

Is there a next step for psychiatric hospital? Developers consider new site, lawsuit

By Kevin Mullen
and Patricia Mitchell

The unanticipated rejection of the proposed \$8.8 million Northeast Psychiatric Hospital in Glenmont apparently leaves the hospital's developers with two options — another site or a lawsuit. There are, they say, no plans to drop the project.

The Bethlehem Town Board Wednesday voted 3-2 against the controversial project, which had earlier been approved by the town Planning Board and recently cleared by the New York State Office of Mental Health.

The vote was not expected. Originally, the board had been scheduled to discuss the State

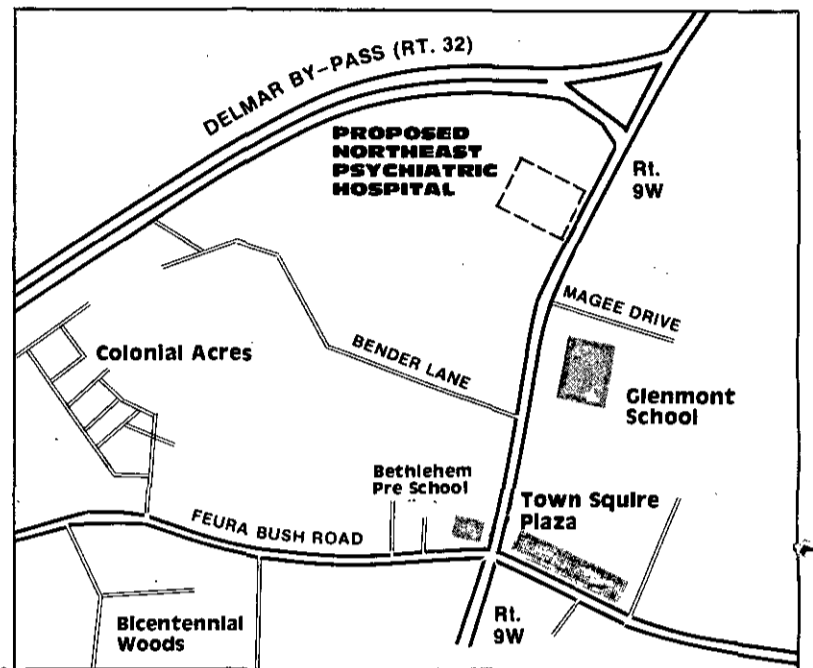
Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) report on the hospital, a preliminary step to final approval. But Supervisor Robert Hendrick said that from prior discussions he knew that some board members were opposed to the proposed 96-bed hospital. If the board voted either positively or negatively on the SEQR determination, Hendrick said, the "process could take from six to nine months." But if the town didn't approve of the project, the SEQR determination was irrelevant, he said.

Voting for the proposed hospital were Hendrick and board member Ruth Bickel. Board members Scott Prothero, Sue Ann Ritchko and John Guertze voted against it.

Hendrick said Friday he would be willing to work with the hospital developers to find another site in Bethlehem, but that he is not optimistic that any other potential site on Rt. 9W — the town's major undeveloped commercial area — would meet with approval of residents. Most of the opposition to the hospital had centered on its proximity to the Glenmont Elementary School, but town board members also questioned whether the hospital was the best use for the land, which is zoned for Planned Commercial District (PCD).

A hospital is a permitted use under the PCD district zoning, but must be specifically approved

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They learn a different way

By Patricia Mitchell

When Grace Franze was asked to work with blind students in the Bethlehem Central School district, she had her reservations.

"I can't teach a blind kid, I've never seen one," Franze recalls saying.

After working with blind students for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) full time since 1973, she introduced "three friends who just happen to be blind" at a recent Bethlehem Central Board of Education meeting.

"I think these kids are doing a super, super job," Franze said. "I think the district is lucky to have them."

With Franze were Mark Bedwin, 14, a student at Bethlehem Central High School who has been blind since birth, Regina Crisafulli, 10, a student at Bethlehem Central Middle School who has been blind since she was six, and Sharon Duffy, nine, a student at Glenmont Elementary School who has been blind since birth. The four told a group of about 25 that they are like every other student at BC — they just happen to learn differently.

Bedwin stood and said, "hello," to get an impression of the number of people in the room. He said he likes swimming, sailing, water skiing, eating, jazz and going to some games to get the thrill of the crowd.

Crisafulli said she likes playing piano, reading and swimming. And Duffy said she hates pizza and would like a seeing-eye cat.

The three blind children attend regular classes at BC, and Franze sees each student for about an hour a day. For BOCES, Franze makes sure to supply the students with the same materials they can use to keep up with their classmates. Besides the three students at BC, Franze also works with two blind students in the Albany City School District and one in the Watervliet City School District. She is also the Bethlehem Central women's varsity tennis coach.

Learning to read and write for blind children is similar to sighted children. A thick Braille picture book teaches blind children the alphabet. Bedwin showed a large "L" with the letter in



All smiles after a day at school are Grace Franze, left, who assists blind students for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, and Regina Crisafulli, 10, a blind student at Bethlehem Central Middle School. Lorraine C. Smith

Braille next to it. A lollipop, what the "L" represents, was missing because Bedwin pulled the plastic lollipop off the page when he was younger and tried to eat it.

After learning the alphabet, Franze said, the children learned the Braille system, and they also used many books with different shapes and textures that helped them practice with their fingers. After learning the Braille alphabet, they learned to group the letters into words. Blind children use a Braille writer that types a series of dots representing the alphabet. Using the writer, Duffy typed the alphabet in less than 10 seconds and her name in under five seconds.

With Braille reading, mathematics, computers
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New Scotland trims budget, tax rate

By Patricia Mitchell

After a short workshop, the New Scotland Town Board has adopted a preliminary budget that includes a tax increase of 14 cents for village residents and a decrease of 29 cents for other residents for general fund taxes.

The public will get a chance to speak on the preliminary budget at a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22.

After presenting the tentative budget to the town board on Oct. 1, Supervisor Steve Wallace said he anticipated a tax increase for the town with federal revenue sharing cut from the budget this year. After last Tuesday's budget workshop, however, the tax rates were not as bad as originally thought.

"I think those are pretty good figures. All the rates look real favorable, I think," Wallace said.

This year, village residents will

be paying \$20.83 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation in general fund taxes. That figure is up 14 cents from last year's \$20.69 per \$1,000.

Town residents who live outside the village will be paying a tax rate of \$33.02 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation in general fund taxes. That figure is down 29 cents from last year's \$33.31 per \$1,000.

At the workshop, the town board decided to raise most elected and appointed officials' salaries by seven percent, except for the constable and members of the zoning board of appeals.

The board decided against raising the two justices' salary by more than seven percent. Wallace said the justices each asked for about \$730 more than the budgeted salaries of \$11,770. Because court revenues were up last year and the justices get calls at 3 a.m. in the morning, Wallace

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Cockateel back home

A gray cockateel who was a temporary guest at the Clarksville Elementary School has been claimed by his owner.

Principal Cheryl MacCulloch said George Gibson, of Albany, called the school after reading an article in last week's *Spotlight* about a cockateel found at the school.

MacCulloch said Gibson was putting some glass doors on his house off Delaware Ave. in Albany about three weeks ago, when Peter, the bird, flew out of the house.

Gibson told MacCulloch he had given up hope of finding Peter. But Gibson, a manager at Home and City Savings Bank on Delaware Ave. in Elmsmere, told MacCulloch he was sitting down to eat his lunch last Wednesday when he saw a story in *The Spotlight* about a gray cockateel found at the elementary school a week and a half ago, and contacted the school.

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said he was not opposed to giving the justices more than the seven percent raise, but he was more comfortable with giving a straight raise.

Town board members decided to take \$15,000 out of the general fund that would have gone to the purchase of computers for the town hall. This brought the Voorheesville tax rate down \$1.01, from the tentative figure of \$21.84.

The board also decided to add \$15,000 onto the highway fund outside the village for contractual expenses. That highway fund is now at \$240,000, and the tax rate is set at \$12.34 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The town will receive no funds in federal revenue sharing this

year, but Wallace said there is \$20,000 left over from last year that will go into the highway fund.

"We won't be holding a public hearing on the federal revenue sharing budget for the first time since I have been here," Wallace said.

Allocation for insurance is set at \$95,000, an increase of 22 percent, and Wallace said the insurance has been estimated at \$95,000 to \$97,000 for the upcoming year. In the 1986 budget, \$65,000 was set aside for insurance, but \$78,000 was spent.

"We should be pretty well right on the button," Wallace said.

The tentative 1987 budget comes in at \$1,634,933, an increase of about nine percent over last year's \$1.5 million.

The Clarksville and Feura Bush light districts have decreased slightly in cost. In Clarksville, the fund is set at \$5,000 with a tax rate of \$11.94 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation, down \$1.32 from last year's rate of \$13.26. In Feura Bush, the fund is set at \$4,800 with a tax rate of \$21.32, down \$3.31 from last year's rate of \$24.63.

Most fire and ambulance service rates will increase slightly this year. The Onesquethaw Fire Company fund is at \$51,754, with a tax rate of \$12.19 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation, an increase of 35 cents over last year's \$11.84. The Onesquethaw Ambulance fund is at \$17,322, with a tax rate of \$4.08 per \$1,000, an increase of 18 cents over last year's \$3.90.

The New Salem Fire Company fund is at \$111,300, with a tax rate of \$20.84 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation, an increase of \$7.25 over last year's \$13.59. The Voorheesville Ambulance fund for the New Salem Fire District is at \$26,964, with a tax rate of \$5.05 per \$1,000, an increase of 77 cents over last year's \$4.28.

Public hearings on the fire and ambulance funds will also be held on Wednesday, Oct. 22. The Onesquethaw Fire Company public hearing will be held at 7

p.m., the Onesquethaw Ambulance service at 7:05 p.m., the Voorheesville Ambulance at 7:10 p.m., and the New Salem Fire Company at 7:15 p.m.

Alcoholism workshop

A seven-hour ACOA and Co-Dependency workshop for counselors and therapist will be presented by Bob Subby at Al-Care, 445 New Karner Rd., Albany, on Friday, Oct. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Subby will use lectures, group interaction, exercises and questions/answers about case presentations to present a program that integrates self-help with therapy.

A treatment marathon will run from 7 to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24, and continue from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Subby is a specialist at integrating the programs of Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon and Al-Anon/ACOA with therapy. "With enough help and support the fear of change can be overcome and recovery can take place," said Subby.

Pizza to go

After parking on the sidewalk in front of the Delmar Pizzeria Wednesday night, a 28-year old Rensselaer man will answer to the misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated, Bethlehem Police said.

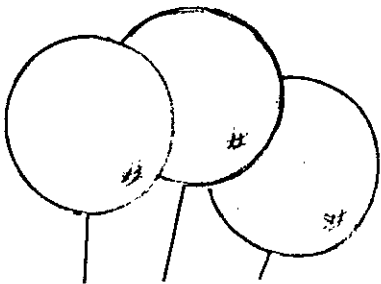
The man, also ticketed for driving across a sidewalk, will appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Oct. 21, police said.

Police said they observed the man parked on the sidewalk in front of the Delaware Ave. restaurant at 10 p.m., with his engine running and a passenger in the car. Police said when they placed the man under arrest, the passenger left the car and walked east on Delaware Ave.

Deer hits car

A 46-year old Delmar woman was not injured Friday morning when a deer hit the car she was driving on the Cherry Ave. extension near McCormack Rd., Bethlehem Police said.

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Board may soon hire consultant

By Patricia Mitchell

The Bethlehem Central Board of Education could be making a decision soon on hiring a consultant to assist in searching for a new superintendent.

Acting Superintendent Dr. Briggs McAndrews said the board has talked with four different candidates to act as a consultant, including two at last Wednesday night's special executive session of the board. Consultants are generally retired superintendents or professors, he said.

The board is seeking a replacement for Dr. Lawrence Zinn, who left the school district last month to become superintendent of schools in Saratoga Springs. Until a new superintendent is found, McAndrews has assumed the duties of the superintendent.

The board still has not decided to hire a consultant, and could conduct the search process by itself, said board President Bernard Harvith. If the board decides to search on its own, he said, board members would be busy throughout the year.

A new superintendent could be named in April, with the position filled on July 1, Harvith said.

Because it is a personnel matter, most of the discussion on searching for a new superintendent will be held in executive session. Harvith said only the search process and the name of the new superintendent will be released, and any information on candidates will not be released.

"This is a sensitive process," Harvith said.

District residents could be asked for their opinions on qualifications and talents for the superintendent candidates, Harvith said. Individuals or a committee could become involved.

A group of district residents could also meet with several final candidates, Harvith said, to help the candidates get to know the community. But, he said, residents would probably not be involved in screening candidates, the early interviews or the final selection.

"In the end, it is our decision. It has to be. That is what we were elected for," Harvith said.

The search could cost the district about \$20,000, Harvith said. The funds will come from the savings of the difference between Zinn's and McAndrews' salary

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and the difference between McAndrews' salary and that of his temporary assistant.

"This is not something to be done cheaply. We are trying to go about this very carefully and very professionally," Harvith said.

The cost of the search for a new superintendent is an investment, he said. Harvith said the new superintendent will be at BC for at least five years, and overseeing the spending of about \$100 million. He compared the new superintendent to the chief executive officer of a large corporation.

A general process the board can take if a consultant is hired would have the board agree on a search process first, and then go to district residents for their opinions on criteria for candidates, Harvith said.

Advertisements will be taken out in large newspapers and special publications, and Harvith said it is a custom to send brochures to universities with graduate programs with education administration and individuals who might be interested in the position.

After applications are received, the consultant will help screen the applicants and run background checks. From the candidates, a group will be narrowed to interview.

"That is the way everybody does it," Harvith said.

The BC school board's next meeting will be Wednesday (tonight) at 8 p.m.

Bio-ethics lecture

Father Paul Smith of the Albany Diocese Family Life Commission will speak about "Bio-ethical Issues for the Christian Family" on Thursday, Oct. 23, at St. Thomas School, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The program, which is being sponsored by the St. Thomas Adult Education Committee, will include a review of general issues in medical ethics. Smith will then focus of situations such as death with dignity, infants with severe birth defects, artificial insemination and surrogate motherhood.



Teaching children about fire prevention can be fun as Onesquethaw Fire Department's Battalion Chief Mike Rutnick shows some firefighting equipment to students at the Clarksville Elementary School. The fire department was at the school last Friday,

and after last year's visit to the school for Fire Prevention Week, no fires were started in the district for two and a half months.

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Blind students learn

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and music, the children can read, write and take tests.

"They have the tools to read and write. They just do it differently," Franze said.

Materials for use with blind students are expensive. Under a state quota system, each student is allowed \$120 to purchase materials, but Franze said that does not always work out. Last year, a book for Bedwin cost \$300. Many Braille books and books with raised shapes are made by state

corrections inmates and volunteers, and they also use materials from the state library.

The children have tools that they use for class work, including a protractor, compass, ruler, a talking calculator, an Atlas and "The World Book Encyclopedia" complete on tape. Blind students also use typewriters for writing class papers and letters. Crisafulli said she once was writing a letter on a typewriter, and the telephone rang. When she came back, she had lost her place.

"Where am I?" Crisafulli said.

Blind students also work with a rehabilitation person to learn daily skills, and an orientation and mobility person to learn how to get around, both from BCES.

Bedwin plays drums in the high school's band, and Franze said Bedwin, Crisafulli and Duffy all know how to swim, can jump rope and play piano. An elderly woman taught Bedwin how to play, and impressed with his work, asked to teach more blind children.

Wallet stolen

A substitute teacher at Bethlehem Central High School had her wallet stolen at the Delaware Ave. school Thursday. Bethlehem Police reported.

Between 7:50 a.m. and 2:15 p.m., the wallet was taken from the Delmar woman's purse while she was working as a substitute. Police said the wallet contained \$50 in cash, a driver's license and credit cards.

World Food Day

In observance of World Food Day, which was established by the United Nations in 1979 to increase public awareness of food problems in the world, a light hunger meal will be served at St. Thomas School, Delmar, on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Proceeds from the meal will be used to aid hunger programs.

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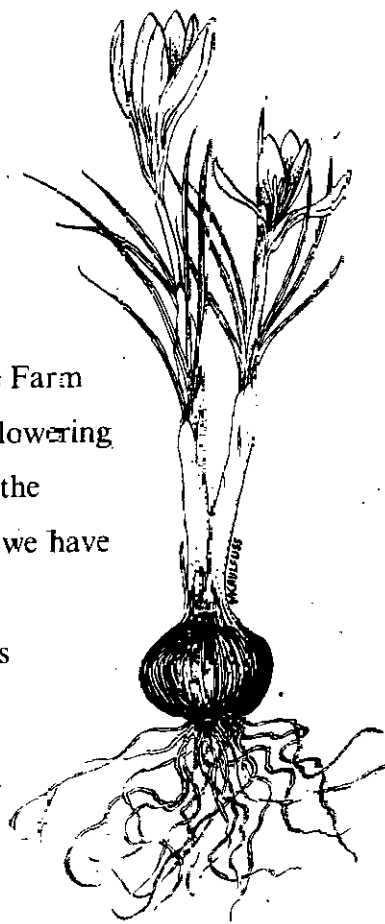
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Neighbors oppose station expansion

By Kevin Mullen

A proposal to expand Hostetter's service station at 594 Delaware Ave. and add a convenience store and restaurant ran into stiff opposition at last week's Board of Appeals meeting.

Claiming financial hardship, Ted Luce, Inc. of King Services, is seeking a variance to increase the square footage of the premises, to move the auto repair business, operated by Jay Hostetter, to the rear and increase the bays from three to five. He is also seeking permission to build a convenience store and a restaurant with a capacity of 30 persons. But neighbors and school officials asked the board to remember their concerns about increased traffic and the impact on the neighborhood.

Hostetter's service station is located on the southeast corner of Delaware Ave. and Elm Ave. in an area zoned B-Residential. Building Inspector John Flanigan told the board that the proper zoning for a restaurant and convenience store is CC-Commercial. In 1981, he said, the Planning Board reviewed

Delaware Ave. and made recommendations for zoning changes and decided to leave that area alone.

"It's a residential zone, not a commercial zone," Flanigan said. The conversion of the gas station would be "intensifying" its commercial use, he said.

Architect Paul Primo, representing King Services, said that 33 parking spaces are planned, 23 for the restaurant and 10 for the garage. Flanigan said he didn't think that 33 spaces were enough for the convenience store, restaurant, and garage. Board member Gary Swan also wondered whether there was enough spaces, saying that many people often leave their car for the full day at garages when getting a repair.

Luce said the extra bays would be used for "mechanical work" and that he plans to have four employees inside the store and two manning the pumps at "peak hours." The hours of the convenience store, restaurant, and service station would be from 6 a.m. to midnight. The hours of the garage would be from 6 a.m. to 9

p.m., he said.

Primo said that the expansion "doesn't intend to change anything. The neighborhood will be maintained. The added retail sales will draw from the immediate neighborhood. King Services traditionally draws from the immediate area."

Sam Whiting, an attorney also representing King Services, told the board that "King Fuels isn't making the return on their investment." Luce said that he is running a "net loss of \$17,800 a year." He said that he bought the station from Exxon for \$186,000, which was a non-negotiable price. He said he was given projections for the sale of 80,000 gallons of gas a month but has sold that much "only two or three times." Board Chairman Charles Fritts asked if pricing was a reason for the low sales volume.

"Pricing is part of the problem," Luce said. "Smaller vehicles are a problem. But I don't control the price."

Luce said that he is losing 10 cents a gallon gross. Some of the board members questioned his figures, saying that he was actually earning a \$30,000 profit. Luce said that the figures that he gave to the board showing his losses were prepared by his accountant.

Primo told the board that "to get a proper return on your dollar, today you have to have a convenience store with gas."

No one spoke in favor of the variance for Luce. But eight persons stepped up to the microphone and voiced their dissent. Charles Gunner, principal of nearby Bethlehem Central High School, said that the conversion would "increase the intensity of use" and would be a

"safety hazard for the students. He said he was also concerned with the "attractiveness of the convenience store and restaurant to the students."

Mary Berry of Rose Court also was concerned about student safety and an increase traffic. She said she was concerned about beer being sold in the convenience store and said it would turn into a hangout for kids.

Primo and Whiting emphasized to the board that drinking would be forbidden on the premises.

Mary Adkins, president of the Upper Delaware Ave. Neighborhood Association, said that she was concerned about the further development of the area and said that "Delaware Ave. is not Exit 8 or Hoosick St. in Troy."

Previously, Primo and Luce had talked about two of Luce's stations, one off Exit 8 on the Northway, and the other on Hoosick St. in Troy.

John McArthur, a lawyer representing the neighborhood association, also argued that the expansion would increase traffic. He gave a detailed analysis of why he thought the variance shouldn't be granted.

No decision was made on this variance.

In another public hearing, Alfred R. Davenport sought permission to continue operating a repair garage at his premises at 412 Krumkill Rd.

Davenport had applied for a permit in 1980 for a three-car garage for storage purposes. He said that he purchased the property in 1947 and has been "operating a business in the area since 1956." He said that he and his son does repair work on cars

and body work. "I don't advertise," he said. "There's no sign in front. I get my business by word of mouth."

Flanigan said that the area has been zoned A-Residential since 1952. He said that the town discovered that Davenport was in violation of the town codes about six weeks ago.

Davenport said that he wasn't aware that he was in violation of the zoning ordinance, even though he had been operating a small business since the late 1950's.

Swan asked Davenport what would happen if the board would not grant the variance. He said that he and his son would have to look for other work.

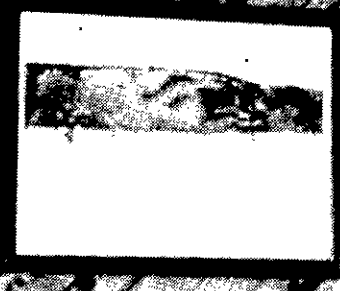
No one spoke against granting the variance. But several neighbors spoke for Davenport. Ken Hahn, a 30-year resident of North Bethlehem and the town's receiver of taxes, said that it would be a "dramatic hardship if denied." He said that the area is "in a rural part, near the New Scotland town line," and therefore saw no problem with the repair garage.

Milt Moselle, a neighbor who owns Moselle's Groves, called Davenport an "excellent neighbor."

Another public hearing concerned a variance for permission to start a nursery school/day care center for Mark R. Lassonde at 19 Oakwood Rd. in Delmar. The nursery school is planned to have 17 children and would operate in the morning hours.

There were two objections. George Meagan, who lives on 144 Kenwood Ave., opposed the center because of "obnoxious fumes from the garage next door." Bailey's Garage is located near the house.

Swan read a letter from the owners of Bailey's Garage, who said that Oakwood is "not a wide road" and that cars come in and out of the garage and are parked on the road.



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department since the 1970's. *On the cover:* Jack Bailey of the town's highway department, opens up bidding on a 10-speed boy's bicycle.

Patricia Mitchell

Psychiatric Hospital

(From page 1)

by the town board. A law suit by the developers would most likely involve a legal challenge to the practice of rezoning land and then passing on a specific use.

The Northeast Psychiatric Hospital was proposed early this year for an eight-acre site on the west side of Rt. 9W just south of the Delmar Bypass. The owner was to be the Hospital Group of New York, a subsidiary of Hospital Group of America, which in turn is owned by Nu-Med Inc., a national health-care corporation. Albany Medical College was to be the owner of the site and would have contracted with the owners to provide medical care, as well as carry out research. The project received preliminary state approval in 1984, and following a jammed public hearing in April the Bethlehem Planning Board voted approval in July with one negative vote. Final state approval came last month.

Last Wednesday, the debate resumed.

Ritchko said she was opposed because Rt. 9W "was the last commercial site we have" and that it should be "developed for the needs of the community rather

than for a hospital." She also expressed concern for the feelings of the residents who opposed the project. She commended them on their efforts. Ritchko said that they wanted a "freedom from fear."

Prohero said of the residents, "whether you agree with them or not, they have real fears."

Guertze said he was opposed because he thought the hospital would be "detrimental to the undeveloped property." He was especially concerned about the east side of Route 9W.

Bickel questioned the opponents use of the word "proximity," saying she "can't see why the hospital and the school can't coexist."

Hendrick, reading from a prepared statement, said he was "sympathetic" to the concerns of the residents who opposed the hospital and the letters he had received. But he recalled his 30 years of experience with the New York State Budget division. He said he was familiar with the fiscal and the "effective operations" of the many mental hospitals and schools for the mentally retarded in all parts of the state.

"I visited, I observed, I have lived and slept in these facilities,"

he said. He said that in all his years with state government he had never seen any incidents where a patient had caused harm to a visitor or a staff member.

"Mentally ill patients in my opinion, are not to be feared."

Hendrick also shared with the board and the small gathering his experience of sending a family member to a psychiatric hospital that was a long distance away.

"It is a far less traumatic experience if you know that such a loved one can be readily visited and is close-by," he said.

He said didn't believe that the hospital would be a risk factor to the children at the Glenmont school. He cited the bussing of the children to and from school and the monitoring of the students during their outside activities as "protection beyond the conditions stipulated by the planning board."

Hendrick also discussed the "economic benefits" of the hospital.

"We need a larger tax base to help maintain the lowest tax rate possible for all citizens and particularly our senior citizens," he said. He said that the hospital wouldn't put a large demand on town services or add to the school population.

Amber Jones, vice-president for academic, administration and planning for Albany Medical Center, who represented the medical college for the hospital, said, "We were surprised. We had not anticipated them to act on the application at the meeting. We are very disappointed."

She said that she felt that "we responded to the issues raised by residents, planning board, and town board."

Marie Pincus, a spokesman for Hospital Group of America, said she was "very disappointed. We had been optimistic." She said that the proximity to the Glenmont school was a factor in the decision. "It sounds like it did have an influence on the board," she said.

Pincus said she felt they presented very convincing evidence that there would be no danger to the school or students.

Pincus said that the Hospital Group of America is evaluating the situation. "We have not

decided what to do," she said. She said the company has not ruled out another site in Bethlehem and will immediately begin a search for a new location. She also said that a law suit is a possibility. An appeal of the town board's decision must be made within 30 days of the Oct. 8 vote.

Jones said that a decision will be made within two weeks about the new location, and that another site in Bethlehem is a possibility, since the original reason for selecting the town is its "attractive location."

Robert Spoor, spokesman for the New York State Office of Mental Health, said that Nu-Med still has the option to go to court on the board's decision. If Nu-Med decides to choose another location, Spoor said, Mental Hygiene law would allow transfer of the certificate of need, but the new site would require state approval. He said that there is no time limit on the option to transfer approval.

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Bethlehem budget gets the once over

By Kevin Mullen

The future of garbage pickups, the proposed community center, safety at the Elm Ave. pool and numerous requests dominated two budget workshops held by the Bethlehem Town Board last week.

However, no changes in the \$12.6 million budget were made.

Highway Superintendent Martin Cross requested for an increase of \$51,475 in the Sanitary Landfill budget, budgeted at \$372,825, brought the board to a familiar topic. Cross said a new garbage truck is needed because the sanitation department has two 1975 models with 100,000 miles and the third is a 1968 truck that is "worn out."

"If we are going to stay in the garbage business," Cross said, "then we need a new truck."

The request brought on a long conversation at the Monday meeting on whether the town should stay in the garbage business, which was carried over to the Thursday meeting. Approximately 2,200 to 2,500 homes take advantage of the service, which does not include pickup of rubbish. There are about 10,000 houses in the town, according to Supervisor Robert Hendrick, which means that about 20 percent take advantage of garbage pickup.

Cross said that three men operate a truck and that there are five routes in town. The price of the truck is \$55,000. Personal services for the three men come to \$70,000, gas and repairs would be from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Board member John Guertze had reservations about the town keeping the garbage service, but

said he always gets many phone calls from residents — especially senior citizens — about keeping it. Scott Prothero thought that the town "should dispense with it."

"It's been an issue for twenty years," Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said. He recalled that the service was cut in half several years ago from two pickups a week to one. "We can't cut it anymore," he said. He said that it's a service that senior citizens enjoy.

Sue Ann Ritchko also thought that it was a service worth keeping. "I think that garbage is a basic service for a community. The only reason that I'd get out of it is because of environmental problems."

Hendrick also said he thought the town should keep the service. No decision was made concerning the garbage service because Hendrick said there were not enough board members at both meetings to make a decision.

In discussing the proposed community center, Building Inspector John Flanigan reported that parking could be a problem. At a presentation before the town board several weeks ago, Ken Ringler of the Chamber of Commerce and members from a committee interested in a community center asked the board for money from the contingency fund to start the project.

Flanigan said he had looked at the Dormitory Authority building on Normanskill Blvd. that the committee is interested in, and found there are only 20 parking spaces. He said that the committee said around 100 persons could be using the center. Flanigan said the building is an office use and the

center would have to be zoned as a public assembly use. He said he was concerned about the ceiling and that the building "was not accessible to the handicapped." He also said the bathrooms would have to be rebuilt.

The acting chairman of the committee, Rob Lillis, and Richard Ahlstrom, publisher of *The Spotlight*, were present and spoke in favor of the community center.

Ahlstrom told the board the idea behind the center was to "provide support activities for seniors and others." He said the center didn't want to be a replacement for other activities or groups.

Ritchko and Kaplowitz both said it was a waste of town taxes when some of the town buildings, like the schools, could not be used for such meeting places.

"It bothers me that these facilities are here and not being used," said Kaplowitz.

Ritchko praised Lillis on "raising the consciousness of the community." But Lillis said it would be more "efficient to centralize it."

Ritchko thought a "full assessment" was needed and told Lillis his committee should look at other buildings. Ritchko also was concerned about how the center "would survive on the revenue side." She wondered, after looking at the list of groups that were interested in the center, how some of them could pay. Lillis said that the center was "financially viable."

The committee is seeking \$70,000 from the town contingency fund to start their community

center. No decision was made on the funds because Hendrick wanted the full board present.

The board also learned the town has a lifeguard problem. Parks and recreation administrator Philip Maher said his department hired every lifeguard that applied for a job last summer. A new state Health Department regulation says there must be one certified lifeguard for every 500 bathers, and the town gets well over that total, Maher said.

Maher said the town cannot compete with other towns as far as lifeguard salaries are concerned. Bethlehem pays between \$3.40 to \$4.30 an hour. State parks pay from \$6.30 to \$8.30 an hour, Colonic pays \$4.50 and Albany \$5 an hour. He said the town is also losing lifeguards to other jobs that pay more.

"The health department might shut us down if we don't do something," he said.

The two workshops on Monday and Thursday evenings covered a number of other budget items, including:

- Under Safety Inspections, Flanigan spoke in need of a new clerk-steno position at a salary of \$12,970. He said the months between November and January used to be slow, "but no more." Things got so bad this year, Flanigan said, that he had to take a man out of the field and put him in the office to assist with the clerical chores. Safety Inspections are budgeted at \$163,563, an increase of \$25,399 over the 1986 operating budget.

- Jeff Damire reported to the board his data processing department is still in the process of putting the various departments on the computer line. The Highway Department will be the last department to be put on line. Central Data Processing is

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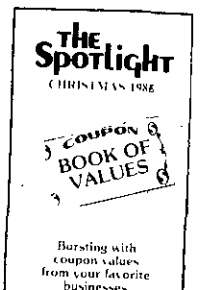
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budgeted at \$67,727, an increase of \$11,149.

• The Highway Department budget is \$2,178,568, an increase of \$38,945 over the 1986 budget. There are no major increases except in salary, and Cross said five trucks must be repaired.

• Hendrick said parks was one of the items that saw the largest increases from last year. Parks is budgeted at \$556,418, an increase of \$120,095. Mahar said he needs a storage building, and Prothero and Guertze agreed that one was needed. \$60,000 is needed for the building, and Hendrick budgeted \$22,000 and said \$38,000 can come from the capital reserve fund.

"It's a growing concern," Prothero said. "I think it's very reasonable."

STEP sessions set

The Community Health Plan in Delmar is offering Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP), beginning on Monday, Oct. 20, at 7:15 p.m., at Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

A course in relaxation techniques for children ages 8 to 10 will also begin at the Elsmere Elementary School on Monday, Oct. 20.

Register by calling the Community Health Plan at 783-3110, ext. 217, before Oct. 9.

Sale at "junk-tion"

The "Slingerlands Junk-tion" will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. A variety of baked goods, books, used clothing and household items will be offered at the sale.

Auxiliary to meet

The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, American Legion Auxiliary will hold a meeting at the post rooms in Elsmere on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m.

Spaces at the auxiliary's Nov. 8 craft fair may be reserved by calling Lois Smith at 439-5541, after 5 p.m.

Board considers traffic

The unexpected 3-2 vote by the Bethlehem Town Board turning down the proposed Northeast Psychiatric Hospital wasn't the only action at last Wednesday's meeting. A public hearing led off the agenda concerning proposed amendments to the traffic ordinance: A speed limit in the Brookfield development, which currently has no limit at all, and yield signs on McGuffey Lane and Westchester Dr. North at Wisconsin Ave.

George Meagan, of 144 Kenwood Ave., spoke in favor of the proposed amendments. He suggested that other signs be posted. Another resident also spoke in favor, saying that it "was a first step, a positive one," to institute a 30 m.p.h. sign. Supervisor Robert Hendrick read two letters, one from John P. Seagle and one from John Ecobian, who both supported the proposed amendments.

The board also approved a request from the Department of Public Works for the acceptance of two deeds. One is for a highway

right-of-way of a corner curve at the intersection of Hoyt Ave. and Center Lane. The second deed is for a 15-foot-wide drainage easement in the Prater Park developments.

The board approved a request from the Department of Public Works for approval of a bond resolution regarding the Halter Rd. Water District Extension. It authorized issuance of \$48,000 serial bonds of the Bethlehem Water District number one to finance the improvements to the Halter Rd. Extension.

The board approved the request from the Department of Public Works for the acquisition of approximately 485 square feet of

land from Robert George Schmidt. The property is located near the intersection of Kenwood Ave. and Brookview Ave.

Also acknowledged was a \$25,000 check from the General Electric Foundation Inc. in support of the town's planned Mobile Command Post. This is the third such contribution from General Electric, Hendrick said.

Kevin Mullen

Singles plan party

The St. Thomas Singles Group will have a Halloween costume party Saturday, Oct. 25, starting at 8 p.m. For information call Christine Reeves, 439-1229.

First concert

The Delmar Community Orchestra will present its first concert of the 1986-87 season at the Teresian House on Monday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. Conductor Robert McGowan will lead the orchestra in a program of light classics, popular Broadway show tunes and marches. Featured in the program will be solos by Marie Franke, soprano.

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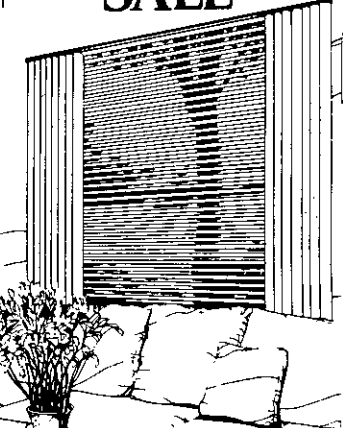
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Mine opponents seek hearing ban

By Patricia Mitchell

Concerned Citizens of New Scotland will have their day in court on Friday, asking an Albany County Supreme Court judge for an injunction on a public hearing on a proposal for a gravel mine off Rt. 155 and Hilton Rd.

The group would like an injunction against the public hearing scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 23, by the planning board to consider a special use permit by Voorheesville Sand and Stone for miners William Larned and Son to mine 27 acres on the former Tall Timbers Country Club.

The suit is slated to be heard at 9:30 a.m., at the Albany County Court House on Eagle St. in Albany.

Bob Morrison, chairman, said Concerned Citizens brought the Article 78 proceedings because they do not want any more tax money spent on the proceedings that they claim have no legal basis.

Fred Riester, New Scotland town attorney, said the town will present its zoning ordinance, and a recently repealed ordinance that would have allowed mining by special use permit and the town's reason for the actions. Riester said on Monday that he presumes Concerned Citizens and Larned and Son may take the spotlight in the courtroom.

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Susan Schutech, a spokesman for William Larned and Son of Schenectady, had no comment on Concerned Citizens' suit.

Larned and Son applied for a special use permit last year to mine 27 acres of the Tall Timbers Country Club in an industrial zone. In May, a public hearing in front of more than 400 people was adjourned after questions were raised that could not be answered at the time.

Since then an amendment to the zoning code that allowed mining by special use permit in industrial and low density residential zones was repealed early last month by the town board.

Concerned Citizens has based its suit on the repeal of the mining ordinance because there is no law that allows mining in the zone, and therefore the town has no business considering the special use application.

"We want the town to stop doing anything on the public hearing," Morrison said.

Riester said he will present for the town the zoning ordinance, the mining ordinance, why it was put into place and why it was

repealed, and the judge will decide on their significance in view of Larned and Son's application. If the repeal of the ordinance has no impact on the special use application, then the public hearing will proceed, and if the repeal has an impact, there will be no public hearing and the special use application will be thrown out, he said.

"Whatever the court says, we

will do," Riester said.

The lawyer for Larned and Son, attorney Wayne Smith of Schenectady, will probably intervene, Riester said. Smith may ask for the public hearing to continue on the basis of due process because the application for the mine and the public hearing was started before the mining ordinance was repealed, Riester said.

Riester said there are four possible outcomes from Friday's court session. The judge could throw out Concerned Citizens' suit and the public hearing will resume. An injunction on the public hearing could be granted and the judge could decide in favor of Concerned Citizens. The judge may also delay his decision, and the public hearing could continue until the judge hands down a final decision or the hearing could be postponed until a decision is made.

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Baltis mine case heats up

An investigation by Department of Environmental Conservation officials into alleged recent mining of a closed pit in the Town of New Scotland has sent a DEC official to the hospital and a Voorheesville developer to town court.

However, no charges has been brought against developer Peter Baltis for allegedly opening a new gravel pit without a DEC permit and deviating from the closed pit's mined land use plan, said John Renkavensky, regional supervisor of natural resources for DEC.

Renkavensky said Friday Allan Hewitt, mined land reclamation specialist, suffered a broken rib after a confrontation on Thursday with Baltis. Baltis allegedly kicked Hewitt in the chest at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Hewitt was treated and released from Ellis Hospital on Friday, a hospital spokesman said.

Baltis was arrested and charged with third degree assault, a class

"A" misdemeanor, by Albany County Sheriff's on Friday, and will appear before town Justice Donald Chase Thursday.

Baltis could not be reached for comment Monday.

Renkavensky said Hewitt, two DEC surveyors and a ranger were surveying a closed gravel pit on land owned by Baltis located off Rt. 155 near Rt. 85A in the Town of New Scotland. They were trying to determine if the threshold for enforcement of a new mine had been exceeded. Under DEC regulations, 1,000 tons of gravel can be taken out of a mine in a year without a mining permit from DEC. On an eyeball inspection, Renkavensky said it appears more than 1,000 tons has been removed, but the survey will be the final proof.

The workers were also surveying to determine if the new mining has gone outside the originally permitted area and onto adjacent

property owned by Voorheesville Sand and Stone for miners William Larned and Son.

Susan Schutech, a spokesman for Larned and Son, said Friday she had no comment on the allegation that Baltis may be mining on Larned's land.

The Baltis case has been cited by opponents of the Larned mining plan as evidence that mining is not regulated by DEC or the town.

DEC officials were originally investigating the closed pit to determine if Baltis had mined there this summer in violation of state regulations, a charge Baltis has denied. The pit was closed in February, 1985, because the mine had become exhausted after two years of mining by Chester Oliver.

At that time, Hewitt said Baltis could be in violation of DEC regulations because the new mining deviated from the original mined land use plan because Oliver had reached the mining limit, and Baltis allegedly dumped some debris on the mine floor that was not called for in reclamation. Hewitt said Baltis could also be in violation for taking gravel out of a pit that has not been officially reclaimed.

A legal problem, Renkavensky said, is that DEC is trying to determine if Baltis or Oliver is responsible for the new mining and for reclamation. A \$5,000 reclamation bond posted by Oliver has not been released.

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Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Staff 765-2451



Merit scholars

Several students at the high school have obviously been doing their homework.

Laurie Warner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Warner of Voorheesville, was recently named as a semi-finalist in the 1987 National Merit Scholarship program. Laurie is among 15,000 academically talented students nationwide to have qualified as a semi-finalist, with only 178 other students receiving higher scores. A senior at Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School,

Laurie now has the opportunity to advance in the competition to qualify for one of 6,000 scholarships to be awarded in the spring.

Other Voorheesville students who scored well on the PSAT/NMSQT test have been named as commended students. They include Ward Breeze, Ben Greenberg, Laurie Martin, Chrystie McCormick, Daniel McKenna, Donna Mensching and Thomas Vecchio. The commended students placed in the top 50,000 of more than one million students who participated nationwide.

Regents scholarships

On the subject of scholarships, the guidance department at the high school encourages all seniors to register for the Regents Scholarship Program. There is no cost for registration and scholarships are awarded based on the scores from both the SAT and ACT tests taken prior to Nov. 3, 1986.

Registered students are automatically placed on the mailing list of the New York State Assistance Program.

Completed applications must be submitted to the guidance office by Nov. 3. For information call the guidance department at 765-3314.

College information

Robert Quackenbush, the high school guidance director, encourages all seniors and their parents to take advantage of the College Information Program to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at the convention center of the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

The morning session will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. An evening session will be held from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Parents and students will be able to ask questions about many aspects of college education and available financial aid.

The first 38 seniors who sign-up in the guidance office will be transported by school bus to the morning program at the plaza. For information call the guidance office at 765-3314.

New Scotland Road Race

The New Scotland Road Race will be held on Sunday, Oct. 19, beginning at 10 a.m. at the town park on Swift Road. Sponsored by the Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, the race will include both 7.1- and 12-mile events. For information call Mike Bartholemew at 765-2346.

Student dance

All area students in grades 7



It was all fun and games at the PTSA Fall Fun Apple Fest. Here, Danielle Lawlor helps her mom, Kathy, work the scoop the egg booth. On the cover: Amanda Wuttke is amazed at her brother Douglas' face painted at the face painting booth.

Lyn Staff

Library plans campaign

By Lyn Staff

Although the turnout at the first informational meeting on the the bond issue for the new Voorheesville Public Library building was light, board President Edward Donohue anticipates that the next three meetings will garner more of a response.

The sessions will be held Oct. 20 and 29 and Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the library, and will include a complete history of the present library, a chronological report on the site selection process for the new building and design information on the new building to be erected on the corner of Prospect St. and Depot Rd.

Board members and architect Leslie Bender will be on hand to answer technical questions.

Since the Voorheesville School Board has not announced the term of the \$800,000 bond issue for the project, the library board was unable to determine the exact

tax rate at its meeting last week. The school board was expected to make that decision at its meeting Tuesday, and the tax breakdown will be included in a brochure that is presently awaiting publication.

A public hearing will be held Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school, the evening before the issue goes to the voters.

"We're very positive about the project," Donohue said, noting that bond rates are currently fluctuating between seven and eight percent. That makes this "the ideal time to build," he said.

"We've invested over two years in preparing for the new library and we hope that the voters will sit up and take note," Donohue said. "Few can challenge that Voorheesville needs a new library."

In addition to the meetings, the library board has also arranged to have a sign erected on the Prospect St. site. "Many people seem to be confused as to the exact site," Donohue explained.

and up are invited to a dance this Friday, Oct. 17, from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m., at Voorheesville Elementary School. Co-sponsored by the St. Matthew's Youth Group and the Buckley Fund, the dance will feature DJ Michael Morgan from 92-FLY, who will play the newest in pop music and present dance contest prizes.

Admission is \$3. All are welcome.

Legion costume party

Older trick-or-treaters still have a chance to purchase tickets for the costume party to be held on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Voorheesville American Legion Hall. The event, which is being sponsored by Post 1493, will include a buffet and dancing to the music of Gold Rush from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

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

Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, eighth annual Town of New Scotland Road Races, 7.1 and 12 mile races start simultaneously at town park, Swift Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m., registration, 9-9:45 a.m., \$4. Information, 765-2346.

Village Volunteers, Fife and Drum Corps rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-5155.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sunday School and Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.; Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m.

Slingerlands Junk-tion, rummage sale and bake sale, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Information, 439-3529.

Bethlehem Athletic Association Annual Run-a-Thon, runners donate one-half of pledge money to specific project, other half goes to Bethlehem Central Athletic Association, Bethlehem Central High School track, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sunday School and Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.; Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m.

Fundraiser, for Gene Keeler, democratic candidate for 102nd Assembly District, Normanside Country Club, \$50 for couples, \$35 for singles, 7-10 p.m. Information, 828-2535.

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, fourth Sunday program and covered dish supper, 5 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "The Job Board," 5 p.m.; "To Yourself: Bodywise Exercise," 5:30 p.m.; "Paper Folding," 6:30 p.m.; "Sign Language: An Introductory Course I," 7:30 p.m.; "Astrology with Judith Longley," 8 p.m.; "Hudson-Mohawk Journal," 8:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, annual card party and fashion show, Community Room of Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955 ext. 77.

"Something Fishy for Toddlers," children under three and parent take part in fishing "expedition," Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. Limited registration, 439-9314.

Voorheesville Public Library, informational meeting with library board on proposed new library, 7:30 a.m.

Project WILD Workshop, open to teachers and youth leaders, conversation and activities emphasizing Wildlife In Learning Design, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 3:30-6 p.m.

Community Health Plan, offering relaxation classes for children ages 8-10, and "Systematic Training for Effective Parenting," Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., Delmar, \$25, 7:15 a.m. Information, 783-3110.

Concert, first of season by Delmar Community Orchestra, all those interested in becoming new members should attend, Teresian House, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4610 or 439-8585.

League of Woman Voters of Albany County, Candidates' Forum for 102nd Assembly District seat, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Meeting, Multiple Sclerosis Support Group of Albany-Rensselaer Counties, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

Bethlehem Public Library, book discussion group, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter of American Association of Retired Persons, program, "Services and Programs for the Blind: Northeastern Area Blind Association," First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, demonstration on how to make wreaths, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Registration, 439-4797.

National Business Women's Week, "Bosses Night/Women of the Year," Fiesta Restaurant, Delaware Ave., Delmar, \$11, social hour 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Reservations, 456-5694.

Delmar Peace Breakfast, Delmar United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, newcomers welcome, 7 a.m. Information, 439-2941.

Tawasentha Chapter NSDAR, Mrs. Lewis Hallenbeck, professional genealogist, will discuss Genealogical Resources, women interested in joining NSDAR are welcome, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-1437 or 439-4753.

Meeting, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, American Legion Auxiliary, post rooms, Elsmere, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3901.

Blood Pressure Clinic, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY 21
OCTOBER

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

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

WEDNESDAY 22
OCTOBER

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

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New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilia at 439-4039.

Farmer's Market, area's only late afternoon farmer's market, open Wednesdays through harvest season, First United Methodist Church, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 3-6 p.m. Information, 439-1450.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "To Your Health: The Older Generation: Benefits of Pet Ownership," 4:30 p.m.; "Astrology with Judith Longley," 5 p.m.; "The Job Board," 5:30 p.m.; "Capital Close-Up," 6 p.m.; "Microwaves are for Snacking," 6:30 p.m.; "To Your Health: Bodywise Exercise," 7 p.m.; "Sign Language: An Introductory Course I," 8 p.m.; "Understanding Economics," 8:30 p.m.

"Sights of Sweden," with Floyd Brewer, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30

Meeting, Albany Area Retired Teachers' Association, lecture on opera, "Mefistofele," Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m.

Senior Citizens' Immunization Clinic, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, register through Oct. 16.

Flu Shots, given to Bethlehem Senior Citizens, Louise Corning Center. Register by Oct. 17, 439-4955.

Rummage Sale, clothing, games, jewelry and crafts, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Information, 439-3488.

Minna Breuer Group, Albany Chapter Hadassah, annual paid up membership dinner, "bring-a-dish," meal, home of Amy Sonne, 7 p.m. Information, 439-2325.

Town of Bethlehem Board of Appeals, public hearing on application of Delmar Car Wash, Bethlehem Court, Delmar, for permission to add 14'x36' addition to rear of wash for garage and storage space, 8 p.m.; public hearing on application of Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Tartaglia, 31 Tierney Drive, Delmar, for permission to construct addition to premises, 8:15 p.m.; public hearing on application of Karl Paulson for permission to construct four-unit apartment building on south side of Feura Bush Rd., 8:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Public Library, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, open to public, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

THURSDAY 23
OCTOBER

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

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

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

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

Religious Program, "Bio-Ethical Issues for the Christian Family," with Father Paul Smith, St. Thomas School Auditorium, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-3945.

Meeting, Brookfield Homeowners Association Meeting, auditorium of Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6848.

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Oct. 16 - Bethlehem Senior Citizen Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Crafts in Room 116.

Oct. 19 - Bethlehem Senior Citizen Bus Trip to the EGG to see "Possessions" followed by dinner.

Oct. 21 - The Town of Bethlehem's Blood Pressure Clinics are held at Bethlehem Town Hall every third Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Oct. 22 - Flu Clinic will be held at the Louise Corning Center on Oct. 22. Call 439-5770, between 9 and 11 a.m. for transportation.

GROCERY SHOPPING DAY

Mondays: Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, and North Bethlehem to Delaware Plaza 8:30-11:30

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MONDAY 20
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Delmar Kiwanis, meet Mondays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:25 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Meeting, Board of Commissioners of Selkirk Fire District, Selkirk Fire House No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

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AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

Rummage Sale, clothing, games, jewelry and crafts, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-3488.

Defensive Driving Course, "55 Alive AARP," open to drivers 50 and older, two day program, \$10, 10 percent deduction from insurance, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1-5 p.m. Information, 439-3913.

Bethlehem Historical Association, card party, Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Winne Rd., Selkirk, tickets \$2.50, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4526.

Bethlehem Public Library, educational software workshop, discussion of criteria to use when buying educational software for home computers, 7:30 p.m.

League of Women Voters, Albany County, meeting to focus on women and world hunger, film, "The Forgotten Farmer: Women and Food Security," Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting reservations, 439-2550.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, meeting and luncheon, Fiesta Restaurant, Delaware Ave., Delmar, \$6.50, 11:30 a.m. Registrations, 439-0512.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Bird-nest Identification," 5:30 p.m.; "The Job Board," 6 p.m.; "A Children's Storytime," 6:30 p.m.; "Genealogical and Hereditary Awareness Project," 7 p.m.; "To Your Health: the Older Generation; Benefits of Pet Ownership," 8 p.m.; "Focus Korea," 8:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Central High School, pep rally, football game against Hudson Falls, 7 p.m., dance on Oct. 25.

Auction, "Bubbles and Bids," raise money for scholarships for Capital District women, Shaker Ridge Country Club, Albany Shaker Rd., Albany, \$15 in advance only, 7:30-11 p.m. Tickets, 439-7913.

Second Anniversary, Village Stage, wine, cider and hors d'oeuvres, Lamprecht's, 78 Kenaware Ave., Delmar, 4-7 p.m. Information, 439-3123.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sunday school and bible study, 9:15 a.m.; family worship, 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY
OCTOBER 27

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

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

Bethlehem Public Library, moving mouth puppets, children in grades K-2 make Halloween puppets and listen to spooky stories, 4-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 28

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

Mathew's Gospel, four session course taught by Rev. James Daley, St. Thomas Rectory, lower level. Information and registration, 439-3945.

Delmar Progress Club, discussion on "housing opportunities for senior citizens," Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-6832.

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 29

Star Watch, telescopic view of objects in sky as well as naked eye observations, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 15

"Lucky Seven," poem reading by Jordan Smith from his forthcoming book, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, 7:30 p.m., open to public. Information, 273-0552.

Farmer's Market, fresh fruits and vegetables, plants, crafts and baked goods, Empire State Outdoor Plaza, 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m.

Minerva Hour, talk about perils of success for young professionals with Douglas LaBier, psychoanalyst in Washington, D.C., and author of "Modern Madness," Union College Lamont House, Schenectady, 11:30 a.m. Information, 370-6172.

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 16

Capital District Resolve, program discussion on new medical procedure, Gamete intra-fallopian transfer, College of St. Rose, Campus Center, 432 Western Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 372-5999.

"Once Upon A Childhood," three hour-long children's concerts, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy Campus, 10 a.m. Information, 270-2246.

Meeting, Panhellenic Association first fall gathering and luncheon, P.D. Ladds Restaurant, corner of State and Dove Sts., Albany, noon. Information, 459-2570 or 383-1124.

Mothers without Custody, monthly meeting, home of Liz Caponera, 7 p.m. Information, 449-5680.

Benefit Concert, Pete Seeger will perform to aid Ed Bloch's congressional race, State University of New York at Albany's Page Hall, 8 p.m. Information, 885-3938 or 885-3939.

World Food Day, Rev. Kenneth Dean will speak about world hunger today, St. Patrick's Church Hall, corner of S. Lake and Central Aves., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 463-3544.

Community Health Plan, on "Strengthening Stepfamilies," Latham Health Center, 1201 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham, \$40 single, \$55 couple. Information, 783-3110.

Exhibit, Rice Gallery's "Cycles," exhibition, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:20 p.m.

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

Meeting, Official Day in Court for all legal secretaries, on individual assignment system, West Wing Lecture Hall, Albany Law School, 80 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 436-9646 or 463-1177.

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 17

Health Forum, "Psychotherapeutic Treatment for Depression," with Dr. Richard Heimburg, Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Albany Division, 18 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, \$5, breakfast included, 7:30-9 a.m.

Medieval Faire, harvest festival of Middle Ages, art, music and food, Cathedral of All Saints, 62 South Swan St., Albany, \$3 adults, \$2 students, \$1 seniors and children, 4-9 p.m. Information, 439-9147.

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 18

"Beginning Again," workshop on redefining personal goals with creative therapist Geoffrey Scott-Alexander, Albany Public Library, 181 Washington Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Family Fun Day and Marathon, with Olympic gold medal winner Jeff Blatnick presenting awards to winners, Saint Gregory's School, Old Niskayuna Rd., Loudonville, events run from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information, 785-6621.

Country Dancing, for people of all abilities, gym of Guilderland Elementary School and Community Center, \$4, lessons 7:30-8 p.m., dancing 8-11 p.m.

Autumn Tour, Hannacroix Preserve, active hike at height of season of fall colors, meet west of Clarksville at intersection of Rts. 443 and Cass Hill Rd., bring lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 439-3753.

Family Concert, "Once Upon a Childhood," music, comedy and storytelling, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy Campus, 7 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

Turkey Supper, Thompsons Lake Reformed Church, junction of Rts. 157 and 157A, East Berne, adults \$5.75, children \$2.75, servings start at 4 p.m. Information, 872-0544.

Workshop, "Women's Rituals," performed by Shinnah, internationally known teacher, healer, ceremonialist and visionary, through Oct. 19, Eldridge Research Center, Huyck Preserve, Rensselaerville, \$110: Information, 797-3425.

Craft Fair, McKownville Fire Dept. Ladies' Auxiliary, firehouse, 1250 Western Ave., Albany, rent table for \$10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 457-8144.

Farmer's Market, fruits, vegetables and crafts, parking lot of First Congregational Church, 405 Quail St., Albany, 9 a.m.-noon.

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 24

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

Youth Group Meetings, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4410.

Friendship Club, one act play, "Lord Byron's Love Letter," performed by One Act Repertory Troupe, Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Seminar, on starting clothing or textile business in your own home, William Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, \$10 includes lunch and pamphlets, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 765-3520.

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25

Annual Roast Beef Supper, Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, Rt. 143, adults \$6, children, \$3, servings at 4, 5, 6 and 7 p.m. Information, 439-3883 or 439-7319.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bible Study, 7:45 a.m.

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26

Delmar Presbyterian Church, Church and Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Family Worship and Communion, first Sunday of each month, 10:30 a.m.; Adult Education, 9:15 a.m.; Senior High Fellowship, 4:30 p.m.; Junior High Fellowship, call 439-3052. Information, 439-9252.

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

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

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TUESDAY 21
OCTOBER

Marketing Seminar, "Business Growth: A Marketing Perspective," designed to aid small businessmen in understanding marketing concept and how it can be applied to their business, Ramada Inn, Western Ave., Albany, \$10, 8:30-11 a.m. Information, 765-3520.

Workshop, "Job Search and/or Career Change," focus on assessing skills, interests, organizing for effective job search, Campus Center, Albany Campus of Russell Sage College, 140 New Scotland Ave., 5-6 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

Friends of Albany Public Library, noon book review, "The Triumph of Politics," by David Stockman, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m. Information, 869-9317.

Former Smokers, support group sponsored by American Lung Association, 8 Mountain View Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 459-4197.

Fathers Rights Association, monthly meeting, with private investigator specialized in divorce investigations, Steuben Athletic Club, North Pearl St., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 674-3253.

Money becomes a factor

POLITICS

Democrat Eugene Keeler's campaign for the 102nd Assembly District pulled in \$32,577 in contributions, loans and transfers in the last reporting period, an indication that members of his own party think he has a chance of winning.

Keeler's fund raising, much of it from outside the district, puts him ahead of Republican John Faso, who has spent most of his funds winning a tough GOP primary. Faso's most recent financial statement on file with the state Board of Elections shows him raising \$8,765 since the Sept. 9 primary, with \$5,000 of that coming from the Columbia County Republican Committee, his home base. Since the campaign began, Faso has received \$28,215 in contributions, according to the reports on file.

Keeler's two previous reports, for the period up to July 11, had not shown much fund raising activity, but the July 12 to Sept. 29 report is a different story. The Columbia County district attorney reported receiving \$5,606 in contributions, \$10,000 in loans from four New York City corporations, and \$15,275 in transfers from political organizations.

Keeler has received \$5,000 from the state Democratic Committee, \$2,500 from the Albany County Democratic Committee, \$2,500 each from the Columbia and Greene County Democratic committees, and \$1,000 each from Assemblymen Melvin H. Miller, Arthur J. Kremer and Alan G. Hevesi, all of whom are

campaigning to become the next speaker of the assembly.

Both candidates are using their money for such traditional campaign costs as printing, telephones, mailings and newspaper ads. Keeler's report also indicates a reliance on billboards — \$5,476 spent since July 12 — and on radio advertising — \$3,876 so far.

Other action in the campaign includes:

Keeler

"Columbia County officials have recently stated that they will seek a bill in the state legislature to give the county or counties authority to control the flow of waste to a specific facility. As the Assemblyman for the 102nd District, I would sponsor such a bill," said Democrat Keeler said in a recent press release. "I will not allow the legislation to get to the floor of the Assembly, however, unless I am satisfied that adequate provision has been made to protect our environment and the public health of area residents."

Faso

Faso, the Republican candidate for the 102nd Assembly District, has announced that William Lawrence, chairman of the Greene County Legislature, will act as his Greene County campaign chairman.

"We have created a system which helps to perpetuate poverty and dependence. It's an outrage

that many people can do better on welfare than they can do working," Faso said.

DAR at library

Mrs. Lewis W. Hallenbeck, a professional geneologist, will discuss geneological sources at the Oct. 21 meeting of the Tawasentha Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

For information call Mrs. Milton Turner at 439-1437 or Mrs. Samuel R. Madison at 439-4753.

Keeler reception

Eugene Keeler, Columbia County District Attorney and Democratic candidate for the 102nd Assembly District, will be honored by prominent Democrats from the Hudson Valley at the Normanside Country Club on Saturday, Oct. 19, between 7 and 10 p.m.

Candidates to speak

The League of Women Voters of Albany County is sponsoring a candidate's forum for the 102nd Assembly District seat. The forum will be held on Monday, Oct. 20, at the Bethlehem Public Library, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Candidates in the race are Republican John Faso, Democrat Eugene Keeler and Conservative Party candidate Shaun Marie Levine.

SUNDAY 19
OCTOBER

Safety Program, learn about control burning as management technique in Pine Barrens communities hike in the Pine Bush, meet on dirt road, east of Rt. 155 and Old State Rd., 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 869-0453.

Art Auction, Junior League original works, benefit Junior League of Albany, Albany Hilton, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, \$5, preview 1:30 p.m., auction 2 p.m. Information, 438-4521.

MONDAY 20
OCTOBER

Lecture, "Art as Image-Making," arts in relation to Christian Faith, College of St. Rose Chapel, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

Meeting, Older Women's League, discussion on "What We don't know about Nursing Homes," Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Ave., 7-9 p.m. Information, 861-6935.

Seminar, Capital District Eye Surgery Associates, P.C., discussion of radial keratotomy, 747 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 462-6441.

Meeting, Myasthnia Gravis Foundation, for all those interested in learning about the disease, Americana Inn, 660 Albany Shaker Rd., Albany, registration 9:15-10 a.m. Information, 465-4409.

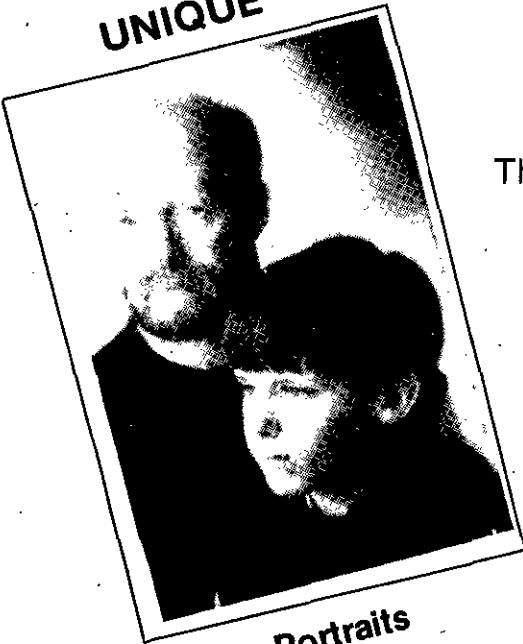
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Senior Services of Albany Area, Inc., sponsoring Flu Immunization Clinic, for those 60 and over, Louise Corning Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, \$3.50, 1-3:30 p.m. Information, 465-3322.

Minerva Hour, Blanche Cooney, co-creator of "Phoenix," talks about publication revived in 1970, Union College, Lamont House, Schenectady, 11:30 a.m. Information, 370-6172.

Albany County Audubon Society, program on "Pine Bush in our Future? The Hard Decision Ahead," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 439-0287.

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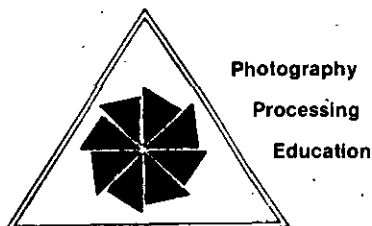
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RCS board adopts special diploma plan

By Patricia Mitchell

Handicapped students in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School district will now be able to receive diplomas when they finish their Individualized Education Program.

Adopted by the RCS board of education at last Monday's meeting, the policy states that handicapped students registered with the committee on special education may receive the IEP diploma to certify that they have finished their individualized program of course work for graduation.

After receiving the IEP diploma, handicapped students have the option of staying in school until they are 21 years old to receive a high school diploma, said Superintendent William Schwartz.

Before the board adopted the policy, handicapped students could receive either an attendance certificate or a high school diploma, Schwartz said.

In another student matter, the board added a modified cross country team and a pep band to the list of extra-curricular activities at the high school. Schwartz said the cross country team will replace the soccer team, which has been eliminated, and the pep band will be an alternative to a marching band.

High school principal Victor Carrk said students approached him and asked that the new activities be organized.

In other RCS school board action, the board agreed on a procedure to define seniority of the district's bus drivers. Schwartz said seniority will begin when a driver receives a first paycheck for driving as long as employment with the district is on a continuous basis. The policy will include substitutes, and will be in effect until the next contract between the district and the drivers is settled.

After a 45-minute executive session, the board agreed to grant higher seniority under the new policy to bus drivers Jack Bailey, Betty Jean Fink, and Roberta Albert, who either worked as substitute bus drivers or part-time drivers until they were hired full-time by the board at their Sept. 15 meeting.

In another personnel matter also in executive session, Schwartz said the board began to discuss the distribution of Excellence in Teaching funds. The recently settled contract with the RCS Teachers' Association will have to be reopened, and the board and the union will have to agree on a formula to distribute the funds.

Schwartz said the school board

discussed ideas on the allocation of the funds, and said they may start looking at other districts to see how they are dealing with the distribution.

The RCS school board also:

- Accepted a \$330 gift from Parents Against Chemical Abuse to purchase two films for junior and senior high school students.

- Approved the three-year probationary appointment of John Parker to an English as a second language teacher. Schwartz said she has a background in German and Spanish.

- Approved the appointment of Ruth Thompson to a half-time elementary music teacher. Schwartz said she has a background in working with handicapped students and has strength in stringed instruments, an area the music department is looking to improve.

The next meeting of the RCS school board is scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20.

Clinic at town hall

A free blood pressure clinic, sponsored by the Town of Bethlehem, will be held at Bethlehem Town Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.

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Barbara Pickup



Card party and social

Members of the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association will hold their card party and social on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m., at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144 and Winnie Rd., Selkirk. A boutique and gift table will be featured, as well as several raffles, a table prize and a variety of door prizes. Dessert and coffee or tea will be served. Tickets, donated by Benjamin Meyers, are \$2.50 per person. Event organizers are: Jancy and Gary Houck, general chairmen; Marjorie Terrell, tickets; Charles E. Alford, raffles; Ann Vandervort, boutique; Julie Kelley, refreshments and Mary VanOostenbrugge, table set-up. For information call 439-4526.

Junior High reports

This week Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High School will be mailing out interim reports. In the past the school has tried to send one to every student's parents. Due to mechanical difficulties, the school will not be able to send the regular computer reports. For this period only, teachers will be sending reports on a limited basis. Only parents of students who are experiencing difficulties at this time will receive a report.

Parents are asked to keep in mind that Nov. 4 is the RCS Junior High's regularly scheduled parent conference day. Parents who wish to meet with the teachers may do so at that time.

Bible study begins

During the next four weeks, Rev. Gary Dickson, pastor of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., So. Bethlehem, will be conducting weekly Bible studies at the church on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. The subjects and study are as follows: Oct. 15, facing fear and anxiety; Oct. 29, dealing with depression; Nov. 12, answering anger and Nov. 19, living with loneliness. All are welcome.

Sweaters boast spirit

A new project is currently underway to boost team spirit according to RCS wrestling coach John Vishneowski. RCS wrestling sweaters are being ordered this year. The sweaters will be worn to all away matches and tournaments in place of the customary shirt and tie. The teams sweaters will be green with gold letters. The sweaters are available to parents, fans and friends in gold with green

lettering. The team would like to see a majority of their fans purchase the sweaters before Oct. 17 through Mr. Vishneowski, Mr. Vanderzee, or Steven Sanson. The cost is \$16.50 and a ten dollar deposit is required. They are available in small, medium, large and extra-large sizes.

Church program

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem's fourth Sunday program for this month only, will be held on the third Sunday, Oct. 19. Everyone is invited to the program, which will get underway at 5 p.m. at the church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, with a covered-dish supper. The evenings guests will be Martha Brown and Marion Rogers, who will discuss the new classics of Albany Housing Project.

Continuing education

The RCS Continuing Education Program will begin during the week of Oct. 20. Courses being offered at this time include: introduction to computers, beginning and advanced sewing, basic photography, holiday crafts and decorations, talking with our children, stenciling, co-ed volleyball, dog obedience, pottery, Mr. and Mrs. Santa, revised CPR, multi-media first aid, "bear" obics, drawing and painting, craft trio, introduction to calligraphy, cake decorating, beginning quilting, pick-up basketball, successful personal investment, low-sodium diet, and a 3-hour pre-licensing course.

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Birds strong on defensive play

If Voorheesville's football team could fashion an offense as potent as their defense, the Blackbirds would be as good a high school outfit as any in this part of the state.

For the second week in a row the Voorheesville offense spent most of the afternoon going nowhere. Once again it was a case of one or two meaningful thrusts, then just hanging on. Two weeks ago John Meacham threw a touchdown pass in the third quarter and the Blackbirds barely escaped with a 6-0 win over Albany Academy. Last Saturday at Ravena the Blackbirds scored on their first play from scrimmage, turned a fumble into another TD, and resisted enormous pressure the rest of the day. They were thankful to get back on the bus with a 14-8 scalp.

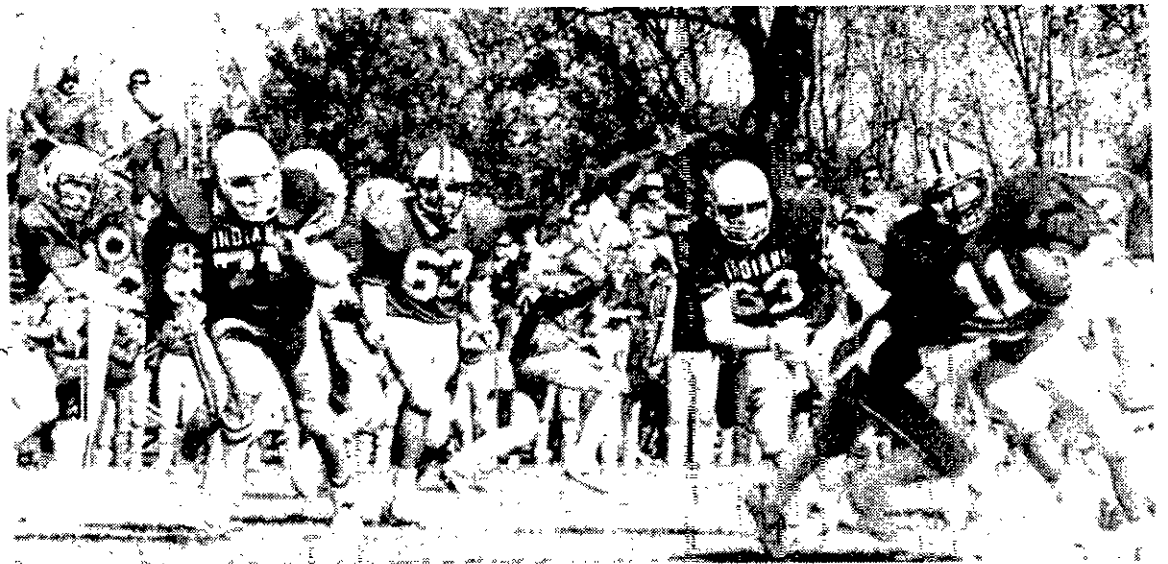
It was a bruising defensive battle before the largest crowd of the season on a bright October afternoon. It was the kind of day that Rich Kane, Frank Donnelly, Chuck Gianatasio, Jeff Mazzaferro & Co. thrive on. The Indians met them shoulder to shoulder with the same kind of slam-bang trench warfare, and the two evenly-matched teams battled to a

scoreless second half that wore out all the grass between the 20-yard lines.

The victory, combined with a Watervliet loss, gave the Blackbirds sole possession of first place in the Colonial Division. This week Voorheesville fans can expect more of the same hard-nosed football. Mohonasen is coming in to the Helderbergs with a forward line that enjoys good old alley fighting, which means that when the ball is snapped, you'll be able to hear the crunch of shoulder pads in Punkintown a mile away.

Local fans this Saturday can also expect to witness another superb exhibition of punting by Bruce Kinisky. This 180-pound junior unloaded half a dozen towering spirals at Ravena last week that kept the home team constantly in the hole.

Citizens who missed that game can get an idea of the intensity of the combat by looking at a few statistics that don't show in the box score. In the second half, struggling to preserve a perilous 6-point lead, the Voorheesville offense had six possessions. They ran 25 plays, achieved only one first down, and showed a net loss



Voorheesville quarterback John Meacham (11, in striped helmet) is thrown for a loss by Larry Rivers of RCS as Tim Penk (63) of the Indians comes in to

certify the stop. The Blackbirds won the defensive struggle, 14-8, to remain undefeated.

Bart Gottesman

of 21 yards for two quarters of football. On the six possessions, they had to punt five times — the game clock expired on the sixth.

In that half the aggressive RCS defense nailed Blackbird runners behind the line 10 times in 17 snaps, and permitted Meacham to throw only one pass. Two of the stops were sacks, and the Indians were unfriendly on quarterback options.

Meanwhile the Voorheesville defense was seeing to it that the Tribe offense was having the same kind of problems, even with such slippery characters as Brent Shook and Ken Koonz, plus bulky Tim Baranska, in the backfield. Ravena had five possessions in the second half and ran 24 plays. The Blackbird defense restricted them to three first downs, forced three punts and manufactured two turnovers, one by holding the powerful Indians on downs in the fourth period, the other on a fumble recovery.

"We did a heck of a job stopping them," commented Voorheesville coach Pete Douglas.

"But they shut us down, too. It was a tough defensive battle. Both teams really played their hearts out. It's a great rivalry."

Late comers in the overflow homecoming crowd missed the first touchdown, which came the first time the Blackbirds got their claws on the ball. On the opening play from scrimmage at the Voorheesville 25, Meacham put up a 40-yard spiral for Ed Sapienza. The little receiver, who stands only 5-6 and weighs a mere 114 after a full breakfast, took the ball on a fly pattern on the run at the Ravena 45 and was gone. It was a 75-yard pass play barely two minutes into the game. Matt Cillis kicked the point.

In the second period Jayson White surrounded a loose ball in the RCS backfield and the Blackbirds were back in business on their own 45. On the first play Kevin Kelly got loose for 33 yards. A personal foul assessed against Ravena put the ball on the 8. The Indians were stubborn down here, and it took three plays to get to the one-foot line, and a fourth to get Kelly into the end zone.

The Indians, down by two touchdowns, took to the warpath immediately, starting from their 30 after the kickoff. Koonz and Baranska ran for successive first downs, and Shook almost broke free around the left flank, but Brian Smith and Kinisky interrupted the journey on the Blackbird 25. Gianatasio, Donnelly and friends stopped three running plays, and it was fourth-and-10 when Shook took a handoff from Koonz and started wide to the right. With the Blackbirds in pursuit, Shook stopped, whirled left and threw across the field. Koonz, who had drifted away from the crowd after handing off, was all alone in the left flat. The throw, almost the width of the playfield, was on target, there wasn't a Blackbird within a city block, and Koonz became the first individual to cross the Voorheesville goal line in 1986. It was a picture play, perfectly executed.

Apart from the breakaways narrated above, Voorheesville's offensive statistics are best left untold. Meacham, constantly chased and harassed by his hosts, managed four completions in six throws, with one interception. Kelly had 64 yards on nine carries, including one 33-yard expedition. "We missed a lot of assignments and a lot of key blocks," said Douglas. "In the second half we didn't execute offensively."

The defensive statistics make better reading, but were shared by so many people it's hard to single out a few without having the list longer than the school honor roll. It should be noted, however, that John Traudt was back in action after an injury, and knocked down a lot of people. Mazzaferro and Bill Connell also got off the medical list, and the Blackbirds should have everybody healthy but Scott Malagruda, and he is due back in time for Watervliet two weeks from now.

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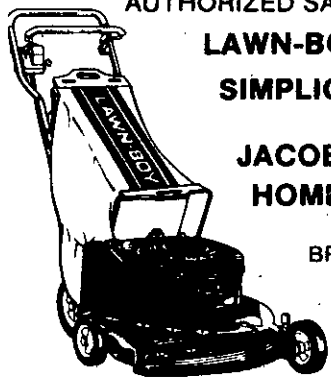
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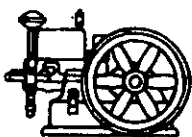
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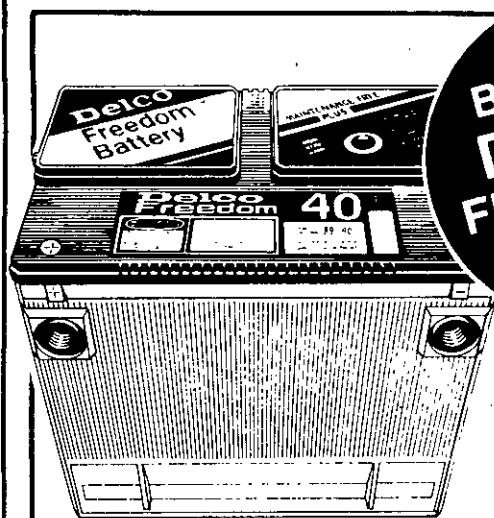


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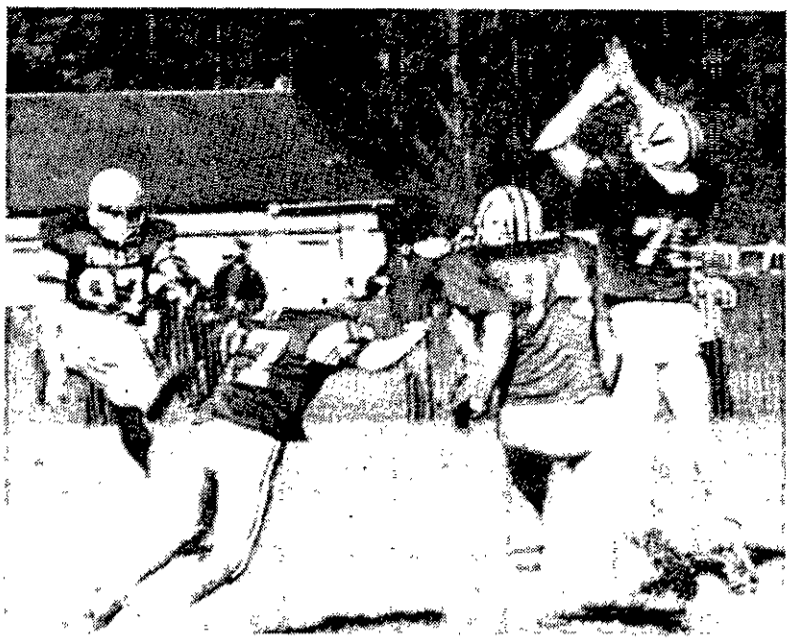
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Frank Donnelly (74) and Charlie Collins (76) of Voorheesville (striped helmets) put pressure on Ravena's punter in the third period of a rugged defensive battle Saturday. Don Keyer (87) got the kick away as Steve Dietz (17) of RCS throws a block on a rusher.

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Injured in crash

A 39-year old Coeymans Hollow woman received head injuries Thursday when the car she was driving slid into the path of an oncoming vehicle, Bethlehem Police said.

Joanne Newell, 39, of Coeymans Hollow, was treated and released from St. Peter's Hospital in Albany after the accident, a hospital spokesman said.

According to police, Newell was traveling south on County Rt. 102 near Bell Crossing Rd., and when she applied her brakes, her vehicle slid into the path of a northbound vehicle.

The driver of the northbound vehicle, a 23-year-old Coeymans Hollow man, was not injured, police said.

Newell was ticketed for failure to keep right, police said.

Not quick enough

A Selkirk man driving to work Saturday morning reported his car was stolen after he stopped at the Convenient Store on Rts. 9W and 396 and left the motor running, Bethlehem Police said.

The man stopped at the Convenient Store at 5:45 a.m. and went into the store for a few minutes leaving his car running, police said. When he returned, the car was gone.

Police said the car is a blue, four-door 1982 Plymouth Reliant.

Flu clinic Oct. 22

A flu immunization clinic will be held for senior citizens at the Louise Corning Center on Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. People who are allergic to eggs should not receive the vaccine because eggs are used in its production.

Senior citizens may register for \$3.50, through Friday, Oct. 17, by stopping in room 110 of Bethlehem Town Hall or by calling the senior citizens office at 439-4955, ext. 77.

Safe driving course

The next "55 Alive" defensive driving course, sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, will be held on Thursday, Oct. 23, at Bethlehem Town Hall from 1 to 5 p.m. The course is open to all drivers who are 55 or older. Completion of the program entitles participants to a 10 percent discount on their automobile liability insurance. Call Jack Pelletier at 439-3913 to register for \$10.

Peace breakfast

The Delmar Peace Breakfast will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 7 a.m. All are welcome. For information call 439-2941.

For Indians, mistakes and 'might have beens'

By Bart Gottesman

Tears and looks of devastation on the home team's side of the field told the story. Chances for a championship season are all but memories to Ravena's varsity football team as they suffered a defeat to unbeaten Voorheesville, Colonial Conference front-runners, 14-8.

The night before the contest, both teams had been given big breaks as Watervliet was upset by Mohonasen, 6-3. Since Vliet had been tied for first place with Voorheesville, a Ravena victory over the Blackbirds would have created a three-way tie for first place.

Ravena was hurt, as they have been all season, by giving up one big play to opponents. Against lesser teams, these mistakes were easily made up for, but not against a first-place team. Take away a 75-yard TD pass from John Meacham to Ed Sapienza in a Ravena defensive lapse and the score would have been 8-7 for RCS.

Another Ravena drive-killer has been the turnover. Each time RCS had an effective drive in the workings, they moved through Voorheesville's defense and were on the verge of a touchdown when they fumbled the ball and gave Voorheesville the opportunity to score. Voorheesville's second trip into the endzone followed a Ken Koonz fumble on Voorheesville's 47-yard line. After the recovery, Kevin Kelly had a 33-yard rush and an extra 15 yards was given to the Blackbirds via a penalty. Kelly concluded the drive with a one-yard plunge. Matt Cillis kicked his second extra point of the day, giving his team a 14-0 lead at the start of the second quarter. After that, Ravena's defense held Ville's offense at bay, allowing no points

and virtually stopping the visitors in their tracks.

Ravena's offense moved effectively, but only managed one score throughout the contest. The scoring play was a tricky one as running back Brent Shook got the ball from Koonz and Koonz went out for a pass. The two worked the play in harmony as it resulted in six points. Ravena made it 14-8 after Shook was successful on the two-point conversion. From that point on, Ravena's offense couldn't top off any drive with a score and left the game a 3-2 overall and 2-0 in the council. Voorheesville now stands a 4-0 in the council and 5-0 overall.

Ravena coach Gary VanDerzee's said his team played well. He felt his "offensive line neutralized their (Voorheesville's) defensive line." The coach also noted that "you (Ravena) can't give a good squad a 14-point lead." VanDerzee added that his defense played an outstanding game.



On the day Koonz completed four of 10 passes for 54 yards while his counterpart, Meacham, threw six times with four completions and 116 yards. Shook led all runners with 76 yards on 17 carries while Ravena's Tim Barsanska gained 36 yards on five attempts. Kelly led Voorheesville's rushing attack with 64 yards on nine attempts and Meacham gained 20 on eight tries.

One accomplishment for Ravena was ending Voorheesville's streak of not allowing any team to score. Special notice to Ravena's Ken Mueller, who played a superb game on the line for Ravena's defense. The senior nearly blocked three punts and was in on multiple tackles in leading his team.

This week Ravena takes on Schalmont, a team in its first year of league play after a long absence. Vanderzee stated that his team will have to pick its self up against the Sabres, a "tough team." The game will start at 1:30 p.m. at Schalmont.

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Eagles win Niskayuna 42-0

By John Bellizzi III

Niskayuna's Silver Warriors met their fifth defeat of the year at the hands of the soaring BC football team, who rebounded from their recent loss to Guilderland and shut out the Warriors on their own turf Saturday, 42-0.

"It felt great to win a game like that," said BC coach John Sodergren. "We haven't beat a team like this since 1978. I'm happy that we scored so many points, and I'm very happy for the kids because everybody got to play and have fun."

This week the 4-1 Eagles go up against undefeated Big Ten leader Amsterdam. "Amsterdam's tough," reflected Sodergren. "They have a great defense and a multiple formation offense. We need to work hard to beat them."

To their credit, Niskayuna continued to play hard throughout



Adam Acquario

last week's game, but the Eagles clearly dominated the one-sided contest almost from the beginning. Bethlehem controlled the ball and gained significant yardage during most of the scoreless first quarter, while the Eagles' defense kept the Silver Warriors at bay. Bethlehem

started the second quarter on Niskayuna's 20-yard line, and on the third play of the period, John Lindsay ran the ball in from the 4 for the first of six BC touchdowns. The extra point attempt by Peter Rizzuto was good, giving the Eagles a 7-0 lead with 11 minutes remaining in the half. Bethlehem scored for the second time, again from the five yard line, on a pass from quarterback Ed Perry to split end Pat McCormick. At halftime the score was 13-0.

The Eagles added two more touchdowns in the third quarter, both by Adam Acquario, on runs of 13 and seven yards. Perry connected with Paul Evangelist for a two-point conversion, and Rizzuto booted another extra point. In the fourth quarter, Lindsay took a pass from backup quarterback Mike Hodge and sprinted 60 yards downfield to another TD. Rizzuto kicked his third extra point of the game.

Hodge scored the final touchdown on a one-yard run, and Rizzuto's extra point attempt was golden again, to give BC a 42-0 victory. "We met two of our team's objectives," explained Sodergren. "The first was to score more than 30 points on offense. The second was to shut out an opponent."

Bethlehem rushed 42 times to pick up a total of 267 yards on the ground, and completed seven of 17 passes for 162 yards, giving the Eagles a total of 429 yards gained against Niskayuna. Acquario rushed 10 times for 108 yards, Rich Gray picked up 66 yards on 14 carries, and Lindsay ran five times for 28 yards. Perry rushed eight times for 46 yards, and completed six of 11 passes for 92 yards. Hodge picked up 11 on two carries, and completed one pass out of six attempts.

Bethlehem's junior varsity team, coached by Carl Frietag and Chris Rutschmann, defeated Niskayuna Saturday, increasing their record to two wins and three losses. The JV's host Amsterdam next Monday under the lights at 6. The freshman team, under the instruc-

tion of John DeMeo and Bob Salamone, met their first defeat at the hands of Shaker last Wednesday, giving the team a 2-1 record going into Monday's game at Columbia. This Friday, the frosh Eagles host Shenendehowa at 4 p.m.

Hockey team loses 1-0

By Rose Docteur

It was another disappointment for the Bethlehem field hockey team last week. Although the girls are playing well, according to coach Julie Wendth, they lost to Shaker 1-0 on Tuesday. On Thursday they lost 1-0 to Saratoga when the winning goal was scored in the last 45 seconds.

Wendth said the girls keep losing by one goal and that's discouraging, since they have been playing well against some of the stronger teams like Burnt Hills. The Eagles have been lucky to escape being plagued with injuries, although Erica Walsh has been sidelined by a foot injury.

Their next game is today (Wednesday) at Columbia, and the final contest is against Niskayuna on Friday.

Falcons fly high

The Bethlehem Falcons raised their record to 6-0 with a 27-13 thrashing of Hudson in Pop Warner PeeWee Division action Sunday.

Mike Gambelunghe again provided the offensive fireworks with two touchdown sprints of 28 yards and a 49-yard breakaway. He also ran for three extra points. Erik Schmollinger, Matt Follis and Steve Patterson were responsible for many of the blocks that sprung the speedy tailback. Linebacker Josh Eanni led the Falcon defense with 10 first-hit tackles. Also excelling were Mark Herzog, Bob Conway and John Schaller.

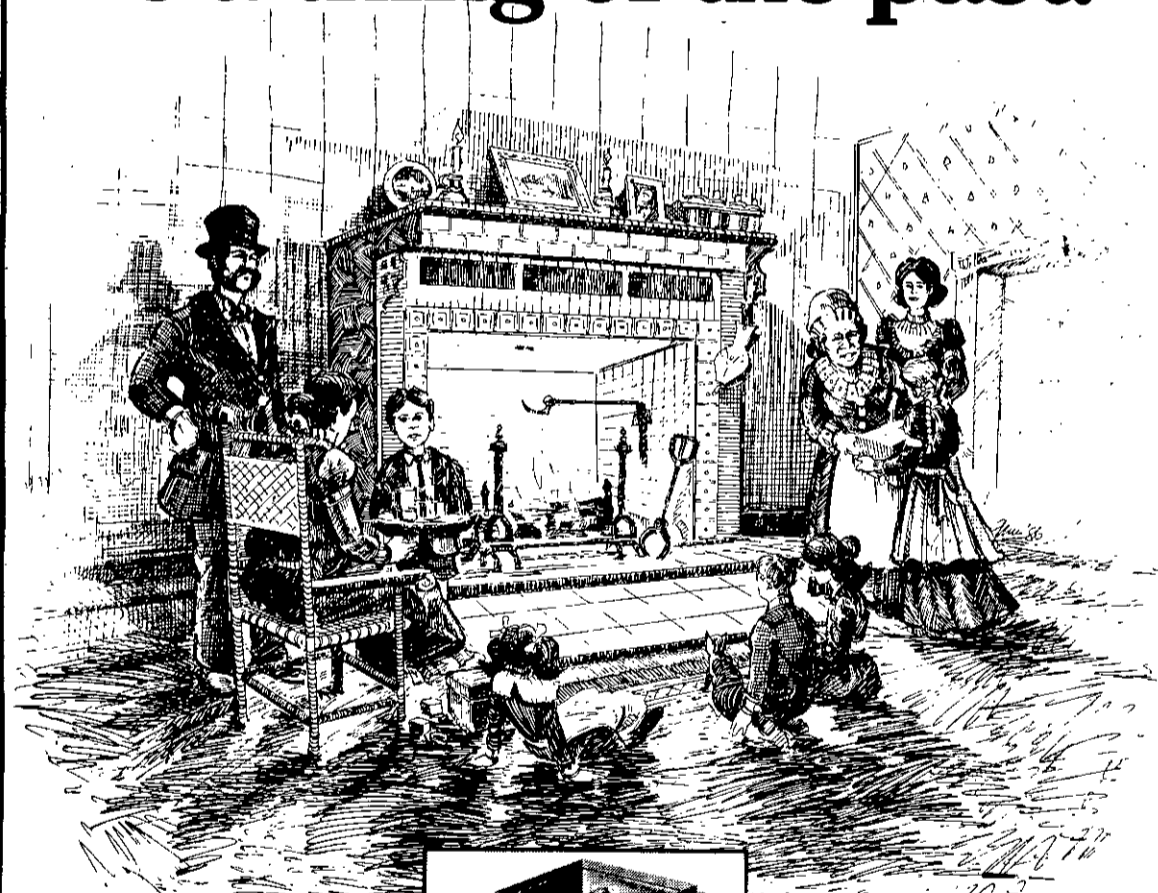
The Falcons will host North Colonie at 5 p.m. Saturday at Eagle Field.

Karate winners

Jeremy Crean of Delmar took first place in the advance junior division (ages 13-15, brown and black belt) for kata performance at the New International Ashihara Tournament, recently held in Springfield, Mass. Andy Seiden of Delmar took second place in the novice junior division for sparring.

Crean and Seiden are students at Albany Seido Karate.

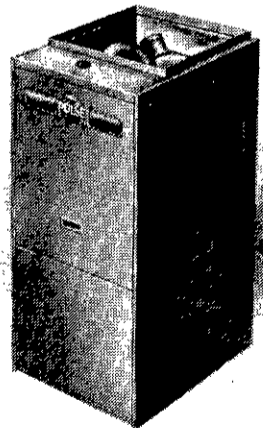
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Eagles fall to Burnt Hills

By Dave DeCecco

The Bethlehem boys' soccer team ran into a touch of bad luck last Tuesday, losing to visiting Burnt Hills, 4-3, in overtime. The Eagles struck first on a goal by Paul Doyle, and seemed to have their opponents in check. "At this point we were playing pretty well," said BC coach Gene Lewis.

Now for the bad luck. BC gave up two hand balls, and the Spartans converted both penalty kicks for a 2-1 edge. The score remained this way until the final two minutes, when Chris Boyd tied the score at two.

The game then went into overtime, and Burnt Hills took a 3-2 lead. A penalty then went in the Eagles' favor, and Toby Dunmore knocked in the free kick to knot the score at three.

The Eagles then suffered another tough break when they

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were penalized for dangerous play, an uncommon call. Three BC players and two Burnt Hills players were on the ground, and when other players are going after the ball this is considered a dangerous situation. Since this occurred less than 10 yards from the goal line, the Eagles were allowed to stuff as many players as possible on the line to try to block the free kick. It was to be an indirect kick, and when the Burnt Hills player faked a kick, everyone on the goal line moved in that direction. There was no second whistle, and while the Bethlehem players were getting re-organized, the Spartans put the ball in the goal. Lewis protested the lack of a second whistle, but his objection was overruled. Lewis said it was unfortunate that this happened, but "that's the way soccer goes."

The following Thursday the Eagles beat Shaker, 2-0. Though Bethlehem dominated the game, they ended up with only two goals, one each by Eric Lee and Rick Ramsby.

Saturday the team bombarded hapless Mohonasen, 11-0. Said

Lewis, "Mohonasen is rebuilding their program, and their players are very young. We made some nice plays, and it was a case of everybody doing the right thing." All 23 available Eagle players saw action, and they accumulated 57 shots on goal. On the Mohonasen keeper, Lewis said, "He may have allowed 11 goals, but he saved over 40." The story was just the opposite on the other side of the field, as Mohonasen never really got off a bona fide shot. Lee, Boyd, Tim McDermott and Geoff Ekstein each had two goals. Steve Ainsworth, Dave Cunningham and Jason DeWitt scored one each.

Bethlehem's balanced attack boasts several scoring leaders. Lee and Dunmore now have 11, Doyle 6, and McDermott and Cunningham, a halfback, five goals each. Lewis noted that Dunmore and Doyle are getting quite a bit of attention from other teams, and that as these two senior co-captains draw away defenders, other players can get shots off. Bethlehem's record now stands at 7-5-1 in the Suburban Council and 8-5-1 overall.

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Lady Eagles now 4-6 in league

Although they have jelled into a cohesive unit, the Bethlehem Central girls' soccer team faces an uphill battle to gain a berth in the Sectionals.

Two shutouts over Suburban Council foes last week lifted the Eagles to 4-6 in the league, but a winning record is necessary to qualify for post-season play. With five games left, BC must win four of them.

That's a pretty tall order, even though coach Kelly Keller says her charges "are starting to play really well." They reached a new season's peak in a two-day holiday tournament at Clifton Park, holding undefeated Suburban Council leader Shenendehowa to a scoreless deadlock before bowing, 2-0, in overtime, and edging East Syracuse, 2-1, in the consolation game.

Bethlehem keeper Julie Francis had 22 saves against the sharpshooting Shens. "It was the best game we played all season," said Keller. "We should end the season on a strong note."

Lynette Stracke booted home both goals against the visitors from Section 4, one on a penalty kick.

After starting the league season with three straight losses, the Eagles are on the rebound. Last week they knocked off Shaker by 1-0 and whitewashed Mohonasen, 4-0, both on the road. Lesley Anderson, sophomore center forward, scored the winning goal at Latham on a pass from junior halfback Cindy Riegel. At Rotterdam the goals came from Mary Beth Cook, Sharon Keens, Anderson and Stracke. Getting credit for assists were Anderson and Riegel.

The Eagles had a non-league matchup with Linton at Schenectady yesterday (Tuesday) before starting the final push for the Sectionals. Scotia comes to Delmar Thursday, and the Lady Eagles have a Saturday night date with Guelderland at 7. That will go into the books as the first time under the lights for a BC girls team.

Run for BCAA

The Bethlehem Central Athletic Association will hold a run-a-thon on Sunday, Oct. 19, to raise funds for the purchase of sports equipment for the district's athletic programs. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central High School track.

Each runner may designate one-half of his pledge money to a specific project. Last year proceeds from the event made possible the purchase of football field lights, new public address systems, moveable bleachers, team benches and batting cages. Each year the Bethlehem Central Athletic Association also presents two scholarships to outstanding athletes.

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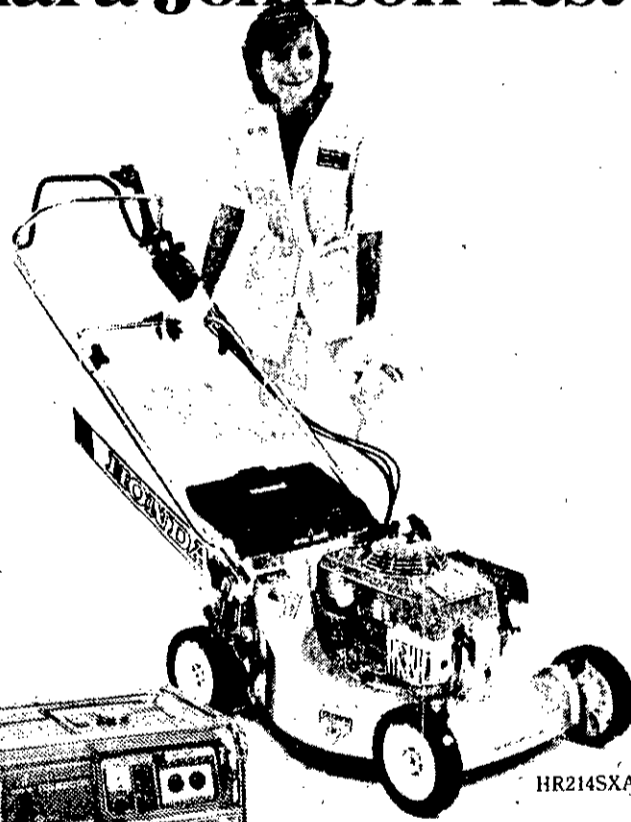
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Blackbird girls undefeated Blackbirds now second in Council

By Dave Larabee

Winning seems to be the only thing Voorheesville's varsity girls' tennis team knows how to do. The undefeated Colonial Council and Section 2 champion Blackbirds waltzed through their final week of team play.

To open the week last Tuesday the squad played host to non-league rival Maple Hill. Led by Paige Hotaling, the home team waltzed to a 5-2 victory. Hotaling, Donna Mensching, and Betsy Zehall had straight set victories in winning 6-0, 6-0; 6-1, 6-1 and 6-0, 6-4 respectively. Also winning for the Blackbirds were the doubles combinations of Cathy Tarullo and Kris Flanders and Denise Hoagland and Jen Zeh.

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Following the Maple Hill match, the team traveled to Schalmont to play the semifinals of the Section 2 class C team championships against Cobleskill. Again, the Blackbirds rolled behind strong performances from Hotaling and Mensching in singles and the doubles teams of Betsy Zeh-Tarullo and Petre-Flanders. With these victories, the squad won 4-1, pushing them into the finals.

In the championship the following day, the Blackbirds

played a strong Chatham team. Despite a disappointing loss by Hotaling, the team held on to win, 3-1. Both Fitzgerald and Mensching won seemingly easy straight-set matches, while Petre and Flanders teamed to win at second doubles. A final doubles match involving Tarullo and Betsy Zeh was halted because of rain after two evenly played sets.

This week, several of Voorheesville's team members will be competing in the individual Sectionals in Schenectady. Hotaling and Tarullo will be playing in the singles bracket, with Hotaling as the No. 6 seed for the second straight year. In doubles, the team will pair Betsy Zeh with Tarullo, and Mensching with Petre.

By Rick Leach

It was a week of revenge for the Voorheesville boys' soccer team, who came away with three consecutive victories, two over teams they had earlier beaten and tied. As a result, then moved into sole possession of second place in the Colonial Council.

Waterford had come to Voorheesville a few weeks ago and upset the Blackbirds, but that was not the case this time. Jon Chapman scored first for the fired-up Blackbirds on an assist from Keith Fragomeni seven minutes into the game. Two goals by Jeff Smolen produced a 3-0 halftime lead.

"We desperately needed the win, and we came out and took it to them," an elated coach Bob Crandall said. He added that "although everyone played well, Bryan Tracey and Jon Flanders had excellent games for the team."

Two days later the Blackbirds earned an easy win over Watervliet. Fragomeni led the scoring with two goals while Ken Andriano, Chapman, Smolen and Tracey also tallied for Voorheesville. The home squad completely outplayed the Cannoneers, getting 34 shots to three for two visitors.

On Friday Voorheesville played a tough physical game against Schalmont. Smolen opened the scoring on a corner kick from Fragomeni to take the early lead. Chapman and Andy Rockmore added goals to make it 3-0. "We played a very strong team game," Crandall noted. "Tracy again played well and goalkeeper Kevin Davis also played very well."

This was also a significant week for Voorheesville because the wins

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gave them a Class CC Sectional berth. On Monday the Birds had a home game with non-league foe Ichabod Crane, leaders of the Patroon Council. Today (Wednesday) the squad takes on Lansingburgh away, followed by a game Friday against Albany Academy. Next Tuesday the Blackbirds play Ichabod Crane again and they will anxiously await their Sectional position.

BC has spirit

Bethlehem Central's third Spirit Week celebration gets underway next week, Oct. 20 through Oct. 25, with a variety of sports contest and special events. The week will culminate with homecoming activities.

The high school cheerleaders will sponsor a pep rally and school color day on Friday, Oct. 24, a dance on Saturday, Oct. 25, a beach day on Tuesday, Oct. 21, dress-up day on Wednesday, Oct. 22, and hat day on Thursday, Oct. 23.

Homecoming will be highlighted by the varsity football game against Hudson Falls on Friday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. A parade, complete with floats, the marching band and an appearance by the homecoming queen, will be held during half-time.

The at-home calendar for Spirit Week includes the following games:

- Girls varsity and junior varsity soccer teams against Mohonasen, Monday, Oct. 20, 4 p.m.
- Freshmen girls soccer team against Guilderland, Monday, Oct. 20, 4 p.m.
- Girls varsity and junior varsity soccer teams against Saratoga, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 4 p.m.
- Girls varsity swim team against Burnt Hills, Friday, Oct. 24, 4:30 p.m.
- Freshmen boys soccer team against Saratoga, Friday, Oct. 24, 4 p.m.
- Freshmen boys football team against Colonie, Friday, Oct. 24, 4 p.m.

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Lady Eagles finish second

By Dave DeCecco

After a disheartening loss to powerful Niskayuna in the finals, the Bethlehem girls' tennis team finished their season as Section 2 Class A runner-up. The score was 7-2, with wins coming from No. 1 player Kristen Jones by 6-3, 6-1, and No. 6 Colby Woodruff by 7-6, 7-5. Niskayuna has three undefeated players, and Bethlehem took more games from them than any other team this year.

The immaturity of Niskayuna spectators, who cheered at every BC error, hurt the play of the Eagles. Not using it as an excuse for the loss, Bethlehem coach Grace Franze said, "Our girls were

hindered by the rudeness of the Niskayuna fans." This match took place Saturday, though BC anticipated that it would be Friday. "We played Guilderland on Thursday, and we thought Niskayuna was playing Saratoga at the same time. We were fired up after our win over Guilderland, and I think having to wait that extra day for the finals may have hurt us a little, too," said Franze.

The highlight of the Guilderland match was when the Dutchgirls' top two doubles teams, coming into the match with 10-0 records, fell to BC's teams of Megan Mitchell-Robin Richards and Liz Keens-Shalyn Ingraham. The singles sets also went well, all two-setters except one. The final tally in that one was Bethlehem 8, Guilderland 1. In order to play Guilderland, BC first had to beat Shenendehowa, which they did, and handily. All but one of the

matches were two setters, and the Lady Plainmen were overwhelmed, 9-0.

As far as the rained-out matches are concerned, Bethlehem and Burnt Hills have elected not to reschedule their match. BC finally got in the bout with Scotia and won, giving them a regular season record of 7-1. Including Sectional play, the team's final season record stands at 10-2, with both losses dealt by Niskayuna.

Individual Sectionals start today (Wednesday) at Central Park in Schenectady. Defending Section 3 champs Jody and Kristen Jones, runners up in the state tournament last fall, will again team up to defend their doubles crown. They are seeded first out of 32 teams entered. Seeded fourth is the BC team of Sue Shayegani and Kristen Burkhardt.

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Eagles stay on top

By Charles Henrikson

The Bethlehem Central cross country team only had one meet last week, into which they poured all their energy and came out winners.

The boys' half of the meet was the challenging part. The home meet was against Shenendehowa, Shaker and Saratoga, all strong teams. The boys managed to beat each of these, by scores of 24-31, 24-33 and 23-32. It was the first time since 1973 that BC had beaten Shenendehowa.

Each of the top five BC runners broke their personal records for the BC home course. Pete Winkler lead the way, followed by Craig Iseberg, Brendan Kejarse, Tom Nyilis and Dave DeCecco. These victories raised the team's record to 7-1. The team is now the top in the section, according to coach John Nyilis. They are ranked 26th in the state.

The girls had little more than a

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workout on Tuesday, beating each of their opponents by over 15 points. Kim Cornaire ran extremely well, according to coach Nyilis, winning the race. Cathy Saba, Julie Hammer, Becky Arenson and Heather Wolfe completed the rout. The girls are now 8-0, with a total record of 50-2 over the last five years. They are ranked 14th in the state at this point.

This Tuesday (yesterday), the team ran against Colonie and Guilderland at Guilderland. This was "the" meet for the girls, according to Nyilis. Colonie is their only real competition in this section. Colonie will be tough for the boys, but Nyilis was fairly confident of victory.

On Friday the team runs in the Albany County meet, in which BC will again battle Colonie in both the boys' and the girls' races.

DeCatur makes his move

By Rick Leach

Voorheesville runner Jon DeCatur has been living in the shadow of teammate Chuck Rogers all season but he has kept running consistently. The chance he has been looking for finally came last Tuesday when Rogers decided not to race because of an illness. The junior harrier made Mechanicville, Ravena and the rest of the Colonial Council stand up and take notice. Not only did he win the race but he set a course record with an outstanding time of 15:02.

Junior Jason Eberhardt finished in third place for the group while Pat Lentlie came in fifth. Overall, the team swept the race by scores of 20-36 over Ravena and 18-042 over Mechanicville. On the girls' side Dorinda Gifford came in third for the Ladybirds and Renay Arbour and Kim Sullivan also ran strong races in a losing effort. The Bird boys are 4-1 in the league, while the girls are 1-3.

In an invitational at Burnt Hills on Saturday, Rogers returned to finish first and remain undefeated for the year. His time of 12:33 was better than any other runner. DeCatur finished a respectable 17th. Overall the squad came in third behind only Granville and Hoosic Valley. Gifford again led the girls with a 19th place finish, with Carey Donahue coming in 41st. The team placed 11th.

This week the boys and girls opened with a home meet versus Schoharie and Schalmont. This dual will be a warm up for the Albany County championships on Friday. Rogers hopes to come home with his fifth consecutive invitational win and the Blackbirds should do very well, even though they are one of the two smallest schools in the race. "I think we have a good shot at the top three," Kirik noted. If everyone is healthy and runs like they are capable of, they might do even better.

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MOVING SALE Surrey Mall off New Scotland, Slingerlands. Oct. 18, 9-3. Sofa beds, room size rugs, antiques, children's clothes.

GARAGE SALE/BAKE SALE: Tri-village Nursery School. First United Methodist Church 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar 9am -2pm, Saturday, October 18, 1986. Children's clothing, household items.

198 WOODSEGE CT Sat., 10/18, 10-5, multi-family, proceeds for The Kid's Club.

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121 POPLAR DR. Saturday, 10/18, 9am -3 pm, lawn mower, bikes, baby items, tires.

19 BROOKVIEW AVE, Delmar, Fri/Sat, Oct 17 & 18, 10 am -4 pm, books, furniture, clothing, odds & ends, tires, rims, bicycles, children's toys, craft books & supplies.

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OBITUARIES

Leon M. Adkins

The Rev. Leon M. Adkins, 90, a former pastor of the Delmar Methodist Church, died Saturday, Oct. 11.

He served as pastor of the Delmar Methodist Church from 1927 to 1937, during which time he was a resident of Delmar. His son, the Rev. Leon M. Adkins Jr., also served as pastor of the Delmar Methodist Church for nine years, leaving in 1984.

A resident of Saratoga Springs, he was born in Ticonderoga.

He was an Army lieutenant, and served in World War I. In 1919, he received his bachelor's degree from Middlebury College in Vermont, and in 1925, he received his degree in theology from the Boston School of Theology. In 1945, he earned a doctor of divinity degree from Middlebury College.

In 1921, he entered the Troy Conference of the Methodist Church, and after serving in Delmar, he was pastor of the First Methodist Church in Schenectady from 1937 to 1950, and the Syracuse Methodist Church in Syracuse from 1950 to 1955.

From 1955 to 1966, he was general secretary of the board of education of the Troy Conference.

In 1964, he was a member of the Methodist Hymnal Committee, and was composer of the hymn, "Go, Make of All Disciples."

He also had many of his poems on the life and work of the church published in periodicals of the Methodist Church School of the Troy Conference.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Haseltine Adkins; a daughter, Rachel Platt of Rochester; two sons, Donald B. Adkins of Rochester, and the Rev. Leon M. Adkins Jr. of Albany; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25, in the United Methodist Church in Saratoga Springs.

Burial will be in Ticonderoga at the convenience of the family. Arrangements were by the Tunison Funeral Home in Saratoga Springs.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Methodist Church, the First Methodist Church in Schenectady or the United Methodist Church in Saratoga Springs.

Barbara Slingerland

Barbara P. Slingerland, 78, a former Selkirk resident, died Tuesday, Oct. 7.

She lived in Selkirk for many years before moving to Albany three months ago. She was born in Ticonderoga.

She worked for the state Education Department for 15 years, and retired in 1970.

She was a past president of the Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary, and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution Hannacroix Chapter No. 87. She was also a member of the First Methodist Church of Ticonderoga.

Survivors include her husband, William F. Slingerland Sr.; a daughter, Marcia Houghtaling of Albany; three sons, William F. Slingerland of Lombard, Ill., Donald J. Slingerland of Albany, and Ronald J. Slingerland of Westboro, Mass.; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie. Arrangements were by Marshall W. Tebbutt's Sons Funeral Home in Albany.

Linda Wenk

Linda Varrial Wenk, 73, a longtime resident of New Salem, died Saturday, Oct. 11.

Born in the Bronx, she lived on South Rd., New Salem, for 42 years.

She worked for six years as a

clerk for the state Department of Taxation and Finance, and retired in 1975.

She was a graduate of Hunter College in New York City.

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

Survivors include her husband, Cortland R. Wenk; two daughters, Virginia Romero of Saugerties, and Gloria Wenk of Syracuse; two sons, Richard A. Wenk of Schodack, and William M. Wenk of Mesa, Ariz.; a sister, Marguerite Varria of San Jose, Calif.; and two brothers, Albert Varrial of San Jose, Calif., and Victor Varrial of Scotch Pine, Calif. She also leaves six grandchildren.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands. Arrangements were by Reilly and Son Funeral Home of Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Ruth Fenninger

Ruth B. Fenninger, 71, a former resident of Delmar and a teacher, died Thursday, Oct. 9.

Born in Pennsylvania, she was a longtime resident of Delmar.

She was a graduate of Cornell University, and was a teacher of home economics in the Rochester City School District in Rochester.

She was a member of the Cornell Alumni Association and a member of the Bethlehem Home Bureau. She was also a member of

the Delmar Reformed Church.

Survivors include a nephew, Donald Miller of New Scotland; a brother-in-law, Walter Miller of New Scotland; several cousins; and friend, Helen Morrison of Troy.

She was the daughter of the late William and Anna Fenninger of Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar. Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home of Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the memorial fund of the Delmar Reformed Church, or to St. Peter's Hospice.

William Gatgens

William Cort Gatgens, 79, a long-time resident of Delmar and a former vice president at the Albany Savings Bank, died Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Born in Attica, he was a resident of Delmar since 1944. He was a resident of Williamsville briefly before his death.

He was vice president of the mortgage and loan department at Albany Savings Bank's main office in Albany, and retired in 1972.

He was a charter member of the Bethlehem Lions Club, and served as president in 1956.

He was the husband of the late Vera Clawson Gatgens.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Olson of Wayland, Mass., a

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son, W. Raymond Gatgens of Williamsville; a sister, Elizabeth Gatgens of Attica; a brother, Edward Gatgens of Attica; and two grandsons, Paul and Thomas Olson.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar. Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home of Delmar.

Mary Whitbeck

Mary E. White Whitbeck, 75, a former resident of Voorheesville, died Saturday, Oct. 11.

Born in Selkirk, she was a resident of Voorheesville for many years before recently moving to Guilderland.

She was a homemaker. She was the wife of the late Earl Whitbeck Sr.

She was a member of the Voorheesville Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Earl J. Whitbeck Jr. of Guilderland; five sisters, Carrie Goodfellow of Voorheesville, Rebecca Flansberg of Voorheesville, Anna Williams of Ravena, Hester Moorhouse of Coeymans Hollow, and Katherine Gombel of New Jersey; three brothers, Willard White of South Bethlehem, Rubin White of Ravena, and Phillip White of Selkirk. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Terry Lee Brame of Lewisville, Texas, and James Whitbeck of Albany.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar. Arrangements were by Brunk-Meyers Funeral Home of Voorheesville.

BOU to meet

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, a group which provides alternative activities for teenagers, will hold a meeting at the Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. For information call Holly Billings at 439-6885.



Kimberly Sajan

A role in Possession

Kimberly Sajan, a fifth grade student at Hamagrael Elementary School will appear as Arriete, a 12-year-old girl, in the ESIPA production of *Possession*, a new play written by Sidney Michaels, based on the true story of the murder at Cherry Hill in 1827. The play, which was commissioned in honor of Albany's Tricentennial, will premiere at The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Kimberly is a second-year student at ESIPA's Theatre Arts School.

Garage sale set

The Tri-Village Nursery School will hold a garage sale and bake sale at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Minna Breuer meeting

The Minna Breuer Group of the Albany Chapter Hadassah will hold a covered dish dinner at the home of Amy Sonne, 88 Wisconsin Ave., Delmar, on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. Sara Beth Lukin from the National Hadassah will be the guest speaker.

For reservations or information about membership call Janis Fox at 286-3206, before Oct. 17.

Panhellenic lunch

The Panhellenic Association will open the fall season with a luncheon at P.D. Ladd's Restaurant, State and Dove Sts., Albany, on Thursday, Oct. 16, at noon. Following lunchtime, members will tour the Museum of Early American Decoration, which is directed by Dorothy Frye, a Delmar artist.

All women who belong to national collegiate sororities are welcome. For reservations call Anne Green at 459-2570 or Judy DeRitter at 383-1124.

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Date	Time	Department or Unit	Event or Type Call
Oct. 3	12:45 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory distress
Oct. 3	6:35 p.m.	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Oct. 3	6:35 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Squad	Standby
Oct. 4	1:08 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Transport
Oct. 4	3:51 p.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Oct. 4	3:51 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
Oct. 4	6:29 p.m.	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Auto accident
Oct. 5	7:50 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Oct. 5	8:07 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Squad	Respiratory distress
Oct. 5	9:10 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Oct. 5	10:34 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Oct. 5	12:12 p.m.	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Alarm drop
Oct. 5	12:12 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Squad	Standby
Oct. 5	6:23 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Squad	Auto accident
Oct. 6	6:45 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Oct. 6	6:57 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Oct. 6	9:36 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Oct. 6	9:50 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Oct. 6	1:36 p.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Wires burning
Oct. 6	1:36 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Squad	Standby
Oct. 6	6:34 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Squad	Heart attack
Oct. 7	6:10 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Oct. 7	9:54 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Oct. 7	9:55 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Oct. 7	11:32 a.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Standby
Oct. 7	11:32 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Squad	Standby
Oct. 7	5:39 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Squad	Auto accident
Oct. 7	8:10 p.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Chimney fire
Oct. 7	8:10 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Squad	Standby
Oct. 8	6:22 a.m.	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Heart attack
Oct. 8	6:57 p.m.	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Structure fire
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War against drugs

Editor, The Spotlight:
I feel compelled to write because some recent letters indicate a perception that Bethlehem Central School District has (1) ignored or hidden the problem of substance abuse and (2) has policies detrimental to parent involvement when substance abuse situations occur. Just the opposite is true. School district personnel have spearheaded the drive to bring the problem before the community, to develop organizations and networks which parents and students could use and to provide direct assistance to parents and students when problems occur. It has been the Bethlehem Central School District representatives, with assistance from the Bethlehem Police and Recreation Department and a few dedicated parents, who have been at every public meeting, have organized programs, have developed substance abuse organizations and have been disappointed by the lack of involvement we've been able to generate.

A brief history might help. At least six years ago, Charlie

Gunner and the High School Parent-Faculty Organization organized a public meeting to discuss the growing problem of substance abuse. That meeting and subsequent leadership efforts on their part to increase awareness were poorly attended. Four years ago, Larry Zinn wrote a grant which resulted in training for more than 60 members of the Bethlehem Central School District staff, townspeople, and members of the police department, and town council and school board. From this resulted substantial numbers of student programs and staff projects, including the development of BOU (Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited) and the school board's decision to employ Mrs. Pinchback as a student assistance specialist.

This decision was made as a result of substantial public discussion including a presentation of need by Jane Feldmann, a BC teacher and then president of BOU. In addition, Holly Billings, president of BOU, Charlie Gunner, Fred Burdick, Pat Pinchback, a number of interested teachers and counselors, Fred

Holligan and Ray Linstruth of the police department, Phil Mahar and Dave Austin of the town recreation department, and dedicated parents have spent innumerable hours in the last four years trying to bring the present awareness to the community. It has been a long haul for the school district and the people involved; but, they were there and out in front.

With regard to parent notification, we constantly seek parent assistance through notification for a wide range of student behavior and needs. The student assistance specialist position and its level of confidentiality for the student, increases the chances the student will make contact and seek help from an adult. The student is also counseled to talk with his or her parents and to get them involved in the process. In fact, many of the contacts are initiated by the parents of students. During the month of September, 28 to 30 students who contacted Pat Pinchback had already involved or subsequently involved their parents. This is not an operation where parents are kept in the dark; rather, it encourages greater involvement of student and parent involvement in the problem.

Last, the student assistance specialist is not alone. Teachers, counselors, school psychologists and social workers, and the building administrators are all concerned about and involved with students who need help with substance abuse problems. They seek parents' assistance and involvement. If the discussion of the last few weeks helps people to want to get involved in organizations like BOU and to form networks, it will have been worth the years of Bethlehem Central staff members' efforts.

J. Briggs McAndrews

Superintendent
Bethlehem Central School District

P.S. Membership and involvement in BOU can be achieved by contacting Holly Billings at 439-6885 or Pat Pinchback at 439-4921.

Responsible effectiveness

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thank goodness, we're finally

talking about substance abuse in Bethlehem. I couldn't agree more with other parents that have written in this column. Secondary school personnel are failing to share enough information with us, and, when we try to get facts or to get involved, we are pushed aside with confusing double messages. I intend to start complaining about that (a lot) but not now. My purpose here is the opposite, namely to share my impressions of parents' roles in this mess.

If we have problems getting answers from the schools, it is not because there is a policy or conspiracy of silence. The silence results from our intimidation of teachers and administrators. We send our own double messages. We say we care but withdraw our involvement from the schools and our children as they get older. We say we want to know how the kids are doing, but, when the news is bad, we deny, start misplacing the blame and threaten to sue. It's no wonder that when we ask for answers we hear a sharp intake of breath and a moment of silence before the guarded, sometimes inadequate response. If communications between the homes and the secondary schools are rotten, and I think they are, parents shoulder at least half the blame. It's going to take a lot of work on both sides to reestablish trust and open those communications lines.

While I'm still feeling some empathy for school staff, let me suggest that we let Pat Pinchback off the hook. She may be the best thing that's happened to Bethlehem in a long time. She's honest to a fault. Right or wrong, she says not only what she can prove but what she feels and thinks about the situation. That's always dangerous. That's what has gotten her into trouble. That's also what has put the drug issue up front and what has set the example we all must follow if we're going to get past our own problems and on to the business of helping the kids. Hers is not an easy or enviable task. She is attempting to heighten awareness in a community that prefers not to see. She's attempting to open communications in an atmosphere of mutual mistrust. She's attempting to show us how to identify and deal with dangerous problems facing our children. Finally, when

as parents or teachers we fail to see or take action, she is functioning as a safety net for children in crisis. To do this effectively, she must sometimes promise confidentiality to these children. Withholding this sort of information from parents is not right. I know it. You know it. She's a parent. She knows it. But, since when did life ever flow according to our definitions of "right?" If, for whatever reason, my child feels he can't come to me but is hurting so much there is no place to go but to her or over the edge, I hope he opts for her. I'll try to forget my parental rights. The child's needs and rights take precedence.

Thank you, Pat, for being willing to share his pain until you can convince him to share it at home. Thanks for being willing to walk that tightrope with him and for assuming the burden of making decisions to bring him back safely. When the rest of us learn to emulate that kind of courage, we'll be ready to help in the battle against substance abuse.

Phyllis Braga

Clarksville

Community concern

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thanks to the people who took the time to express concerns on the student assistance presentation.

The next step is a joint effort to work toward changing the drug situation, which concerns all of us as parents, educators and community residents.

We can work together to achieve this through church groups, BOU, parent-school groups, and volunteer programs.

Pat Pinchback

Student Assistance Specialist
Bethlehem Central School District

Community effort

Editor, The Spotlight:

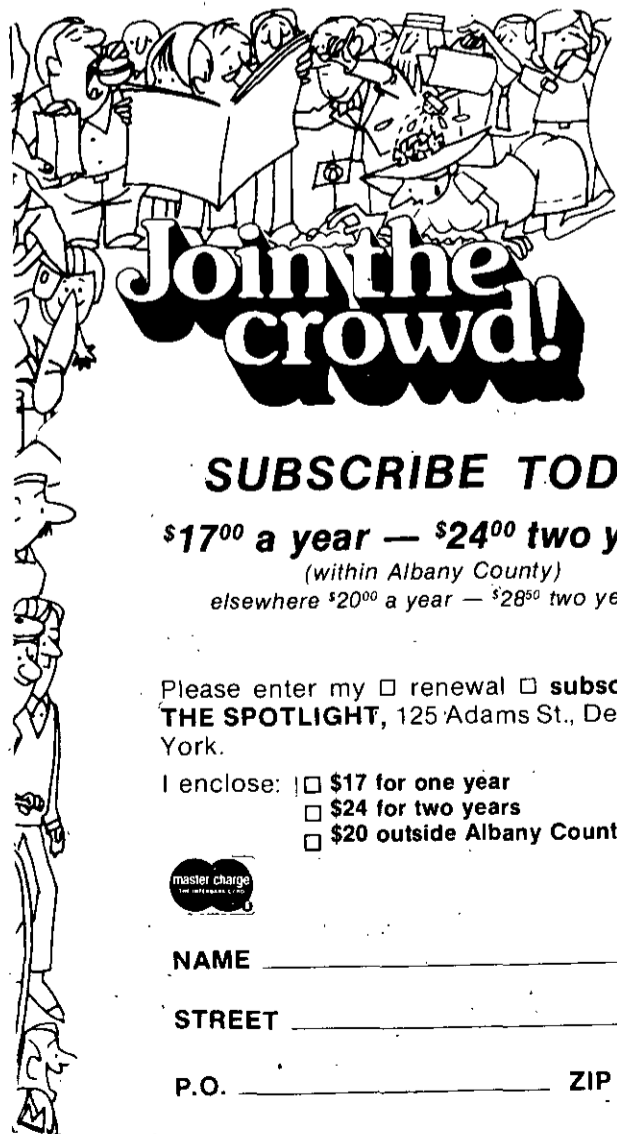
On Wednesday evening, October 8th, the Bethlehem Town Board, in a surprise move, voted on the building project approval for the proposed Northeast Psychiatric Hospital. The project was defeated in a 3-2 vote. My thanks go to the hundreds of residents and parents, parent-teacher and neighborhood associations who supported us in our opposition to locating the psychiatric facility near our elementary school. I am most appreciative to the many individuals, especially Dan Foro and Robert Burns, who became personally and deeply involved in the issue and all who attended the public hearing in April.

The board vote culminated an intense and exhausting nine month effort which involved numerous meetings, radio and television interviews, out-of-state trips, editorials, petitioning and telephone campaigns of a magnitude which may be unprecedented in the town. We express our concerns to the Board of Education, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Planning Board with disappointing results. These disappointments, coupled with a lengthy review process, might have diminished our drive had we not been so thoroughly convinced of the necessity of our continued involvement. We then contacted the Assembly candidates in our district for a two-fold purpose. First, we wanted to know what kind of commitment they could offer in solving future problems of this nature in their Assembly position. Satisfactory responses were received from Ms. Levine, Mr. Swan and Mr. Keeler. Second, we hoped to demonstrate to town officials that we were ready, willing and able to become politically active. I think they got the message.

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let you know what I think can be done in Albany.

Last year, I was glad to learn that the "heart bill" which will provide you benefits should you suffer a heart attack while fighting a fire, had been extended to June of 1987. Every two years, this law is extended two more years. I say, make it permanent. As your assemblyman, I will

"I will deliver."

the new costs for equipment that the federal OSHA standards require, was recalled from the Governor's Office and may not receive his signature this year.

To ask you to shoulder the burden of these new costs, amounting to several hundred dollars per volunteer, is unfair and makes little sense to me. I support state aid to cover these costs.

When I campaign for the state assembly in our area, I am often asked what I can do to help volunteer firefighters. I want to

sponsor legislation to do just that.

I was also glad to learn that the state budget has funds this year to provide training to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel. I will do everything I can to help expand and improve training for volunteers.

My opponents can make promises too. But there is a big difference between Gene Keeler and the other candidates. As a member of the majority party in the Assembly, My promise is one that I can keep. I will deliver.

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After the Planning Board had made its recommendation, we continued our efforts with members of the Town Board. Although it is apparent that we failed to convince Supervisor Hendrick and Mrs. Bickel with our objections to the site, I must indicate that all the board members were very receptive to hearing what we had to say. I applaud Mr. Geurtze, Mr. Prothero and Mrs. Ritchko for representing the concerns of their constituency rather than just their own personal feelings and for indicating a real concern regarding the future development on Route 9W.

The last point I would like to make is that every one of us who opposed the site in Glenmont are well-educated, responsible and compassionate individuals. Some of us have experienced the tragedy of mental illness in our own families. We are aware of the goals of psychiatric treatment, as well as the realities. We also know that our first obligation is to our children.

We have indicated to the Town Board that if the developer is considering alternate sites in Bethlehem, some of our members could be available to participate in the selection process to help insure that additional sites under consideration would be acceptable to the community. We also stand ready to assist the town if needed, in the event of a legal action.

George M. Kaufman
Concerned Citizens of Bethlehem
Glenmont

Thank you

Editor, The Spotlight:
The late Robert E. May, who gave our Town of Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park the funds with which to build two large structures to ward off the hot summer sun from sensitive-skinned swimmers, young and old, had two fine thoughts when he made the contribution: first, that the structures would be dedicated to his late wife, Elsie, and second, that the construction would show Mr. and Mrs. May's genuine concern for people.

Unfortunately, before Mr. May could participate in the dedication, he too, passed away to share, we know, an eternal sunshine with his bride of many years. He will be sincerely missed. The dedication will be held next summer.

On behalf of our Town Board, as well as the thousands who will appreciate the shade his thoughtfulness will provide in the years ahead, we express our condolences to his family and his many friends.

J. Robert Hendrick
Supervisor
Town of Bethlehem



Mr. and Mrs. James Nicholas Suciú

Kathy Abele married

Kathy Sue Abele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian N. Abele of Glenmont, and James Nicholas Suciú, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.N. Suciú of Palm Harbor, Fla., were married Sept. 6 at the First Reformed Church, Schenectady.

Mrs. Karen Wells was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Barbara Goefft and Mrs. Nancy Killen, sisters of the groom, and Mrs. Antonia Suciú, sister-in-law of the groom. Lauren Killen, niece of the groom, served as flowergirl. Brian Slack was best man, and ushers were Richard Suciú and Ronald Suciú, brothers of the groom, and Christian Abele, brother of the bride. Andrew Killen, nephew of the groom, served as ring bearer.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, earned a bachelor's degree in

Chamber meets

Gordon D'Angelo, a financial planner, an author and the district manager of H and R Block, will speak about tax reform "Changes, Strategies and Outlook" for small businesses during the Oct. 23 meeting of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon will be held at the Fiesta Restaurant at 11:30 a.m.

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mechanical engineering from Clarkson University. The bridegroom, a graduate of Niskayuna High School, earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University. Both are employed by the General Electric Company in Schenectady.

After a wedding trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, the couple will reside in Schenectady.

Minozzi-Fuda

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Minozzi of Voorheesville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Paula Jude, to Dominick R. Fuda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick A. Fuda of Albany.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of the Junior College of Albany, is a registered nurse with the American Red Cross. Her fiancé attended Schenectady County Community College and is employed by the American Red Cross.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Law of Delmar recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an extended trip to Hawaii and California. They were married May 18 in Neversink, N.Y. They have two daughters, Janet Hull of Delmar and Mary Ann Schweikert of Glens Falls, and four grandchildren.

During their travels family members and friends joined the couple for an anniversary celebration dinner party.

Mr. Law, a graduate of

Columbia University, retired from his duties as director of communications at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy in 1979. He previously served as director of communications at Marywood College in Scranton, Pa., an employee of the state Department of Education and a teacher in the Walkill Central School District.

Mrs. Law was an elementary school teacher at the Pine Bush Central School, Pine Bush, Ulster County. She retired in 1964.



Community Corner

Benefit run

A run-a-thon to benefit the Bethlehem Central Athletic Association will be held on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Bethlehem Central High School track.

Each runner may designate one-half of his pledge money to a specific project. Last year proceeds from the event were used toward the purchase of football field lights, new public address systems, moveable bleachers, team benches and batting cages. Each year the association also presents two scholarships to outstanding athletes.

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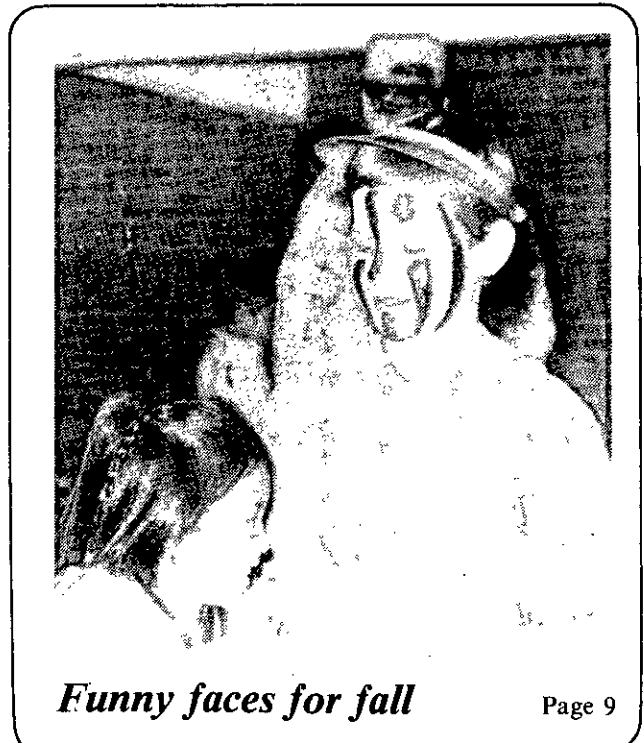
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