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A view of the northwest side of the early Dutch farmhouse. The rear addition is of the 20th Century. On the cover: A view of the McCutcheon-Reilly farmhouse taken about 20 years ago. *Spotlight*

Landmark in path of 'progress'

By Allison Bennett

Much excitement and some controversy has been stirred recently by the stories concerning the possible development by a firm contracting with Price Chopper stores, of a tract of land in Slingerlands adjacent to New Scotland Road, La Grange Road, and the Slingerlands Bypass. The decades old controversy of keeping Slingerland in its rural village image has raised the sentiments and consciences of many local people. While not completely abhorring any "progress," we do want to point out an unfamiliar landmark that should be saved, if this project ever does come to fruition, and a part of our Town of Bethlehem heritage that should be preserved.

Beyond New Scotland Road and in the area where this development is proposed are fertile, rolling fields, hundreds of uninhabited acres, with an unparalleled view of the Helderberg escarpment. This piece of ground is so near to civilization, yet when one is walking through the woods and cornfields it seems to lie out in back beyond, suspended in a time capsule that has changed little in hundreds of years.

The hum of traffic on New Scotland Road is blotted out and there is in sight only woodland, with bright bittersweet clinging on the trees and wild grapevine taking over the dirt pathways that lead to an isolated farmhouse that very few people in our Tri-Village area know exists. Those that have known of it for many years have kept silent, in respect for the owner's privacy and because we did not want possible vandalism of a local treasure.

Two hundred and fifty years ago there was more life existing on these acres than we find today, for it was farmed by tenants of the Patroon Van Rensselaer. There were De La Granges, McCutcheons and other early settlers, most of whom had come to this land from Holland, attempting to make a better life for themselves by taking up farms here that were leased to them by the Patroon.

One such farmhouse is still standing, and we know that it was lived in during the eighteenth century by Peter McCutcheon. The house was built of bricks burned on the property, probably circa 1760, and is now nearly surrounded by second and third growth saplings. Once a farm yard had hummed to the daily tasks of grinding out a livelihood for the tenant and his family with the back-breaking manual labor that was the only way the early pioneer knew.

To the untrained eye this old house may appear worthless for any restoration and it could be easily written off as a non-essential to a grander scheme. We do know however, that this farm house is included in the 1767 Bleeker Map, with no name of tenant assigned to it. A map drawn in 1789 to settle the boundaries of Van Baal's Patent, shows the location of this house and also a parcel of land allotted to Peter McCutcheon that today comprises a section of the adjoining McBride-Mosher farm, now owned by Dr. William C. Jones of Slingerlands.

Peter McCutcheon was undoubtedly among a small group of Scottish settlers who arrived here in the early 1770's and

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BC plans \$11.6 M bond

First-year tax hike close to 5 percent

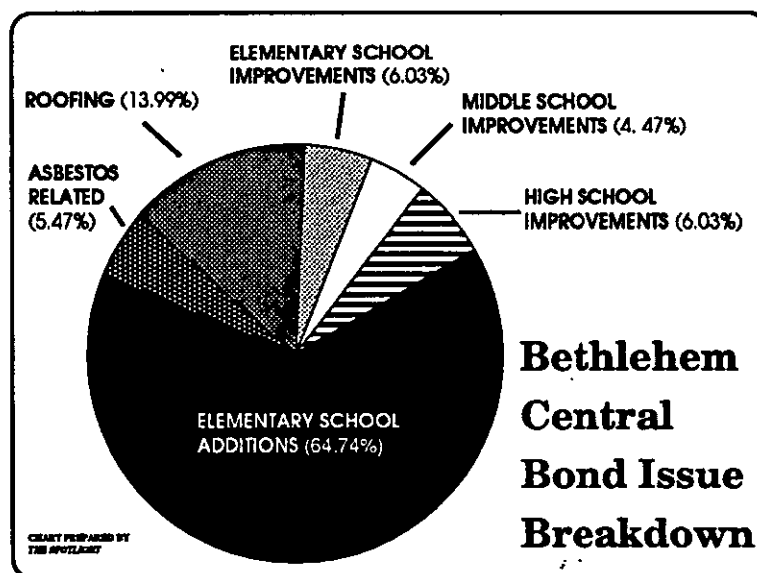
By Sal Prividera Jr.

Building on the recommended plan for additions to three elementary schools, the Bethlehem Central Board of Education last week unanimously approved an \$11.6 million package including new construction, roofing and maintenance work.

Tax rates for the \$11,640,925 project were not available last week; however Assistant Superintendent Franz Zwicklbauer had tax figures based on \$11,362,500, which was the cost of the recommended building and maintenance prior to the board's decisions Wednesday.

During the life of the 20-year bond, tax rates in Bethlehem (based on \$11.3 million) would increase \$9.14 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation or 4.5 percent in the first year. The tax impact would decrease to \$2.83 per \$1,000 in the final year.

Based on the \$11.3 million amount, tax rates for New Scotland would increase \$13.05 per \$1,000 or 4.7 percent in the



first year and decrease over 20 years to \$4.04 per \$1,000.

The district's architects, Stetson-Harza, will now develop schematic designs for the additions to the Glenmont, Hamagrael and Slingerlands Elementary Schools, which will be presented at the

Dec. 14 board of education meeting.

Board President Sheila Fuller noted after the vote that the amount of the bond issue was "subject to change" through the board's Dec. 14 meeting.

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January revote for RCS bond

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District voters will be asked to cast their votes again on the proposed \$9.5 million 20-year bond issue to fund additions to two elementary schools and the high school.

A Jan. 25 vote date was unanimously approved by the board of education Monday night. However, the bond issue, which

was defeated by 321 votes on Oct. 19, will be put up this time as three separate propositions — the additions to the Becker and Coeymans schools, the high school library addition and the high school gym addition.

Board President Mark Sengenberger said "It was clear" the voters who attended the open forum meeting held after the first defeat wanted three propositions.

"The board continues to feel very strongly about all three . . . we hope all three pass."

Sengenberger said the reasons for the January vote included that a "delay might indicate a lack of need." He added the board wanted to maintain the amount of public interest the first vote generated.

Since the amount of the total package has not been changed,

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Slingerlands kindergartener Beth Danziger, center, shows that she is thankful for apples on Thanksgiving, while classmates Ian Everson, left, Derek DiStefano, Sheila Kelle and Ben Dunbar look on. Helen Salamone's

class made pilgrim and indian costumes and performed a skit for parents on Friday. On the cover: "Indian" Michael Kleinke passes the peace pipe to "pilgrim maiden" Emily Rarich. *Sal Prividera Jr. photos*



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BC bond issue ready

(From Page 1)

The bond issue vote is expected to be held on Feb. 15.

The recommended additions plan was changed slightly to include relocating the Slingerlands cafeteria, reducing the number of new classrooms to 28. Slingerlands will also get two gym stations instead of one. During the decision-making process, the board began with the minimum improvement and maintenance items then added several items suggested by members. The maximum recommended amount of roofing work was approved for inclusion in the bond. The board also approved building a new district maintenance building, which had not been included in the original plan.

A smaller number of residents attended Wednesday's meeting than the previous two bond-related meetings. Comments were mostly in favor of the board's project decisions.

Elementary additions

The approved plan calls for the construction of 28 new classrooms, four gym stations, and expanded libraries at Glenmont, Hamagrael, Slingerlands and Clarksville.

The Glenmont addition will have 11 new classrooms, while the Hamagrael addition will have 10 new classrooms.

Additional work was approved for the Slingerlands school due to the small size of its cafeteria facility and the projected future enrollment at the school. The recommended plan had slated 10 new classrooms to be built, but now seven will be built and the cafeteria moved from the basement.

The cafeteria will be moved to the present auditorium and gym and the school will get a larger gym station/auditorium addition equal to two full gym stations. The area currently housing the cafeteria and kitchen facilities will be converted to classrooms, resulting in a decreased number of new rooms to be built at the school. The cost of the project is estimated at \$502,700.

Anthony Martino of Stetson-Harza said the change in the plan would not affect the amount of state aid Bethlehem will receive. "If all falls well... I believe (the Slingerlands project) is fully aidable," Martino said. The district currently receives 35 cents per \$1 in state building aid.

Alterations will be made at all five schools to create separate classrooms for music, special education and art/challenge programs. The alterations will also create resource, remediation and student services rooms at all five elementary schools. Planning for additional storage at each school is also included.

The board decreased the amount of site work to be done at the elementary schools by \$258,000 to include only the minimum site work necessary at the schools. Site work includes items such as resurfacing blacktop. The \$250,000 earmarked for upgrading the entries to each school was deleted from the project.

The cost of the approved elementary additions plan was set at \$7,536,550.

Asbestos removal

The minimum asbestos removal plan was incorporated into the bond issue by the board. The plan calls for the removal of asbestos-containing ceiling tiles from the sixth grade addition at the middle school and the primary wing hallways and bathrooms at the Clarksville Elementary School.

The board did not include the recommended removal of asbestos from floor and ceiling areas from the weight room and the student activities area known as "the pit" at the middle school, opting instead to use the areas for storage. The two areas are currently closed to students because of the condition of asbestos-containing tiles.

The two programs will move to the area of the middle school now housing the district's maintenance facility following a board decision to relocate the maintenance operation.

The maintenance facility will be moved to a newly constructed 6,000 square foot building on the high school grounds under the approved plan. The cost of the new maintenance facility is \$250,000, but the district will not have to spend \$118,000 for asbestos removal and replacement of ceilings and floors to reopen "the pit" and the weight room.

The cost of the asbestos removal and related work is \$636,400.

Roofing

The bond includes \$1,628,175 for roofing projects, the maximum recommended. The plan will have roofing work done at all seven district schools. "Historically, this is an area we've had difficulty getting in and keeping in the (yearly) budget," said board member Marjory O'Brien. The current asphalt-type roofs will be replaced with single-ply rubberized roofs.

Some of the roofs slated for replacement are 30 years old, according to Zwicklbauer, and some are over ceilings containing asbestos, which would become a problem if a leak were to occur.

The front wing, cafeteria, library, gym and rear wing areas of the Clarksville school will be done under the plan. Cafeteria, gym, the front wing addition at the Elsmere school would be re-roofed, as would the original building roof areas.

New roofing would be put over the office, hallway, classroom wing, cafeteria and gymnasium at the Glenmont school. The Hamagrael school will get new roofing over the front canopy and the gym. The Slingerlands school is slated to have work done on the entire addition, locker area, cafeteria and canopy.

The cafeteria, music wing, lower gym, locker rooms and pool at the middle school will have replaced roofs under the program, while the high school will get new roofing over the library, A wing, B wing, G wing and the lower gym.

Improvements

The board approved the inclusion of improvements at all seven schools in the bond issue.

The minimum plan for the elementary schools, including the replacement of boilers at the Clarksville and Glenmont buildings, was adopted by the board. The plan also includes the extension of fire alarm pull boxes at Clarksville and Elsmere and new fire alarm systems for the remaining elementary schools.

Additional electrical outlets at all five elementary schools were added to the minimum plan along with parking lot lighting at the Clarksville and Elsmere schools.

The elementary improvement plan cost is \$616,550.

Improvements at the middle school include the cost of moving the four relocatable classrooms currently at the Glenmont school to the middle school to ease

crowding during peak enrollment. The adopted minimum plan also includes a dust collection system for the shop classes and replacement of ceilings where asbestos removal will be done. The board added athletic field renovation, upgrading the science rooms and library to the project as well as new lockers for the downstairs and pool areas.

The cost of the middle school improvements is \$520,750.

While there was no minimum plan for the high school, the board approved the inclusion of \$702,500 for upgrading the library, new bleachers, the creation of two new athletic fields and refurbishment of the existing athletic fields.

Resident reaction

Many residents attending the meeting voiced their support including Mary Ellen Carpenter, president of the Glenmont PTA, who repeated the offer of all the district parent-teacher associations to work on promoting the bond issue.

Sherwood Davies of Delmar, a former board candidate and member of the now inactive Bethlehem United Taxpayers (BUT), said, "without a question this (the project) is needed... a selling job is really needed."

Several residents questioned the validity of the enrollment projections on which the elementary additions project was partially based. Quinn Davey, a district resident, said "It would be beneficial to have them verified by someone outside the district," he added.

Thanksgiving holiday closings announced

Representatives of area banks, municipal offices and libraries have announced Thanksgiving holiday schedules.

Bethlehem Town Hall, Voorheesville Village Hall and New Scotland Town Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25.

The Bethlehem Public Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed until 9 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 25. The Voorheesville Public Library will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed until 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 25.

Area banks will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24.



Bethlehem's new police dog, Grando, is accompanied by his new "partner" Officer Wayne LaChappelle. Standing, from left, are Lt. Frederick Holligan of the Bethlehem Police, Douglas Brownell, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Marty Cornelius, executive director of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and Bethlehem Police Chief Paul Currie.

Spotlight

Bethlehem police get their animal

The Bethlehem Police Department has its newest four-legged officer — Grando — after a community effort to raise funds to purchase the animal.

Grando, a 24-month-old German shepherd, arrived Friday, and it has been trained to do police work for nearly all of its life, said Lt. Frederick Holligan, adding the dog is trained in tracking, drug detection, building searching and handler protection.

The dog and its handler, Officer Wayne LaChappelle, are beginning a "bonding process," said Holligan. "It seems to be working out well... the dog has really taken to Wayne."

The dog will live with LaChappelle when it is off duty and its food and veterinary expenses will be paid by the department.

Since the dog was trained in Germany, it only understands commands in German. Holligan said LaChappelle is learning the commands in German.

The pair will begin a four-week handler training course at the end of the month. Holligan said he hopes to have the pair on regular patrol by Jan. 1.

"We're very impressed (with the dog) ... he's very well trained ... a very good addition to the police department," Holligan said.

Grando will not be keeping his German name for long, since the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a name contest for Bethlehem Central elementary school students. Each class will submit a name and the winning class will receive free ice cream cones from Ben & Jerry's at Main Square.

Sal Prividera Jr.



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As we give thanks

Thoughts on Thanksgiving eve . . .

A newspaper that is distributed into homes will surely find there people who will give thanks that they are not homeless, as are many Americans.

Our readers, virtually without exception, are able to offer their thanks for the opportunities that have been given to them and for the manifold blessings that have come their way.

Those of us who have thrived and prospered to the point where we are able to be concerned about the Dow Jones or the balance of trade will indeed find ourselves saying small prayers of gratitude for our privileged state.

A reading of President Lincoln's 1863 proclamation on the page opposite will help to reassure any who doubt that the state of our country today, at peace, is far happier than at such a time when nonetheless Americans paused to tender their thanksgiving.

Pleasure and happiness will prevail at most tables tomorrow, despite temporary disappointments or worries. Perhaps it won't be too inappropriate, then, to close with a pair of little quotations that can help us to appreciate that, as a country, we have been and still are blessed with proportion and humor.

A newspaper writer made this observation recently, which we liked and saved:

"It occurs to me that as a child I was lied to when all the grown-ups told that grand story about how the Pilgrims invented Thanksgiving to share the largesse of their harvest with the Indians. The Pilgrims actually invented Thanksgiving to give away pumpkins, and probably green tomatoes and enormous zucchini, too. And I'm sure the Indians hated them for it. How little we have learned in 300 years."

Nearly a hundred years ago the humorist Finley Peter Dunne, through his popular character "Mr. Dooley," wrote of Thanksgiving:

"'Twas founded by the Puritans to give thanks f'r bein' presarved fr'm th' Indynans, an' we keep it to give thanks we are presarved fr'm th' Puritans."

The 'golden' agers

The findings and conclusions growing out of the recent survey of senior-citizen housing in Bethlehem offer, at best, an obligation for conscientious response by all residents and, implicitly, a challenge to act on one of the report's main sections.

The issue is the availability (or lack of it) of "affordable" homes for people who are mainly reliant on fixed incomes. The study turned up a percentage of responses which, when projected, add up to several hundred individuals who say they can't afford to pay housing costs in this relatively affluent community. A sizable portion say they must move because they can't keep up, either with the basic cost, or with the responsibilities of home ownership.

The attention and — perhaps it can be said also — the conscience of the townspeople should address this situation. Inherent in it, ultimately, will be the question of subsidizing some housing. The study indicates that we stand to lose many of these good citizens under existing conditions. Shall we continue to cast them off in the time of their old age?

Bond issue wins vote

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to commend, and urge support for, the proposed bond issue for the expansion and improvement of the Bethlehem district schools.

The proposal shows a clear need for the expansion and improvements and yet has taken into consideration the costs that the taxpayers will have to meet while providing for a positive learning environment for all our children.

The inclusion of five "special education" classrooms within the

schools demonstrates a commitment to our "special needs" families, to include the children in their neighborhood schools and to make them feel a part of the community; something which many families have not felt.

I hope that all voters will carefully look at what the issue will offer and be willing to spend money on something that is really worthwhile — our children!

Charlyn Saltford

Glenmont

Project could help taxes

Editor, The Spotlight:

Either I am losing my mind or my memory is failing me, but it seems to me that only about three months ago, the people of Bethlehem were extremely interested in having a supermarket other than the Grand Union, arguing that there is no competition and this results in higher prices for the consumer. Now there is a strong possibility that this may become a reality, and already there is a great deal of opposition to its construction.

True, it is necessary and desirable to have green space and a quiet and countrified environment, but let's be a little realistic. We are living in a town where

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people (as all people do) complain that the taxes are high, and what do we have to offset this? — banks, real estate offices, lawyers, and professional buildings, which are great but do little to keep the taxes down. Now we have the opportunity to keep the taxes stable and people are objecting. This shopping center will generate business from people coming to our town to shop and keep people living in our town here to spend their money also. We cannot remain isolated and still expect our taxes to be minimal; we have

to grow like any other town. It seems every town in the area is growing commercially.

This shopping center is not going to be built in the heart of a residential area; the lights will not be that close to a populated area and it will be somewhat of a treat not to have to go to Albany or the Grand Union in Delmar for shopping.

Let's hope that when this goes before the town board for a vote that the board's decision represents all the people in the town and does not reflect the wishes of one area of citizens.

Marilyn Picarazzi

Selkirk

A 'need' for supermarket?

Editor, The Spotlight:

I can't help but wonder by what standard we, in the Town of Bethlehem, have come to what and define "need" and on what basis we decide our priorities.

There are cries of a "need" for a supermarket in town. A *Spotlight* editorial calls it "a genuine need," and angry, dissatisfied, and unhappy shoppers clamor for "a choice." Yet many food stores do presently serve the Tri-Village area. Some are located within Bethlehem: some are located in neighboring towns; many advertise in *The Spotlight*. Many area residents have patronized these merchants — satisfactorily — for a number of years, with nary a whine or whimper.

The issue of whether or not, or where to locate a supermarket in town, has not revealed "need" or nutritional hardship on the part of area residents; it is one of convenience, personal choice, and individual preference. It cannot be confused with "need" or presented as such. It must be kept in perspective — before a mountain is built of a molehill.

The Tri-Village area doesn't appear to "need" another shopping area; the present commercial districts within the town (Main Square, Delaware Plaza, the Four Corners, Town Square) are not at full occupancy and seem to have a history of difficulty in reaching and maintaining that. (What

would be the impact on those areas and on owners of existing food stores, of the development proposed?)

The roadways within the town cannot now accommodate the traffic they carry. Elm, Cherry, and Kenwood Avenues, and New Scotland and Blessing Roads do not need additional traffic from Gunderland, Albany, the Town of New Scotland and outlying areas of the Town of Bethlehem. The two-lane access road, hailed as "a golden opportunity" to extend the bypass, but shown on a map as having several connecting/intersecting side roads, would not seem to serve effectively as the needed limited-access, 45-55 mph bypass of New Scotland Road and Slingerlands; it would funnel (additional) traffic to and from Blessing Road, Cherry Avenue, Kenwood Avenue, and New Scotland Road, and through Slingerlands.

More supermarket letters on Pages 6,7

Bethlehem does need to resolve the current traffic congestion problems on old and narrow roads, in a reasonable, sensible, efficient and timely manner. We do need to develop a master plan, and we do need elected and appointed representatives who can be trusted to honor it.

We need to plan for orderly growth and development within the town. We need to crawl before we walk and to walk before we run — into the arms of a developer. We need to consider the impact of growth and development on services, existing roadways, local merchants, and our neighbors, and we need to preserve our town's resources, integrity, and character, for all its residents — present and future.

We need to make a distinction between need and nutritional hardship, and "wants," "whines," "wishes," and greed, and we need to separate them in our discussions of placing commercial developments in residential zones.

We need to trust that our elected and appointed officials will respect and retain the zoning that is presently in place at the site under discussion in Slingerlands, and we need to expect that they will; a "need" for the commercial development proposed has not been determined.

We do need our elected and appointed representatives to vote in good conscience to serve the town and not the interests of Price Chopper and/or BTR Development in Baltimore. We do not need to build a mountain — or a monument to Price Chopper — out of a molehill in a residential zone.

Nancy Relyea

Slingerlands

Halloween vandalism dismaying

Editor, The Spotlight:

We owned our home in Albany for almost 10 years and enjoyed decorating the exterior for the various holidays without ever suffering any theft or vandalism. Our first opportunity to continue this tradition since arriving in May was on Halloween. The children picked their pumpkins fresh from the vine, carefully carried them home, and created their own faces, which they drew on each pumpkin. Just the right spot on the front porch was chosen, and the pumpkins were proudly displayed. "Sam," our six-foot-long inflatable skeleton, and a pumpkin-flier were hung out as we have done for years. As Halloween approached, the children grew more and more anxious, anticipating carving and lighting their pumpkins and having other trick-or-treaters admire their decorations.

The Sunday before Halloween, my 7-year-old daughter came running up to me and exclaimed that someone's pumpkins had been smashed out in the road. We went to the front door together and upon opening it found that our pumpkins were missing. A closer examination of the pumpkin remains revealed that two of the many that had been smashed were indeed ours. My daughter was crushed. As we walked back to the house she looked up and broke into tears, and pointing a finger at our house cried, "Daddy, they stole 'Sam' too." My two-and-a-half-year-old son, who was waiting at the door, was also crying. It took quite some time before we were able to calm them. As if that weren't enough, on the Sunday after Halloween our pumpkin-flier was also stolen. The one question my daughter kept asking over and over again

was "Why?" I didn't have the answer.

If the person or persons responsible for these acts could be identified, my only request would be for them to come and explain to my children (and the neighbors' children, who also had pumpkins smashed), why they needed to destroy the children's holiday in order to have a "good time."

W. T. Bowen

Selkirk

EDITOR'S NOTE: We regret due to the volume of mail some letters on the supermarket issue and other subjects cannot be printed this week. Letters held over will be printed as soon as possible. We ask all letter writers to be as brief as possible so that all may have their say.

UNCLE DUDLEY

My son, the President

You noticed, of course, that the President-elect passed a short vacation on Florida's east coast with his mother among the party. Essentially, it seems so unlikely that one's parent(s) will have survived to watch a son attain the presidency. It's basically not a job held by youngsters.

But contrary to expectations just a bit of recent history tells us that the assumption doesn't always hold true, by any means.

President Carter's mother, we can easily recall, lived throughout his term in office. My recollection is that Richard Nixon's mother was alive when he was inaugurated and that Lyndon Johnson's father also was alive. Those may be faulty memories, but the references that follow are not.

John Kennedy's parents were both alive, and in fact his mother survives 25 years after his death. Harry Truman delighted in writing daily from the White House to his mother back in Independence. Franklin Roosevelt's mother lived during his first two terms.

Calvin Coolidge's father read the oath of office to him by lamplight on that Vermont farm following the death of President Warren G. Harding, whose father saw him in the White House. (Dr. Harding coined the elegant description of his son's pliability which ultimately led to the disgrace of his administration: "It's a good thing Warren wasn't a girl — he can't say 'no' to anyone.")

I won't try to go back any further, but it seems not

unreasonable to guess that various other, earlier Presidents were inaugurated while one or both parents were still alive. And don't forget that if J. Danforth Quayle becomes our President, both his parents may still be on hand, as they are now . . .

By the way, I haven't seen it mentioned anywhere that Mr. Bush will be the first President given Washington to bear the given name of George. Any significance in that?

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The nation has been undergoing a binge of sad and curious reminiscence about John F.

Cheer up, Mom: you still can see your kid in the oval office

Kennedy and his presidency — and his death. The television networks, particularly, have been entranced by the opportunity to focus morbidly on the 25th anniversary of the assassination. But newspapers, magazines, and books have made much of the event. A review in the *Boston Globe* of recent books covered 15 on the man, his presidency, and his murder. Sometimes it is difficult to discern just who that old friend of Lloyd Bentsen's really was. That reminiscence by a Boston buddy, published some years ago under the strange title, "Johnny, We Hardly Knew Ye" was not so far off the mark.

In the *Globe's* extended review, the writer, Mark Feeney, offered this: "You can argue that Reagan's was not the first 'Hollywood' presidency; it was Kennedy's. His romantic appeal — not to mention his libido — rivaled a matinee idol's. Through the careful cultivation of such real incidents as his courageous actions after the sinking of PT-109, and such manufactured ones as his authorship of *Profiles in Courage*, his image was as carefully groomed as that of the hottest studio property. JFK's well-known infatuation with show business ranged from his honorary membership in Frank Sinatra's 'Rat Pack' to his frequent phoning Peter Lawford to inquire 'who was making it with whom, what pretty new girls were on the scene. . . ."

"In the end, both the Kennedy administration — with its storied, if not especially consequential 'thousand days' — and the Kennedy assassination itself belong more to the imagination than to politics or history."

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Just one more thought on the presidency. What do you suppose will turn out to be the Big Mistake of the Bush administration? Going back no further than Kennedy, it's very evident that each of the six Presidents in this quarter century committed one act or set one major policy that was just plain wrong. Answering the question at the opening of this paragraph: Is it possible he's already made it?

CONSTANT READER

Sitting around the table

For the season I found just the thing in the pages of a magazine called *50 plus* ("for your best years"). In a special section, "Thanksgiving Around America," some agreeable, reminiscing kinds of descriptions were to be found. First, this one by Jane Howard:

"Thanksgiving, by comparison with Christmas, is a piece not of cake but of mince or pumpkin pie. All we must keep at bay at Thanksgiving are gluttony, pomposity, somnolence, and intolerance of those who commit these excesses. If Uncle Horace overlets, God bless him. If Aunt Carlotta nods off yet again at the table, may she nap in peace. And may our forgiveness extend to anyone who feels called upon to recite the words of the poet William Butler Yeats: 'In custom and in ceremony are innocence and beauty born.'"

On another tack, she continues:

"When we're tempted to leave the mess until the next morning, we think of the Thanksgiving when our fanatically orderly cousin Rachel decided, for once in her life, to go to bed without tidying up. The glorious dinner she had fixed took all the energy she had. 'Just this once,' she said as she climbed up bedward, 'the dishes can wait.' The next morning, coming downstairs to face the chaos, she saw something funny in the gravy boat. The something funny was a rodent. A mouse died happy. Smart mouse: He knew the importance of leftovers. . . . Leftovers are one of the best things about Thanksgiving. There's nothing like pie and reheated stuffing for breakfast on the last Friday in November."

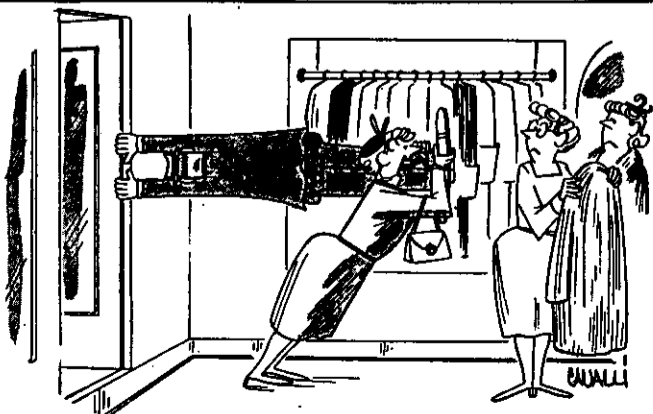
Geoffrey Norman, writing of a New England Thanksgiving: "We sat in front of the fire while the venison finished cooking. We

drank and ate roasted nuts and talked. It was one of those times when it felt good to be with people.

"The roast came out of the oven. My daughter (then 2 years old) called any cut of meat 'roast beast.' She picked that up from some Dr. Seuss book. So while we carved, it was the 'roast beast.' The wine was poured. The plates were filled. I spoke some words of thanks for a secure house, bountiful meal, and good friends.

"We were no Pilgrims, certainly, but there was a significance in that meal. And while I ate and drank, I felt the sort of serenity the old-timers must have felt when they knew the root cellar was full, the woodpile was ample, the house was sturdy, good neighbors were close by. The approaching season of cold, wind, and snow could do its best. We, like they, felt ready in body and spirit."

All that is from the November issue of what has been called *50 plus* since its first publication about 10 years ago. But beginning with the December issue, the same magazine is to be titled *New Choices* (and still subtitled "for the best years"). The renaming goes along with a restyling of design and contents. The editor promises "as always, the targeted, zesty magazine." But something must be asked, because few successful magazines change their names. The cover price is \$1.50, and an annual subscription is \$15.



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Thanksgiving Day: Lincoln Proclamation

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POINT OF VIEW

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to invite and provoke the aggressions of foreign states, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere, except in the theater of military conflict; while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

The needful diversions of wealth and strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege, and the battlefield; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years, with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American people; I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer to our beneficent Father. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the Nation and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.

In the eighty-eighth year of United States independence,

A. Lincoln

Words for the Week

- Turkey: Flop, as in "That show last night sure was a turkey."
- Goose: Zero, as in "He promised to cook my goose if he told."
- Gravy: Bonus, as in "The coat and pants do all the work, but the vest gets all the gravy."
- Stuffing: Plenty, as in "That kid knocked the stuffing out of the other side."
- Potatoes: Idle, as in "They're nothing but couch potatoes now."

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Matters of Opinion

Our 'village feeling' is a 'treasure' to many

Editor, The Spotlight:

Approximately 200 Slingerlands residents met to share information and concerns about the proposed regional shopping complex proposed by BTR Development of Maryland and the Price Chopper Corporation. We were shocked to hear that what is being proposed is not a project to provide Bethlehem residents with alternative shopping, but a huge complex that will draw customers from the entire Capital District.

Our town is unique among all suburban areas surrounding Albany. We have somehow resisted the unrestrained commercial growth that has occurred in areas such as Western Avenue in Guilderland, Route 9 in Latham, and Wolf Road. People want to live here because we are

not like Colonie. The "village feeling" still exists in Bethlehem and most especially in Slingerlands, and I and my neighbors treasure this feeling.

There are three separate issues involved: first is whether alternative shopping is needed in Bethlehem; second is whether residents of the town of Bethlehem want or need to have a massive shopping complex that will put a strain on our already overtaxed highway system and change the character of our town (as opposed to stores designed to primarily serve town residents); and third is whether a major commercial development should be located in an area that is exclusively residential and is accessible only by two-lane roads. These issues should not be confused and should be dealt with separately.

It is unfortunate that Price Chopper has elected to proceed in

the manner that they have. Our meeting served only to place residents with a legitimate desire for alternative shopping at odds with those of us who wish to preserve the character of our neighborhood. If Price Chopper were truly interested in the concerns of the community, they would have come to us with options and solicited community input before making decisions regarding the size and location of this complex.

I urge the residents of Bethlehem to put aside for a moment their enthusiasm to have a Price Chopper in town, and to consider what it is that we value most about our town. I believe that most people will say that it is the quality of life in Bethlehem that makes us unique. We should make it known to our elected officials and to Price Chopper that while we may wish to have alternative stores in town, we are not willing to compromise that which makes our town a special place to live.

Mark Haskins

Slingerlands

Avoid 'wrong reasons' in project decision

Editor, The Spotlight:

BTR Realty Inc. of Maryland proposes a regional shopping

center with Price Chopper as an anchor store complex and 275 townhouses for Bethlehem. As a carrot for community acceptance, the developers will build a road through the site, connecting Route 140 (Cherry Avenue Extension) with the Slingerlands By-pass.

While the developers talk-up their perspective, many residents express concern. I share their concern and feel that this project, if approved, will have an adverse impact on surrounding residential areas. The types of adverse impact we could anticipate are:

- increased traffic and congestion,
- diminution of the historic and residential character of Slingerlands, and
- burdensome strain on existing schools and volunteer fire services.

BTR Realty Inc. must request a zoning change from the Bethlehem Town Board to build the regional shopping mall. But, the Town Board is under no obligation to consider this request. The area under consideration is designated in the zoning ordinance as suitable primarily for single-family homes. Therefore, in order for the board to approve the developer's request, it must declare the problems that this complex would generate as being

insignificant. Such a decision would have to be rendered in spite of the mounting and overwhelming evidence to the contrary, and such a decision would run counter to local opposition.

We can debate the need for a convenient supermarket. But, it is becoming clearly apparent that there is no real debate over the negative impact that a project that is similar in commercial square footage to the Northway Mall, without even considering the additional impact of building 275 townhouses on the site, will have on the community.

The verdict that I see coming in is that this is the wrong project for the wrong location, and to approve a rezoning of the site would be an act committed for the wrong reasons.

Brian J. Danforth

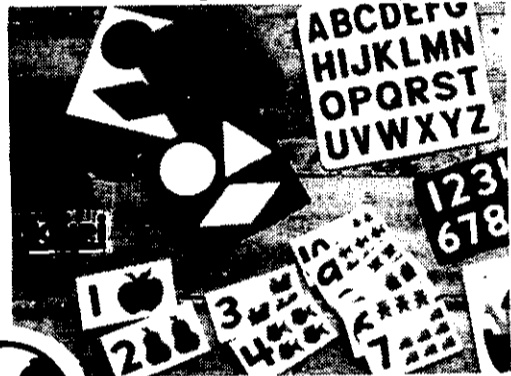
Slingerlands

Town's 'Lathamization' is opposed by resident

Editor, The Spotlight:

We moved here from New York City just over a year ago to escape the hectic pace of the Big Apple. My sister has lived here for nine years. Visiting them over the years, my husband and I have always been charmed by the comfortable, relaxed pace and the

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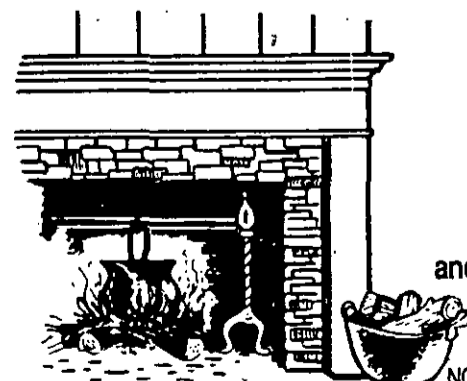
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wonderful sense of community here. So we took the plunge and decided to move here.

We were surprised by the escalating real estate prices so we looked outside the Delmar/Slingerlands area. To our dismay, we discovered that other nearby towns were missing a true sense of community, a "village" feeling. We could not reconcile giving this up — it was one of the main reasons we moved here — so we decided to look for a home only in Delmar or Slingerlands.

We loved the Delmar of five or ten years ago but felt it had become heavily trafficked in recent years. Its charm as a country suburb of Albany was being stretched to the limit. Slingerlands remained unspoiled in spite of its growth. We bought a lovely old home here and have put a lot of time and effort into it. It feels like home now. We know our neighbors by first names; we're feeling settled in and a part of life here. Then we hear the news.

The news is, of course, that a regional-size mall may become a not-too-distant neighbor. I learned that traffic into and out of this mall/townhouse complex will add 20,000 to 27,000 passing cars on local roads each day. Coming from New York City, I know only too well what this means in terms of noise, air quality, accidents, and the "neighborhood" feeling. It is not good news for Slingerlands. This complex's 900,000 sq.ft. is comparable in total size to Crossgates. Eleven acres of parking are planned. A complex half this size would still be large anywhere in the town of Bethlehem.

I agree with everyone that, yes, we really need another supermarket besides the Grand Union. Someone called this mall the "Lathamization" of Slingerlands. It has a disturbing ring of truth to it. Isn't that too high a price to pay for another supermarket? I believe we should reject Mr. Golub's plan altogether and give our newly hired town planner the chance to do his job, to develop a master growth plan for Bethlehem. Then we'll know where a supermarket will fit, and we'll know how to preserve the sense of neighborhood and sharing of community values that is important to so many people here. Only a master plan can take into account everyone's needs. It is the only fair way to proceed, in my opinion.

We can always get another supermarket, but we cannot always get another Slingerlands once it is gone.

Margaret Elvin

Slingerlands

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The Christmas Shop at Helderledge Farm

Development compared to other shopping areas

Editor, The Spotlight:

In a full-page ad in last week's *Spotlight* (in the form of a letter to Bethlehem residents), Lewis Golub, chairman and CEO of Price Chopper, bemoaned the fact that his company was not present at the public meeting held in Slingerlands. He tried to correct the "assumptions" presented at that meeting by giving us the "facts." As a participant at that meeting, I was offended by the presumptuous and patronizing tone of Mr. Golub's letter.

Price Chopper and the Baltimore-based BTR Realty Inc. are engaged in a carefully orchestrated public relations campaign intended to generate support for their proposed commercial development in Slingerlands. I do not recall the developers inviting Bethlehem residents to the developers' initial meetings, so that we might have had an opportunity to express our feelings about this project before they had selected the site, determined the size of the development, and prepared their highly polished presentation. Yet, Mr. Golub implies that concerned residents are not even entitled to meet to discuss this project

without inviting the developers' participation from the very outset.



The "facts" offered in Mr. Golub's letter continue the developers' efforts to minimize and distort the size and impact of this project. He objects to the comparison of this development with Northway Mall. He asserts that the proposed complex will be a "neighborhood strip center" comparable in size to Stuyvesant Plaza.

Does anyone really believe that Stuyvesant Plaza is a neighborhood strip center? Stuyvesant Plaza is a major shopping center in a busy commercial area, accessed by two four-lane city roads plus the Northway. Mr. Golub's description of a neighborhood center is in direct contradiction to statements made by Ron Schleicht, vice president of real estate operations for Price Chopper. Mr. Schleicht stated that "the Slingerlands site was chosen because the stores would be able to draw customers from Guilderland, New Scotland, Bethlehem, and Albany." (*Spotlight*, Nov. 9). Clearly, the developers intend to build a regional shopping center.

Mr. Golub's comparisons list the size of the proposed shopping center at 250,000 square feet.

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Though this figure is already larger than the two shopping centers to which he believes the proposed center compares favorably, it excludes the 50,000 square feet for the Price Chopper, the 13,500 square feet for the three "outparcels," and the 175,000 square feet of "transitional commercial zone." The outparcels are those units ordinarily used for retail franchises, such as fast-food chains. The developers have informed us that they intend to utilize the transitional commercial zone for approximately 90,000 square feet of office space and an additional 80,000 square feet of retail space.

It seems reasonable to include all the above area in an estimate of the size of the commercial portion of the proposed development. At 488,500 square feet, this compares closely with the 500,000-square-foot area of Northway Mall (as cited in *Capital District Business Review*, Dec. 7-13, 1987). Even if one excludes the 90,000 square feet of office space, the retail

portion of the development would still be more than two and one-half times the size of Delaware Plaza shopping center (listed at 152,000 square feet). This would be the largest commercial development in the history of the Town of Bethlehem.

Mr. Golub states that "Qualified local traffic experts and engineers confirm that current traffic flow will be improved." Of course, these are the experts hired by the developers. Even so, these experts, as reported in the *Spotlight* (Nov. 9), only claimed that "some of the bottlenecks" at two nearby intersections would be improved. When asked about "the amount of traffic generated on Kenwood and Cherry Avenues," the developers' expert replied, "that is a legitimate concern worth reviewing when the plans are presented to the town."

Apparently, the experts have confirmed a lot less than Mr. Golub would have us think. At our residents' meeting, a qualified

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traffic engineer presented persuasive evidence that a development of this size could more than double traffic volume on the surrounding two-lane roads (which are already becoming congested).

There is one thing Mr. Golub's letter does make clear. We can look forward to a long, well-financed public relations campaign by the corporate developers. When Mr. Golub says he wants to be our "neighbor," he means "business."

John Sarris

Slingerlands

'Approve the proposal — with restrictions'

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Planning Board and Town Board should review the BTR-Price Chopper proposal and entertain a rezoning request before a townwide comprehensive land use plan and accompanying rezoning are finalized. Proposed

development has merit in providing an additional and possibly competitive shopping center for the town, located off major roads, built around a desirable Slingerlands By-pass extension and supermarket, initially, an alternative providing. It could be designed and guided by the town in accordance with planned unit development standards, site plan review, and professional planning expertise.

The BTR-Price Chopper proposal should be approved with conditions and restrictions. The necessary commercial rezoning should not extend south of Cherry Ave. and proposed By-pass extensions, toward Slingerlands village. New Scotland Ave. from the Cherry Ave. Extension to the Blue Cross-Blue Shield property is already strip commercial and should be recognized. The proposed townhouse development should not be built initially. Some of the excessive building and paved

parking areas could be reduced by permitting office towers and parking platforms or levels. The limited access and egress points along the extended Slingerlands By-pass and the heavy landscaping and screening are appreciated. Unifying and tasteful architectural and sign controls and selection of stores, shops and drive-in tenants can best be done by a single developer/owner who is encouraged and held to high performance standards.

Otto J. Mertz

Delmar

'Change of character' of town is foreseen

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are writing to express deep concern over the proposed regional shopping center in Slingerlands. Such an abomination would forever change the character of this quiet community. It appears that very little thought, other than profits for the developer, has gone into this proposal.

We do not see the "Latham-ization" of Slingerlands as

progress and will vigorously oppose it.

We expect town officials' support in defeating any zoning change which will directly affect the quality of life which we now experience.

Michael and Karen Graziade Slingerlands

Efforts appreciated

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Bethlehem Senior Citizen Services staff members and volunteers, I would like to extend thanks to the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and area merchants for Volunteer Recognition Day on Oct. 19 at the Bethlehem Public Library.

More than 100 volunteers were honored. Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick presented certificates to each volunteer.

Special thanks go to Baby's Breath and McDonald's of Delmar.

Joyce H. Becker

Program Coordinator

Bethlehem Senior Citizen Services

Bethlehem Lions express thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Bethlehem Lions Club, I would like to thank the Tri-Village area residents for their support of our 27th lightbulb sale. Special thanks are due to *The Spotlight*, the Tri-Village Pharmacy, Ruth Mendel, the Albany Times Union, and the many merchants who displayed our posters.

The Bethlehem Lions Club has sold over 194,000 lightbulbs over the past 27 years, lighting up the Tri-Village area with community service. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support community projects such as sight and hearing conservation, senior citizens, and youth activities.

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Craig Shufelt

When 'old Homer nods'

Editor, The Spotlight:

The tabulation, "How We Voted," for the bond issue (Proposition One) in *The Spotlight* of Nov. 16 belies Matters of Opinion on page 4, "The voters say 'yes' " wording: "we were gratified that our area followed the lead of a majority of voters throughout the state in approving the bonds." The printed figures for Bethlehem and New Scotland show a substantially larger "no" vote on it.

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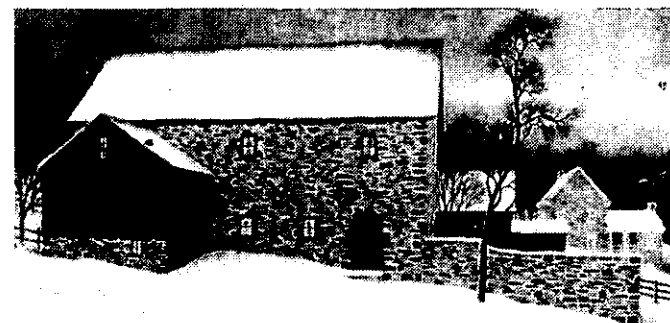
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Beaver Dam Rd. proposal

Board questions plans

By Mark Stuart

Bethlehem Planning Board members questioned roadway access and landscape grading in pre-preliminary plans for a 147-unit development on Beaver Dam Rd. in South Bethlehem.

The board has asked surveyor Paul Hite submit alternate entrance plans from the development to Beaver Dam Rd. and a new map with two-foot contour intervals.

The proposed development, known as Middleton Place, is located next to the Samaritan Shelters home on 55 acres in South Bethlehem and is bordered by the Conrail tracks on the west side, the state Thruway and Norton property on the east side and the Vroman Kill Creek to the north. The proposed development has 480 feet of frontage along Beaver Dam Rd.

Hite said at last Tuesday's planning board meeting the development would consist of one and two bedroom Williamsburg Colonial homes built "to accommodate the needs of the elderly in town." He said the homes would be "nice small homes on nice small lots with low maintenance" and not conducive to a large number of children. The development would also include a centrally located recreation area with a pool.

Reginald Scott, owner of the land, said the homes would cost between \$125,000 and \$140,000. The development would have a homeowners association with a maintenance fee of \$50 to \$75, he said.

Scott told the board he has built between 6,000 and 7,000 such homes in Schenectady, Niskayuna and Glensville and has been doing so since 1933.

Nine of the 55 acres will be roadway with a single access to Beaver Dam Rd., which brought about many questions by board members. Engineering consultant Alva Worth said he was concerned about the number of lots and the limited access to the development and suggested limiting the number of lots. According to Hite, the current plans show 3.1 dwellings per acre.

Wirth said the impact of such a large development should be looked at closer in terms of impact on Beaver Dam Rd. He said Beaver Dam Rd. only has an 18-foot right of way with a two-foot shoulder.

The board requested that Hite provide a map showing two-foot gradient intervals when he submits a preliminary proposal. The submitted map was drawn from a U.S. Geodetic Survey map in 10 foot intervals.

Assistant town planner Melanie Schmidt pointed out that the development would span three ravines and that landscape grading would result in a loss of existing vegetation. Pre-preliminary plans show 50 percent of the land covered by trees:

Wirth said the development would hook into a Beaver Dam Rd. water main. Sewer service would be provided through a four-inch forced main. Wirth said the size of the project "would probably" require a new pump station and crossing under the Conrail tracks.

Public hearing scheduled

In other business, the board set a public hearing for Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. to hear an application from Vincent Caccamo for a three-lot subdivision on Kenwood Ave. near Rockefeller Rd.

Approval was given by the board to begin road construction, site grading and the installation of sewer and water lines to six lots of the Normansgate development on Euclid Ave in Elsmere, under the supervision of the Bethlehem Department of Public Works. The 36-lot development previously has received site plan approval from the board. Building and vegetation plan approval will be needed before construction begins.



Scholarship honors

Kristin Cooke of Fairlawn Dr., Selkirk receives the Delmar Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship Award from Department President James Carazza, right, and Chief Paul Woodin, left. Kristin is the daughter of Donald and Ann Cooke. Donald Cooke is a 22-year member of the Delmar Fire Department.

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State loan covers less than originally estimated

Legislators ponders center financing

By Patricia Dumas

The state loan that was supposed to help Albany County finance its civic center now will provide only ten percent of the project's construction costs because those costs have gone up to \$65 million.

The loan, \$6.5 million from New York State's Urban Development Corporation (UDC); was intended to supplement a \$35 million county bond issue that was authorized in 1986. But then, the total construction cost for the civic center was estimated at \$41.5 million.

Revised estimates, officially announced last week, show that the cost has increased by \$20 million, a sum way beyond what the county currently has available. Its options, if construction is to proceed on the 15,000-seat sports/convention facility, are to borrow more money through bonding or convince the UDC to invest in a bigger share of the cost.

Either way, two-thirds of the 39-member county legislature would have to approve the financing plan. The Republican minority is on record against any more spending for the project so

each of the legislature's 26 Democrats would have to vote yes.

Harold L. Joyce, the legislature's Majority Leader and head of its Civic Center Committee, says he is prepared to ask the legislators at their Dec. 12 meeting "to support a new bond resolution with the hope that we can get the UDC to reconsider its participation as funding partner."

Joyce consistently has contended that the UDC "never was in the project to the same percentage of its participation in other facilities of comparable size."

He said he would like to have bi-partisan support for approaching the UDC but "I'm realistic — I don't think I'm going to get that support."

Minority leader W. Gordon Morris, Jr. termed the new price tag for the Knickerbocker Area (the center's official name) "absolutely stunning."

"How could a project of that size being properly managed grow to more than \$65 million and still be growing?" Morris asked.

"The Republicans," Morris said, "have not supported bonding for the civic center in the past for

the simple reason that we have not been made a part of it. The Democrats conceived and nurtured the project. They spent money as if they had to get it all spent today and have added constantly to the scope of the work without any regard to what it would cost in the end. Now they want to come to the people and ask them to support what has become a county disaster. They have made no effort to correct the problems and have shown no remorse for what they have done."

According to Morris, any bonds the county would sell now to finance the civic center would have to be taxable and, therefore, sold at a substantial rate. He said he has been advised that municipal bonding would not be applicable.

Joyce insisted that the construction delays and design changes that have pushed up the price of the civic center were unavoidable. "We didn't put in any frills. Most of the design changes were required. We didn't move the bottom line. It was moved for us," he said.

The design changes included the addition of canopies over the front entrance steps, more sprinklers, lights and a different

roof than originally planned. Complying with a state requirement for the canopy to keep snow and rain off the arena's front steps, the county extended the work to expand the entire front entrance and added retail space to help pay the added costs.

"The minority complains that the cost has gone up but it hasn't offered us any solution nor suggested where we should scale back on the project," Joyce said.

So far, Albany County has not received any of the loan money promised by the Urban Development Corporation. Its release has been tied into the project's "guaranteed maximum price," which has turned out to be a flexible amount based on incomplete designs. According to the center's construction management team, the UDC will no longer accept a "guaranteed maximum price" unless it is absolutely firm.

To avoid problems with that, the Civic Center Committee last week adopted a control budget spending plan which reportedly will protect the construction managers against cost overruns and allow the committee to exercise control over line item spending.

Kenwood sponsors vacation program

The Kenwood Child Development Center will sponsor a school-age vacation recreation program in December during the school break session, Dec. 26 to 30.

The Vacation Recreation Program will present activities in sports instruction, arts and crafts, movies, special events, and more. All programs will be supervised by a coordinator and two assistants and a ratio of no more than 10 children to one adult. The hours of these day-long sessions will be from 7:30 a.m. for early arrivals to 5:30 p.m. for late pick ups, with the primary day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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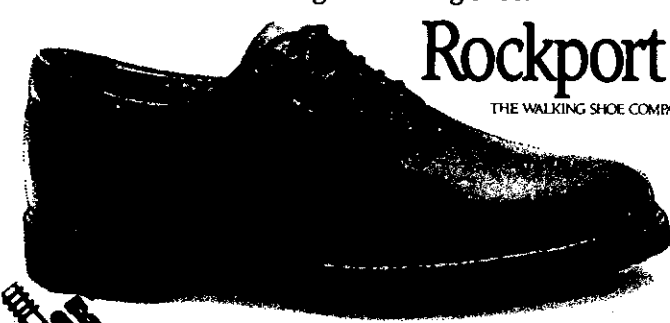
An employee at the CVS store on Delaware Ave. had \$240 stolen from her purse Friday, Bethlehem police said.

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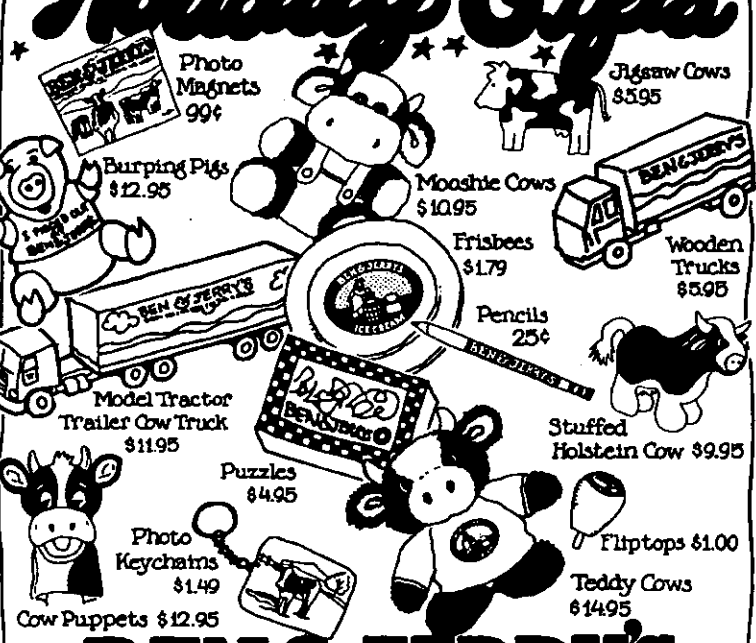
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A tradition continues

Budget hearing to be day before Thanksgiving despite Republican protests

By Patricia Dumas

Despite Republican protests, Albany County will hold its budget hearing on the afternoon before Thanksgiving day and will use limited circulation publications to notify taxpayers of bond issue spending.

The county legislature, at its Nov. 14 meeting, set Nov. 23 at 3:30 p.m. as the time for the public hearing on the \$240.85 million budget proposed by County Executive James J. Coyne.

It also authorized a \$1,055,900 bond sale to finance safety improvements at the county airport and complied with legal requirements by authorizing the county to have the bond sale resolution published in *The Evangelist* and *The Albany Eagle*.

The daytime public hearing for the budget is a tradition in the legislature, as is the protests by the minority legislators. Bethlehem legislators Robert W. Hoffmeister and W. Gordon Morris, Jr. argued against the legislative actions. By continuing its custom of scheduling the hearing every year on the day before Thanksgiving, the legislature "is making a mockery of the term, public hearing," Hoffmeister said. Morris pointed out that *The Albany Eagle* has become mainly an advertising throw-away. (*The Eagle* and *The Evangelist*, which is the official

newspaper of the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese, are the officially designated newspapers for the county's legal notices.)

Hoffmeister proposed that the budget hearing be scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 22, but his amendment was defeated.

"I think just because we have done something for a number of years doesn't mean it is the right way to do it. Look at other cities and towns — they hold hearings during evening hours when the vast majority of the public can come. That doesn't say the public has to come. That doesn't say the public will come but it gives them the opportunity to come. We have to reach out halfway. Let's strip away Republican and Democrat labels. Let's try it once. If it doesn't work, fine," Hoffmeister said.

Republicans Michael Ricci of Voorheesville and Robert Prentiss of Colonie joined in the argument for another hearing date. Ricci said having the budget hearing on the day before Thanksgiving "is

an insult to the taxpayers of this county." Prentiss claimed that the date "takes on special significance this year because the county doesn't want the public to know how much it is being put into hock by the Knickerbocker Arena."

Ricci suggested that the county follow the example of Rensselaer County which annually schedules two hearings.

Arguing against the county's use of *The Albany Eagle*, Morris, who is the legislature's minority leader, said he was "formally registering a protest against official publication in a paper that has been reduced to an advertising sheet distributed for nothing in limited places."

He pointed out that a newspaper to be used for public notification is legally defined as one "of general circulation" and said that the *Albany Eagle* does not meet that criteria.

County Attorney William Conboy told Morris that he would have to seek to amend the designation of

the county's official publications when the designation comes up before the legislature.

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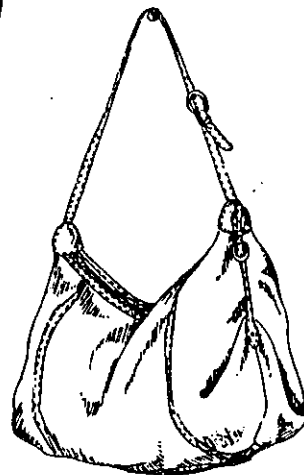


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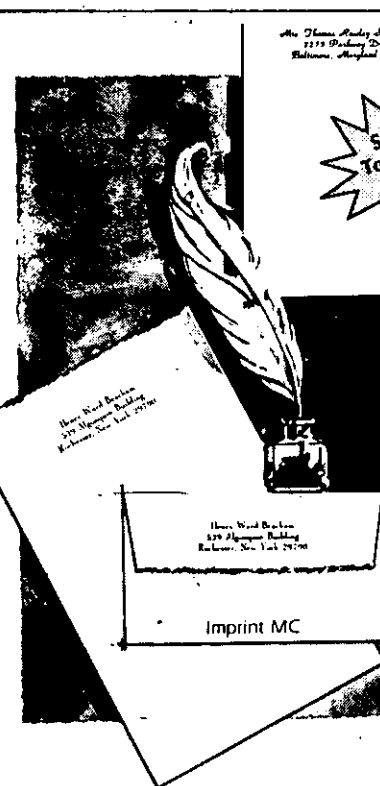
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SLINGERLANDS FIRE CO. AUXILIARY, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

TESTIMONY MEETING, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. information, 439-2512.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere, information, 439-7864.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday mornings. information, 439-4258.

NEW SCOTLAND

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP, New Salem Reformed Church, Rt. 85 and 85A, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. information, 439-6179.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem, information, 765-2109.

NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

"ROUND AND ROUND THE GARDEN," romantic comedy on Norman Conquests, through Dec. 18, Capital Rep, 111 North Pearl St. information, 462-4531.

"MAN OF LA MANCHA," musical theater, through Dec. 18, presented by Heritage Artists Ltd., Cohoes Music Hall, information, 235-7909.

EXHIBITS

CATSKILL EXHIBIT, "The Catskills: Painters, Writers and Tourists 1820-1875," through Feb. 12, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, information, 463-4478.

PHOTO EXHIBIT, "A New Image: Expanding Job Options for Women," through November, State University at Albany, information, 442-3577.

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BETHLEHEM

THANKSGIVING SERVICE, First Church of Christ, Scientist, nursery provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 11 a.m. information, 439-2512.

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.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. information, 767-2445.

SILVER BULLETS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar, information, 439-3689.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m., creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m. information, 439-4328.

BOWLING, sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group for Parents of Handicapped Students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, 4-5:30 p.m. information, 439-7880.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY, meets last Thursday of each month at fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS, 4-H group for youths between eight and 19 years, meet every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND KWANIS CLUB, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

ALBANY

MEETING, Concerned Friends of Hope House, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. information, 465-2441.

"EATING WITHOUT GUILT," aerobic workout, sponsored by the Young Women's Christian Association, 28 Colvin Ave., 9-10:30 a.m. information, 438-6608.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 75 Whitehall Rd., 9 a.m. information, 436-8672.

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BETHLEHEM

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

CHABAD CENTER, services and discussion followed by kiddush, Fridays at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. information, 765-4410.

ALBANY

NOON ORGAN CONCERTS, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, 12:30 p.m. information, 434-3502.

CHEMENON, self-help group for adolescents using drugs and/or alcohol, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. information, 869-1172.

ENTERTAINMENT

"THE VERTICAL THEATRE," presented by the Square Wheel Theatre, State Museum, Albany, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. information, 474-5877.

EXHIBITS

VISUAL ARTS, works by Andrea Salikow and Virginia Maksymowicz, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts Gallery, 189 Second St., Troy, information, 273-0552.

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SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; followed by coffee hour; Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem, information, 767-9953.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. information, 439-9929.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR, worship, 9:30 a.m., church school, 9:45, youth and adult classes, 11 a.m., nursery care, 9 a.m.-noon. information, 439-9976.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere, information, 439-7864.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9 a.m., 3-year-olds through adult, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. information, 439-3135.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Bible Study and Sunday School Classes, 9:15 a.m., Family Worship, 10:30 a.m. information, 439-4328.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, service and Sunday school, 11 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, information, 439-2512.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH, worship, 11 a.m. nursery care provided. information, 436-7710.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, worship service, youth forum, 10 a.m., Fellowship hour and adult education programs, 11 a.m. nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, information, 439-1766.

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, worship, Sunday School and nursery care, 10 a.m., followed by a time of Fellowship, Retreat House Rd., Glenmont, information, 463-6465.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Eucharist followed by breakfast, 8 a.m., Christian Education for all ages, 9:30-10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Popular and Elsmere Aves., Delmar, information, 439-3265.

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Holy Communion, 9 a.m., Church school, 10 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, information, 465-2188.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd., Delmar, information, 438-7740.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA, morning worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible class, 10:15 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, information, 465-2188.

NEW SCOTLAND

EARLY BIRD BREAKFAST, assorted menu and prices, sponsored by Unit 4 of Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company, Clarksville Firehouse, 5 a.m.-1 p.m.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH, worship, 9:30 a.m., followed by a fellowship time, child care provided; Christian education for age three through adult, 11 a.m. information, 439-5303.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH, Worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday School.

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.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee hour following service, nursery care provided, information, 768-2916.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH, service at 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85 A, New Salem, information, 439-7112.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

Holidays Teach Important Lessons About Alcohol

Alcohol abuse by children is an issue of importance for the entire community. The following excerpts are from an article that appeared in the Dec. 10, 1987 edition of *The New York Times*. The article was written by Dr. Lawrence Kutner, a Minneapolis psychologist.

For many families, the good cheer of the holiday season is punctuated by alcohol. Children see more drinking and drunkenness now than at any other time of the year. Many take their first sip of alcohol during this season. It is a rite of passage into adulthood and, for a disturbing number of young people, a step toward a lifetime of problems with alcohol and perhaps other drugs.

To a parent, the question of whether or how to introduce children to alcohol loom especially large right now. If you forbid children to drink until they are of legal age, are you protecting them or simply encouraging them to drink on the sly? If you give your children small amounts of alcohol when they are young, as some Europeans have done for generations, are you inoculating them against alcohol abuse or telling them that alcohol is harmless and that it is O.K. for them to drink when you are not around?

One of the most dangerous things parents tell their teen children is that they can drink if they do it only at home. This well meant attempt to solve problems often backfires and leads to drinking outside the home, as the child tests the boundaries of your permissiveness. Set firm limits on your child's behavior. If the child exceeds them by drinking before you would permit it or in ways you do not allow, he or she should be punished. Grounding your child for a few weeks may be appropriate.

It is important to recognize that children learn far more from what we do than from what we say. We tell children that drinking alcohol is an adult activity. They see us drink too much. Many children conclude that the way to demonstrate their adulthood is to get drunk. Explain that drinking alcohol is only for adults and that drinking it does not make you an adult.

Finally, recognize that two of the reasons both children and adults drink are to cope with stress and to achieve an altered state of consciousness. Some children learn no other way to cope with stress than getting drunk. Alternative strategies must be modeled and taught as a crucial component of prevention.



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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. when agenda warrants, 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.

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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.

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

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

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

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

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, hours for youths interested in part-time work: Bethlehem Town Hall, 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information, 439-2238.

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY, open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m., 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

ALATEEN MEETING, Mondays, support group for young people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

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RUMMAGE SALE, sponsored by B'nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Rd., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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TUE NOV 29

BETHLEHEM

SLIDE PROGRAM, featuring sights of Arizona, presented by Nelson Maurer, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, instruction on making boxwood trees, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DELMAR ROTARY, meets Tuesdays at Albany Motor Inn Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

MEETING, Farmers' Administration Information meeting, Albany Cooperative Extension Building, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 9:30 a.m. Information, 765-2425.

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DELMAR KIWANIS, meet Mondays at Sidewheeler 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.

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SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS, Sunday evenings, Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-0974.

MON NOV 28

BETHLEHEM

VANGUARD MONTHLY MEETING, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 4 p.m. Information, 465-7064.

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CONFERENCE, "Agriculture and Environment," featuring speaker Dr. Theodore Hullar, sponsored by State Department of Agriculture and Markets. Information, 457-5981.

INFORMATION SESSIONS, presented by Empire State College, State University of New York, Capital District Regional Center, 845 Central Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 485-5964.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

EVENING FOR SINGLES, "Being With It and Out of It: A Dilemma of Christian Living," with speaker Rev. John Frambes, Dominican Retreat House, 1945 Union St., Schenectady, 6 p.m. Information, 393-4169.

ENTERTAINMENT

"BEING BEHAN," starring Irish actor, Chris O'Neill, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

WED NOV 30

BETHLEHEM

GEOLOGY LECTURE, Loren Fay will discuss Latter Day Saints Family History Center in Loudonville, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

ADVANCED APPLEWORKS WORKSHOP, presented by Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

TESTIMONY MEETING, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

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"STRESS AND CHIROPRACTIC," discussion and talk, with speaker Dr. Michael Bernhardt, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 7-9 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

"WEDNESDAYS WANDERINGS," "The Tawana Brawley Case," presented by Martin Belsky and Donald Decker, State University at Albany, Campus Center Assembly Hall, noon-2 p.m. Information, 442-3577.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Choir of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, Immaculate Conception Cathedral, State Plaza, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8223.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

"THE ADDICTED NURSE," panel discussion, sponsored by the Capital District Nurses Association, Century House, Rt. 9, Latham, 6:30 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

"MAN OF LA MANCHA," presented by the Albany League of Arts, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, 6:30 p.m. Information, 449-5380.

"DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS," through Dec. 3, Studio Theatre, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.



Brian White, left, and Duncan Crary look at the display house, "A Peek in Time," which will be displayed at the fifth annual Festival of the Trees beginning Monday, Nov. 25. The event at the Albany Institute of History and Art will run through Dec. 4 and will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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DEC **1**

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, meeting to decorate Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

"TRANSPARENT THINGS," lecture by Steven Stucky, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 3 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

"MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM," presented by Bethlehem Central High School, Quiet Studio Theater, Dec. 1-3 and 9-10, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

NEW SCOTLAND

SHEEP DAIRYING MEETING, "New Income Potential," Albany Cooperative Extension Resource Center, Marlin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2331.

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DEC **2**

BETHLEHEM

PRESCHOOL FILMS, "Chicken Soup and Rice," "How the Mole Got His Trousers," and "Paddington Bear and the Snow," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 and 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

SAT
DEC **3**

BETHLEHEM

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES, dance, with caller Ray Taylor, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 438-1227.

WINTER BOTANY STUDY, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, sponsored by Hamagrael PTA, Hamagrael Elementary School, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 439-8826.

SUN
DEC **4**

BETHLEHEM

TREE LIGHTING, Main Square Shoppes, 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar, noon-5 p.m. Information, 439-0146.

MON
DEC **5**

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, holiday tea to honor new members, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 1-4 p.m.

WED
DEC **7**

BETHLEHEM

PROJECT WILD WORKSHOP, open to teachers and youth leaders, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

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Historic house in path

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originated the name "New Scotland" in this area. The information we have on Peter McCutcheon is very scanty and we would like to know about him and about who built and lived in his house before him.

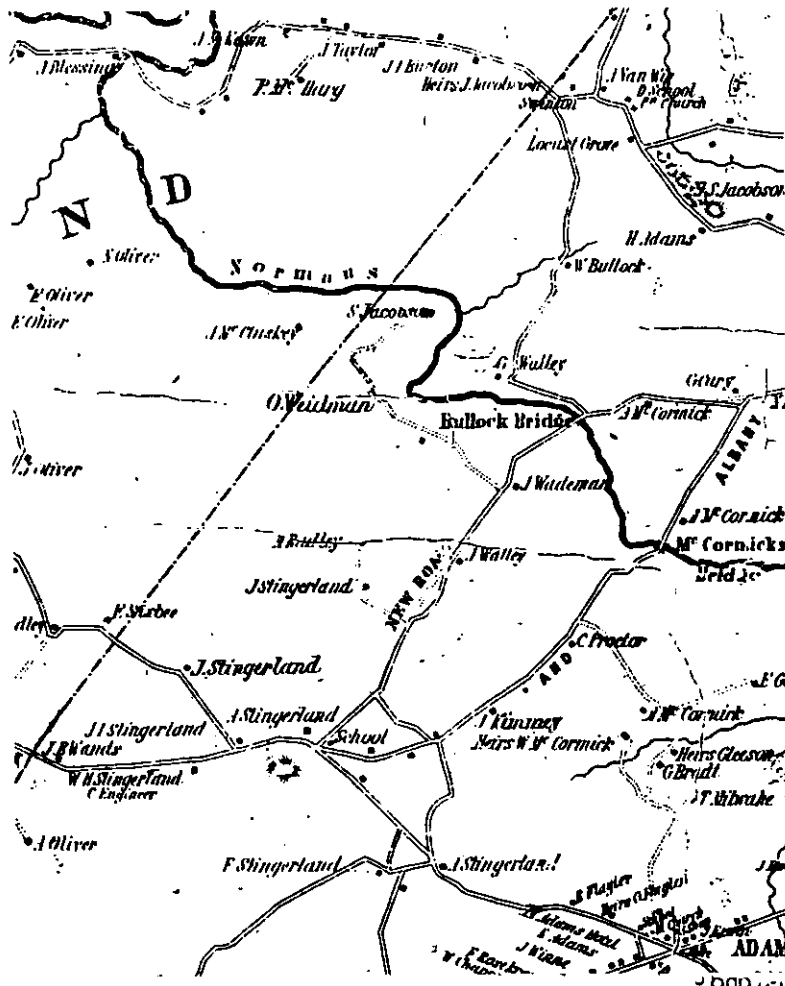
From the time the house was built, the Van Rensselaers leased out this property until 1834, when it was sold by them to Aaron Radliff (Radley). He in turn sold it to Peter D. Johnson in 1865. In 1917 Michael D. Reilly, a lawyer in Albany, purchased the property and the old brick house was used as a summer place for his family, to escape the heat of the Albany city streets in the days before air conditioning. On the road into the old house is another wooden frame dwelling, now in ruins, that started out life as a pre-fab officers' quarters in World War I. Mr. Reilly scrapped out the foundation for this house in 1921 and George Preston of Watervliet was the contractor on the job, erecting this house to serve as another summer home for other members of the Reilly family.

But our concern is for the 1760 house, sitting on a slight rise of ground, positioned so that it overlooked the fields under cultivation, with a small pond off to one side, possibly being formed by the hole made when clay was dug out to provide materials for the brick making. This simple home of a farmer, originally consisting of two rooms down and two upstairs, with a fireplace in both downstairs rooms and one in the cellar below, is still perched on its hill, broken, but not bowed down with the storms of the years. It is in a remarkable state of preservation considering the years since it has been inhabited.

The gable-roofed house is constructed with the brick laid in a Dutch Cross Bond pattern, in alternate headers and stretchers and with mortar joints not aligned. This bonding pattern in itself speaks of the great age of the house, as does the simple floor plan and the original wide pine floor boards in the early rooms. This was the home of a common man, in no sense an aristocrat, and so the trim and detailing of the house is simple, almost crude, with no ornamentation, but still a building that tells us a great deal about the way an early settler in our area lived and worked.

There is a double Dutch door leading into the basement from the outside cellar louver and a large fireplace there tells us that cooking and washing was probably carried out in this basement room in the early years. The cellar is built into the side hill and laid up with fieldstone, having a hard-packed dirt floor. On the other side of the cellar room is a brick chimney arch that supports the fireplace in the second main floor room. That particular fireplace upstairs has had a more "modern" mantelpiece and trim installed in the late 19th or early 20th century.

With the threat of development encroaching upon this peaceful property the time has come, and almost too late, for us to think about the entire Van Baal Patent area along the Normanskill, and the possibility of making that area into an historic district, with all the implications for development and protection that this entails. To undertake such a designation would take the joint effort of the Towns of Bethlehem, New Scotland and Guiderland. The City of Albany has already designated the former Stevens Farm along the Normanskill as an

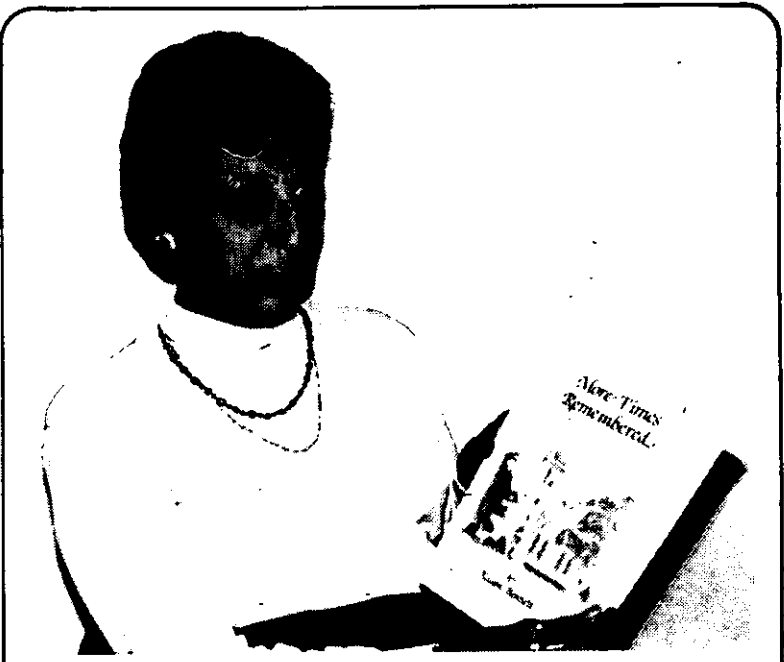


historic site and has plans to develop it into a park area. Could we not have a committee, along with our neighboring towns, to work together to preserve the heritage that is ours along the Normanskill corridor?

Albert Henry,
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New book published

Bethlehem historian and *Spotlight* columnist Allison Bennett is the author of a new book, *More Times Remembered*, published this past week by Newsgraphics of Delmar.

The book contains a compilation of columns that have appeared in *The Spotlight* over a period of years, and is a companion piece to her earlier book, *Times Remembered*, published in 1984. These stories document historical houses, churches, and buildings in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, with emphasis on local family and social history of the region.

The book is available at the following stores in the local area: Antiques at the Tollgate in Slingerlands; *The Spotlight* office, Friar Tuck Bookstore, The Papermill, Johnson's Stationery in Delmar; Stitchery Plus at Town Squire Plaza in Glenmont; and at Clapp's Bookstore and Bookhouse at Stuyvesant Plaza in Guiderland.

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Price Chopper location defended

By Mark Stuart

When Price Chopper first announced that it was coming to Bethlehem, the most commonly asked question was "OQWhere?"

Three weeks have passed since the disclosure of the size and location of the shopping complex was made. Now the question seems to have become, "Why there?"

A number of Slingerlands residents, as well as representatives of other Bethlehem citizen groups and neighborhood organizations, have expressed their opposition to the proposed location on 140 acres along New Scotland Rd. and the Slingerlands Bypass, saying that they don't want the 313,500 square foot commercial complex and 275 townhouses in their neighborhood. Town officials have been reluctant to comment until the developers make a formal proposal to the town, but an official of the Bethlehem

Chamber of Commerce said last week there are important arguments for the plan.

Ron Schleich, vice president of real estate operations for Price Chopper, said the Slingerlands site was selected after studying three options on the three major roads that provide access to Delmar: Rt. 9W, Delaware Ave. and New Scotland Rd.

Schleich said Rt. 9W was ruled out as a location because it is not centralized within the common area known as Delmar and the road is used basically by commuters.

He also ruled out Delaware Ave. because of the lack of adequate real estate space. The only commercial property large enough to build upon is located to the west of the Bethlehem Central High School. Schleich said that location was ruled out because of the adverse effect a regional store

would have on traffic and safety in that area.

After Price Chopper and BTR Development of Baltimore presented their plans to the community two weeks ago, a group of Slingerlands residents met to form plans to oppose the project on the grounds that it is too large for the area. The Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning has urged that the town delay consideration of the project until a comprehensive plan is in place, and several other neighborhood organizations have taken similar stands.

Last week, Douglas Brownell, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, said the business community sees many positive aspects to the plan.

Brownell gave three reasons for his personal endorsement of the Bethlehem Village plan and its location. First, he said, the town desperately needs a supermarket and although Grand Union is "doing a fine job" the town has a dire need for a second supermarket.

Secondly, he said, the extension of the Slingerlands Bypass through the development, which will be constructed at the cost of the developer, will alleviate the impact of traffic at Bethlehem Village. He disagreed with claims that the complex will generate traffic.

"The engineering and roadway studies and figures provided by Price Chopper seem to be valid," Brownell said. "The new center will not be forming new traffic patterns, but in an orderly manner those who already use the roadway will stop, shop and proceed to go home."

He also said that the area adjacent to development already has commercial businesses that stand to gain from the extension. He noted the Blue Cross offices, the Hess filling station, the Chinese restaurant, Ross' ice cream stand, and Bryant's Insurance Agency are located adjacent to proposed development. (In August, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Northeastern New York announced plans to move employees

out of the New Scotland Rd. offices to Corporate Woods in Colonie in January, 1990. A Blue Cross spokesman said in August it was not decided yet what the building would be used for once the move takes place, but that Blue Cross will continue to own and use the facility.)

The town of Bethlehem has already committed itself to a plan to extend the Slingerlands Bypass but has not carried out those plans due to project costs. The town's position has been that any developer that plans to develop the land along the proposed extension would have to fund the construction of the extension.

Thirdly, Brownell said, the new center would help, instead of hinder, existing businesses along Delaware Ave. He explained that by diverting some of the heavy traffic away from Delaware Plaza, people would not be as discouraged from shopping along Delaware Ave. Brownell said that he himself will not travel down Delaware Ave., especially on Saturday morning, because of the high volume of traffic and the risk of exiting and entering parking lots.

He said that although the Chamber hasn't formed a definite position on the Price Chopper proposal, he personally is in favor of the project.

The chamber's Board of Directors met a few weeks ago and Brownell said "we actually had formulated a position as such... and our response then was that we seemed to favor the initial idea. But that may not be our final word. The board's position may change as more information is brought out by BTR Realty, Price Chopper, residents and the town board."

Brownell, a Slingerlands resident, disagreed with some of the comments made by residents opposed to the center. "I don't really see it as an intrusion of Slingerlands. That section of Slingerlands is not what people consider Slingerlands proper," he said. "I don't know why after they move here they don't want anyone else to move in."

Most town officials have declined to comment on the proposal until it is presented to them as an official application.

Bethlehem Councilman Sue Ann Ritchko, who is the vice president of marketing for Price Chopper, said she has received a letter from a resident complaining that her position presents a serious conflict of interest problem. She said she will call the resident to discuss the matter and, like most other town representatives, has not publicly commented on her position.

Ritchko has said that she would not take part in any board deliberations concerning the project.

Town Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick said Monday he favors the idea of a second supermarket chain in the town, but added that he was "surprised at the magnitude of the project." He commented that his main concern is how the project would fit into the town's comprehensive plan and added that before he makes any firm decision in the matter, he will need input from the Bethlehem town planner, Jeff Lipnicky.

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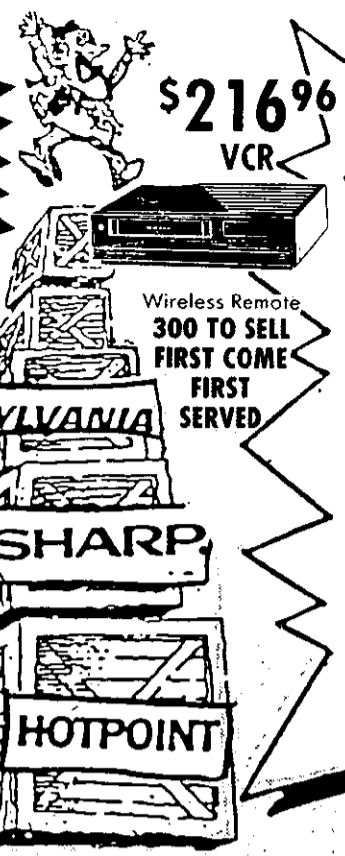
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Bush's favorite theme song, the current pop hit, "Don't Worry, Be Happy", seemed to catch the mood of most Americans who realized how blessed they were.

In spite of the effects of the October '87 stock market crash and the three million homeless walking the streets of American cities, Americans knew their

nation had had 71 months of continuous economic growth — the longest period of prosperity since World War II.

While some market analysts are predicting the good times are coming to an end, most Americans this Thanksgiving are thankful for what they have had and can still enjoy.

The more realistic are following the mood and conviction of the Pilgrim Fathers, remembering their realism and practicality in the best and worst of times.

It is recorded of them that in their early days in Plymouth in 1621, "At noon they staggered by reason of faintness for want of food, yet ere night, in the good providence and blessing of God, we have enjoyed such plenty as though the windows of heaven had been opened to us."

That "plenty" was usually a small meal of clams and a cup of cold water! They knew how to be thankful for so little.

Whether their harvests were lean or full, they were genuinely grateful. Whenever need afflicted their community or danger threatened them, they prayed. Whether their prayers were answered in the way they hoped or not, they never lost faith.

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The mind and spirit of the Pilgrim Fathers is needed today as Americans move into the next presidential era under President-elect George Bush.

No one can predict exactly what will happen, particularly to the economy, a top priority among all Americans. There is no consensus



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This Thanksgiving ought to be a time both to be thankful and selective.

"No one ought to start totalling up his disadvantages till he has sat down first to count his mercies," stated Scottish cleric, Rev. Dr. James S. Stewart, in the '40s.

"When you experience the low mood, and feel there is a host of things against you and that your lot is surely harder than most, then is the time to cry out to your soul, 'Halt'.

"All that may be true enough, all these hard things may be there, but before we look at that, soul of mine, you and I are going to do something else: we are going to look at the providences."

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Perez appointed to Thruway post

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Perez will be responsible for planning, promotion, development and oversight of the authority's employee safety program statewide. His office also is involved in areas of public safety, traffic and construction safety, and in compliance with federal and state labor and environment codes.

Perez is an associate industrial hygienist with the state Department of Labor and he previously served as a research scientist with the state Department of Health. He received his bachelor's degree from Skidmore College and is a master's candidate at Russell Sage College.

Perez and his wife, Debroah, live in Voorheesville.



Kim Gurney

Gurney promoted branch manager

Kim Gurney has been promoted by First American Bank to the position of bank manager, and she will be assigned to the bank's Elsmere office.

Gurney joined First American Bank in 1986. Most recently she was assistant manager of the Troy office. She was also a sales manager at Macy's in Colonie.

A member of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Gurney attended Shaker High School in Latham and received her bachelor's in business administration from the state University of New York College at Plattsburgh. She resides in Delanson with her husband and daughter.

Toolbox stolen

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a toolbox from a Pine Crest Dr. home in Slingerlands during the overnight hours last Monday. The toolbox and tools worth \$150 were taken from an open garage police said.



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Unionville's water options are outlined

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

The long-awaited meeting to begin the creation of a water district in the Unionville area was held at the New Scotland Town Hall last Tuesday night. Facing high costs and difficult decisions on locations and construction methods, the town board discussed several options with the assembled residents.

"We're trying to come up with a practical solution," said engineering consultant Robert Cook as he explained to the full house several alternatives set forth by C.T. Male Associates in their preliminary feasibility study of the district.

The engineering firm offered the town five alternatives ranging in price from approximately \$643,150 to \$441,550.

All of the proposed alternatives would extend from the present termination of the Feura Bush water district, located on the property of former Albany County Health Commissioner Dr. John Lyons.

The first alternative would run up Unionville-Feura Bush Rd. to Delaware Turnpike, and serve all of the properties along the turnpike from Pangburn Rd. to the town line. This would cost \$643,150, or approximately \$816.16 per year for each of the 70 residences which would be served.

The second alternative would extend the line along the same route, but only as far as South Rd. instead of Pangburn Rd., and

serve 57 residences at a cost of \$793 each per year.

The third alternative would extend the water to Delaware Turnpike via a line running parallel to the Niagara Mohawk right-of-way, instead of up Unionville-Feura Bush Rd. Excluding easement fees and increased "mobilization costs," this could save up to \$560,000. The extension would cost \$777 for each of the 64 residences which would be served.

The fourth alternative would use the Niagara Mohawk right-of-way, and run the water line from South Rd. to the town line. This would bring the estimated costs to \$425,600, serving 51 residences at \$742 per residence.

The final alternative would be to run the water line from the Lyons' property, up Unionville-Feura Bush Road, and from the intersection of Delaware Turnpike to the town line. This would cost \$441,550, or \$912 for each of the 43 residences in that area.

"We put up with carrying water from the well and flushing our toilets with it for 25 years," said Mrs. Lyons. "I say if this can be done, do it," she said, calling their water "the best present anyone ever gave me." Dr. Lyons paid to extend the Feura Bush system to his property when the water district was being installed in 1982.

"As a resident of the area, and obviously in need of water, to consider these sources at this time is necessary," said Ronald

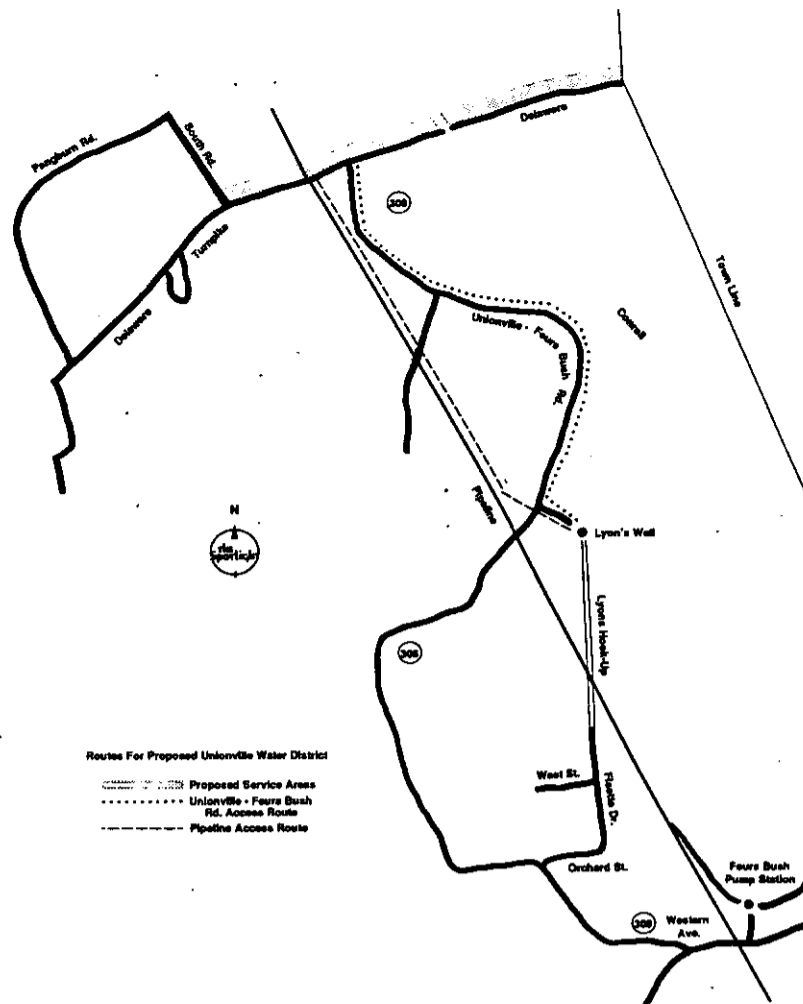
Von Ronne, while asking if the Lyons' had been formally contacted about the possibility of extending a district from their property. While Dr. Lyons indicated that he had not, Supervisor Herbert Reilly later said that he had been in touch with the doctor previous to the meeting.

A special assessment of \$900 for those who would receive the service was discussed, with the supervisor asking for a written list of how much those in the audience spent during the year for water, to get an indication of how much residents of the area might be willing to spend to create a district. The figures ranged from "none" to "\$200" to \$6,000 for the digging of a well that came up dry.

It was mentioned that in the Wormer Road area of Guilderland, each of 25 families spent \$6,000 to create a water district, and then turned it over to the town. This brought laughs from the crowd, indicating the amount was not realistic in their area. One man commented "I don't have any money. I just bought my house."

The board then introduced Edward White from the Department of State to discuss the state Self-Help Support System. The program started as a cooperative effort of the Department of State, the Department of Health, the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Rensselaerville Institute and the Ford Foundation, to assist small rural communities with water and wastewater problems.

White, who has dealt with rural



Five routes are proposed by C. T. Male Associates for the Unionville Water District. From Dr. John Lyons hookup, three run up Feura Bush Rd., servicing different sections of Delaware Tpk., and two parallel to the Niagara Mohawk pipeline. *Spotlight map*

communities, gave his description of the type of people he wanted to work on the project as having "one fist in the air and a pitchfork waving in the other," bringing some negative comments from the crowd, but his calling a \$700 water assessment "obscene" brought widespread agreement.

White described the Self-Help approach as the town acting as a general contractor, bringing an engineering firm under contract, and using the town's equipment and labor to do the work — much as the town did in rebuilding Wolf Hill Bridge. With this approach, "we've been able to make costs 30 to 60 percent less," White said. A waste water project in Schoharie was estimated at \$540,000, and after Self-Help, the project cost \$167,000.

"You would participate with your own labor, your own time. But you have to know what you're getting into. It's like building your own house," White said, adding Self-Help programs were possible in rural areas because "the attitude is there, the skills are there, and the equipment is there," and called it a "Chevy

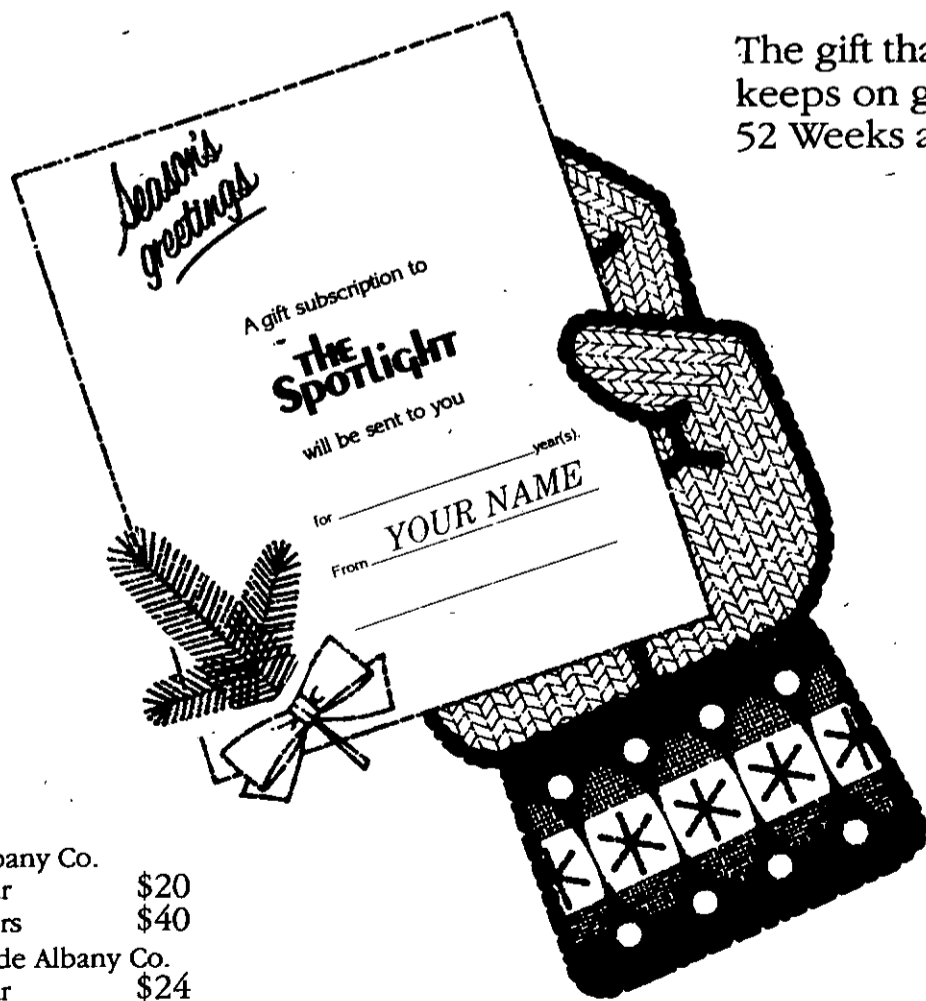
attitude, not an expensive car," way of doing things.

When White was asked about the problems that might be encountered, he confessed that he "did not know this area," but that things like hitting rock or stream crossings could make things considerably more expensive. He urged the formation of a "fast-track" committee of five or six area residents of differing backgrounds to govern the project, and said that they would require a "sparkplug mentality" to keep things going. A list of volunteers was gathered at the meeting.

At the end of White's presentation, Reilly cautioned the crowd that "There is nothing written in stone here tonight. This is just a beginning," and that should the town wish to consider the Self-Help alternative, 50 percent of the taxpayers in the affected area would have to agree to put the project into effect.

Cook said, "It is possible that even with the best of Self-Help, we still cannot afford things. Tonight is not the night to celebrate or cheer about it."

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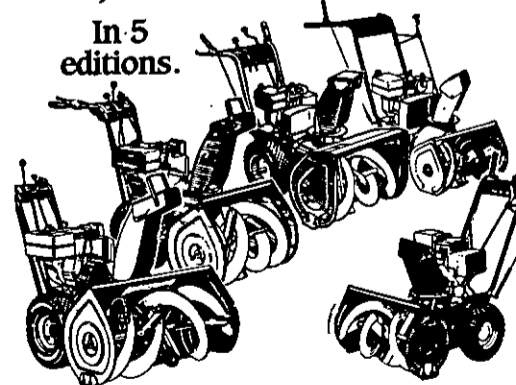
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Girls, Mallory Lauryn and Lindsey Caryn, to Gwen and Jeffrey Grossman, Slingerlands, Oct. 25.

Girl, Kimberly, to Judy and Carl Kunker, Slingerlands, Sept. 9.

Girl, Jessie, to Ellen and David Weinstein, Delmar, Oct. 12.

Boy, Timothy Raymond, to Roselyn and Dennis Robinson, Voorheesville, Oct. 17.

Girl, Courtney, to Nancy Ann and Richard Cozzy of Voorheesville, Oct. 8.

Girl, Amber Lee, to Paulette and Lance Walley of Feura Bush, Oct. 1.

Boy, Ryan, to Terri and Patrick McGraw of Delmar, Sept. 27.

Girl, Amanda Smith, to Jennifer and Otis Smith Jr. of South Bethlehem, Sept. 26.

Girl, Elizabeth, to Rhonda and Duane Owen of Slingerlands, Sept. 25.

Girl, Hilary Hanson, to Beth Hanson and Ed Galvin of Delmar, Sept. 30.

Glens Falls Hospital

Boy, Eric Robert, to Christine and Michael Graves, Oct. 14. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Polly Eberle of Delmar.

South Salem, N.Y.

Daughter, Nina Marie, to Kristen and John Corelli of South Salem, Oct. 11. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bosse of Delmar.

Moshav Alonei HaBashan, Israel

Boy, Amir Shalom, to Janet and Chaim Saperia of Moshav Alonei HaBashan, Israel, Sept. 15. Maternal grandparents are Clara and Jacob Bodian of Slingerlands.

Southington, Conn.

Boy, Matthew David, to Phyllis and John Thompson of Southington, Conn. Maternal grandmother is Carol Willey of Slingerlands and Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson of Delmar.

Albany Medical Center Hospital

Boy, Andrew Adam, to Mollie and David Shulan of Delmar, Sept. 20.

Girl, Heather Amanda, to Kathy and Al Kecken of Voorheesville, Sept. 26.

Boy, Daniel Peter, to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Unright of Selkirk, Sept. 26.

Girl, Kimberly Craig, to Donna and Richard Holley of Delmar, Sept. 28.

Boy, Robert Edward, Jr., to Barbara and Robert Hummel of Glenmont, Sept. 28.

Boy, Thomas Gerald, to Kathy and Mike Cavanaugh of Slingerlands, Sept. 30.

Boy, Theodore Zachary, to Mary-Jane and Mark Shaw of Delmar, Oct. 1.

Boy, Clinton James, to Lou and Tom Smith of Slingerlands, Oct. 6.

Girl, Marianne Teresa, to Jim and Janie Schwab, of Glenmont, Oct. 7.

Boy, Benjamin Marhan, to Marie Marhan and Robert Dropkin of Delmar, Oct. 11.

Lodging sought for boys choir members

The choir of St. Michael's, Toronto, Canada, will present a Christmas concert at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Albany, on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m.

The choir consists of 130 boys, 11 through 19 years, who are students at the cathedral choir school. The concert will benefit the Preservation and Restoration Fund at St. James Church in Albany.

Overnight housing in the Tri-Village area is being sought for choir members.

For information call 439-8223.

Diabetes Association raising funds

The American Diabetes Association will be sponsoring a "Kick Out Diabetes" benefit for diabetes research by selling "barballs" in local restaurants and bars.

For a \$1 donation, participants can guess the winner and runner up for the 1989 Super Bowl. Those who make the correct guess will be eligible for a grand prize trip to New Orleans for the 1990 Super Bowl.

For information call 489-1755.

Service scheduled

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will hold a Thanksgiving service on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 11 a.m.

Nursery care will be provided. For information call 439-2512.



Helping neighbors

Marge Thurlow, left, and Marie Schade of the Tri-Village Directory Association present Greg Jackson, treasurer of the Bethlehem Festival with \$1,000 to assist in its programs. The Bethlehem Festival is community service organization that provides emergency assistance to individuals and families in the area. The organization also sponsors field trips, camperships and breakfasts for Bethlehem children in need.

Sal Prividera Jr.

Lung Association needs volunteers

The American Lung Association of New York State is in need of volunteers with experience or interest in communications and finance.

The association needs volunteers for the campaign accounts coordinator post, which requires five to 15 hours per week, and the newsletter editor post, which requires eight to 10 hours per month. Volunteer speakers are also needed.

For information call 459-4197.

Community gives thanks

The New Salem Reformed Church will hold its Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. For information call 439-6179.

Library awarded grant of PBS programs

The Bethlehem Public library has been awarded more than 100 hours of PBS programming, including "American Playhouse," "The Jewel in the Crown," "Nova," and Alistair Cooke's "America" on VHS videocassettes.

This collection was a gift from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation through their Library Video Classics Project. The nationwide project makes the award-winning tapes available to public libraries.

The full market value of the grant is estimated at \$3,000. A program guide to describe the offerings will accompany 83 videocassettes in the collection. With the exception of "The Jewel in the Crown," the gift includes complete public performance rights to allow in-library and community group showings.

Other series in the grant include "Planet Earth," "American Short Story," "Civilization," "Life on Earth," "Great Performances," and "The Story of English." Once received the tapes will be available for three-day loan by library card holders. Groups wishing to use the tapes should contact Marie Carlson, media librarian.

Wildlife

program offered

A wildlife workshop for teachers and youth leaders will be offered at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

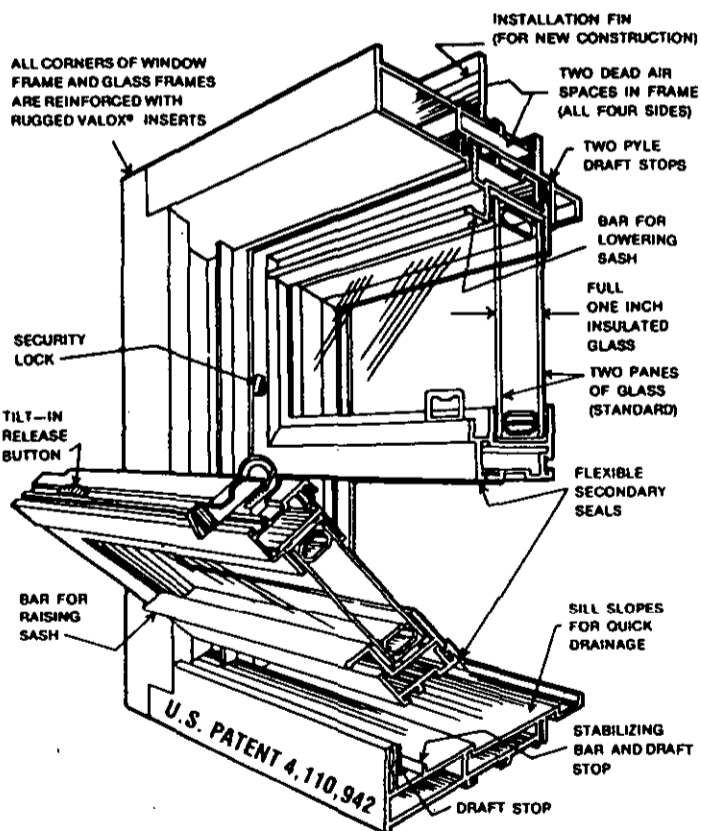
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Spotlight ON THE SERVICES



Navy Airman Michael A. Richardson, son of Curtis A. and Beatrice L. Richardson of Voorheesville, has reenlisted for three years while serving with Attack Squadron-42, Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, Va.

A 1984 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, he joined the Navy in February 1986.

Navy Seaman Recruit Jeffrey P. Lewis, son of Shirley A. Lewis of Selkirk, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Lewis's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid.

Navy Ensign Michael A. Rosenblatt, son of Robert M. and Carol E. Rosenblatt of Slingerlands, recently served with the Precommissioning Unit of the battleship Wisconsin, based at Pascagoula, Miss.

A 1983 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and a 1987 graduate of the State University at Albany, with a Bachelor of Science degree, he joined the Navy in May 1987.

Navy Ensign Dennis P. McKenna, of Delmar, has completed the Officer Indoctrination School at the Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, R.I.

A 1984 graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, Albany, and a 1988 graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, with a Bachelor of Science degree, he joined the Navy Reserves in July 1988.

Army Staff Sgt. Elaine V. Krzanowski, daughter of Walter A. and Marie L. Krzanowski of Selkirk, has arrived for duty in West Germany.

Krzanowski is a personnel records team leader with the 198th Personnel Service Company.

She is a 1975 graduate of Cardinal McCloskey High School, Albany.

Air Force Sgt. Timothy D. Rogers, son of Ralph R. and Jane E. Rogers of Pittsfield, Mass., has arrived for duty at Griffis Air Force Base, N.Y.

Rogers is a personnel technician with the Rome Air Development Center.

His wife, Julie, is the daughter of Allan T. and Sharon Baker of Feura Bush.

Rogers is a 1982 graduate of Taconic High School in Pittsfield.

Pvt. 1st Class Paul J. Whitbeck has participated in the Joint Chiefs of Staff exercise, "Gallant Eagle '88."

Whitbeck is a cannon crewman with the 15th Field Artillery at Fort Ord, Calif.

He is the son of Earl J. and Carol A. Whitbeck of Voorheesville.

Matthew L. Bates, son of Milton F. and Elizabeth E. Bates of Voorheesville, has been accepted into the four-year U.S. Military Academy's Corps of Cadets as a new member of the Class of 1992.

The new cadet is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Voorheesville.

Ryan W. Asmus, son of Dr. and Mrs. Don G. Asmus, of Delmar, has recently been selected as a Naval Aviation Candidate by the U.S. Navy. He will attend 14 weeks of Officer Training next spring at Pensacola Naval Air Station upon which he will be commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserves. Asmus is a 1986 graduate of Bethlehem Central and is currently a Political Science major at State University at Albany where he plans a December 1989 graduation.

James Cathcart Seagle, of Delmar participated in a Cadet Troop Leadership Program this summer.

Through the program cadet Seagle worked for three weeks as a second lieutenant with the 175th Engineer Company stationed at Fort Bragg, NC.

Seagle, a senior majoring in International Studies at Dickinson College in Pa., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Seagle, Delmar.

Army national Guard Private Donald J. Herbert, son of David F. and Elizabeth M. Herbert of Slingerlands, has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

He is a 1987 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School.

Spec. Joseph Moniz, son of Agnes and Joseph Moniz of Delmar, has completed a U.S. Army primary leadership course.

He received training in supervisory skills, leadership principles and unit training techniques. Moniz is a materiel storage and handling specialist with the 55th Support Battalion in West Germany.

He is a 1976 graduate of East Providence High School, R.I.

Navy Midshipman Erik M. Dullea, son of Henrick N. and Anna M. Dullea of Delmar, recently received the Daughters of American Revolution Award.

Dullea was cited for demonstrating character, leadership and patriotism while serving with NROTC Unit at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

He is a 1984 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Cadet Michael J. Kaprielian, son of Col. Edward M. Kaprielian of Slingerlands, received practical work in military leadership at the U.S. Army ROTC advanced camp, Fort Bragg, N.C.

The six-week camp includes instruction in communications, management and survival training. Successful completion of the advanced camp and graduation from college results in a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve or National Guard.

Kaprielian is a student at Siena College, Loudonville.

Cadet James C. Seagle, son of John P. and Dorothy C. Seagle of Delmar, received practical work in military leadership at the U.S. Army ROTC advanced camp, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Seagle is a student at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

Marine Pvt. Sharon R. Rexford, daughter of LaRoy C. and Lorretta M. Rexford of Selkirk, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

A 1981 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, she joined the Marine Corps in June, 1987.

Navy Ensign Mark A. Barnao, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony F. Barnao of Delmar, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier USS Midway, homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

During the deployment, Barnao participated in exercise Team Spirit 88, an annual event designed to improve the defensive readiness of the U.S. and Republic of Korea forces.

The ship also made brief port visits in Japan and the Republic of the Philippines.

James W. Smart, a 1979 graduate of Bethlehem Central, has been promoted from Ensign to Lieutenant j.g. Lt. j.g. Smart graduated from Naval Officers Candidate School in Newport, R.I., in March of 1986 and from Naval Supply School in Athens, Ga. in October, 1986. He reported as Supply Officer aboard the fast frigate USS Kirk, unit of the Naval Surface Warfare Force, Pacific Fleet, in Yokosuka, Japan, on Nov. 3, 1986. Smart is also a 1985 Summa Cum Laude Business Administration graduate of Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smart of Manlius, N.Y., formerly of Delmar.

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□ RCS bond issue for revote

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the district has not calculated tax rates for each separate proposition. Rodger Lewis, district business administrator, said the cost of the elementary school additions is 84 percent of the total package, while the high school library cost accounts for 10 percent and the high school gym six percent.

Using Lewis' percentages, the cost of the identical elementary

additions, which include 13 classrooms, one gym, one music room, one art room and one combination music and art room, and an elevator at each school is \$7,980,000. The high school library cost is \$950,000 and the high school gym cost is \$570,000.

The taxpayer cost for the complete \$9.5 million package was estimated to be \$60 in the first year based on average

assessments in all four towns served by the school district.

If voters approve all three propositions, school district residents in the Town of Bethlehem would have a tax rate increase of \$12.44 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the first year, which would decrease to \$4.34 per \$1,000 in the final year of the bond. New Scotland residents would pay \$17.76 per \$1,000 in the first year decreasing to \$6.64 per \$1,000.

The board plans to get more information out to the community about the need for the project and will "work closely with the PTAs and others who have expressed

interest," Sengenberger said. The board will also set up a question and answer phone line manned by school board members to help get information to the public, he said.

"Educationally, it's very important" for the district to consolidate its elementary schools to allow teachers to work together more and share resources, Sengenberger said.

Composer to visit Bethlehem library

Steven Stucky, an Australian Composer, will discuss his composition, "Transparent Things," at the Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 3 p.m.

Outreach offers plays for youth

The Outreach program of the Capital Repertory Company designed to bring live theatre to schools, clubs, church groups and area youth organizations is offering two plays this season.

The program's purpose is to offer plays with topical themes that students will readily identify with. The program will also offer a play appropriate for grades 3 to 8, Susan Zeder's "Step on a Crack," is a lighthearted play that explores a young girl's difficulty adjusting to her new stepmother. Also offered will Phil Bosakowski's drama "Crossin' the Line," which is recommended for grades 7 to 12. The production examines the tragic repercussions that teenage drinking and driving has among a group of high school friends and their families.

For information call 462-4531.

Three named officers

Three Delmar residents were recently named as officers of the Albany chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Bradford E. Cole was reelected treasurer. Dr. John E. Hotchin and Dr. Barry Reiss were appointed to the board of directors.

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Concert program changes bring protest

Late changes in the musical selections to be performed at the Voorheesville Elementary School's holiday concert in December because of their religious content has upset some students and parents.

Board of Education President Joseph Fernandez said last year the district decided to "redesign" the type of music program because "last year's program was insensitive to those of other faiths."

The high school program was found to be "balanced" this year, however the elementary concert program, which is set for Dec. 7, was found "not as balanced as it could have been," he said.

The changes were made by Superintendent Louise Gonan after she received a complaint from a parent about the content of the program. Gonan would not disclose Friday what pieces had been changed because "it would not serve any purpose." "I happen to think the issue is now we have a balanced program," she added.

The changes came after the students spent seven weeks preparing for the performance and Bob Stapf, a district parent, wanted to know "what type of message" the change was sending. "They practiced seven weeks and you're telling them seven weeks of work is down the drain," he said.

"I don't think we're sending any message. . . if there is a message it's that in life there are many changes that have to be accommodated," Fernandez said.

Fernandez said the changes in the program were seen by all the board members as "appropriate." He said the changes and the reasons for making them could have been explained to the students better.

"The board must maintain a sensitivity to the community about how it presents itself," he said.

Gonan said a "session for students" would be held to help them better understand why the changes were made.

Sal Prividera Jr.

Project Team

New group seeks solutions to substance abuse

By Sal Prividera Jr.

The 10 members of Voorheesville's Project Team program will be reaching out to the community for new members at a meeting Dec. 5 at the high school.

Project Team is a community-wide program to help communities find solutions to youth substance abuse problems and situations, which can lead to substance abuse. Week-long training was received by the 10 members of team including both elementary and high school principals, two community members and school staff members. The program was brought to Voorheesville through a state grant that pays the cost of training and the cost of additional training sessions in the community.

The December meeting will give the team members the opportunity to explain the project to the community and to get them involved, said O. Peter Griffin, high school principal and a team member. The program will also seek to reach and interest the community youth.

Griffin said the team will incorporate programs that already exist in Voorheesville, such as the Natural Helpers program and the Safe Homes program. Natural Helpers program students and student-selected staff members learn to direct students to the proper places to get assistance with a problem, he said. Safe Homes is a community program involving parents who sign an agreement that their home is a place where youth can have activities in a substance use/abuse-free environment.

Community groups, such as the Kiwanis, will be looked to for participation.

"We'll take a look at what's needed (in the community). We're really looking to involve staff and

community in a special program," Griffin said.

School board member Mary Van Ryn, serving in a dual capacity because she has a child in the district, outlined the purpose of the project and the training for the board at Monday's meeting. She said the training included education about different drugs and their effect and how to prevent drug abuse.

Voorheesville sent a team of five to represent each of its

schools and each team developed action plans to address issues in the community, she said.

"The philosophy is to identify a problem and shoot as many arrows at it as you can," Van Ryn said, adding the teams would be a resource to the community and school.

Griffin said "to have the program be even partially successful we need 30 (for the high school team) and 30 (for the elementary school team)."

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Meeting attendance is required for program participation. For information call 765-2425.

Meals on Wheels schedule changed

Albany Meals On Wheels will change from a seven day a week delivery schedule to a Monday through Friday.

Those in need of weekend meals can receive to two frozen meals during the week for Saturday and Sunday.

For information call 465-6465.

Berne man arrested for drinking, driving

Albany County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 37-year-old Berne man Saturday night for driving while intoxicated. Deputies said they found the man slumped over the steering wheel of his car on Rt. 32 in Bethlehem. He was also charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

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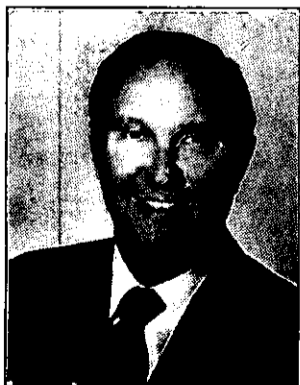
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Convenient mart plan opposed

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

A large crowd at the Voorheesville planning board meeting last Tuesday night gave a chilly reception to Convenient Food Mart's proposal for a new convenience store and gas tanks between the Fisher and Conrail properties off Voorheesville Ave.

"This is not a formal hearing," specified board chairman Douglas DeDe before John Haluska, Director of Corporate Real Estate for Convenient Food Mart, made his presentation. DeDe wanted to make clear that Convenient would have to go through the village's standard hearing process, which would involve notification of the public in advance of any formal hearing.

Two proposals were put forth by Haluska. One described a 14,910 foot store using "exactly what land we have on Fisher Street," Haluska said. The lot would include "a six-foot-high stockade fence, 26 foot wide entrances, landscaping with juniper and azaleas — things that would make things livable," according to Haluska.

A second proposal called for the purchase of Mead Street in addition to the Fisher property. This would provide space for a larger store — 20,700 square feet — with additional landscaping and parking areas. According to

Mayor Edward Clark, the larger property would be required by law for the type of facility Convenient is proposing.

Haluska described the proposed store as being "like a mini IGA". It would be larger than the neighboring Stewart's store and would carry more canned goods and grocery items, he said.

The real questions started when Haluska addressed three issues — parking, lighting and gasoline pumping.

With proposed hours from 6 a.m. to midnight, "In terms of parking count, we would expect about 400 cars in an 18-hour period," Haluska said. This did not please the residents of the immediate area who were present.

The evening hours and the gasoline aisle's mercury vapor lights (which could shine on neighboring houses) led DeDe to ask Haluska to detail other options because "it would be unrealistic not to recognize that there are other residents in the area." Board member Donald Odell suggested that the lights could be screened.

One area resident, Raymond Appleby, told the board that he didn't understand why the town would not let him put a drain in his service garage out of concern for Voorheesville's aquifer, but

"right next door" they would consider letting Convenient install 12,000 gallons of gasoline under ground. Mayor Edward Clark later said that there were two gas stations in the village (Stewart's and Mobil) and as far as he knew, the aquifer runs "right under both of them" without any problems.

Several other participants voiced their concern over fuel and traffic patterns, and asked Haluska if the company had considered locating the food mart/gas station elsewhere in the area. The old Grand Union property was suggested, but Haluska said that the facility was too large, and "way out of line for what we could use it for."

The store's appearance was briefly discussed, and several versions were asked for by the board, including brick and wood storefronts and sign options. Haluska said the store would most closely resemble Convenient Food Marts located in residential

communities in the Watertown area. The audience asked for photographs instead of artist's renderings to get a better idea of the possibilities.

The board called the hearing a "preliminary sketch" for its records, and established no timetable for further action.

On Thursday, DeDe sent a letter to Haluska specifying seven areas that the board would like addressed before their next meeting. These include:

- Lighting — suggestions were made to install it in the eaves and canopies to reduce glare to surrounding houses.

- Noise levels — evergreen trees were suggested as a screen on the building's west side, as well as around the fuel pumps.

- Appearance — a brick front and roof style similar to the town hall and ambulance squad was suggested.

- Gasoline — state Department of Environmental Conservation rules would have to be followed.

- Drainage — topographical maps detailing run-off and other features would have to be provided.

- Traffic — a traffic study would have to be made for weekends and weekdays, including the effect of the store's location on railroad crossing back-ups.

- Trash maintenance — suggested pick-up schedules and odor management efforts would have to be detailed.

"These and other pertinent questions would have to be addressed in order for a preliminary plat plan to be accepted," said Mayor Clark.

Haluska will attend the village board meeting on Tuesday night to talk about Convenient's possible acquisition of Mead Street, and will be present to answer Douglas DeDe's letter at the Dec. 13 meeting of the village planning board.

No repairs for Plank Rd. bridge

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

According to state investigators, it's "no go" for repairs to the Plank Road Bridge in Feura Bush-Clarksville.

Town Supervisor Herbert Reilly said Friday that Albany County Public Works Commissioner Richard Rapp had the bridge assessed by the state investigators in order to apply for funds to repair the bridge, which has been closed for the last year.

The investigators found the bridge to be so old that they could not clearly determine its original metal composition. This poses the largest problem, according to Reilly, because to be able to weld new material to the bridge to repair it, they must first know what type of metal they are welding to, and age has made this impossible.

Reilly also said that the legislature was unlikely to spend

the estimated \$350,000 in repair costs when the bridge services only three families, as "that works out to more than \$116,000 per household."

The alternative the town is offering, in cooperation with the county, is to widen and improve Plank Road. While residents would have to travel farther to

exit the road, Reilly said he believes this is the safest alternative.

According to Rapp, 27 other bridges are currently in need of repair in Albany County, and while he has taken the resident's needs into consideration, hopes are not high that the bridge will be repaired.

Baltis plan on agenda

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

Peter Baltis, developer of the controversial Orchard Park development, will be presenting details of his latest development, Larissa Estates, at Voorheesville's Village Board meeting on Nov. 22.

The proposed development consists of 32 houses to be built off Voorheesville Ave. According to Mayor Edward Clark, the board will be considering three

proposals for green space inclusion in the development.

Regulations require three acres of green area for each 100 acres. As the development will be approximately 32 acres, one acre of green space would be required. Baltis will propose three options for the town to consider: reducing the number of homes to 31, and leaving the other acre as a "pocket park"; deeding 10 acres of property which are now in New Scotland to the Village of Voorheesville if the village and the town could come to some agreement; or paying the village instead of including green space.

The board meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

Hamagrael parents plan craft fair

The Hamagrael PTA will sponsor a holiday craft fair on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., at Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane, Delmar.

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Voorheesville NEWS NOTES

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



Coaches to be dined

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will hold its annual Coaches Dinner on Thursday, Dec. 1, at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville. A home cooked dinner will begin at 7 p.m., followed by speaker Robert Lewis, who is presently chairman of Racquet Sports at State University at Albany. Lewis is also a member of the Voorheesville Recreation Commission and has over the past two decades coached a variety of sports in the area.

Anyone who has coached or assisted with any of the Kiwanis sports programs during the past year should contact Bob Stapf at 765-2451, Mike Lancor at 765-4883 or Ron White at 765-3939 before Nov. 26.

The evening is presented each year to thank those who have volunteered their time to help with the local service organization's youth programs.

Soccer registration to be held

The New Scotland Soccer Club will hold registration on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the main foyer of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

Boys and girls eight years old and up are eligible to participate in the program. New registrants should bring a birth certificate. The registration fee will be between \$20 and \$25 according to each team. Team uniforms will be additional.

This will be the only chance to register for those wishing to participate in indoor tournaments beginning in January. The regular outdoor schedule will begin in April.

Those having questions or unable attend the registration session should contact Mary Munyan at 765-4864, Brian Rose at 765-2506 or Jim Hladun at 765-4241.

CYO sponsors tournament

St. Matthew's CYO-Community Basketball League will begin its 1988-89 season with a Tip-off Classic Tournament this Saturday, Nov. 26. The afternoon of

basketball will feature a fourth grade team, three fifth and sixth grade boys teams, one fifth and sixth grade girls team and a junior high boys team. Three cheerleading squads will also be on hand for the opening event.

The new league resulted from a merger of St. Matthew's CYO and the Voorheesville Community basketball leagues and includes over 100 students in grades three through eight.

League President Mike Burns invites everyone to come down and support the teams in the games to be played at the Peter Young Center at LaSalette in Altamont.

Attend agri-business conference

Three area students recently attended the New York State Agri-business Career Conference at Cobleskill. Representing Albany County were Debra McCluskey of Voorheesville and Tom Preska and Bill Greer of Delmar.

They were among 100 4-H members from New York State who attended the conference which dealt with making teens more aware of the great diversity of agricultural careers in the state.

Schools closed

Schools in the Voorheesville Central School District will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes at both the high school and grade school will resume on Nov. 28.

Library board to meet

The Voorheesville Public Library will hold a special meeting on Monday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the library. This is a continuation of the earlier monthly

meeting. As always the public is welcome to attend.

Soup labels sought

The Voorheesville PTSA is again collecting proofs of purchase for the Campbell's Labels for Education program, which provides schools with free educational and recreational equipment in exchange for proofs. Included are front labels from any Campbell's canned products, caps from Vlasic pickles, the quality pledge from Mrs. Paul's frozen foods, UPC symbols from Juiceworks juices, purchase confirmation seals from Recipe Dog Food, and the bottom UPC panel from Campbell's boxed soup mix. Proofs will be collected until Feb. 15.

The PTSA is also participating this year in the Scot Paper products Learning Tools program. "Learning Tools for Schools" seals which bear those words and an apple are also being collected until Jan. 30 when they will be sent in to obtain equipment.

Residents are asked to send proofs in from these products if they normally purchase them and should not feel compelled to buy them solely for that purpose.

Prevention team to meet

Recently eight school personnel and two community members attended the Project Team Training Program in Southampton, Long Island. The eight day training program was established to combat the multi-faceted problems of youth which may lead to alcohol and substance abuse as well as other disruptive behavior.

Those having any questions should contact Peter Douglas either at the elementary school, 765-2382 or at home, 765-3108 or Dick Leach at the high school, 765-3314.

The teams would like to invite community members to a special meeting on Monday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library to discuss the insights gained from the conference.



Officers of the Capital Division of Kiwanis who attended the recent Governor's visit were, from left, George Van Etten of the Helderberg Club, Peter Rokeach of Colonie, Bruce Martelle of New Scotland, David Hosler of Western Turnpike, Jim Coffin of New Scotland, Kiwanis State Governor Thomas McIntyre, Division Lt. Gov. Mike Malark, Division Secretary-Treasurer Mike Lancor, Curtiss Patterson of Delmar and Lt. Gov. Elect Rick Strum.
Lyn Stapf

Kiwanis leader hosted

Voorheesville was the first stop for Kiwanis State Governor Thomas McIntyre last week as he began his year as head of the state service organization. The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland hosted a dinner for members of the 12 Capital Division clubs at the Colonie Country Club last Thursday. The group congratulated McIntyre as the first state governor from the Capital District area in 35 years.

According to McIntyre, members are sure to see the purchase of a permanent home for the New York District during the upcoming year.

According to Division Lt. Gov. Mike Malark, a member and past president of the New Scotland club, the area clubs are all involved in McIntyre's president's project — the Trooper Toys for Tots program, which provides toys for needy children throughout the year. The Capital Division has received a truckload of toys and is sorting the consignment for distribution to area children during the next month.

Mike Lancor, division secretary-treasurer and past president of the New Scotland club, looks forward to a successful year with McIntyre at the helm.

McIntyre's wife Loretta is also a member of Kiwanis, as is his mother. His daughter Alicia is Lt. Gov. of the Van Rensselaer Key Club, the Kiwanis-sponsored high school program.

The evening of Nov. 10 marked a double celebration for both McIntyre and Malark, both former Marines, since it was the anniversary of the Marine Corps.
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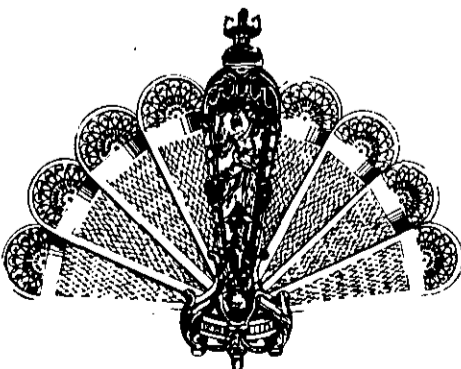


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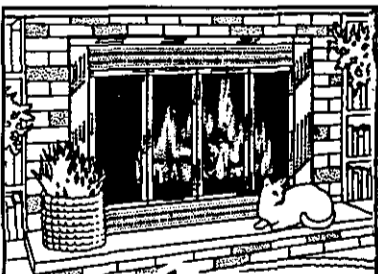
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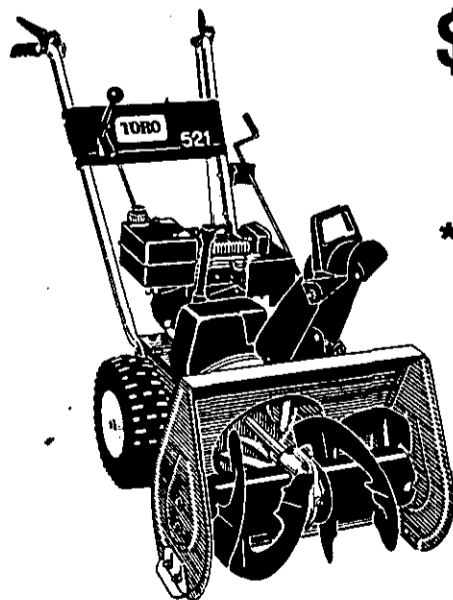
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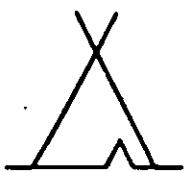
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Breakfast is served
Breakfast will be served at two area firehouses on Sunday, Nov. 27.

An early riser breakfast, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Selkirk Fire Company No. 3, will be served at the firehouse in South Bethlehem between 5 and 11 a.m. Admission will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 6 to 12 years. Children 5 and younger will be admitted free. For information call 767-9513 or 767-9141.

A Thanksgiving breakfast will be served at Selkirk Fire Company No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, on Sunday, Nov. 27, from 8 a.m. until noon. Admission will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 6 to 12 years. No admission will be charged for children 5 and younger. For information call 767-2840.

Student artists honored

Amanda Sickles, a second grade student, and Scott D'Ambrosio, a fourth grade student, were named

October's "Artists of the Month" at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School. Amanda's crayon drawing of "Halloween" and Scott's crayon drawing of a "Pump-Kin" were displayed on the door of the principal's office.

Sunshine seniors invited

The Sunshine Senior Citizens and their guests are invited to a Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 12, at the Bethlehem Grange Hall. A turkey dinner will be served at 1 p.m. Roy Greely, a banjo player, will provide musical entertainment. Reservations may be made for \$5 by calling 439-4560, by Nov. 30.

Grange celebrates holiday

A Christmas party, sponsored by the Bethlehem Grange, will be held at the Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Selkirk, on Saturday, Dec. 10. The covered dish supper will begin at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

In addition to sharing a dish, guests may bring an ornament for trimming the tree and a grab bag gift. For information call Helen Raynor at 767-2770.

Children's party planned
Members of Selkirk Fire Company No. 3 are planning a Christmas party for children of the South Bethlehem and South Albany area who are 10 years and younger. The free event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, beginning at 7 p.m.

Each child will receive a gift and refreshments. A magic show will be presented by Chad Curran. Sugar and Spice, popular area clowns, will also entertain the children.

Student vocalists rehearsing

Students in pre-first through third grades at Ravena and Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary Schools are rehearsing for a holiday concert on Wednesday, Dec. 7, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be presented at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School. All are welcome.

Early dismissal announced

Students who attend RCS Central Schools will be dismissed early on Tuesday, Dec. 13, according to William Schwartz, superintendent of schools. Teachers will meet to discuss the curriculum during the afternoon.

Junior and senior high school students will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. Morning kindergarten will be in session from 8:45 until 10:50 a.m. Afternoon kindergarten students will gather at 10:30 a.m. and depart at noon. First and second grade students at Ravena Elementary School will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. First through fifth grade students at A.W. Becker and Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary Schools will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m.

Crisis center seeks volunteers

The Albany County Rape Crisis Center is seeking volunteers to staff its 24-hour hotline and to provide legal and medical information and advocacy to victims of sexual assault. Volunteers staff the hotline from their homes.

Training classes begin Monday, Nov. 28.

For information call 447-7100.

Sheep dairying is meeting topic

A program on sheep dairying will be offered at the Albany Cooperative Extension Resource Center, Martin Rd. and Route 85A, Voorheesville, on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Guest speakers will be Joan Snyder and Ken Kleinpeter. For information call 765-3510.

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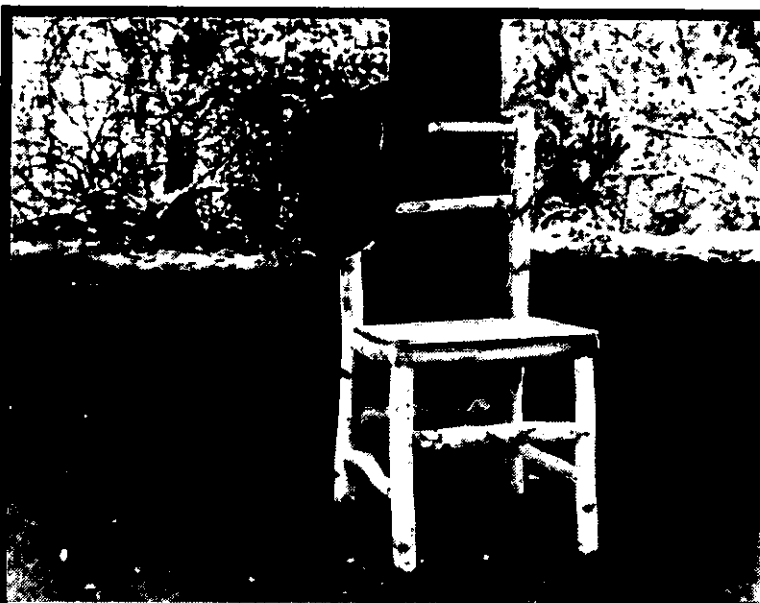
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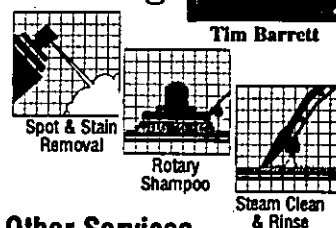
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1988 Senior Thanksgiving Bowl

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BC seniors and coaches highlight roster

By John Bellizzi III

Football has become as much of a Thanksgiving Day tradition as turkey and cranberry sauce. Not everybody will sit at home tomorrow and watch football on television, though. Several Bethlehem Central seniors and members of the BC football coaching staff will be at Shenendehowa High School tomorrow at 10 a.m. representing the Eagles in the first ever Section II Senior All-Star Bowl.

At the helm of the Section II north All-Star team will be John Sodergren of Delmar, BC's head football coach. Assistant coaches of the North Team, consisting of

players from schools in the Suburban Council, the Northern Adirondack Conference, and the northern half of the Foothills Council, include BC Varsity Assistant Coach Ken Hodge and BC Assistant Junior Varsity Coach Mark Chmielinski.

The Eagles, who earned their second consecutive Gold Division Football Championship in the Suburban Council this fall with a 4-3 league record (5-3-1 overall), will be well-represented in tomorrow's game. Dave Sodergren is one of two quarterbacks named to the North team's roster. Center Chris Pratt and Guard John Reagan will be on the line for the

North Offense tomorrow, as well as wide receiver Pete Cocozza. Lance Sprinkle will also be on hand as a placekicker.

Coach Sodergren reported that the Eagles will stack up very well with the other outstanding players on the North Team. "Our people are very competitive with all players in the area, which will be easily seen on Thursday," said Sodergren.

With such a concentration of talent, tomorrow's outcome is unpredictable. "It's difficult to say how the game will go, because we know very little about the other team," said Sodergren. Sodergren said preparation for

the game has been difficult, especially defensively, since they literally have no idea what the South team will look like offensively. "This is a game of All-Stars," Sodergren concluded, "We've been practicing hard, hoping to win, but it's up to them now."

In addition to being well-represented in the Section II Senior All-Star Bowl, Bethlehem Central dominated the Scholastic Suburban Council All-Star balloting, resulting in six Eagles being named to the league's first and second teams. Offensive guard/defensive tackle Reagan and split end/defensive back Cocozza were chosen as two-way starters for the SSC All-Stars. Sodergren was named quarterback of the first-string offense, with Sprinkle as

the first team placekicker. Peter Bragaw was named defensive end on the first defense, and Scott Hodge was named to the second offensive team as a tight end.

The Tony Danckert Award, which is given to the graduating senior football player displaying the traits that made Danckert a winner both on the BC football field and at Boston University, was given to Reagan at the recent Bethlehem Central Football Banquet. The Eagle Award was presented to Cocozza and the Coaches' Award went to Sodergren.

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Freshmen finish undefeated

By John Bellizzi III

The Bethlehem Central girls' freshman volleyball team, coached by Keith Gunner, made their way to the top of the Suburban Council this fall with a 10-0 league record. In addition to winning every match, the team never lost a game within a match, defeating all of their opponents in

Volleyball

two games. The frosh team's stiffest competition came from Saratoga, who faced BC three times, but by their third match-up, Bethlehem easily disposed of them 15-1, 15-2.

"Everybody improved greatly," said Gunner. "The girls played good, consistent volleyball. We had strong serving, and good returns."

Gunner also took pride in the ability of each and every member of the team and their participation. In all matches except one, every girl on the team played.

Men — Mike Lennon 278, Bill Van Alstyne 722, (four game series) Arvid Johnson 857.

Women — Kristi Flanigan 266, 592.

Major Girls — Christy Shultes 186, 413, Michelle Ortez 175, 430.

Junior Boys — Kory Snyder 214, 519.

Junior Girls — Beth Matthews 201, 545, Lisa Green 205, 495.

Prep Boys — Al Crewell 173, 443.

Prep Girls — Andrea Kachidurian 164, 408.

Bantam Boys — Justin Gamelin 146, 393.

Bantam Girls — Simone Treffiletti 115, 296.

Junior Classic League

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Guilderville hopes for 1989 state title

For the girls on Guilderville's medley relay team, tops in Section II, the season is over, but not the quest for a state championship.

They'll all be back next year.

In the meantime, Angela Washburn and Cathy-Jo Dedrick of Voorheesville and Becky Hilton and Maggie Bintz of Guilderland can savour the nice feeling of being undefeated league champions and third-best in all of New York State. And they will have another strong shot at a state title in their individual specialties.

Going against the cream of the Empire State in all of the girls swimming championships at RPI last weekend, the Mergers'

Swimming

quartet earned a second seed in Friday's qualifying heats with a time of 1:56.04, a bit slower than the clocking that won them the Sectional crown a week earlier in the same tank. In Saturday's finals, they were timed in 1:56.45 as a Long Island foursome edged them out of second place by three-tenths of a second.

Guilderville was in fourth place after two splits in the eight-lane pool, and when Washburn left the boards for the anchor leg, they

were three body lengths behind the Section XI entry. The Voorheesville freestyler made up all but the length of her forearm and lost by a touch.

"Finishing third in the state isn't too shabby," said Coach Larry Dedrick. "And everybody is back next year."

There was, however, a hint of disappointment in his voice, for he had hoped to break the 1:55 barrier. The medley relay quartet from Fairport (Section V) Dedrick conceded as unbeatable won the final with a clocking of 1:53.68, more than a full second slower than their qualifying time in Friday's heats.

It was equally challenging for the Guilderville girls in their individual events, where the first eight on Friday made the finals and the second eight the consolations. Washburn, who was seeded 11th in the individual medley, finished 10th in faster time (2:15.18) with another strong freestyle split. She was 14th in the breaststroke.

Dedrick was 13th in Friday's backstroke heats, but vaulted to 10th in the consolations, where she was clocked in 1:02.75. If she had posted that time in Friday's heats she would have been in the finals, where that reading would have placed her sixth in the state.

Hilton was 15th in the 200 free and 14th in the 500 despite cutting a second and a half off her previous best time.

There were other disappointments for Section II swimmers, notably for Richelle DePold, Scotia's freshman sensation who won set Sectional records in the 50 and 100 and a state record in the 100 (52.29) a week earlier. She was second in both events despite lowering her meet record in the 100 from 52.37 Friday to 52.19 Saturday. In the final she pushed a Mamaroneck sophomore, Meaghan McCaffrey, to a new state and meet record of 52.04 in the best race of the long afternoon.

Overall, Section II swimmers, hosting the state event for the first time, finished a disappointing eighth as a team among the 11 sections. It was also the first time that Bethlehem Central, perennially a visible factor in championship meets, was shut out of Saturday's top-16 finals.

Hoop season tips off Friday

The 1988 scholastic basketball season will begin Friday for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Voorheesville in the 18th annual Ravena Gold Medal Basketball tournament at the high school gym on Rt. 9W in Coeymans. The tournament will include the boys' varsity and junior varsity teams and the girls' varsity and junior varsity teams.

The varsity girls' schedule for Friday will match Voorheesville

Scholarships offered

Information on how to apply for a collegiate athletic scholarship is now being offered through the New Jersey-based National Sports Foundation.

According to Joe Tirrell of the National Sports Foundation, over 100,000 collegiate athletic scholarships are available nationwide to male and female high school and junior college athletes.

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against Ichabod Crane at 4 p.m. and Catskill against RCS at 5:30 p.m.

The varsity boys' schedule for Friday will see Voorheesville take on Maple Hill at 7 p.m. and the RCS squad match up against Ichabod Crane.

On Saturday, the girls' championship game will held at 5:30 p.m. and the consolation game will be held at 4 p.m. The boys' championship game will be at 8:30 p.m. and the consolation game will be at 7 p.m.

All junior varsity games will be played in the morning.

The tournament will mark the varsity coaching debut of Voorheesville's Dave Caark. Caark, who has 12 years of jayvee and varsity coaching experience, holds the best season record as coach of the Voorheesville girls' varsity basketball team.

The Bethlehem basketball teams will not see action for another two weeks. On Dec. 6, the boys'

varsity and junior varsity teams will host Burnt Hills. The jayvee game will start at 6:30 p.m. and the varsity game will start at 8 p.m.

The girls' varsity and junior varsity teams will kick off their season on Dec. 7 at home against Burnt Hills. The jayvee game will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the varsity game tips off at 8 p.m.

Girls take first

The Bethlehem Soccer Club's Under 14 girls' team took first place honors Nov. 12 in a mini-tournament in Dalton, Mass.

The girls won all four games they played in, shutting out every team they played. The team is comprised of goalies Meagan Beyer and Kristen Van Duzer; forwards Suzanne Rice, Britta McComber, Casey Cannistraci and Jaime Czajka; midfielders Melissa Mann, Sara Danaruma, Tara Eaton and Karern Gisotti; sweeper Merritt Crowder and fullbacks Jenny Martin, Kathleen McDermott and Nicole Gold.

RCS looks to extend 15-match win streak

By Josh Curley

Although the 1988-89 Wrestling season has not yet begun, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk wrestlers already have a weighty goal in mind: to extend their 15-match Colonial Council winning streak, that dates back to December 1986, by remaining undefeated this season.

RCS has a realistic shot at this goal with the return of nine varsity wrestlers from last year's championship team. Also, the wrestling program at Ravena has attracted 33 members, giving the team the advantage of good depth this season.

The squad has lost several top wrestlers from the heavyweights to graduation, such as Tim Baranska, Mark VanHoesen and Steve Swanson. Coach John Vishneowski hopes to fill these spots with seniors Dan Egan and Rob Rarick.

Rounding out the rest of the expected varsity team includes sophomore Shannon Cowles; juniors Bob Pelletier, Brian Craft, Henry Mormile, Joe Dillberg and Chuck Swaider, and senior tri-captains Geoff Demis, Curt VanDerzee and Jeff Friday. The Indians have suffered the loss of Kevin Demis due to a back injury. Vishneowski said his chances of making a midseason comeback is questionable.

Coach Vishneowski expects stiffest council competition from Voorheesville, Schalmont and Albany Academy.

"It will be tough to repeat as champions, but we'll do our best," said Vishneowski.

Burnham advocates conference realignment

School officials in Voorheesville are expected to continue to press for a divisional realignment of the Capital Football Conference, but there is no indication the league will take such action.

Dave Burnham, varsity head coach of the Blackbirds, was reluctant to make a statement this week on the status of a proposal to regroup larger schools into one division and the smaller schools in the other, but confirmed that he was strongly in favor of such a move.

Burnham also confirmed a report that Capital Conference football coaches earlier this month rejected a proposal to realign Class B and Class C football schedules on a divisional basis except for crossover games.

Voorheesville enrollment in grades 10-12 stood at 340 boys and girls two years ago. That figure is projected to drop to 275 next year and 260 in 1990-91. Of the 14 schools in the conference, only Rensselaer has a smaller male student body than Voorheesville.

Those numbers have had an impact on the Blackbird football program, which has produced winning teams and a number of championships over the past two decades. This fall the Blackbirds suffered through a season that produced only one victory in nine games, including one stretch of four straight games in which the team failed to score.

Burnham said he made a realignment proposal to league officials two years ago at a time when the Blackbirds won the Class C Section II playoff championship. With the realignment of the Big Ten and Suburban Council into divisions segregating the larger from the smaller Class A schools starting next year, and a similar regrouping of the smaller schools comprising the Northern Adirondack league, the Capital Conference remains the only league in Section II that has yet to take such action.

In the face of the enrollment falloff, Voorheesville officials have taken the unprecedented step of dropping junior varsity football next year in favor of a modified (grades 8-9) team schedule. Blackbird jayvee teams have not won a game in the past two seasons. *Nat Boynton*

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Lunch prices to rise

By Sal Prividera Jr.

The Voorheesville Central School Board voted unanimously to raise school lunch prices to offset decreased lunch program revenues.

School lunches will increase to \$1 at the junior-senior high school and the elementary school on Jan. 3.

Gene Grasso, district business administrator told the board at last Monday's meeting that an increase was needed to offset a decrease in revenue and a draw on school lunch fund balance.

The increase at each school will allow the lunch program to remain self-funding without the district using the general fund to maintain the program. The increase will cover a \$4,000 cost for employee health and dental insurance.

In other business, the board:

- Approved in concept the efforts by a community group to raise funds and construct a new

playground at the elementary school.

- Set a Dec. 15 organizational meeting date for the community members who volunteered to serve on the budget committee. The meeting at the high school will begin at 7 p.m.

- Set a Dec. 19 organizational meeting date for the community members who volunteered to serve on the district's program committee. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Items stolen from cars

Two cars parked on Carstead Dr. were broken into last Monday night, Bethlehem police said.

Three watches and a radar detector worth \$580 were taken from an unlocked car parked in a driveway on Carstead Dr., police said. A radar detector was taken from another car in the same driveway, police said.

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Secor said residents can take advantage of townwide newspaper pick-up and leave discarded newspapers along with their regular refuse pickups. Residents who do not have refuse pickups may leave their discarded newspapers in the recycling bin at the Rupert Rd. landfill.

In Voorheesville The Spotlight is sold at Stewarts and Voorheesville Drugs



Re-enacting history

R. H. Davis of Delmar, playing the role of Civil War General Dan Sickles, and Robert Mulligan Jr. of Slingerlands, standing guard at right, participated in the 125th anniversary reenactment of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in Gettysburg, Pa. on Nov. 19. Playing the role of Lincoln is James Getty of Gettysburg, Pa.

New museum program

The Square Wheel Theatre will present the premiere of "The Vertical Theatre" at the State Museum, Empire State Plaza, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25 and 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Featured will be a circus clown, a Greek chorus and gigantic skyscrapers.

Treadgolds honored

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Nov. 16	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
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The Onesquethaw Fire Co. will be having an Early Bird breakfast on Sunday Nov. 27 from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Clarksville Fire House.

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December 13, 1988

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LEGAL NOTICE

hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Elmwood Park Fire House located at 438 A Russell Road, Albany, New York 12203, for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a 5-year term, commencing on January 1, 1989, and ending on December 31, 1993. A vote shall also be taken to approve or disapprove a resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Elmwood Fire District to spend up to Thirty-Five Thousand

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Candidates for District Office shall file their names with the Secretary of the Fire District William Cleveland at 438 A Russell Road, Albany, New York, 12303, no later than December 3rd, 1988.

WILLIAM CLEVELAND Fire District Secretary
Elmwood Park Fire District

(November 23, 1988)

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ANNUAL ELECTION OF SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Annual Election of the Slingerlands Fire District will take place on December 13, 1988, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Slingerlands Fire House located at 1520 New Scotland Road for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a 5-year term, commencing on January 1, 1989, and ending on December

LEGAL NOTICE

31, 1993. All duly registered residents of the Slingerlands Fire District shall be eligible to Vote.

Candidates for District Office shall file their names with the Secretary of the Slingerlands Fire District at 1463 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, no later than December 3, 1988.

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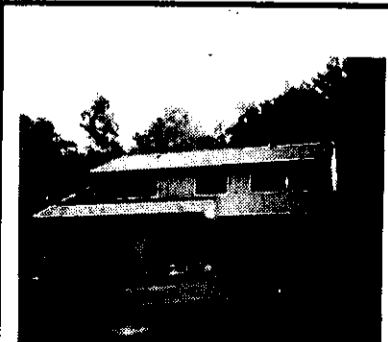


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Richard E. Sutter

Richard E. Sutter, a former Slingerlands resident, died Nov. 15 in St. Peter's Hospital after a long illness. He was 77.

Born in Albany, he worked as a driver for the Beyer Trucking Company until it closed in 1965, and then for the Bethlehem Water Department, repairing water meters and servicing equipment. He retired in 1975.

He was an honorary member of the Slingerlands Volunteer Fire Department, and a member of the Nighthawks, the Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Firemen's Association. He was also a 50-year member of Teamsters Local 232 in Albany, and a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Marguerite, his sister, Lillian Goetdel of Slingerlands, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Friday at the Applebee Funeral Home, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, South Bethlehem. Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

Ella Gilbert

Ella May Hopkins Gilbert of Delmar died November 15 at Albany Medical Center after a brief illness. She was 92.

She was the wife of the late Rev. Benjamin W. Gilbert, D.D. Survivors include her daughter, Virginia Winn of Delmar; her sister, Minna Lodge of Lewes, De.; her grandchildren, Dr. Gregory Winn, Virginia Ingles, Gilbert.

Winn, Garry Winn, David Gilbert and Kelly Gilbert. She is also survived by three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday afternoon at the Bethlehem Community Church in Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery, with arrangements by the Applebee Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Booth Home for Girls, in care of the Salvation Army in Schenectady.

Keith E. Broadhead

Keith E. Broadhead, a Slingerlands native, died Nov. 12 in Omaha, Neb. of injuries suffered in a car accident. He was 28.

He graduated from Hudson Valley Community College in 1977, and lived in the area until 1984. He was employed as a welder and crane operator for the Aaron Ferer Scrap Metal Co. in Omaha at the time of his death.

Survivors include his parents, Robert and Joanne Broadhead and his brother, Mark Broadhead, all of Slingerlands; and his grandparents, Iva B. Griffin of Ravena and Robert Simpkins of Woodland, Calif.

Services were held Nov. 16 at the Hearley and Son Funeral Home in Guelderland, with burial in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery in New Baltimore.

Contributions may be made to the Greater Albany Seventh-day Adventist Church Building Fund, Cohoes.

Charles N. Noyes

Charles N. Noyes, died Parkwyn Drive, Bethlehem, Nov. 14 Thursday in the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Albany after a long illness. He was 48.

A long-time Mechanicville resident, Noyes was born in Hoosick Falls, and was an aviation radar electrician in the Navy from 1960 to 1962.

He is survived by his daughter, Donna Rochford of Delmar, a brother, Walter Noyes of California, and two grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Dally Funeral Home in Schenectady, with burial in Memory's Garden, Colonie. Contributions may be made to the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center.

Eunice M. Scott

Eunice M. Scott, who recently lived with her family in Slingerlands, died Nov. 13 in Albany Medical Center. She was 76.

A long-time resident of the East Greenbush area, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church there, and taught piano to many residents of the area. She was a graduate of Kingston High School, and attended Eastman School of Music in Rochester.

She is survived by two sons, Eugene Scott of Slingerlands and Stanley Scott of Middletown, Conn., and two grandchildren, Susan, and Jennifer Scott of Slingerlands.

Funeral services were held Nov. 16 at the United Methodist Church, East Greenbush, with a graveside service Nov. 19 at Fairchild Cemetery, Remsen, N.Y. Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Northeastern Association for the Blind, or the First United Methodist Church, East Greenbush.

Hildegard E. Liebich

Hildegard E. Liebich of Fisher Blvd. in Slingerlands and New York City died Thursday in New York Hospital after a short illness.

She was a history teacher in the the New York City public schools for more than 40 years, and had also taught in the Beacon schools. She was a graduate of the Albany State Teacher's College, which became the State University at Albany.

She is survived by a brother, Herbert, of Loudonville, and three sisters, Dorothy, Lydia and Marie, all of Albany.

A memorial service was held at the Tebutt Funeral Home at the convenience of the family, with burial in St. Matthew's Lutheran Cemetery, Glenmont. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association, or the Liebich Scholarship Fund, in care of the Mohawk Hudson Community Foundation, Albany.

Frank E. Gordon

Frank E. Gordon of Elsmere, a former accountant for the New York Telephone Company, died Tuesday in St. Peter's Hospital, Albany. He was 81.

Born in Syracuse, he had been an Elsmere resident since 1932. He served in the National Guard's 21st Cavalry in 1923 and 1924. A member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, he had worked for the telephone company in Albany for 45 years, retiring in 1972.

A former trustee and active member of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar, he was also a volunteer for the American Red Cross in Albany and a member of the Second Miller's club in Delmar.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Wallace Gordon; two daughters, Nancy Runk of Lansdowne, Pa., and Linda Adams of Stowe, Vt.; a son, F. Wallace Gordon of Beaver, Pa.; a sister, Edna Gilliland of Kissimmee, Fla.; nine grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Services were held Friday in the First United Methodist Church, and donations may be made to the Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery with arrangements by the Tebutt Funeral Home.

Applications due for scholarships

High school students who are interested in applying for \$1,000 college scholarships should request applications by December 1, 1988 from Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation.

To receive an application, students should send a note stating their name, address, city, state and zip code, approximate grade point average and year of graduation. Sixty-five winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities and need for financial aid.

For information or an application write to Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation 721 N McKinley Road, Lake Forest, Ill., 60045.

Police investigate car thefts

Bethlehem police are continuing to investigate the theft of two cars during the overnight hours last Monday.

A car was stolen from a driveway on Louise St. in Delmar. The key to the car was left on the floor of the car, police said. The car was later found parked by a South Helderberg Parkway home, where the second car was stolen, police said. The second car was later found by Albany Police.

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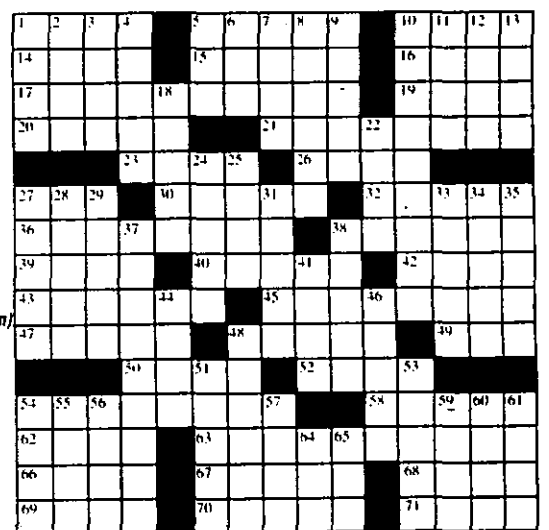
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ACROSS

- 1 Elated
- 5 Proscenium
- 10 Sunday ritual
- 14 Took a bus
- 15 Prior time
- 16 Seed covering
- 17 Door decoration (2 wds)
- 19 Hindu practice
- 20 Slipshod
- 21 Oyster or chestnut
- 23 Streetcar
- 26 It could be Roman Numeral 53! (anagram)
- 27 Camper's org.
- 30 Ellen in Nice
- 32 Receiver
- 36 Thanksgiving's day!
- 38 Widows inheritances
- 39 Precedes "type"
- 40 He has _____ of indifference
- 42 Female wool bearers
- 43 Susan and Oolin
- 45 Pre-turkey command (2 wds)
- 47 Impudent
- 48 Sahara beast
- 49 Rights (abv)
- 50 Jacob's brother
- 52 Champagne adjective
- 54 Reasons to give thanks
- 58 Man's name
- 62 Curved molding
- 63 Holiday table guests (2 wds)
- 66 Shopping arcade
- 67 Stings
- 68 Chemical suffixes
- 69 Formerly (formerly)
- 70 A Japanese City
- 71 Type of guard

DOWN

- 1 Bleak
- 2 Kind of a Ranger
- 3 Increases
- 4 Believer in God
- 5 Father to grandfather
- 6 R.N.'s forte
- 7 Hubbubs
- 8 Sparkle Plenty's Mom
- 9 Boredom
- 10 Pilgrim's ship
- 11 To the king (Fr.)
- 12 Capricorn or Gemini
- 13 Waste from ore
- 18 Actor Law
- 22 Faithful friend
- 24 Robert and Alan
- 25 Harsh
- 27 World holder
- 28 Holiday tableware
- 29 Dad's sisters
- 31 Former name of Malawi
- 33 Mongoloid people of Nepal
- 34 Build
- 35 Certain curves
- 37 Thanksgiving date setter
- 38 TV's Hunter
- 41 Poetic meter
- 44 N.Y. Stk. Exchange
- 46 Mutilage
- 47 Applier



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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Golden

Naomi Mendel Marries

Naomi Facher Mendel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mendel of Delmar, and Thomas E. Hitchcock, son of Thomas E. Hitchcock of St. Petersburg, Fla. and the late Jane Weinheimer Hitchcock, were married Sept. 18 in Lenox, Mass.

Lisa Anne Finkle was the matron of honor and Michael O'Connor served as best man.

The bride, a graduate of

Bethlehem Central High School and Union College, is assistant director of annual giving at Philips Academy, Andover, Mass.

The groom, a graduate of Nottingham High School, Union College and Harvard Business School, is employed by the Commonwealth Financial Group.

The couple will reside in Needham, Mass.

Christine McDowell wed

Christine Elizabeth McDowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McDowell of Delmar, married Stephen P. Golden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Golden of Troy on Sept. 17 at the St. James Church in Albany.

Claudia McDowell was the matron of honor and Michael Golden served as best man.

The couple will reside in Troy.

Elks offer scholarships

The Elks National Foundation and the New York State Elks Association are sponsoring a scholarship competition for 1989-90.

The national foundation is offering 92 scholarships, ranging from \$800 to \$20,000, in a competition open to all state high school seniors.

The state association will be awarding 43 scholarships of \$750 in a competition for any high school senior or college student through the junior year whose father is member of the Elks.

Applications are available at local high schools and Elks Lodges.

For information call 767-9304.

Elks collecting hides

The New York State Elks Lodges are collecting deer hides for use in craft and therapy programs, in New York State Veterans Hospitals.

The Elks will collect the hides and have the hides tanned. After tanning, the hides are sent to veterans hospitals in the state along with leather kits.

For each donation of a hide the donor will receive a \$35 charitable donation certificate.

For information call 489-0698.

CDTA announces Thanksgiving schedules

In observance of Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, Sunday/Holiday schedules will be in effect on CDTA buses. All lines will be operating under that schedule except Route 12, Washington Ave., that will be cancelled for the day.

Most regularly scheduled weekday service will resume on Friday, Nov. 25, except Route 50 that will operate on a Saturday scheduled, and trips to the General Electric Plant will be cancelled.

For information about CDTA service, call 482-8822.

Ferrari-Bennett

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Ferrari of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margot Elizabeth, to Robert William Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bennett of Bayonet Point, Fla.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Alfred University, is an admissions counselor at Alfred University.

Her fiance, a graduate of the state University of New York College at Fredonia and Alfred University, is an assistant director of admissions at Alfred University.

A Dec. 30 wedding is planned.

Hadassah offers grab bags for Hanukkah

The Albany-Bethlehem Chapter of Hadassah is offering a grab bag that is available for Hanukkah gift giving.

The bags, \$10, comes in a hand decorated totebag and contains four individually wrapped Hanukkah treats. It could be used as a middle night of Hanukkah present, containing four surprises in one package. It is also packaged to fit into a large padded mail bag.

With each purchase, a \$5 donation will be made to the Hadassah Medical Organization. To order a grab bag call Mimi Bogen at 439-5939 or Irene Rosenthal at 439-6906.

Club organizes dance

The Tri-Village Squares will hold a dance on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Ray Taylor will be the guest caller. All mainstream couples are invited. For information call 438-1227.

Performance scheduled

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be presented at Bethlehem Central High School's Quietus Studio Theatre on Dec. 1, 2, 3, 9 and 10.

Tickets will be available at the door. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

For information call 439-3650.



Community Corner

Bethlehem Food Pantry Benefit

Beginning Sunday, Nov. 27, and continuing every Sunday through Dec. 18, donations to the Bethlehem Food Pantry can be made during activities at Main Square Shoppes in Delmar.

Free horse-drawn carriage rides will be given to anyone donating to the food pantry. The rides will be offered after noon each Sunday. Other activities will include a Tree Lighting on Dec. 4, a holiday ornament contest and music.

Everyone is welcome to attend each day of activities, and to help the Bethlehem Food Pantry. For information call 439-6437.

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