and respect these proprietors apparently have for their and our community to allow this deterioration.

Patricia Carazza

Delmar



PESTICIDES

Although many New Yorkers oppose the use of pesticides, they still use them widely in the home and yard, according to a new Cornell University study.

Their negative views about the use of these chemicals are weak, especially when compared with their much stronger feelings about other environmental issues, such as solid waste and sewage from industrial plants, air pollution, and nuclear power plants.

New Yorkers do feel strongly about pesticides, however, when it comes to the source and reliability of the information they receive about them. Most distrust information that comes from industry, but consider information from environmental organizations, colleges, and universities as "very credible." Reports from mass media and government agencies fall in the middle range of trust.

These findings are among the highlights of the Cornell University report, "Pesticides and Related Environmental Issues: A Study of the Opinions and Behaviors of New York Adults." The study was conducted by Paul Yarborough, professor of communication arts in the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell, and Fran Yarbrough, who is associated with Cornell's Rural Communication Research Program.

Their study focused on how New York State adults feel about pesticides compared with other environmental issues. The sample consisted of 688 adults from throughout the state.

The Cornell communication researchers found that the majority of the people sampled had reservations about the use of pesticides.

The majority were concerned about the health consequences of pesticide use and felt that regulations were definitely necessary. On the other hand, they recognized the benefits of pesticides, particularly for food production.

Compared with other environmental issues, pesticides were of more concern to women and to residents from upstate New York than to men and to those in New York City.

Even when individuals held strong beliefs about pesticides, though, their actions rarely reflected those strong opinions.

Similarly, there were not strong relationships between people's attitudes about pesticides and their political activism on environmental issues.

Obituaries

Joseph McNally

Joseph J. McNally Sr., 53, of Selkirk, an Albany fire fighter, died suddenly on April 23 at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, he was a Navy veteran of the Korean War. He served in the Albany Fire Department for 33 years and was on active duty at the time of his death. He was captain of Engine 6 on Swan St. in Albany for 14 years and had been captain of Engine 11 on New Scotland Ave. for the past three years. He moved to Selkirk seven years ago.

He leaves his wife, Patricia Schultz McNally; a daughter, Sharon Bauer of Rensselaer; two sons, Joseph J. McNally Jr. and Richard J. McNally of Albany; his mother, Helen Coons McNally of Albany, and two sisters, Therese Paley of Endicott and Helen Van Amburgh of Albany. He is also survived by eight grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Albany.

Kenneth Beach

Kenneth A. Beach, 80, of Voorheesville died April 25 at his daughter's home in Guilderland.

Born in East Masonville, N.Y., he lived in Voorheesville most of his life. He was retired farmer. He also worked as a feed salesman at the Vunk Feed Store in Voorheesville.

He sat on the board of directors of the Bethlehem-New Scotland Mutual Insurance Company. He was a member of the Voorheesville United Methodist Church.

He leaves his daughter, Rose Remley Taylor of Guilderland.

Arrangements were by the Reilly and Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville. Burial was in South Berne Cemetery.

Frank Frederick

Frank Alfred Frederick, 104, of Clarksville, a former New Scotland Democratic committeeman and a charter member of the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company, died April 22 at his home.

Born in Guilderland, he worked as a farmer earlier in his career. He was a retired laborer for the former state Division of Highways.

He had served on the Albany County election board. He was the oldest resident of New Scotland.

He was a member of the former St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Guilderland.

He leaves his wife, Robie Van Duesen Frederick, two nieces and a nephew.

Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery, Feura Bush.

Jennie Gordinier

Jennie Agnes Gordinier, 66, of Voorheesville, an Army veteran of World War II, died April 24 at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Earlier in her career she worked at the Huyck Mills in Rensselaer. She retired from the state Office of General Services after 15 years of service. She was a member of the Civil Service Employees Association.

She was a member of the

American Legion Joseph Zaloga Auxiliary, Albany.

She was a communicant of Christ the King Church in Guilderland.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald M. Gordinier; a daughter, Grace Walter of Rotterdam; a son, Gerald E. Gordinier of Voorheesville, and two sisters, Helen Mahan and Alice Kroupski of Glenmont. She is also survived by seven grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Magin and Kegan Funeral Home. Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Herbert F. Markell

Herbert F. Markell, 97, of Elsmere died April 19 at Child's Nursing Home, Albany.

He was a native of Syracuse and a lifelong resident of the Albany area. He was a retired machinist with the New York Central Railroad.

He was a member of the Gutenberg Masonic Lodge 737.

He leaves two daughters, Marion Niver of Grants Pass, Oregon, and Arlene Johnson of Corpus Christi, Texas; and a son, Herbert F. Markell of Nassau. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Zwack and Sons Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Heartworm alert

With the mosquito season approaching dog owners should have their pet checked by a veterinarian for heartworm infection.

Heartworm disease is spread by at least three species of mosquitoes that are common to this area. When one of these mosquitoes bites and removes blood containing baby heartworms (microfilariae) from an infected dog, it becomes infected with baby heartworms.

After 14 to 21 days, the baby heartworms in the mosquito become infective larvae that are passed through the mouth parts of the mosquito into a healthy dog. In the newly infected dog the heartworm larvae burrow under the skin and develop in the tissues for 90 to 120 days. The larvae then penetrate into blood vessels and move to the heart where they mature into adult heartworms that live in the heart and adjacent blood vessels. They adult heartworms are often 10 to 14 inches long. The adult female heartworm then gives birth to a new crop of baby heartworms that circulate freely in the dog's bloodstream waiting for a free ride to another dog, via the mosquito.

A veterinarian can perform a blood test to determine whether or not your dog has the baby heartworms present in his bloodstream. If none are found, he can prescribe medication that is given during the mosquito season to prevent your pet from developing heartworm disease. Preventive medication from last year should not be used until the dog has been rechecked this year.

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Time For A Change

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Resolved that the Board of Education of Bethlehem Central School District of the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, County of Albany, New York, be authorized to expend \$18,789,718 for school district operational purposes and \$25,250 for library debt service for a total expenditure of \$19,044,968 for the 1986-1987 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefor.				
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Good Reading

Some interesting or unusual books you may have missed.

By Vincent Potenza

The kids crowded around the rear of the bus, and then some walked a little way down the hill. It was a spectacular view. A lake or fjord far below seemed to have ice particles floating in the water. Lisa came hurrying out of the bus with the two cameras hung around her neck and ran around the rear of the bus. She tripped over Shelley, who was squatting down tying her shoe, and fell forward toward the edge of the road and swish — she slid over the edge and disappeared. Several girls and boys screamed and looked over the edge frightened and crying. Timmy O'Connor saw Lisa hanging on a small bush protruding from the side of the rock.

The Clarinets, by Franklin S. Myers, 225 pp., 1986, Vantage Press, \$9.95.

The blurb inside the dust cover of this book describes the main character, Lisa, as a "completely average teenager from Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania." Lisa goes on a tour of some Scandinavian cities with her high school orchestra. "Then things begin to happen..." the blurb says. Like in the scene above, where she slips off a roadway and almost into a fjord a mile or so below. A beautiful friend is accosted by a perverted tour guide who is ultimately driven away with glockenspiel hammers and by the appearance of Lisa and another friend; Lisa meets the king of Sweden; Lisa has lunch with the president of the United States; and so on. None of this, however, changes Lisa's forthright, down-to-earth personality in any discernable way. She remains really nice.

Mr. Myers, who is retired, lives in Selkirk and has two grandchildren who live in Bala-Cynwyd, dedicated this book to Lisa and, since every source I can find lists Vantage Press as a subsidy publisher, undoubtedly paid to have it produced.

I'm reminded of when my kids were small, when I'd tell them fairy tales and make them the protagonists through all the adventures. They loved it, and now, though older and to their minds infinitely more sophisticated, still get a kick out of seeing themselves mentioned in print. I'm sure Lisa did, too.

Alberts-Moak

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Alberts have announced the engagement of their daughter, Annette Hope, to David Franklin Moak, son of Mrs. Ethie Moak of Feura Bush and Roger Moak of Medusa.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is employed by Stewarts in Glenmont. Her fiance, also a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is employed by Goodrich Displays Inc. in Albany.

Columnist to speak

Freelance columnist Frances Weaver will read from her work at the Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Weaver is a widow, the mother of four and grandmother of eight. Her columns, which appear in the *Chieftain*, *Pueblo*, *Colorado*, and the *Saratogian*, reflect a wry, down-to-earth approach to the opportunities and pitfalls of women in their middle years. Many of her columns are collected in her book, *Midlife Musings*. She is currently finishing a book for and about women her own age, entitled *The Girls with the Grandmother Faces*.

Register for the free program by calling 439-9314.

Honor the flag

A Flag Day celebration, featuring a story hour for children and fathers, a young musicians performance, a banjo band and a children's movement and theatre demonstration, will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library on Saturday, June 14, beginning at 10 a.m.

An exhibit of non-book library materials will be open in the media center.

For information call 439-9314.

Quilt on display

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon of Slingerlands, Delmar and Glenmont will raffle off a handcrafted quilt during their luncheon on Tuesday, May 6. Proceeds of the raffle will go to the Discovery Center of the Capital Region, an educational arts and sciences center.

The grandmother's fan quilt will be on display at Bethlehem Public Library through April 25. Tickets may be purchased for \$1 each at the Elsmere Grand Union on Saturday, May 3.

Spring plant sale

A spring plant sale of flowers and vegetables will be held at the Delmar office of Key Bank, Delaware Ave., on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale is sponsored by the Men's Garden Club of Albany.



Mr. & Mrs. J. Gary Hans

Victoria Graf wed

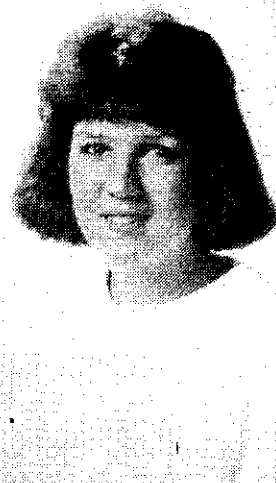
Victoria Ann Graf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Graf of Delmar, and J. Gary Hans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore M. Hans of Loudonville, were married April 5 at the Kenwood Chapel of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Albany, with Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle and Rev. Richard J. Downs officiating. The couple received a Papal Blessing.

Joanie Graf Lindh, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Susan Graf Sharpe, sister of the bride, Lt. Colleen J. McGinty and Gail Bowen Kraft also attended the bride. Theodore M. Hans Jr. was best man, and ushers were James L. Hans and Thomas E. Hans, brothers of the groom, and Timothy W. Graf, brother of the bride.

The bride, a graduate of the Doane Stuart School and Niagara University, is employed as a physical education teacher at Holy Cross School in Albany. She is a Louise Boyka Model and a certified instructor of Jazzercise Inc., Carlsbad, Calif. The bridegroom, a graduate of Albany

Academy and Clarkson College, is vice president and controller of H.L. Gage Sales Inc., Albany.

After a wedding trip to Little Dix Bay, British Virgin Islands, the couple will reside in Albany.



Sherilyn Mayott

Mayott-Van Woert

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis W. Mayott of Dixon Rd. in Glens Falls, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sherilyn Mayott, to Timothy J. Van Woert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Van Woert of Delmar.

The bride-to-be is an art teacher at Bolton Central School, Bolton Landing. Her fiance is employed by VanWoert and Son, Inc.

A June 28 wedding date has been set.

Longley works sold

The Lee Ann Fanning Gallery, Rt. 4, Defreestville, has announced plans to purchase two works by Lillian Longley of Slingerlands.

"Pleasant Bay" and "Root Glen Herb Garden III" will be published in the firm's corporate collection catalog.

For information call 283-8950.



Community Corner

Giant Garage Sale

A garage sale on Saturday, May 3, featuring a variety of collectibles, furniture, household items, electrical appliances, garden tools, automotive goods, sporting goods, books, clothes, toys and plants, will benefit the Panhellenic Committee scholarship fund. The sale will be held at 39 Alden Court, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A "bag sale" will be held at 2:30 p.m. Join the fun and help a young person along the road to wisdom.

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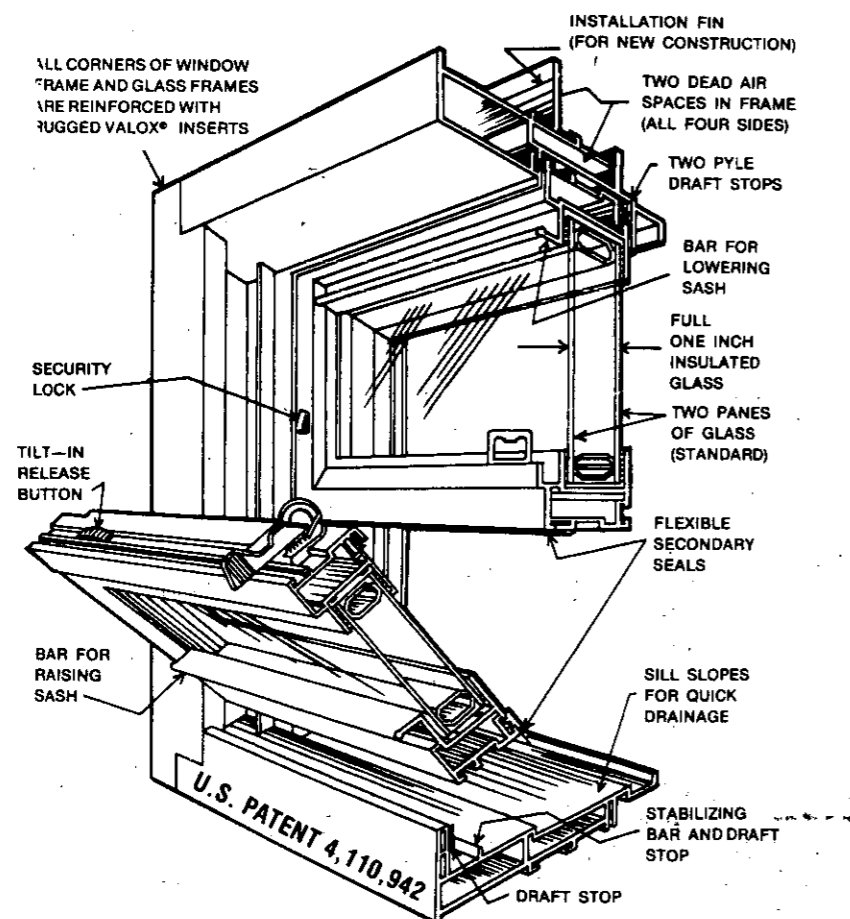
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The choices for Bethlehem Central

Seldom have the choices been so clear for voters in a Bethlehem Central election. Two candidates oppose the budget and say the board hasn't done enough to keep costs down and quality up. Two incumbents defend the budget and the board's record. The vote is May 7.

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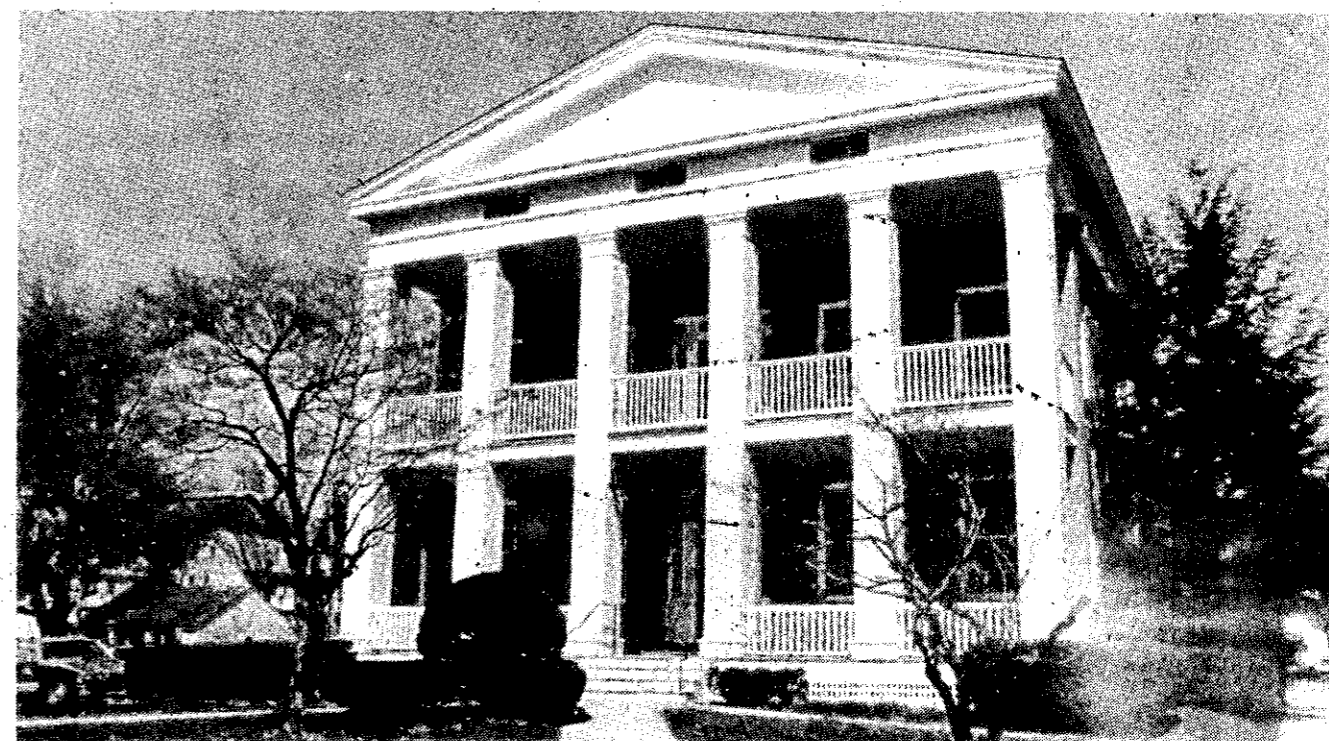
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