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## Closed bridge slows response

### Smoke kills noted author

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Burning embers from a wood stove apparently set a showcase Feura Bush home ablaze, causing the death of nationally known environmentalist Robert H. Rienow Sunday night.

Although first responder units were on the scene in minutes, a local fire commissioner is questioning the difference an open Jericho Bridge would have made in saving Rienow and containing the blaze.

Rienow, 79, died after being overcome during his attempt to battle the fire at his Rarick Rd. home alone. Albany County Coroner Paul Marra's office listed smoke inhalation as the cause of death after an autopsy. Rienow also suffered second and third degree burns, according to the coroner's report.

Bethlehem police said Rienow and his housekeeper, Gertrude Fraser, were in the residence prior to the fire. Police said Fraser was able to escape the residence and summon help, while Rienow attempted to extinguish the fire.

Selkirk Fire Commissioner Charles Fritts said Tuesday the closed Jericho Bridge cost the responding units valuable time, which could have reduced the damage to the home. Fritts said the Selkirk Department Number 3, located in South Bethlehem, was on the scene within five minutes and an assistant chief arrived before the first unit. The chief, Craig Apple, was overcome by smoke attempting to rescue

Rienow and had to be rescued from the building by other firemen, Fritts said.

However, the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance and back-up fire units stationed in Glenmont were delayed in their arrival because of the bridge, which has been closed for nearly three years and the subject of bitter battles between residents, Albany County Executive James Coyne and Conrail.

Fritts said "Only God knows" if reduced response time for the backup units and the ambulance could have saved Rienow's life.

The closed bridge also hampered the department's attempts to truck more water to the fire scene. Fritts said a nearby hydrant on the opposite side of the Jericho Bridge, which carries County Rt. 52 over the Conrail Selkirk Yards, would have reduced the pumper reload time by five to ten minutes and could have reduced the damage to the Rarick Rd. home. The fire units had to go to hydrants along Rt. 32 near General Electric and Conrail to reload and bring water to the fire.

Police said they believe the fire started when burning wood from the wood stove accidentally fell on the kitchen floor, setting it on fire.

When Bethlehem police and Selkirk Fire Department units arrived on the scene the house was heavily involved and full of smoke, according to the police report. Fraser told the first units

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(Above) Firefighters douse the spot fires that reignited Monday morning at the Rarick Rd. home. (Inset) A Selkirk firefighter is blinded by smoke and steam as he battles the initial blaze.

Jeff Mudge

## A bird in the hand for Voorheesville?

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

If you listen to William Hammond there will be a new grocery store in Voorheesville by April — and not a Convenient Food Mart.

Hammond, of Crown Group Development, the Long Island-based retail management firm that owns a 37-year lease on the former Voorheesville Grand Union, is convinced that he is near to obtaining the financing that would allow Crown to locate an IGA on the Maple Ave. property.

But according to Mayor Ed Clark and other Voorheesville officials, that is just a different version of the same story the board has been hearing since the property became vacant in 1985. And it's definitely not enough to hold up the village's consideration of a Convenient Food Mart — which Hammond says would jeopardize his plan.

"It's quite simple," Clark said. "I've been hearing this for five years, but they haven't once put anything on the table or anything in writing. I can't do anything based on what he says they are thinking of doing."

Hammond said that the village has heard little from Crown in the past year because of the unexpected deaths of two of Crown's partners, but that negotiations have been on-going.

the Independent Grocers Association (IGA), said "I know they have been waiting for financing for over a year now," and reiterated that any proposed store would not be part of the IGA chain, but

**"It's quite simple," Clark said. "I've been hearing this for five years but they haven't put anything on the table..."**

"We completed a feasibility study in 1988 with IGA about a major, full-sized grocery store for that site. It would not be part of the chain, it would be independent, but buy wholesale from the IGA group. Finding people to make this work locally really held things up, but we have a manager and we are going ahead with things." The proposed manager wishes to remain nameless because he is currently employed by another area grocer, Hammond said.

Robert Caldwell of Wetterau Foods, the wholesale supplier for

would receive wholesale groceries from the group. Caldwell was very cautious, saying "Financing-wise, out of 10 or 15 places, maybe one will go through. I think it would be premature to say anything about this one at this time."

Hammond said that the Crown group was very concerned about the possibility of a Convenient Food Mart coming to Voorheesville, and that he had heard about it "quite by accident." According to a feasibility study Hammond had done, the IGA could not go in if a Convenient was to locate close by.

"The feasibility study we completed with IGA said that we were already quite tight with one convenience store (Stewart's) there. This could change all of the cash-flow statistics." He mentioned that the cost of the lease, building and updating would be "in excess of \$600,000."

While he would not cite any specifics, Hammond said "We've gotten together with the banks; we've gotten together with everyone," and even set a proposed opening date of April.

"What they say sounds good," said Clark "but what are they doing?" Clark pointed out that even with the swiftest of bank and village approval processes, an April opening date seemed "very unlikely," and village building inspector Jerry Gordinier agreed.

"The building has been vacant for over 12 months," said Gordinier. "So it would have to be brought up completely to present codes." Gordinier said that he had done an evaluation of the building in July of 1987, and found a laundry list of things that would

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## Area's future

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Development in the Town of Bethlehem is an issue that draws a variety of responses from people involved in government and business as well as residents. While local businessmen say a certain amount of commercial growth is needed for the community to survive, they also express a strong desire to keep a small-community persona.

### Area businessmen see need to keep town's character

An unscientific survey of area business people, town officials and developers yielded a variety of views on the needs of development in Bethlehem. Among the needs of the community for commercial development are a grocery store, office complexes, more heavy industry along Rt. 32 and more service business to accommodate residents.

There is also a recognition that the projected increased population in the town will overtax existing service-oriented businesses, especially with several residential developments in various states of completion or proposal. The population rise will drive the need for more of those businesses.

Tom Thorsen, owner of Delmar Printers and former Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce president, said he would like to see a balance between commercial and residential growth maintained. "We need more commercial growth. I would like to see commercial growth in support of residential growth."

Planning Board Chairman and local businessman Ken Ringler, also a former chamber president, concurs with Thorsen's view. "We need to provide commercial services necessary to serve our population... in tandem with any residential growth."

The question of how to best meet the needs of the community for shopping opportunities and services is one with no clear answer — and the recurring theme that just because it is wanted that

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## An open letter to our customers...

To Our Delmar Customers:

Late last year, Don Wright decided to sell his business to Browning Ferris Industries of New York, Inc. (BFI). Don had done an admirable job for many years, serving nearly 4,100 customers in the town of Bethlehem.

But Don sold his business for compelling reasons. He recognized that the waste services industry is changing rapidly and that the way he conducted his business would be forever altered. He chose BFI, we believe, in part because of the professional way we would serve the customers Don had worked so hard to keep.

"I don't have the capital or the technology to continue changing with the times," he wrote in a farewell letter to his customers. "...I feel that they (BFI) can better serve you, my customer, in the fast changing future."

BFI knew when we acquired Don's routes that we would have to work as hard as Don to keep his customers happy, and that we would be forced to raise collection rates. The pricing structure we inherited contained varying rates for the same service. More importantly, it did not reflect the \$10 per ton rise in fees at the Albany ANSWERS facility that took place earlier this year, nor did it take into account a mandatory recycling program that began January 1, 1989 at the Rupert Rd. Landfill and which will begin February 1 at ANSWERS.

BFI supports recycling. Landfill space is rapidly dwindling in the Capital Region. Without places to dispose of trash, all waste haulers face the prospect of trucking wastes hundreds of miles at up to four times the cost of present disposal.

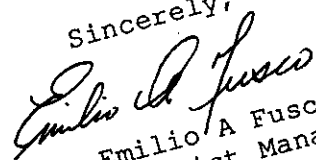
In order to meet the Capital District's recycling needs, BFI has recently spent \$350,000 on specially designed trucks, and \$50,000 for plastic recycling bins that we distribute to customers. BFI also incurs increased transportation and personnel costs as a result of running a second, separate pickup for recyclables.

These are some of the investments that Don Wright didn't have to make. He had two choices; he could have stayed in business, invested a lot of money and raised your rates. Or he could have gotten out of the business—which he did.

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# Bethlehem to form master plan committee

By Mark Stuart

In a move designed to facilitate the development of a townwide comprehensive plan, Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick is expected to formally propose the formation of a comprehensive plan advisory committee after tonight's regular town board meeting.

According to Hendrick, the committee's sole function would be to work on matters related to the Bethlehem Master Plan and would consist of nine members: one town board member, one planning board member, one member from the zoning board of appeals, a representative of the business community, a representative of the development community and three residents, perhaps representatives of neighborhood associations. The ninth member would serve as committee chairman, and Hendrick has

previously suggested the position be filled by the current planning board chairman, Kenneth Ringler.

The proposal for the Master Plan Committee was the result of a meeting between Hendrick, Ringler and town planner Jeff Lipnicky.

According to a Jan. 20 letter sent to members of the town board, the committee would be charged with seven major responsibilities. They are:

- To identify town development and conservation issues of importance to the community.

- To inventory and assess any current weaknesses in the town's development management system and its ability to accommodate future growth.

- To develop and recommend community goals and objectives for land use in the town.

- To develop and recommend policies to implement those community goals and objectives.

- To translate those policies into the town's Master Plan.

- To develop and recommend alternate techniques for implementing the Master Plan.

- To coordinate and provide a mechanism for substantial public input throughout the Master Plan process.

Hendrick stated in the letter that "I believe it is important to have broad-based representation on the committee so that the interests of all segments of the community are heard."

"I also believe it is important that the committee reflect the town geographically so that insight to particular problems in all areas of the town might be gained," he added.

According to Hendrick, any committee expenditure of funds or consultant contracts would remain subject to town board approval.

## GE to aid town history

The General Electric Foundation has announced its plans to donate \$25,000 to the Bethlehem Bicentennial Commission to prepare a history of the town.

Barry Gibbs, plant manager of the General Electric Plastics operation in Selkirk, is scheduled to present the check to Town Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick in a ceremony today, Wednesday, at town hall at 1 p.m. The funds will be used for the town's bicentennial project titled "A History of the Town of Bethlehem."

The presentation will mark the

official kick-off of the town's 1993 Bicentennial Celebration.

During the past four years, General Electric has donated \$100,000 in grants to the town. Four grants, each totaling \$25,000, went to the purchase of a park pavilion at Elm Ave. Park, a Senior Citizens' Services bus, a Senior Citizens' Services van and the Bethlehem Police Department's Mobile Emergency Communication Vehicle.

Today's event will also feature the introduction of the town's Bicentennial Committee, which is

to be chaired by Councilman Sue Ann Ritchko.

Serving on the committee will be Hendrick, Town Historian Valerie Restifo; Floyd Brewer, a leader of the town's Archeology Group; Dom DeCecco, a member of the town planning board; Bob Kerker; Ann Patton; Peter Kermani, president of the board of the Albany Symphony Orchestra; Barbara Meffert; Sue Zick; Claire Ruslander; Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz and Cynthia Wilson. Hendrick and Restifo will be serving outside of their official duties.

## Alleged car thief nabbed

Bethlehem police have charged a 19-year-old Albany man with eight counts of felony grand larceny following an attempted larceny at a Kenaware Ave. home Sunday, Jan. 15.

William Blanchard III, was charged with one count of second-degree burglary in addition to the grand larceny charges stemming from an investigation by the Bethlehem police into several automobile thefts.

Blanchard was detained by a Kenaware Ave. resident after he was found in the garage, police said.

Police said Blanchard told them he had ridden to Bethlehem on a friend's bicycle, which he left in the bushes by a home on Huron Rd. before going to the Kenaware Ave. residence. Blanchard also said he removed some cash and jewelry from a station wagon parked at the home before moving the car to the intersection of

Huron Rd. and Kenaware Ave, police said.

He then returned to the Kenaware Ave. home and was found going through the car in the garage before being confronted by the homeowner, police said.

Blanchard was found to be in possession of four \$1 bills, two sets of keys from the station wagon and a gold Rolex watch, which were identified by the homeowner, police said.

### Hearing set for GE incinerator

A public hearing to discuss a request for state financing in the construction of a \$20 million non-hazardous waste incinerator at the General Electric Selkirk plant has been scheduled for Feb. 15 at 11 a.m. in Room 620 of the of the state Department Environmental Conservation offices, 50 Wolf Rd., Albany.

All interested parties who wish to submit comments, or would like information on the request, should contact Thomas Benware of the the DEC at 457-4222 on or before Feb. 14. Written comments can be submitted prior to the hearing at the Wolf Rd. address.

The request is for a state Environmental Facilities Corporation tax exempt bond issue under the State Environmental Facilities Corporation Act.

Actual operation of the incinerator, after the testing phase, is

## Fatal Fire

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on the scene that Rienow was still in the house. Police said Rienow was found on the floor near the front door and was treated by members of the South Bethlehem Ambulance and transported to Albany Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

Bethlehem police detectives responded to the fire scene, but where unable to complete their investigation due to "prolonged heavy smoke," according to the police report.

The Jericho Bridge has been close since March 1986, when a county engineer's inspection found a hole in the bridge decking. Repair of the bridge is estimated to cost over \$2 million.

Coyne in his "State of the County" address on Jan. 9 reiterated his stance that Conrail is partly responsible for the bridge

repairs. He said the county was responsible for the replacement of the bridge decking and Conrail was responsible for superstructure repairs.

During the address Coyne said: "The county, Conrail and the Town of Bethlehem have been working closely for the past two years seeking funding for the repair of the bridge, including yet another proposal by my office three weeks ago to assist Conrail with their costs, either through a long term loan and/or grant by our local development corporation. We are awaiting a response from Conrail."

Conrail's Albany Division General Manager Paul Carey told *The Spotlight* Monday that he feels "there was a problem at the county level." He said Conrail has made an offer toward the repair of the bridge.

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Cathy Searles (left), Norma Longo and Donna Crisafulli last week were reminding voters in the Ravena school district to get out and vote for the \$9.5-million RCS school bond issue. Lynn Powell

## Budget vote today

Voters in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District will go to the polls Wednesday (today) to decide on a three-proposition bond issue totaling \$9.5 million.

The propositions call for additions to the Becker and Coeymans elementary schools, a new high school library and a high school gym addition. Each building proposition will appear separately on the ballot.

Voting will be from 2 to 9 p.m. at the high school, Rt. 9W in Ravena.

If all three propositions are approved by voters, the 20-year bond issue will cost \$9.5 million and 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. The increase would fall to \$4.34 per \$1,000 by the final year.

New Scotland residents would have an increase of \$17.76 per \$1,000 in the first year decreasing to \$6.64 per \$1,000.

The average cost of the \$9.5 million package in the first year has been estimated at \$60 in all four towns served by the school district.

Voters rejected the same three propositions as a package proposal by 321 votes last October. Sal Prividera Jr.

estimated to begin in July 1989. GE officials have said they intend to build the incinerator to dispose of non-hazardous waste because other forms of solid waste disposal have become too expensive. On-site incineration will lighten the load on municipal landfills, they say.

### Thacher Park hosts festival

The John Boyd Thacher Park will host its winter festival on Sunday, Feb. 5.

The program will begin at 6 a.m. with an ice fishing contest. Other events will include horse-drawn sleigh rides and a cross-country ski workshop.

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## The sky is falling!

Indeed it is; ask Chicken Little, Henny Penny, or Cocky Locky. Ask any of a large number of residents of the Town of Bethlehem.

### Editorials

Chicken Little and friends ran off to tell the king of the looming disaster. Bethlehem readers of *The Spotlight* hurry to their word-processors to warn all others before they hasten to man the gates.

If a supermarket opens as is proposed, along with some other super and residential structures (we are told), it will wreak havoc on a quiet community, make a mockery of zoning and planning efforts, damage property values, create massive traffic congestion, destroy wildlife, attract undesirables, violate historic structures, become a crude copy of Wolf Road, make it unsafe for kids to ride bikes, and perpetrate other excesses reputed to be associated with shopping centers.

Chicken Little, Turkey Lurkey, Goosey Loosey and the others never did get to warn the king about peril. Nor, in fact, did the sky fall.

The moral, perhaps, is that many of our apprehensions, fears, and even our most vivid dreams never do come about. In fact, it appears that many of them don't really exist in the first place.

Perspective and proportion can contribute, often, to sound discussion and sensible decision.

## A role for vision

*The Spotlight* publishes this week a letter from Jeffrey Lipnicky, the director of planning for the Town of Bethlehem, in which he takes issue with an editorial we published on Dec. 14. His extended comments are to be found on this page.

In the interest of clarification, we believe it desirable to briefly summarize what that editorial did say, for it appears that Mr. Lipnicky has misconstrued our words and our intent.

We stated that vision and imagination are high among the critical components of planning. (Mr. Lipnicky writes that our editorial cited these qualities as *the* critical components.)

We stated that such qualities are implicit in the area's planning for its future, and that the *debate* on the Bethlehem Village project dovetails with those observations. (Mr. Lipnicky states, inaccurately, that the editorial found these qualities "reflected in the current BTR rezoning request.")

Mr. Lipnicky ascribes to *The Spotlight* the position "that a community's land-use pattern should develop organically in reaction to the current vision of developers."

Such was not the editorial's language or its intent. The thrust of the editorial was to urge foresight (and courage) in contemplation of, and planning for, all kinds of developments. We also advocated that the delay in the formulation of a "master plan" should not foreclose consideration of "immediate issues" as a community is confronted by them.

In closing, Mr. Lipnicky states that *The Spotlight* criticized the town board for its position on the proposed development. In fact, we are not aware that the board has taken an official position — and this is precisely the point. How can the town government decide whether Bethlehem Village is an appropriate project if the planning board is not given an opportunity to study it?

## Read their lips (but watch their eyes)

"Your lips tell me no-no,  
But there's yes-yes in your eyes!"

So went the song of only a few years back. The lines would have been a good Dukakis riposte during the campaign, but again he missed the ball. Now, the sweet sentiment still holds true as layers of government officials deny that they're raising taxes while they bring forth clever ideas for extracting money from the citizenry.

An active recruit is our governor, and now our county executive figures that he has devised one or two more painless routes for the extraction.

He's proposing that Albany County add another nickel onto existing gasoline taxes, and that a surcharge be placed on telephone bills. Since these would be directed (presumably) to help pay for road repairs and installation of a 911 emergency-call system, they really don't count as taxes, apparently. Perhaps just a little root-canal work, instead of extraction?

The beauty part for the taxpayers is that neither of these "fair and legitimate means to generate needed funds" can be imposed without authorization by the State Legislature. We may, after all, be spared these additional harassments, and businesses may lack another reason for customers to avoid Albany County.

# Lipnicky urges overall plan

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

It was with disappointment that I read the recent *Spotlight* editorial expressing the paper's view on the relationship between current and long-range community planning. In its editorial entitled "20/20 Vision," *The Spotlight* cites vision and imagination as the critical components of the planning process; it finds these qualities reflected in the current BTR rezoning request to establish a mixed-use development along New Scotland Road; and it suggests that the proposal proceed with a view toward the future — unencumbered by preparation of a town master plan. In brief, *The Spotlight's* apparent position is that a community's land-use pattern should develop organically in reaction to the current vision of developers rather than being based in objective research and the long-term vision of the community as a whole.

My purpose here is not to specifically argue for or against Bethlehem Village, or to imply that no rezoning or large-scale development take place until a master plan is complete. If a development proposal is a permitted use under the existing zoning code it must be considered by the town. Likewise, if a rezoning request would result in an obvious benefit to the town with minimal external impact, then in my view it too should be considered. Where I disagree with *The Spotlight* is in its contention that rezoning decisions with potential major land use and traffic implications be made in the absence of an updated overall analysis of future community-resource, land-use, and support-system needs. This is especially disturbing when a development proposal is in direct conflict with existing zoning and in light of the town board's decision to reevaluate, and amend as necessary, current development policy to assure that it remains consistent with, and responsive to, the needs and desire of town residents.

By drawing an analogy between Bethlehem Village and the Route 9W corridor study, and then asking why one, but not the other, should proceed in the absence of a master plan, *The Spotlight* has failed to grasp the distinction between the functions of current and advance planning. The purpose and process associated with each are quite different.

By current planning, I am referring to those activities which are generally limited in geographic scope, initiated by the private development sector, and based in the present. Such activities would include subdivision and site-plan review, rezoning petitions, variance requests, and small-area studies to resolve immediate problems.

From the perspective of the municipality, this type of planning is reactive because it is primarily driven by the developer. The plan from concept through design and implementation is that of the developer and his architectural/engineering consultant. Although a municipality can effect a certain degree of change in a plan, this ability is often constrained by the presence of code requirements which may be ill-suited to a particular project, the absence of code requirements which might be better suited, legally established time limits on review, limited personnel resources and expertise,

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and the volume of plans which must be processed. Consequently, municipal planning in such instances becomes focused at the site scale and the principal role becomes that of reviewing the work of others for technical and aesthetic merit, adherence to code and accepted standards, and integration with adjoining infrastructure.

In brief, the focus is on design rather than planning *per se*, and on identification of direct externalities created by a project. What follows are requirements placed upon the developer to mitigate project impacts to the extent practical. Actual planning is largely confined to management of a developer's action to assure that the site scale plan is consistent with then-existing long-range plans for community growth. Bethlehem Village is planning of this type.

In contrast to current planning, advance planning is generally driven by the community, encompasses a much broader geographic area, and is undertaken with a view toward the future. Such activities might include policy analysis, the preparation of long-range plans for land use or transportation, or development of strategies to preserve the important natural and historic resources of the community. The purpose is to *objectively* identify the long-term needs and goals of the community and to provide the mechanisms by which these needs and goals can be satisfied.

In terms of land development, advance planning begins with analysis of the current condition of the community — its natural resources, existing development pattern, infrastructure capabilities, and so on. Trends are projected to determine where the community is heading in the absence of intervention. Public input is solicited to identify those issues of importance. Linkages between

transport, land use, utility, and natural resource systems are analyzed to suggest an efficient pattern for future development that is consistent with the community's vision of what it wishes to become.

One outcome is the establishment of the guidance systems — be they zoning, a capital improvements program, an official map of future transportation paths, or other means to manage the direction of growth. These serve as the framework within which current planning can operate toward public as well as private sector ends. The Route 9W corridor study is planning of this type. It is municipally directed planning for the purpose of guiding future private development action.

Few could disagree with the proposition that an additional supermarket would be a welcome addition to Bethlehem, and the Bethlehem Village site may very well be an appropriate location for such a venture. Many, however, have serious reservations about the scale of the project and the consequent implications for land use and transportation in the area. In my view, the issues raised by a rezoning request of this magnitude are better addressed in the context of advance rather than current planning.

Not only are vision and imagination critical components of the planning process, probably more important are independent research, method, application of planning principles, and public participation. It is these elements that contribute to an understanding of a community's needs and desires, and from which vision and imagination flow.

In criticizing the town board for its position on Bethlehem Village, *The Spotlight* has apparently confused the concept of vision with that of current opportunity. The two are not necessarily compatible.

Jeffrey Lipnicky

Delmar

## A middle school needed

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On Jan. 10 I attended a PTSA meeting at Voorheesville Elementary School to hear an update on recent board of education initiatives with regard to reconstruction alternatives for the school district.

I was extremely disappointed to hear that the middle school concept appears to have been rejected by the board and may not be put before the public for consideration.

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UNCLE DUDLEY

## Moderation ... no vice?

Not feeling well enough acquainted with the history of the lands which gave America most of our institutions and fundamental traditions, I borrowed within the fortnight the first volume of Thomas Babington Macaulay's *History of England*. Before you tune out, bear with me for a few moments and you may read some little items of current interest.

First, let me mention Archibald Campbell, ninth earl of Argyll. He was about 30 years of age when his father was beheaded, for purported collaboration with Oliver Cromwell's Puritan Roundheads, at the time of the monarchy's Restoration in 1660. For the next two decades in the reign of King Charles II, the ninth earl's deportment (as described by Macaulay) was "criminally moderate."

What a wonderful term! His opposition to persecution of the Scots was "languid and cautious." Think of the moderate, cautious people you've known who accepted positions of responsibility but instead gave themselves languid comfort . . . who resisted change and the uncertainty of the unexplored, to whom taking a chance was anathema. Macaulay's glowingly graphic word for them may be more excessive than moderate — but not criminally so.

Let us pass along to the three-year reign of James II, and consider his turbulent relations with the House of Commons. One of the leaders there was Edward Seymour, a skilled debater long a member of the House who had

held other high office and had sat in the cabinet.

Macaulay observes:

"In every (parliamentary body) a member who unites eloquence, knowledge, and habits of business to opulence and illustrious descent, must be highly considered." In the unique times then prevailing, "the influence of such a man (Seymour) was peculiarly formidable. . . ."

**'He was too proud to be polite but not too proud to take illicit gain'**

"Weight of moral character was indeed wanting in Edward Seymour. He was licentious, profane, corrupt, too proud to behave with common politeness, yet not too proud to pocket illicit gain. But he was so useful as an ally, and so mischievous an enemy, that he was frequently courted even by those who most detested him."

That, of course, has no contemporary meaning, I know of no one whose life would warrant such a eulogy.

King James — soon after the sudden death of his brother Charles — found his treasury afflicted with the shorts, and he informed Commons "that his brother had left some debts, and that the stores of the navy and ordnance were nearly exhausted."

It was promptly resolved that

new revenues would have to be found. "The person on whom devolved the task of devising ways and means was Sir Dudley North, . . . one of the ablest men of his time; with his rare mental endowments were joined lax principles and an unfeeling heart. As sheriff, his juries had never failed to find verdicts of guilty; and, on a day of judicial butchery, carts loaded with the legs and arms of quartered Whigs were driven to his house for orders. His services had been rewarded with the honor of knighthood."

And how did this efficient paragon determine the best way to raise money for the king's needs?

"It was speedily determined that part of the sum should be raised by laying an additional impost on wine and vinegar, but something more than this was needed. Dudley North's plan was that additional duties should be placed on sugar and tobacco. A great clamor was raised, but North's ready wit and perfect knowledge of trade prevailed against all opposition.

"His plan was adopted; and thus the crown was in possession of a clear income of about nineteen hundred thousand pounds, derived from England alone. Such an income was then more than sufficient for the support of the government in time of peace."

How successful can we expect that the Sir Dudleys of today will be, with their demands for "additional imposts and duties" (not taxes!) to satisfy the government's appetite?

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## Reagan: a posterior view

Some of the very best reading I've done lately (apart from the Isaac Asimov "letter" that crowded Constant Reader off this page last week) was the long review that appeared in *The New Yorker* encapsulating seven books about the Reagan presidency by administration insiders.

The review (which I estimate to be about 20,000 words) was done skillfully and compellingly by Frances Fitzgerald, whom many of you will remember as the author of *Fire in the Lake* (and other writing about Southeast Asia) more than a decade ago.

She has read diligently in volumes by Regan, Speakes, Deaver, Haig, Stockman, Terrel Bell, and Martin Anderson, and from them distilled a telling portrait of how things were done in and around the White House for the past eight years.

"Read one by one," she observes, "most of these books will disappoint a reader; read together, however, they create a fascinating new picture of the Regan administration. . . . These men inhabited different areas of the administration, and some of them detested each other. Yet, unreliable or contradictory as they sometimes are in detail, they are clearly describing the same thing; namely, one of the oddest administrations in American history."

Here's a quite fascinating view of President Reagan at work. The scenario is from the Donald Regan book, via the Fitzgerald translation: "What the President wanted from

his chief of staff was not a discussion of what was to be done but a daily schedule, he followed it scrupulously. He was never late for an appointment; he never allowed any discussion to run beyond its allotted time; and in the evenings he never failed to deal with all the papers he took with him. But once he had completed an assignment he seemed to lose interest in it. Larry Speakes thought that the President was 'too much of a good guy'; typically, he never complained about the schedule. 'They tell me what to do,' he said once in Speakes' hearing. 'Each morning I get a piece of paper that tells me

**President regarded daily schedule as 'a shooting script'**

what I do all day long.'

"Regan came to see that, given the habits of a lifetime, the President regarded the schedule as 'something like a shooting

script' — in which the characters came and went and the plot was advanced one day at a time, though not necessarily in chronological order."

Fitzgerald, in conclusion: "Martin Anderson speaks of Regan as an 'ancient king'; Stockman says he is like a 'ceremonial monarch.' In these books, however, he resembles not Louis XIV, as Regan imagines, or a 'Turkish pasha,' as Anderson does, but rather the elegant, slim-waisted boy-king Tutankhamun . . . who calls the sun up in the morning."

This article appeared in *The New Yorker's* issue of Jan. 16, so it's now out of date and off the racks in your drug store or newsstand. But you can still find it in the libraries, or probably a friend has a copy still around in case you're not a subscriber or an occasional purchaser. I am not an advocate of everything that *The New Yorker* publishes, but this article is worthwhile by any standard of quality reading.

### Words for the week

**Riposte:** A fencer's quick return thrust following a parry; a retaliatory verbal sally; a retort.

**Languid:** Drooping or flagging from, or as if from, exhaustion; weak; sluggish in character or disposition; sluggish; lacking force or quickness or movement.

**Encapsulate:** To enclose in, or as if in, a capsule; to condense or epitomize.

## Abandon provincialism!

This Point of View guest editorial was delivered as a year-end speech by the president and chief executive officer of KeyCorp, and is published with his permission.

Point of View

By Victor J. Riley, Jr.

I want to speak today about unprecedented opportunity.

Have you ever stopped to think that, happily enough for us, there are thousands of people arriving at our airport daily? That means thousands of opportunities to make a good impression. Sadly, though, I believe we are missing that opportunity. I've traveled this country coast to coast. I've been in airports here and abroad. Albany is a major city in our country and even though our airport serves a vast regional area, it is one of our country's poorest. Frankly, we deserve better. The wheels are in motion to provide us with better — we all together need the fortitude, will, intelligence, and persistence to see major airport improvements through to a quick conclusion.

On another subject, nearby is a controversial construction project — The Knickerbocker Arena. The arena could be either the biggest white elephant we could ever be saddled with, or it could be a magnet attracting attention and spreading the word about Albany to the whole northeast. So far, the ledger is out of balance on the problem side — the newspapers are replete with stories about contract disputes and cost overruns. The civic center idea originally, as best I can recall, was announced as a possible \$11 million project. It became, when pencil was put to paper, a \$35 million project. According to the press, that number has skyrocketed to \$65.4 million, and will go higher. We are obligated to be sure that that kind of an investment succeeds.

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Clearly, we have major problems in the Capital District. Could these, and other such regional issues, have been avoided, and is there a cure? Let's consider some solutions.

First, our whole country is mired in overlapping layers of government. In addition to the 50 state governments, there are over 3,000 county and over 80,000 local government entities. That's more than 83,000 separate structures of government to rule American citizens.

In the Capital District this problem seems amplified. We've got the major cities of Albany, Schenectady, and Troy located just within a radius of about 10 miles, yet there is no significant intercity or inter-county cooperation on joint ventures, with the exception of the C.D.T.A. Too much parochialism has been pinpointed as one of the major shortcomings of this region. Local cities, towns, and counties are concerned

**'We should work with state government to create an oversight for the arena'**

with only their own welfare, and they do not look beyond to the bigger regional picture. In fact, there is often a self-defeating competitive attitude among local governments where there should be cooperation.

Regional alliances can work. For example, the Twin City area encompassing Minneapolis and St. Paul has what is described as the nation's most promising effort at regional cooperation. A Metropolitan Council was established in 1967 to deal with the planning of a metropolitan area covering seven counties, 188 cities and towns, 3,000 square miles, and a population of over two million people.

The council is authorized by state and federal laws to plan for regional systems involving airports, parks, highways, solid-waste management, aging, health, transit, sewers, air and water quality, land use, arts, and housing. The council is a unique form of government existing somewhere between state and local governments, with accountability to the state. The concept works, as this region in Minnesota has successfully achieved a coherent regional strategy that has promoted vibrant and vigorous economic growth. There is absolutely no reason why a variation of this idea couldn't work for us.

Operating in tandem with the concept of regional synergy is the need for private and public sector cooperation. On a national level, there is a growing recognition that the public and private sectors need to collaborate in the resolution of various community issues that used to be considered solely a government responsibility. Many successful public-private partnerships have been formed.

Since 1980 we've been witnessing stronger corporate involvement in public affairs and find that, while government can stimulate or discourage efforts, it is private individuals, groups, and businesses who can get the job done.

Business communities are assisting local governments in the overall management of the cities and are providing leadership for private-sector alternatives which can significantly reduce the growth and cost of government in every local area. That relieves the strain on taxpayers, thereby freeing up more money to reinvest, creating new economic growth, and providing more jobs. And, maybe most importantly, that kind of cooperation encourages our elected officials who deserve our support. If we need to attract talented people to government, supporting them after they're elected is one way to do it.

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# Matters of Opinion

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In light of the particular developmental needs and emotional stages which young children have and experience during the "middle school years," I believe it is a mistake for our board and for our community to not reconsider its present evaluation of the need for a middle school.

The middle school concept is well established and recognized in progressive, modern-day educational thinking. Our neighboring

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towns have accepted and implemented the concept, leaving Voorheesville behind the times.

I urge all parents with children in the elementary school, including kindergarten, to attend the Voorheesville Board of Education meeting in February and let the board hear our opinion that we expect Voorheesville to offer our

children educational opportunities which will enhance their emotional and educational development.

A progressive and enthusiastic school system is good for the community, is essential to the children, enhances local property values, and would make Voorheesville an even more desirable place in which to raise a family.

Dean S. Sommer

Voorheesville

## Development is opposed

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are writing to express our concern with the regional shopping complex proposed by BTR Realty Inc. As a Bethlehem resident, I am opposed to this project because of the adverse impact that it will have on our community. We hope that you will oppose this project when it is presented for your consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mirabile  
Delmar

## Provincialism

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our governments fiscally sound and responsible, and we all want the educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities that make life richer and more rewarding.

When a business chooses a location, it evaluates the viability of the community, as reflected in the quality of life. It seeks communities that care about the future, considering such matters as quality of education, transportation, roads, health care, and the arts. Business is an integral part of society and employees are part of the community. Therefore, business must share its goals and share the work of achieving them.

Chambers of commerce are becoming more active entities and are more issue-oriented. However, in the Capital District we once again see an example of our parochialism.

Within just the four counties of Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, and Saratoga, we have eight chambers of commerce. I ask you, would it not be beneficial to form one regional unit to act toward common goals?

A step in the right direction is the formation of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce's Center for Economic Growth. Its goal is to help entice new business to the area, and it is currently working on projects to improve the airport, recommend highway and transportation improvements, and create marketing tools to enhance the image of the region. This is a perfect example of public-private partnerships, as a major fund-raising effort for this center last year was supported by business, raising more than \$1 million.

As we begin a new year, I implore you to take a good look at our area, speak up, and become involved in the issues. Let's become vocal in demanding a solution to improve our airport. Let's be vocal about the need to work with state government to establish an oversight authority empowered to administer the Knickerbocker Arena and turn a perceived problem into an opportunity. Let's be vocal about working together through our local chambers of commerce to begin a study for the consolidation of the chambers as well as the functions of governments in our region. And, I personally will become involved in this issue.

I urge you to think regionally, abandon the scourge of provincialism, and work together to promote the growth of the entire Capital District. To reach this end, we must educate, motivate, and lead our community a better place in which to live and work.

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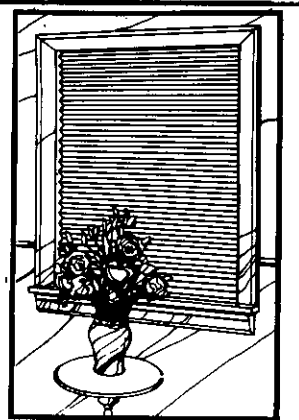
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# Your Opinion Matters

## On BC's proposed bond issue

### Bond issue importance for handicapped cited

Editor, The Spotlight:

The executive board of the Bethlehem Support Group for the Parents of Handicapped Children asks that district residents vote "yes" on the proposed Bethlehem Central School District bond issue on Feb. 15.

The landmark Education of All Handicapped Children Act in 1975 and subsequent laws made it possible for children with special needs to be a significant part of the public education system in a way not possible before. The dream was to have each child going to school with friends and neighbors while receiving appropriate services.

Many of us bought homes in the Bethlehem school district because we wanted a quality education for our children. Those who had children with special needs chose the district because of its reputation for providing the services necessary to meet our children's needs. While the district's reputation has been deserved, the time has come to prepare the facilities to meet not only current needs but those of the next decade and beyond.

As a member of the Facilities and Enrollment Task Force, I visited a number of schools and saw how hard the staff had worked to provide the necessary space for our children's services. I also saw that all the bright paint in the world will not put a window in a converted janitor's closet or create a room for a physical therapist who is now working in a backstage area. As parents we know how often we have been asked to agree to the busing of our children to distant schools in other districts where special-education classes are available.

Unlike other districts, Bethlehem has faced up to these problem areas and begun to act. The district now directly provides three programs and rents space to seven more BOCES programs. The proposed bond issue would enable the district to create one special-education classroom in each elementary school to replace the current clustering of classes

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in Clarksville and to reduce the need for busing vulnerable children long distances. Most importantly, it would enable our children to attend school within their neighborhoods where they can make friends for after school and for life. Additional alterations to the elementary schools will create appropriate resource rooms and facilities for testing, conferences, and related services such as speech therapy.

The bond issue will enable the district to meet the needs of the coming generation of children, including those with special needs. Quality education needs quality facilities to be fully effective. We know how crucial quality education is to the future not only of our children but to the quality of life in our community. Vote "yes" for the bond issue and for a quality future. Ask your friends and neighbors to join in insuring continued excellence in education.

Anyone interested in learning more about the bond issue and its provisions benefitting special education services is welcome to attend the Feb. 7 meeting of the Bethlehem Parent Support Group at 7:30 p.m. at the Board of Education offices at 90 Adams Place in Delmar

*Marcia Roth, William Hornick, Margret Ingalls, Gail Moon, George Laidlaw, Peggy Mull*  
Clarksville

### Glenmont PTA urges bond issue approval

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Central school board has put before the voters a "School Improvement Loan," in the form of an \$11.6 million bond issue. The Glenmont Elementary School PTA enthusiastically supports the board in this endeavor and urges the community to vote "yes."

Bethlehem is booming — our schools have simply run out of room to serve the increased number of students and programs. We need new classrooms and

essential improvements at each district school. We believe that the proposed bond issue meets those needs while being fiscally responsible to the taxpayers.

Over 70 percent will be allocated to building new classrooms at the elementary level. It will provide for one special-education classroom in each elementary school, thus allowing perhaps our most vulnerable children to attend school within their own neighborhoods, as do their friends. The proposed bond issue will also provide for necessary improvements to the libraries at six of our seven schools. Challenge, art, and music classes will be given the priority they need and deserve. Athletic fields and roofs will be renovated.

In sum, our school facilities will be restored to the same high quality which Bethlehem residents have demanded of their schools over the past years. The outstanding quality of the schools was the main reason most of us chose Bethlehem as the community in which we would live and raise our families. The quality of life here is a reflection of that high quality. We need this bond issue to maintain that high quality. An endorsement of the bond issue is an investment in our town and its future, not only an endorsement of our schools.

We urge residents to vote "Yes" on Feb. 15.

*Mary Ellen Carpenter*  
President

Glenmont Elementary School PTA



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# Matters of Opinion

## What shopping center means for nearby roads

Editor, The Spotlight:

This responds to several Vox Pop contributors who have noted the paucity of information available for making informed decisions on the BTR-Price Chopper proposal.

The following data from the Bethlehem Traffic Study Report prepared by Vollmer Associates in 1985, supplemented by personal observation, may help fill the gap. I have selected approximately six miles of major town roads that were studied by Vollmer and would be directly affected by the proposed BTR-Price Chopper complex on New Scotland Rd.

The two miles of Kenwood Ave. from the Delmar Four Corners to the Route 140/Cherry Ave. intersection, according to my observation, includes 95 residential drive-

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ways (mostly backout, or one-lane driveways), 12 intersecting streets, and six multiple-vehicle parking areas. This two-lane Delmar facility was cited in the Vollmer Report as accommodating an average of 8,900 daily vehicle trips per year. Based on increasing traffic volumes, the report suggested that "from a design/planning point of view, roadways carrying more than 10-12,000 vehicles per day should be designed as four-lane facilities." (On Delaware Ave., the report acknowledged the need for a four-lane roadway between Elsmere Ave. and the Four Corners, but it ducked the question of what to do about the underpass and Four

Corner bottlenecks.)

• Eight-tenths of a mile of Cherry Ave. from Delaware Ave. to the Rt. 140/Kenwood Ave. stop light takes in 82 backout driveways, six intersecting streets and four multiple parking areas. Vollmer reported that 5,200 vehicles daily traverse this two-lane roadway, but estimated that traffic could reach 9,100 daily trips given future highway improvements within Bethlehem. The report neglected to mention how 18-wheel car carriers are impacting on this neighborhood and changing Elm and Cherry avenues into Bethlehem's first beltway.

• Two and a half miles of New Scotland Rd. from the Rt. 85 and 85A junction in New Scotland to the Rt. 140/New Scotland Rd. stop light include 85 backout driveways, 19 intersecting streets, and 12 multiple parking areas. An estimated 9,600 vehicles pass the Slingerlands Post Office each day. Vollmer reported that with increasing traffic volume "geometric improvements will be

required on New Scotland Rd. to provide adequate sight distances and perhaps separate running lanes." Again, the report ducked the railroad underpass.

• Six-tenths of a mile of New Scotland Rd. lies between the Rt. 140/New Scotland Rd. and the Blue Cross-Blue Shield stop lights. According to Vollmer, this segment carries 14,600 vehicles daily and may carry up to 20,600 vehicles with future highway improvements. Hence, there is good reason for extending the Slingerlands Bypass to meet the Rt. 140 Bypass. However, to the north the two two-lane bridges spanning the Normanskill would remain a bottleneck.

Enter BTR-Price Chopper. They propose to extend the Rt. 140 Bypass northwesterly and then parallel to the existing six-tenths of a mile stretch of New Scotland Rd. In all, the proposed extension may approximate a mile in length. The developers are prepared to spend \$2,500,000 (about \$471 per foot) to

complete the extension. This would reduce traffic on the parallel stretch of New Scotland Rd., provide alternate routing for some 20,600 vehicles and attract several thousand more vehicles to the commercial complex each day.

Undoubtedly, developers must factor in high traffic volume as a condition for investment. Concerned residents believe that increased traffic may further strain Tri-Village roads and residential areas. Both are reasonable positions. But should we not question the corporate wisdom that proposes development of a commercial complex bottlenecked by two-lane bridges, a railroad underpass and fed by mostly residential roadways?

Could it be that our state, county, town and railroad administrators are prepared to fund local road and bridge improvements to ensure the economic viability of a private-sector enterprise?

Could it be that Price Chopper's ultimatum of "all-or none" might stampede Bethlehem residents into



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# Your Opinion Matters

## Moratorium suggested

queuing up to approve the proposal?

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Obviously, more information is needed. But given the facts as we now know them, one wonders whether the juice may be worth the squeeze.

Joseph M. Loudis

### Stop signs in place; thanks are offered

Editor, The Spotlight:

After eight months, numerous meetings, near-rejection, and lots of discussion, the STOP signs requested by the citizens of the South Bethlehem for Willowbrook Avenue were erected on Dec. 23. It was a great Christmas present and one that has already been useful. After some initial confusion, people are stopping, traffic is slower, and it appears that fewer cars come down this residential street.

As one of the advocates for this sign, I would like to thank the members of the town board, the traffic safety committee, and town officials for their diligence and concern in this matter. To other communities with issues, I urge you to use your town government to resolve them. It took longer than we expected and stretched our patience, but was worthwhile.

Richard T. Pulice

South Bethlehem

### Thoughtfulness appreciated

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all who attended the benefit held in my honor on Jan. 14.

My neighbors, friends and fellow firefighters have brought a new meaning to the phrase "Love Thy Neighbor," and I will be forever grateful.

Special thanks to Mrs. Clara Appleby and the entire Hendrickson family for all they did to organize and arrange the benefit, and for their love and support over these long months of my recuperation.

Words can not express what a warm feeling it is to know that people really care.

Randy Jeune and Family  
Clarksville

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have sent the following letter to Supervisor Hendrick and other Bethlehem Town Board Members:

Demonstrating responsible government, the Town of Bethlehem has wisely committed itself to the development of a master plan. With the planning staff and \$125,000 in the budget now in place, it is time to turn concept into creation, by beginning the planning process — with a first step being a public hearing on the planning process to be used for the master plan.

In addition to master planning, there is another "M" word — Moratorium — that deserves our serious consideration at this time. In the same way that a moratorium was adopted by the town board for the Route 9 corridor during the comprehensive planning project for that area, it may be a good policy choice for the board during the development and adoption of a town-wide master plan. For the welfare of the town, this notion at the very least deserves rigorous discussion because any development approvals or actions which occur during the time it takes to complete the master plan may be irreversible, and in direct conflict with the plan's recommendations.

To deal with these two critical issues head on — master plan and moratorium — I ask that the town board continue its leadership in working with residents and business persons, by directing that a public hearing be conducted to discuss these two related issues — as soon as possible!

We all should recognize by this time that the alternative, the unacceptable alternative to town-wide comprehensive planning is a narrowly focused, issue-by-issue, development-by-development approach for deciding our town's future.

Clearly, a master plan and the process leading to the plan, will

not resolve all planning and development issues, or eliminate all controversy regarding this issue (nor should it!). Nor will it ensure that planning and zoning mistakes will not occur in the future — they surely will. What the master plan will do — through an important blend of professional planning expertise and rigorous involvement of people interested in our town for residential, commercial, and recreational purposes — is to let us impact the big picture regarding such things as the location of major road systems, the use of our remaining open space for various types of residential and commercial development, and the preservation of some of the town's significant recreational, historic, and green spaces.

Planning continues to be the most visible and volatile issue in the Town of Bethlehem — as evidenced by its frequency on the town board agenda and editorials and letters in *The Spotlight*. And, comprehensive planning is needed to help guide our future development decisions. A prime example of the public interest in planning, and the need for a master plan, is the Bethlehem Village complex, the BTR development which would include 313,000 square feet of retail space including a Price Chopper, plus office buildings, residential space, and a major road. Interest in this project has been strong. Sentiment has been voiced to: a) build the project, b) don't build the project, c) build the project on a smaller scale, and d) build the project somewhere else.

Personally, I do not believe anyone has enough information about how the land in our town should be developed, yes, to the benefit of all the town's people, to fully support any of these alternatives. I commend your recently published comments and those of other town board members, calling for a master

plan before such a large project (Bethlehem Village) is considered. But our concerns and reason for action should extend beyond the Bethlehem Village. The quality of life in our town in the future, its overall economic health, and the value of property is just as delicately hinged to the impact of other proposed developments. At the present time 20 developments totaling more than 2,500 dwelling units are in some stage of planning process in the Town of Bethlehem. This is about a 25 percent increase over the current housing stock and would result in another 6,000-7,000 people with an impact on town services, traffic, new roads, lost open space, etc.

To summarize, bold leadership on the town board's part would involve:

- Master Planning — The town board should follow-up immediately on the commitment it made in the 1989 budget to use the \$125,000 appropriated to begin the development of master plan. To this end, the town board should establish a schedule for a public hearing on the master planning process.

Now, in my view it is not the best policy to invest money and time on planning at the same time that irreversible changes and plans for change to the land are occurring — if this situation is avoidable, and it may be avoidable through a moratorium.

- Moratorium — I have not previously advocated a moratorium on a town-wide basis. The necessary prerequisite actions and commitments were not in place to allow a responsible discussion about a moratorium,


particularly given the legal implications. However, the time is now right to discuss this issue.

There is a legal question of whether a specific moratorium will be upheld if challenged in the courts. Generally the courts support moratoriums if they meet several tests:

- There is a specific expiration date;
- The building ban is for a short time, measured by a goal to be accomplished;
- A change in land-use plans is under consideration, which developers may attempt to avoid by speedy construction if a moratorium is not enacted;
- The advantages to the community outweigh the landowners' hardships.

The town attorney, planning board attorney, and town planner are in the best position to determine if a moratorium seems reasonable from a legal point of view, but it certainly seems worthy of *discussing*. Further, the concept of a moratorium should not be considered in a negative sense or absolutely rigid. In East Greenbush, for instance, the town government is seriously considering legislation that would limit development for one year while a consultant reviews land-use regulations. Although not a full moratorium, the regulation to be considered at a public hearing on Jan. 25 would prohibit approval of cluster developments and residential subdivisions of more than 20 units, require 35 percent of any parcel to be set aside as green-space and ban rezoning, land use variances, and special use permits.

Samuel E. Messina  
Bethlehem Citizens for  
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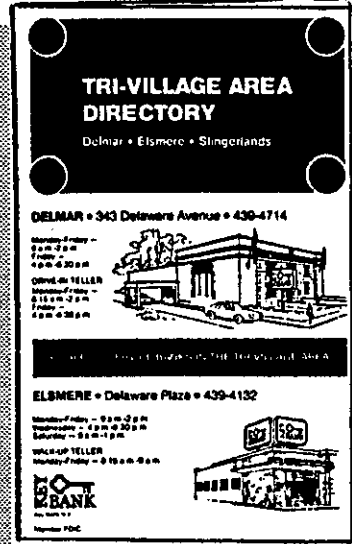
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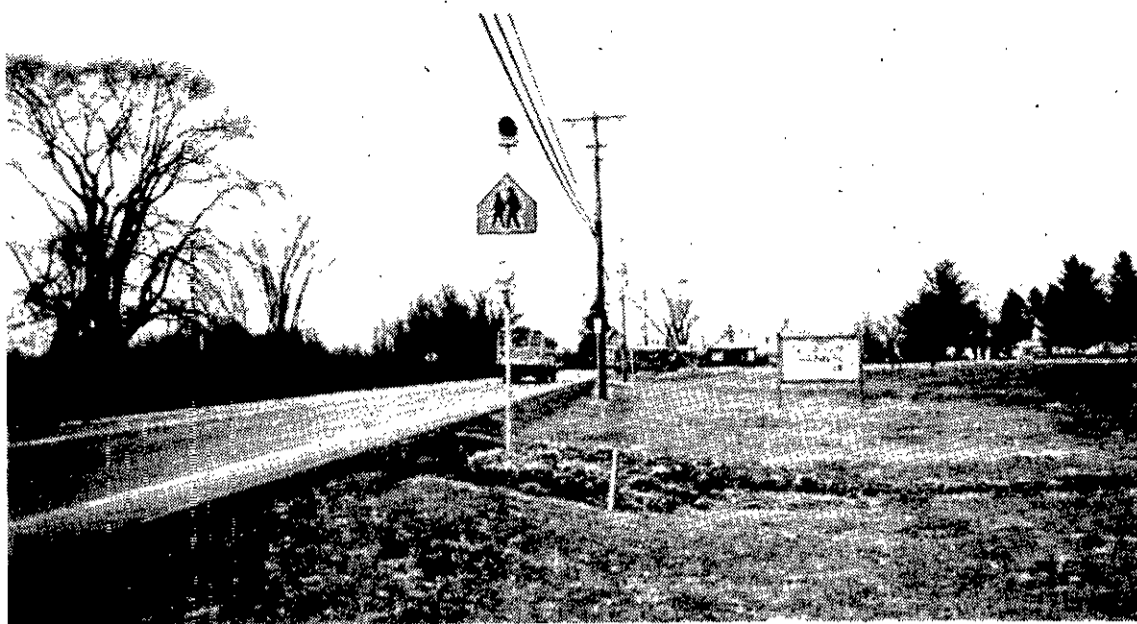
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Warning lights and signs were in place in front of the Glenmont Elementary School on Rt. 9W Friday, bringing to an end the longtime crusade by residents and parents to have the safety lights put up. The lights

and signs were purchased at an estimated cost of \$5,000 by the Town of Bethlehem and approval was given last fall by the state Department of Transportation.

Patricia Mitchell

## Somerset Woods hearing held

A public hearing on the Morache-Keneally Development Corporation's proposed Somerset Woods subdivision was held before the Bethlehem Planning Board last Tuesday night. Some 59 single-family houses have been proposed for the AA-Residential site off Wemple Road.

Lindsay Boutelle, an engineer representing the developer, said an undisturbed or limited use area would be left near the Dowerskill. He noted that none of the streets would be directly opposite to any of the streets from Chadwick Square. Boutelle said the lots near Wemple Road would be well above the minimum 10,500 square feet required in an AA zone. He pointed out that the revised plan showed tree plantings along Wemple Road. He said the developer is not in agreement with the suggestion that a conservation easement be granted unless the town is willing to take responsibility for the trees.

Kenneth Ringler, board chairman, said the idea of a conservation easement needed more review by the planning department and the legal department. "I don't know how far government should go with this," he said. Ringler said he had a problem with telling someone he could not cut down a tree in his yard.

Board Member William Johnston said he thought a person who spent \$200,000 to \$300,000 on a house would protect his property. According to the developer, the houses will range from \$180,000 to \$200,000 or more.

One resident, who cited insufficient information regarding project's fiscal impact, tax benefits and cost of services,

spoke in opposition to the proposal.

Regarding an unrelated matter, the board instructed the Klersy Building Corp., developer of the nine-lot, proposed Westchester Woods Ext. 2 subdivision on Elm Ave. and Axbridge Lane to submit a plan showing four lots with driveways on Elm Avenue. The town decided against a cul-de-sac for the site because of maintenance problems. Boutelle, who was speaking for the developer, said the cul-de-sac was a \$40,000 item and the developer did not want it if the town did not.

In other business, the board:

- Regretfully acknowledged the resignation of Warren Kullman. "We as a board regret his resignation and thank him for his service," said Ringler.

- Welcomed Marcia Nelson to another term on the board. The board also welcomed Dominick J. DeCecco to his first term on the board.

- Approved a 30-day extension for further review of SEQR information submitted for the proposed Cedar Ridge subdivision at Orchard St. and Fisher Blvd.

- Approved an extension on time for consideration of the proposed three-lot subdivision of lands of Caccamo on Kenwood Ave.

- Instructed Michael Albano to submit information on easements to ensure property near the proposed Lion Hill subdivision on Route 144 will not be landlocked. Ringler said the proposal will be considered again at the board's next meeting.

The next meeting of the Bethlehem Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

### Business women meet for dinner

The Bethlehem Business Women will hold their monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m. at the Albany Motor Inn.

Noreen Giaccone and Grace Gentner will hold a pound sale during the evening. Each member is asked to bring a pound of something wrapped as a gift with a small price tag on the bottom.

### Project WILD workshop scheduled

Five Rivers Environmental Education Department will offer a Project WILD teacher workshop on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar.

The program is designed to aid teachers and youth leaders in wildlife instruction. For information call 453-1806.

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### Rape crisis center seeks volunteers

The Albany County Rape Crisis Center is looking for volunteers to staff its 24-hour hotline, and to provide legal and medical information to victims of sexual assault. Training classes will be held during the evening.

For information call 447-7100.

### Mendlesohn Club to hold sing-along

The Mendlesohn Club of Albany will hold its spring "Sing-in/Sing-along" for prospective members on Wednesday, Jan. 25, and Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Fourth Presbyterian Church at 916 Western Ave., Albany. All men with an interest in choral singing are invited to attend. Formal auditions will be held after Feb. 8.

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# Little league registration set

## Little League registration opens

The Hudson Valley Little League will hold registration at the clubhouse in Ravena on Jan. 28 and Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Little League registration is open to any boy or girl who will be 6 years old before Aug. 1 but not older than 13 by Aug. 1. Any girl who is at least 6 years but not yet 16 years by Aug. 1 may register to play softball. New players must bring birth certificates. A registration fee is required. For information call Michael Currey at 767-9673.

## Communion breakfast

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church will host a pre-Lent communion breakfast for the RCS Association of Churches on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 7 a.m. Reservations may be made by calling the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church or another area church by Feb. 2.

## News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Cheryl Clary 767-2373



## Fire company seeking members

The Selkirk Fire Company No. 1 is seeking new members. Applicants must be at least 18 years old. If you're not afraid to take a little heat, call or stop by the firehouse.

## Book fair preview planned

Book fair parent browsing night, sponsored by the Ravena Coeymans PTO, will be held at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School on Feb. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. All area parents are invited to preview the books that will be available to their children during the book fair on Feb. 13 through 17.

## Student artists honored

David Schwartz and Rebecca Hotaling have been named "Artists of the Month" for December at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School. David created a ceramic mask. Rebecca wrote a New Year's poem, and designed and illustrated a calendar for 1989. Both are fourth grade students.

## Polls open today

The revote on the proposed Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school building bond will be held today (Wednesday) from 2 until 9 p.m. District residents who are 18 years or older may vote at RCS Senior High School. Residents do not have to be a registered voters to vote on the bond. The Becker PTA, the Ravena Coeymans PTO and the RCS Sports Association have all endorsed approval of the bond and urged district residents to vote.



Shirley Salisbury of Voorheesville receives two tickets to Sunday's Super Bowl XXIII in Miami from Matte Mead, manager of Curtis Lumber's Delmar store. Salisbury's name was selected from over 5,000 entries in the Curtis Lumber Super Bowl Sweepstakes. The trip included airfare and hotel accommodations.

Thea Favaloro

# Jury finds officer innocent

By Sal Prividera Jr.

A Bethlehem police officer facing charges of civil rights violations and malicious prosecution was found innocent in a Federal District Court trial in Binghamton on Friday.

The federal jury unanimously acquitted Officer Timothy Beebe of the civil charges brought against him by Bethlehem resident Richard Wickham, whom Beebe arrested on Apr. 21, 1984 for driving while intoxicated, said John H. Pennock Jr., attorney representing the town.

Civil charges were also filed by Wickham against the Town of Bethlehem, Police Chief Paul Currie, Detective John Cox, Officers Wayne LaChappelle and James Kerr as well as Cathy Cooke, a civilian dispatcher. Pennock said those charges, which included violations of civil rights, perjury, intentional infliction of emotional harm and conspiracy, were withdrawn before the jury selection because there was "no evidence."

The charges remained against Beebe due to the "pure question of fact" on the issue of whether Beebe had probable cause to make the arrest, Pennock said. Pennock is a member of the law firm

Horigan, Horigan, Pennock and Lombardo of Amsterdam.

"We're very pleased with the outcome... it's been very difficult for all six people involved," said Currie on Monday. He said he was also "pleased that it came out that what we did was right according to proper procedure."

According to Pennock, the arrest of Wickham for DWI occurred at 12:45 a.m. on Apr. 21, 1984, on Kenwood Ave., adding that Wickham claimed that Beebe lacked probable cause for making the arrest, Pennock said. Wickham agreed to take a breathalyzer test, but refused to remove his dentures before taking the test, claiming it would be an embarrassment, the lawyer said. The officers then took Wickham's action to be a refusal of the breathalyzer test, which under state law results in an automatic driver's license suspension, he said, adding that the officers told Wickham that his actions were being interpreted as a refusal.

Wickham was found innocent of DWI in criminal court, but not before he was without his license for 10 months, Pennock said. Wickham claimed the loss of his license affected his ability to work as a private investigator. The

lawyer said the jury knew that Wickham was acquitted of the criminal charges, but "refused to accept it as proof that Beebe lacked probable cause."

Pennock said Wickham's wife filed a derivative action citing the loss of her husband's services in society and consortium. That action depended on Wickham winning his case.

The lawyer said Wickham's refusal to take the breathalyzer test "was his downfall because the jury felt he could have solved the problem on the spot" if he had taken the test.

## Visitor's center opens at Half Moon site

A visitor's center has opened at the Snow Dock in Albany for people interested in watching the construction of the *Half Moon*.

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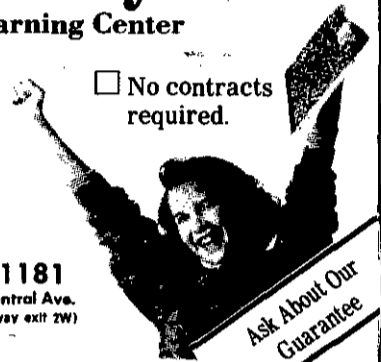
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TESTIMONY MEETING, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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. Information, 439-4258.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS, every Wednesday, New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland. Information, 765-2109.

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

**ALBANY**

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, music program at Empire State Plaza. Reservations, 439-3622.

HANDIVAN WORKSHOP, Painting Workshop, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 463-4267.

LASAGNA DINNER, for benefit of "Save the Pine Bush," Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., 6 p.m. Information, 434-1954.

"THE ARTS OF RUSSIA," slide-lecture on museums, churches and other cultural sights, presented by Erastus Corning III, State Museum, 7:30 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

WINTER WONDERLAND, craft and story program, children's room, 161 Washington Ave., 3:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

"SMALL BUSINESS START-UP AND SURVIVAL," workshop for prospective small business owners and those who have been in business less than three months, sponsored by Small Business Administration, Ramada Inn, Western Ave., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 765-3520.

ROUNDTABLE LUNCHEON, Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III will present address on city issues, Old Federal Bldg., State University of New York Plaza, 12:30 p.m.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT**

SPEAKING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, dinner meeting, formal and impromptu speeches, presented by Uncle Sam Toastmasters, Holiday Inn, Troy, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-7739.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

"WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF," through Jan. 29, Albany Civic Center, 235 Second Ave., Albany. Information, 462-1297.

VOICE OF THE PRAIRIE, romantic and nostalgic play written by John Olive, through Feb. 5, Capital Repertory Co., 111 North Pearl St., Albany. Information, 462-4534.

"THEDA BARA AND THE FRONTIER RABBI," musical comedy, through Feb. 12, Cohoes Music Hall, Remsen St., Troy. Information, 235-7909.

**EXHIBITS**

"CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN COLLAGES," work from 1960 to 1986, through March 5, University Art Gallery, State University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave. Information, 442-4035.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM UNIVERSITY COLLECTION, through April 16, University Art Gallery, State University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave. Information, 442-4035.

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**BETHLEHEM**

"TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF LIGHTHOUSES," discussion on history and development of lighthouses, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

KABBALAH CLASS, class in Jewish mysticism, every Thursday, Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, meet 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, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, mainstream class, 7 p.m.; workshop, 9 p.m. 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, meeting at fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS 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.

LECTURE, "James Fenimore Cooper, Thomas Cole and the Rise of Catskill Mountain Tourism," presented by Kenneth Myers, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

1989 RV SHOW, featuring dealers from Capital District Recreational Vehicle Dealers Association, New Scotland Ave. Army, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 489-6264.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT**

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP, every fourth Thursday, United Methodist Church, Woodland Ave., Catskill, 7:30 p.m. Information, 678-5850.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARINGHOUSE, meeting, featuring speaker Wayne Trim, McChesney Room, Schenectady County Public Library, Clinton and Liberty Sts., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 370-4125.

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**BETHLEHEM**

ALL-SCHOOL FAMILY NIGHT, Elsmere Elementary School, Delaware Ave., Delmar.

RECOVERY INC., self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 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**

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Philip Livingston chapter, University Club, 6 p.m. Information, 486-2695.

CAPITAL DISTRICT MOTHERS' CENTER, support group for parents, weekly drop-in mornings to become acquainted with center, First Congregational Church, 405 Quail St., 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 482-4508.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORKSHOP, for those who work in the helping profession, presented by College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., 6-9 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

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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.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT**

CHICKEN BARBECUE, Altamont Elementary School, sponsored by Altamont P.T.A., \$5.50 per adult, \$4.25 per child, 4-7 p.m. Information, 861-5395.

ALTAMONT STATION SQUARES, dance, with caller Ed Joyner, Guilderland Elementary School, Route 20, Guilderland, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 382-0680.

**BETHLEHEM**

CARNIVAL, Glenmont Elementary School, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, noon-4 p.m. "DAD'S TIME OUT," for children and their fathers and grandfathers, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

CHABAD CENTER, services followed by kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience. Information, 439-4258.

**ALBANY**

AFRICAN DINNER, to benefit RUVU, self-governing community of South African Refugees, featuring talk, video, tape and African Music, presented by Bethe Sibeko, First Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., \$6, 6 p.m. Reservations, 439-4378 or 439-2590.

"GET THE JOB YOU WANT," workshop, information on resume writing and interview techniques, presented by Barry Schwartzberg, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 1-4 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

FOUNDATION FOR ILEITIS AND COLITIS, Capital District Chapter, education forum, St. Peter's Hospital, Cusack auditorium, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0252.

CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP, for children in grades 4 through 6, "Transportation," State Museum, \$7, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 474-5877.

MOVIE, "The Muppets Take Manhattan," State Museum, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORKSHOP, for those who work in helping profession, presented by College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

"HAZARDS IN THE WORKPLACE," for educational employees, sponsored by National Education Association of New York's Professional Development Institute, College of Saint Rose, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 462-6451.

1989 RV SHOW, featuring dealers from Capital District Recreational Vehicle Dealers Association, New Scotland Ave. Army, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 489-6264.

"DINO DEN DISCOVERY PROGRAM," featuring hands-on activities for children, State Museum, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT**

CHARITY BALL, to help build emergency fund for Elk Lodges, sponsored by Capital District Elks, Colonie Lodge, BPOE 2192, \$10 admission. Information, 489-5342.

NATURAL CHILD BIRTH CLASSES, 12-week course, "Bradley Method of Husband-Coached, Natural Childbirth," affiliated with American Academy of Husband-Coached Childbirth, East Greenbush. Information, 477-7057.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

**A Good Start**

Some new research about young persons' drinking is helping to validate an old piece of folk wisdom: "As the twig is bent, so the tree shall grow."

The saying means that attitudes and behaviors acquired in childhood will likely remain with a person throughout life. Confirming this, the research shows that persons who begin using alcohol early in life have much higher rates of heavy drinking than persons who start drinking later.

The findings were part of a statewide survey of 6,000 adults, conducted by a polling firm under contract to the Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse. The results showed that there is a strong link between early drinking, usually starting in junior high school years, and later problem drinking. The early starters have rates of heavy drinking two to five times those of persons who did not begin drinking until their 20s. For example:

- \* Among persons aged 18-20, of those who started drinking at 16 or younger, 24 percent now are heavier drinkers. In the same age group, those who started at 17-20, only 10 percent are heavier drinkers.
- \* Similarly, among people now aged 35-49, of those who started at 16 or earlier 25 percent are heavier drinkers. For persons now aged 35-49 who started at 21 or older, the rate is only five percent.
- \* Even among persons 65 or older, for those who started early, 27 percent are heavy drinkers. For those who started late, 13 percent are.

While studies of teenagers have shown the pattern, the new data reveal that this holds true even for senior citizens, who are decades removed from their first drink. The link is the same when the early indicator is not the first drink, but when one was first intoxicated.

The survey reinforces current efforts by schools, parents and prevention agencies to delay the start of alcohol use by youngsters. It shows the rationale behind such education campaigns as "Just Say No" and "Be Smart, Don't Start." The goal is to delay the start of drinking until the brain is more developed, and different social customs prevail (namely, less binge drinking.) Not only does early drinking cause significant problems in lives of youngsters (accidents, injuries, vandalism, etc), but it appears to set in a pattern which remains throughout life.

Given that, it is clear why many persons are also concerned about youth-oriented ads (such as Spuds MacKenzie) by alcoholic beverage manufacturers. An early consumer tends to be a heavy consumer for life. Therefore, for persons interested in promoting the health and safety of youngsters, now we know why Grandma and Grandpa were talking about twigs and trees.

Written by Richard Chady, who is a member of the Steering Committee of the Bethlehem Networks Project.

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### ENTERTAINMENT

OLD SONGS SAMPLER CONCERT, performance by area acoustic musicians to benefit 1989 Old Songs Festival of Traditional Music and Dance, St. Mark's Community Center, Guilderland Center, \$7, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

BALLET PERFORMANCE, "Beauty and the Beast," performed by Jeffrey II Dancers, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 2 and 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

MYSTERY, "The Penultimate Problem of Sherlock Holmes," ESIPA, Empire State Plaza, through Feb. 11. Information, 443-5111.

ANNE TURNER AND FRIENDS, "Music of Two Centuries for Voice and Strings," State University at Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

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

MON JAN 30

### BETHLEHEM

GUILDERLAND BALLET, beginning of second semester classes, 5885 State Farm Rd., Slingerlands. Registration, 452-0887.

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.

MOTHERS' TIME OUT, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, nursery care provided, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience. Information, 439-4258.

### NEW SCOTLAND

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

### ALBANY

INFORMATION SESSIONS, hosted by Empire State College, State University at Albany, 845 Central Ave. Information, 485-5964.

### CAPITAL DISTRICT

"SMOKELESS," six-class program to stop smoking, sponsored by Leonard Hospital, 74 New Turnpike Rd., Troy. Information, 233-0797.

TUE JAN 31

### BETHLEHEM

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

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, and snowshoeing, free instruction, Heidelberg Workshop, Picard Rd., Voorheesville, noon-4 p.m. Information, 765-2777.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH, worship, 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, child care provided; Christian education, 11 a.m. Information, 439-5303.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH, worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:45 a.m.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, Route 85, New Salem, Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m. 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, Routes 85 and 85A, New Salem, service, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided. Information, 439-7112.

### ALBANY

EGYPT DAY, featuring films, lectures, stories and art projects, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., noon-5 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

OPEN HOUSE, for prospective students, parents and friends, Doane Stuart School, Rt. 9W, 2-4 p.m. Information, 465-5222.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS LECTURE, "When the Child Becomes the Parent" State Museum, 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

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SUN JAN 29

### BETHLEHEM

MIDWINTER FILM FESTIVAL, "Un Chien Andalou," and "Entr'acte," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, worship, church school and nursery care, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Information on youth fellowship, 439-9252.

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

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH, church school and worship, nursery care 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, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday service, 11 a.m. Information, 439-7864.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9 a.m.; morning 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, 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, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, service, youth forum, 10 a.m.; fellowship hour and adult education programs, 11 a.m., nursery care provided. Information, 439-1766.

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

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Poplar and Elsmere Aves., Delmar, Eucharist followed by breakfast, 8 a.m.; Christian education, 9:30-10:15 a.m.; Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour, 10:30 a.m.; nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-3265.

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, Communion, 9 a.m.; church school, 10 a.m. Information, 465-2188.

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**CAPITAL DISTRICT**

SCHENECTADY ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB, meeting, Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady, 2 p.m. Information, 459-7407.

**ALBANY**

"WORKING BEYOND FEAR," for employers who deal with AIDS education, sponsored by American Red Cross, Albany Chapter, Hackett Blvd. and Clara Barton Dr., 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

"HEART LIKE A WHEEL," movie, State Museum, 7:30 p.m. Information 474-5877.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT**

"SMOKELESS," six-class program to stop smoking, sponsored by Leonard Hospital, 74 New Turnpike Rd., Troy. Information, 233-0797.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

AMERICAN INDIAN DANCE THEATRE, performance of traditional Native American dance, Ulster Performing Arts Center, Kingston, 8 p.m. Information, 339-6088.

**WED FEB 1**

**BETHLEHEM**

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, quilting instructions for originally designed squares, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 439-5353.

OPEN HOUSE, Hamagrael Preschool, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, noon-1 p.m. Information, 439-4203.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN, dinner meeting, Noreen Giaccone will conduct "Pound Party," Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Albany, 6 p.m.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB, meeting at Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233, meets at lodge, Rt. 144 Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

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



Pianist Toby Stover, left, Bill Spence (center) on hammered dulcimer and George Wilson on fiddle make up Fennig's All-Stars when they perform at the Old Songs Sampler Concert Saturday at 8 p.m. in St. Mark's Community Center, Rt. 146 in Guilderland Center.

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. Information, 439-4258.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT**

EMPIRE STATE REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATION, monthly dinner meeting, featuring speaker Ruth DeRoo, Century House, Rt. 9, Latham, 6 p.m. Information, 384-0455.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS, every Wednesday, New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland. Information, 765-2109.

**ALBANY**

LECTURE, "Today's Changes in the Soviet Union," presented by Erastus Corning III, State Museum, 7:30 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

POETRY READING, Jon Davis will read his poetry, Rensselaer Art Gallery, 189 Second St., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, print group, featuring Alex Hills, First Methodist Church, Lafayette and State Sts., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

"SMOKELESS," six-class program to stop smoking, sponsored by Leonard Hospital, 74 New Turnpike Rd., Troy. Information, 233-0797.

**THU FEB 2**

**BETHLEHEM**

PUBLIC FORUM, "Parents, Kids and the Law," presented by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, program presented by Norrell Temporary Services, Team Personnel Inc. and Team Force of Albany, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM SOCCER CLUB, registration for spring program, open to youths born between 1979 and 1983, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, \$22, 6-9 p.m. Information, 439-6465.

"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT," presentation of musical for senior citizens, Bethlehem Central Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2530.

**FRI FEB 3**

**BETHLEHEM**

"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT," musical, presented by Bethlehem Central Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, \$1 admission, 8 p.m. Information, 439-0345.

**SAT FEB 4**

**BETHLEHEM**

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES, dance, with caller Jim Ryans, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 439-0490.

"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT," musical, presented by Bethlehem Central Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, \$1 admission, 8 p.m. Information, 439-0345.

PROJECT WILD, workshop for teachers and youth leaders, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

**SUN FEB 5**

**NEW SCOTLAND**

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, and snowshoeing, free instruction, Heldeberg Workshop, Picard Rd., Voorheesville, noon-4 p.m. Information, 765-2777.

WINTER FESTIVAL, featuring ice fishing contest and snowshoeing workshop, Thacher State Park, Rt. 157, 6 a.m. Information, 872-1237.

**MON FEB 6**

**BETHLEHEM**

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, general membership meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING MEETING, Elsmere Elementary School, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

**TUE FEB 7**

**BETHLEHEM**

DRAMA GROUP, of Delmar Progress Club, featuring program on play reading, 46 Carstead Rd., Slingerlands, 7:30 p.m.

**ALBANY**

LEGISLATIVE FORUM, of Delmar Progress Club, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 10 a.m.-noon.

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# THE SPOTLIGHT

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Business Section

## Local businesses diverse, involved

Bethlehem and New Scotland may look at themselves as "bedroom communities" — and want to stay that way — but businesses play an important and often unrecognized role in those communities. Not only do businesses of all sizes provide the services residents need, but in some cases they are major employers and major taxpayers.

This year *The Spotlight's* annual profile of local businesses focuses on community impact, from the largest companies in the area to some of the smaller and more unusual local businesses that do everything from build and sell homes to fix the plumbing (not to mention design tee-shirts, run an airport and sell folk music).

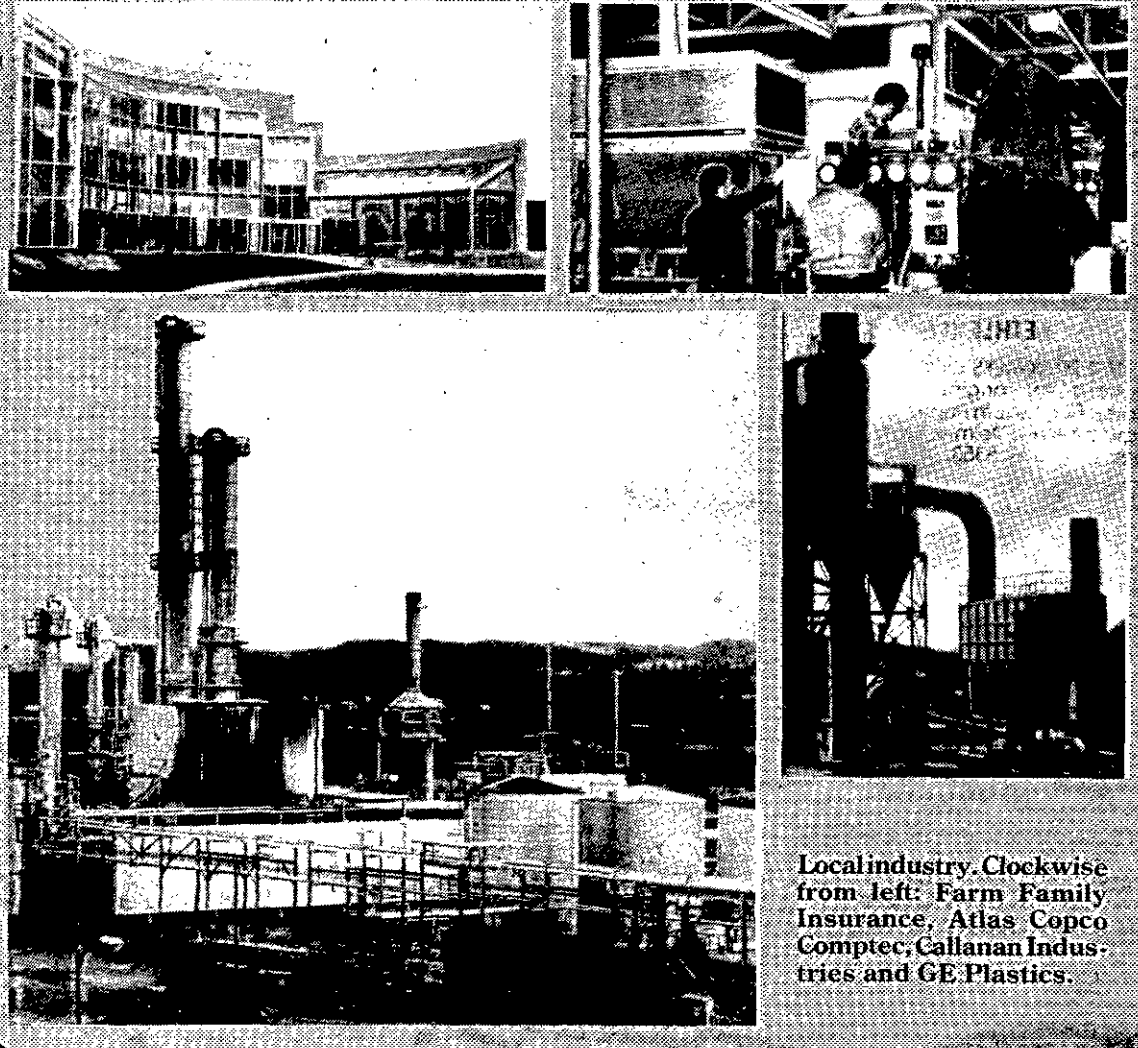
For instance, the 10 largest business tax payers in the Town of Bethlehem (excluding landlords) pay nearly 30 percent of all property taxes.

The chart on Page 17 identifies the town's largest employers, and makes it clear that business has an important impact on the economic life of the community. And as the individual profiles illustrate, most businesses operating in our towns contribute in a very direct way to the life of the community, with charitable contributions and volunteer services as well as service as leaders of the community.

The profiles also show a sense of optimism. Bethlehem is home to a burgeoning insurance industry, with Farm Family and Professional Insurance Agents both undergoing major expansions on Rt. 9W, and The Mega Group, headed by Burton C. Anthony, forming a new kind of insurance group.

Industries in the area are also planning for the 1990's. Owens-Corning Fiberglas in Delmar, after starting up a second production line in 1987, added about \$15 million worth of capital improvements last year. GE Plastics has just ended its biggest year of production with 1988 sales for its Selkirk plant in excess of \$200 million.

## Prospects '89



Local industry. Clockwise from left: Farm Family Insurance, Atlas Copco Comptec, Callanan Industries and GE Plastics.

## Large or small, a part of the community

### Plastics: a small city

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

"I would say we have a significant impact on the community. With 700 acres of land, and 675 full-time GE employees — about 165 from Bethlehem and New Scotland alone — we do have an effect on the quality of life in the area." Timothy Davis, manager of human resources for the GE Plastics Selkirk Operation has a right to that claim.

As the town of Bethlehem's largest employer, Plastics, with its \$290 million complex, medical center, fire department, environmental services and recreational facilities is almost a town in itself. "In terms of the magnitude of the investment of our particular site, we create jobs for other people in the purchase of goods and services in the local community," Davis said. "It certainly trickles down in a positive way."

As well as the 'trickle down' benefits, Plastics takes an active roll in community support through endorsement of the Town of Bethlehem Senior Bus, the GE Pavilion, and yearly activities such as

### Mega: local conglomerate

By Theresa Bobear

When looking at the scope of Burt Anthony Associates as a member of the Mega Group Inc., some have difficulty conjuring up a picture of the business's inception in the dining room of a Unionville farmhouse.

The Mega Group Inc. currently coordinates a network of 44 insurance agencies providing insurance brokerage services throughout northeastern New York State, including 16 agencies that are wholly owned and 28 member agencies.

Prior to announcement of the December acquisitions, the Mega Group had about 52 or 53 employees and a sales volume of \$40 million, according to Burton C. Anthony Jr., president and chief executive officer of both the Mega Group and Burt Anthony Associates. With the acquisitions, the Mega Group will have 72 employees and an annual sales volume of \$54.2 million, according to Thomas W. Barner, vice president of finance for the Mega Group.

Anthony said at least four of the 10 people currently employed at

### Klersy: local builders

By Theresa Bobear

Kevin J. Klersy, vice president of the Klersy Building Corp. in Delmar, says he learned the business "from the ground up" just as his father did. "We work as a team," he said. He and his father, Henry J. Klersy, president of the firm, have made a commitment to building and doing business in the community.

"We really do have a commitment here, basically because we've put our name on the line... we're committed to carry through," Kevin Klersy said.

He said the Klersy Building Corp. works to upgrade the quality of life in Bethlehem and to allow people who grew up in the community to stay by providing larger homes for their families.

Kevin Klersy said the Klersy Building Corp. does business with some 31 subcontractors of whom 11 are local people. "There are also local suppliers we use," he said. "We try to do as much local as possible. It makes it easier for us logistically."

### Farm Family: watch us grow

By Theresa Bobear

The Farm Family Mutual and Life Insurance Companies, which have been providing coverages to Farm Bureau members in the Northeast since the 1950s, have seen a significant increase in Farm Bureau member participation and premium income during the past few years. While not everyone is familiar with the numbers involved, the growth of the companies is surely apparent to passers-by on Rt. 9W who glance at Farm Family's shiny new \$4.5 million building, which was dedicated last October.

Participation by Farm Bureau members from the 10 Northeast states, where Farm Family's insurance services are offered, has increased from 48.7 percent in 1982 to 68 percent in 1988. Total assets of the Farm Family Life Insurance Company have increased from \$160 million in 1986 to \$313 million in 1988, according to Verne E. Kenney, executive vice president and chief executive officer. He said total assets in the mutual company have increased from \$88 million in 1986 to \$119 million in 1988.

### Andy's Front Hall

By Lyn Stapf

Nestled in the hills of Voorheesville is a business that, although little known by area residents, is used by thousands of people nationwide each year. To those driving along Wormer Rd. the sign Front Hall Lane may mean little, but to many it means they have reached Andy's Front Hall, a mecca in the world of Folk Music and one of the most well stocked resource centers on the subject in the United States.

As the name implies, the business began in 1973 in the front hall of the Spence household, where Andy Spence sold craft items. Part of her early stock also included a record of hammered dulcimer music recorded by her musician husband Bill. As business grew and expanded to the dining room, Andy found she sold less crafts and more music goods. Finally in 1978, when "the house became overwhelmed," the business moved to the garage, where she now sells a plethora of items from unique instruments, to books, records, tapes and CDs covering a range of artists as broad as folk music itself.

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# GE Plastics impacts on community

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the upgrading of local Little League fields.

The funding usually takes the form of a \$25,000 grant to the town of Bethlehem from the GE Foundation, to be spent as the town sees it. A special \$25,000 donation will be announced this Wednesday, however, to help the town with the commemoration of its bicentennial. "There is a conscious effort. It's a necessity for us to be a part of the community and we foster that atmosphere as part and parcel of what we do every day," Davis said.

What Plastics does every day is

the manufacture and/or development and marketing of NORYL, LEXAN, ULTEM, VALOX and GELOY resins, which are used in the production of everything from plastic yogurt cartons and car fenders to hot tubs and computers. According to Davis, sales for the site were in excess of \$200 million in 1988, their biggest year of production ever.

A joint venture with Huntsman Chemicals recently added 48 jobs to the site, and they are currently finishing the integration of Borg Warner's plastics operation, for-

merly one of their largest competitors.

Michael Joyce, manager of the environmental health and safety operation for the NORYL products division, said that while the Huntsman dedication and 1988 production figures were significant, "from my viewpoint, the largest accomplishment would be that last year we were named the outstanding waste treatment facility in all of New York by the Department of Environmental Conservation. And the fact that we were named a STAR site by OSHA." (STAR is an Occupational Safety and Health Admini-

stration voluntary compliance program involving a lengthy inspection survey of the workplace. If the business is exempt from the inspection, it is exempt from inspection for another year.)

According to Joyce, next year a \$19 million on-site waste disposal facility will be up and running "to provide an alternative and free other municipalities from our disposal needs."

Joyce said that immediate expansion is not in the plans at Plastics. "This town has a character, and the planning board is in place to make those type of decisions. We feel as a business philosophy

that it is important to have green space. We have 700 acres here, and we presently occupy only 70. We feel as a company that that green space will be maintained." Joyce also feels that GE has an important part in the community.

"As an industry, we are a member of the community too. It's all in the communications. We have an obligation to communicate, as does the community — they should tell us their expectations for an industrial site. We want to do that well. To the degree that any of our neighbors have a concern, that makes it a legitimate concern. One we have to address."

# Farm Family's commitment helps it grow

The premium income for the life insurance company rose from \$39.5 million in 1986 to \$56 million in 1988, according to Kenney. He said the premium income for the mutual company rose from \$62 million in 1986 to \$80 million in 1988.

"Farm Family is committed to excellence while serving farmer's

insurance needs, and this combination is responsible for our success," said Kenney. "We continue to provide products that will fit the diversification of agriculture in the 10 Northeast states."

Kenney said Farm Family is getting into more sophisticated clients that not only grow and produce but also transport, market

and process goods for retail sale. "Our products will provide coverages through all of those phases," said Kenney.

He said Farm Family's long-term plans are to continue to grow in the area of serving new members of the various state Farm Bureaus.

Kenney said the home office in Glenmont employs 313 people of whom approximately one-third are residents of the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. Renovation of the two older buildings, located behind the new building on Rt. 9W and constructed in 1966 and 1978, is expected to be finished this spring, according to Carol Budliger, director of communications.

Kenney said new people will be hired as the companies grow.

"Hopefully, we can get quality people from our immediate area," said Kenney.

Kenney said Farm Family anticipates paying some \$225,000 in property taxes for the upcoming year.

Kenney said Farm Family, which is a member of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, supports Little League, the Bethlehem Tomboys, the Booster Club, the Bethlehem Police Department, the Bethlehem fire departments and rescue squads, the United Way, area hospitals, the U.S. Olympic Committee, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Albany, the Center for Economic Growth and programs for underprivileged children. He said Farm Family sends employees to

local schools for participation in Project Business, which is sponsored by Junior Achievement.

In response to traffic safety concerns near the Glenmont offices, Kenney said Farm Family is planning to pay for installation of a \$50,000 to \$60,000 traffic light at the intersection of Rt. 9W and Bunker Lane.

## Vunk elected bank assistant vice president

Jacquelyn Vunk of Voorheesville was elected assistant vice president of Home and City Savings Bank.

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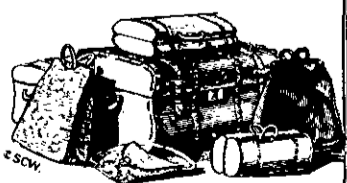
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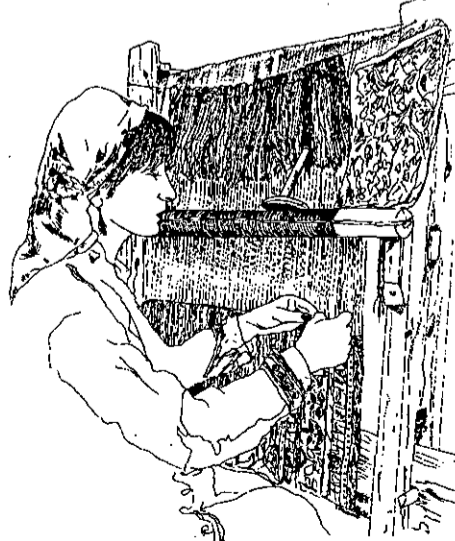
Name	Chief Executive Officer	Type of Operation	Employees	Employees from Bethlehem & New Scotland	Property Taxes	Revenues '88
Atlas Copco Comptec Inc.	Bengt-Ivar Nilsson (President)	Manufacturers of centrifugal compressors & expansion turbines.	150	NA	\$60,000	\$25 million
D. A. Bennett	Thomas Drake	Plumbing, heating, air conditioning sales and maintenance.	30	10	NA	NA
Blue Circle Atlantic	John Bordeaux	Cement manufacturer.	250	30	\$907,495	\$100 million
Callanan Industries	Liam O'Mahony	Constructs roadways, operates quarries, manufactures asphalt & Spancrete.	300 (up to 1,000 seasonal)	200	NA	NA
Consolidated Rail Corp.	Richard D. Sanborn	Rail freight transportation	1,130	NA	\$900,000	NA
Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield	Richard Frederick (Albany Division)	Not-for-profit insurance agency serving 28 eastern counties of N.Y.	1,835 (Albany area)	286	0 (exempt)	\$5.5 billion
Farm Family Mutual & Life Insurance Companies	Verne E. Kenney	Provides insurance to Northeast Farm Bureau members	313	104	\$225,000	\$313 million in life insurance assets; \$119 million in mutual assets; \$56 million in life insurance company premium income; \$80 million in mutual premiums.
General Electric Plastics	Jack Welch	International plastics manufacturer & marketer	675	165	\$750,000	\$200 million
Grand Union	Floyd Hall	Grocery market with stores in Elsmere and Glenmont	130 part-time, 40 full-time	65	NA	\$425,000 — \$470,000 a week average (Elsmere)
The Mega Group	Burton C. Anthony	Coordinates network of 44 insurance agencies, including Burt Anthony Associates, providing brokerage services in northeastern New York State.	72	NA	NA	\$54.2 million (includes one pending acquisition)
Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.	William J. Donlon	400 megawatt power plant serving Albany, Columbia, Rensselaer, Saratoga & Schenectady Counties.	1700 (Capital Region Division)	NA	\$5,073,373 in Bethlehem (includes property & special franchise) \$554,725 in New Scotland	\$868 million (Eastern Division)
Owens-Corning Fiberglas	Bill Boeschstein	Produces residential & commercial building insulation.	500	100	\$325,000	\$110 million (Delmar plant)
Professional Insurance Agents	James Reed	Trade association of 4,500 property and casualty insurance agents in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.	108	44	\$42,279	\$3.6 million

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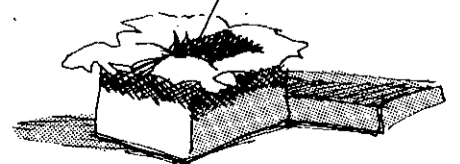
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1988 was 'the best year'

# Chamber looks to 1989

By Marty Cornelius  
Chamber Executive Director

The Chamber's greatest challenge in 1989 will be to improve on a very successful 1988.

This past year has been the best ever for us and our accomplishments have been a source of great pride to everyone involved. Membership has increased by 25 percent while our staff has remained the same for three years.

Our services to members include a monthly newsletter, monthly member meetings, educational seminars and our annual publication, "The Community Fact Book". Speakers at our monthly meetings have covered topics such as financial planning, free counseling through the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), a member showcase of products and services, crime prevention and marketing our community.

Another important service added in 1988 was an additional choice of health insurance packages. Along with Capital District Physician's Health Plan and Community Health Plan, the Chamber

now offers Care Plus through Blue Shield of Northeastern New York. These plans appeal especially to very small businesses with one to four employees, or to those who are self-employed.

In service to the public, the Chamber office staff handles hundreds of inquiries each year regarding such diverse topics as writing a business plan, starting a business, real estate rentals, transportation, town services, demographic trends, education, economics and employer information. Our professional staff is ready, willing and able to respond to requests and search for information.

Serving the community at large is another important part of our mission. Perhaps the most widely publicized effort was the record breaking Dog Fund that netted over \$5,000 in just a few weeks. Thanks to the Chamber, the Bethlehem Police were able to purchase a specially trained German Shepherd tracking dog, now a full member of the department.

Our community beautification committee coordinated the purchase of eight quality park benches, soon to be settled in various spots around town.

Working with the town Planning Board, the Chamber actively participated in workshops and public forums studying the future of development on Rt. 9W, and other areas in Bethlehem.

For several years the Chamber has financially supported the Public Library's publication, "Community Contacts", a book of facts about local community organizations. The Bethlehem Networks Project and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited have worked with Chamber volunteers to promote their projects and educate the community. The Networks Project has been housed in office space donated by our board president, Doug Brownell.

Chamber staff and volunteers have been active on the Town's Community Center Committee and the Glenmont Job Corps Community Advisory Board.

Chamber people keep in touch



Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Board members are, from left, standing, President Doug Brownell and Secretary Mike Kornstein. Seated are Vice President Debbie Matterson and Treasurer Victoria Tomsons.

with surrounding communities as well. Representatives of other Albany County Chambers meet with Bethlehem regularly to discuss items of mutual interest and benefit.

Through membership in the Business Council of New York State and the state-wide Chamber of Commerce Executives, we have been able to understand the role of Chamber leadership.

Looking ahead to 1989... we promise not to rest on our laurels. In terms of programs, services and financial status, we intend to beat last year's effort. While it is rewarding to report that we experienced a "best ever" in 1988, we are right back to work providing more opportunities for networking and communications to stay in touch with our 350 members.

An exciting self-improvement workshop, scheduled for Feb. 9, promises to get us right on track for the new year. Entitled Personal Empowerment, this kick-off seminar is open to the public and is an indication of the types of high quality programs we will be offering.

We will be looking for more input from our members by way of surveys both written and by telephone to ensure our members get what they want. The Chamber Membership Committee will continue to welcome new businesses to Bethlehem and recruit new members all year.

The recently restructured Economic Development Committee will be looking at ways to encourage a healthy business climate as it studies the future needs and changes in Bethlehem.

Look for an even more visible Chamber in 1989!

## Chamber officers elected

Officers of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce recently elected for the 1989 term are: Doug Brownell of the Brownell Agency, president; Debbie Matterson of Matterson Associates, vice president; Michael Kornstein of the law firm of Cooper, Erving, Savage, Nolan and Heller, secretary, and Victoria Tomsons of Albany Savings Bank, treasurer.

Members of the board of directors recently elected for three-year terms are: Jerry Gioeni of Antares Data Systems, Raymond Neubauer of Key Bank NA and Patricia Swanson of the Bethlehem Pre-school.

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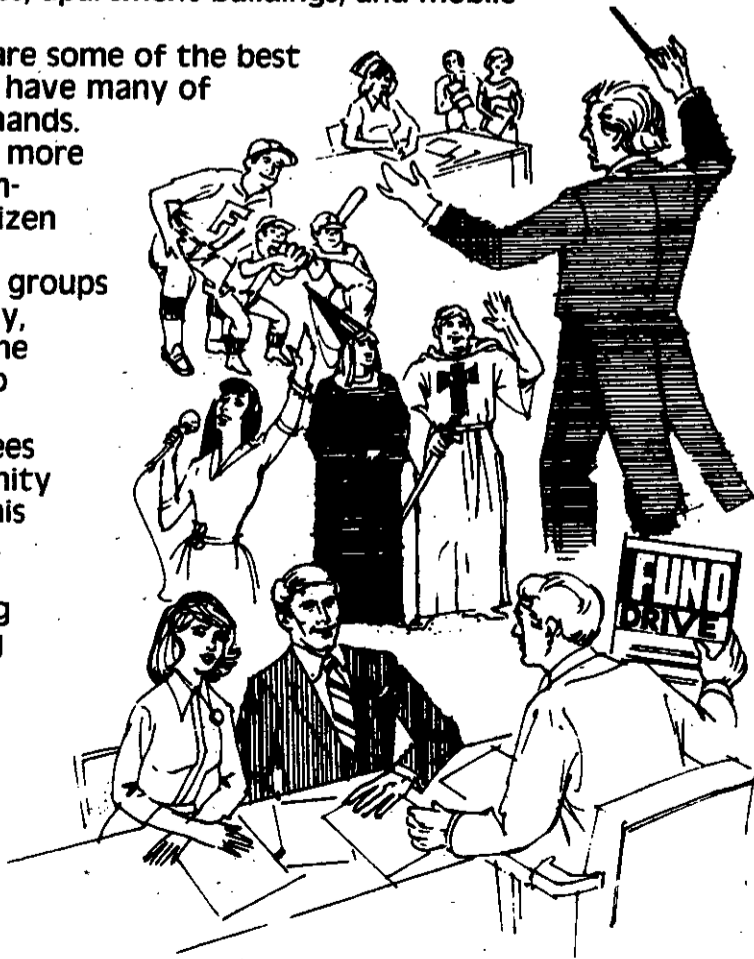
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# Conrail

## Selkirk operation makes major changes

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

"I think this community offers an outstanding quality of life — the recreational possibilities are endless. It's just a marvelous place to live," said Paul Carey, division general manager of Conrail's Albany Division, located in Selkirk.

Carey explained that in the past year and a half, the Selkirk operation has gone through two major changes. In 1987, both the Northeast Conrail operation in Springfield, Mass. and the Mowhawk and Hudson operation in Utica were consolidated within the Selkirk location. "Springfield was a transportation center. But it made more sense to match the supporting personnel with the hub of the operation, which is here in Selkirk. The cars physically move through here, so it was just logical," Carey said.

Then in 1988, Conrail eliminated its regional offices. "We like to think it made us easier to deal with, because a whole layer of management has been eliminated from the decision-making process," Carey said, adding that "there was never any intent to eliminate us because we are a division."

According to Carey, the reorganization made for an overall increase of about 50 employees. "We've made a commitment to making Selkirk a major operating facility, and that's good news," he said. "That wasn't apparent a year ago."

Conrail has also finished a \$30 million "clearance project" which upgraded track, and the overhead

height of bridges, allowing the freight cars to move more cars and more goods. "The double-stacked containers we now can handle ride some 19 feet above the rails," said Carey, explaining that this allows larger commodities such as imports to go by rail directly from coast to coast instead of the longer route by ship through the Panama Canal.

"The trains can carry more, making us more efficient, and therefore more cost and savings competitive," Carey said.

The office also has an industrial development group which according to Carey has had "an ambitious agenda," and Selkirk has seen a sales increase due in part to their efforts.

Carey said Conrail has "no big surprises for industrialization," and that while there is just cause for development concerns, "everybody knows where the railroad is. Hopefully, if they build next to it, they like trains."

As a resident of the Bethlehem area, Carey said "I would like to see my taxes drop a little bit, but generally speaking, I think we have a good balance here (between business and residential concerns) and that we often set the standard for the rest of the area."

Carey also noted Conrail's support for charitable causes. The Albany County United Way support from Conrail is "well into the five figures" according to Carey, and 1988 saw an event in conjunction with Conrail's family day that supported the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial being built in downtown Albany.

The Albany Division would also like to donate money to repair the Jericho Bridge. Carey feels that "there is a problem at the county level," and that the county is "not being as sensitive to the township of Bethlehem as they should be." He added that "The bridge would certainly be convenient for us to use. It is an alternate route to our headquarters, so we've made an offer with that in mind." The bridge has been closed for three years, and county officials have claimed that they are negotiating with Conrail for a cost-sharing agreement to make the repairs.

Overall, Carey is hopeful about the future and the role Conrail will play in the area. "Generally, Conrail people believe we offer a quality service, in a prospering community."

## Andy's music

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Although occasionally someone will walk in, most of the business of this thriving "cottage industry" is by mail order from the comprehensive catalogue, buyers guide and source book.

Even though the business is Andy's name sake and she its full-time proprietor, her husband Bill, a computer graphics expert with SUNY Communications, is active in its management as well, tending to the recording side of the operation. Using their living room as a recording studio Bill, an artist in his own right, mixes by ear with impressive results. In December Front Hall Records released its fourth Christmas album, "Nowell Sing We Clear, Vol. 4," and has several dozen other albums to its credit.

Although not a part of the business itself, a closely related interest to both Spences is Old Songs, a

non-profit group begun in 1977 "to keep folk music alive." Old Songs hosts monthly concerts, spring and fall instrumental lessons, country dance sessions and a three-day festival in June that brings performers and patrons from all over the world. With the Spences among its founders and continuing members of the board in charge of programming, Old Songs is as much a part of the Spence family as their daughter Hannah.

With the support of folk music followers Andy's Front Hall has been a real success, yet ironically enough the success of the business almost caused its demise last year when it became apparent to Andy that she just couldn't keep up with the demand.

And so it seems for the time being that, like many of the albums Andy stocks, the business will continue to be a "classic" in the field of folk music.



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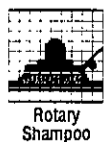
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# Callanan Industries

State road construction, maintenance important for South Bethlehem firm

By Theresa Bobear

Callanan Industries has progressed a long way since Peter Callanan, the great-grandson of an Irish emigré, first began supplying crushed stone from his South Bethlehem property in 1883 and later constructed the first paved highways for the State of New York.

While corporate headquarters remain in South Bethlehem, Callanan Industries Inc. now includes five stone quarries and 13 asphalt plants in New York State, as well as Spancrete plants in Rochester, South Bethlehem and Cleveland.

The corporation was purchased in 1985 by CRH p.l.c., a group of

building material companies with headquarters in Dublin, Ireland, and operations in the United States, Ireland, the United Kingdom and Europe.

"The policy under the new ownership is the same as before, that is, continuation of the same policies," said Liam O'Mahony, president of Callanan Industries.

"We operate in a very capital-intensive industry with heavy road building equipment," said O'Mahony, "We've been reinvesting in facilities to help us reach the competitive 1990s." The company has a formal planning mechanism and will continue to operate and rein-

vest in its facilities, according to O'Mahony. "If we see new opportunities, we'll be ready to step in."

O'Mahony said one important feature for the company is the New York State road construction and maintenance program. "We believe there's a lot of work to be done there," he said. "We look forward to supporting the state and effectively carrying out this work."

O'Mahony said Callanan Industries is now serving as the main contractor for new bridge on Rt. 396 over the Conrail Yards, which is expected to open in mid-1989.

"We're obviously always keen to do as much of the local work as possible," O'Mahony said. "This is our largest operation here in South Bethlehem. We have a substantial quarry here and four asphalt plants. It's probably our nerve center."

"We have carried out and are carrying out some of the largest road construction projects in the region," he said. Examples cited by O'Mahony include the resur-

facing of the Thruway between exits 22 and 23 during 1986, the reconstruction work on the Berkshire spur of the Thruway during 1987, and the \$10 million Thruway reconstruction project (near but not including the Schoharie bridge) during 1988-89.

"Following the collapse of the Schoharie bridge in '87, our men and equipment were among the first on the scene, and under the direction of the Thruway Authority we played a major part in the emergency work which followed the disaster," he said.

Callanan Industries served as project manager and Spancrete Northeast, a subsidiary of Callanan Industries, served as material supplier for the concrete structure of Norstar Bancorp's parking garage in Albany. The structure was constructed of Spancrete, a prestressed concrete.

"We have very widespread contacts with most bodies in the community," said O'Mahony. "In a quiet way we support most charitable, church, school, Little League and various community-based organizations."

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The plant, which produces residential and commercial building insulation, has undergone significant changes in the past two years, including the addition of a second production line in 1987, said David M. Shannon, plant manager. During the two years approximately \$15 million worth of capital improvements have been made at the plant, including new packaging equipment, a conveyor system and computerized controls, he said.

Production at Owens-Corning is "very computerized, very high tech," Shannon said. It is also very efficient as the plant has a waste factor of four percent and hopes to reduce waste to two percent.

Additional improvements are planned for this year that will increase the capacity of one of the production lines by 10 percent, he said. The project is expected to cost \$5 million and will be completed by April.

The Fiberglas plant is one of the five top energy consumers in the state, he said. "For every penny (of energy) consumed to make our product, consumers save 2.6 cents in energy (by using Fiberglas insulation), and that's a pretty good trade-off," Shannon said.

Shannon is concerned about the present landfill situation faced by local towns. Currently, Owens-Corning has to ship its waste to a landfill near Buffalo at an expense of \$1.8 million. In the production of Fiberglas last year, Owens-Corning recycled approximately 26,000 tons of scrap glass, paper and polyurethane, while it put out 4.3 tons of sanitary wastes, he said.

Owens-Corning takes part in the Bethlehem community by sponsoring Junior Achievement's Project Business and by sponsoring various athletic teams such as Little League and soccer leagues. Shannon serves as a coach in the soccer league. The company has donated playground equipment to the town park and has sponsored various groups in the Bethlehem Central School District, including a science class at the high school, he said.

Owens-Corning sponsors "This Old House," a show about remodeling old houses, on public television, Shannon said. The company also sponsors a weekly listing in *The Spotlight* of television shows on WMHT.

This year the plant had its "most successful ever" United Way fund drive, collecting \$20,000, Shannon said.

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# Grand Union

## The town's supermarket stands pat

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron  
 "We play a big part in the community, especially right now, being the only supermarket in town," said Guy Morano, assistant manager of operations for the Grand Union store in Delaware Plaza.

According to Morano, his Grand Union employs about 170 part- and full-time workers in their 35,827 square foot store.

The Delaware Plaza store is considered by Grand Union standards to be a "foodstore", a smaller version of the markets in East Greenbush and Guilderland which include the Butcher Block, Seafood, Taste Place (cheese and imported goods) and other specialized sections of the store. The Grand Union in Glenmont, which employs about 65, does not have the range of departments, and is considered to be a plain "supermarket".

While rumors abound that the Glenmont store is seeking larger quarters, this year will see Grand Union in Delmar updating and upgrading the store. According to Morano, more shelf space will be

found for health foods and low calorie items, which are "in", while bulk foods, except coffee, candy, nuts and dried fruits, are generally "out". "For the most part, we are phasing out our bulk stuff. People tend to be afraid of it," he said.

The store receives frequent "plan-o-grams" from the local headquarters in Waterford, detailing how the various departments should look, and how much space each vendor gets allotted. "They determine that from the trends, and how each vendor takes care of his area," Morano explained. "Keebler, for instance, sells well because it is always neat, and they have a rep here seven days a week tending to that section." Morano noted that the hot sellers right now were Nabisco's "Teddy Grahams", teddy bear-shaped Graham crackers, A. Greenhouse's "Frookies", cookies made with fruit juice instead of water, and "anything healthy — right now it's anything with oat bran."

Morano is proud of the store's contributions to the local community. "We have donated a vehicle to transport patients and families to

Children's Hospital in Albany, and for the Children's Cancer Fund, through activities like the 'Melodies of Christmas' show. We also make store space available for a range of groups for bake sales and other events for community organizations." Grand Union will also be introducing a "Safe Kids Are No Accident" program, with video and printed materials for use in local schools some time in 1989.

Morano said that with average sales from \$425,000 to \$470,000 a week (Christmas week sales of \$600,000 broke an existing record) his Grand Union would like to grow, but that in their current space he doesn't see how that is possible. He also finds that Delmar is "fine as it is. I think there is a little room for growth, but I wouldn't want to see Delaware Ave. as another Wolf Rd."

Overall, Morano feels that things are going very well for Grand Union in the area. But he asked that people bear with the store. "If it's busy at certain times, I know it can be very hard to get out of here. But for the most part our customers are great. Everybody complains about the lack of parking, but there just isn't anything we can do about it — short of getting a new space."

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# Blue Cross

## To decide future of building

By Theresa Bobear

When the subject of Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield, a private, not-for-profit health insurance company that serves the 28 eastern counties of New York State, arises in conversation, many area residents ask about the future of the corporation's building in Slingerlands. "At the present time we're really not sure," said Richard Frederick, chief operations officer for the Albany division.

A decision on whether the firm will retain or sell the building probably will be made by mid-summer, according to Frederick. The building houses the firm's mainframe computer and programming staff members. He said Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield will probably continue using the building through 1989. If estimates are accurate, the building may be held for a projected increase in business, according to Frederick.

Meanwhile, the director of the Albany division is looking forward to completion of a new building in the Corporate Woods development in Albany slated for Jan. 1, 1990. He said the building, which will total 375,000 square feet, will probably be one of the largest privately occupied buildings in the area. Frederick said the recently signed 20-year lease with Picotte Companies for offices in Corporate Woods represents a long-term commitment to the Albany area for the corporation.

"We're happy to be here, and

we always feel like we're welcome in Delmar or Albany," he said.

In addition to the Slingerlands building, Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield currently occupies all of building 18 and parts of buildings 12 and 20 in Corporate Woods.

However, development of a new building is not the only item on the company's short-term planning agenda.

In an effort to bring the corporation closer to its customers, Frederick said the sales and marketing areas will be reorganized. He outlined plans to develop five units in the Albany area that will each include sales, customer service and membership functions.

In addition to sponsoring the "Community Corner" in *The Spotlight*, the company sponsors the Clifton C. Thorne Lecture and Awards, the Executive Symposium, and a variety of educational seminars and programs. During the past year the firm provided support to many organizations, including the Corporate Volunteer Council of the Capital District, the Child Abuse and Neglect Council Inc. of Albany County, the American Red Cross, the Arthritis Foundation, the Northeastern Association of the Blind, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Annie Schaffer Senior Center, the St Peter's Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center, the Volunteer Center of Albany and the Saint Anne Institute.

# Atlas Copco: seeking to break even in '89

Since 1980, Atlas Copco Comptec Inc. has manufactured centrifugal compressors and expansion turbines at its School Rd. Voorheesville plant.

The compressors and turbines are used primarily in petrol and chemical operations, said Gary Gillum, adding the machines are also used in air and gas handling operations.

The operation is part of Atlas Copco's Applied Compressor technique division. The parent company, Atlas Copco AB, is headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden. The parent company has several operation divisions in Europe and Asia.


The operation had no significant changes in 1988 said Gillum, communications manager.

Improvements in the company's

operating processes are planned for the upcoming year, said Gillum, adding that the operation was "still trying to break even." The manufacturer was forced to layoff 50 employees during May 1987.


The Voorheesville operation's goal for 1989 is to improve its profitability, he said.

Gillum said that although the company "doesn't have a lot of money," it does try to help local organizations. Atlas Copco Comptec has been involved in the United Way, Voorheesville Babe Ruth Baseball, the New York Special Olympics, the Red Cross and Pop Warner Football. "We try to keep to youth-oriented programs locally. . . we can't support everything so we are somewhat selective," Gillum said.



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# PIA

**In business to 'educate, communicate, protect'**

By Theresa Bobear

Professional Insurance Agents is a trade association of about 4,500 independent insurance agents in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut who sell property and casualty insurance, according to James Reed, executive director. The Glenmont-based organization is affiliated with the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents, Alexandria, Va.

"We're basically in business to educate, communicate and to protect," said Reed. Through newsletters and technical releases, Reed said members are kept informed about issues and changes in the the insurance industry. He said the organization provides education to help individuals become licensed agents and manage insurance businesses in a professional manner. "In 1988 we had more than 40,000 students participate in various education programs," said Reed. He said PIA has lobbyists at the capitals in all three states. "They

basically watch out for the interests of the independent insurance agent," said Reed.

Most of the organization's legislative initiatives are consumer-oriented, according to Reed. He cited PIA's support of recent legislation regarding rental car insurance.

"We are very violently opposed to banks being in the insurance business," he said. "That's been an ongoing battle since 1984."

Reed said PIA provides insurance products and data processing services to members. He said the association can serve as a spokesman for the agents. PIA puts out magazines and biweekly newsletters for each of the three states the organization serves.

"Our long-term plans are to expand in this area and put up some kind of an educational . . . facility," said Reed. Currently the association is using community colleges, hotels and private conference centers, according to Reed.

He said PIA provides full-time employment to 108 people, including 44 residents of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The total of property taxes paid for the past year was \$42,279, according to Reed. Gross revenue for the past year was \$3.6 million, he said.

The association director said PIA donated funds for a recreation area and donated a personal computer to the Glenmont Elementary School. In addition, he said PIA has made donations to the area volunteer ambulance squads and fire companies, the fire company ladies auxiliaries, the sheriff's and police departments, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Reed said PIA is the largest corporate sponsor for the Special Olympics in New York State. The association, which is a member of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, sends speakers to Albany High School and The Albany Academy for business awareness days.

## Nancy Kuivila: 'We're the size we want to be'

Nancy Kuivila founded her real estate business in 1980 and has two offices, one in Delmar and one in Albany. She has been active in the business in the area since 1966 and was president of the Albany County Real Estate Board last year.

Kuivila Real Estate lists and sells residential real estate from its Delmar office, and holds meetings and educational sessions for its licensees there, said Kuivila. She said her business is "pretty much the size we want it to be. It stops being fun if it gets too big. While she declined to discuss the business's profits for 1988, she said the firm has the same volume as in 1987.

She said Bethlehem is a "preferred area" to buy a home as are most areas in Albany County.

There are more houses on the market now than in January 1988, she said, adding that the market is "pretty saturated."

Kuivila noted that in 1988 houses were on the market for an average of 76 days before being sold, which can force those who must sell to reduce their price.

Her business plans for the new year are to continue as she has in the past and possibly do more business. She said she "likes" working in real estate.

Kuivila has worked with the Regional Food Bank and is involved in the development of a group called "Homes for the Homeless." The group will "try to be a fundraising group for getting people out of homelessness," she said.

## Niagara Mohawk: plans to control pollution

Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. operates a 400 megawatt power plant on Rt. 9W in Glenmont, which will have a \$3 million improvement project to install additional pollution control equipment completed early this year.

Nicholas J. Lyman, regional public relations director, said a soot-blowing air compressor project will reduce the opacity or "improve the appearance of what comes out of the stacks." He said the compressor, housed in a small building, is undergoing testing and is "expected to be in operation in two or three months."

The project is being done in conjunction with the state Department of Environmental Conservation, he said.

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The plant also uses gas turbines during peak energy times, Lyman said, adding that the turbines burn oil or natural gas depending on which fuel is cheaper.

The Glenmont plant is part of Niagara Mohawk's Capital Region division serving parts of Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady and Columbia counties.

Niagara Mohawk employees are involved in community projects such as the United Way, local school boards and Little League baseball, Lyman said. "Our people are deeply involved in things like the Special Olympics," he said.

## Firm receives DOT contract

Green Island Construction Co. Inc. of Glenmont has received a contract for road work in Montgomery County from the state Department of Transportation.

The \$2.7 million bid was one of eight received.

The contract, scheduled for

completion by Nov. 30, 1990, calls for resurfacing about four miles and reconstructing another mile on Rt. 5 in the towns of Palentine and Mohawk. The work area begins at the Montgomery County line and ends in Palentine. The project also includes flattening curves, drainage improvements, new signs and installing permanent pavement markings.

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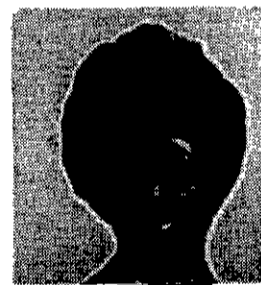
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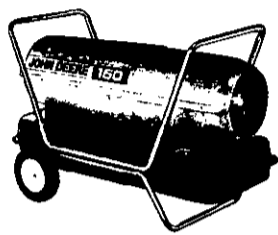
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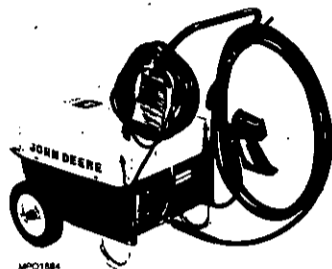
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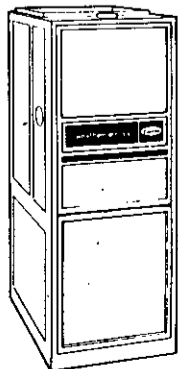


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# Blue Circle Atlantic

## Sense of urgency helping to turn plant around

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

When it opened in 1962, Newmont Mining Corporation's Atlantic Cement Company in Ravena was an ultra-modern, state-of-the-art facility with the possibility of being a leader not only in the production of cement in the United States, but in the entire international cement market.

Twenty-five years later, the plant's new owner, the British-based Blue Circle Industries International felt that the plant had a "very limited future."

According to operations manager Peter Buttiker, "Costs were too high, and productivity was too low. We had been doing everything we had always done, but the industry had passed us by. The status quo... was killing us. Even when cement prices were reaching all time high levels, our costs shaved profit margins so thin that little was available for internal improvements. When cement prices started to decline, and competition cut into more and more of our markets, our costs stayed up, and the Ravena plant became a liability."

With manufacturing plants closing daily throughout the U.S., and the facts staring them in the face, Buttiker said Blue Circle was instilled with a "new sense of urgency" which worked to their advantage. "In this business climate, you just cannot sit down and say anymore, 'tomorrow is just another day'. If you do, you fall one more day behind."

Armed with this 'sense of urgency', and what Buttiker called a new "results-oriented management style", the plant was pared down to the minimum number of workers possible to still function, and concentrated on increasing output.

"When I took over here, the attitude was 'why can't we do it tomorrow?' Competing with cement companies from Canada, Spain, Venezuela, Greece, Mexico and Europe — highly efficient operations using manpower and technology efficiently — we simply couldn't afford that kind of attitude."

After scaling down manpower (140 people were released over the last five years, leaving the work force at approximately 240), the first step on the road back to competition was to instill a spirit of teamwork in all of Blue Circle's employees, a task which Buttiker did not find easy.

As a native of Switzerland, Buttiker feels that "a lot of American schools teach that business is bad. They don't teach a cooperative approach to things, and it's hard to work without that. It makes it hard for (employees) to come up with cooperative approaches. Instead of the most direct way, they have to solve a problem in a confrontational way. It makes it hard to foster team spirit."

But faced with the possible loss of the entire operation, the plant seems to have managed — and managed well.

"Our response through teamwork and cooperative management has resulted in an annual reduction in overall production costs, and in total energy consumption," Buttiker said, explaining that this past year was one of the best years of production in their 26-year history "for quality performance with the lowest manpower ever — and the lowest energy consumption along with the highest output."

The firm spent over \$200,000 in re-education and employee training seminars, and "substantial

sums" for re-tooling and replacement of equipment with new technology, which will be continued in 1989.

And this past August, Blue Circle signed a contract with the Independent Workers of America Local 429, a real achievement, as they had been working under an implemented offer with the union since 1984.

Buttiker said the company is also very concerned with the quality of life in the surrounding community and the Town of Coeymans. "With 3,500 acres that we own, we are a big part of this town. We try very hard to be a good neighbor. We stress that if we have an environmental problem, we respond to it immediately." He also admits that an operation as large as Blue Circle's inevitably affects the environment. "We are burning 300,000 tons of coal a year, and we produce close to 1.7 tons of cement a year. I'm a realist. We do have some negative impacts. We recently spent \$650,000 on high Ph water going into Coeyman's Creek. We didn't have to go to that expensive a solution, but we feel it was necessary, as a part of the community."

The company is currently seeking permission from the state to burn waste products as fuel, a proposal that has stirred some concern in the community.

Buttiker is proud of Blue Circle's recent work and their position as the second largest cement plant in the United States, but he knows there is much more to do, and is very aware of how the results will affect the community around him. "A big operation like this does influence the town. And we like to be an asset. And I have an open-door policy. Whether it's to the employees or to the community — my door is always open."

# Wright Refuse Service

## Changes affecting waste disposal industry

By Theresa Bobear

The waste disposal industry has changed radically since Robert E. Wright, president of the Robert E. Wright Refuse Service, started his business in 1949, just four years after returning from service with the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division in Italy.

"We change as things change. This business is tough to say. Things come along and change, and you have to go along with them. There have been a lot of changes in the past 40 years," said Wright. "In 40 years we went from zero in dump fees to... this year they're going to run \$125,000 or \$135,000 or more. We probably had over \$700 in dump fees just today. They're probably going to run \$12,000 or \$14,000 a month."

Wright said he served the Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands areas, the developed portions of the town, when he started in business 40 years ago. He said he sold a portion of the business to his brother, Donald Wright, 22 years ago. Robert Wright said he kept all of the commercial customers and the residential business from Borthwick Ave. through Slingerlands.

While Donald Wright recently sold his company, Robert Wright has continued to run his independent business. "Since he's sold, I've expanded," he explained. Wright said he is now providing commercial service to the entire town and residential service to a major part of the town north of Rt. 9W. Wright said he has added one man and one truck during the past month. When asked about plans to add more trucks and personnel, Wright said, "If the customers keep coming, we will. They've been coming pretty fast since he sold out."

"Right now we're recycling newspapers at the rate of about

... six to seven tons per week," said Wright. "We have special bins on the trucks."

Wright said recycling is a more labor-intensive process. He said the

recent widespread recycling efforts have created a "negative market" for newspapers. "When we started in July we got \$18 a ton. By October it had gone to zero. Now we're paying close to \$30 a ton to get rid of them," said Wright. "When they're getting all they want, they're going to charge you to take them."

"I would imagine within time we'll be recycling other things," he said. "I think the reason they haven't is because the market is not good, or there is none."

"Everybody has a misconception of recycling," said Wright. "They think recycling brings in revenue and it doesn't, or it hasn't so far."

He said his company supports most local charities and makes contributions to the Little League, Pop Warner, area fire departments and ambulance squads, and the United Way.

His wife, Florence, serves as bookkeeper and secretary for the firm. Sons Robert W. Wright and Gerald Wright serve as vice president and treasurer.

"We try to do a good job and take care of everybody. We'll probably continue to as long as we have a place to dispose of it," said the company president. "That's the big question mark today."

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# Weber Brothers Bennett: always on call

## Plan to slow down

By Theresa Bobear

After more than 30 years of constructing houses in the Bethlehem area, William R. and Fred C. Weber plan to slow down their construction efforts.

"We intend to continue owning and operating all of our rental properties and running Pagano-Weber, but we'll be slowing on the construction end," said William Weber, president of Weber Brothers Inc. "We will complete all the construction in Briar Hill. We don't intend to start any new subdivisions or large projects."

"We'll probably do a little construction work on the side but not the volume we're doing now," he said.

"The biggest part of our construction work has all been done on a custom basis rather than a speculative basis," he said. "Out of all the construction that we've done in Weber Brothers, to the best of my knowledge I've had a satisfied customer on every one."

Fred and William Weber started building houses in the Bethlehem area in 1956. The firm started with about seven employees and now has four, according to Weber. "Fred and I both work on the job. We're both carpenters and developers."

Since the 1950s Weber Brothers Inc. has been responsible for the construction of approximately 200 new houses, and 50 to 75 re-

modeling projects and additions, according to Weber. "At present we're building about four houses a year," he said.

William Weber said he and his brother have also built about 25 rental units (apartments and duplexes) in town and three commercial properties on Delaware Avenue. The properties are owned and operated by Fred and William Weber doing business as Weber Realty.

William and Fred Weber own and manage Pagano-Weber Inc., a real estate firm selling commercial and residential properties, and offering relocation, appraisal, rental and property management services. Fred Weber is president of Pagano-Weber Inc.

He said Weber Brothers Inc. has been responsible for putting up a nativity scene during the holiday season at a church on Delaware Avenue for the past 30 years.

Weber said the firm generally supports all local activities, including Pop Warner, Little League and in-school programs. Weber Brothers also contributes to the March of Dimes.

William Weber said he is a former member of the Kiwanis Club and former chairman of the Bethlehem Planning Board, on which he served for about 20 years.

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

"Without us," said Thomas Drake, President of D.A. Bennett, "it would be like a community without a hospital."

And in this season of frozen pipes and broken heating systems, Bennett, the only plumbing, heating and air conditioning firm remaining in Delmar, has many "patients" who would be quick to agree.

In business since 1915, D.A. Bennett holds a Delmar historical record of sorts, as the longest existing business still operating in the same location. "We're the only business who has stayed in town who does this," said Drake, one of the third generation of family members to run the business. "There are other people who work out of their houses and trucks, but we are the only ones on call 24 hours a day. So if Georgie the handyman or whoever can't figure it out, and it's two a.m., we're available."

Many area residents — 1,200 in the Delmar area — purchase on-going service contracts with Bennett to maintain their furnaces, heat pumps and boilers.


A service contract for a gas-fired boiler or furnace runs approximately \$80 a year (plus tax) for a full inspection in the fall, and a contract for a heat pump, which gets inspected in the fall for heating and spring for air conditioning is approximately \$120, plus tax.

Bennett does about 500 installations a year of furnaces, air conditioning, bathroom remodeling and related installations, and makes about 900 service calls each year on both their equipment and work installed by others. "We do more service on homeowners' equipment than on work we have installed," Drake emphasized.

Last year saw Bennett selected as one of two representatives, "DMA's", for Lennox products in the entire Northeast. "That was an honor, and it allows us special training both in-house and outside. I would consider that a real accomplishment," Drake said. Vice President Douglas Darrone gets to do

the area Lennox commercials for Bennett, which usually have the dealer saying "Atta boy, Dave," to the overall-clad Dave Lennox character at the end of the spot. In a bit of a reversal this year, Darrone still got to be in the commercial, but the Dave Lennox character says "Atta boy, Doug" at the end instead.

1989 will be a year of taking stock for Bennett. "We have had really significant growth over the past seven years," Drake said. "This next year will be one of quality assurance and quality control. We've set high standards, and we're making sure we maintain them."



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## Capital Cities Imported Cars: retail sales expected to pick up this year

Capital Cities Imported Cars on Rt. 9W in Glenmont is a retail automobile dealership offering both new and used cars as well as automobile service.

The new product lines at Capital Cities, which is part of the Langan Group of dealerships across the Capital District, are Volkswagen and BMW, said Ed Tymann, general manager. He said the Langan Group currently operates four dealerships and will soon be expanding to a fifth.

Capital Cities also has a retail and wholesale parts shop, he said.

The dealership completed an expansion of its showroom and parking area in early 1988 to "accommodate the product lines as

well as customer service," Tymann said.

Tymann said the auto industry was "soft across the board" during 1988, but he expects retail sales will increase during the second quarter of this year. No additional changes to the facility are planned for 1989. The general manager hopes to increase the dealership's sales base and continue its established service base.

Although the dealership is not involved in any Bethlehem-specific community projects, Tymann said the corporation president, Kevin Langan is "extremely involved in community work in the area, especially with Cerebral Palsy." Langan is a former director of the CP

facility, he said, adding that Langan is "very committed" to the work for CP.

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# □ Klersy Building is committed to Bethlehem

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"We spend a lot of money . . . with local people," said Henry Klersy. "If you looked at our 1099s, you'd be shocked at what we spend here in town."

"The only things we really go out of town for are things Delmar doesn't have," said Kevin Klersy.

During the past year, the Klersy Building Corp built and moved into an office building on Kenwood Avenue, near the Four Corners.

"We're going to stay here. We're committed to the town," said Kevin Klersy.

He said the firm has about 15 full-time employees, including six residents of Bethlehem and one resident of New Scotland.

Kevin Klersy said the firm paid \$150,000 in Bethlehem property taxes for the past year. Regarding gross revenue, he said, "We run right around \$3 million."

"I've been in business since 1951," said Henry Klersy. After beginning as an apprentice to a builder in Slingerlands during the early 1950s, he said he started building single-family houses in Delmar with one to three employees. The firm was incorporated in 1957.

In addition to the Westchester Park homes on Westchester Drive North, Westchester Drive South, and portions of Wisconsin Avenue and McGuffey Lane, area building projects in Bethlehem completed by the Klersy Building Corp. during the past 38 years include the fire hall in Clarksville and the Kenaware subdivision, as well as the Cherry Arms Apartments, "which we still own and maintain," according to Henry Klersy.

Kevin Klersy said the design and construction of custom and luxury homes make up the major

part of their business. He said the firm also develops land, does major remodeling, and designs and constructs office buildings. In addition, he said the company constructs and manages apartments, which are owned by his father.

Currently, the firm's major projects are the Westchester Woods subdivision of more than 100 homes and Westwood II, a development of about 30 houses off a section of Parkwyn Drive and Jordan Blvd.

Kevin Klersy said they hope to complete the Westchester Woods and Westwood II developments within the next three years. "Hopefully, by then we'll have the approval on the Forest Run subdivision, which is 106 single-family houses," he said.

"We'll also be more active in residential and commercial land development," said Kevin Klersy

with regard to plans for the next five years.

"We also see an immediate need for some type of senior housing, whether it is a residential facility or health care facility or something in between," he said. "I think there is a need for it, and we would like to be involved."

Kevin Klersy said the firm's long-term goals are to continue to build luxury housing and to actually develop a senior citizens or retirement community.

When asked about Klersy Building Corp.'s plans for development of land on Delaware Avenue near the Bethlehem Public Library, Kevin Klersy replied, "That's a good question. No idea."

"When we bought it we were going to build apartments. We didn't get underway soon enough and the zoning got changed," he said. "We're always thinking about

it." He said a proposal will not be forthcoming "until we hit on something that we feel is right for the spot."

Vanguard's 1989 Decorator Showhouse in Westchester Woods will be provided by the Klersy Building Corp.

In addition to being a member of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, the Klersy Building Corp. makes contributions to the Tri-Village Little League, the Delmar Dolphins, the Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands fire departments, the Bethlehem Police Department and the Bethlehem Public Library. The company also supports various school programs and sponsors a bowling team in the Elsmere Commercial League.

Kevin Klersy is first vice president of the Albany Area Builders Association and director of the New York State Builders Association.

# □ Dining room start of local conglomerate

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Burt Anthony Associates are residents of Bethlehem or New Scotland.

After 12 years with the Hartford Insurance Group, Anthony bought his first insurance agency, Charles B. Clark Inc. in Unionville, in June of 1967.

"I started buying agencies right away," said Anthony.

During 1982 Anthony served on the long-range planning committee of the Professional Insurance Agents Association of New

York. According to Anthony, the committee's investigation of the market painted a bad picture for the small independent agent.

Anthony said the board decided to form a cluster group, to approach small agents and take over two-thirds of the stock, and offer each agent an employment contract that would allow him to continue running the agency. If the agent was retiring, the cluster group would offer to buy the entire agency. Anthony and his partners formed Mega Group Inc.

"We go out and buy insurance agencies," said Anthony. According to Anthony, the Mega Group provides many benefits to agents, including perpetuation, picking up the cluster group's markets, access to the cluster group's underwriting department, access to the team's management expertise, opportunities for agents to attend educational meetings, and the security of belonging to a large group without a splitting of commissions or profit sharing.

Anthony said the Mega Group started in business on April 1, 1984,

with Burt Anthony Associates as a base. "Burt Anthony Associates is a member of the Mega Group," he said.

During March of 1987 the Mega Group administrators decided they needed to raise more capital through equity funding (selling stock), according to Anthony. While the stock sales started slowly during the months after the October 1987 market crash, the issue was oversubscribed by August of 1988.

"We closed \$3 million on Aug. 16," said Anthony. "We had a lot of operating capital . . . so that we could continue our expansion plans; and, by only selling 30 percent of the company we kept control of our company."

During December the Mega Group acquired several new agencies. The Mega Group acquired

the Lynd-Brousseau Agency in Mechanicville with a \$1.3 million annual premium volume, the Garrick Agency Inc. in Medina, N.Y., with a \$2.3 million premium volume, and Christ, Brooks and Glosier, an agency in Warsaw and Pavilion, N.Y., with a \$2.3 million premium volume.

Last month the Mega Group also entered into a letter of intent for the purchase of the Roth Agency in Williamsville, N.Y., with an \$8 million premium volume. Successful completion of the Roth Agency acquisition would result in a 34 percent increase in the company's premium volume since last August.

"We try to contribute to any local people that come in," said Anthony. He and other company employees speak about insurance topics to area students.

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# Businessmen look at area's future

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does not mean it can be had. Business runs strictly on a profit basis and if an area is not perceived as being profitable, then a business will not locate there regardless of the demand.

Bethlehem's long battle to bring a second major grocery chain to the town is a prime example of the operations of large business. Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick said bringing another supermarket to Bethlehem "is a top priority... we've been pushing for the last two to three years without success."

One of the reasons for the town's lack of success is the extensive demographic studies conducted by grocery store developers. The studies focus population, traffic flow and income to determine the level of profitability necessary before any development project will go forward.

"It is difficult for a town to get what it needs," said Dennis Corrigan, a former member of the planning board and current town board member. "The town can express a desire if it wants a grocery store, but it won't get it unless it meets the criteria of a grocery store developer." Corrigan, who is also a partner in Main Square, said that is the "kind of thing the town has run into... Rt. 9W does not meet the criteria and there's not much to town can do to modify it."

## Community character

Areas where town government and citizens feel development should take place often are not the same areas that survive the demographic study stage. Having

Bethlehem keep its small-town community character is important to many people, especially in the face of the need for both residential and commercial development. "I would like to see the town retain its smallness... I don't think that I would like to see extensive redevelopment into commercial-retail. It is a bedroom community we should try to keep it that way," said Wayne Johnson, owner of Johnson's Stationers.

The desire to keep Bethlehem as a "bedroom community" can conflict with development. The proposal by BTR Development and Price Chopper for a combined commercial and residential development in Slingerlands has mobilized community groups, and caused other citizens to question whether the "not in my backyard" syndrome is at work.

Ringler is "not so sure" the concerns of business and residents "are as incompatible as they may seem... when residents are not looking at a specific project (they) seem to support growth."

Another common fear among both residents and business people is overdevelopment, which is perceived in other local communities such as Latham in the Town of Colonie.

"I think most people recognize we have to have a certain amount of commercial development... I think a majority of people prefer to do their shopping in town," Hendrick said.

If the town requires developers to have proper transition areas, buffer areas and traffic controls,

then Ringler said business and industry will be accepted.

## Master planning

Some officials say the key to development in Bethlehem will be the results of a master plan, which the town has dedicated \$125,000 in this year's budget to accomplish. The town began discussing the process in May and is scheduled to consider Hendrick's proposal for a special committee to guide the project. The board will then decide on the "way to appropriately proceed (and) hopefully get something in motion," he said. (See story, page 3.)

Hendrick said that after the master plan results are known "we will have a good sense of what the community is looking for and to what degree we will extend the commercial area in our town."

Thorsen agrees with the logic of the master plan and feels it "can't be done soon enough." When the town identifies where it wants residential and commercial development, "it can go about attracting the right kind of additions," he added.

## Future development areas

The Rt. 9W corridor, where there is currently a building moratorium in effect, is likely to see the bulk of the growth in the town, once the study is complete.

Corrigan sees the corridor area developed to "meet local needs." He also feels there is the potential for low density campus style offices along Rt. 9W, which would "benefit the tax base."

Johnson sees the Rt. 9W corridor meeting the needs of an increased

population by becoming an area with "a really nice office complex, possibly with some retail stores mixed in." He thinks the business corridor along Delaware Ave. "is not wide enough" and would like to see the Delaware Ave. corridor become the "main business area."

Hendrick said, "in the long term I see the need for each area of town to have a shopping center... as shown in the 1965 master plan." He said the impact would keep traffic more localized and keep more businesses in town.

Corrigan also raised the question of the town considering a new zone similar to the City of Albany's neighborhood-commercial zone to allow service-type business to be built near residential developments. He said the zoning would allow "mom and pop" businesses to serve the developments. "Suburban areas typically develop without these kinds of businesses," he said, adding that Bethlehem has nothing comparable since convenience stores in the town are located only on heavily travelled roads.

Doug Brownell, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and owner of Brownell's Insurance Agency, said he feels the New Scotland Rd. section of Bethlehem is an "appropriate area for commercial development." "I don't look at (the area) as a residential neighborhood," he said, noting the businesses such as Ross' and the Hess Gasoline Station in the area. "If Price Chopper, when it makes its proposal, wants to extend the bypass, I do feel that is a good area for services we really do need."

Jim Breen, a commercial developer and also a partner in Main Square, said he sees the Rt. 9W

corridor as an office park and he feels "all the projects, both proposed and speculative, will probably fill the town's needs."

## Industrial growth

Industrial growth in Bethlehem would have a positive impact on the tax base without drawing heavily on services in the town. "Certain sections could lend themselves to light commercial and light manufacturing" development such as the Conrail Selkirk Yard area, said Brownell.

Ringler said the town "should be trying to attract industry into the appropriate areas" to build the tax base. He said the industrial operations should be "clean. The view is also shared by Johnson, who said the area is a "good place for heavy industrial... perhaps if some show a flicker of interest, they should be romanced by the town."

## Encouraging growth

The town government and the chamber of commerce play a role in bringing businesses into the town by offering incentives and by promoting the area as a good place to do business.

Bethlehem does not offer any tax incentives to business, Hendrick said, adding he was "not sure it's something we want to do." However the town does have an Industrial Development Authority that can provide financial incentives to new businesses.

The town could spend more time helping developers with the approval application process, said Brownell. He said the "process seems rather lengthy... if the time frame could be shortened, it may be better for both sides. Developer could be discouraged by the length of the process."

# Business growth in 1988

Area business openings and changes in the year 1988 were not as numerous as in previous years. The bulk of the additions were in the Delmar area, many at the recently opened Main Square shopping plaza.

At Main Square, which opened its doors on Delaware Ave. in 1987, four new businesses opened: Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Shop; J. and S. Buster Brown Shoes; Minoo Buchanan, D.D.S., a pediatric dental office; and Hali Bey Inc. Oriental Rugs. The shop owned by Louise May and Jay Mosca offers carpets, wall hangings, pillows and copper pieces.

Also, Framingham Associates, a building inspection firm, moved its offices to Main Square from Albany.

In Delmar, restaurant expansion occurred with the introduction of the Great Wall, a Chinese takeout restaurant at the Four Corners, and Pizza Pizzaz,

which opened in June at Delaware Plaza.

The Bridal Rose Boutique at 239 Delaware Ave. opened in June and offers fine dresses for all formal occasions. It is under the ownership of Barbara Houghtaling. Also on Delaware Ave., Delmar Carpet opened in April.

Just down from the Four Corners, Hughes Opticians opened at 411 Kenwood Ave., offering eye care to the public.

In the other direction, Team One Radio Inc., owner of radio station WGNA, bought WWCN's Kenwood Ave. operation. The new station now broadcasts mainly by satellite as WOKO-AM, 1460 AM.

In Selkirk, Andy's Subs opened, and in Ravena, Upper Planned Parenthood opened a satellite office at 33 Main St.

Glenmont saw the entrance of Sweet Keepsakes on Rt. 9W. The

shop offers handmade gifts such as prints, ceramics and novelty items. Also, Glenmont True Value Hardware store opened at the Towne Squire Shopping Center. Glenmont also saw the exit of Heath's Dairy retail store on Rt. 9W, as well as the dairy's home delivery service, and the 30-year-old Three Farms Dairy retail store on Rt. 144.

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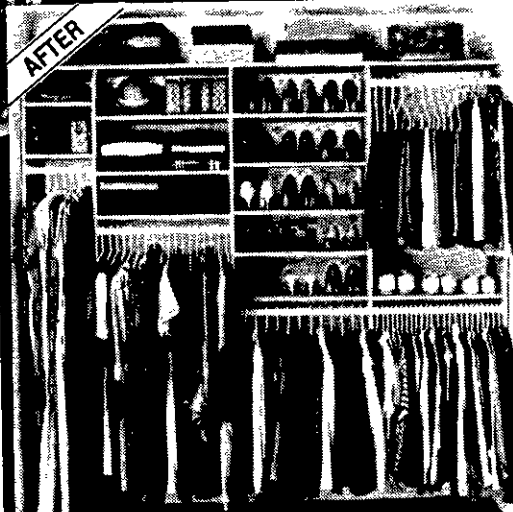
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# Voorheesville News Notes

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## Library move continues

Since the closing last week, staff of the Voorheesville Central School District Public Library and Volunteers have been preparing for the "Big Move." This weekend the library's collection of more than 35,000 books will be transferred from the old building on Main St. to the new facility on Prospect St. and Depot Rd.

organizations and individuals have been moving other library materials to ready the new building for its opening on Feb. 13. Computers, typewriters and supplies have been transported. Final plans have been made for this weekend when people working in shifts will be used with bags of books from the old to the new building.

Child Care Center and the Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will help move books on Wednesday morning. On Thursday and Friday all students from the Voorheesville Elementary School will lend a hand to move the junior collection into the new building. Finally, volunteers will move the library's adult book collection on Saturday and Sunday. The school district has lent the library buses for the move.

Each volunteer will receive an "I Made the Move" button bearing the library logo.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the move this weekend and to work morning, noon or night through Feb. 12 to prepare the library for its grand opening on Feb. 13. For information call 765-2791. Students 14 and younger are welcome to assist if accompanied by an adult.

Area businesses and individuals interested in contributing to the library move fund may send checks payable to the Voorheesville Library to E. Probst, 9 Nancy Lane, Voorheesville, N.Y. 12186.

Library books may be returned to the book drop box during the next few weeks.

## Schools closing early

Both Voorheesville and Kuperberg-Morris will close early on Friday, Jan. 27, to allow teachers to participate in staff in-service programs. Voor-

heesville Elementary School will close at 11:05 a.m. The high school students will leave immediately after morning exams. No lunches will be served at either school.

## District invites parents

The Voorheesville Central School District is inviting parents of preschool children to attend a series of information meetings during the next month.

On Thursday, Jan. 26, Dr. Kathleen Stott of the College of Saint Rose will speak about child development. The second meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 14. A kindergarten registration meeting will be held on March 7. Screening for those eligible to enter kindergarten in the fall will be held from April 4 through 6. For information call 765-2382.

## Preschool program offered

Parents interested in enrolling their children in the program for 4-year-olds at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville are invited to a meeting at the church hall on Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Registration forms for the upcoming lottery will be available at the church office. For information call Sue Vanderwarker, registration chairman, at 861-6457.

## Kuperberg-Morris to perform

The Kuperberg-Morris Movement Theatre will perform for students at the Voorheesville Elementary School on Thursday,

Jan. 31. The program will be the second in a series sponsored by Theatre Fun for Young People, a non-profit organization that has brought live professional theater to the Voorheesville Central School District for the past 20 years. For information call Mary Jackstadt at 765-4328 or Jeanne Knouse at 765-2136.

## Scouts raising funds

Boy Scouts of Voorheesville Troop 73 are inviting everyone to their pancake supper on Feb. 4, from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m., at the Legion Hall.

Girl Scouts are still selling cookies. For information call any scout or call Diane Guyer, chairman of the event, at 765-2529.

## Investigate unclaimed funds at Crossgates

Representatives from the state Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds will be available Thursday and Friday, Jan. 26 and 27, at Crossgates Mall, Albany, to talk to persons who wish to know whether they have any unclaimed assets that may have been turned over to the state.

This is one in a series of visits to localities around the state by the office to make records of unclaimed funds more accessible to the public. Personnel will assist residents in determining whether they may have funds and in filing a claim. No appointment will be necessary.

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## AIDS education offered by Red Cross

The Albany chapter of the American Red Cross will hold an AIDS education program, entitled "Working Beyond Fear," for area employers on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

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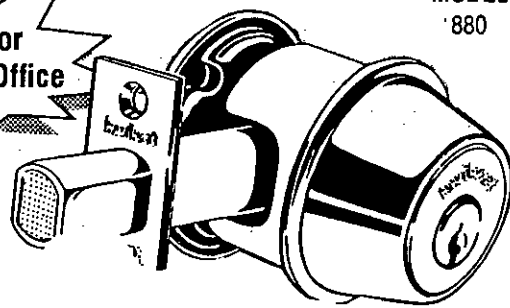
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# A cut above the rest

By Lyn Stapf

It was her curls that first caught his eye, says barber Charles Fields in talking about his beautiful wife Julia. Their romance has lasted more than five decades and has given birth to a long line of Fields, as well as a long line of accomplishments for the couple.

This year the Fields will share the honor of being New Scotland Citizen of the Year. This year marks the first time in 22 years that the title has been awarded to a couple. In light of their many individual and joint contributions to the community over the years, those who know the Fields concluded that the industrious couple should share this title.

In fact, it was more than 50 years ago that Charlie Fields first met Julia Ricci. Born in Kentucky, he was an orphan who had traveled the country after his parents died. He worked in the coal mines and tobacco fields; and finally found his way to Cincinnati where he learned the barber trade. As head of the Vaughan Barber School on Green St. in Albany, he was asked to move to Voorheesville after the village's resident barber died. The appeal of moving to the country convinced him.

Charlie set up shop across from Ricci's market on Main St. The handsome young barber quickly seduced Julia Ricci as she worked in her family's store along with her sisters and brother. While Julia was also fond of the wavy-haired barber, the romance met with great resistance from her family. After months of secretly dropping notes to Julia in the orange crates at the store, Charles, after not as much as a date, finally convinced the young shopkeeper to elope on Dec. 19. Upon returning home though, she got cold feet and refused to tell her family they were married. More than a week after the anxious groom had had enough and came to claim his bride on New Year's Eve.

"They said it wouldn't last," said the Fields with a laugh, after celebrating their 50th anniversary several years ago.

During the half century, the two shared many memories and experiences including two sons, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren with another in the way.

They also shared an interest in the tonsorial arts. Long before Charlie the barber came to Main St., Julia Ricci would take her kit and go from house to house cutting and setting hair —



**Co-winners of the 1988 New Scotland Citizen of the Year Award are Charles and Julia Fields. The handsome couple have contributed a great deal to improve the appearance of New Scotland: she's a beautician and he's a local barber.** Lyn Stapf

beginning at the ripe old age of 14. After their marriage she continued her self-taught art in the shop with her husband, becoming Voorheesville's first beautician. After more than 50 years in business, she continues even now at the shop in her home on Route 85A. Later, along with her sister, she became the area's first Avon lady as well.

Although life was far from easy for the Fields in an era when hair cuts were a quarter and a shave was 15 cents, the two persevered. Even after their shop burnt, the barber and his wife weren't discouraged. Charlie was invited to set up his chair in the corner of a gas station, now occupied by Stewart's. He bought a building in Altamont and had it moved to the lot on 34 S. Main St., riding high atop the structure with a stick lifting wires from the house as it rode along the roads. The two worked at their hair business, as well as in the post office that also occupied the building. Julia stood behind the counter and Charlie was in charge of the mail that arrived and left by trains. The part-time mailman would pick up bags of mail thrown off the moving trains and set satchels on a crane, which would be grabbed by the crew as the trains roared through Voorheesville.

Even with all the work of several jobs and caring for a family, the two found time to participate in an unbelievable number of community and church functions.

They were active members of the fire department and auxiliary. They catered the harvest ball for 18 years, and ran numerous fundraisers for St. Matthew's Church.

Julia, who was known for her spaghetti suppers, followed in the footsteps of her mother by literally making thousands of meatballs for each affair, running communion breakfasts and organizing other dinners, such as a roast beef dinner for Catholic Bishop Broderick, who visited to confirm area students.

She also chaired card parties to raise funds for both the church and the schools. Julia, who was active in the area PTA, helped start the first scholarship fund in 1956.

She recalled one year when a woman threatened to call the police and say the raffle she had been involved in organizing was illegal. "We had planned a raffle to get the money and had spent weeks getting prizes," she explained. In order to keep the peace, at the last minute the group changed plans and held an auction instead. The event brought in \$475 for student scholarships.

Upon seeing her organizational skills, former district superintendent Clayton Bouton called upon Julia to help start the district's adult education program. Of course, one of her first teachers was husband Charlie the barber, who taught local mothers how to give their children haircuts.

Always civic-minded, Charlie was resourceful as well. As a village trustee he offered to sell his property behind the American Legion to the village for a playground. After asking only

\$800 in taxes for the 11 acres, the village official was told the sale would be a conflict of interest. However, after the death of a young boy who was playing in the streets, Charlie was determined to give the area young people a safe place to play. So, the barber sold the property to his nephew for a dollar, who in turn deeded it to the village, creating what is now known as the Village Green.

The Fields were both members of civilian defense and the American Red Cross. As one of the village's early ambulance drivers, Charlie often left customers in the chair while he tended to medical emergencies.

The only living charter member of the Voorheesville Rod and Gun Club assisted EnCon for years in stocking the Vly and Fly Creeks. He was an avid bowler who began the Forest League, which included his wife among its members.

Charlie was a gardener who was for the last decade continuously won blue ribbons for his oversized vegetables.

Even now, in spite of health problems, the two are active members of the New Scotland Senior Citizens and the New Scotland Historical Association.

The list goes on and on. The two are reluctant to tote their many accomplishments and always quick to point out that they had lots of help from other residents.

Although neither Charlie the barber nor his beautician wife Julia understand why they were singled out for this honor, people in the community who know them realize that they are both a cut above the rest.

The Town of New Scotland will sponsor a dinner to honor the

Fields on Friday, March 31, at the Crossgates Restaurant, Washington Ave. Ext. Reservations for the dinner may be made for \$15 by calling Bill Hotaling at 765-2033 or Kathy Martin at 765-2278.

## Markets


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have to be addressed, including roof leaks, untagged wiring, inside framing problems and deterioration of some metal support posts.

"I'm not aware that they have done any work on that list," Gordonier said, "and there were serious problems. I could see daylight through the roof."

But whether the building is up to code or not, Clark comes back to his main point: "The people want a market. And I will not jeopardize Convenient's right to our planning process on the strength of a phone call. We cannot interfere. Anyway, if they are talking about a \$600,000 investment, I would think that would make it hard on Convenient — not vice versa."

When asked what he would say to the Crown group, Clark was specific. "We can't live on promises. Give us something in writing. Apply for a permit. I've waited five years for a proposal, and I haven't seen anything but the light on that telephone."



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Literally head and shoulders above her competition, Anita Kaplan scores easily against Columbia on her way to eclipsing her 1,000th career point. *R. H. Davis*

## Francis paces Eagle win Passes 1,000 point milestone

By Justin Cresswell

Showing the form that has earned them first place in the Suburban Council's Gold Division, the Bethlehem Girls Basketball team rolled past Columbia, 67-44 for their ninth straight win Thursday. The Eagles were never challenged in a game that saw Senior Forward Julie Francis eclipse the 1,000 point mark for her career.

Francis, a co-captain, reached the milestone with a 3-point shot in the third quarter. She finished with 17 points in the game, while sophomore center Anita Kaplan led all scorers with 24.

After one quarter, the Eagles held a sizeable 23-9 advantage and that was all she wrote for Columbia. That win combined with Niskayuna's 74-24 drubbing

at the hands of undefeated Shenendehowa gives BC a 2 1/2 game lead in the Gold Division.

Coach Bill Warner described the game as "the best we've played all year," a statement that was backed up by the excellent ball movement and overall team play by the Eagles.

Earlier in the week at Guilderland, the Eagles came back from a 34-33 fourth quarter deficit behind 7 of Anita Kaplan's game-high 21 points to win 45-40.

Guilderland opened the final period with an 8-3 run to take a one point lead. Undaunted, BC outscored their hosts the rest of the game to win it. During that period, the Eagles cashed in at the foul line scoring 8 of their last 14 from the charity stripe.

# The Cohoes shocker Ladybirds fall into 3-way tie

Voorheesville's express train to the girls' basketball championship of the Colonial Council suffered an unexpected derailment last week, but Nadine Bassler's crew is back on the track for a critical test this Friday.

A 54-51 loss at Cohoes last Friday not only was a shocker, but it sent the league race into a three-way tie among the Ladybirds, Mechanicville and Lansingburgh, all at 8-2 coming into this week.

That's the bad news. The good news is that the triple deadlock in the throne room will be unknotted in a hurry this Friday when Mechanicville comes to Rt. 85A for a 6:30 engagement. The Ladybirds knocked off the Red Raiders in their first-round meeting at Mechanicville last month, and are primed to do it again. Four days later, on the following Tuesday, they go to Lansingburgh.

That means they can do it all themselves if they keep the train on schedule, leaving the Raiders

## Basketball

and the Knights to fight it out among themselves for second place.

The Cohoes debacle was hard to take. Voorheesville led all the way, and with a 9-point lead going into the fourth period, there was no hint of danger on the track ahead. With two minutes left and the margin down to four points, there was double trouble. Tricia Carmody, Voorheesville's meal ticket, fouled out, and two three-point hoops by the Tigresses suddenly put the home team ahead. The Birds had several shots as the clock was running down, but none would fall, and when Cohoes snatched a rebound and went coast-to-coast for an insurance basket, the game was gone.

A disappointed Bassler attributed the upset to several stretches of loose defense in the second half

and a cold spell in shooting in the final two minutes. "These things happen," she said, "but we're not going to let them bother us. We can win it (the league) in the next two games."

Carmody, the league's premier player, turned in another of her consistent performances at Cohoes meshing 17 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. Tally Bausback had 12 points and 13 rebounds, and Kim Sullivan tossed 13 points into the cords.

Last Tuesday a road trip had a happier ending. The Birds buried the struggling Indians at Ravena, 61-41, enjoying themselves after exploding to a 22-8 advantage in the first period. In the romp that followed, Carrie Donohue had the most fun, putting up 18 points. Jen Elliott had 7 rebounds and 7 assists. Carmody scored 13 and had 15 rebounds, and Sullivan added 11 points.

The Ladybirds currently stand 13-2 overall.

## Guilderville takes 4 straight

By Zack Kendall

For the past few weeks, the Guilderville boys swim team has been going up against some pretty tough teams. One might think that the small squad would take quite a beating, but the truth is that Guilderville has won its last four meets, and tied in the fifth.

Last Tuesday, they defeated Albany Academy 46-30, and on Friday they hosted and upset Scotia-Mohonasen by a score of 52-23.

In the meet with Academy, they started off strong, taking first in the 200-yard medley relay. Dave Washburn, Scott Bowden, Gary Washburn and Joe Tyrell swam

## Swimming

this event in 1:58.7. Seth Rose won both the 200-yard freestyle in 2:05.4, and the 500-yard freestyle in 5:39.4. This second event performance qualified Rose for the sectional meets at RPI in February. Stephan Csiza, another eighth grader, also qualified for sectionals with his time of 2:33 in the 200-meter individual medley. In the 50-yard freestyle, Dave Washburn took first with 24.99, and Matt Kost finished second with 25.50. The 100-yard butterfly was won by Gary Washburn in 1:02.3. Scott Bowden was first in

the 100-yard breast stroke, with 1:10.57. Doug Wuttke finished just a few seconds behind the winner in the 100-yard backstroke, and had to settle for a second with 1:18.13. The 400-yard relay team of Washburn, Bowden, Tyrell, and Washburn finished in a strong first place, with 3:57.59.

In Friday's meet with Scotia, Kost took first in both the 200-yard freestyle, with 2:11.38, and 100-yard breaststroke in 1:14.35. The IM was taken by Bowden in 2:18.20.

This week Guilderville travels to battle Shenendehowa for a chance to make their record even more impressive.

## BC splits to Scotia, Saratoga

By Kevin Schoonover

The Bethlehem gymnastics team had a good meet last Tuesday against Shaker and Scotia. The Bethlehem girls defeated Scotia but lost to Shaker.

Several BC girls placed in the individual events. Jen Tucker placed sixth in the all-around competition and sixth in the

## Gymnastics

uneven bars. Tricia Hampton placed fifth on the balance beam and fifth on the uneven bar. Amy Shafer placed first on the floor exercise, tied for fourth on the vault, and came in fifth on the all around.

*Sideline notes:* In her first year back coaching, Mary Powell is working hard to build a strong BC team. One of Bethlehem's leading gymnasts, Chrissy Mann, did not compete last Tuesday but will be competing at the next match. BC's next match is home, on Jan. 28.

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# Eagles 'crush' Blue Devils

By Bill Dixon

Having suffered a disappointing loss to a powerful Guilderland, the Bethlehem boy's basketball team staged an impressive come back last Friday as it defeated Columbia's Blue Devils in BC's own "Orange Crush Tournament".

The Guilderland game started out with a close first quarter that failed to put either team significantly ahead. But by the end of the first half, Guilderland had established a crucial lead over the Eagles, a gap that BC would be ultimately unable to overcome. Some of Bethlehem's trouble in the second half could be attributed to a shooting slump that plagued the team's offensive efforts throughout most of the second quarter. Though the second half did see a formidable resurgence from the orange and black, the opposition had gained too large of a lead to be realistically challenged.

"I thought we played our best game of the year," said Bethlehem Coach Jack Moser. The crowd at Bethlehem, which packed BC's gym for what was to be the most important home game of the year, had had their appetite for orange victory largely whetted by a outstanding performance from the girls' team. But judging from its nearly boundless enthusiasm, the audience was clearly not satisfied with the prospect of leaving with only one win for the evening. The first quarter ended with Columbia leading the home team 17-16.

Junior Sean McDermott helped the Eagles to return by contributing 11 points to his team's total of 18 for the quarter. Bethlehem's defense closed ranks to shut the Devils out to a quarter total of 9 points. The trend continued and by the end of third quarter, BC had a lead of 53-40. Columbia made a seemingly half-hearted attempt at redeeming themselves in the last quarter, but the final score stood at a heavily lopsided 70-58. McDermott finished the game with 20 points and 16 rebounds, while teammates Michael Hodge and Neil Breslin each scored thirteen points. Alex Hackmen sunk a total of 11 points. Kyle Snyder tallied up 8 points and 10 assists.

that, for the Eagles, seems to have taken on all the qualities of the classic grudge match. "They really beat us before. We just got behind and couldn't catch up. But I think we're playing better now and if we keep close to them early on, I think we're going to give them a real game."

## BOU sponsors forum

Bethlehem Opportunities will hold a public forum, entitled "Parents, Kids and the Law," on Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, from 7 to 9 p.m.

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## Winter sport focus of workshop

The Heldeberg Workshop, Picard Rd., Voorheesville, will offer a free cross-country skiing and snowshoeing program on Sunday, Feb. 3, from noon until 4 p.m. For information call 765-2777.

## 'Temp' jobs discussed

The Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will host a program about temporary employment opportunities on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For information call 439-9314.



Bethlehem's Sean McDermott (42) slides underneath two Columbia defenders as he scores on a reverse layup.

R. H. Davis

# Post-holiday slump ends for RCS

By Curt VanDerzee

This past week the Ravena boys basketball team split two games to run their record to 9-5 overall and 6-4 in the league and the good news is that the team finally seems to be coming out of their post-Christmas slump.

On Tuesday the Indians traveled to Voorheesville to take on the Blackbirds. The Blackbirds came out looking to play a very slow tempo game, and they succeeded with the Indians only being up 10-8 at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter a combination of tough defense by the Blackbirds and very poor shooting by the Indians (1 for 14 from the field) led to a 15-10 halftime lead for Voorheesville.

In the second half Ravena continued their tough defensive play and eventually found enough offense to hang on for a 52-43 win. The Indians' balanced attack was

led by Tony Cary and Phil Nicewonger with 12 points each.

The win was especially satisfying because the Indians were playing without both starting guards, Jason Tucker and Rick Waddingham. Waddingham will be back next Tuesday and Tucker hopes to be back from a bout with mononucleosis for this Friday's game against Watervliet.

On Friday, the Indians lost at Mechanicville, 75-72, to snap their three-game winning streak.

Ravena was outscored 26-4 from the foul line. The Indians were behind by 17, in the beginning of the fourth quarter. But they came back behind Tony Johnston and Jim Rexford who both hit three 3-pointers. They finished with 15 and 13 respectively. Nicewonger led all RCS scorers with 18.

This week the Indians will take on Lansingburgh at home, and will travel to Watervliet on Friday to take on the Cannonneers.

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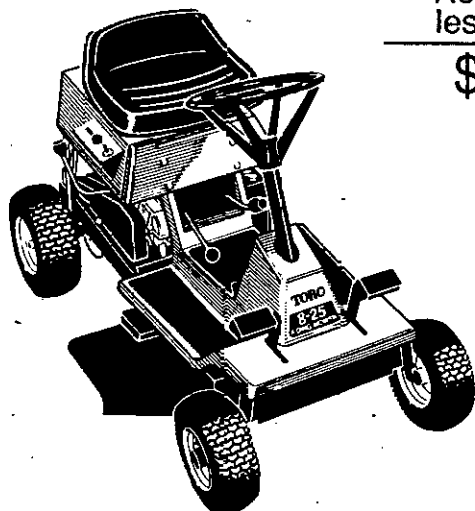
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## In Saratoga Tournament

# Bethlehem places fourth

By John Bellizzi III

What began as a difficult week for the Eagles in varsity wrestling action ended on a very high note thanks to impressive individual performances last Saturday at the Saratoga Varsity Tournament.

After Bethlehem Central was overcome Wednesday by Burnt Hills, who is currently ranked second in New York State, in a league dual meet, the Eagles rebounded to a strong team finish at Saratoga last weekend, producing three tournament champions.

Mike Leamy defeated his Fort Plain opponent 13-0 in the finals at Saratoga to earn the 132-pound class championship. John Gallogly won his second consecutive Saratoga Tournament title as he outscored a Fort Plain grappler 6-1 in the 138-pound finals. Pete Bragaw was down 6-3 going into the third period of the 155-pound finals, but he came back, scoring a takedown in the last five seconds to win the tournament 8-7.

Jeremy Hartnett (112 pounds), Eric Brown (119 pounds) and Paul Vichot (167 pounds) took third place for Bethlehem at the tournament. Pat Leamy placed fourth at 126 pounds.

Their efforts, along with those of BC's seven other varsity wrestlers, allowed the Eagles to finish "a very strong fourth place", according to BC Coach Rick Poplaski. "This was the best showing we've had all year, in terms of everybody coming together as a team," said Poplaski.

Bethlehem Central wasn't as successful as a team Wednesday evening at Burnt Hills, but

## Wrestling

several individual performances helped salvage some pride. The Spartans, ranked second statewide, took it to the Eagles early, capturing quick pins in the first three matches. Then, at 112 pounds, BC senior Hartnett wrestled one of the most impressive matches of the evening against defending state champion Scott Hughes. Though Hughes was awarded enough near-fall point at the conclusion of the third period to score a 17-1 technical fall, Hartnett wrestled an intense match against a much stronger opponent, and personified Bethlehem's ability to compete with the best.

Three of Bethlehem's most seasoned veterans were defeated in the next three weight classes. Brown fell victim to a 7-0 decision at 119 pounds; Pat Leamy was pinned in the 126-pound bout; and 132-pounder Mike Leamy was outscored 9-4. Halfway through the dual meet, Burnt Hills had accumulated a 36-0 lead over the Eagles.

BC's first victory of the evening came in the next bout as Gallogly picked up a decision at 138 pounds. Leading 2-0 going into the second period, Gallogly was reversed, but managed to recover control before the end of the period. Gallogly escaped and took down his opponent in the third period to win 7-2.

A first period takedown was the deciding factor of the 145-pound match as Mark Farina lost 2-0 in a

very evenly-matched, well-wrestled bout. Two Burnt Hills takedowns made the difference at 155, as Bragaw was outscored 5-1.

At 167 pounds, Vichot won by a 9-0 major decision for BC's second and final victory of the dual meet. Burnt Hills won by fall at 177, 215 and 250 pounds, securing a 60-7 dual meet victory.

Burnt Hills knocked BC's league record down to 2-4 (4-6 overall), but the Eagles have ample opportunity to bring it up again as they enter this week's busy schedule. Tomorrow evening, Bethlehem will face Big Ten wrestling power Amsterdam in an away non-league dual meet. Friday night, in a double dual meet scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. BC will host Suburban Council opponents Guilderland and Scotia.

In the week's largest event the Eagles will host some 14 junior varsity teams in the first annual Bethlehem Central Junior Varsity Wrestling Tournament, Saturday at BCHS. The 8-1 JV Eagles had had strong showings at several earlier tournaments, and should have numerous place winners in this weekend's competition. Preliminary rounds will start last morning, with the finals and consolation finals scheduled to begin by 6 p.m.

## Completes season play on football team

Freshman Rich Gray of Delmar was a member of the Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., football team that posted a 6-3-1 record this past fall for its second straight winning season.

The six-foot, 220-pound Gray was a reserve fullback who rushed for 53 yards on 13 carries for a 4.1 average. He had 21 yards on six carries including a one-yard touchdown run in a 56-21 victory against C.W. Post College.

A health and fitness major, Gray is a 1988 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School where he was captain of the football team and a Suburban Council All-Star.

## Ravena tastes revenge, but falters in tourney

By Josh Curley

A revitalized Ravena wrestling team avenged an early season loss to powerful Beekmantown in a dual meet 36-15 on Saturday. The north country squad stung the Indians with a victory at the RCS Invitational several weeks ago.

Saturday's Peru Nightmare, attended annually by Ravena, turned out to be a nightmare for the Indians this year. RCS finished eighth out of a field of 13 teams and failed to advance any wrestlers to the finals.

The Indians had just wrestled a tough league match against Voorheesville the day before the two-day tournament which helps explain the poor showing.

"The kids felt beat up by the third day (of consecutive wrestling) and they looked it," said Coach John Vishneowski, "there was also good competition at the tournament."

The Indians didn't match up well with the other teams. "Our guys looked smaller out there as if they were wrestling kids from the next weight class up," said Vishneowski.

Since Saturday, Ravena has used that tournament loss as a source of strength turning away previous unbeaten Schalmont and Beekmantown.

RCS slaughtered Colonial Council rival Schalmont 61-8, making Ravena the only undefeated team in league competition.

"It was like they (Schalmont) conceded the match before it started," said Vishneowski. Schalmont opted to drop some of their top wrestlers to compete at the junior varsity level. Shannon Cowles (98 pounds), Ralph Carhart (112 pounds), Geoff Demis (119 pounds), Fred Pechette (126 pounds), Bill Stanton (132 pounds), Henry Mormile (138 pounds) and Chuck Swaider (145 pounds) were victims. Schalmont only scored on a forfeit at 91 pounds and a tie at 155 pounds with Ravena's Curt VanDerzee. Schalmont forfeited the three heavy weights.

The difference between last week's victory against Beekmantown and the previous loss was that the Indians "wanted to wrestle" at the second, meeting according to Vishneowski.

At 105 pounds, Bob Pelletier was leading 5-4 against last year's Section VII champion and this year's RCS Invitational Champ, but with ten seconds remaining, Pelletier was caught with a reversal and ended with a loss 7-5.

Junior Ralph Carhart got the team going when he won 2-1 over a wrestler who had pinned him at the tournament at 112.

"Ralph's match really set the tone for the turnaround," said Vishneowski. "They knew that it was a new day."

Bill Stanton scored a quick six points with a 27 second pin at 126. At 138, Chuck Swaider drew with a Beekmantown wrestler who had pinned him at the earlier meeting. 215-pounder Dan Egan decided 2-0 a wrestler who had also pinned him previously.

The Indians hope the wave of success will carry through to this week when they face Cohoes. A victory against Cohoes will clinch at least a tie for the league title for Ravena.

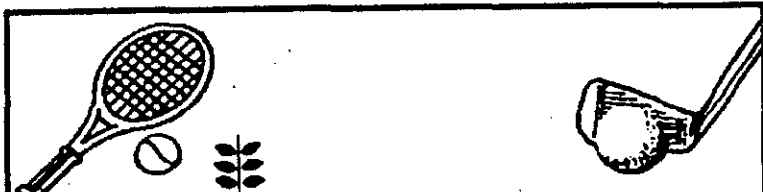
"Realistically, we should have no trouble with Cohoes, but you can never tell," said Coach Vishneowski.

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# VV seniors key wins with brains, not braun

By Kevin Taylor

The Voorheesville wrestling team put together two consecutive victories last week for the first time this season, combining experienced senior leadership with smart wrestling to overcome their opponents.

On Tuesday, the Blackbirds paid a visit to nearby Guilderland, for a non-league match-up. The Birds faltered early but rallied to win, 37-27. At one point in the contest the Blackbirds won six straight matches to aid in their victory. Bob Blanchard, Tim Reeth, Tom Ravida, Paul Novak, and Chad Hotaling all collected pins for the Blackbirds en route to victory. Chris Dell'Acqua also won an 8-3 decision and Rick Leach won by technical fall to help the Blackbirds cause.

On Thursday, the Birds traveled to Lansingburgh for a league match. The Blackbirds jumped out to an early lead and never looked back in defeating the

Knights, 46-22. The first three Blackbird wrestlers all posted first period pins to help set the tone early. They were Blanchard, Dell'Acqua and Josh Vink. The Birds also collected two technical falls, a decision and another pin. Leach and Novak received the technical falls, (Leach's second of the week.) Ravida collected the decision (9-1) and heavyweight Hotaling wore down his man, the Lansingburgh captain, en route to a pin with only seconds remaining in the match.

With these two victories the Blackbirds improved to 4-8-1 overall and 3-3 in the Council which is good enough for third place, behind Ravena and Schalmont.

Coming up this week the Blackbirds have three matches, one was on Tuesday against Mechanicville the other two are Thursday, against Duanesburg, and Friday against Schoharie. Both of those matches are away.

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Students from Mrs. Applebee's kindergarten class at the Clarksville Elementary School proudly display their hats as part of the school's Hat Day Friday. From left

are Valerie Messina, Rachel Van Alstyne, Sheena Contento and Kenny Hackman. Kneeling are Tyler Crosier and Brian Askew.

Elaine McLain

## BCHS student charged with holding marijuana

A 17-year-old Bethlehem Central High School student was arrested for possession of marijuana Friday, Bethlehem police said.

Police said the student was allegedly found to be in possession of marijuana and a pipe by school officials. The items were confiscated by school officials and misdemeanor charges were pressed by Assistant Principal Jack Whipple.

High School Principal Jon Hunter would not comment about any in-school disciplinary actions on Monday, citing student confidentiality. Hunter said the district has a drug and alcohol policy that is "public information" and that the district follows it "as closely as possible."

The policy as published in the student handbook calls for a one to three day suspension, parental contact and information on the incident being provided to the police department. For second time offenders, the policy calls for a one-week suspension, a report of the incident to police resulting in the school pressing charges.

## Teacher honored

The Elsmere School PTA is inviting members of our community to a reception in honor of Mrs. Pat Eckhardt's retirement on Jan. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. The reception will be held in the school library. Eckhardt has taught kindergarten at Elsmere for many years. All parents, former students, and friends are welcome.

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Jan. 13	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory Distress
Jan. 14	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
Jan. 14	Slingerlands Rescue Squad	Rescue Call
Jan. 14	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Standby
Jan. 14	Delmar Rescue Squad	Unresponsive Patient
Jan. 14	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Jan. 14	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Jan. 15	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Brush Fire
Jan. 15	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Jan. 15	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory Distress
Jan. 16	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Jan. 16	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory Distress
Jan. 18	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Jan. 18	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Jan. 18	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
Jan. 18	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad will hold a dinner on Jan. 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m. For information call Arlene at 434-8550 or Connie at 767-9037.

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad will hold a meeting at the Selkirk Firehouse No. 1 on Jan. 26 at 8 p.m.

Area residents are invited to join their local rescue squads. In addition to making new friends and learning about all areas of the town, volunteers will receive free training and be presented with opportunities to assist neighbors in times of need. No experience is necessary. For information call 439-3851 or 767-9037 during the day.

Area residents who see an injured person at an auto accident or other location are urged not to move the patient. Assistance may be best rendered by calling for professional help and offering as much information as possible.

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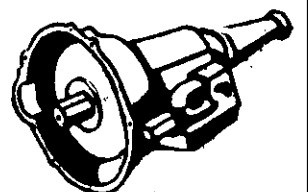
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## Ben and Jerry's donates ice cream to BOU

Tom Rowlands, owner of Ben and Jerry's in Main Square, Delmar, has announced he will donate free ice cream to the first 100 people through the door of the Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited Auction, to be held March 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Bethlehem Central High School.

Ben and Jerry's, based in Vermont, has a corporate policy of

donating to communities.

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited is a community organization that provides alternatives to drugs and alcohol for youth. Through workshops, conferences and public forums, BOU facilitates communication between parents, youth, schools, the town and businesses.

For information call 439-6885.

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## Payments on Bethlehem tax bills due Jan. 31

The deadline for payment of 1989 property tax bills for property owners in the Town of Bethlehem is 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Receiver of Taxes Kenneth Hahn reminds owners that payments may be made in person at Bethlehem Town Hall or mailed to 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, also on Jan. 31. All mail received on Wednesday morning,

Feb. 1, will be honored without a penalty.

Those deferring payment until after Jan. 31 may do so but will be charged a 1 percent late charge beginning Feb. 1. Taxes may also be paid in March at a total penalty of two percent additional over January's amount.

All bills must be paid by April 1, when a five percent late charge is invoked and unpaid bills are transferred to Albany County for late payment.

## Lighthouses considered

The Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will present a program, entitled "Two Hundred Years of Lighthouses," on Thursday, Jan. 26, from 7:30 until 9 p.m.

Shirley Schadow will speak about the 1989 bicentennial celebration of the Lighthouse Service.

For information call 439-9314.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation will hold a public hearing pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended on the proposed financing of a solid waste disposal facility being constructed by General Electric Company, Plastics Business Group, Selkirk, New York.

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation is empowered under the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation Act (Title 12 of Article 5 of the Public Authorities Law, as amended) to issue tax exempt, special obligation revenue bonds and notes and to loan the proceeds from these bonds and notes to finance solid waste disposal, pollution control, water management and certain other facilities. All bonds issued will be special obligations of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation payable solely from revenues derived by the Corporation pursuant to the loan agreement between EFC and the General Electric Company or an affiliate thereof.

**Applicant:** General Electric Company, 3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, Connecticut 06431.

**Project:** The applicant has requested \$20,000,000 to finance construction of a non-hazardous waste incinerator and related facilities which will burn shredded plastic wastes, waste water treatment plant sludge, and shredded plant trash at the General Electric Co., Plastics Business Group, Selkirk Operation, Noryl Avenue, Selkirk, New York site. Actual operation after a testing phase is estimated to begin in July 1989.

**SEQR Status:** The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 4, Division of Regulatory Affairs as lead agency, has determined this project to be a type 3 action. The lead agency has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

**Public Hearing:** All persons, organizations, corporations and government agencies are invited to submit comments on the proposed financing project. The hear-

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ing will be held on February 15, 1989 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 620 of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation offices located on 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York.

**Participation at the Hearing:** All persons, organizations, corporation or government agencies desiring to submit comments at the hearing should contact the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205; Attention: Thomas Benware, (518) 457-4222 on or before February 14, 1989. Written comments can be submitted prior to the hearing at that address.

**Information Availability:** Information on the proposed financing is available from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York; Attention: Thomas Benware, Telephone (518) 457-4222 or from J. Michael Joyce, Manager, Environmental Support Operations, General Electric Co., Plastics Business Group, Selkirk Operations, Noryl Avenue, Selkirk, New York 12158 Telephone (518) 475-5585.

January 17, 1989  
Albany, New York

(January 25, 1989)

**State Environmental Quality Review NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT EIS**

**NOTICE OF SEQR HEARING**

Lead Agency: Town Board, Town of Bethlehem, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue  
Delmar, New York 12054  
Date: December 28, 1988

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.  
A Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been completed and accepted for the proposed action described below. Comments on the Draft EIS are requested and will be accepted by the contact person until February 26, 1989. A public hearing on the Draft EIS will be held on

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February 15 & Feb. 16 (if necessary), 1989 at 7:30 PM at the Town of Bethlehem, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.

**Name of Action:** Delmar Village - Proposed Building Project Approval  
**Description of Action:** The Bethlehem Town Board is in receipt of an application from a private sector developer for approval to construct 232 apart units and 56 single family homes in an existing Planned Residence District of approximately 92 acres. Development would include provision of infrastructure and roadways to be dedicated to the Town, recreation facilities for the multi-family component, associated landscaping, and reservation of 20+ acres as open space. Also included is construction of a connector road between Delaware Avenue and Orchard Street. The site is currently undeveloped consisting primarily of mature and successional forest.

**Location:** The proposed action is located in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, on the North side of Delaware Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Orchard Street, and approximately 3,500 feet west of Bethlehem Central High School. (Albany County Tax Map #84.00-3-6.00).

**Potential Environmental Impacts:** Potential negative environmental impacts include: a net decrease in town tax revenues; a change in visual character of the site and immediate environs; loss of vegetation and wildlife habitat; soil erosion during construction; loss of bow hunting and small game hunting opportunity; impact to recreational use of adjoining roadways; increased traffic on local streets; change in peak hour level of service at certain intersections in project vicinity; increased pedestrian traffic along Delaware Avenue.

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT EIS/NOTICE OF HEARING**  
A Copy of the Draft EIS may be obtained from:

Contact Person: Jeffrey Lipnicki, Town Planner, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054

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(518) 439-4955, Ext. 80  
A Copy of this Notice and the Draft EIS Sent to:

\*Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233-0001

\*Region 4  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Schenectady, New York

\*Region 1  
New York State Department of Transportation, Albany, NY

\*Division of Environmental Services, Albany County Health Department, Albany, NY

\*Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, Delmar, NY

\*Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, Delmar, NY

H.M.C. Associates, Delaware Plaza, Suite 200, Delmar, NY

\*Bethlehem Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY

\*Copy of DEIS sent with these notices. All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
(January 25, 1989)

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND, County of Albany, New York**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the qualified voters of Bethlehem Central School District of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, New York will be held at the Bethlehem Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, in said District, on the 15th day of February, 1989, at 7:00 o'clock, A.M., Eastern Standard Time.

At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed. The following resolution which will be submitted at said meeting states the taxes to be pro-

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posed, the object or purpose for which such taxes will be authorized and the estimated maximum amount to be expended for such object or purpose:

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit: BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Clarksville Elementary School and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such reconstructed building, all at an estimated cost of \$635,636.00.

2. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Elsmere Elementary School and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such reconstructed building, all at an estimated cost of \$331,576.00.

3. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Glenmont Elementary School and to construct an addition thereto, and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such building, all at an estimated cost of \$2,923,821.00.

4. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Hamagrael Elementary School and to construct an addition thereto, and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such building, all at an estimated cost of \$2,221,825.00.

5. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Slingerlands Elementary School and to construct an addition thereto, and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such building, all at an estimated cost of \$2,889,425.00.

6. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Bethlehem Middle School and to relocate existing modular units owned by the district to the Middle School site, purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such reconstructed building, all at an estimated cost of \$1,119,226.00.

7. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Bethlehem

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High School and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such reconstructed building, all at an estimated cost of \$1,294,616.00.

The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct a school district maintenance building and facility located at the high school site and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such newly constructed building, all at an estimated cost of \$224,800.00.

9. The total estimated maximum cost of the purposes set forth hereinabove is \$11,640,925.00 and a tax in that amount authorized to be expended for such purposes shall be levied upon all the taxable property in the School District in order to raise money required for such purposes, and such tax shall be levied in annual installments which shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education. The sums set forth for each building or site are estimated and may be increased or decreased but the total estimated maximum cost of all such purposes shall not exceed the sum of \$11,640,925.00.

10. Bonds or other obligations of the School District of the aggregate principal amount of \$11,640,925.00 are hereby authorized to be issued in anticipation of the collection of said tax and a tax shall be levied to pay the interest on said bonds or other obligations as the same become due and payable.

The Board of Education has determined that the vote upon such proposition shall be taken by the use of voting machines and that the polls shall be kept open for voters desiring to vote upon such proposition from 7:00 o'clock, A.M., Eastern Standard Time, until 9:00 o'clock, P.M., Eastern Standard Time.

By order of the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, New York.

Dated: December 14, 1988  
Kristi Carr  
School District Clerk

(January 25, 1989)

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# Obituaries

## Grace Little

Grace Little, 92, of Delmar died Saturday, Jan. 14., at St. Peter's Hospital after a short illness.

She was born in Albany and was a 62-year resident of Delmar. She and her late husband, Thomas E. Little, were active in the Bethlehem business community for many years.

She sang in several church choirs and performed in Gilbert and Sullivan operettas with the Delmar Chorale Club.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Community Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Carole L. Isdell of Delmar; a sister, Kathryn J. Murray of Delmar; three grandchildren, Cathy D. Schaefer, John A. Isdell and Barbara Duclos; and four great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Deaconess Fund at the Bethlehem Community Church.

been a 20-year member of the center.

He was awarded the first prize in the Schenectady Museum's Emerging Artists '84 show, and in 1985 his work was displayed in the World Trade Center, the governor's New York City offices, and at the Schenectady Museum. In 1986 he began work as a graphic artist with the state Health Department, where he remained until the time of his death.

Survivors include his mother, Virginia, and two sisters, Emma and Chris Enous. All reside in Schenectady.

Services will be held today (Wednesday) in the Mount Olivet Missionary Baptist Church in Schenectady, with arrangements by the Light's Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Hamilton Hills Arts and Crafts Center.

## Sylvia Grinnell Zornow

Sylvia Grinnell Zornow, formerly of Glenmont, died Jan. 21 in Guilderland Center Nursing Home after a long illness. She was 85.

She had lived with her second husband, Albert B. Zornow, in the Bethlehem area since 1986. She was the widow of the late Marvin Olin Grinnell.

Born in Buffalo, she had lived in the Buffalo and Rochester areas most of her life.

She is survived by her son, Robert Grinnell of Fayetteville, N.Y., her step-son, David Zornow, M.D. of Delmar, and five grandchildren.

A memorial service and interment will be at the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford, N.Y., with arrangements by the Meyers Funeral Home.

## Benigh J. Enous

Benigh "Bennie" J. Enous of Feura Bush died Jan. 20 at his residence after a long illness. He was 29.

A well known area artist, he was a Schenectady native and had lived in Glenmont for the past six months.

He graduated from Mont Pleasant High School in 1977 with an award in art achievement, and went on to attend the State University of New York at New Paltz, the San Francisco School of Arts, and several schools in England.

His first art show was a one-man exhibit titled "Genesis One" at the Hamilton Hills Arts Center in Schenectady in 1982. He had

# Author, scholar Rienow dies



Dr. Robert Rienow

Dr. Robert Rienow, Ph.D., D.Litt., a former Distinguished Service Professor and Outstanding Teacher at the State University at Albany, died Sunday as a result of a fire in his home on Rarick Rd. near Feura Bush. He was 79.

Rienow purchased the 1746 colonial home, dubbed "Hollyhock Hollow Farm", with his late wife Leona in 1941. He turned the surrounding 138 acres into what one of his books termed "an ecological showplace", and covered the grounds with countless wooden signs detailing his concern for the environment and man's effect upon it.

Rienow had served as Governor Emeritus for the Nature Conservancy, and in 1968 he published *Moment in the Sun*, which one reviewer described as "decrying the ravishing of the environment and natural resources long before ecology was a household word." Rienow also published political science textbooks such as *Introduction to Government*, which is still in use and now considered a classic, and more than 25 other volumes.

Ronald Dodson, president of the Audubon Society of New York State, said that Rienow's death was "a personal loss to me, and a tremendous loss to the environmental movement."

Dodson labeled *Moment in the Sun* "the first book to bring environmental issues to the surface" and called Rienow "the father of the

environmental movement in this country" for doing so.

Dodson said that the Audubon Society of New York has set up the Robert Rienow Center for the Environment on Rienow's property on Rarick Rd., and will be accepting donations in Rienow's name for the center.

Calling hours will be held today (Wednesday) from four to eight p.m. at the Chicorelli Funeral Home in Albany. Funeral services by the Rev. Gary F. Dickson of the South Bethlehem Methodist Church will given at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Albany Rural Cemetery.

## Helen Ortali

Helen Ortali, a Delmar resident, died Jan. 12 in St. Peter's Hospice, Albany, after a long illness. She was 53.

A native of Kenosha, Wisc., she had been a marketing manager at SUNY Press in Albany.

Survivors include her husband, Ray; her mother, Lillian Hancock and her brother, John K. Hancock, both of Seattle, Wash.

Funeral services with arrangements by the Applebee Funeral Home were held at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Delmar with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, Albany.

## Maurice E. O'Meara

Maurice E. O'Meara, a Delmar resident, died Jan. 20 in Fish Memorial Hospital, New Smyrna Beach, Fla. He was 82.

He graduated from the Christian Brothers Academy in 1924 and attended Siena College, serving as a prefect of the third order of St. Francis at Siena College.

He was employed by the New York State Department of Audit and Control for 42 years, until his retirement in July of 1969. He had also served on the board of the Albany International company and as a first lieutenant in the

New York Reserve and Army National Guard.

He is survived by his wife, Frances, his sons, Maurice O'Meara of Monterey, Calif., James O'Meara of San Diego, Calif. and John O'Meara of Englewood, Col. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

A mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday morning at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Delmar. Contributions may be made to the St. Thomas Church Memorial Fund, or St. Peter's Hospital Memorial Fund.

# Weekly Crossword

"GONE TO THE DOGS." By Gerry Frey

**ACROSS**

- Thick slice of bread
- Sometimes found in a pool
- Dog's obedience word
- Green citrus
- Precedes "ATE": Number the page
- Cone bearer
- Notton
- To marry without expense
- Actor Robert
- Mixed breed
- Sporting dog
- Guided
- Welsh working dog
- Wise men
- Black and \_\_\_\_\_: Coonhound
- Dog's lead
- Like two in a pod!
- Mr. Hogan
- Lassie's breed
- Student org.
- Met by chance (2 wds)
- Medical noun suffix
- Rover's I.D. (2 wds)
- Neither companion
- Granny or slip
- Foils
- Water or sea
- Highschoolers
- Shortened electrical resistors
- Between Okla. and Neb.
- Happier than Friar Tuck!
- Kind of a Saint
- Russian mountain range
- Ocean or one
- Islamic prince
- Man or Capri
- He was a Guest
- Capital of Togo
- Ogle
- Attempt again
- Greyfriars Bobby: Scottish breed

**DOWN**

- String bean's nickname
- Fashionable beach resort
- So be it
- Snoopy and cousin Spike
- Celerity
- Basketball center, e.g.
- Alter or male
- Japan to the Japanese
- \_\_\_\_\_ the other.
- Springer or Cocker
- Pinball offense
- Peruvian Indian tribe
- Solar revolution
- \_\_\_\_\_ adjudicata
- Admiral Byrd's fox terrier
- Dogs
- Garden tool
- Fable writer
- Standard or measure
- Decimal base
- Without company
- Peter's former name
- Turns up the gas
- Doggie or carpet
- Middle of the rd.
- Solomon \_\_\_\_\_: French Hebrew scholar
- Land east of Eden
- Scottish or Airdale
- Canine resorts
- Chemical compound
- Feather's companion
- Electric fisherman
- With 42 down \_\_\_\_\_ Blue
- Postal system responsibility
- Otherwise
- Rattling sound
- Wall Street animal
- Run \_\_\_\_\_: lose control
- Icy glaze
- Drarry (Scottish)
- A short night?

## Ethel Delaney

Ethel Delaney, 95, of Slingerlands died Sunday, Jan. 8, at her McCormick Rd. home after a long illness.

She was a lifelong resident of Slingerlands and was a descendant of the McCormick family, who were early settlers in Bethlehem.

She was a teacher at Albany Public School 16 for 20 years before retiring in 1938. She was the wife of the late John T. Delaney.

During World War II she served as the head of the American Red Cross in Slingerlands.

She was a member of the Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands.

She is survived by two nephews, Stanley and Richard Moat, and one niece, Phyllis Sharp.

Contributions may be made to the Community United Methodist Church or the American Red Cross.

## St. Thomas selected to test new program

Saint Thomas School in Delmar has been selected to test the Civic Achievement Award Program (CAAP), a new civic awareness program for fifth through eighth grade students.

The program has been developed by the Close Up Foundation of Washington, in cooperation with the Library of Congress and the National Association of Elementary School Principals. The program was created by Congress in 1987 in honor of the office of Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

## Preschool opens house

The Hamagrael Preschool will hold an open house for parents of prospective three- and four-year-old students on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from noon until 1 p.m.

The school is located at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

For information call 439-4203.

## Elks plan charity ball

The 11th Capital District Elks Charity Ball will be held on Jan. 28 at the Colonie Lodge, BPOE #2192. The event will help build up the emergency fund for area Elk lodges.

Tickets are \$10 per person. For information call 489-5342.

## Square dance scheduled

The Tri-Village Squares Square Dance Club of Delmar will hold a dance on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 8 to 10:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

"There has been a great deal of national attention in the last several years about the lack of civic literacy and responsibility among our nation's young people. CAAP is a meaningful response to this program and will be available next year to elementary and middle schools throughout the country," said Dr. Mary Jane Turner, program director. "We are especially excited that the St. Thomas school is helping develop this project."

Coordinating the project is Jane Thorp, a teacher at the school.

## Portraits taken to benefit Easter Seals

Children ages four months to 14 years have the opportunity to win one first place \$500 savings bond in the Parade of Stars when they have their picture taken to benefit the Easter Seal Society.

The age groups are: four months to one year, one to two years, two to four years, five to eight years, and nine to 14 years.

To be eligible, photographs must be taken by RAS Photography and a \$10 donation made to Easter Seals.

The New York Easter Seal Society serves children and adults with disabilities through its speech center, preschool programs, summer camps and support programs.

RAS Photography is located at Village Square Mall, 1700 Central Ave. in Colonie. Call 869-0486 for information.

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Dawn Traver and Samuel Essex

## Traver-Essex

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Traver of Avena announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Samuel James Essex, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Essex of Glenmont.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Avena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, and received her bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Albany, where she is also

working on her master's degree.

Her fiance is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and received his associate's from Schenectady County Community College. He is manager of Mike Mashuta's Training Center in Delmar.

An Oct. 21 wedding date has been set.

### Substance abuse workshop announced

The College of Saint Rose in Albany will hold a substance abuse workshop on Friday, Jan. 27, from 6 to 9 p.m., and continuing on Jan. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The workshop will provide information on many forms of substance abuse. The program has been designed for parents and others involved in the helping professions.

To register call 454-5102.



Victoria Seymour and David Morrell

## Seymour-Morrell

Mr. and Mrs. William Seymour of Unionville announce the engagement of their daughter, Victoria Helen, to David Stephen Morrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Morrell of Elsmere.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, earned an associate's degree from SUNY Agricultural and Technical College at Cobleskill and a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York College at

### Nursery school plans open house

The Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School will hold its annual open house on Sunday, Feb. 5, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The open house is for prospective students and their parents. The school is located in the rear of the Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church on New Scotland Rd.

For information call 439-9670.

Plattsburgh. She is a Cornell Cooperative Extension agent in Albany County.

Her fiance, also a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, received an associate's degree from SUNY Agricultural and Technical College at Cobleskill and a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University. He is a regional manager for Tree Preservation Co.

A Sept. 30 wedding is planned.

### Workshop postponed

The 12-week study, entitled "Joy of Living," being offered at the Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar, has been postponed until Jan. 26. The workshop was previously scheduled for Jan. 19.

For information call 439-3135.

## Senior Citizens



### AARP sponsors course

Registration is now open for the 55 Alive driving course, to be sponsored during March by the Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons.

The course will be held on Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10, from 1 until 5 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The course is open to anyone 50 years or older. Individuals who complete the course will be entitled to a 10 percent discount on their automobile liability and collision insurance.

The registration fee is \$10. To register call Joyce Becker in the Senior Services Office at 439-4955, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

### Blood pressure clinic

The next Town of Bethlehem Blood Pressure Clinic will be held on Feb. 21 in the town hall auditorium, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m. The clinic is open to all residents of the town. Transportation is provided for residents 60 years and older. For information call 439-5770.

### Dinner out program offered

Area senior citizens are invited to join other town residents for a Valentine's Day dinner on Tuesday evening, Feb. 14. The Senior Van will pick up senior citizens interested in dining together at their homes. The group will be transported to the Old Center Inn, Glenmont. Reservations may be made by calling 439-4955, ext. 77.

### PTA sponsors school carnival

The Glenmont PTA will sponsor the Glenmont Elementary School Carnival on Saturday, Jan. 27, at the school on Rt. 9W, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Featured at the carnival will be games, prizes, a moon walk and a ke walk.

### Bethlehem soccer registration opens

The Bethlehem Soccer Club will hold spring season registration for youths born between 1970 and 1983 on Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Bethlehem Town Hall, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The registration fee will be \$22. For information call 439-6465.

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## Community Corner

### 'That's Entertainment'

The Bethlehem Central Middle School will present three performances of the musical "That's Entertainment," beginning with a free performance for senior citizens on Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. Two more performances will be held at the school on Friday, Feb. 3, and Saturday, Feb. 4. Both performances will begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the Feb. 3 and 4 performances may be purchased for \$1 at the school, beginning on Monday, Jan. 30. For information call 439-0345 or 439-2530.

The musical will feature current entertainment news, movie critics, interviews and dancers. All are welcome.

## Here's to a WONDERFUL WEDDING!



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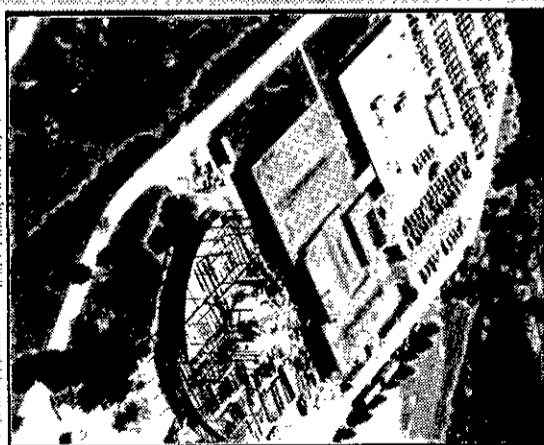
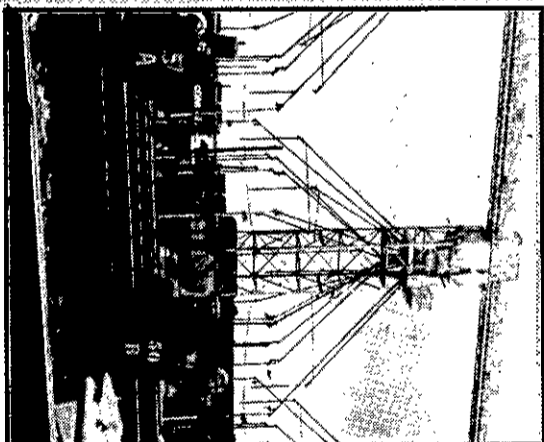
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