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Making the best of a monopoly

Grand Union: 'We're trying'

By Lorraine C. Smith

It's Delmar's favorite topic, Delaware Plaza's ordeal — and it's kept *The Spotlight's* mailbox full. The Progress Club has taken a position. The Chamber of Commerce is looking for a solution. The town supervisor is discussing zoning and realtors are negotiating land availability. In Delmar, where only a few years ago there were three super-market chains, now there is only one.

Grand Union stands alone.

With the closing of the Delaware Ave. Albany Public Market last November, Grand Union became a "monopoly." Intentional or not, the company's status as the only game in town is resented by many town residents. The Delmar store has become so busy that the company has hired 30 additional staff, and still there are complaints.

The situation has meant a change of shopping habits for many town residents — different shopping times, more reliance on convenience stores and for many a rediscovery of Delmar's many fine specialty food stores.

Working with the chamber, Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick says he has discussed sites with representatives of a half dozen supermarket chains. The most active interest, he said recently, has been in land zoned for commercial use on Delaware Ave. southwest of the high school, and in residentially zoned land in Slingerlands. But so far, no takers. And even if a deal were closed tomorrow, Hendrick observes, it would probably be two years before the new store could open its doors.



A few of the 20,000 weekly customers visiting the Delmar Grand Union supermarket.

Tom Knight

So what are you saying, Delmar shopper? What are your gripes? (Be fair, don't forget your compliments). And Grand Union, are you doing everything you can now that you're the breadbasket of Bethlehem?

Eighteen Bethlehem residents were asked for their comments regarding their food shopping habits. Revealing individual and shared opinions, most of the participants were disturbed with having no choice in local supermarkets. A few admitted that their complaints could be directed at any store, if it were the only choice available. Nevertheless, the discussions evolved into what Grand Union is doing right and wrong under the circumstances.

Local, regional and national representatives of Grand Union met with *The Spotlight* to respond to this collection of comments. From Grand Union in Delmar were Art Kane, general manager, and Vince Monforte, service manager. From the regional office at Waterford came Norine M. Murray, public relations administrator. And from Grand Union's corporate headquarters in Elmwood Park, N.J., came Donald C. Vaillancourt, corporate vice president for corporate communications and consumer affairs.

Grand Union management cited a full measure of changes including ongoing staff additions, the creation of new management positions, extended service hours,

special item request procedures, stock rearrangements, and the introduction of community communication in the last few months.

All in all, some 20 topics were discussed, with the principal concerns emerging as: the availability of items, prices, crowds, time in the check-out line, smoking in the store, courtesy, the store's layout, and the monopoly.

Availability of items

Although most customers indicated their satisfaction with the variety of grocery choices at Grand Union, several persons cited the inconvenience and impracticality of shopping

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Making the best of nothing

Voorheesville residents learn to cope

By Lyn Stapf

It's not unusual for residents of Voorheesville to give directions by saying, "You drive down to the old abandoned Grand Union building..."

Three years since Voorheesville's only supermarket closed, it may be gone but it is certainly not forgotten.

The void left when the chain suddenly pulled out the first week of 1985 is still felt by area residents who must now travel to either Gunderland or Delmar to shop at a large supermarket. Although smaller stores such as

Stewarts, Ricci's and Stonewell provide some relief, a good number of residents still miss the convenience of local supermarket.

Yet while a cross section of residents interviewed said they definitely would welcome an "in-town supermarket," for the most part they have learned to cope with the situation.

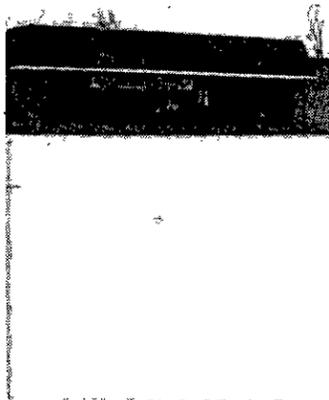
Kiwanis president Mike Malark agrees that it certainly would be convenient to have a supermarket in town but adds that most people have learned to schedule shopping on their way home from work or while running

errands. Malark said he feels that unless a supermarket could offer competitive prices it would just be used for convenience sake to pick up extra items.

The advantages, he adds, are that such a business would spark competition and perhaps lower prices in the area and offer more of a selection.

Ethel Cooper was one of many who had already switched to Price Chopper before the close of the Grand Union. Ironically, the Coopers were originally pro-Grand Union, because her father-in-law was a longtime

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Voorheesville's Grand Union building still stands empty, three years after the chain pulled out.

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Standing pat at BC

By Patricia Mitchell

More state aid for Bethlehem Central Schools than originally projected will go into a contingency account instead of reducing taxes.

The school board decided last week to set the funds aside in case assessments don't go up as much as the district projected, and in case the state aid to the district is linked with other costs. The district also faces costs for repairs to the high school auditorium roof that are not covered by insurance.

In a state aid package approved by the legislature April 9, BC is expected to receive \$4,082,713 in aid for 1987-88. That is about \$156,000 more than what the school board projected in its budget and figured preliminary tax rates from, and is an increase of \$276,696 or 7 percent over this year's aid.

The \$20.3 million proposed budget is an increase of about seven percent from this year's \$18.9 million budget, and will be voted on by district residents on Wednesday, May 6. Tax rates for 1987-88 are projected at \$181 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the Town of Bethlehem, an increase of about \$8 or 4.5 percent, and at \$276 per \$1,000 for the Town of New Scotland, a decrease of about \$11 or 3.7 percent.

About 25 residents attended the budget hearing last Wednesday, but no one spoke on the budget, leaving the school board to decide on its own what to do with the extra funds.

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RCS rate lowered

By Patricia Mitchell

Because of more state aid than anticipated, preliminary tax rates in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School district will be substantially less than first announced.

The increases will range from one percent to 12 percent next year. Bethlehem residents now can expect tax rates to increase 10 percent rather than 16 percent, to \$169 per \$1,000 of assessed value from this year's \$153. And for New Scotland residents, tax rates will increase about two percent rather than six percent, to \$258 per \$1,000 of assessed value from this year's \$253.

RCS residents will be voting on the proposed \$12.8 million budget on Wednesday, May 13.

In the state aid package adopted by the legislature April 9, RCS will be getting \$6,048,358 next year. Figures released earlier this year in the governor's proposed budget placed state aid at \$5,800,654. The revised tax rates were handed to the school board at their meeting Monday night based on the approved state aid.

"It looks like a very positive

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Airport expansion manager is hired

By Patricia Dumas

"Another example of the county executive building another empire." That's the way W. Gordon Morris, of Delmar, minority leader of the Albany County Legislature, described the county's authorization of a full-time coordinator position to promote development of lands around the county airport.

Morris and fellow Republican legislator Edward Buhrmaster of Colonie spoke against the authorization last Tuesday when it came up for a vote at the legislature's meeting. But the Democrat-controlled body approved it 23-12, thereby establishing the \$35,000 a year post of airport development coordinator. Threedays later, County Executive James J. Coyne announced that the new coordinator will be Howard Goldstock of Niskayuna. Retired president of a chain of sporting good stores, Goldstock is a private pilot who has maintained an active interest in aviation since serving as a Marine Corps aviator.

At the press conference when he announced the appointment, Coyne referred indirectly to the criticism from Morris and Buhrmaster. The legislators had pointed out that other groups already were studying airport development, that there are planning experts currently on the county staff, and that a master plan for the development already exists.

"I know some people question whether we need an additional person to do airport development work," Coyne said, but he claimed that "investment in a new position will be more than compensated by the millions of dollars of new jobs created and new tax revenue to all levels of government. Naturally, I first considered whether we could ask existing county staff to take on this project, but existing economic development efforts, including the civic center, has increased the burden on current staff to the limit, so the choice was to add one more position or put off the effort until the civic center was completed. I think the airport development is too important to put off."

County officials last year authorized a \$15 to \$20 million expansion of the airport terminal and chose the Albany architectural firm of Einhorn, Yaffee and Prescott as the designers. That expansion is part of a master plan preliminarily drafted in 1977, which projected the social, economic and environmental needs of the area surrounding the airport in Colonie. It has since been revised and updated and will tie in with the new planning. The county owns more than 1,000 acres around the airport and has purchased residential properties which add to the available property use. Suggestions for possible use of the land include a

restaurant, hotel and parking garage.

Clough, Harbor and Associates are presently under contract to study problems of noise pollution from the airport and the Shaker Heritage Society also is conducting a study of future use of Shaker property in the vicinity.

At its meeting last week the county Legislature also approved contracts with Clough, Harbour and Associates for engineering work on a new taxiway to provide airplanes with more direct access to a hangar and for engineering work geared toward improving security of the air operations area. The work was authorized for up to \$19,000 on the taxiway and up to \$20,000 for the security project.

Another contract awarded by the legislature went to Pre-Con Corporation of Brampton, Ontario, Canada, for furnishing, delivering and installing precast concrete seating inside the Civic Center arena.

The contract was awarded to the firm as low bidder at \$1,670,800 for the work. Now under construction, the civic center is slated for completion by 1989.

Crash is fatal

The Albany County Coroner's office has ruled shock and hemorrhaging as the cause of death of a 48-year-old Selkirk woman after her car struck a tree and a fence Friday morning in Selkirk.

The crash is still under investigation, Bethlehem Police said.

Shirley Pyle, 48, of Old Ravena Rd. in Selkirk, was pronounced dead at Albany Medical Center Hospital at 11:57 a.m. Friday after suffering multiple injuries, a hospital spokesman said.

Pyle was taken to Albany Med after her car went off Old Ravena Rd. at about 7:25 a.m. Friday, hitting a fence and then a tree, police said. Conscious at the scene, Pyle complained of abdominal pains and was taken to the hospital by Bethlehem Ambulance. The Slingerlands Heavy Rescue Squad also responded to the scene, police said.

Job Corps open house

U.S. Congressman Samuel S. Stratton will be the guest speaker at the Glenmont Job Corps Center open house on Saturday, April 25, from noon to 4 p.m.

Other scheduled speakers include Peter Mannella, director of the New York State Job Training Partnership Council; Stanley Belza, regional director of Job Corps, and Herb Watkins, president of Singer Career Systems.

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Showhouse '87 will be previewed Sunday, April 26, starting first at the Albany Country Club off Relyea Rd. in Voorheesville, from noon to 3 p.m., and then moving over the decorators' house at 19 Relyea Rd. from 3 to 5 p.m. Some of the decorators who will be on hand are, from left, F. Bradford Kimball Jr. and Eileen Schuyler of The Village Furniture Company, decorators of one bedroom, and Fred Kendrick Morris of the Village Framme Shoppe and the F. Kendrick Gallery, decorator of the cafe. Tickets for Showhouse are available at the door.

Democrats enter planning fray

The expected appointment of Dennis Corrigan to the Bethlehem Town Board this week is drawing more flack from the leader of the town's Democratic committee. This time, William Burkhard is attempting to link Corrigan to the planning and development issue that is shaping up to be a major theme in this year's election.

Corrigan, a Glenmont resident and a civil engineer by profession, is a son of former supervisor Tom Corrigan, a member of the Bethlehem Planning Board and one of the developers of the Main Square shopping plaza on Delaware Ave., now starting construction. He was tapped by the Bethlehem Republican Committee to replace Councilman John Geurtze, who resigned from the town board effective April 17 to take a job with the town. Corrigan is expected to be formally appointed by the all-Republican board at its meeting Wednesday.

The appointment, said Burkhard in a statement issued last week, "clearly paints the picture of a Republican-controlled town council ignoring the wishes of Bethlehem residents who want orderly and planned development in their community."

Burkhard questioned how Corrigan — "given his meteoric rise at the behest of the Republican Party" — could maintain an "independent viewpoint" in regard to planning and development in Bethlehem. However, he stopped short of accusing Corrigan of any impropriety or conflict of interest. Main Square has already been approved by the planning board, with Corrigan abstaining.

Development of vacant land in Bethlehem is shaping up as a major issue this year, with citizens on the west end of town fighting the proposed Delmar Village residential complex and neighborhood groups in Glenmont concerned about commercial development along Rt. 9W. A group called the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning is attempting to forge a town-wide coalition.

What impact these groups will have on the fall election is unknown. Burkhard endorsed the complaints that town planning is not sufficient. "If a family lives in Bethlehem and has open land near them, or has children in already crowded schools, or drives an automobile, they should greatly question Corrigan's appointment," he said.

Three town board seats and the supervisor's position will be up for election this fall. The Democrats have not yet designated candidates. The Republicans will be running incumbent Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick and appointed Councilman Fred Webster and Corrigan. They will also need to select a new will also need to select a new candidate to replace Ruth Bickel, who has announced she will not run for another term. Tom McPheeters



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elsewhere for items unavailable there. Grand Union describes its buying procedures and invites customers to take advantage of its special requests policy.

Local shoppers see a number of benefits of shopping Grand Union, with the store's variety of departments topping the list. The meat selection with its butcher shop, the Corner Deli, the fresh salad bar, the bakery, all were offered as good reasons to shop the Delaware Plaza store. Many shoppers singled out the produce department. One person referred to the availability of specialty items like no-salt and kosher foods, another praised the assortment of gourmet, as well as pre-cooked foods, and one enthusiastic woman suggested the occasional rewards of routinely bringing home the bacon: "It's fun to buy one of their salads."

"Usually what I want is there," Melody Brenan, a Slingerlands shopper for six, stated. "I get things I can't get anywhere else." And to those items not stocked, one shopper acknowledged, "I understand you can't carry everything on the market in one store."

But several expressed their frustration at the unavailability of certain products. And a few observed that some items have disappeared just since the closing of Albany Public Market.

Vaillancourt explained that generally, items to be carried in a store are determined by a partnership between headquarters and regional merchandisers, although local managers can make recommendations.

"Over 300 to 400 new items per month are presented to Grand

Union on a national basis," Vaillancourt said. "Vendors begin advertising campaigns with coupons and magazines, even before some items are available in this trading area... it becomes a matter of shelf-management."

For instance, numerous requests for Hefty Scrap Bags led to its inclusion as a regular item in the distribution center. "Unfortunately," commented General Manager Art Kane, "when we discontinue (any item) someone did purchase it. But to get new items, it has to be done." Sales movement figures are reviewed to determine what products can be replaced for space for new products.

A customer can request an item by asking local management or by completing a Customer Form available at the store. From even an individual request, a "customer want list" is kept, and two or three cases of a special item will be purchased when available. Although these special requests take several weeks, the management said, in most instances the item can be obtained.

Selkirk resident Debbie Kaplan verified this policy. "Any time I know of a new product I'll go up and ask for it. They're always very responsive."

Prices

A dominant concern in this shopping saga, higher prices were cited by half of those interviewed, with some now shopping elsewhere primarily for this reason. Grand Union clarified its five-year-old pricing policy and explained one exception established since the closing of Albany Public Market.

Overall, a few shoppers insisted that prices have escalated in the



The Grand Union Price Finder green compares over 9,000 regular prices, "matching the lowest priced supermarket chain in your community." Grand Union also keeps on display the Red Dot Price Finder Specials. *Tom Knight*

last few months. "I wished I had a copy of my grocery tape from when Albany Public Market was there," Pat Bush, Glenmont, stated. Lamented Harold Tomlinson, another Glenmont shopper, "I get the feeling we're being had."

Bush gave a specific example of price fluctuation for the week before and after Thanksgiving, for a pound of coffee, not on sale. "I needed a receipt for reimbursement," Bush said, explaining her astonishment. "And that's why I noticed a \$1.09 difference."

Several persons are convinced

that Grand Union's prices have never been as competitive as Grand Union claims and a few gave examples of comparisons with other stores to make their point. Two shoppers generalized this difference: "When shopping for a week, I pay less at Price-Chopper for my one week supply of groceries," said one. "My bill is higher at Grand Union," said the other.

Vaillancourt defined Grand Union's pricing policy, initiated in July, 1982. "We will determine, in an area, the natural market price leader. In this area, that leader is Price Chopper. We will match their prices, across the board, with the exception of sale items." If a customer finds that the regular prices, published weekly in the Price Finder, are higher than Price-Chopper's regular prices, he can call the toll-free number or tell local management. Either action will create a price-finder check resulting in an immediate revision if a price discrepancy exists. Grand Union does not claim to have the lowest prices in the area, only that it "matches the regular prices of the lowest leading supermarket chain designated in the community."

Since the closing of Albany Public Market, Grand Union's only departure from this policy involves the price of milk. Since Albany Public routinely sold milk as a sale item, Grand Union now matches its milk prices with a local convenience store.

Grand Union's specials, Red Dot as well as coupon, were also a

subject, usually referred to favorably, although one Slingerlands gentleman, shopping for grandchildren, felt that "Nine out of ten times, the sales aren't for basic staples."

Grand Union features 280 sale items weekly. Service Manager Vince Monforte questioned the description of non-staples specials. "English muffins, bread, milk, coffee, these are staples," he said. A review of Grand Union's sales circulars in recent weeks verifies that Grand Union offers these and similar basic items on sale. "Any good sales program must include a few staples or we lose credibility," said Vaillancourt.

Why are advertised specials kept in the back but not on the shelves? Although the Delmar Grand Union restocks nightly and checks the shelves periodically during the day, Monforte cited the limited shelf space for any one item: "Our shelf space (for one product) may hold two cases or 48 items. It doesn't take long for 48 customers to walk down the aisle."

Since quantities for sale items are determined by a prediction of the demand and its supply availability, Grand Union runs out of advertised specials if the manufacturer is unable to ship its products on time.

With 20,000 customer transactions per week in this Grand Union alone, Vaillancourt acknowledged the stocking limitations. "We never completely solve that problem," he said.



Taken 10:30 on a Friday morning, every check-out is staffed and full. While some shoppers object to packing their own bags, Grand Union said that its "scan and bagging policy" because shoppers concluded that customers wanted to bag their own groceries. *Tom Knight*

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Handling the Crowds

Another concern is the large numbers of shoppers at Grand Union. Grand Union says it continually hires additional staff, has created new management positions and initiated other changes to facilitate shopping for the almost steady influx of people.

Shoppers repeated their pleas for more packers, more open check-out lines, the hiring of more cashiers for peak times. Many used the clock to cite the effect of the increased patronage: "the express line takes 15 minutes... in line at least a half-hour... it took 18 minutes to get four items... stand in line forever."

One upset resident said she "can't stand spending three-fourths of my shopping time waiting. I know I have to do it at Christmas time, but not every week."

One woman said she hasn't taken the time to request management to obtain items because she is discouraged by long lines at the courtesy desk. A Glenmont shopper objected to routinely packing her own bags; "I spent \$356 for a party at one time, and I had to bag all 18 bags." She felt that if prices remained high the store could at least provide bag boys. Another stated simply that she just no longer shops Grand Union.

Because of delays caused by crowds, most shoppers referred to personal adjustments in their shopping habits: shopping somewhere else, going in the evening, leaving the children at home, using convenience store more often even if this means higher prices.

"If you want to do your shopping at 10 at night, you have the whole store," a Slingerlands shopper suggested. Margaret Bruce of Delmar viewed the crowds as a testimonial: "It speaks well for the store." And Debbie Gall of Delmar voiced the solution: "How do you cut down on crowds? Open another store."

A few shoppers complimented the management for working alongside the help at busy times, particularly packing bags, with one admiring the "high visibility, hands-on style of the management." Yet one Delmar gentleman stated, "I talked to a manager once and was irritated that he was packing groceries." This shopper would prefer that management walk around to correct operation problems.

Grand Union's side of the saga: To accommodate the increased numbers of customers in recent months, Grand Union has added more than 30 employees. It has added a co-manager, a second manager, a special person for the bottle return register, expanded personnel at the courtesy desk and will soon add a customer service manager. They have extended service department hours and now have night crews working in all departments. They will be adding additional frozen food and dairy capacity and have reduced some shelving for non-edibles in order to expand grocery space.

Grand Union also established a Consumer Advisory Board composed of 17 local residents representing a cross-section of the community. Based on this board's first meeting in January, Grand Union is taking action on five recommendations. They involve milk prices, grocery shelving, request of special items, check-out lines and the parking lot.

Grand Union's check-out policy is to open registers if more than three persons are in line. When all registers are filled, bag boys are added. The manager schedules checkers by hourly projections made possible by the computer scanners.

However, "There is the human element," said Vaillancourt. "If someone calls in sick, if we have unexpected crowds — that's when you see a manager at the check-out.

And if a major snowstorm is predicted," he warned, "all bets are off."

Grand Union is least crowded, local management says, from 8 to 10 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., early in the week.

As to the bagging of groceries, Grand Union originally opened this new store with cashiers bagging items as they were scanned. As a result of numerous studies, as well as local feedback that people wanted to bag their own groceries, the store eliminated that policy after six months. However, bagging is still considered part of a cashier's duties and carry-out service is available.

At least two residents expressed appreciation for carry-out service. From Judy Lanquish, Elsmere, "They're nice and polite, come right away and take it out." And from a Selkirk woman, "they're very accommodating. And I never pay for it!"

The check-outs

An Elsmere shopper appreciates the convenience of the "talking machines" but felt items were "put through so fast, there's not time to think." In three recent instances, she said, she was home before realizing she was overcharged.

In line with Grand Union's store policy, this shopper can ask for a refund of those items. If an item scans at a price higher than its correct price, the customer gets that item free — no matter when it's discovered. "An error is an error," Vaillancourt said. He also reminds shoppers of Grand Union's "no hassles" policy, if for any reason a shopper wishes to return an item, there will be "no hassles."

Express lines

The express line has become a predictable source of annoyance to customers. It remains a challenge to Grand Union as well.

Customers said that checks should not be permitted here. The 10-item limit should be enforced. "I get irritated staying in line when someone is trying to cash a check to buy one or two items," commented Dr. William Blackmore of Delmar, expressing a feeling shared by more than a few patrons.

Grand Union officials responded with questions of their own: Do you send that person to the next register? Do you void his transaction? Should the cashier call the manager to challenge the customer? "It's a no-win situation," management summed up. "From experience we have found that the best line is one of least resistance: Take the check,

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Management at Delmar's Grand Union include, from left, Jakob Westman, Schodack, Today's Catch manager; Chuck Lennon, Leeds, Butcher Block manager; Kim Thompson, East Berne, Just Baked manager; Tom Pacelli, Latham, produce manager; Roxanne Benoit, Albany, Corner Deli manager; Art Kane, Glenmont, general

manager; JoAnne Brady, East Berne, Taste Place department head; Theresa Springer, Voorheesville, Cook's Harvest department head; Peter Palmer, Clifton Park, co-manager; Vince Monforte, Albany, service manager; Red Dutcher, Rotterdam, meat manager. Tom Knight

Who is Grand Union?

By Lorraine C. Smith

Established in 1872, Grand Union is the second oldest grocery chain, after A&P, in the country. Grand Union has been a part of Bethlehem business since the mid-50's when it acquired the Empire Markets; and, according to their corporate representative, "We have never left."

At its present location at Delaware Plaza, Grand Union is one of the chain's highest volume stores out of a total of 368 in eleven states. In recent months, more than 30 new employees have been hired at the store, bringing the total of full-time and part-time help to 187.

According to employee records, one out of five of Grand Union's local staff has been with the company for more than 10 years, with 10 persons employed more than 20 years. Their Gold Crown Program offers extensive employee recognition incentives. They also have on-going length of service recognition dinners annually. Customers can recommend an employee to local management, based on examples of special service.

Grand Union also participates in the "transition-to-work" program of the Living Resources Corp. of Albany. This cooperative program helps developmentally disabled adults make adjustments from sheltered workshops to jobs in the community.

In 1986, Grand Union contributed in excess of \$25,000 to more than 25 charities in Albany County. Area recipients include the Bethlehem Lions Club, Bethlehem School District, Elsmere Fire Company, St. Thomas Church, Elsmere/Delmar Little League and the Hudson Mohawk Girl Scout Council.

Capital District charities include the Albany Institute of History and Art, Hope House, the Epilepsy Association, the Empire State Youth

Orchestra, Albany Y Boys Club, the United Way and the Times-Union Christmas Fund.

In addition, Grand Union is responsible for underwriting a production at Proctor's in Schenectady, and for raising over \$21,000 for the Child Care Cancer Program at Albany Medical Center by participating in fund raising projects like Melodies of Christmas.

Grand Union adheres to a "Donate, Don't Waste" policy in which the company donates thousands of pounds of produce from warehouses, as well as outdated canned goods and products of a health and beauty nature to regional food banks. These contributions are used by charities such as the Salvation Army, local food pantries and other qualified organizations.

Grand Union helped found the food bank in Vermont, and Norine Murray, regional public relations administrator, serves on the board of directors of the Capital District Regional Food Bank.

According to the company's 1985 annual report, Grand Union allocated \$250 million to capital improvement through 1988, especially targeting four states including New York for development. In addition to the company's commitment to develop new locations, the report said, a strong emphasis was being placed on upgrading existing stores, including size expansion.

With an industry average of one percent profit, the report listed corporate sales for the year ending March 29, 1986, of \$2.612 billion. This represented an increase of sales by 4.1 percent over the previous fiscal year. The company's commitment to improvement, the report stated, includes upgrading "our quality standards, as well as respond to changes in food consumption, to insure that we always offer our customers only the best... nothing less... We are now in tempo with our customers' desires."

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keep the line moving... try not to alienate the customers."

"It's the most volatile issue," acknowledged Vaillancourt. "We don't like it as much as the customer doesn't like it." Grand Union introduced a cash-only express check-out as a result of the Consumer Advisory Board discussions that have been conducted in eleven Grand Union states.

The Staff

That Grand Union's staff is courteous was also a frequent volunteered comment by shoppers, although some cited rude and inattentive help. Staffing involves continual review and training, responds Grand Union.

Dr. Blackmore complimented the Grand Union staff's routine response to the where-do-you-keep inquiry. "They'll go and pinpoint it for you, other stores will usually just name the aisle or point in a direction."

Peggy Zimmerman of Elsmere, who shops for two all the time and for extra guests much of the time, described the management and staff as friendly, cooperative and helpful. A Glenmont weekly shopper for five, who admitted to trying to organize a boycott of the Delmar store, named her "close second" of

things she disliked about Grand Union as the "discourteous help."

One shopper has shared both sentiments. This Delmar mother of two small children explained that the only time she voiced a complaint occurred after "about the fourth time" the deli counter staff acted "unfriendly." Her comments were received favorably, she said, and she hasn't noticed any problem since.

There was criticism of the "gossiping between cashiers." And from one loyal Elsmere shopper, "When the check-out girls are chattering, I don't feel comfortable. You want people to pay attention to you as a customer." All of the Grand Union management apologized. "The cashiers are paid to serve the public. We'll take action on that complaint," said one.

Smoking

That smoking should be prohibited was also emphasized by some of the shoppers, a problem Grand Union is hoping new state regulations will help solve. A sign on the door, a direct word by management were suggested as solutions. "A minor problem that could be taken care of easily," is how Zimmerman described it.

Until legislation is effective May

7, prohibiting smoking in public places, Grand Union can only request that a customer not smoke. Posted in front of the store along with urns are signs: "Thank you for not smoking." To discourage smoking, no ashtrays exist elsewhere and company policy prohibits employees from smoking at any time in the store.

"We will be in full compliance with the law when it takes effect," stated Murray.

The Layout of the Store

The layout of the store and the aisles also elicited compliments and criticism, and to these comments, Grand Union reports some changes introduced to improve the newer demands of increased patronage.

Carts and aisles drew comment from those interviewed with most describing the carts as too wide for aisles that are too narrow. That frozen things are last is desirable, but not that produce is first. That the coffee and soup aisles are narrow and congested while one wide and empty aisle features health and beauty aids were singled out as areas that would benefit from rearranging.

"How many people buy (greeting cards?)" asked Linda Carotenuto of Delmar, shopper for her family of four. "Get rid of the cards," she suggested. "We'd rather have the space."

Grand Union's responses: In this 32,000 square foot store, Grand Union's aisles were designed for two carriages to pass in each aisle without bumping. Food stuffs are placed at the beginning of the store with non-food items to the rear. Grand Union follows a "low profile shelving" policy that allows the average customer to reach items on the top of the shelf. Unfortunately, Grand Union management explained, that does limit the capacity for additional shelves.

Grand Union did remove certain non-food items a few years ago, Vaillancourt said, but public reaction demanded a full reversal of this policy so that general items, including automotive supplies and greeting cards, were returned to the shelves. Local manager Kane



At the Courtesy Desk, customers can cash checks, pay phone bills, buy lottery tickets, request special items, purchase money orders, make deposits and withdrawals from 20 banks, buy newspapers and rent videos. All extra services, Grand Union states, but the lines are usually too long, customers complain.

Tom Knight

pointed out the candle display, which he said was requested by local customers — and is supported by sales figures.

Grand Union's computer code scanning system identifies each item sold and its department, which allows all sales and profit figures to be reviewed daily, weekly and monthly. "If items sell, then there's consumer demand. Customers can really figure our store's choice."

As a result of local Consumer Advisory Panel recommendations, Grand Union will expand its baby food department, increase the pet food department, and decrease cosmetics and greeting cards. Changes for the second half of this year include additional frozen food cases.

A Monopoly?

Most of the shoppers interviewed are very dissatisfied that they have no choice in local supermarkets. Several residents expressed their anger at what they consider a monopoly created by Grand Union. Grand Union officials admit they will not allow a competitor to move in to the vacant Albany Public store across the street, but point out that they are not preventing competition elsewhere in Bethlehem.

Of all the topics, this is perhaps the issue most connected to "the principle of the thing." Reflecting how strongly some residents feel are such consumers as Linda Drew of Delmar, who, even though she misses the fresh fish section and the specialty counters, refuses to shop at Grand Union: "It's awful that they have a monopoly. Even if it's not their fault. I don't like the feeling that we're being forced to shop there. I'm not against Grand Union. What I don't like is (only) one store in the town."

Norine Vancans of Slingerlands cites monopoly as a secondary reason she doesn't shop regularly any more at Grand Union. She also does not fault the store: "It's not in their hands. I think the town has to arrange for other stores to come in to town."

Frank Gavaletz, Slingerlands: "They've created a monopoly through greed. Senior citizens rely on others for transportation and don't have a choice of going to another place."

Vaillancourt left no room for doubt about his company's intentions: "Will we allow a food store to go into that property? No, we won't. And why? We bought the lease, why should we allow, as a general business purpose, a competitor to move in across the street? It just

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doesn't make any business sense."

At any rate, he said, no other supermarket chain has even approached Grand Union about the lease of the Albany Public Market property on Delaware Ave.

A Price Chopper official said last year that after looking at the vacant Albany Public property the chain's planners decided there was not enough space for a modern supermarket.

Moreover, according to Vaillancourt it was Albany Public Market that approached Grand Union to determine their interest in acquiring the leases on all eight area Albany Public stores.

Grand Union has re-opened five of these stores. The three others were closed since they were in direct competition with existing Grand Union stores. "It makes absolutely no sense for us to open a second Grand Union, that's just not good business," Vaillancourt said.

Grand Union has a special division seeking tenants for the properties, Vaillancourt said, especially since these three stores are non-revenue producing properties incurring considerable rental expense.

When Grand Union bought the Albany Public leases, the company offered employment to all 600 employees. Locally, Vince Montforte, Albany Public's manager for 30 years, was brought over to Grand Union as assistant manager. Forty of the 66 local Albany Public employees accepted offers of employment with Grand Union and were hired at Grand Union's higher wages and better employee benefits.

Throughout the discussion of their procedures and changes, Grand Union managers expressed a genuine pride in their store and of their special departments. Manager Kane, a Glenmont resident and employee with Grand Union for 34

The parking dilemma: no way out

By Lorraine Smith and Tom McPheeters

The unhappy marriage: crowds and parking. Grand Union identifies it as the biggest problem it faces at Delaware Plaza, and almost everyone else agrees.

"A pain to park... awkward layout... an accident waiting to happen... get frustrated circling the lot... a real joke." One Delmar shopper suggested a divorce: "Grand Union needs a whole other parking lot. The plaza needs one."

Although Grand Union leases its store at Delaware Plaza and is thus limited in its control of the parking lot, company officials have taken its concern to the owners, HMC Associates.

Some improvements are scheduled for the near future, according to HMC manager Barbara Jenson. The lines will be completely repainted in the same locations, the existing directional arrows will be painted twice the size they are now, the cement bumpers between parking places and sidewalks will be repaired and repainted. Because of numerous complaints about speeding, speed bumps will be installed sometime next month.

HMC is doing everything possible to improve the parking situation, said state Sen. Howard Nolan, who is a partner in HMC with Slingerlands developer Norris MacFarland. "We can't manufacture parking. We'd certainly like to have more parking as much as our customers would."

HMC is planning to add one or two more rows of parking behind the plaza. An agreement has been reached with Job Lot to install a rear entrance which hopefully will make rear parking more attractive to shoppers. Also, the laundry now has a rear entrance.

In addition, HMC is negotiating with CitiBank to use the land behind its building for parking, which would allow access to the plaza through the breezeway.

But, Nolan said, there is simply nowhere else to go. The ravine behind the plaza limits expansion in that direction, and L.C. Smith, owner of the "mini mall" on the east side of the plaza, has been approached several times but "is not interested in selling."

Improvements in traffic circulation are also limited, Nolan said. The curb cuts and the light were placed by the state, not HMC, and cannot be moved. While engineers have reviewed the traffic circulation within the parking lot: "They can't come up with anything better," he said.



A Saturday afternoon at Delaware Plaza: customers cruise for a parking place. *Spotlight*

Nolan said the plaza management is still working on the water problem in the lot and filling potholes as necessary. The owners are open to suggestions on ways to improve the situation, he said. "We'd love to hear them."

HMC offices are across the street from Delaware Plaza at 163 Delaware Ave., 439-9030.

Clint Hegeman, president of the Delaware Plaza Merchant's Association, agreed that limited space within the plaza defines what steps can be taken. "There are a lot of customers and a smaller than adequate parking lot," he said.

Redesigning the space allotments would make the parking lot more comfortable, but result in 60 less parking places, he said. Unlike the parking situation at the large malls, Delaware Plaza is full on a regular basis.

Plaza employees all park in the back with "80-90 percent compliance," and although traffic control is scheduled during special events like sidewalk sales, the merchants do not consider that a permanent solution, Hegeman said.

Hegeman, in his second year as the merchants association president, feels that much of the problem can be attributed to "people feeling they're in a hurry: they drive quickly, running over sidewalks, going through stop signs."

"The problem is," Hegeman summed up, "there's not a solution to the problem."

years, proudly pointed out that theirs is one of only five stores in

the Grand Union chain with kitchen and chef who will "cook to order any special order even beyond what the deli offers — take anything in the store to be cooked."

The management tries to know their customers, as well, on a personal basis, they said several times throughout the interviews, and they feel that they strive very diligently to service the customer as best they can.

What do shoppers think would be the result if Delmar gets another store? Carole Bryant, Delmar: "They (Grand Union) could carry on exactly as they have; we're just looking for competition for an alternative. The quality of the food is just as good but the prices might be lower." From Dr. William Blackmore, Delmar: "It's healthy to

have competition... human nature... we'd like to have the choice."

Peggy Zimmerman, Elsmere: "If enough negative incidents build up, you begin to wonder if we have competition if the supervisors would make special efforts to improve." Her overall assessment includes very few complaints, she said, with these being minor and easily solved. As part of the silent majority, she accepts some of the blame: "I'm not one to complain, and it's difficult for the store to change practices if they're unaware of the problem."

A Mideast expert

Mary Berry of Delmar, a member of Siena College's Model League of Arab States delegation, received an award for excellence at a competition held recently in Washington, D.C.

Berry, Siena's head delegate, received her award for work on the economics committee. Set up like the actual League of Arab States, the competition at American University was attended by 21 colleges, including Boston University, Fordham, West Point and St. Rose.



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School's In moves to Slingerlands

By Patricia Mitchell

School's In will be in at the Slingerlands Elementary School next year.

The fourth site for the not-for-profit before school program has been approved by the Bethlehem Central school board as long as the School's Out, Inc., provides a financial statement with the possibility that the program could be paying rent next year.

School's In already meets before school at the Hamagrael, Elsmere and Glenmont schools.

This year the program expects to net about \$1,000, said Bruce Scott, a member of its board of directors. The Hamagrael program will probably break even this year, Glenmont may make a few thousand dollars, and Elsmere may come up short, he said.

With Hamagrael the only site, last year School's In lost about \$1,500, Scott said.

Even though this is the first year for Glenmont, there is a great need for the program at the school and there is a waiting list of children waiting to get in, Scott said.

The board wants the financial statement because it would like to collect rent on the space if possible, said Board President Bernard Harvith. He said a statement was asked for last year.

Board member Velma Cousins said that even though it is a needed program, the board needs to keep it in a proper balance and a financial statement isn't too much to ask.

Because School's In pays for its own costs at the schools and doesn't cost the district anything, board member Sheila Fuller said BC shouldn't charge for the space, pointing out that taxpayers use the program.

The program is another example of the responsibility of the schools for families with two working parents, said board member Robert Ruslander. While he said he agreed with letting the program use the space, he thinks a financial statement is needed and the rent question should be left open. "It's another example of a changing society," Ruslander said.

However, board members wanted to be sure that the schools can allow the program and still give space to district programs and activities. Board member Charles Reeves said School's In uses the Glenmont gym while the band practices in the hallway two days a week, and the school board should be looking at that situation.

Acting Superintendent Dr. Briggs McAndrews said the schools will be able to handle the program and



Performing at "A Musical Afternoon," 2 p.m., Sunday, April 26, are, from left, Bethlehem Central students, Brendan P. Kearse, Anna Georgiopoulos and Gabrielle Robinson, with their teacher Anne Louise Rizzuto. The concert will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Ave., Delmar, and is sponsored by the Delmar Progress Club.

their own requirements next year, and the Glenmont band won't be practicing in the hallways.

In other business, the school board heard a suggestion that it start a career ladder for teachers to improve skills and moral. Glenmont School teacher Peter Rawitsch and middle school teacher Nancy Mackey who recently attended the Golub Corporation's Excellence in Education seminar, said the career ladder should be considered as a short-term suggestion for BC teachers.

The career ladder would involve different steps, such as coaches,

peers, masters and mentors, Mackey said. She also suggested more staff development programs to get teachers out of the classroom and with each other.

Presently, if a teacher wants to advance, Rawitsch said, he or she has to move out of teaching. If he wants to stay in teaching, it could be a dead-end job for the next 20 or 30 years, he said. With the career ladder, a teacher could decide to stay in teaching and advance at the same time, Rawitsch said.

Mackey and Rawitsch attended the six seminars that were sponsored by the Golub Corporation,

owners of Price Chopper Supermarkets, and the State University at Albany.

The next regular meeting of the BC school board is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, at 8 p.m.

3 Merit Scholars

Three out of this year's six National Merit Scholars from the Capital District are students at Bethlehem Central High School.

The scholarship winners are Charles A. Henrikson of Delmar, Portia Y. Wu of Delmar and Anna M. Georgiopoulos of Selkirk.

Henrikson, a member of the National Honor Society, is a winner of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Mathematics and Science Award. He served for two years in the student senate and was sophomore class president. He represented his school for *Answers Please*. Henrikson is a math team member, a tutor, a two-year varsity soccer team member and a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church in Albany. His has been a correspondent for *The Spotlight* and he has written for the school's prize-winning magazine, the *Thinking Reed*.

Wu, a New York State Regents Scholar, is a five-year member of the Empire State Youth Orchestra, treasurer of the National Honor Society and a member of the peer leadership Natural Helpers group. She has also served as president of the Bethlehem Central Student Against Drunk Driving and an editor of a literary magazine. In addition to winning the National Council of Teachers of English Competition, Wu has been awarded the Girl Scouts Silver Medal Award and the Empire State Scholarship of Excellence.

Georgiopoulos, an Empire State Scholar, has served as editor-in-chief of a literary/art magazine for two years. She is vice president of the student senate, school-community advisory team chairman, president/treasurer of the Young Musicians Forum, a member of the math club and a member of the National Honor Society. She studies modern Greek, jazz dance and piano. Georgiopoulos has served as team captain for *Answers Please*. She was named student of the month by the Elks Club and was awarded the Harvard Book Award.

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□ BC sets budget

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Board President Bernard Harvith said the school board should leave the budget as it is, set the extra aid aside and wait until assessment figures are released this summer to decide what to do.

The school board had assumed a 4.4 percent increase in assessments in both Bethlehem and New Scotland when they put the budget together. However, Harvith said, more recent projections from Bethlehem place those increases at about 3.9 or 4.0 percent, and there are more grievances on assessments than in past years.

Repairs and added supports to the high school auditorium's roof are not included in the budget, and Harvith said the extra aid could go towards that. Preliminary estimates to repair a truss that was found cracked in February, support three other trusses in the auditorium, add a steel beam, plus some electrical work and ceiling repair could add up to \$200,000, according to a report from the district's architect. That does not include professional fees or \$25,000 already spent to investigate and support the cracked truss.

Because the cause of the cracked truss appears to be weather related, the district's insurance could be paying to repair and upgrade it, but not to support the other trusses with steel or to add a steel beam. The district still doesn't know how much that will cost.

Another reason to set the extra state aid aside, said Harvith, is because he is "nervous" about the state aid figures. Sometimes school districts have to spend more to get the money, and it may be tied to hidden costs or limited to certain areas, he said. For example, \$103,687 included in the package is earmarked for Excellence in Teaching funds, which will go to the teachers only if the district decides to apply for it. And the district will have to pick up the tab for benefits and Social Security if it is used as a bonus.

If the district decided to use the extra state aid to lower tax rates, it would have only meant about a one percent decrease from the projected rate for Bethlehem, Harvith said.

Not included in Wednesday's budget discussion was about \$113,000 included in the recently passed state budget that apparently is earmarked to reimburse Bethlehem Central for funds lost when the Lion Capital investment firm went bankrupt in 1985. After the meeting, Harvith said BC had not heard any official word that it is included in the reimbursement plan.

BC has already recouped about two-thirds of its investment in the bankruptcy settlement, and had written off the remaining amount over a two-year period. Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer

has said he is doubtful the district is included in the \$8.5 million state reimbursement plan because the district's loss was small compared to other districts and municipalities and BC was able to absorb its loss, but Assemblyman John Faso has said the district will be included in the reimbursements. Details of the plan still have to be worked out.

Also not included in the budget is costs for building additions recommended by Acting Superintendent Dr. Briggs McAndrews in a facilities and enrollment report in January. That report predicts an increase of 453 students in the next five years and recommends adding 15 classrooms to the elementary schools and moving four relocatables now at the Glenmont School to the middle school.

The budget is a "short-term budget" because it does not include funds for projected building needs, said Sylvia Ponemon of Partridge St., a member of Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning. She asked the board if there are any long-range plans included in the budget for new facilities based on projected development in the town, and if the extra state aid could go towards that purpose.

In his report, McAndrews said BC has a year lead time to discuss options and make a decision before any real crunch in the buildings is felt.

BC will wait until a new superintendent has been chosen before any decisions are made on buildings, Harvith said.

The \$20,380,618 proposed 1987-88 budget includes:

- Negotiated salary increases for teachers and staff.
- Funds for a district-wide census.
- No new buses, but funds to replace several doors at the bus garage.
- Under operations and maintenance, about one percent of the district's total building value for maintenance is included plus architectural fees to start plans for a 10-year reroofing plan, funds to start asbestos testing at all schools under a federal mandate, rendering several oil tanks inoperable, refurbishing some auditorium seats at the middle school and upgrading some of the girls' athletic fields at the high school.
- A half-time typing teacher; two eighth grade team teachers including extra sessions for art, music, foreign language and physical education at the middle school; a high school science talent teacher; a half-time Educationally Related Support Service position; and a teacher and a part-time special subjects teacher at the elementary schools. A full-time elementary guidance counselor, an elementary remedial math teacher and a part-time psychologist for Board of Cooperative Educational Services will be added district-wide.

Library budget is announced

The Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees has approved a \$1,443,165 budget for the 1987-88 fiscal year. The library budget, up 5.3 percent from last year, will be voted on by residents of the Bethlehem Central School District along with the school budget on Wednesday, May 6.

The passage of the library budget will result in an anticipated tax rate increase of 23 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for Bethlehem residents and a decrease of \$1.36 per \$1,000 for New Scotland residents.

An 8.3 percent increase in expenditure for books, recordings, films and other library materials reflects rising prices for published materials and strong user demand. A 9.5 percent increase for salaries reflects an adjustment of salary scales to reduce staff turnover and the addition of work hours for support personnel.

Also on the ballot is William E. Seymour, who is running unopposed for reelection to the board of trustees. Seymour, a New Scotland resident, is a 10-year member and vice president of the board. He is a faculty member at the State University at Albany's School of Business.

Seymour holds an M.B.A. from Cornell University. He has served as president of the Albany County Cooperative Extension and the Albany County Rural Housing Alliance.

The board will hold a budget information meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For information call 439-9314.



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

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

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

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

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

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

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at the Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Linda Marshall at 756-6421.

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

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

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

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. Call 439-2238.

Lalache League of Delmar, meets one Thursday each month to share breast-feeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breast-feeding information call 439-1774.

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

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

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

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

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

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

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.



Join the Auction Adventure during WMHT's annual television auction of goods and services to benefit the public television station. Director and producer Steve Honeybill showcases some of the items to be auctioned that will air live from the Latham Circle Mall starting Sunday, April 26, through Saturday, May 2.

Embroiderers Guild of America, "Needlework - Yesterday and Today," lecture at First United Methodist Church, Delmar, \$1, 10 a.m. Information, 465-5795.

Elsmere Fire Company, meeting last Thursday of month at firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

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

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

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.

Golf Rally and Meeting, show of 1987 golfing fashions, sponsored by women's organization of Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 6 p.m. Information, 455-2458 or 439-0632.

School's Out Special, for children 4-7 years, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Bible Study, Jerusalem Reformed Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-4968.

Village Stage Auditions, for one-act plays, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-4591.

FRIDAY 24 APRIL

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

"The Nation Goes to War," John Hennessy will speak about first major battle of American Civil War, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4189.

area arts

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

THEATRE

"Working," presented by Heritage Artists, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, through April 26. Tickets, 235-7969.

"Made in the USA," review of American show and popular music from revolutionary times to present, Foy Campus Center, Siena College, Loudonville, April 22-24, \$6, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2527.

"Rashomon," State University at Albany, Performing Arts Center, arena theatre, 1400 Washington Ave., April 23-25, 8 p.m. Tickets, 442-3995.

"Brighton Beach Memoirs," Neil Simon comedy, Capital Rep, Albany, April 18-May 24, Tuesday-Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 4:30 and 9 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Tickets, 462-4534. **MUSIC**

Free Organ Concert, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge streets, Albany, every Friday, 12:30 p.m.

University Symphonic Band, State University at Albany, Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., April 27, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

Albany Pro Musica and University Community Orchestra and Chorale, State University at Albany, Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., April 28, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

Singer/songwriter Tom Mitchell, Eighth Step Coffeehouse, 14 Willet St., April 24, 8 p.m. Reservations, 434-1703.

Planist Evelyne Crochet, L'Ensemble, 11 North Pearl St., Albany, April 26, 2 p.m. Information, 436-5321.

Emma Willard Choir and Inher Choir in concert at Emma Willard School, Troy, April 26, 4 p.m.

Tom Paxton, Cafe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, April 26, 8:30 p.m. Information, 583-0022.

Andrew Calhoon, poetic songwriter, Cafe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, April 24-25, 8:30 p.m. Information, 583-0022.

Masterworks Chorale, Chamber Singers and Campaniles of The College of Saint Rose, Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Empire State Plaza, Albany, April 26, 8 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

Soprano Anne Turner and pianist William Jones in concert, State University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, April 25, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3997.

Gospel Concert, "Unite to Meet All Challenges," Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, April 25, 2 p.m. Information, 270-6172.

Amadu Bansang, West African musician, Union College, arts building, Schenectady, April 26, 8 p.m.

JAZZ

Albany's Big Jazz Fest, Palace Theatre, Albany, April 26, 1 p.m.

DANCE

"The American Dancemachine," numbers from great American musicals, main theatre at Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts, April 26, 2 p.m. Information, 443-5115.

ART

Exhibit of Soviet Union, Rensselaer County Junior Museum, 282 Fifth Ave., Troy, through July. Information, 235-2120.

Schoharie County Photographers and Woodworkers Exhibit, Schoharie County Council Arts Council, Union St., Cobleskill, through April 24, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Appointment, 234-7380.

"Many Dimensions," exhibit of photographs, Greene County Council on the Arts, 398 Main St., Catskill, through April 23, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

"A Portrait of Livingston Manor: 1686-1850," tercentary celebration, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through May 3, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sunday, 2-5 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

"Traditions and Conflict: Images of a Turbulent Decade, 1963-1973," 82 paintings and photographs by black artists, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through April 26.

"The Drawings of John Butler Yeats," watercolors and drawings, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, April 11-May 31. Information, 463-4478.

Monolith Project, Albany Academy for Boys, Albany Academy Rd., Albany, through May 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., weekdays. Information, 465-1461.

Rochester Printmakers, Albany Institute of History and Art, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, April 21-May 22, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Appointment, 463-4478.

"The Photography of Dora Kallmus: Vienna and Paris, 1907-1957," Vasser College Art Gallery, Poughkeepsie, through June 7. Information, 914-452-7000.

"Ruskiniana: John Ruskin and the Moral Purpose of Art," exhibition and symposium, Vasser College Art Gallery, Poughkeepsie, through May 17, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information, 914-452-7000.

"A Breath of Light: Platinum Photography," Vasser College Art Gallery, Poughkeepsie, through May 17, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information, 914-452-7000.

Push Pin Posters, Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, April 20-May 13, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 445-1778.

"Art and Life in Harmony," exhibit of Japanese chests and decorative arts, The Oriental Line, 295 Hamilton St., Albany, through May 15. Information, 462-3463.

Student art contest winners exhibition, of art by students in grades five through 12, Albany Institute of History and Art, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, April 21-May 22, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

FILM

"Ivan the Terrible, Parts I and II," State University at Albany, recital hall, April 24, 8 p.m. and April 26, 7 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

"Macbeth," Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, April 23, 7:30 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

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Pianist William Jones of Delmar and Anne Turner, soprano, will close the 1986-87 Department of Music Faculty-State University of New York at Albany Showcase Concert Series at 8 p.m., Sunday, April 25, at the Recital Hall of the university's Performing Arts Center. The program will feature works devoted solely to the Russian composer Serge Prokofiev, and admission will be \$5.

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

"Twilight Trek," exploration of night life in forest areas, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

Film, "Fame," Bethlehem Public Library, children's room, 2 p.m.

Dinner, honoring Kay Youmans, New Scotland Citizen of the Year, Voorheesville American Legion Hall, \$10, 6:30 p.m.

Village Stage Auditions, for one-act plays, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-4591.

SATURDAY
APRIL 25

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Monday, Wednesday and Saturday meetings. Information, 439-4258.

Registration, for 16-and-older baseball league, open to residents in Town of Bethlehem and students at Bethlehem Central High School, Elm Ave. Park, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-4131.

10th Anniversary, celebration and open house, Glenmont Job Corps Center, noon-4 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bible study, 7:45-9 a.m.

After-Easter Egg Hunt, park next to Slingerlands Fire Department, 11 a.m.

Bowl-a-thon, to benefit Samaritans, suicide crisis services, Del Lanes, Elsmere. Information, 463-2323.

Field Study, of edible wild plants, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

SUNDAY
APRIL 26

Delmar Presbyterian Church, worship, 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, 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, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, church school and worship, 10 a.m.; adult education, 11:20 a.m.; junior youth fellowship, 3:30 p.m.; senior youth fellowship, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

Normansville Community Church, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

Lunch with author, Dr. Robert L. Chapman, editor of *New Dictionary of American Slang*, Bethlehem Public Library, \$6.50 admission, noon. Information, 439-1927 or 449-7514.

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

Delmar Progress Club, music group will present concert with three local musicians, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

Turkey Shoot, Onesquethaw Sportsman's Club, Plank Rd., Clarksville, noon.

MONDAY
APRIL 27

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

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

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

Meeting, Slingerlands Homeowners Association, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, room 106, all welcome, 7:30 p.m.

Candidates Forum, for Bethlehem Central School Board election, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Monday and Wednesday and Saturday morning meetings. Information, 439-4258.



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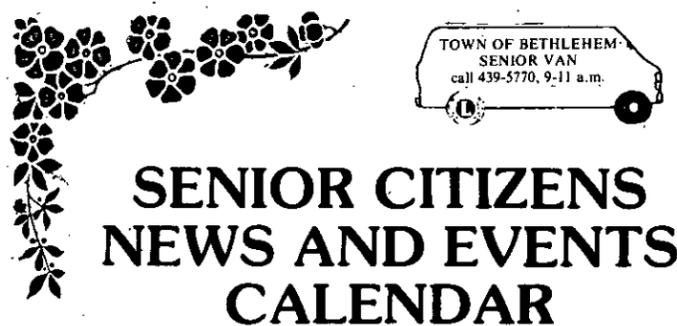
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Interpreter and champion of traditional Scottish music Jean Redpath will perform at 8 p.m. Monday, April 27, at the St. Mark's Community Center on Rt. 146 in Guilderland Center. Sponsored by Old Songs, Inc., Redpath will perform traditional ballads of her native land. Tickets, \$6, are available at the door. For information, phone 765-2815.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, meet every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, 439-4039.

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

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THURSDAY 30
APRIL

Musical Play, "Steamboatin'", presented by fifth grade choir at Slingerlands Elementary School, \$1.50, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4154.

Pen Pal Club, for aged eight and older, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m. Register, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, lunch with Assemblyman John Faso as guest speaker, \$8 admission, noon. Reservations, 439-0512.

FRIDAY 1
MAY

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

Elmwood Park Fire District, first Fridays, North Bethlehem Firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 8 p.m.

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

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

Musical Play, "Steamboatin'", presented by fifth grade choir at Slingerlands Elementary School, \$1.50, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4154.

Religious Program, Nora Lam Ministries presents, "Celebration of Faith," Howard Johnson's, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, \$10, 7 p.m. Reservations, 447-5890.

Festival of Art, featuring works of Bethlehem Central students in grades K-12, 6-9 p.m. Information, 439-0512.

"The Boy Friend," musical comedy performed by Bethlehem Central students, Bethlehem Middle School Auditorium, \$5, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY 2
MAY

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Monday and Wednesday and Saturday morning meetings. Information, 439-4258.

Lunch and Fashion Show, featuring silent auction, Community United Methodist Church of Slingerlands, 1499 New Scotland Ave., Slingerlands, \$7, noon. Information, 439-1766 or 439-2209.

Festival of Art, featuring works of Bethlehem Central students in grades K-12, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 439-0512.

SUNDAY 3
MAY

Delmar Presbyterian Church, worship, 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, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

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Normansville Community Church, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

Bethlehem Community Church, Sunday school, 9 a.m.; morning worship service, 10:30 a.m.; 3-5th grade program, 6:15 p.m.; evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

Onesquethaw Church, worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday school.

Festival of Art, featuring works of Bethlehem Central students in grades K-12, noon-6 p.m. Information, 439-0512.

MONDAY 4
MAY

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

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

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

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

A.C. Sparkplugs Dance, modern western square dancing featuring mainstream level with caller Al Cappetti, American Legion Hall, Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-4122.

"Arthritis - The Facts," program for Bethlehem Cable Channel subscribers, 8 p.m. Information, 459-5082.

TUESDAY 5
MAY

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

Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club, first Tuesdays, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

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

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

Acid Rain Workshop, school teachers and youth leaders will discuss causes and effects of acid rain, and how to test for it, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

WEDNESDAY 6
MAY

Bethlehem Lions Club, meets first and third Wednesdays, Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

Delmar Progress Club, creative arts and garden group will hold joint meeting on how to make pressed flower pictures, Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Reservations, 439-3858.

Garden Program, discussion of perennial gardening, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Albany County League of Women Voters, discussion of planning for development along Route 9W, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4848.

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meeting, all welcome, Bethlehem Town Hall, 3:30 p.m. Information, 39-6885.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Monday and Wednesday and Saturday morning meetings, information, 439-4258.

TUESDAY 28
APRIL

Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, spring luncheon at Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 11:45 a.m.

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

Gansevoort and Tawasentha NSDAR, meeting to view film, "Portrait of a Daughter," and discuss history and purposes of NSDAR, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-1437.

WEDNESDAY 29
APRIL

Albany Area Retired Teachers, meeting at Bethlehem Public Library, 12:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY 22
APRIL

Defensive Driving Course, insurance reduction and point reduction on license, Hudson Valley Community College. Registration, 270-7338.

Qualifying Examination, for list of consultant real estate appraisers. Registration, 457-6400.

Introduction to Ground School, non-credit introduction to navigation skills and aircraft controls, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy. Registration, 270-7338.

Festival of Music, of Sergei Prokofiev, opens with lecture by Harlow Robinson, State University of New York at Albany, Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

Toughlove, support group helping parents whose children are in trouble at school, with substance abuse, with family or law, Bishop Gibbons High School, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 393-4253.

"Views of the North Country," fish stocking and fly fishing demonstration, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, 10 a.m. Information, 584-2000.

Psychic Fair, astrologers, card readers and aura readings, Pyramid Mall, Saratoga.

Ben Lee, internationally known outdoorsman and champion turkey caller, Quality Inn, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 1-814-539-1757.

THURSDAY 23
APRIL

"Shaker Industries: An Early Revolution," lecture at Rensselaer County Historical Society, 57 Second St., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 274-5267.

Training Program, two-week home-maker-home health aide course, Home Aide Service, 10 Colvin Ave., Albany. Registration, 459-6853.

Peace Series, Mary Frances Berry, U.S. Commissioner of Civil Rights, fired by President Reagan and reinstated by courts, will speak about "Achieving Equal Opportunity in American Society," Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

Training Session, for those who care for seniors at home, Hilltown Community Resource Center, Berne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 797-3783 or 456-7671.

Singles Night, see performance of "Working" and meet cast members at reception, Cohoes Music Hall, \$10, 6:30 p.m. Tickets, 235-7969.

HEAR, Hearing Endeavor Albany Region, self-help group for hearing impaired, Albany Medical Center rehabilitation center, 7 p.m. Information, 445-4535.

National Food and Beverage Festival, presentations by top chefs and companies, Colonie Center, 11 a.m.

Softball Marathon, benefit Albany County unit of American Cancer Society, Mullins Field, North First St., North Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 438-7841.

Information Session, for people interested in joining "Adirondack Twenty Lake Tour" bicycle trek, to benefit American Lung Association, 8 Mountain View Ave., Colonie, 7 p.m. Information, 459-4197.

Senior Leadership Conference, on communication skills, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck St., Albany, \$6, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information, 465-3322.

FRIDAY 24
APRIL

Albany County Emergency Shelter Association, spring social, entertainment and refreshments, George E. Hanner Chapel/Cultural Center, LaSalle School, 391 Western Ave., Albany, 3-5 p.m. Information, 489-4791.

Spring Conference, "Innovations in Affordable Housing in Albany County," Alumni House, State University of New York at Albany, \$7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 489-4791.

Runners Clinic, Dr. Norbert Kosinski will discuss, "Prevention, Recognition and Treatment of Running Injuries," Ramada Inn, Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0631.

Flower Show, entitled, "Forging a New Nation," Boscobel, Garrison-on-Hudson, 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 1-914-265-3638.

Racing City Chorus, presents barber-shop music, Our Lady of Angels Parish Center, 400 Sheridan Ave., Albany, \$4, 8 p.m. Information, 465-8262.

Awards Banquet, Campus Center, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 6:30 p.m. Information, 445-1764.

Health Program, "Clinical Hypnosis to Stop Smoking," Hilltowns Community Resource Center, Berne, \$25, 7-9 p.m. Information, 482-6223.

SATURDAY 25
APRIL

Capital District Mothers' Center, discussion of "Discipline: The Secret Heart of Parenting Young Children," First Congregational Church, 405 Quail St., Albany, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Information, 458-1543.

Workshop Series for Women, "Considering a Change," designed to aid women exploring new directions in their careers or education, Center for Women's Education, Cowee Hall, 65 First St., Troy, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 270-2319.

Photography Course, "Photographers: Artists and Entrepreneurs," three photographers will discuss their methods of picture taking, Union College, Schenectady, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

Flower Show, entitled, "Forging a New Nation," Boscobel, Garrison-on-Hudson, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information, (914) 265-3638.

Open House, for prospective students at Russell Sage College, Robinson Athletic and Recreation Center, First St., Troy, 10 a.m. Information, 270-2218.

Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club Race, one, three and six miles, Physical Education Building, State University of New York at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., \$2, 10:30 a.m. Information, 438-3035.

SUNDAY 26
APRIL

Open House, The College of Saint Rose, College of Saint Rose, 420 Western Ave., Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for the Employed, 421 New Karner Rd., Shaker Park West, Albany, 3 p.m. Information, 452-1631.

Workshop, "An Evening with a Composer and Her Friends," designed to demonstrate how people work creatively together, Russell Sage College, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

Walk America Team Walk, 25-kilometer walk for March of Dimes, meet at Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 8 a.m. Information, 783-9363.

Religious Program, focus on Sephardic Jewry, their culture, history, music and folklore, B'nai Shalom, 420 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-5283.

Schenectady Antique Radio Club, meeting at Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace Heights, 2 p.m. Information, 459-7407.

Indo-American Day, travel through India in one day, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 474-4759.

Nature Program, "Clues to the Past: Heldeberg Geology," explore geology of Heldeberg Mountains, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 474-5801.

MONDAY 27
APRIL

Workshop, Interpretation: Understanding and Presenting Your Historical Collections," Berkshire County Historical Society, Pittsfield, Mass., 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 273-3400.

Trade Show, grand prize trip for two to San Francisco, hosted by Society of Assn. Executives of Upstate New York, Albany Hilton, \$15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 463-1755.

Parenting Education Network, meeting to discuss "The Magic of Nursing," Ramada Inn, Schenectady, \$20, 4-8:15 p.m. Information, 489-1416.

Information Session, learn about programs and degrees offered at Empire State College, Capital District Regional Center, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 7 p.m.; Gunther 108, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, 4 p.m. Information, 447-6746.

Open House, and "The Living Course," self-care health classes, Community Health Plan, 1201 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 783-3110.

TUESDAY 28
APRIL

Open House, for prospective students, Albany Academy for Girls, 140 Academy Rd., Albany, 4:30-7 p.m. Information, 463-2201.

Blood Pressure Clinic, Red Cross chapter building, Hackett Blvd., Clara Barton Drive, Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Seminar, covering topics related to divorce and separation, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy. Registration, 270-7338.

Lecture, "Famous and Historic Trees of New York State," Lecture Center 7, State University of New York at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

Safe Place, support group for families and friends of suicide victims, St. John's Church, 160 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30-10 p.m. Information, 463-2323.

Time Shortened Admissions, bring high school transcript and ACT and SAT scores, Trustees' Administrative Center, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, 5-8 p.m. Information, 270-7309.

Classic Film, "Citizen Kane," starring Orson Wells, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Legislative Forum, discussion of affordable housing and welfare reform, with Assemblyman William Paxson, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 372-5656 or 393-9003.

WEDNESDAY 29
APRIL

Chronic Lung Disease, seminar on "Understanding and Caring for the Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Patient," American Lung Assn., 8 Mountain View Ave., Colonie, 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Information, 459-4197.

Toughlove, support group helping parents whose children are in trouble at school, with substance abuse, with family or law, Bishop Gibbons High School, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 393-4253.

"Views of the North Country," Bill Smith, songs and stories about Adirondack Mountains, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, 7:30 p.m. Information, 584-2000.

New York State Police, Troop G will hand out applications and provided career information, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 783-3284.

Minerva Hour, Raymond Rappaport, biology professor at Union College, Social Sciences 16, Union College, Schenectady, 11:30 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

Luncheon, honoring volunteers for Northeastern Association of the Blind, Albany Ramada Inn, Western Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 463-1211.

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Honor Society

Sixteen RCS Senior High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society at a ceremony on Tuesday, April 7, at the senior high school. Led by Dr. Mohammad Yadegari, an honorary member, the new inductees and their sponsors filed into the auditorium, each carrying a lighted candle symbolizing scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Students inducted into the National Honor Society were: juniors-Robin Baker, Jennifer Bolen, Michelle Layman and Celia Shubert; and sophomores-Barbara Boehm, Joshua Curley, Jodi Carey, Dawn Dinardi, Jeanne Frese, Denise Guthrie, Darrin Hall, Michele Herdt, Wendy Parker, Stephanie Ricciardi, Ericka Warstadt and Kelly Williams. Xavier Tort Vall was named an honorary member.

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

Tailgate sale

The Town of Bethlehem Historical

Association is calling for dealers of quality merchandise to participate in next month's tailgate sale. The sale will be held on the grounds of the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information call 767-9057.

Open house

Have you ever felt you'd like to join a particular organization but you wanted more information before making a commitment? Well, this week's open house at the Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, Selkirk, could possibly provide the answers you seek. From now through Saturday, April 25, many of our community's youth and adult groups and organizations will present displays and demonstrations from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have questions about the Town of Bethlehem, you may speak with Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick Jr. and members of the Town Board

on Thursday evening, April 23.

An Albany County Grange visitation is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Regents scholars

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School has announced the names of this year's Regents Scholarship winners. They are Rebecca Bull, Paul Caswell, Paul Curley, Christine Doyle, Kelli Egan, Theodore Finke, Joanne Goes, Kevin Hummel, John Irving, Kenneth Koonz, Kenneth Newkirk, Wendy Nolan, Evelyn Ottaviano, Timothy Penk, James Ritter, Marie Setford, Patricia Surrano and Anthony Williams, Jr. Regents Nursing Scholarship winners are Amy Kane and Michele Underwood.

Traveling bake sale

If you have a yearning for some delicious home-baked sweets, but haven't either the time or inclination to go through all the work required to prepare it, the ladies of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church have the solution for you. This Saturday, April 25, the group will hold a traveling bake sale in South Bethlehem. The sale will begin at the South Bethlehem Post Office on Rt. 396 at 10 a.m. After all customers have made their purchases, they will then travel the

streets of South Bethlehem, until supplies are exhausted.

Pancake breakfast

On Saturday, April 25, the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church will serve a pancake supper from 5 to 7 p.m. in the church dining room, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children 5 to 10, and \$1 for pre-schoolers.

Rt. 9W planning

Planning for the development of Rt. 9W will be the topic of the April 30 meeting of the Bethlehem unit of the Albany County League of Women Voters. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Speakers for the evening will be Kenneth Ringler, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce; John Williamson, chairman of the Bethlehem Planning Board; Robert Zick, representing the Council of Neighborhood Associations, and State University of Albany graduate students of urban studies, who have looked at development along Rt. 9W.

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picture for us," Superintendent William Schwartz said.

RCS' 1987-88 state aid is an increase of about eight percent over this year's \$5,592,866.

With the new state aid, tax rates for the Town of Coeymans are figured at \$206 per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of about one percent over this year's \$204, and for the Town of New Baltimore at \$166 per \$1,000, an increase of about 12 percent over this year's \$148.

The wide disparity in tax increases is because of differing state equalization rates of the four towns, reflecting different levels of real estate activity.

With the governor's state aid figures, RCS taxpayers were looking at increases of between five and 17 percent. Early tax rates had been figured at \$177 per \$1,000 of assessed value for Bethlehem residents, an increase of about 16 percent above this year's, and at \$269 per \$1,000 for New Scotland residents, an increase of six percent.

Final tax rates for 1987-88 will be set after the school board receives assessment figures from the towns during the summer.

Assessment rolls open

The tentative assessment roll for the Town of Bethlehem will be available for public inspection beginning May 1 and continuing until Tuesday, May 19. John F. Thompson, assessor for the Town of Bethlehem, will be in attendance at Bethlehem Town Hall with the roll on weekdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Saturdays, from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

The Board of Assessment Review will meet at Bethlehem Town Hall to hear complaints in relation to assessments on Tuesday, May 19, from 9 a.m. until noon and from 6 to 8 p.m.

Boys charged with arson

Two South Bethlehem boys will be appearing in Albany County Family Court on charges of attempted arson, Bethlehem Police said.

The boys, 10 and 13-year olds, were charged with attempting to set a garage on Rt. 396 in South Bethlehem on fire on Friday, police said.

The fire was spotted in a pile of leaves under an overhang of the three-car garage at about 3:20 p.m. by a passerby. Police said the boys were seen in the area at the time of the fire, and after police located them, the boys admitted that they lit a cup on fire and threw it into the leaves.

The garage did not suffer any damage because it was put out by the passerby and the South Bethlehem Fire Department, police said.

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How does your garden grow, Deborah McKneally? Page 17

Lynn Finley

The garden store with a 'Greenleaf' heritage

By Lorraine C. Smith

Greenleaf is a family name. Appropriately so, since Price-Greenleaf, Inc., in Delmar has involved three generations in providing "greenleafed" plants to thousands of Bethlehem residents from a business that dates back to 1831.

Recognized as one of the 25 oldest continuous businesses in the Capital District, Albany Seed Store was one of the first seed establishments in the United States.

Joining Albany Seed Store in 1936, Edmund Greenleaf Plummer was a "seedman and salesman," moving with the business when it relocated to Hudson Ave. to become Price's Seeds.

When construction of the Empire State Plaza required another move, "Papa" Plummer consolidated his efforts with Greenleaf Gardens, the Elsmere nurseries operated by his sons David and George since their return home from military service. In September, 1961, the senior Plummer tore down his home on Booth Rd., next to what is now CVS Pharmacy, to establish the Price-Greenleaf Seed, Garden Store & Nursery that exists today.

Now in its 25th year, Price-Greenleaf is under the direction of Edward's son, Dave, his wife Joan and two of their sons. This is a store that provides everything for the

garden: seeds, bulbs, shrubs, trees, fertilizer, insecticide and garden supplies. While the nursery stock and houseplants come from Connecticut, the annuals are all grown by the owners. Even the 500 Christmas trees brought in from the Adirondacks have the Plummer touch, "We cut all the trees ourselves."

The annuals are started from seed at the nurseries on Elsmere Ave. The perennials are begun from "bare roots and plugs," and their trademark, the profusion of flowering hanging baskets are also designed and planted by the Plummers.

In the meticulously kept greenhouses, colorful blooms of summer gardens can be previewed months before the area's planting season as thousands of seedlings grow in vibrant shades of green.

As early as January, third generation James Neal Plummer, who takes care of the nursery half of the operation, seeds the "flats" on heating coils. Starting the first of March come the "transplanters," a group of faithful part-timers of all ages, who divide the seedlings into flower packs that will be sold at the store. Their work continues until June.

The young plants are kept in eight heated greenhouses, ranging from 65-80 degrees, and thrive with Jim's continual attention: Should

the seed flats be moved for different heating conditions? Are the plants pinched back to grow full? Are the geraniums rooting properly? Do the lilies need cooler temperatures to delay bloom for Easter?

The Plummers' successes are selected each year by customers who bring home a total of 220,000 annuals, including 65,000 petunias, 60,000 impatiens and 33,000 marigolds. And no wonder, with such an inviting medley to choose from as Color Parade, Glitters and Red Ambassador — wonderful imagery for Bethlehem's favorite summer flower, the petunia. One new variety for '87 is Snow Drift.

Vegetables, all 28,000 of them, are also nurtured here from seed which is supplied by the Utica Seed Company in Menands. Price-Greenleaf markets 15 varieties of vegetables from All American Big Boy tomatoes to zucchini squash.

With a work day that sometimes includes three and a half hours of hand watering, Jim enjoys the diversity in his schedule: "Our business changes with the seasons. We're not doing the same thing all the time. You pay more attention to the little things, because it's your own business."

A 1975 Bethlehem Central High School graduate, Jim is married to Kathy McMillan Plummer. With their one and a half year old

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One of the four Price-Greenleaf owners, Jim Plummer checks some of the hanging baskets and flower packs individually planted for the store.

Lorraine Smith

Family gardening: Sowing for other rewards

By Anna D. Law

As I look out across the garden plots, deeply buried with snow, it is difficult to envision flowers in bloom. However, the promise is always there. As seed catalogs arrive in the mailbox, the perspective soon becomes clearer, the imagination is stirred and a spring time focus of growth and a green garden became more of a reality.

What is a garden? The dictionary definition — "land set aside for the cultivation of flowers, herbs, vegetables and small fruits for either utility or ornament" — leaves us with a factual, yet inanimate appreciation, for a garden is a special place.

The Garden of Eden was perhaps such a place. And during this season the Garden of Gethsemane is acknowledged as very special. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania and our national parks and gardens are all places of beauty and delight.

A garden, however, to most of us yields other benefits too, and it is in this realm that we begin to think of seeds, plants and cultivation of the land.

Gardening brings forth feelings that are both productive and rewarding. Believing the sun and rain will come, we plant with the hope that our planning and preparation have been adequate. We then proceed with nurturing care and a high degree of expectation.

One of the very important aspects of garden preparation has been a thorough cleaning of the ground surface and surrounding area, rather like house cleaning.

As soon as the ground is free of snow and frost the project can begin. Dead vines of any kind that may not have been raked away in the fall should be removed, as well as leaves and stalks remaining from last year's plants. Clear the surface of the garden well by removing tomato cages and stakes to be hosed down outside the garden space, before they are used again.



Photos by Lorraine Smith

This is a help in controlling insect infestation and breeding places for other garden enemies that may have found hiding places through the winter.

Successful gardening does not result from good work alone, but also from good planning, caring for and understanding the growing process. Every year or so, it becomes necessary to take stock of improvement of spacing and arrangement. The garden can be a health factor, both from being a source of exercise, through involvement and by contributing to our nutrition. A garden with sandy soil may be improved with the addition of compost, humus and peat moss.

The concept of raised beds for certain vegetables, especially root vegetables, has brought satisfactory results. Now I want to restructure the raised beds and enlarge them.

The notion of rotating plants to different areas seems worthy of trying. Some other ideas of staggered planting seem to have merit, with the reward of having certain vegetables maturing over

take more time and care. Decide now on spacing and bedding. To

consecutive years. One possibility for spacing is to use some plants as



construct durable raised beds, boards or some kind of retaining material about the size of two by fours are needed. These are fashioned in a rectangle about ten feet long and three feet wide. It is necessary to dig a small trench for the boards to fit into to secure them. Once they are solidly nailed, the

protection for others. Another suggestion is to use plants such as Marigolds that discourage insects.

About 44 percent of American households are garden participants every year. Increasingly we learn more about gardening's inherent benefits from research by seed

Gardens keep us in living contact with the first stages of human life, preventing our modern way of life from cutting us from our roots in the earth.

longer periods of time.

Accumulating new practices and plans is good, but now the time has come for preparation of the soil. This cannot be done until the soil has dried sufficiently to prevent clods of earth forming as it is worked in. This can be done by spading with a fork or with a rototiller, which can be rented.

Finer raking and leveling will

inner space will be filled with garden soil, adding some organic fertilizer. This should be worked together many times and soaked with water before planting. The fill needs to be raked several times to remove large stones or other debris in preparation for the small seeds. Raised bedding does require more frequent watering.

It is not a good gardening plan to plant crops in the same spot in

companies, environmentalists and nutritionists. The kinds of foods and how we grow them is very much a factor in maintaining good health.

Gardens keep us in living contact with the first stages of human life, preventing our modern way of life from cutting us off from our roots in the earth. We can still feel a reassurance in the soft soothing touch of rain on parched earth, and revel in the cooling breeze after a summer shower, knowing the growing process goes on blessed with the wealth of water.

Over and beyond striving to obtain more from the garden space we have is the true joy of seeing growing things and being a part of the process.

Anna D. Law of Delmar is still interested in gardening after 40 years.

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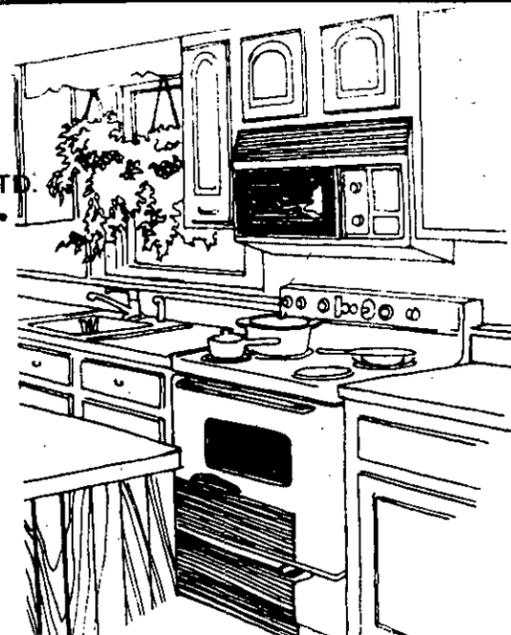
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daughter Colleen, they now live at his Uncle George's former home adjacent to the nurseries. After earning a BS in economics, Jim held other positions for five years, including selling accounting systems for Burroughs in Manhattan, before returning to the family nursery. "I grew up in the business, it was always in the back of my mind."

As to other compensations from his nursery labors, the tall, congenial co-owner smiled easily: "Come look," he motioned toward the rows of green plants. "It's watching things grow."

Dave, "Red," is the artistic one, "always the pusher." Acknowledged as the builder in the family, he had begun construction of larger office space in the rear of the store just before his recent surgery. His previous project was the attractive lattice backdrop for display of containers. From a friend's maple tree that had to be cut down, he crafted the rich toned ceiling beams in the room featuring baskets and barrels.

Home from the hospital now, Dave is recovering steadily. He visits the store and nursery with increasing frequency, anxious to return to work. The rest of his team, the whole Plummer family, as well as returning spring customers, anticipate his return.

Minding the family store is the youngest of the four owners, Dean Garfield Plummer, BCHS 1981. Dean remembers the first job he did for his grandfather, weighing out half ounces of seed.

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Over the years, Price-Greenleaf has grown, changed. Once they raked lawns, and years ago snowplowing filled the winter months. Now a full line of Christmas decorations with fresh



Dean Plummer stands ready for the busiest month of the year. At the peak of the season, 12 employees will help sell the store merchandise, nursery plants, and houseplants.

Lorraine Smith

trees comprise the winter season's stock.

Customers are surprised to see that Price-Greenleaf has such a variety of Christmas supplies after the fall flowers, but December ranks as the company's second busiest month of the year. May is first and coming in third are April and June.

Consideration has often been given to expanding to a second Price-Greenleaf — buying in greater quantity would lower costs, and a fifth of their following already come from other areas — but the Plummers are reluctant to do so. They worry about the unpredictability of expanding while insuring a quality operation, keeping good help, and being able to operate a business that would "fit in our lifestyle."

Edmund Greenleaf Plummer worked in his store until six months before his death in 1974. Edmund's

widow, Edith Plummer Pangburn remembers the early years: "My husband always had a beautiful flower and vegetable garden and I had been raised on a farm. I've loved this business."

Involved from the Hudson Ave. days when she clerked, packaged seeds and paid the bills, this silver haired grandmother of 13 and great-grandmother of 10, still brings her charm to the Price-Greenleaf offices, where she works part-time as bookkeeper with her daughter-in-law Joan, Dave's wife.

"Everything is a joint effort," said Joan, who performs her duties as office manager in tandem with Edith.

Another BCHS graduate, Joan Geurtze Plummer's own family background also includes plants and flowers. It was her uncle who sold the greenhouses from his florist shop to Dave and George.



Dave "Red" Plummer last fall at home on Elsmere Ave., just two doors away from the Price-Greenleaf nurseries. Lynn Finley

each of the Plummers; "We saw each other. We were all close."

The younger of Edmund's two sons, George, began to build Price-Greenleaf with his father and his brother Dave for 30 years before retiring last August. Visiting the homestead nurseries for an afternoon last month, he recalled the best of times: "Success meant emptying all eight greenhouses. It's the friendships you build up with the customers. To raise the plants, and have people come back every year."

And the worst of times: "Snow in May," he said without hesitation. "Or rain every week-end. Seeing your plants not selling...when you want to work and couldn't."

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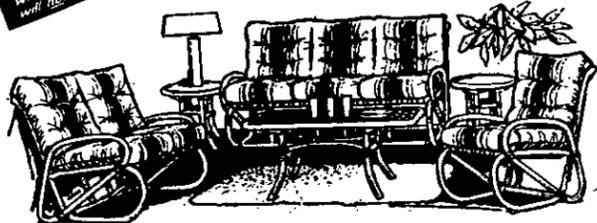
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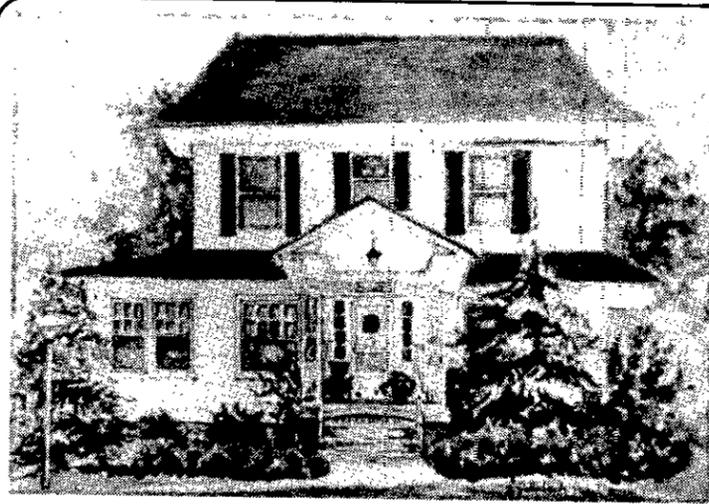
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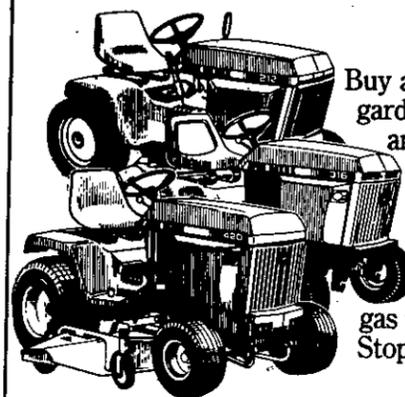
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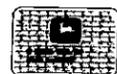


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George recognized the time to retire: "to bring younger people into the store to take care of the younger customers. It goes right along with

it." A handsome retiree with a ready laugh, George Plummer now trains German Shepherds and has planted 2,500 Christmas trees on

his 130 acres on Lake Champlain.

After George's retirement last fall, the business was reorganized into a four-way corporation with Dave Plummer, his wife Joan, and two of their four children, Jim and Dean.

Looking ahead, they hope to accommodate increasing customer

requests for landscaping design, a service that now comprises almost 20 percent of their business.

Pleased that her four children first explored other careers, Joan Plummer is equally pleased that sons Jim and Dean have entered the enterprise.

Being in business together as a family works, the Plummers agree,

because "we really trust each other...we work together but we all have different things we're doing."

All together, the families have coped with that uncontrollable obstacle, bad weather: "You have a rainy year you just don't make as much money, that's all," is how Joan Plummer expressed it. "But I would never have wanted anything different."



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Harbinger of spring — the wheelbarrow, was left outside, the owners say, after that glorious weekend announcing spring a few weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pietrykowski work in the garden as much as they can. "It's good to get outside," said Mrs. Pietrykowski, "It's just like spring housecleaning." They plant all flowers,

mostly impatiens and geraniums, at their home on Tamarack in Delmar, with some introduction of perennials. Standing amidst the fall chrysanthemums is their four year old granddaughter Katie. The Pietrykowskis cut back the mums each year, feed them well, and this bright profusion is the result.

Lynn Finley and Lorraine Smith

Container gardening offers variety of alternatives

When thoughts turn to spring they often turn to gardening and all the wonders that it can bring. If you've experienced some disillusionment with a garden in the past because your soil was impossible, your site too shady, or the rodents too many, you might want to try container gardening. The Bethlehem Public Library has many materials to help you get started.

Growing Herbs in Pots (635.7 B) by John Burton Brimier claims to have "everything you need to know about to grow the most popular kitchen herbs — on your windowsill,

on your terrace, or anywhere in the house under lights." It also lists herbs used for specific dishes as well as the recipes that make them possible.

Many of the books available on container gardening focus on house plants. *Container Gardening Indoors and Out* (637.965 K) by Jack Kramer helps you choose the right container, select the plants for an outdoor container garden and decorate with plants. *Hanging Plants for Home, Terrace and Garden* (635.96 B) by John Baumgardt tells you how to grow

trailing plants in pots, urns and baskets, has decorative ideas for achimenes, begonias, fuschias, geraniums; for cascading chrysanthemums, lantanas and morning glories with many photographs. *Decorative Gardening in Containers* (635.9 M) by Elvin McDonald covers the material in both of the previous titles with many photographs of interesting plantings.

The Contained Garden (635.986 B) by Kenneth A. Beckett is a helpful guide to growing plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables outdoors in pots. It is full of expert

creative and practical advice on plants and their cultivation, potting and design and demonstrates that you do not need a garden in the conventional sense to enjoy the pleasures and rewards of gardening.

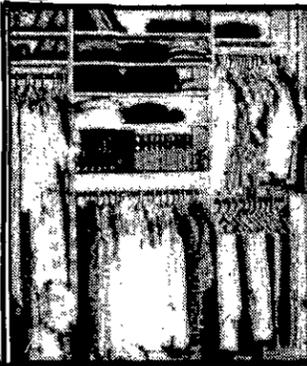
Gardens without Soil (q 631.5 K) by Jack Kramer discusses aqua gardening or hydroponics. These water solution containers can support vegetables or house plants and once set up, are described as being trouble-free.

Many magazine articles have been written about container

gardening and many of these do cover vegetable gardening. To find these, try the heading "Container Gardening" in Magazine Index or Info Trac. Some of the articles you will find are, "Can you grow vegetables in pots? Yes," in *Sunset*, April 1986 or "You want to grow corn, but space is tight. Try containers," also in *Sunset*, May, 1985.

Although this article has focused on container gardening there are some general books on gardening

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Water conservation will benefit garden

that shouldn't be missed. *Guerilla Gardening* (635 A) by John Adams tells you how to grow fruits and vegetables that taste the way they used to. It contains a bibliography of books related to heirloom-gardening interests.

Katherine S. White's *Onward and Upward in the Garden* (635.908 W) is worth many an evening or afternoon of perusing. This compilation of articles written by Mrs. White for *The New Yorker* beginning in 1958 is delightful. She writes about seed catalogs, gardening books and of her intense relationships with plants. Her discussions of the names of plants and the trends in those names is very human and literary.

Master Gardeners from Albany County Cooperative Extension will present programs at the library on perennial gardening on May 6 at 7:30 p.m. and on gardening with annuals on May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

This is only a small sample of the information to be found at the library on the gardening. Come in and let us find information to help you and answer your gardening questions.

Elizabeth Levy
Head of Reference and Adult Services

Don't cultivate your garden unnecessarily. Use mulches to cut down on evaporation of moisture from the garden soil. It's wasteful to water the whole garden when garden plants are young. Catch rainwater and use it for your garden.

Home gardeners can use these and other steps to conserve water for their garden crops. When drought conditions occur, home gardeners may face an uphill battle against water shortages, especially in areas where restrictions on water use have been imposed.

Vegetables are 75 percent to 99 percent water, hence water is a precious commodity essential for producing quality crops, according to a vegetable crops specialist for Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Roger A. Kline, an expert on home gardening in the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, says that the average American home garden (20 by 20 feet) requires up to 500 gallons of water, or about two tons, based on two inches of water supplied to the garden every week.

Water, Kline explains, disappears from the garden in two ways — through evaporation from soil and transpiration from the leaves of plants. Therefore, the trick is to "interfere" with these processes to cut down on water consumption.

When garden plants are young, for example, there is no need to water the whole garden, he insists, because these plants, with their small root systems, do not occupy the entire garden.

One way of conserving water is to irrigate only these plants, not the whole garden, using a trickle irrigation system or soaker hose that directs water to specific areas. With such systems, water can be supplied at a slow pace to where it's needed most.

Later in the season, when plants become large with extensive root systems, is the time to water the whole garden. One effective way to cut down on water consumption is to use organic mulches, such as straw, grass clippings from lawns, leaves, saw dust, bark chips, and even newspapers.

One drawback with these materials, says Kline, is that they may keep the soil too cool for some of the warm-weather crops, such as tomatoes, cucumbers, and melons, and slow their growth. In addition, organic mulches absorb some of the water before the water reaches down to the soil.

One of the popular materials used widely as a mulch is black plastic; it's highly effective in controlling weed pests while dramatically reducing evaporation of moisture from soil. Black plastic is ideal for growing many kinds of crops in the garden, including cucumbers, melons, summer squash, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, celery, head lettuce, cabbage, broccoli and even potatoes.

"Before black plastic is put down, the area should be watered thoroughly," Kline stresses.

Still another water conservation step calls for avoiding unnecessary cultivation of the garden. Light cultivation is effective in getting rid of unwanted weeds which compete for available moisture, but this practice backfires as far as water evaporation goes.

"A dry, crusted layer on the surface of the soil works well in holding the moisture from escaping from the soil," Kline notes. "So, don't disturb the soil unnecessarily; cultivate only the areas that have to be weeded."

When it comes to watering, remember to water deeply, so soil is receiving moisture 12 inches deep because light sprinkling only makes plant root systems shallower; irrigate slowly so water is not wasted in runoff. When puddles form, stop the sprinkler until the water soaks into the soil. Timing is important, too. Kline urges gardeners to water early in the morning, around 6 a.m. or 7 a.m., when winds are minimal and heat is, not oppressive.

Winds carry away moisture from soil and plants. Wind breaks on the north and west sides of a garden by planting rye grass, or by erecting even a wooden fence, should minimize water losses, Kline says.

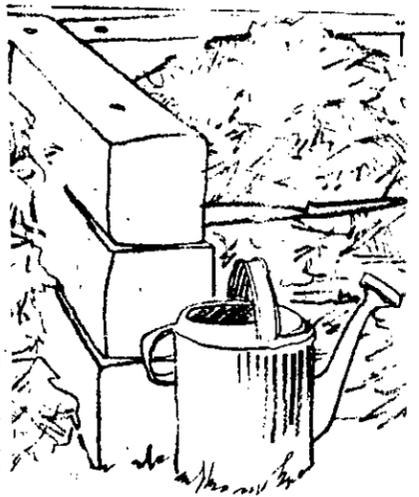
Knowing when to water the garden as the crops continue to develop is critical as a water conservation measure. Water is needed for seeds to germinate and until young plants are established. Transplants require water immediately after they are set out in the garden. Water also is critical when lettuce, spinach, and cabbage, among other leafy crops, become large.

Fruit crops, such as tomatoes, eggplants, corn, beans, cucumbers, summer squash and melons, need plenty of water when they start blooming and while they develop fruit. But, water is not needed as much when fruits are in the final stage of development and ripening.

"Melons, for example, don't need much water after they begin to ripen," Kline points out. "When tomatoes begin to turn red and mature, stop watering altogether; withholding water during this stage will result in better tasting fruit." Onions need little water as their bulbs mature.

Finally, catch rainwater and use it for the garden. If all of the water conservation measures are used, about half of the amount of water normally needed for a garden could be saved without sacrificing yield or quality, Kline says.

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There are ten steps to follow in preparing and planting crops:

1. Check the soil. With all the rain in early April, the soil was saturated. If the soil is too wet, it should not be worked. A handful of soil should ball up slightly and crumble apart easily. If the soil ball does not crumble, do not work the soil and wait for it to dry out.

2. When the soil is ready to work, rake all the debris out of the garden.

3. Organic material and one half the fertilizer for the garden may then be added.

4. Mix the materials into the soil.

5. After the soil has been worked and the organic matter and fertilizer have been added, smooth the soil with a rake.

6. Make furrows for the seeds, taking care not to plant the seeds too deep.

7. Plant the seeds according to the directions on the seed packet.

8. Cover the seeds with soil.

9. It is important for the seeds to maintain contact with the soil. Therefore, tap the covered furrows lightly with the hoe blade.

10. Label the crops with a stake. Write the names and dates on the stake in pencil.

Carolyn Steadman
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Perennial favorites

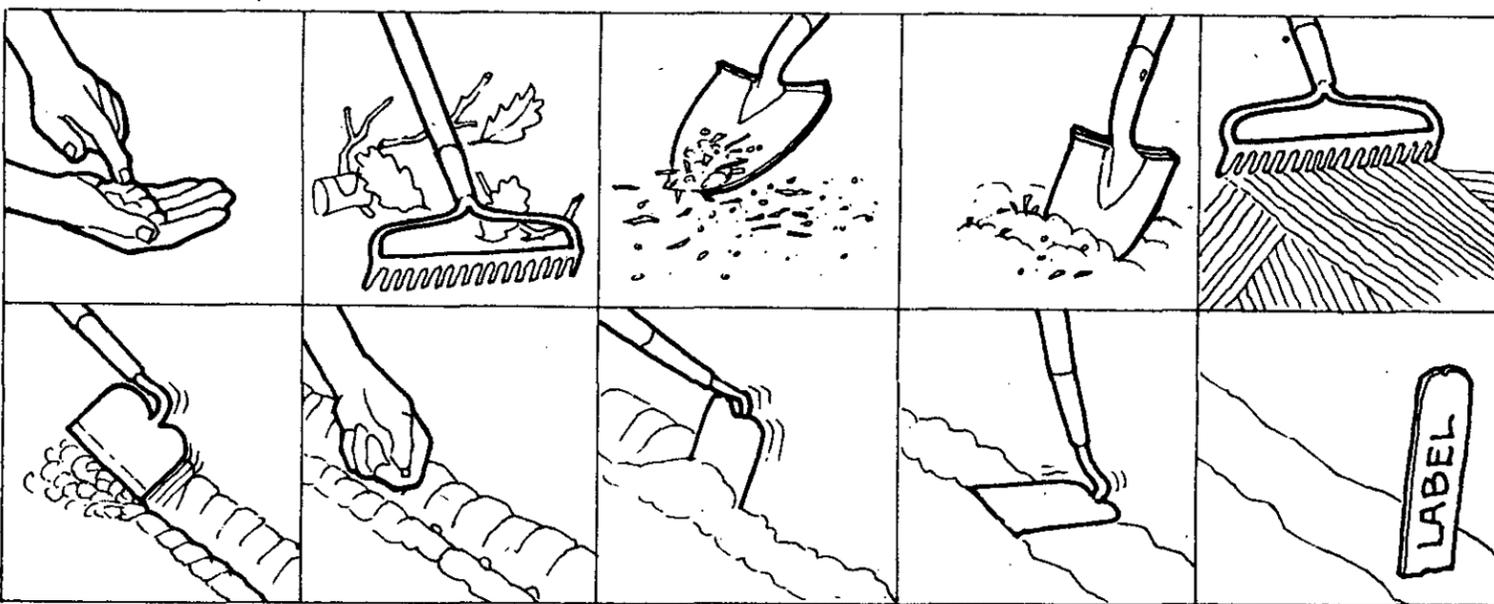
To provide information on the perennials of gardening, the Albany County Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a lecture on May 5.

Master Gardener Kay Weeks will give a noontime lecture at the Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany.

There will be a soil test clinic in conjunction with the lecture. Both the lecture and soil test clinic will be held from noon until 1 p.m.

For further information call the Agriculture Office of Cooperative Extension at 765-3510. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Check soil (it should ball up slightly when grasped) Remove debris Add fertilizer and organic material Mix materials into soil Smooth with rake



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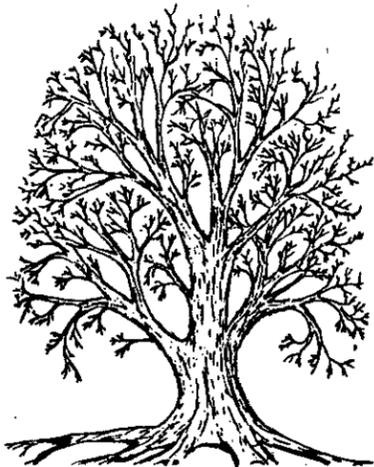
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Success in a zucchini

By Jodi Wells

Every year, with the advent of spring, with unexpected buds on trees that only yesterday trailed icicles, with bright patches of green on lawns so recently white, and the sun finally, happily peeking through skies too long pale and wan, my thoughts turn to the highest of hopes and the greatest of expectations — to planting a garden.

Not just any garden of course, but one brimming with the vitality of healthy vegetables, with glistening peas interlacing greenery on a trellis, eggplant bursting from the soil, with meaty red tomatoes, green beans, vibrant zucchini and basil plants growing lush in the midsummer sun.

Several years ago, after weeks spent scouring gardening centers, poring over seed catalogues, considering climate schedules printed in multicolors on the backs of seed packets, planning lot size and row placement, after rototilling and mulching, I planted.

For weeks, through radiant days as spring turned to summer, I nurtured my bounty of potential produce. I fertilized and weeded and pruned and watered my sprouts... and I waited.

Was it perhaps rabbits nibbling at tender shoots as I slept? Could it have been the two weeks I spent at the shore in August; leaving them at the mercy of an unprecedented (and unrecorded) drought? Could I, in inexperienced zeal, have plucked stems rather than weeds? Could I have neglected them at some unnoticed yet critical grown stage?

All that I had, in September's cold clear light, was one ten-pound zucchini.

Forget the blossom promises from the tomatoes, nevermind red radish roots. Were there orange colored stems that could have crescendoed as carrots? Might there be succulent, baby eggplants lurking beneath the leaves? And hidden, perhaps, a handful of tender beans?



Drawing by Cheryl Clary

No. One ten-pound zucchini was all that offered the hallelujah and requiem for my garden of '86.

Jodi Wells is an avid runner at least. She's giving herself a yet-to-be determined sabbatical from gardening.

Seedlings planted

Seedlings from the state's Saratoga Tree Nursery will be planted during Arbor Day observances and other events at more than 600 school across the state, Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry G. Williams recently announced.

Since the beginning of April, the nursery has sent a total of 21,700 free tree and shrub seedlings to 434 schools in the 1987 school seedling program.

"Many schools which were accepted for this program are scheduling tree plantings to commemorate Arbor Day on April 24, and this year, many plantings are also being dedicated to the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution," Commissioner Williams said.

"While commemorative plantings are not a requirement for participation in our school seedling program, we are pleased when seedlings from the state tree nursery are part of Arbor Day celebrations and other special events," Williams added.

The nursery also contributed a young white spruce for an Arbor Day observance at DEC's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar.

DEC began the school seedling program in 1984 to give young people more opportunity to learn first-hand about the values that trees have in their environment. Interested schools apply in the fall and those that qualify each receive 50 seedlings the following spring. Since the program began, 1,357 schools have received seedlings.



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The reason is clear. The trend toward outdoor entertaining that sprouted in the West is now blooming across the country—even

in the relatively chilly Northeast. Sales of barbecue grills, planters and outdoor furniture are keeping pace, according to distributors of the products.

Unlike most rooms, though, these new rooms can have problems. Decks built near the ground can be plagued with weeds, and patios can crack or heave with the frost-thaw cycle of the changing seasons. But homeowners can take a simple

precaution early in the construction project.

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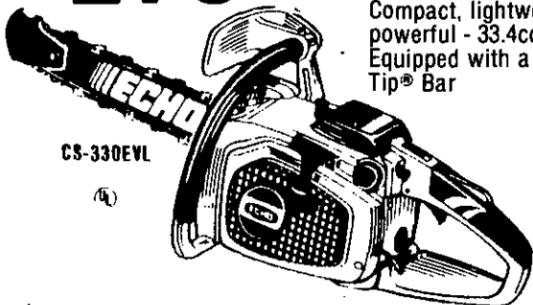


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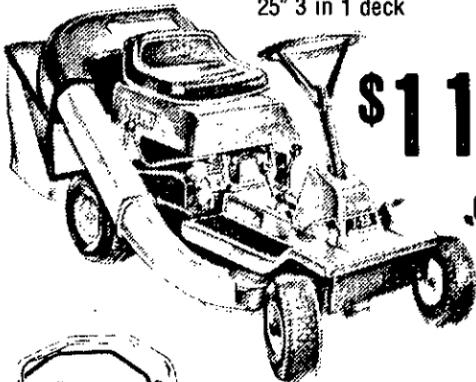


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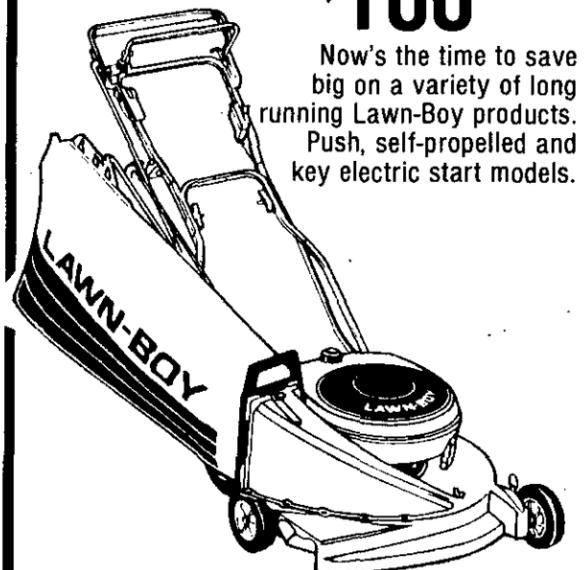
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Plant a tree for Arbor Day

Historically, the last Friday in April has been celebrated in this country as Arbor Day. This year, Arbor Day is celebrated on April 24th.

Over 100 years ago, J. Sterling Morton, a native of Adams, N.Y., initiated the first Arbor Day in the United States. Morton, who was living in Nebraska, recognized the importance of preserving soil and providing protection from the wind on barren plains.

Many homeowners are now thinking about planting trees as soon as the ground is ready. There are several steps that should be followed to insure that the trees will flourish after being transplanted. The adage about digging a fifty dollar hole for a five dollar plant is good advice.

The size of the transplanting hole is very important. It should be about twice as wide as the root ball and about one and one half times as deep. The parent material from the

hole should be mixed with one-third peat moss or other organic material. If the soil ball is wrapped in plain burlap, unfasten the strings around the trunk and tuck the burlap back under the soil. If the burlap is plastic coated, it will not decay, and needs to be removed. It is very important that the top of the soil ball is level with the ground. Changing the planting depth of the tree can result in the death of the plant.

When the hole is back-filled two-thirds, tamp down the soil and flood the hole. This method allows the soil to settle and eliminates air pockets. After the hole has drained, finish filling the hole and water it well, again. Mulch can be added to the top of the planting hole. This helps to conserve moisture and discourages weeds.

Newly transplanted trees must have at least one inch of water a week during the first growing season. The slow drip method of

watering is an effective way to ensure the plant is receiving enough water.

Staking is another protection needed by newly planted trees. For trees up to 20 feet in height, one or two strong stakes, six to eight feet in length, are driven into the ground six to 12 inches from the trunk. A short length of garden hose, with a wire run through it, is then placed around the trunk, and the wire is twisted around the stake in the form of a figure 8 to complete the support.

Celebrate Arbor Day this year by planting a tree. Follow these simple transplanting steps to help your tree become well established. You will then have a permanent reminder of Arbor Day, 1987.

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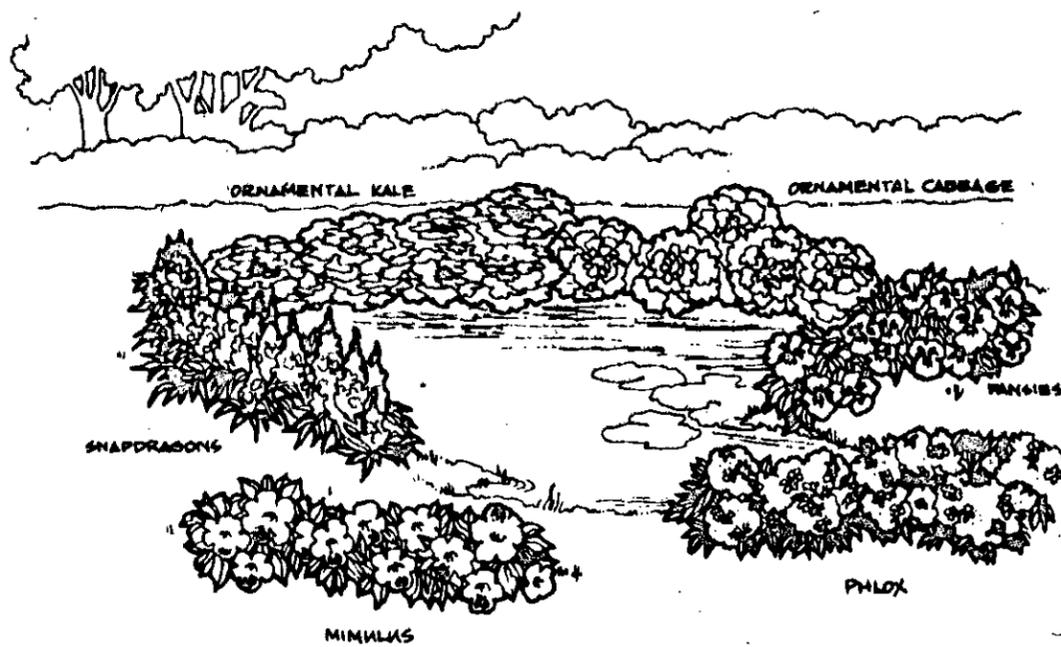
Design and plant cool season bloom

Gardening shouldn't be thought of as a hot weather, summertime activity only. Increasing numbers of gardeners are discovering the possibilities and advantages of growing cool season flowers and vegetables. There are literally dozens of these types of plants that can be set into the ground long before the last spring frost and again in mid to late summer for lengthening periods of color enjoyment and for early and late vegetable harvest.

Flowers and vegetables are divided into two groups. The "hardy" cool season plants can withstand light frosts in spring and fall and grow best where temperatures stay cool. The "tender" warm

season plants are killed by either spring or fall frosts and need warm summer temperatures to grow and flourish. With proper planning, your garden can utilize both types and give you the longest growing season possible.

Some of the cool season flowers to consider include annual phlox, snapdragons, forget-me-not, ornamental cabbage and kale, pansies, sweet alyssum, sweet pea, African daisy, baby-blue-eyes, baby's breath, cornflower, salpiglossis, everlastings, poppies, larkspur, calendula, wall-flowers and mimulus. You can use these as spring or fall sources of color or as all-summer flowers where the climate is always cool, such as at high altitudes, in



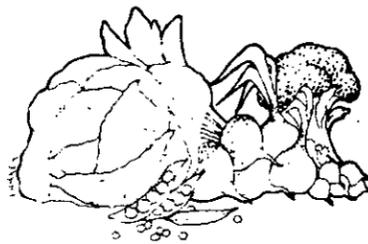
northern areas and along some seashores. Many of these plants suffer from summer heat unless protected by mulches and light shade. Fountains and pools also have a cooling effects.

The outstanding vegetables for cool season growing are the members of the cabbage family, such as cauliflower, kohlrabi, rutabaga, Chinese cabbage, broccoli, mustard, cabbage, collards, Brussel sprouts and kale.

Other vegetables that can be grown in the spring and fall garden, as they are not harmed by frost, are carrots, beets, lettuce, onions, radishes, chard, chickory, endive, leek, spinach, peas, salsify and parsnips.

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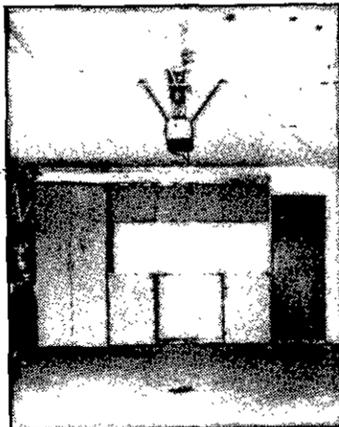
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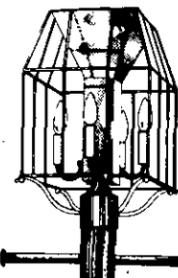
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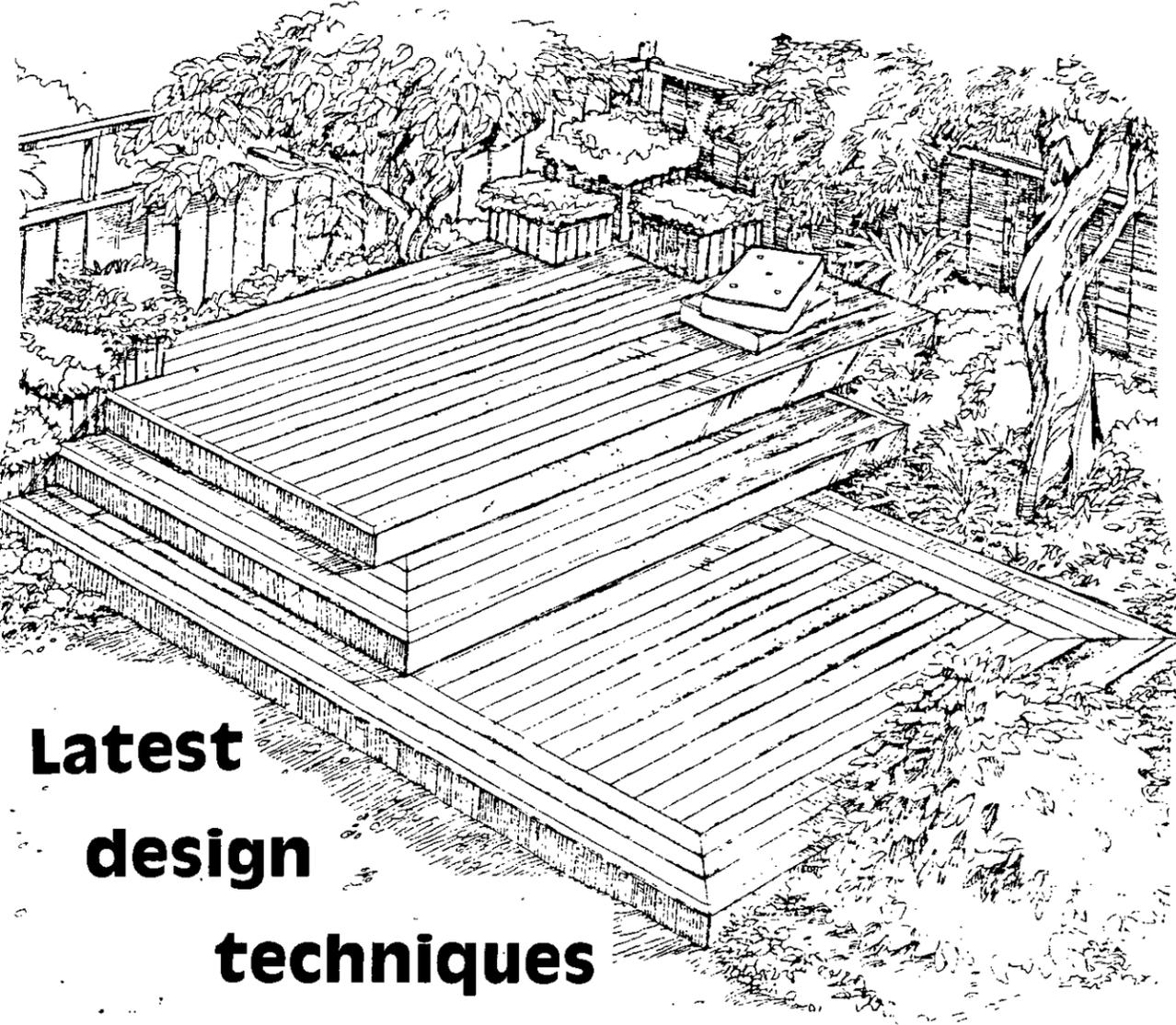
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When the first hints of spring appear, many gardeners decide to add new trees to their home landscape. A visit to a local nursery may reveal row after row of promising ornamentals and fruit

trees; some are better than others, however. Select the healthiest for your garden.

Look for trees that have one single main trunk with a strong leader at the top. A tree with a good,

strong vertical line has a head start on healthy growth. It also tends to be more aesthetically pleasing.

Avoid any trees with visible signs of damage, such as torn bark, broken branches and split crotches (the junction where main limbs join the trunk).

Many ornamental trees, and almost all fruit trees, consist of a top grafted onto a rootstock. With these trees, check the area where the scion (top) meets the rootstock. It will be visible as a line. If, however, the graft shows signs of considerable swelling, there is a problem.

Swelling could mean an incomplete graft union, and that the scion and rootstock will eventually split apart.

If a tree is in leaf, see if there are many yellow leaves. That could be only a minor problem, but it may mean the tree has been under water stress. Choose a different tree.

Most trees are available with balled and burlapped roots, or containerized (usually in a plastic pot), or less commonly with bare roots. Trees purchased through mail order, for instance, may be shipped bare root. If you are buying a bare root tree, make sure it is planted before it leafs out. If the tree has leaves before it is planted, it will lose water through transpiration and may dry out. Bare root trees must be planted while they are still dormant. If planted correctly, though, they are no more difficult to grow than balled and burlapped or containerized trees.

Once you've picked out the healthiest tree of your choice, don't assume you can just put it in the trunk of your car with branches sticking out, and drive it home.

The tree should be transported in a covered vehicle. Otherwise the wind will damage it. If you don't

have access to such a vehicle, pay the nursery a little extra to transport the tree for you. It's worth the expense.

If you've chosen a healthy tree and planted it carefully, you may be so inspired by the results of your efforts that you want to plant additional trees. Once the warm



weather begins, be patient and wait until fall before doing more tree planting.

It's best to plant when the ground is not frozen, but the temperatures are cool and there is ample moisture. Spring and fall are the two ideal times.

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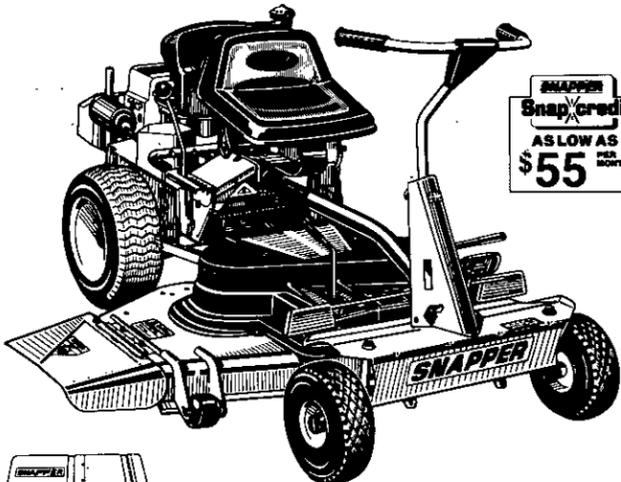
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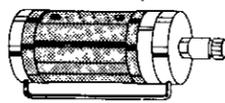
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Although modern man's romance with tree planting is undisputed, the roots of the ceremony are firmly fixed in history.

In the days of the Aztecs, tree planters used to fertilize the tree with a few drops of their own blood from a cut on their arm. In old India, it was firmly believed that some trees would not grow to full perfection unless the feet of a beautiful young girl pressed down the roots when they were planted. In ancient Judea, a cedar tree was planted when a boy was born and a pine if a girl. When a couple married, the canopy used in the wedding ceremony was woven with branches from both trees.

But Bruce Barton, the journalist, may have the last word, indeed, all that needs to be said about tree planting.

"When I am dead, people may say for a few weeks: he wrote pieces for the newspaper. For a few years they might say: he was the father of so-and-so. But long after that, long after the name is forgotten, there will be great trees in which the birds of the air will make their homes, and under which sons of men will find rest — the trees that I planted. In the life of my trees, I shall lift my face to the sun and cast my shadow on the earth for a hundred years."

Master gardeners

Master Gardeners from Albany County Cooperative Extension will present programs at the Bethlehem Public Library during May.

Perennial gardening will be the topic of a presentation by Sheri Hill on Wednesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m.

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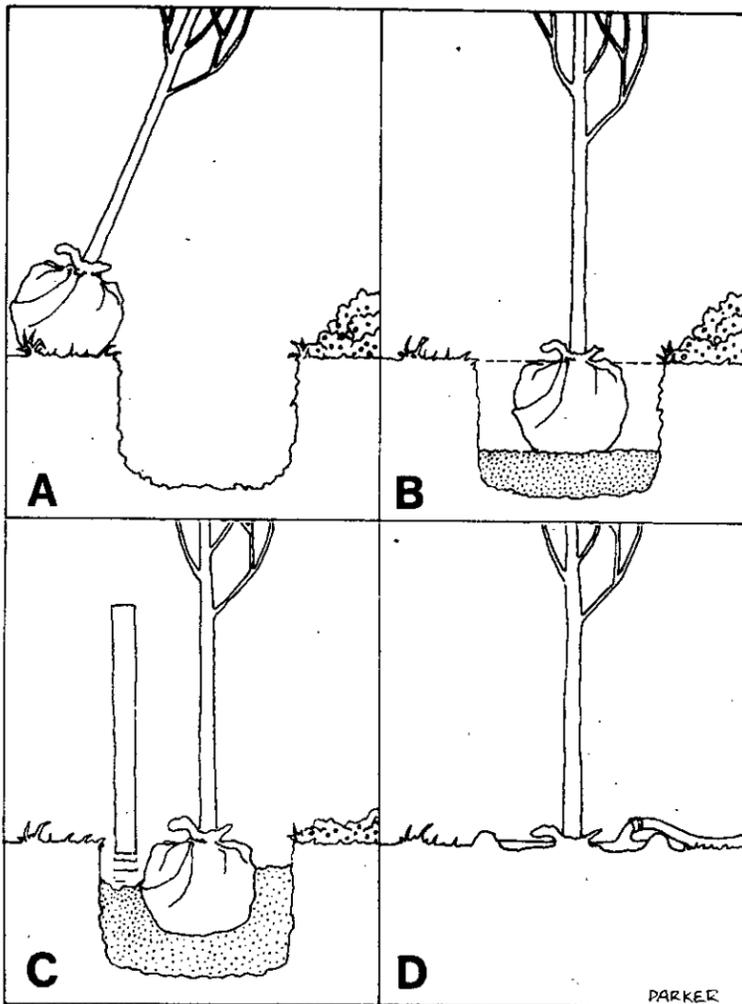
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Helping house plants

Indoor gardening keeps summer greens a year round venture, but keep in mind that your household environment is not the most natural setting for most plants. You need to provide for their needs in terms of light, temperature, moisture and nutrients to get satisfactory growth.

Two Cornell Cooperative Extension specialists have written a guide for indoor gardeners who want to see their decorative plants flourish. "The Selection, Care, and Use of Plants in the Home" was written for the novice and the experienced alike.

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At the first sign of spring, it's time to get your lawn in shape for summer enjoyment. Rake up the left over leaves, and collect any stray papers, branches and twigs that may have accumulated around your yard. As you go about your inspection, look for bare spots, areas that may need to be "leveled out," or any evidence of damage from disease or insects.

With the tour completed, your "homework" begins. Start by giving your wintery-weary lawn a once-over with the mower to even out its height and remove brown tips. Then, repair low or bare spots. In low areas, use topsoil and check the height to make sure the ground is level before replanting.

If you're going to use sod, cultivate the soil in the bare spots with a spade or power tiller to provide a good bed for root development.

To repair bare spots in Kentucky bluegrass, perennial rye grass or fine fescue lawns, sow the best seed you can find. Remember that quality seed produces quality results. Make sure the seed chosen will give good coverage, excellent

germination and superior strains of grass.

Follow planting with an application of fertilizer especially designed for new lawn areas. This will encourage new grass to fill in rapidly. The newly planted area should be kept moist — but not flooded — for two to three weeks



preventer with fertilizer, before weeds germinate.

Finally, to put that finishing touch on a lovely lawn, you should edge and trim it. Good, sharp tools are required to cut, sharp tools with minimal effort. Cut shallow trenches around flower beds, and get after any turf beginning to grow over sidewalk and driveway edges. Edging not only enhances the look of the lawn, but also improves drainage and makes it easier to keep pavement clean.

For trimming around the mailbox, fences and flower beds, use a good pair of grass shears. Choose those that are comfortable for you and keep them sharp and well oiled.

Follow these easy instructions in the spring and you'll have a better lawn right into summer.

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For a complete listing of how-to-do-it publications on vegetable, ornamental and fruit cultural practices and recommendations from Cornell University call the Albany County Cooperative Extension at 765-3510 and request the catalog of gardening publications.

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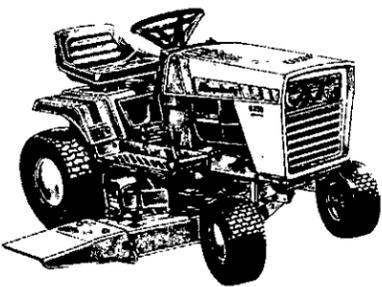
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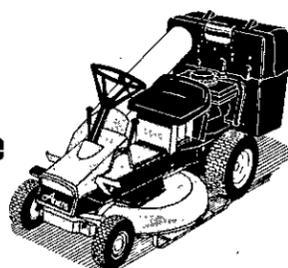
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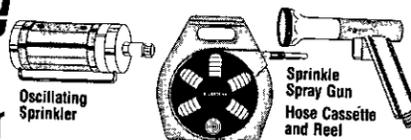
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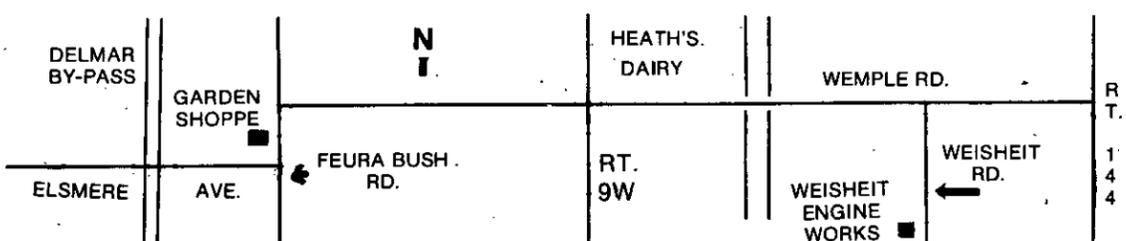
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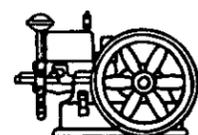
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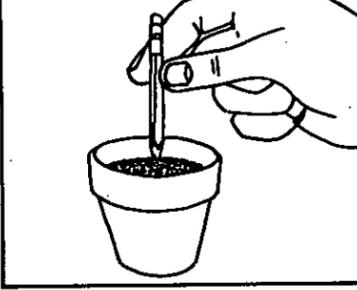
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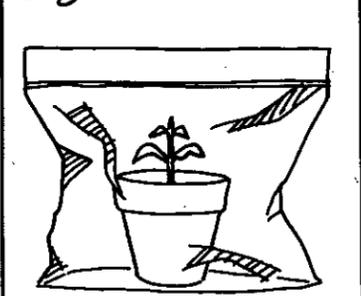


Leaf cutting: take a mature leaf with its stem



Cut stem at an angle with a razor blade.

Place potted cutting into a plastic locktop bag and seal.



Eliminating lawn destroyers

Grubs won't be the only pests afflicting lawns around the Northeast this summer. According to entomologists at Agway, Inc., homeowners also must contend with a pair of destroyers known as sodworms and chinch bugs. Their appetites are voracious and the damage they can do to a lawn is considerable.

Sod webworms

Sod webworms are the larvae of a buff-colored moth, which is from one-half to three-quarters of an inch long. The moths hide during the day and fly at dusk in zigzag patterns, dropping eggs randomly as they fly. The larvae develop dark brown heads and have dark spots scattered over the body. The worms construct silk-lined burrows through the lawn thatch and into the soil. They hide in these homes during the day and may overwinter there.

Webworm larval activity increases as temperatures warm in the spring. The worms mature from mid-May to mid-June, with moths emerging during late May to late June. First-generation larvae feed from late June to the end of July, when a new brood of moths emerge. A lawn may host as many as three generations: May, July and September.

Webworms feed at night on grass leaves (blades) and stems near the surface, causing irregular brown spots and thinned turf to develop.

Protect your lawn

Did moles and mice raise havoc on your lawn over the winter? If they did or you would like your lawn to look better, come to the Lawn Renovation and Care lecture at the Colonie Library on May 12. The lecture which begins at 7:30 p.m. will be given by Chuck Pettinato, master gardener.

The program will be preceded by a soil test clinic at 7 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public.

For further information, call Albany County Cooperative Extension at 765-3510.

When as many as 15 larvae are spotted per square yard, it's time to use an insecticide. Grass should be mowed first and clippings removed. Water the lawn before applying insecticide in late afternoon or early evening when the webworms emerge to begin feeding.

Chinch bugs

Chinch bugs are small sucking insects that damage lawngrass in all stages of development, from nymph to mature adult. They start out red with a white band on the abdomen, and later in maturity turn orange-brown to black with white wings. They are seldom seen flying.

Female chinch bugs generally start laying eggs in the grass in May. The nymphs, which develop in about two weeks, emerge in May or June and can go through five growth stages in about 30 days. A second generation comes along in September, with adults ready to overwinter in October. This second generation often causes the most damage.

Chinch bugs inject a salivary fluid into the grass plant as they suck the juice out. Damage appears as yellow spots that enlarge and rapidly turn brown. Because damage is heaviest in sunny locations during hot, dry periods, the problem is often thought to be the result of drought stress.

The best method for spotting chinch bugs, which are tiny and scurry for cover whenever they are exposed, is to float them on water. Remove both ends of a coffee can and press the can into the lawn to form a tight seal at the bottom. Fill with water and count the number of chinch bugs that come floating to the surface after a few minutes. A rate of 20 bugs per square foot means an insecticide is needed.

Effective timing is important when setting out to control sod webworms and chinch bugs. Approximate dates to aim for to counter successive generations of pests are June 1, July 1 and Aug. 1. Consult your lawn care professional for an effective insecticide.

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Velma E. Pryor, homeowner on Paxwood Rd. in Delmar for 26 years, is "always planting trees, always moving bushes for more space. I work my heart out at it." Each year she plants a border of ageratums and marigolds along the brick facade of her home, and for fall, yellow mums. She plans to start African daisies from seed this year, for a variety of color, the focus of her garden plan. Once a member of the flower of the month club, she spends a lot of time outside. "I call it my therapy. If I get out there, I forget everything."

Lynn Finley and Lorraine Smith



Albany Tulip Festival

May 1 is the deadline for entering the 1987 Frontyard Planting Contest of the Albany Tulip Festival.

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Tulip Festival Committee has encouraged residents of Albany County to plant Albany's official flower, the tulip.

This year there are three categories: tulips planted in the

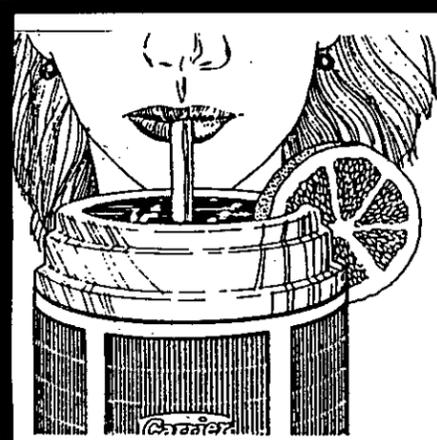
frontyards of Albany County residents; tulips planted in town-house yards of Albany County residents; and tulips planted in church, school, club or business yards in Albany County.

Judging is based on originality of tulip bed design, color placement and hardy growth, according to Evelyn Sturdevan of Albany, contest chairman.

Assisting Mrs. Sturdevan in this year's tulip planting contest is Elaine Cross of Slingerlands.

Judging will take place the first week in May.

For more information or entry blanks, contact Mrs. Sturdevan, 64 Harris Ave., Albany, 12208, or at 482-4991.



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when the next coat is applied, the buildup is not so thick that it cracks and flakes. In some cases, the effects of unnecessary coats of paint are so extreme in terms of flaking and peeling that all the old paint has to be removed down to the bare wood.

The answer to brightening a house without an unnecessary paint job is simple: Wash it. This project may seem overwhelming. But, new paint does not adhere well to soiled surfaces, so a good paint job requires initial cleaning anyway. You may not have to scrub the entire house. Areas exposed to rain and wind do not tend to get dirty. Areas sheltered by a soffit or eave, shutters, porch or tree are good candidates for thorough cleaning.

The oily dirt that accumulates on houses is best removed with a solution of water and an all-purpose granular detergent. Other items needed for the project include a brush and hose. For greatest convenience, invest in a long-handled hose brush, the type used for washing boats and cars. These brushes attach to a garden hose. Water passes through the hollow handle and triggers a rotating round brush. A telescoping handle or a brush with long extensions makes it possible to reach high places from the ground. Some brushes come with detergent dispensers operated with a trigger to eliminate the constant dipping of the brush into a bucket of detergent.

Start cleaning by wetting one entire wall surface with water first. A house, like any wall or vertical surface, should be washed from the bottom up. The reason behind the method is that as long as dirty and sudsy water run down a wet surface, streaks do not occur that are difficult to remove. The sudsy water runs over a clean and wet surface without leaving streaks and can be flushed off immediately. Dirty water should not be allowed to dry on the surface.

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Lynn Finley and Lorraine Smith

Care of bulbs

Spring-flowering bulbs do most of their growing for the entire year by the end of June. It is most beneficial to feed them in the early part of their yearly cycle.

Do not cut off any bulb foliage before leaves begin to yellow. All blooms should be removed as soon as the petals discolor to stop the bulb from using energy to produce a seed pot.

Crowded clumps produce many leaves but few flowers, hence they should be divided again, at the time when the leaves die. Separate and use only the largest bulbs, spaced six to eight inches apart and replanted six to eight inches deep.

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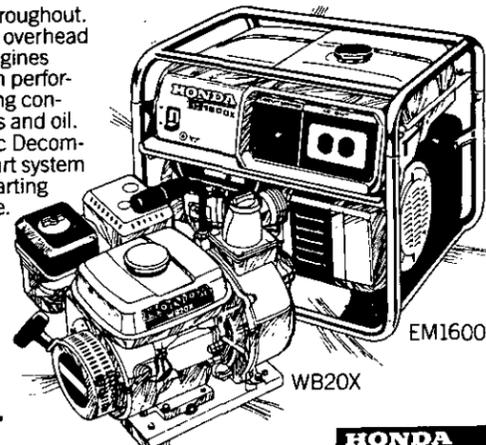
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Home loan interest remains deductible

Although American tax law has undergone sweeping reform in recent months, one key benefit of home ownership remains unchanged: the interest paid on home loans will stay fully deductible.

"When Congress reformed our tax code, our leaders preserved and protected the American dream of home ownership," says John Healy of ERA John J. Healy, Realtor in Delmar. "In effect, they retained a tax incentive that encourages home ownership over other options."

The interest on debt secured by a principal or second home will remain deductible even after 1990, whereas other types of interest deductions will be phased out, Healy said.

"As of 1987, personal interest paid on car loans, student loans and consumer charge accounts will be only 65 percent deductible," Healy

said. "The rate then continues to decline, year by year, to 40 percent in 1988, 20 percent in 1989 and only 10 percent in 1990."

Healy said points paid at the time of closing on the purchase of a home will be deductible as interest in 1987 and beyond. However, he said, the rules have changed with regard to other closing costs, including costs involved in refinancing. When you refinance an existing home loan, closing costs are not deductible, and the deduction for points paid in connection with refinancing must now be amortized over the life of the loan.

The fact that mortgage interest remains deductible has encouraged many home buyers to consider borrowing more for a home loan and using the proceeds to pay off consumer loans, car loans and other personal debt.



At Dick and Carolyn Leonardo's home, Rowland Ave., Delmar, it's he who is gardener in the family. In the front yard rock garden, Leonardo plants some plants from seed, some bulbs, and cut-back mums after their bloom. Following no scheme or plan, he

just enjoys putting. He placed the wagon wheel and well pump "just for fun." The flowers do especially well there, the Leonardos suggested, because their cat uses it as a litter box.

Lynn Finley

"My best advice is to approach loan secured by your home is one loan consolidation with extreme caution," Healy said. "Although a way of keeping the interest you pay deductible, it also means that you

are risking your home if you do not meet your loan payments.

"Loan consolidation under a mortgage can be a shrewd move for some buyers, but for others it may mean turning a short-term debt into a long-term liability. This is probably not the best way to pay off your credit cards."

Healy said it will be important to calculate the long-term benefits of refinancing, including two new wrinkles that are consequences of the recent tax legislation: closing costs paid in connection with refinancing are not deductible, and

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Hart calls himself a traditional gardener, who decides his planting schedule during the winter months. A faithful customer of Burpee Seeds, he starts everything himself from seed.

Along with some annuals "that we plant perennially," Hart is planting more and more perennials including day lillies and irises.

Hart uses one jump-on-the-warm-weather trick: he rototills the garden as late in the fall as possible. Come spring, he "just scratches it with a little hoeing and raking."

Daffodils appeared soon after the crocuses as first flowers to bloom in Joseph and Susan Hart's garden.

Lorraine Smith



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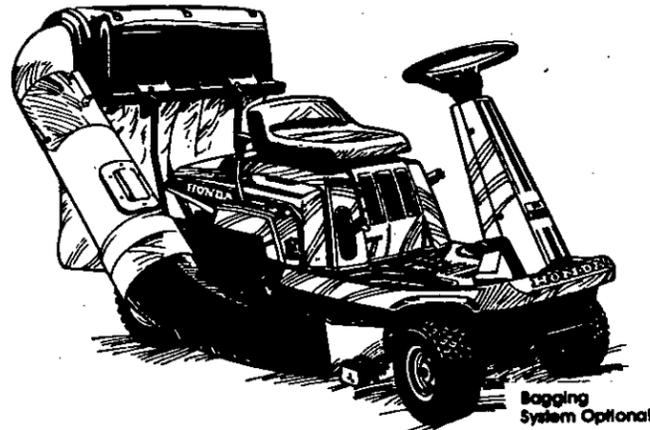
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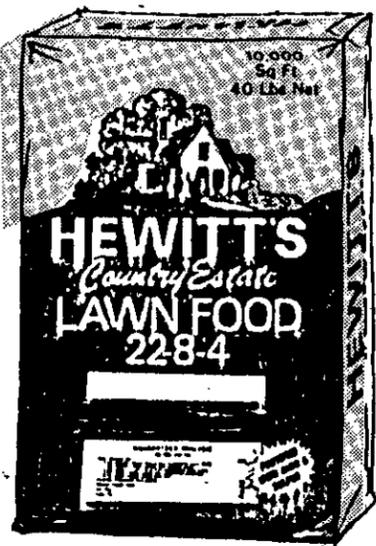
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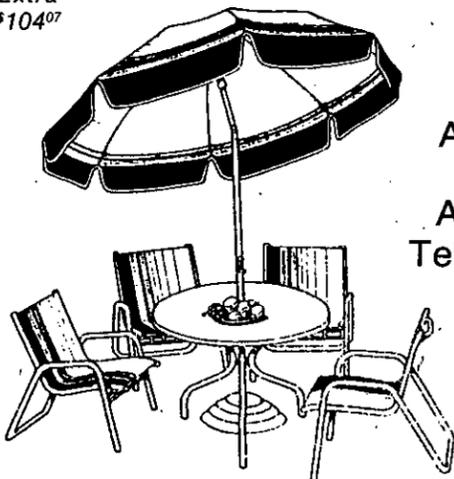
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Gas station plan goes to county

By Patricia Mitchell

Plans for a self-service gas station at Routes 85 and 85A will go to the Albany County Planning Board for review before a decision is made by the town.

The New Scotland Planning Board has decided to allow Mark Fianto, developer of the former Mobil station, to submit his plans to the county board. After the county makes its decision, a public hearing will be scheduled at the town level.

The business is located in a commercial zone, but Fianto will need a special use permit for the gas station. A New Scotland resident, Fianto said he doesn't plan to reopen the service bays, but plans to eventually bring in a variety store in the building.

Because the planning board was concerned about screening around the station, shrubs will be added to the front of the station and at the entrance and exits. Evergreens will be planted around the property for a year-long screen, Fianto said.

A clause may be added to the special use permit that mandates the trees and shrubs to be replaced if they die, said board Chairman Richard Stickley.

The planners had also asked for a traffic and accident report at the intersection, but Fianto said he can't get one because the Albany County Sheriff's Department doesn't keep those type of records. However, the state Department of Transportation advised Fianto it doesn't feel the gas station will be a problem at peak traffic times, but it will monitor the intersection and may suggest a different traffic pattern in the station or add a new four-way traffic light at his expense, he said.

In other New Scotland Planning Board business, board attorney John Bailey said he will look into whether a public hearing will be needed to amend a subdivision plan in the New Salem area or if new plans just need to be submitted.

James Coffin would like to amend

New Scotland

his subdivision on Rt. 85, just east of New Salem, to take 50 feet off four lots on Rt. 85 so he can develop a piece of land in back of the lots. About five years ago, Coffin said, he received subdivision approval for five large lots on Rt. 85 on old Town of Bethlehem water district property. He owns a house on one of the lots, is building a house on another lot, and plans to build on two more lots in a few years.

The lands in back of the present subdivision would be divided up into about six lots, Coffin said, and he has already left a strip of land between lots for access to the property from Rt. 85. The undeveloped land has wetlands in back, and he has to leave a 100-foot boundary around the wetlands, he said.

The planning board also told the potential developer of a three-acre subdivision off Helderhill Rd. to try to find an extra 20 feet for a road before it will consider the plan. The one-lot subdivision is being proposed by Point Four Associates on land that is part of the Michelly family estate, off Deercliff Rd.

The planners want the 20 feet for a road because there is already 30 feet for a road out of the subdivision, but the road will be a deeded over to the town and town laws require 50-foot wide roads.

A road is needed because Deercliff Rd. ends in a cul-de-sac after more than 500 feet, and a gravel road looping around the property to Helderhill Rd. is the only way to get to the subdivision now. Town planning laws prohibit cul-de-sacs more than 500 feet long, and to avoid that the planners want a road for access to Helderhill Rd., which may require the developer to go to two neighbors and ask for the 20 feet.

The next meeting of the planning board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



Tetrault retiring

Walter "Bud" Tetrault, the physical education coordinator and coach at Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School, is retiring this June after 30 years of service to the Voorheesville Central School District.

A graduate of Springfield and Ithaca Colleges, Tetrault coached varsity basketball at Schenendehowa before coming to Voorheesville in 1958.

He has served as director of athletics for the past 22 years and as physical education coordinator for the past 8 years. Between 1958 and 1965 he led the varsity baseball team to two Cental Hudson Valley (CHVL) titles. Tetrault coached the basketball team to three league titles and an undefeated season in 1962.

During his tenure, he also led the varsity soccer team to three Section 2 Class C titles and seven CHVL titles.

Having started the first golf team, he went on to lead the high school golfers to 10 Section 2 Class C titles and 16 league titles. He also directed the summer swim program for 18 years and began the ski club, which he directed for 15 years.

A dinner in honor of Tetrault has been planned for Friday, May 29, at The Thruway Motor Inn, Albany. The evening will begin with a dutch treat cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.50 per person. Students, former students, friends and colleagues are all invited to attend the dinner.

For reservations call David Cady at 765-3314, before May 8.

Citizen of year

A dinner in honor of Kay Youmans, New Scotland's citizen of the year, will be held at the American Legion Hall, Voorheesville, on Friday, April 24.

"The North Pole with Ten Romeo" will be the subject of a speech by Millard Harmon of Delmar, who flew his private plane over the North Pole last year.

Tickets may be purchased at the Voorheesville Public Library, the Voorheesville Pharmacy, the American Legion Hall, Jeffers Nursery or New Scotland Town Hall.

New Scotland Town Hall, the Voorheesville Public Library, Jeffers Nursery and the Voorheesville American Legion Hall.

Play ball

"Play ball" will ring out from the fields in Voorheesville next week when the New Scotland Kiwanis Club begins a new season of Grasshopper baseball and softball.

According to youth commissioner Ron White, the eight teams of boys and girls in grades two through five will begin league play on Tuesday, April 28.

Girls softball, under the direction of Mike Malark, and boys major league baseball, headed by Mike Lancor, will also begin this week with four-team rosters in each league.

Games scheduled

For all area sports fans who appreciate an exciting game, the minor leagues will play at the high school every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning at 6 p.m.

Softball games will be held at the high school on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Major league games will be played at the grade school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All are welcome.

Spectators at the elementary school are advised that parking on the road near the grade school is prohibited.

Bike rally

A bike rally, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland and the Voorheesville PTSA, will be held on Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. until noon, at the elementary school. All are welcome to have their bicycles inspected and show their knowledge of rules of the road.

Adults willing to help with the morning of safety may call Mike Malark.

Garage sale

Spring cleaning? The Voorheesville Cub Pack 73 is interested in any used items you may wish to donate for their garage sale on Saturday, May 16. The sale will be held in the former Grand Union parking lot.



Budd Tetrault

Toys and books for the special children's section are especially welcome. Anyone wishing to donate items may call Cubmaster Bob Panthen at 861-6806.

The industrious cubs will be taking to the fields this weekend for their rocket shoot. The rockets, which were built by the boys for their display at the Scout Show, be launched at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, at the high school.

Order of Arrow

Speaking of scouts, the Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop 73 recently elected John McGuire, Aaron Brown and Zack Kendall to represent the troop to the Order of the Arrow, a national brotherhood of scout campers. Also elected by his peers was John McGuire Sr., a committee member in charge of monthly daytime activities for the troop.

All four of the representatives will be tapped when the troop attends a ceremony at the Rotary Scout Reservation in July.

Meet candidates

The four board of education candidates and two library board candidates will present their views and answer questions during a meet the candidates night on Tuesday, May 5, at Clayton A., Bouton High School. The event is being sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland and the Voorheesville PTSA. All are welcome.

Youth group plans

The St. Matthew's youth group will sponsor a dance at the old Pleasant St. church on Friday, April 24, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. A disk jockey will be on hand to play records and conduct several contests. Everyone who attends will be eligible to win a free trip to Riverside Amusement Park, Agawam, Mass., on May 30.

A few tickets are still available for the May 30 trip to the Riverside Amusement Park. For reservations call Bob Harms at 765-4656. Reservations are \$10.

Both the dance and the Riverside trip are open to area students in grades 7 and above.

Junior fair

There will be fun for every one at the annual Junior Carnival to be held this Saturday, at the Voorheesville Elementary School. The class of 1988 will offer food, fun and games for all those who wish to support the annual fundraiser for the Voorheesville High School juniors. Festivities will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., rain or shine.

DAR meeting

"Portrait of a Daughter," a film about the history and purpose of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will be viewed by members of the Tawasentha and Gansevoort chapters of the NSDAR at 7 p.m. on April 28 at the Bethlehem Public Library.

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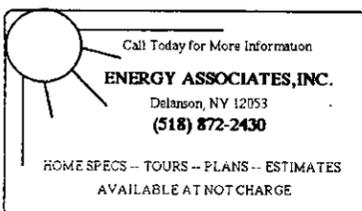
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□ Learning to cope

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employee of the chain.

"When I was working it was just easier to stop there, but after the kids came along shopping at Price Chopper was well worth the trip over 155."

Pleasant St. resident Joyce Schreiber agrees, saying that she was not attracted to the old Voorheesville supermarket and had just begun using it several months before its demise.

Schreiber, who does the bulk of her buying once a month, says her shopping is much more organized now, since there isn't the temptation to stop and pick up a few things.

Retired music teacher Sandford Cohen also says he would welcome a market for convenience sake but admits he would be "hypocritical" in saying he would use it exclusively, "unless of course the prices and selection were competitive with Price Chopper and Shop Rite," where he has done the bulk of his shopping for years.

Scotch Pine resident Mary Nolan agrees that quality of service and selection would definitely be needed to increase the quantity of customers if a store reopened in Voorheesville. Although she is satisfied with shopping at Price Chopper and Star she would welcome a closer supermarket in the wintertime when that four-mile trek over Rt. 155 seems endless — especially at night.

Night-time convenience is also on the mind of Beth Stewart, mother of four, who misses the store around the corner in the evening when inventorying lunch supplies for the next day.

One group has been especially hard-hit. "The lack of a supermarket does present problems for many older residents," says Lois Crouse, newly elected president of the New Scotland Senior Citizens.

Although she herself is not inconvenienced she notes that many older people, especially those who live in the village, were used to walking to the store and now find it difficult to "remain independent."

One non-driving resident even takes the bus into the city to shop so as not to rely on anyone, adds Crouse.

People who live in the outlying areas are also inconvenienced. For Betty Coffin, who moved from Scotch Pine to New Salem shortly before the close of the Grand Union, the trip to Guilderland to shop is no mere 10 minutes, but more than double that. Mrs. Coffin adds for those who live in the hill towns it is even worse.

Those who live and work in Voorheesville are also at a disadvantage, says Fran Haberland, who is employed at the Voorheesville branch of the state Department of Transportation. She and her fellow workers especially miss the convenience of being able to run over to the market for lunch supplies and fresh fruit.

Lydia Tobler, who lives in Voorheesville and works as an instrumental music teacher for Voorheesville Central Schools, agrees. It's extremely inconvenient to have to travel out of town to shop for groceries," she says.

"What seems especially ironic is that in a short stretch of Western Ave. in Guilderland there are two Price Choppers, a Star Super and a Grand Union while Voorheesville is totally without a market."

Tobler also misses the Grand Union for another reason. "Schools, churches and stores are all an integral part of a community. Without this focal point there is no one place during the week where people can run onto each other and socialize," she says.

This lack of a "community focal point" can present a problem for new comers, such as Judi Wuttke, who moved here with her family two years ago from Long Island, where there were several markets within walking distance. Although she was surprised to find there was no supermarket in Voorheesville, she says she has adjusted to the situation.

Derris Tidd and Ginger Delaney, new residents in the Scotch Pine area, also find it inconvenient, but say the lack of a supermarket did not rate high as a drawback to their decision to move from Delmar to Voorheesville.

And so Voorheesville waits. With what seem like constant but consistently fruitless negotiations to rent out the old building, nearly everyone eyeing the empty building looks forward to the return of a viable market.

According to Voorheesville Mayor Edward Clark the village board is also interested in seeing the former supermarket occupied, both to provide services to the community as well as to make use of the deteriorating building. "We have done everything we can," says Clark, adding that the final outcome will lie with the Grand Union Leasing Co., which holds the lease until 1991, and the people.

"If residents want it (a market or convenience store) to stay they're going to have to use it this time," Clark says.

Thinking optimistically, Salem hills resident Joanne St. Denis feels that "no matter who moves in, people would patronize them." the past few years without a supermarket, she feels, people have mellowed — after all, "absence makes the heart grow fonder."

BOU meeting

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited will hold a meeting at Bethlehem Town Hall on Wednesday, May 6. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. For information call Holly Billings at 439-6885.

Memorial Day parade

Bethlehem's Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040, will be held on Monday, May 25, beginning at 11 a.m.

Grand marshal for this year's parade from Poplar Dr. to the town's Memorial Park on Delaware Ave., will be William J. Campbell, a World War II veteran and a past commander of the Blanchard Post. The honorary grand marshal will be J. Robert Hendrick Jr., supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem.

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The search goes on

The Crown Group Development Corp., a New York City-based firm, bought the 25-year lease for the Voorheesville Grand Union building in March, 1986, from the Grand Union Corp., and has been trying to find tenants for the 20,000-square foot building since then.

Part of the building was considered at one time as the new home of the Voorheesville Public Library, but the library decided to look elsewhere. And earlier this year, James Quinn of Crown Group said a lease was almost signed with the Wettareu Co., a St. Louis-based company that owns the IGA supermarket chain. But that also fell through.

A new tenant for the building may be in the wings, said Voorheesville Mayor Edward Clark Monday. He said he has heard something may be happening, but he doesn't know what.

Clark said he often hears a lease is almost signed, but something always seems to go awry.

"I am always hopeful it will make it," Clark said.

The lease for the Voorheesville Grand Union building, owned by Robert Wiggand and Sons of Glenmont, was sold to Crown Group in a package of three along with former Grand Union stores in Bristol, Conn., and Hudson.

Patricia Mitchell

Ticketed in crash

Bethlehem Police said they ticketed an Elsmere man for failure to yield the right of way after two cars collided while he was trying to make a left hand turn on Delaware Ave. Friday.

No one was injured in the crash, police said.

The Elsmere man was driving north on Delaware Ave. and attempted to make a left hand turn onto Normanskill Blvd. with the green light, police said. However, another car driven by a Delmar man was traveling south on Delaware Ave., and also had the green light. Police said the Elsmere man did not see the other car, and they collided.

2 DWI arrests

Bethlehem Police said they charged two people with the misdemeanors of driving while intoxicated this week.

Police said they charged a 30-year old Watervliet woman with DWI after she was spotted driving at 55 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone going west on Delaware Ave. at about 12:50 a.m. Saturday.

A 22-year-old Ravena man was ticketed for DWI and leaving the scene of an accident after his car struck several mailboxes on Constitution Ct., Glenmont, and was later stopped on Feura Bush Rd., police said.

Sephardic Jewry

A series of programs on the culture, history, music and folklore of Sephardic Jewry will be presented on April 26 and May 3 at Congregation B'nai Shalom, 420 Whitehall Rd., Albany. All are welcome to attend the free programs.

On Sunday, April 26, Abe Capon will speak about Sephardic history and recorded music.

On Sunday, May 3, Dee Friedman, a storyteller, will present a program of Sephardic folk tales. Children are welcome to join their parents in attending this program.

For information call 482-5283.

Prom date changed

The date of Bethlehem Central's junior prom has been changed to Friday, May 22. The formal dinner and dance was previously scheduled for May 16. Musical entertainment will be provided by Area Code. The event will begin at 8 p.m. at the Turf Inn, Albany.

Steamboatin'

The fifth grade choir at Slingerlands Elementary School will present *Steamboatin'*, a musical play, in the school auditorium on April 30 and May 1. The play, under the direction of Virginia Spelich and featuring a moving steam boat, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.50. For information call Pat Fritts at 439-4154 or the school office at 439-7681.

Academy open house

Albany Academy for Girls, 140 Academy Rd., Albany, will hold an open house for prospective students entering grades pre-kindergarten through 12 on Tuesday, April 28, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Both boys and girls are accepted in the pre-kindergarten program. Financial aid is available. For information call 463-2201.

Open auditions

The Village Stage will hold auditions for their one-act plays on April 23 and 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall. The plays will be performed for local community groups. For information call 439-4591.

CHP open house

An open house will be held at the Community Health Plan, 1201 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham, on Monday, April 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Featured will be a brief introduction to the Living Course, a series of self-care health classes on common health and medical problems, prevention of illness and injury, and preventive medicine.

All are welcome to attend the free program. For information call 783-3110, ext. 217.

Wheel, bag taken

A bicycle wheel rim and a saddlebag were taken from a bicycle locked at the racks at Bethlehem Central High School between 2:30 and 3 p.m. Thursday, Bethlehem Police said. The rim is valued at \$35 and the saddlebag at \$12.

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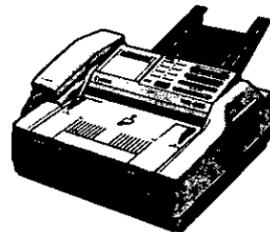
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Should appeals board have 7 members?

By Kevin Mullen

The chairman of the Bethlehem Board of Appeals has proposed that the board be expanded from five to seven members to obtain "wider input" in deciding cases.

The proposal from Chairman Charles B. Fritts was discussed at the close of last week's meeting and received support from several board members, with one dissent.

Fritts said that he had written a letter to Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick suggesting the change. He told his fellow members that he wrote the letter merely as his own opinion, not as one decided upon by the board. Fritts said that he hasn't received a response yet from the supervisor. The matter was on the town board agenda on April 8, but was withdrawn.

Fritts said that the boards of appeals in the towns of Colonie and Guilderland have seven members. Increasing the board's membership by two would improve the "expertise" available for making decisions and "fill in voids" on the board. He said he wasn't dissatisfied with the way things are now, but he thought that two new members with new and divergent backgrounds would give the board "wider input."

"I don't really feel that we have a need for it," said board member Gary Swan.

Unlike the town board, the board of appeals is a "quasi-judicial body" and the "input comes from the public hearings," he said. Swan said that he talked with Richard Boos, an expert on planning with the state Department of State, who said that there isn't any advantage to having seven board members. Swan said that increasing the board's membership would "make meetings longer, add to cost, minutes and transcription."

Board member Orrin J. Barr said that "seven would be an advantage" and Thomas W. Scherer also sided with Fritts, saying that "the town is changing, people are more informative, they want more information." Scherer said that some meetings had to be rescheduled "because we haven't had a quorum." The quorum for a seven-member board would be four.

"The consensus seems to be that

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it's not a bad idea and I'll let my letter stand," Fritts said.

Four public hearings were held at last week's meeting. Bruce L. Weber was seeking a side yard variance to erect a six-foot board or stockade fence within his property to block the view of junk cars on the property of Bleu's Towing Service on Elm Ave. East. Weber said that on an average day, there are 20 to 30 cars within the view of his kitchen and living room windows. Bleu said that he has 102 cars and that "most belong to the town of Bethlehem." He is expanding his business, Bleu said, and there "will always be cars in the side lot."

Weber said that it would cost about \$3,000 for the fence and that he would like to build this spring. The board will notify Weber of its decision.

In another public hearing, Conrad Kung sought a variance to move an existing door and enclose an existing roofed area to be used as storage at his restaurant at 1360 New Scotland Rd. in Slingerlands, called the Gold Coin. The building was formerly Villa Italia and before that Private Benny's. The restaurant opened on April 15. The storage area will be used mostly for empty bottles. The board will notify Kung of its decision.

The board granted informal approval to Robert G. Mineau after a public hearing in which he was seeking a variance to add a bedroom for a parent at his house at 539 Dawson Rd. in Delmar. A variance was granted in July of 1985 but Mineau never got a building permit.

In the final public hearing, Kenneth C. Spooner and Margaret Pollard were seeking a variance to construct a 20 by 18 foot one-story addition at their house at 43 Jordan

Bldv. in Delmar. The addition is one percent or 101 square feet over the allowed lot occupancy. Pollard said that three bedrooms were needed and that it "would allow one floor living." She said that Spooner "has a problem with stairs." Asked by Fritts if she had any intention of making the addition a separate apartment, Pollard said no. Fritts acknowledged a list of 15 signatures from neighbors who had no objection to the addition.

The board drafted resolutions granting final approval for Robert and Theresa Hoffmeister of 27 Western Ave. in Delmar for the building of a bedroom and bathroom addition; amending a permit for James Sherin of 58 Burhans Pl. in Elsmere to add a second story on the already approved one story addition; and for the Delmar Kiwanis Club for a special exception to permit performances of the Vidbell family circus on May 16 and May 17 at the town park on Elm Ave.

Four public hearings were scheduled:

- On May 6 at 8 p.m. for Sanjay and Mangala Sugandhi who are seeking a variance (percentage of lot occupancy) for construction of an addition at their house at 13 Hancock Dr. in Glenmont.

- On May 6 at 8:15 p.m. for Clara Tucker who is seeking a variance (percentage of lot occupancy) to construct an eight by eight foot addition at her house at 535 Wayne Pl. in Delmar.

- On May 6 at 8:30 p.m. for the Big Apple Truck Stops Ltd, which is seeking a special exception for renovating the existing site of the Big M Truck Stop on Rt. 9W at Corning Hill and is also seeking to enlarge and change previous permits and exceptions.

Fritts received a letter from ABCO Builders Inc. requesting a rescheduling of a public hearing that was originally set for Dec. 22. A

company representative failed to show that evening. The public hearing was for a variance for lot 20 on Patterson Dr. in the Woodhill development.

The next board of appeals meeting is scheduled for May 6 at 8 p.m.

Rice to pedal for funds

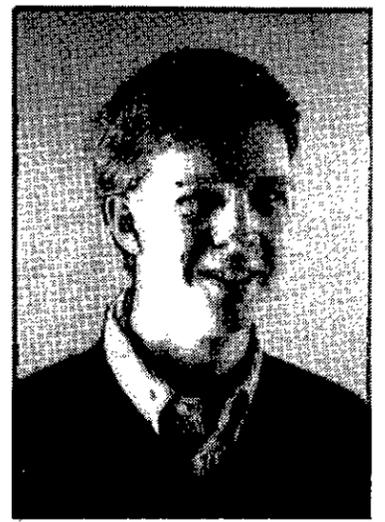
Jeannette P. Rice of Delmar is a woman on a mission. She'll be participating in the inaugural TransAmerica Bicycle Trek, the largest special fundraising event in the history of the American Lung Association.

The 200 participants from 40 states will bicycle 3,397 miles from Seattle to Atlantic City from June 1 to July 16 and collectively raise over \$1 million. Rice's commitment is to raise at least \$5,000 by May 1. The money that local trekkers raise will remain in the area to support ALA programs.

Rice is raising funds for the journey by going door to door and by "networking." "I'm amazed at how supportive people are of the lung association," she said.

Interested persons may pledge their support by making out a check to the American Lung Association and mailing it to Jeannette Rice, 38 Summit Rd., Delmar, 12054, or call 439-5258.

Rice is currently in training for her long journey. She spent the first day of spring cross-country skiing Mt. Marcy in a foot of fresh snow. She is following the ALA's recommended training schedule, riding 125 miles per week in April and 150 per week in May.



Peter S. Applebee Attends Model U.N.

Peter Scott Applebee of Delmar has been selected to be a member of the LeMoyne College delegation of the National Model United Nations Conference, held in New York City from April 14 to 18.

Applebee is a freshman majoring in political science. He is a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, Albany.

Egg hunt

An After-Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the park next to the Slingerlands Firehouse on Saturday, April 25, at 11 a.m. Featured will be a large egg and candy hunt and an egg-rolling contest.

All are welcome.

Musical spoof

The Boy Friend, a musical spoof on the musicals of the twenties, will be presented at Bethlehem Central Middle School on May 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5.

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Columbia derails Eagle express

By John Bellizzi III

Tell any baseball coach who knows the sport that you think a four-game winning streak is a good way to begin a season, and he will definitely agree. Ken Hodge certainly agrees; the Bethlehem Central varsity baseball team, under his direction, won their first four games. The Eagles met their first defeat at the hands of Suburban Council rival Columbia on Monday. As of that afternoon, the team had a 2-1 league record (4-1 overall). "It's a tough league," said Hodge, "and every game is important."

Last Tuesday, BC came from behind in the last inning of play to defeat Scotia in the league opener for both teams, 6-5. Doug Pratt was the winning pitcher, and his cause

Baseball

was aided by Mike Hodge, who contributed two doubles, and Pete Russo, who tripled. The tying and winning runs crossed the plate in the top of the seventh on a single by Bob Jakhra.

Also last week, Niskayuna fell to the Eagles in a one-sided ballgame, 4-1. Hodge was on the mound for BC, and threw a four hitter, striking out seven batters. Josh Weinstein doubled, and catcher Jeff Boyd batted in two of Bethlehem's four runs with a single.

The Eagles were on the road to Columbia on Monday, and the Blue Devils proved to be too much to

handle. The final score was 11-6 in Columbia's favor. Pratt was the losing pitcher, with Paul Evangelista and Russo handling relief duties. Weinstein double twice against Columbia, for a total of 3 RBI's.

Bethlehem entered the tough part of their schedule this week. After the Columbia defeat, they were scheduled to travel to Johnstown on Tuesday for a non-league game, followed by Suburban Council contests on Wednesday and Friday. Friday, the Eagles travel to Guilderland, while Wednesday, they host Mohonasen, a strong opponent from which Hodge expects a real challenge. "It will be a big game," Hodge explained, "and we will have to work hard to beat them."



Bowling honors for the week of April 12th, at Del Lanes in Delmar go to:

Sr. Cit. Men — Harold Eck-224, (4 Game Series) 864.

Men — Art Kallner-300, Roy Charland-704.

Women — Linda Portanova-247, Marie Corin-586.

Softball team improvises

Improvisation was the name of the game for the Lady Eagles softball team last week as they lost the battle to Columbia, 7-0.

With about half of the varsity and junior varsity squad out on vacation, the remaining players from both squads pooled their talent. The home game was played at Columbia because of drainage problems at the Bethlehem field.

Bethlehem is now 3-1 in the league. Columbia with four games played is undefeated in the league.

In the third inning four out of five runs for Columbia occurred one after the other. The final two runs were scored for Columbia in the fourth.

Gretchen Reed, Leslie Anderson and Julie Frances hit singles for Bethlehem. Kristi Burkart, Bethlehem's pitcher, struck out 6 batters and walked five. Nancy Frattura was the Eagle's catcher.

BC nets 2 more

By Dave DeCecco

The Bethlehem Central tennis team continued its roll over all the competition last week, thrashing both Hudson and Shenendehowa by 8-1 scores to raise their record to 4-0.

The match at Hudson, a non-leaguer, was relatively uneventful, with all winners racking up impressive scores over the competition.

When the Plainsmen came to Delmar, however, the outcome was somewhat of a surprise. The Eagles knew that Shenendehowa had a tough team, and they were up for a good match, but the Eagles ended up pounding the visitors to protect their unblemished record. At the number one singles spot, junior Eric Lee expected some trouble against Steve Zader, but stunned the Shen star, 6-3, 6-4. All other winners posted fine results, and this match makes the Eagles look like the team to beat in the Suburban Council.

BC coach Sue Schaefer has rescheduled all matches over the vacation period since the bulk of the squad will be away. When they resume play, the Eagles hope to continue their fine in order to keep their win streak intact.

Wrestlers still active

By John Bellizzi III

This weekend was another successful one for Bethlehem Central wrestlers at area tournaments, as several wrestlers from the varsity and junior varsity levels placed in two Olympic-style wrestling tournaments.

The New York State Freestyle Championships were held Saturday at the Sandcreek School in Colonie. Bethlehem had eight wrestlers earn honors and Chris Saba was BC's only tournament champion. Four Eagles took second: Pat Leamy, Ed Moak, Mike Mosley and Paul Vichot. Mike Leamy took third, and John Gallogly and Eric Brown came in fourth in their respective weight classes.

An Eagle also earned top honors at the Eastern Greco-Roman Championship Tournament held at SUNYA on Sunday, as Pat Leamy took first place in the 105.5 weight class.

Faith celebrated

A "Celebration of Faith" will be presented by Nora Lam Ministries on Friday, May 1, at Howard Johnsons, Rt. 9W, Albany. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The program is being sponsored by the Loudonville Presbyterian Church.

For reservations call 447-5890.



Albany Center

Boy, Kevin Taylor, to Melanie and Steven Welch, Delmar, March 22.

Girl, Meaghan Anne, to Eileen and Thomas DePaula, Selkirk, March 27.

Boy, Dylan Elliot, to Trish and Kevin Brooks, Voorheesville, April 5.

Girl, Elise Rosen, to Diana and George Puzio, Glenmont, April 5.

Boy, Todd Wesley, to Roxanne and Jim Soulier, Glenmont, April 6.

Boy, Neal James, to Aileen and Kevin Ferrick, Delmar, April 6.

Indians get on winning track

By Bart Gottesman

After a shaky start, the RCS varsity baseball team proved that they fight hard even when backed up against the ropes.

The Indians squeaked past Catskill, 9-8, and evened their Colonial Council record at 1-1 with a 7-2 victory over Cohoes.

On Tuesday at Catskill, Ravena was down in the seventh and final inning, but managed to pick up the tie and a winning run to gain their first victory. Rick Thayer started on the mound for Ravena, but ran into troubles early. He was relieved

by Larry Rivers, who pitched four innings before handing the ball over to Mike Gallagher for the final inning. Offensively for the Indians, Andy Casale hammered a single, double and triple while John Waddingham collected two hits.

Rivers pitched brilliantly Thursday against Cohoes in collecting his first victory of the young season. The senior hurler threw 18 strikeouts and only allowed four hits, making it an easy outing for the defense. Rich Losee hit a double for the Indians and Ken Losse and Casale both collected run producing

hits.

This week, Ravena has five games, two coming in a double header on Tuesday hosting Ichabod Crane. Coach Gary VanDerzee feels that Crane is the best team in Class B and they should be a real test. Monday Ravena hosted Albany Academy and they will travel to Mechanicville and Watervliet on Wednesday and Friday, consecutively. Watervliet was last year's champions and Mechanicville has defeated Lansingburgh, a team that defeated Ravena in the season opener.

Outmanned Birds rocked 3 times

By Matt Bates

This week, the Voorheesville baseball team lost two non-league games and also dropped a decision to league rival Cohoes.

Monday's game with Ravena was postponed due to the rain. The next day, the team was being rocked by Johnstown, 11-1, when Jamie Stromer was ejected from the game. Since the team had brought only nine players, they were forced to forfeit the contest.

On Wednesday, the Birds were

home against Cohoes. Numerous errors and poor hitting cost the Birds the game, 8-0. Rick Weismeyer returned to the club and pitched the entire contest for Voorheesville.

Thursday, the squad was again beaten, this time by Schoharie. Coach Gerry Gordinier had to bring up some of the jayvees in order to fill his roster and he also used people in positions they weren't accustomed to playing. Mike Race pitched for the first time this season. Gordinier

also had to use a jayvee player to fill the pitching slot. Once again the Birds couldn't get enough players on base to score some runs.

This week, the team traveled to Schalmont on Monday, are away again today (Wednesday) at Lansingburgh, and will close out the week on Friday at Ichabod Crane. With only an 0-2 league record, the Birds aren't in that bad of a situation, and have hopes of getting their first win sometime this week.

Baseball registration

Residents of the Town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District who are 16 or older may register for Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department baseball league on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Elm Avenue Park, Delmar. Registrants under 18 years must be accompanied by a parent. For information call 439-4131.

Turkey shoot

A turkey shoot will be held at the Onesquethaw Sportsman's Club, Plank Rd., Clarksville, on April 26, beginning at noon.

Car turned

A Parkwyn Dr., Delmar man's 1980 Chevrolet car was picked up and turned sideways in his driveway between 7:30 and 11 p.m., Saturday, Bethlehem Police said. No damage to the car was reported.

10-speed found

A boy's 10-speed bicycle was found in the front yard of a Kenwood Ave., Delmar, home Wednesday, Bethlehem Police said. The owner of the bicycle can claim it at police headquarters on Delaware Ave.

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BC supervisor honored

Dominick DeCecco, district social studies supervisor at Bethlehem Central, has been chosen as the recipient of the first Outstanding Social Services Supervisor Award

by the New York State Social Services Supervisory Association at its annual meeting in Syracuse.

DeCecco has been with the Bethlehem Central School District for the past 28 years and has been supervisor of social studies for the last 10 years. The committee acknowledged DeCecco's active involvement and leadership role in professional organizations. He is well known in the Capital District for developing in-service programs for teachers on a wide range of issues and topics.

Car window broken

The driver's side window of an Oakwood Pl., Delmar, man's car was discovered shattered at 9:25 p.m. Monday after the man said he heard a loud noise from the front of his house where his car was parked, Bethlehem Police reported.

Musical afternoon

Three Delmar high school students, Gabrielle Robinson, Anna Georgiopoulos and Brenden Kierse, will present a "Musical Afternoon" at the Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday, April 26, at 2 p.m.

Each of the three musicians studies piano with Anne Louise Rizzuto of Delmar. In addition Robinson studies violin with Fedeko Takahashi of the New England Conservatory, Boston, Mass.

Robinson, a sophomore at Bethlehem Central High School, has appeared as the guest soloist at several Monday Musical Club concerts and one Delmar Progress Club program. She has provided piano background for a school musical.

As a violinist, Robinson won

second prize in the 1987 Stephan Scholarship Competition. She is principal in the Empire State Youth Orchestra and has served as principal in the Area All-State Youth and Suburban Council Orchestras. Robinson attended last summer's Young Artists Program at Tanglewood and recently participated in one of Julliard's string master classes.

Georgiopoulos, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, is vice president, treasurer and a three-year member of the Young Musicians Forum. She has played in concerts of the Young Musicians Forum and the Monday Musical Club.

Georgiopoulos plans to attend Yale University in the fall.

Kearse, a junior at Bethlehem Central High School, is a member of the Young Musicians Forum and the school orchestra.

Taxes paid

Bethlehem property owners have paid 97.55 percent or \$8,489,422 of the total 1987 property tax warrant of \$8,698,819, according to Kenneth P. Hahn, receiver of taxes for the Town of Bethlehem.

Some 2.2 percent of property owners deferred payment of \$209,397 to Albany County, according to Hahn. Penalties generated by tax payment being made during the months of February and March amounted to \$6,127, according to Hahn. Penalties are retained by the town to reduce the cost of the tax collection process.

The total number of taxable properties in Bethlehem has increased to 10,233.

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

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NY Lien & Recovery Corp., R.A. Felder Lic Auctr #793917 will sell to satisfy lien at 10 a.m.: '84 Subaru JFAW43B5E8316552 at 116 Saratoga St., Cohoes, NY on 4/22/87 Re; A. Kregg & Marine Midland; '77 International D0512GHA12459 at Rt. 32, Vailgate, NY on 4/22/87 Re-C. Tonioli & Columbus Trust Co. (April 22, 1987)

NY Lien & Recovery Corp., R.A. Felder Lic Auctr #793917 will sell to satisfy lien on 4/29/87 at 10 am at BOX 888, Luzerne Rd., Glens Falls; '76 Ford, F141YEB26028 Re-T. Bumpers, J. Doe, all interested parties mat call 718-767-5999; '85 Ford, 1FTBR10A1FUD 13959 Re-S. Johnson, Ford Motor Credit. (April 22, 1987)

NY Lien & Recovery Corp., R.A. Felder Lic Auctr #793917 will sell to satisfy lien at 10 am: '82 Yamaha 4U8024083 at 271 3rd St., Troy on 5/5/87 Re-J. Hull; '79 Suzuki GS1000109215 at 271 3rd St., Troy on 5/5/87 Re-D. Jesman & Cohoes Savings Bank; '84 Chevy 2G1AN69H9E91009872 at Box 224 Ontario on 5/5/87 Re-GMAC & D. Brandon; '84 Larson 5354M84A at Rte. 9 North, Silver Bay, NY on 5/4/87 Re-P. Amara & J. Doe, all interested parties may call 718-767-5999 (April 22, 1987)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN

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Supreme Court of the State of New York at an All Purpose Term thereof to be held in and for the County of Albany, in the City of Albany, New York, in the Third Judicial District, on April 30, 1987 at 9:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an order for the acquisition of the following interest in real property by the exercise of the power of eminent domain:

All that piece or parcel of property hereinafter designated as parcel No.17 situated in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York as shown on the accompanying map and described as follows:

Parcel No.17 Beginning at a point on the Southwesterly boundary line of the existing Elm Avenue East (Town road) at the intersection of the said boundary line with the division line between the property of Damiano and Antoninette Scisci on the East and the property of Rosmunda Scisci on the West said point being 12+/- feet distant Southwesterly measured at right angles from station on a portion of Elm Avenue East (Town road); thence Southwesterly along said division line 15+/-feet to a point 24+/-feet distant Southwesterly measured at right angles from station 14+98+/-of said baseline; thence Northwesterly through the property of Rosmunda Scisci the following two (2) courses and distances: (1) Northwesterly with a curve to the right having a radius of 586.16 feet, an arc distance of 53+/-feet to a point of compound curvature, said point being 25.65 feet distant Southwesterly measured at right angles from station 14+44.92 of said baseline; (2)

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Northwesterly with a curve to the right having a radius of 2367.01 feet, an arc distance of 146+/-feet to a point on the division line between the property of Arthur and Diane Swanson on the West and the property of Rosmunda Scisci on the East, said point being 19+/-feet distant Southwesterly measured at right angles from station 12+99+/-of said baseline; thence Northeastly along the last mentioned division line 10+/-feet to a point on the first mentioned Southwesterly boundary line of existing Elm Avenue East, said last mentioned point being 12+/-feet distant Southwesterly measured at right angles from station 13+05+/-of said baseline; thence Southeastly along the last mentioned Southwesterly boundary line of existing Elm Avenue East, 203+/-feet to the point of beginning, being 250 degrees+-square feet or 0.058 acres more or less.

SURVEY BASELINE DESCRIPTION The above mentioned Survey Baseline is the 1983 Survey Baseline for the Reconstruction of a portion of Elm Avenue East, Town Road, and described as follows: Beginning at Baseline Station 31+27.45 (nail in punt), said Baseline Point lying distant South 15 degrees 26 minutes 33 seconds West, 25.04 feet from a concrete monument in the existing Northeastly boundary line of Elm Avenue East marking the point of intersection with the division line between property of David Kimmy et al on the West and property of Deerfield Land Corp. on the East as shown on a map entitled 'MAP OF PROPERTY TO BE CONVEYED TO DOWERSKILL VILLAGE, TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,' survey and map by Edward W. Boutelle and

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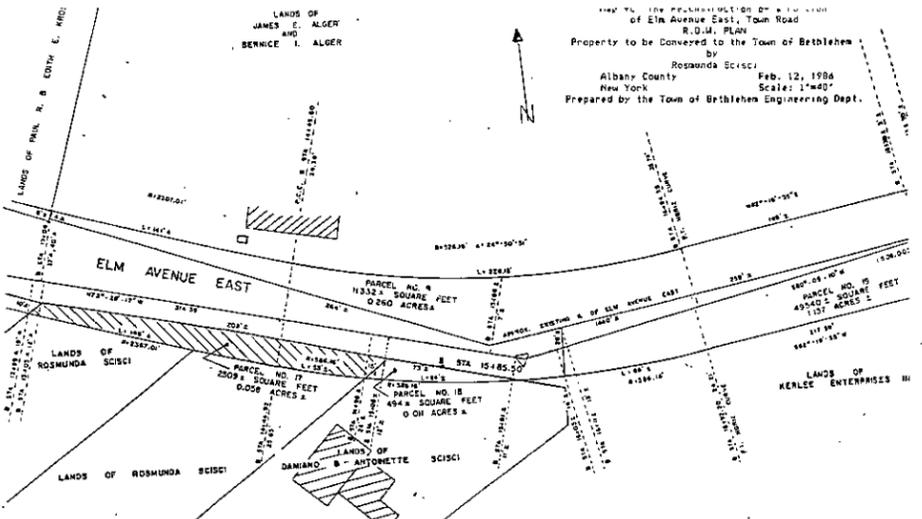
Son, dated April 29, 1969; THENCE running from Baseline Station 31+27.45, North 78 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds West, 1035.95 feet to Baseline Station 20+91.50, said point being a concrete monument marking the southwest corner of property of Kimmy et al as shown on the above mentioned map; THENCE South 80 degrees 05 degrees 05 minutes 10 seconds West, 506.00 feet to Baseline Station 15+85.50 (chiseled 'x' mark in storm m.h. frame); THENCE North 73 degrees 28 minutes 17 seconds West, 314.39 feet to Baseline Station 12+71.11 (chiseled 'x' mark in storm m.h. frame); THENCE North 63 degrees 10 minutes 47 seconds West, 327.98

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feet to Baseline Station 9+43.13 (pk nail approximately centered between inlet structures); THENCE North 61 degrees 08 minutes 07 seconds West, 268.52 feet to Baseline Station 6+74.61 (pk nail at west edge of storm m.h. frame); THENCE North 67 degrees 05 minutes 57 seconds West, 214.80 feet to Baseline Station 4+59.81 (chiseled 'x' mark in storm m.h. frame); THENCE North 51 degrees 05 minutes 37 seconds West, 209.81 feet to Baseline Station 2+50.00 (pk nail approximately centered between inlet structures); THENCE North 68 degrees 38 minutes 27 seconds West, 150.52 feet to Baseline Station 0+99.48

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'0+00.00N (pk nail in punt); THENCE North 21 degrees 54 minutes 52 seconds West, 444.94 feet to Baseline Station 4+44.94N (stake) The above described property being more fully shown on a map entitled, "MAP FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF ELM AVENUE EAST, TOWN ROAD," dated February, 12, 1986 and prepared by the Town of Bethlehem Engineering Department. JOSHUA J. EFFRON Attorney for Petitioner-Condemor Office & P.O. Address 425 Kenwood Avenue Delmar, New York 12054 (518) 439-0733 Dated: April 3, 1987 (April 22, 1987)



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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Bethlehem has petitioned the Supreme Court of the State of New York at an All Purpose Term thereof to be held in and for the County of Albany, in the City of Albany, New York, in the Third Judicial District, on April 24, 1987 at 9:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for an order for the acquisition of the following interest in real property by the exercise of the power of eminent domain:

SCHEDULE "A" 15 FEET WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT TO BE CONVEYED TO THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BY

EDGAR W. AND GLADYS M. HISTED

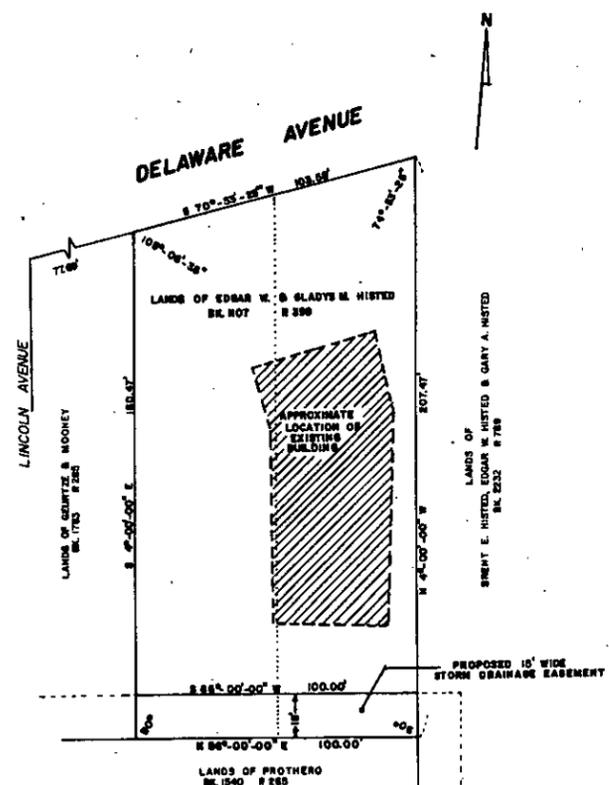
Beginning at the point at intersection of the Northerly line of lands of W. Scott Prothero with the common division line between lands of Harold H. Geurtze, Jr. and John C. Mooney lying on the West and lands of the grantors herein lying on the East; thence running from said point of beginning North 86 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along the Northerly line of lands of Prothero, 100.00 feet to a point in the Westerly line of lands of Brent E. Histed, Edgar W. Histed and Gary A. Histed (book 2232, page 789); thence North 4 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along said Westerly line, 15.00 feet to a point; thence South 86 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 100.00 feet to a point in the Easterly line of lands of Harold H. Geurtze, Jr. and John C. Mooney; thence South 4 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along said Easterly line 15.00 feet to the point and place of beginning.

Being and affecting a portion of lands conveyed to the grantors herein by deed recorded in the office of the Albany County Clerk in book 1107 of deeds at page 399.

The above described easement being more fully shown on a map entitled, "MAP OF PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT TO BE GRANTED TO THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BY EDGAR W. AND

GLADYS M. HISTED" dated March 26, 1987 and prepared by the Town of Bethlehem D.P.W. - Engineering Division.

JOSHUA J. EFFRON Attorney for Petitioner-Condemor Office & P.O. Address 425 Kenwood Avenue Delmar, New York 12054 Dated: April 1, 1987 (April 22, 1987)



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BRENT E. HISTED, EDGAR W. HISTED AND GARY A. HISTED

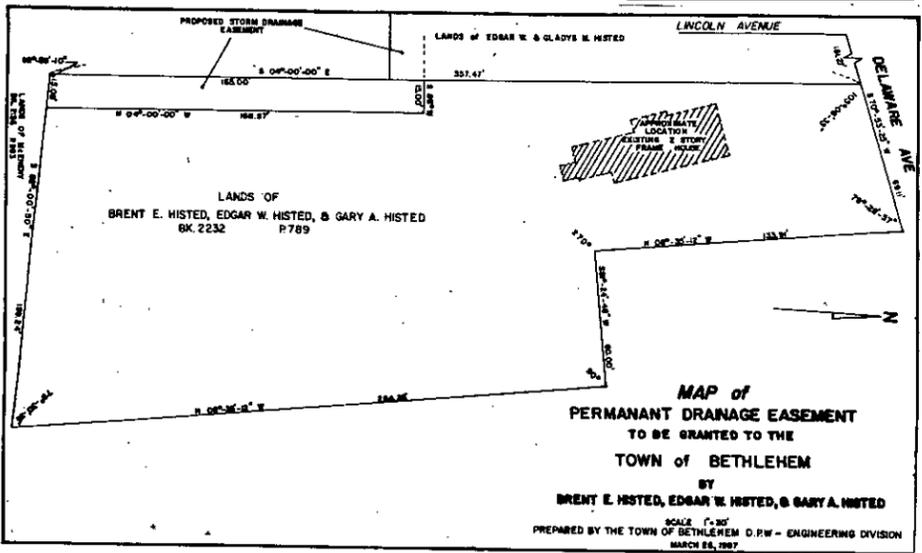
Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of lands of the grantors herein, said point also being the Northwesterly corner of lands of Terence E. and Cathy E. McEneny (book 2156, page 993); thence running from said point of beginning South 88 degrees 00 minutes 50 seconds East along the Northerly line of lands of McEneny, 15.08 feet to a point; thence North 4 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 166.57 feet to a point; thence South 86 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 15.00 feet to a point in the Easterly line of lands of Edgar W. and Gladys M. Histed (book 1107, page 399); thence South 4 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along the Easterly line of lands of Edgar W. and Gladys M. Histed, lands of Prothero, lands of Rohrbach and lands of Hannaway,

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Obituaries

Shirley Pyle

Shirley A. DePuccio Pyle, 48, of Old Ravena Rd. in Selkirk, died suddenly at Albany Medical Center Hospital on Friday, April 17, from injuries she received in a one-car accident in Selkirk that day.

She was a native of the Albany area.

She worked as a kitchen helper at Alteri's Restaurant on Rt. 9W in Glenmont.

She was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

Her survivors include a daughter, Nancy Pyle; a son, Michael Pyle; her mother, Catherine Lill DePuccio; three sisters, Mary DePuccio, Catherine Daley and Anne Marie Catello; and two brothers, Armand DePuccio and Peter DePuccio.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont. Arrangements were by the E. J. C. Dascher Sons Funeral Home of Second Ave., Albany.

Kenneth Johnson

Kenneth B. Johnson, 84, a former resident of Delmar, died Monday,

April 13, at the Teresian House in Albany after a brief illness.

Born in Syracuse, he was a resident of the area for more than 50 years.

He graduated from Syracuse University in 1927 and was a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. He retired in 1967 as an accounts methods supervisor with the New York Telephone Co. after 40 years there.

He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Albany.

He was the husband of the late Alice Boothe Johnson and the late Jean Dardis Johnson.

His survivors include a step-daughter, Joan Jackson of Albany; two sisters, Jeanette Marvin of Syracuse and Doris Schaefer of Syracuse; one niece and one nephew.

Burial was in Green Lawn Cemetery in Syracuse. Arrangements were by the M. W. Tebbutt's Sons Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to

the Westminster Church Memorial fund or RISE, Box 17, Schenectady, 12301.

Maurice Seelman

Maurice D. Seelman, 88, a 20-year resident of Delmar, a former electrical engineer, died Sunday, April 12, after a long illness at St. Peter's Hospice.

He was born in Brooklyn.

He retired in 1979 as an electrical engineer from the E. G. May Co. of Albany.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha Dennis Seelman; one daughter, Suzanne McKeerghan of Pinebelle, La.; one son, Robert N. Seelman of Kailua, Hawaii; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home of Delmar.

Contributions can be made to the St. Peter's Hospice.

Beverly Hanvey

Beverly M. Hanvey, 52, of Berwick Rd., Delmar, a secretary, died Saturday, April 18, after a long illness at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

She was a resident of Delmar for 20 years and she was born in Queens.

For eight years, she was a secretary and bookkeeper for the

Academy of Holy Names in Albany, and before that, she worked as a secretary for the state Department of Education in Albany.

She was a recording secretary of the Blue Sky Estates Association of Schroon Lake, and she was a member of the Christian Brothers Academy Mothers Association. She was also a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur Hanvey; three sons, Arthur Hanvey of Schenectady, William Hanvey of Syracuse and Matthew Hanvey of Delmar; one brother, Norman Davis of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and one granddaughter.

Burial was in the Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont, and arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home of Delmar.

Contributions can be made to the St. Thomas the Apostle Memorial Fund or the Leukemia Society of America.

Wallet stolen

An Elsmere woman reported someone took her pocketbook and removed her wallet from it while she was shopping at the Grand Union supermarket in Delaware Plaza at 12:25 p.m. Wednesday, Bethlehem Police said. The pocketbook without the wallet was later found in the store.

Registration revoked

The dealer registration of Aucan Enterprises Inc., Miller Rd., Selkirk, has been revoked following a hearing conducted by the state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), according to Commissioner Patricia B. Aducci.

According to a DMV spokesman, the dealer was found to have committed violations of the vehicle and traffic law and the commissioner's regulations in connection with failure to issue a certificate of sale to transfer ownership of all vehicles owned or controlled by the dealer, failure to issue to the purchaser a bill of sale, failure to inspect all vehicles prior to delivery, loaning of dealer plates for more than five days, failure to submit all proofs of ownership and applications for registration and title to issuing office, failure to send plates and certificates of registration, certificates of sale and temporary certificates of registration to the DMV when dealer is retiring, and committing a fraud or fraudulent practice in selling a vehicle that was not the property of the dealer. In addition to a revocation, a \$1,000 fine was imposed.

The company could not be reached for comment.

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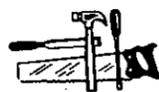
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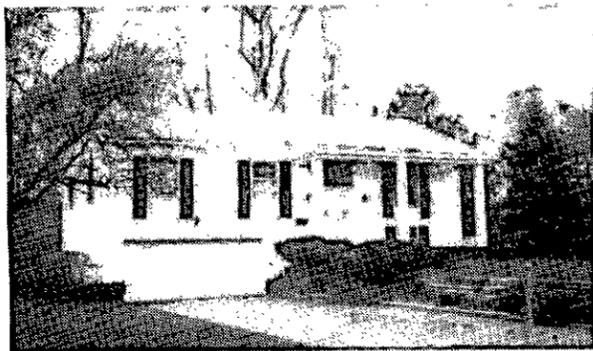


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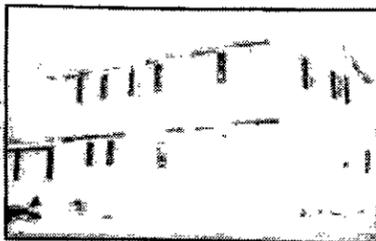
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Tunnel vision

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have three young children whose future in the district lies ahead of them. I have been attending school board meetings regularly for the last year and a half. I am running for the school board now because I want to draw attention to the fact that some of the members of the school board, and many of the recent school board candidates, suffer from a kind of tunnel vision known as economic myopia. They feel that the only important issue in running a school system is budget management.

I feel that it is about time we set these people straight. Yes, the budget does play a role in operating our schools. But it takes more than just good budget management to run our school system well.

After all, running a school system is a complex and demanding job. In addition to drawing up a good budget the board supervises seven restaurants, a complicated transpor-

tation system, millions of dollars of real estate holdings, one of the largest work forces in town, and the operation of a remarkably broad range of educational and social services.

So, in addition to being good money managers, board members need to have clear, well-thought-out goals, and a sense of purpose regarding educational services, transportation safety, labor relations, and more. They must have a feel for the entire program, not just the part that affects their personal lives.

To continue to talk about budgeting, budget management, and economizing without bringing up other goals and standards of value and excellence is counterproductive to me. And it's gone on too long.

It has already brought conflict, anxiety and anger to the community. This conflict has hurt communications on many levels. It causes decision making for the board to be more difficult. And it has also begun to cut into the opportunity for my

children and many others to learn.

As a board member I will insist we talk about excellence in education as frequently as we talk about excellence in economizing. I hope to bring this perspective to the board openly and often. I want to hear more talk about ways to build pride in our schools. I want us to hear more about the school board's vision of the future...what our schools will be like tomorrow. We must make it our business to see to it that each graduating student leaves Bethlehem Central with a true love for learning that can sustain that person for a lifetime. If we can do this, our legacy as a community is assured.

I believe you're as ready as I am for a change in the "business as usual" approach to running our schools. That's why I am running for the school board.

Greg Maher

Delmar

Myopia in planning

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is unfortunate that citizen input, as you pointed out in your recent editorial (*Spotlight*, March 25), has come too late to alter the proposed extension of a main highway through the Delmar Village site, but many longtime residents can draw encouragement from the clear thinking and articulate perspectives of people like Mr. Messina and Mrs. Ponemon (March 25 and April 1).

Planning boards are often hampered by legal restrictions and technicalities, but there is no excuse for Bethlehem board members to permit consideration of using Fisher Blvd. as a major highway link to get as far as it has. To empty a major flow of outbound traffic onto New Scotland Rd. at Fisher Blvd. is the epitome of myopia in planning.

My wife and I brought up a family on New Scotland Rd. in the Sixties and Seventies less than three hundred yards from the Fisher Blvd. intersection. On two occasions during those 19 years we participated with many neighbors, in concerted community efforts to dissuade the state DOT from (a) destroying the lifestyle of a valued community, and (b) compounding hazards in an already dangerous stretch of highway.

It is ironic that in those efforts Bethlehem town officials gave strong support to Slingerlands residents who submitted a professional long-range plan to replace

ill-conceived proposals by the DOT. Even in the early Sixties, when the DOT sought to link the Delmar Bypass with the misnamed Slingerlands Bypass (which does not even remotely bypass Slingerlands) by way of Cherry Ave. and a clover-leaf interchange at the Toll Gate that would wipe out 23 existing structures, the obvious solution was to make the linkup near the Stonewell. At that time it was envisioned that there would be substantial development in New Scotland, particularly in and near Voorheesville, and that the projected increase in commuter traffic should be routed efficiently around existing settled areas.

Now, more than 20 years later, those projections have come true. Whereas it used to take 8 to 10 minutes to get out of the driveway on New Scotland Rd. in 1967, it now takes 12 to 15 minutes to break into the rush-hour traffic flow. This is the same overloaded highway local planners now seek to burden further.

Surely there are better routes to carry traffic west from the Delmar Bypass. We have seen the results of myopia and inaction by civic planners in the Sixties and Seventies. As we look toward the Nineties and a new century, are we seeing more of the same today? We have seen the extension of the alleged Slingerlands Bypass, once said to be as far as the design stage in 1980 and in place by 1983, gathering dust on the shelf while developers fill the proposed route with expensive residential construction. Will we see the same in the Orchard St. area, and what will happen when the farms in nearby New Scotland succumb to dense, ill-planned cluster housing?

If it's too late to bring some kind of planning wisdom to Delmar Village, there should still be hope to avoid the built-in pitfalls of a Fisher Blvd. route.

As editor-publisher of *The Spotlight*, now retired, the writer covered Planning Board meetings in both Bethlehem and New Scotland in the 1970s. Since its inception some 30 years ago the Bethlehem Planning Board has resisted adoption of a Master Plan, preferring to use it as a guideline rather than a commitment. Perhaps it is time to reconsider such a policy.

In any event, let's get rid of lingering myopia, and let's pull for a concerted far-sighted effort by planners and dedicated citizen groups to prevent a future hodgepodge.

Nathaniel Boynton

New Scotland



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The library recently began subscribing to BRS Search online search service. The results of a BRS Search are available in about two working days. The results are a print out of citations, not complete articles or books. The citations may refer to sources now owned by Bethlehem Public Library. These may be obtained through interlibrary loan or you may visit another library that has the publications. BRS Search is a free service only to residents of the Bethlehem Central School District.

The Library also has access to two other online search services. Search Helper is useful for locating articles in magazines and newspapers published within the last thirty days. Results are available right away on the computer terminal at the reference desk. Search Helper is free and available to everyone.

Searches are also available through the New York Library State Data Base Services. The State Library has access to about 200 data bases. Many cover very technical and specific professional fields. NYSL searches usually take about two weeks. They are available to everyone at full cost. Costs vary with the data base searched and the number of citations located.

Data base service will be available to you when you have exhausted all the Library's print sources on a topic and still need more information. A reference librarian will interview you about your research needs, determine whether you could benefit from an online search and, if so, develop a search strategy. For more information on online searching call the reference desk at 439-9314.

Arthritis series on cable

The Bethlehem Channel will show a series of programs on arthritis starting Monday, May 4, at 8 p.m. The series is being presented in cooperation with the Northeastern New York Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Segments will cover an overview of rheumatic diseases, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, systemic lupus, arthritis in children, research therapy, medication, surgery and other types of treatment.

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Bryan LaQuire and Renee Quigley

Quigley-LaQuire

Mr. and Mrs. James Quigley of Alcove have announced the engagement of their daughter, Renee, to Bryan LaQuire, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry LaQuire Jr. of Feura Bush.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of New Hope Christian Academy, is a

Shaw-Woodruff

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Shaw of Chappaqua, N.Y., formerly of Delmar, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jacquelyn Sue, to Brice Alan Woodruff, the son of Mrs. William Woodruff and the late William Woodruff.

The bride-to-be attended Bethlehem Central High School and graduated from the State University College at Oswego. She is the production manager at Kraus Reprint and Periodicals, Millwood, N.Y.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Fox Lane High School, served four years in the U.S. Navy as a Second Class Petty Officer. He is now self-employed.

An Aug. 22 wedding is planned.

Open auditions

The Village Stage, Inc., Delmar's resident acting troupe, will hold open auditions for anticipated one act plays on April 23 and 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. For information, call 439-4591.



Joan Dolen and Jeffrey Stannard

Dolen-Stannard

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dolen of Westerlo have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joan Colleen, to Jeffrey Allen Stannard, the son of William Stannard of

Delmar and Katherine Rathbun of Albany.

The bride-to-be is a waitress at the Delmar Luncheonette. Her fiancé is employed by Bohl Construction.

A July 18 wedding is planned.

Festival of art

A festival of art by Bethlehem Central students will be held at Bethlehem Town Hall on May 1, 2 and 3.

The exhibit will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, May 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 3. Featured will be demonstrations by student and professional artists. The winner of the drawing contest will be announced at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

For information call the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce office at 439-0512.

In Delmar The Spotlight is sold at Handy Andy, Tri-Village Drug and Stewarts

Carlson-Benjamin

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carlson of Windsor, N.Y., has announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lynn, to Joel William Benjamin, son of June S. Benjamin and the late Richard E. Benjamin of Delmar.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Rochester and is employed as a chemical engineer with the New York State Environmental Conservation Department.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the State University at Albany and is employed as a research specialist with the New York State Health Department.

A June wedding is planned.



Community Corner

Anniversary Celebration

The Glenmont Job Corps will celebrate its 10th anniversary at its Rt. 9W location with a celebration and open house from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday.

The 250-acre campus is a federally funded facility that offers free academic and vocational training to the state's young people. The 355 young people who are enrolled at the Glenmont Job Corps gain skills that enable them to obtain employment and become contributing members of society.

The students also contribute to the community while they are receiving their training. A few examples include hosting a dinner for the Delmar Rotary Club last September, assisting in last summer's hay lift to drought-stricken farmers in the south, a car wash last September to benefit the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, donating party food for the Bethlehem Senior Citizens' Valentine's Day and helping public works crews with leaf pick-up in Bethlehem last fall.



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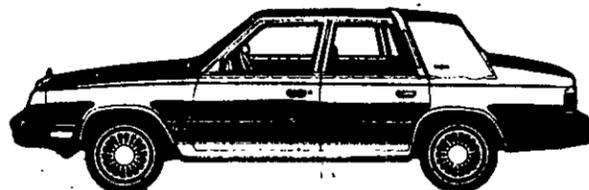
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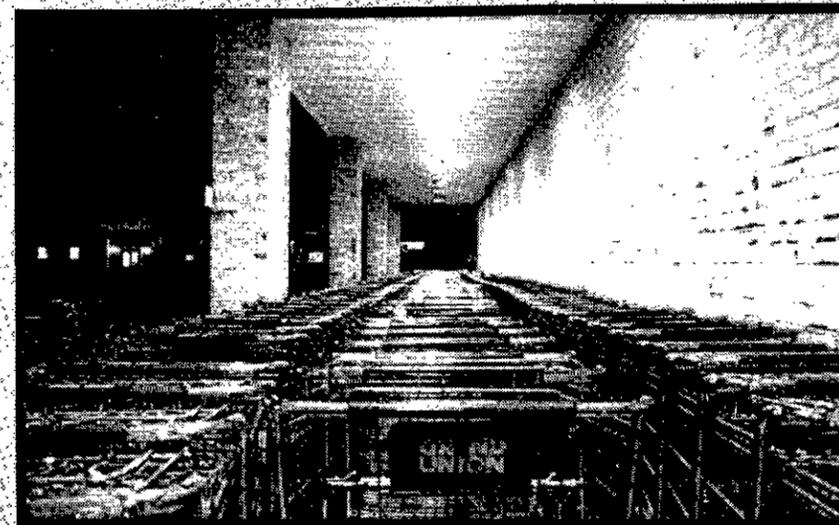
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