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Maundy Thursday service, Rev. Luther A. Patton, Holy Communion and Tenebrae, the Chancel Choir, Doris Clark, director, Slingertands United Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary, Delmar Fire Department, election of officers, firehouse, 8 p.m.

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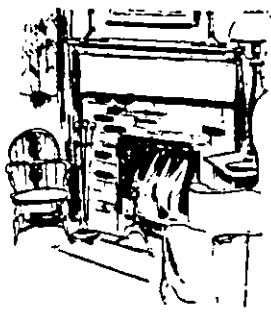
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Navy recruiting presentation, Michael P. Harte, Bethlehem Library.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Round and square dance, "The Sundowns," beer and refreshments, Clarksville firehouse, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

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

Kiwanis Club, La Casa Restaurant, 6:15 p.m.

Delmar Community Orchestra, First United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's Delmar office at 1 Becker Terr. open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

Bethlehem Tri-Village AARP, Neil D. Breslin, lawyer, "Facts and Myths about the Law," First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 1:30 p.m., preceded by a 12:30 p.m. social hour.

American Legion, Blanchard Post, discussing foreign relations project for upcoming year, presented by Dot George, Post Rooms, Elsmere, 8 p.m.

Lecture, "Nobody Ever Died of Old Age," Sharon Curtin, aging in a youth-oriented society, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Blood pressure clinic, Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 10-2, 7-9. Free. Walk in.

Bethlehem Library Creative Dramatics Group, presenting a play, improvisational acting and theatre games, techniques, Judi Harris, director, Bethlehem Library, 4 p.m.

Bethlehem Central board of education, business meeting, proposed budget for 1979-80 scheduled to be adopted, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Career development workshop. Jan Robbins, counselor at Schenectady County Community College, each Thursday through June 7, Bethlehem Library, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Films. "The White Seal," "Catch the Joy" and "Zoo," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Annual card party and fashion show. Altar-Rosary Society, St. Thomas Church, Delmar, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Annual After-Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Slingerlands Fire Dept., all youngsters welcome regardless of where they live, Slingerlands Elementary School, 11 a.m.

Red Cross Bloodmobile, at Clarksville Fire House, Plank Rd. and Delaware Tpk., Clarksville, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Bicycle Day, community effort, conducting safety lessons and inspections and issuing bicycle licenses, also Ghost Rider Rodeo, an obstacle course, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Delmar Camera Club, Wayne Trimm, art director of the Conservationist, wildlife artist, photographer and writer, "Photographs for Publication," St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Ave., Elsmere Ave., Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

Informational classes, Rev. Warren Winterhoff, "Baptism," Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Public hearing, Bethlehem town board, to consider zoning eight parcels of land to "AR" Agricultural Residence and one parcel "AA" Residential, area of Elm Ave. and Jericho Rd., west of 9W, Bethlehem, townhall, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Helderview Garden Club, flower pins workshop, Mrs. Bernard Mulson, Berne, Albany County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Garage and food sale, Women's Guild of the Delmar Reformed Church, church grounds, Four Corners, Delmar, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Delmar Progress Club, music program, Delmar Methodist Church, 1:30 p.m.

area arts

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

THEATER

"Giselle," Berkshire Ballet, Palace Theater, April 14, 8 p.m. Box office 465-3334.

"No, no, Nanette" award-winning musical, Schenectady Light Opera Co., Niskayuna High School, April 19-21, 8:30 p.m., April 22, 2:30 p.m. Box office 393-5732 Mon.-Sat. 11-3, Wed. 7-9, also Community Box Office, Colonie.

"The Jewish Woman," American Jewish Theatre, at Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., April 14, 8:30 p.m.

MUSIC

"St. Matthew Passion" (J.S. Bach), Cantata Choir, soloists, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, April 13, 12:45 p.m. Offering.

Clamma Dale, soprano, Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial recital, sponsored by Empire State Youth Center, Empire State Plaza Main Theater ("The Egg"), April 29, 2 p.m. \$10, \$6, \$3. Box office 473-4020, concourse level.

Paula Ennis, pianist, State University Performing Arts Center Recital Hall, April 18, 8:30 p.m. Free.

ART

Exhibition of Oriental rugs, weavings, tent trappings, Albany Institute of History and Art, through May. Gallery talk by Michael Dunn on April 26, 12-1 p.m.

Exhibition, Graphic Artists of New York, Center Galleries, 75 New Scotland Rd., Albany, through May 12.

Acrylic Paintings by Pasquale Vottis, National Commercial Bank, Twenty Mall, Guilderland, month of April.

Annual Student Exhibition, State University Art Gallery, April 17-29.

FILM

"Twentieth Century" (John Barrymore, Carole Lombard), Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., April 17, 2 and 8 p.m. Free.

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BETHLEHEM

School budget: quick peek draws a bigger pique

Bethlehem Central's board of education ran its peak budget—at \$12.3 million the highest ever—past the citizens this week with no visible opposition.

So smoothly did last week's unveiling go that the official public hearing this week was expected to be a token formality. If the annual budget procedure runs true to form, even without the quick shuffle given the district's taxpayers last week, there will be only minor adjustments made in the final document to be adopted at the board's April 18 meeting.

The April 13 public hearing was announced on March 21, but the budget figures were not available until April 2 and were not distributed until the board's regular meeting April 4. This left no time for local newspapers to publicize the draft.

When the three-pages mimeographed summary was handed out at the meeting, fewer than two dozen people were in the audience. Copies also were made available at the various schools and the Bethlehem Library, but that announcement was not widely publicized.

Several citizens commented that releasing budget figures one week before the public hearing gives taxpayers little or no chance to study the information prior to the hearing. The board's contention: budget "listening sessions" have been held during the past two months with the usual lethargic response on the part of the public, hence anyone who is interested in the numbers can go to any school, the library or 90 Adams Pl. for a copy.



School budget presentations: J. August Berger, left, school board president, at public hearing in Voorheesville, and Supt. of Schools Lawrence A. Zinn at board session in Delmar.

School board practices in budget presentations vary widely by district. The Voorheesville board of education, for instance, mailed a detailed summary of its tentative budget to all residents of the district 10 days in advance of the public hearing. The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk board also distributes a printed mailing to every district resident, detailing the proposed budget line by line, 10 days prior to the hearing.

Supt. of Schools Lawrence A. Zinn of Bethlehem said full distribution of the budget draft "tends to create" unfavorable reactions in the minds of many taxpayers that, he feels, carry through to the budget vote in May despite the fact that the figures may be changed as a result of the hearing. He said he did not favor the full communication practices of neighboring districts, pointing out that "Voorheesville and Ravena

don't have the negative press we do."

The new budget appropriates \$16,315 for "public information and services," up slightly from the current year's \$15,516. The district's publication, Bethlehem Central Highlights, is mailed to district residents 10 times a year, but no issue was scheduled between the time the budget was drafted for release and the date of the public hearing. The final budget is carried in full in the issue prior to the annual voting.

Last week's state budget action in the Albany Legislature ended speculation as to the impact of state aid, but as of Monday, the exact numbers for each district were not locked in. Zinn said Bethlehem was anticipating a slight cut that would have minimal effect on next year's totals. The district received \$2,715,000 in state aid last year.

VOORHEESVILLE Board adopts school budget

Voorheesville Central's board of education, trying to steer a middle course between economy-minded citizens and advocates of increased spending for education, Monday adopted a 1979-80 school budget of \$4,231,736, up \$362,646 from current appropriations.

The increase of approximately 9.3 percent is expected to boost the tax rate for New Scotland property owners, who comprise the bulk of the district, by \$4 to \$5 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Fewer than 65 taxpayers turned up for a two-hour public informational meeting in the high school auditorium last Tuesday, and with the exception of Paul Richards of New



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An anticipated increase of \$350,000 in state aid has been factored into the budget, Berglas said. Student enrollment, projected to decline for the fourth straight year, is estimated at 1,780 next year, off 40 from the current enrollment, with the bulk of the drop in the elementary grades.

With instructional salaries comprising the largest single item in the budget, the board reduced the teaching staff by a net of 1.5 positions, from 97.5 to 96, but added the equivalent of four-tenths of a teacher aide. Salaries of teachers, teacher aids and monitors are up 7.5 percent to \$1,865,000, 44.2 percent of the total budget. Administration staff costs jumped 15 percent from \$76,800 to \$82,000.

The instructional totals include a 39-percent rise in services for handicapped children under new state mandates, partially offset by a special state aid formula. BOCES costs also are up, with \$239,000 budgeted for next year, an increase of 19.5 percent.

Teachers' pension payments, now costing the district 21.4

percent on top of payroll, will rise to \$340,000 next year, up 6.3 percent.

The district will replace three more buses next year. Five replacement buses are on order for the current year.

The final budget will be presented to Voorheesville district voters at the annual meeting May 15, and will go to the voting machines the following day.

Agency reactivated

Councilman Ruth Bickel has been named as the third member of the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency, joining Supervisor Tom Corrigan and Comptroller Martin Smith, who were appointed last fall. The agency, set up 10 years ago in anticipation of the establishment of the proposed Bethlehem Downs racetrack, is designed to administer low-interest loans for plant construction or expansion. The original members were supervisor Bertram E. Kohinke, Comptroller Harry H. Sheaffer and Town Attorney Harry B. Rezzemini.

New police 'graduates'

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Schools to spur
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Some people study a foreign language for personal growth and enrichment. Some people know what businessmen have felt all along: "A person who speaks two languages is worth two people." But a growing number of people, and students in particular, don't see the need or feel it's not worth the effort to become versed in a foreign tongue.

The Bethlehem Central school district is one of many examples of the apathy prevalent throughout the country where the joys and rewards of speaking a foreign language seem to be falling on deaf ears. If the past is any indication, over half the students who begin a foreign language in grade school will lose interest and turn elsewhere, for one reason or another, in high school years.

To combat this failing enthusiasm, Gov. Hugh Carey has declared a Foreign Language Week this month. As part of the Bethlehem district's effort to promote a growing awareness of the language situation, a foreign culture and talent night will be held on April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the BCHS auditorium. Included in the entertainment will be Scottish dancers and piper; a dance of the Balkans, a dramatic reading in Arabic, flamenco dancers and songs in the original Japanese, German and French.

Co-ordinator of the program, Dr. Ralph Vander Heide, supervisor of foreign languages, notes the beginning of a backlash against ignorance of foreign studies. "It's becoming more and more apparent to the government, senators and educators that we are falling behind in our foreign language education programs," says Vander Heide, who sees the 80 sixth grade, beginning foreign language students dwindle to only 40 by late high school.

Vander Heide has a novel approach to the benefits of a

second language. Besides peace and world understanding, he cites the rewards of gaining a different perspective on English, being exposed to a different way of life, and affording a chance to "walk in another person's shoes," through a second language.

"I can't see making kids suffer through three years of languages for a two-week trip to a foreign country that they might never take," he says.

As part of Foreign Language Week's purpose to promote a growing awareness, Vander Heide would like to dispel the general misconception that only the gifted are able to learn a foreign language. "Anyone can learn a language to some extent," he insists.

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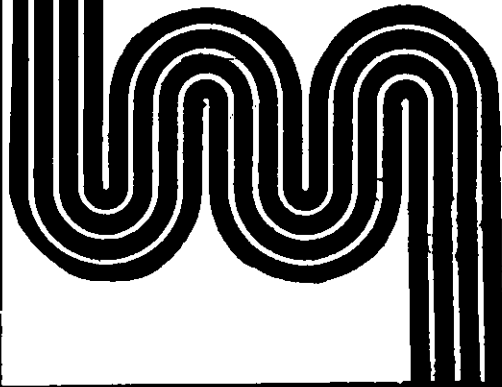
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At music jamboree

Mrs. Jean Morgan of Delmar was the main drummer at a musical jamboree at the Beeches Restaurant, Rome, N.Y., March 18, playing with Walt Stanley on the 10-key-board equipment and Brian Ghurl, piano. She also played with the Tim Mercier trio in the event, which attracted musicians from a wide area.

NEW SCOTLAND

Wallace woos trooper patrol

New Scotland Supervisor Steve Wallace has his eye on a house in New Salem he thinks would make an ideal state police substation.

He told the town board last week that he has started negotiations with Troop G headquarters with the hope of persuading police officials to move a small unit to the town of New Scotland.

At the same time, he has told town of Bethlehem officials that New Scotland will buy the two-story frame house on Rt. 85 if the state police act favorably on his proposal. The house is owned by the town of Bethlehem, and has been appraised for future sale.

The dwelling had been occupied for a number of years by Leland Frisbee, a tenant who served as custodian for the Bethlehem Water District plant nearby. Frisbee retired last year

and has moved from the area. The town also owns two other adjoining parcels, one of them approximately 40 acres.

Wallace said that the state police would require only part of the house. The other part could be renovated as an income-producing apartment, the supervisor said.

Children plan play

The Bethlehem Library creative dramatics group will present a play on Tuesday, April 17, at 4 p.m. The play will be based on the improvisational acting and the theatre games techniques the 11-to-15-year-old children have studied under the direction of Judi Harris. The event is free and open to the public.

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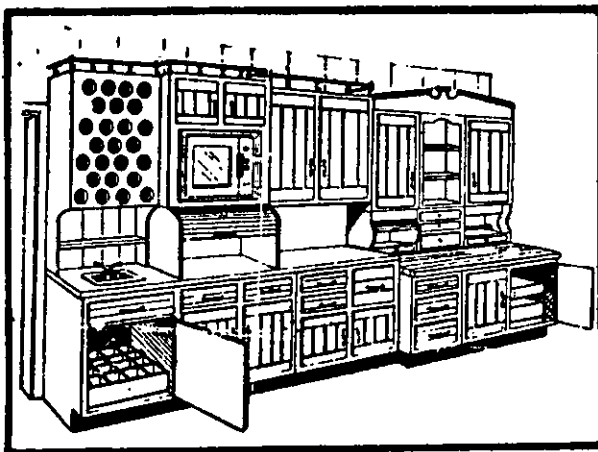
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BETHLEHEM

End of an era: farewell, 'mods'

Bethlehem Central High School is expected to have a class schedule change in September, 1979, as a result of recommendations from the Parent-Faculty Organization, students, teachers and administrators. Committees of parents, teachers and students have made this recommendation annually since 1974 in an effort to correct the shortcomings of the present flexible modular program.

The existing program, consisting of 21 20-minute "mods" in the school day that provided for 35- and 55-minute class periods, will be replaced by a more conventional 45-minute class period schedule.

The main reason for this change is to provide the time and opportunity for students and teachers to meet for extra help and make up work. Other reasons are: to equalize student and teacher class assignments; to reduce the conflict of co-curricular activity time with instructional assignments; to increase time allotments for class periods that are too short while decreasing those which may go beyond the attention span of students; to provide more teacher supervision; to provide for placing 9th grade students in study halls; to include a scheduled lunch period; to reduce the amount of hall traffic that disturbs instruction; to improve the opportunity for student participation in co-curricular activities; to provide a student assignment day that is more congruent with other high schools in the State, and to

comply with recommendations of the Middle States Assn.

The new schedule will be constructed out of four traditional schedules of seven 50-minute periods plus a 30-minute lunch period, and printed in a modular format so that they can blend in one time schedule. This schedule will provide the student with similar curricular opportunities within the time frame of 7:40 a.m. to 2:10 p.m. The new schedule, which was recommended by teachers, parents and students, would be re-evaluated in June, 1980, to see if it has met the planned objectives.

Arrested on warrant

When Robert R. Rightmyer, 44, of Reston, Va., came back to Delmar to pick up his children at the home of his estranged wife, he first stopped at Bethlehem police headquarters to notify police he expected he would "have a problem" at his wife's residence. Officer Stephen Demarest, knowing a warrant was out for Rightmyer on a charge of third-degree assault, arrested him at the station. Rightmyer was arraigned before Justice Roger Fritts and released for an appearance in Bethlehem justice court on May 24.

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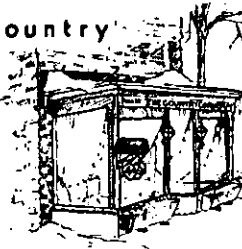
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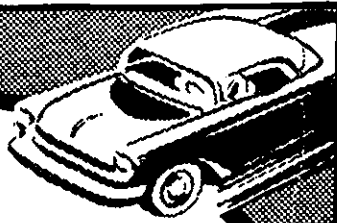
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Egg hunt slated

The annual after-Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Slingerlands Fire Dept. will be held on Saturday, April 21, at the Slingerlands Elementary School. Activities will start at 11 a.m. and will include an egg and candy hunt together with an egg-rolling contest.

The grounds will be divided according to ages so that all children will have an equal opportunity in each event. All youngsters are welcome regardless of where they live. In the event of rain, the hunt will be held at the fire house on New Scotland Rd.

GLENMONT

4 escape flames in youth center

Two smoke alarms were credited with averting a possible tragedy by touching off a silent alarm at the Good Samaritan Shelter on Rt. 144, Glenmont, shortly before 8 p.m. Friday.

All three companies of the Selkirk Fire Dept. responded to the blaze in the basement of the youth shelter. The smoke detectors enabled the center director, Theodore Lawlor, and three boys to evacuate the building. District Fire Chief Robert Wiggand said.

Wiggand said the blaze apparently started in the laundry room beneath the stairs. The flames were extinguished within a few minutes, the chief said.

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Blood clinic Tuesday

The town of Bethlehem will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, April 17, at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. No appointment is necessary. The clinics are run entirely by volunteers under the direction of Ruth O. Bickel, a member of the Bethlehem town board.



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Members of the Bethlehem and New Scotland town boards got together in the New Scotland town hall last week for a full briefing on the coming 100-percent assessment reevaluation. The presentation was made by Robert Armstrong, president of Armstrong Appraisal Corp., Schenectady, shown here with Gil Houk, left, Bethlehem town assessor, and William Bailey, right, New Scotland assessor.

BETHLEHEM

File early for tax exemptions

Assessor Gilbert E. Houk of Bethlehem has issued a call for residents to file now for tax exemptions instead of waiting until the week before the May 1 deadline for filing.

Both aged exemptions and veterans exemptions are available to those who qualify, Houk says.

Aged exemptions are available to homeowners who are 65 years of age and older with an income of \$7,000 per year or less, who have been residents of the town for at least two years. Residents must file each year for aged exemptions.

Veterans' exemptions are available to veterans of World Wars I or II. Such exemptions are renewed automatically each year, but additions to current exemptions must be made by the May 1 deadline.

For information on exemptions, residents are urged to contact Houk at Bethlehem town hall, 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar, in person or by telephone, 439-4955, weekdays.

In Slingerlands, the Spotlight is sold at Convenient Food Mart and New Scotland Pharmacy.



Leonard Steele
On college team

Leonard Steele of Delmar has been awarded a varsity letter for swimming at Norwich University, where he is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Steele, 100 Adams Pl.

Student cited

Deborah Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Logan, Van Dyke Rd., Delmar, a junior at the State University College at Buffalo, has been named to Chi Epsilon, the civil engineering national honor society.

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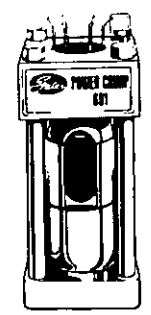
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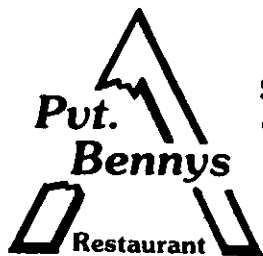
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Bethlehem Art Assn. members got a comprehensive critique from an authoritative art judge, Robert Vorreier of Glens Falls, at a meeting in the Bethlehem Library last week. Helen St. Clair, left, was host for the session.

DELMAR

A spirited driver halted by police

A Bethlehem police car on patrol on Delaware Ave., Delmar, at 3:20 a.m. Saturday was forced to swerve when a car cut into the eastbound lane from Village Dr. Officers John R. Cox, Jr. and Joseph Mastriano swung the patrol car around as the other vehicle turned right on St. Clair Dr., ran a stop sign at Dawson Rd., cut across a lawn on Dawson, turned left on Lansing Dr., ran across a lawn on Lansing and hit a tree, according to the police report.

As the officers were apprehending the driver, another vehicle drove up and identified the car as the vehicle that had allegedly hit that car on Galway Pl. and fled the scene.

At police headquarters, Michael J. Farrell, 20, of 305 Orchard St., was booked on six traffic counts: driving while intoxicated, failure to keep right, failure to observe a stop sign, leaving the scene of an accident, reckless driving and driving without insurance.



Jean H. Motta

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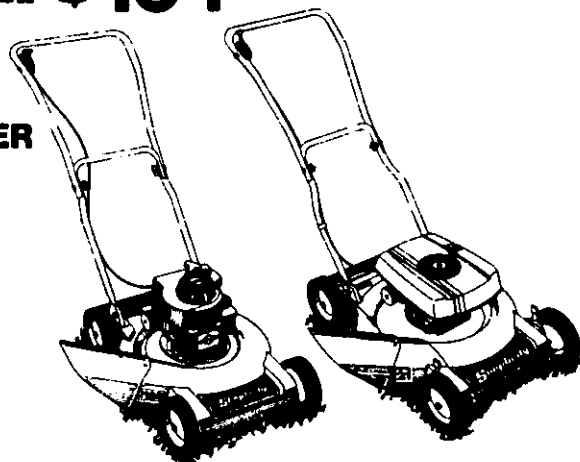
Jean H. Motta of Albany, former member of the board of the Bethlehem Business Women's Club, has been promoted by the City and County Savings Bank to assistant secretary. Assigned to the Bethlehem office of the bank, she is a graduate of Philip Schuyler High School and Burroughs Business School, and is active in professional and civic organizations.

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Everybody wins literary skirmish

The Battle of the Books was fought with words, and while the Bethlehem Middle School forces came out on top, actually everybody was a winner.

Three-person teams from St. Thomas School and the Middle School dueled Saturday at Bethlehem Library. Nearly 40 onlookers (not counting the toddler asleep in the back row) shared the tension of the contestants—Rachel King, Karin McCoy and Beth Schoenfeldt for the Middle School, and Eileen Berry, Anne Comi and Peter With for St. Thomas.

Armed last June with a list of 105 books selected by the school librarians—Shirley Schenmeyer at the Middle School and Diane Gravlee at St. Thomas—more than 100 sixth, seventh and eighth graders at both schools began reading furiously. The ranks were thinned by a written test in March, when team members and alternates were determined.

In the championship Saturday, the opening barrage consisted of 30 "easy" questions culled from the books on the list. In some cases, the answers were shot back as soon as master of ceremonies Micki Nevett, a town librarian, had read the question.

The audience was cautioned not to give hints, but that warning seemed unnecessary since tension kept the observers not only speechless, but almost breathless. At each question three heads behind each table would dive together for 30 seconds of whispered consultation.

At halftime, scorekeeper Stephanie Lewis reported the

Middle School duelists led, 48-42. Librarian Schenmeyer joked: "I hope they come back!" as the combatants left their chairs to pick up moral support from partisans in the audience.

The six jousting, looking only slightly less nervous, returned to do battle over 22 trickier questions. In the end, the Middle School trio triumphed, 98-87, receiving a plaque prepared by the school librarians.

But everybody seemed to be a winner. The two school librarians, designers of the battle plan, were pleased with the interest fired up by the campaign to encourage reading.

And the young participants—such as Peter With, who reported reading 67 books in the course of the campaign—all added to their arsenal of knowledge.

Carolyn Terenzini

Art sketch stolen

Bethlehem police have put out a tracer for a pen-and-ink sketch taken from its frame in an art exhibit at Bethlehem Library between 7:30 and 8 p.m. last Thursday. The sketch by Micki Ahl of Slingerlands was removed from an 11-by-14 frame, police said. The piece was part of the Bethlehem Art Assn. exhibit on display in the lobby of the library this week. It was valued at \$25.

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Bethlehem Middle School literary buffs received a plaque from Micki Nevett, left, after the Battle of the Books Saturday. Beth Schoenfeldt, Rachel King and Karin McCoy comprised the winning team.

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Career switch: blackboard to 'big board'

A former home economics teacher whose talent as a fashion designer and home decorator could have propelled her near the top of those professions has found a highly successful career in something far different — in high finance.

Carolyn (Tina) Strasser, 43-year-old Delmar divorcee with two daughters in Bethlehem Central High School, still finds time for haute couture, needlework, draperies and slipcovers after each business day as an investment counselor and stock broker.

And most of her Delmar friends know her as one of the top half-dozen women tennis players in the Bethlehem area, a familiar name in local "A" bracket singles and doubles tournaments.

In her glass-partitioned office in an Albany brokerage firm, Tina Strasser keeps a close watch on New York Stock



Exchange prices each day, alert for market trends and telltale "signals" in the quotes flickering across the electronic display screens of her computer terminals.

She concentrates on municipal bonds, portfolio management with option writing, and tax shelters, but her customers

look to her for guidance in other aspects of the securities field: portfolio shifts, trading on margin and options for speculators.

"Most of the portfolios of my customers are conservative, but there are some risk-takers who like trading in speculative stocks and options," Tina told

a visitor the other day in between phone calls.

The calls come from professional people, executives and "just plain investors who believe in prudent investment for serious money," people who look to this attractive, slim-waisted brunette to protect their capital and make it grow.

Talking the language of Wall St. is a far cry from the patter of the green-eyed Skidmore College girl who started as a teacher of home economics and general science at a private school in Bedford Hills, Westchester County, not far from her girlhood home in Larchmont. A year after graduation she married and came to Albany in 1959, got a master's degree in education at the state university, and threw herself vigorously into voluntary work in the community. "I was totally involved," she said in retrospect.

That involvement led to serving on the board of the Albany Visiting Nurses Assn., working as a captain in the United Fund for more than 12 years, becoming president of the Albany section of the National Council of Jewish Women and teaching sewing to inner-city youngsters. Even while her two daughters were growing up, she found time to teach religion, deliver Times Union Christmas Fund baskets to needy families in Albany's South End and use her sewing and needlework talent to decorate her home on Salisbury Rd., Elmsere.

"One thing I've always enjoyed and still pursue is sewing," she said. "I got involved in designing high fashion clothes and making them for friends and relatives, but I rarely put them up for sale," she said.

Then there were the sewing groups she organized at the insistence of prominent Albany social leaders. From there she got into needlepoint, knitting

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dresses and making rugs, some of them for walls.

"The excitement to me was to design my own things and then execute them," she said, simply.

She laughed when she recalled the time an Albany decorating firm "took too long" to make a valance for draperies she had selected. She retrieved her fabric from the store, measured how long the valance should be, got a lumber yard to cut the 8-foot piece, climbed on a ladder at home, and in one day with no one holding the other end, hammered the nails into place. She then figured out the shape and dimensions of the corner braces, made the draperies and added a bedspread to match.

Now she's in the market, the stock market, that is, after a three-year foray selling real estate in the Delmar area. At 39, through an agency, she got a job as a trainee with Hugh Johnson and Co., a Buffalo stock brokerage firm with an office in Colonie. There was no pay during the four-month training stint, but once she passed the exam, Tina Strasser was a registered stock broker. Today she is assistant to the manager of the Albany office of Fittin, Cunningham and Lauzon, Inc., an administrative post on a staff of 13 registered brokers.

She recalls her first ventures in her new career four years ago: "Having moved into a business centered on finance, I

was able to invest small sums, and in the first eight months was able to double with guidance from my boss. They weren't speculative ventures, but the timing turned out well."

Now she's doing that for her clients as well as her own capital. The portfolios don't always double that fast, but most of those Tina Strasser oversees show the kind of growth patterns investors like. So does the former home economics teacher who has found a new career that's as permanent as her enthusiasm.

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Optometric speaker

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Gold, who practices in Guilderland, has been researching extended wear contact lenses and the use of chemical disinfection systems of contact lenses.

SELKIRK

Sewers extended to Skycrest sites

The Bethlehem town board has received a petition from Bronco Development, Ltd., for an extension of the Bethlehem Sewer District for the Skycrest subdivision on a 27-acre tract west of Elm Ave., Selkirk.

The developer, Izak Ginerc, of Bronco Development has agreed to foot the bill for the projected \$170,000 cost for the sewer extension.

Merwyn K. Atwood, superintendent of Bethlehem district, is happy about the agreement. "It's a beautiful arrangement," he says. "It's to our benefit to try to promote this kind of arrangement, especially when we control it."

Under the agreement, the town would oversee the installation. The cost presumably would be passed on by the developer to homebuyers as part of the purchase price.

Of the sewer system that comprises 15 square miles of the town's total 50 square miles, Atwood said: "We're trying to consolidate sewer districts for the areas like this one that need special attention."

Delmar realtor cited

Michael A. Jackson, Jr. of Delmar, a sales representative of Century 21 - Wellington Properties, Inc., is the winner of the Clifford E. Picotte Memorial Award sponsored by Realtor Bernard F. Picotte and presented by the Albany County board of realtors. Realtor Arnold Kaplan, president of Century 21-Wellington Properties, Inc. accepted the trophy for the Delmar firm. Robert M. Yaguda of Delmar is president of the county board.

Travelogue slated

The town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. will sponsor a travelogue on "Travel in Europe and Israel" at 7 p.m., April 24, at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St. The presentation will be made by Frances Colby. There is no admission charge.

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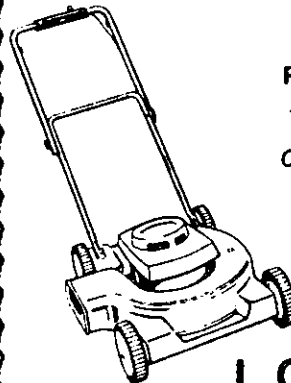
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Area teachers are invited to a workshop on Latin America sponsored by the Bethlehem Central social studies department on Wednesday, April 25, from 4 to 8 p.m., in the BCHS cafeteria.

Speakers will include Dr. William Bristol of Union College and Dr. June Hahner, Dr. Bruce Solnick and Dr. Byron Nichols of the State University at Albany. Two local teachers, one elementary and one high school, also will provide materials on Latin America and discuss their use in the classroom.

A similar workshop on Canada was held at BCHS last fall, and many teachers from the Capital District attended it and described it as valuable. Teachers who wish to attend this workshop should send a note and check for \$5 to Dominick DeCecco, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar.



Tom Klim

Earns varsity letter

Tom Klim of Delmar has been awarded his fourth varsity letter for soccer at Bentley College, Waltham, Mass. Klim, a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Klim, 17 Harrison Ave., Delmar. He is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.



Dance in Clarksville

A round and square dance will be held at the Clarksville fire house on April 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets at \$7.50 include a hot and cold buffet, music by The Sundowns, beer and refreshments.

Wins sales award

Craig VanDeCar of Guilderland, a 1967 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has been named Salesman of the Year by Roskin Brothers, Inc. of Middletown, a wholesale sporting goods company.

On college campaign

A Delmar couple who graduated from the Colleges of the Seneca have been chosen as class agents for the current alumni fund drives. Richard V.Z. Salembier, Jr., a 1954 graduate of Hobart College, Geneva, is one of 45 volunteers serving on the campaign. His wife, Lynn Hunter Salembier, a 1955 graduate of William Smith College, Geneva, is serving as class agent and also has been selected as a member of the decade recruiting team for the alumnae fund.

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HISTORIC NEW SCOTLAND

Onesquethaw: a story in stone houses

By Allison P. Bennett

The small settlement at Onesquethaw and the areas nearby along the banks of the Onesquethaw Creek are a local treasure trove of Early American stone houses typical of New York State architecture of that former period. In the early years of our country's settlement, people built their homes with wood, brick or stone — whatever local building material was readily and

easily available to them.

The little village is a study in stone, with two of the earliest houses appearing very nearly identical in size and construction. One of them is lived in and cherished by Mrs. Gladys Disco, whose grandmother lived here before her, and where Mrs. Disco often visited as a child. The stone section contains one large living room, with a sleeping room above and was the original dwelling put up circa 1802-1805, to shelter an early settler and his family in the simplest possible way. A wooden addition at the rear was added many years ago to provide an extra bedroom, bath and kitchen. Cooking would have been done in the cellar, but the old fireplace is now closed. The house foundations stand on solid rock and this is the composition of the cellar floor. There are deep windowsills and the original stairs lead up from the front room, painted with the genuine old fashioned red buttermilk paint. The exposed beams of natural wood add coziness to "the little house," as it was always called by its inhabitants.

Just beyond, at the corner, is another small stone house, built in 1802 and now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Vanderbilt and family. Mr. Vanderbilt is a descendent of the DeLong-Vanderbilt families that have been so intimately connected with this area for many years. The first Vanderbilt in the area, Garrett, came from Rockland County when he was a young man and settling here, took a wife in the person of Abiah DeLong. They lived in the stone dwelling for

some years before moving into the larger house across the street.

The big grey stone house of the DeLong family, set in serene and beautiful countryside, is now known as Niskequethaw Farm and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Vanderbilt, father of Elwood Vanderbilt. This house was built in 1807 and in old deeds was called the Lake Creek Farm. Lawson's Lake is on the hill behind the farm and its outlet forms a small creek which runs through the property, thus giving it the early name. The two story house is well proportioned and over 45 feet in length. It is untouched by modern landscaping, and across the front old-fashioned day lilies lean against the stone walls. A long block of limestone, three rows below the eaves bears a decorative design and the inscription: "DeLong June the 5, 1807."

During the Revolutionary War, David DeLong served in the Third Regiment, Albany County Militia. His wife Prudence bore him a daughter, Abiah, in 1806, and it was this girl who married Garrett Vanderbilt, of the same family as the more famous Commodore Vanderbilt. In his will, David DeLong left "to my daughter, Abiah Vanderbilt, a parcel of land in the Winney farm bounded on the south by the lake creek, and on the north by Basick Road." Probably about this time Garrett and Abiah moved from the small stone house into the larger one, and the home has been occupied by DeLong-Vanderbilt descendants ever since and it seems probable that the line will no

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The front door of the house, originally a Dutch door, opens to a broad main hall which extends the width of the house. The paneled wainscoting which circles the hallway follows the wide staircase to the second floor. A door at the rear of the hallway leads to the cellar, formerly housing the cooking area, but the fireplace and Dutch oven were removed in part when central heating was put into the house.

On the main floor the hall opens into large rooms on either side, having identical fireplaces and mantels about eight feet wide. The windows have the deep recessed sills so common to these stone houses. The living room on the left is comfortably furnished, with antique pieces for accent. The room on the right has panelled wainscoting and a large antique dining table and Hitchcock chairs sit before the fireplace, making a cozy dining arrangement in the winter. The far end of the room has been made into a kitchen area that blends unobtrusively and makes for easy serving of meals at the big table. A laundry room and pantry are behind this dining room.

The pine floor boards, some of which are 14 or more inches in width, have been beautifully finished. All rooms, both upstairs and down, have the original beamed ceilings and the main doors are four-panel. From the upper hall an unusual

open stairway leads to the door of the attic. There are four bedrooms and bath and the two front bedrooms have fireplaces, one with a fieldstone hearth. Deep window benches are similar to the ones on the lower floor, and family antiques furnish the bedrooms.

The property has descended through Garrett and Abiah Vanderbilt to their son, Richard, and through his son, Julian to Leroy Vanderbilt, the present owner. The farm is operated as a producing dairy operation, with about 100 head of cattle. Over 200 acres of land produce food for this herd. In early years, hay from the farm was cut and drawn by horse and wagon to Coeymans dock and shipped via barge down the Hudson River to supply the livery stables located in New York City. In more recent years the Vanderbilts operated a tank truck that picked up milk from many area dairy farmers and delivered it in bulk to the Normanskill Dairy in Albany. Over the years there has been a change in that operation, and the milk is now sold to the Elmhurst Dairy on Long Island. A tank truck from that dairy comes upstate every other day to pick up the milk.

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Ken Hodge, a Bethlehem district physical education teacher will see that all facilities are set up and will be present to direct the sessions four mornings a week from 7 to 9, starting "whenever the weather is good enough."

Many families have signed up for the special program, as the result of a notice Hodge sent home with children.

SERVICEMEN In The NEWS

Cpl. Thomas M. Hitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Hitt, State Farm Rd., Voorheesville, has reported for duty with the First Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif. A 1975 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, he joined the Marine Corps in April, 1977.

Airman William J. Hensel, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hensel, Sr., 120 Bedford Ct., Voorheesville, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force technical training course for space control and warning systems operators. Airman Hensel, who learned to operate electronic consoles used in space tracking and control systems, has been assigned to Hancock Field, Syracuse, for duty with a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command.

Navy Aviation Electronics Technician Airman Apprentice Walter S. McCloud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton E. McCloud of Unionville, has completed the basic aviation electronics course at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington, Tenn. He joined the Navy in January, 1978.

Navy Airman Recruit David A. Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Perry, 21 Bender Lane, Delmar, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla. Airman Perry, a 1978 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, joined the Navy last December.

Two 1978 graduates of Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk High School who joined the U.S. Marine Corps last April have completed recruit training at the Marine Corps base at Parris Island, S.C. They are Pfc. Kevin M. Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter, Jr., RD 2, Selkirk, and Pfc. Patrick S. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Moore, Sr., Rt. 396, Selkirk.

Jon D. Meinert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meinert, 23 Darroch Rd., Delmar, has entered the U.S. Air Force delayed enlisted program, and begins basic training this month at Lackland AFT, San Antonio, Tex. A 1978 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, he will receive technical training in the electronic computer systems field, and will earn transferrable college credits.

Lt. Thomas E. Passarelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Passarelli, 79 Coventry Ct., has completed an armor officer basic course at the U.S. Army Armor School, Ft. Knox, Ky.

Sgt. Donald J. Judelkis, son of Leo Judelkis, Slingerlands, has reenlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He is a disaster preparedness specialist with the Tactical Air Command at George AFB, Calif.

Seaman Recruit John W. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Carpenter of Slingerlands, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He joined the Navy last January.

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Pupils to vie in sign design

Pupils at the Bethlehem Middle School on Kenwood Ave., Delmar, know perfectly well where their school is, but they want everyone else to know, too.

So a contest is now being conducted, sponsored by the parents' steering committee, for the design of an identifying wooden sign to be erected in front of the school between the parking lot and the sidewalk.

The school was built in the early 1930's as a high school, and that is what is still engraved in the building's front: Bethlehem High School. For many years, the building served as a junior-senior high school, then just a junior high school, and—since 1969—as the Middle School.

At first, it was thought the old engraving could be etched out and replaced with the proper name, but cost estimates discouraged that idea. It is now hoped that an eye-catching, attractive sign installed on the street side of the parking lot will leave no doubt in anyone's mind that this is Bethlehem Middle School.

Pupils at the school are being asked to submit ideas for the design of the sign, which may include additional words or symbols. The deadline for contest entries is Monday, April 23, and then all of the entries will be displayed in the

school foyer. After a committee of parents and teachers selects five finalists, pupils will vote on the one they like best.

Then a volunteer crew of pupils, parents, and school staff will construct the sign, to be suspended from an inverted "U" frame, and it will be placed in the ground at a dedication ceremony in late May or early June.

The contest winner will receive a \$10 gift certificate from Record Town, in addition to the satisfaction of seeing his or her original design in its permanent place in front of the school.

Members of the sign committee are Ann Guarino, Claudia St. John, Joe VanAlphen, Fred Burdick and Bill Morrison, chairman.

Voorheesville life saving

An American Red Cross life saving class, open to good swimmers at least 15 years of age, will be held at the Voorheesville High School pool starting on Thursday evening, April 26. Leonard VanRyn, swimming coach at the school, will supervise the course, which will meet for seven Thursday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. Instruction will be free. A \$4 fee will be charged for textbooks and expendable supplies.

Auxiliary to elect

The Ladies Auxiliary of Elsmere Fire Co. A will elect officers at the regular meeting tonight (April 12) at 8 p.m.

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Wilber, a former resident of Slingerlands, has moved to Jefferson, where he has

purchased a sawmill. Lee, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, worked for several area tree firms before purchasing a 1956 Ford rack truck and establishing his own business in Slingerlands in 1977. He added a dump truck with loader a short time later, then added a spray truck and a pickup truck with a sprayer on the trailer.

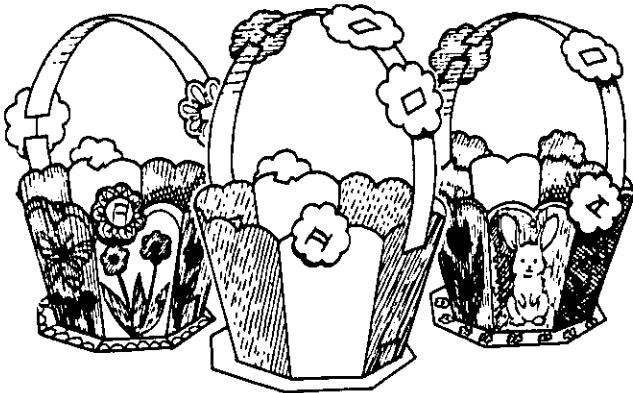
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BETHLEHEM

Ex-chief returns in fire elections

Former Chief James Cooke has been returned to office by vote of the membership of the Delmar Fire Dept. after a one-year absence, replacing William Wright, who has been elected first assistant to the chief.

The change highlighted fire department elections held Thursday throughout the town of Bethlehem, in which incumbent officers were renamed to top-ranking positions with only a few exceptions.

In Elsmere, Paul Kleinke was renamed chief, and in Slingerlands, John Flanigan was elected to a seventh consecutive one-year term as chief. In a special election, Robert Wiggand of Glenmont was reelected to a third five-year term as district chief of the Selkirk Fire Dept., which has companies in Selkirk, Glenmont and South Bethlehem.

Cooke was chief in Delmar from 1975 to 1977, and will be serving his fourth term in the coming year. Louis DiLillo was named second assistant chief and Bruce Wood, captain. Lieutenants will be Amos Bastiani, Kurt Uhl, Willis Haker and John Price.

James Kerr was elected captain of the Rescue Squad with William Cooke as lieutenant. Capt. LeRoy Cooke and Lt. William Contento were reelected as fire police.

George TenEyck was elected as quartermaster and Doug Shanley assistant quarter-

master. As civil officers, Dennis DiLillo was reelected president, Francis Milette, vice president, and Ed Moriarty, secretary. Also reelected were James Carazza, treasurer; George A. Bloodgood, Jr., chaplain; Gerald Day, convention delegate and William Contento, alternate.

Delmar will install its officers at the annual dinner dance Saturday, May 5, at the Quality Inn, Albany.

In Elsmere, Arthur Morrell was elected first assistant chief and Thomas Rudolph second assistant. Jerry Smith was reelected captain, and John Zboray, Richard Webster, Robert White and George Kaufman elected lieutenants. Fred Link was named head of the fire police.

Elected as civil officers were John Brennan, president; James Reagan, vice president; Richard Brown, secretary; Mike Cirillo, treasurer, and Stephen Wright, property clerk. Wayne Johnson and John Devine were elected directors.

Rev. Derik Roy, Rev. Kenneth Gregory and Rev. George Kenyon will serve as chaplains.

In Slingerlands, Tim Tice was elected first assistant chief, succeeding Jack Flagler, who declined to seek another term. Capt. Bob Gavilez was elected second assistant chief to succeed Tice, and Ralph Mosher was reelected third assistant. James McCarroll, moving up from lieutenant, and Don Miller were elected captains of the fire unit and Tim Veltman reelected captain of the Rescue Squad.

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Civil officers are: president, Tom Smith; vice president, Walt Eck; recording secretary, Don Miller; financial secretary, Larry Bartkus; treasurer, Fred Hill, Jr.; representative, Dan Peters, and director (three years), Elwood Davies.

Charles Wickham was re-elected chief of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1. Richard Gudz was elected first assistant chief, Elmer Wilsey, second assistant, and Ted Smith third assistant.

In elections for civil officers of Fire Co. No. 1, Lewis Corsi will be president; Robert Weddell, vice president; John Milburn, treasurer; Kenneth Bornhorst, recording secretary, and James Neenan, corresponding secretary.

Members of Fire Co. No. 2 have re-elected Chief Harlan Metz. His assistants will be Rich Hummel, first assistant, Andrew Reinisch, second assistant, and Daniel Atchinson, third assistant.

Robert Burns heads the list of civil officers, elected as president of Fire Co. No. 2. William Languish was elected vice president; Harlan Metz, Sr., treasurer; Francis Melick, corresponding secretary, and Robert Schultz, recording secretary.

In Fire Co. No. 3, members reelected Albert Conrad chief. Robert Burns, Jr., was elected first assistant chief, Clifford Apple second assistant chief, and Brad Kellan, third assistant.

Elected president was John Telfer, with John Seaburg, vice president; Donald Gager, treasurer; John Heere, recording secretary, and Emery Rarrick, corresponding secretary.

BETHLEHEM

A slap on wrist for town dump

The Albany County Dept. of Health has given the town of Bethlehem a mild admonishment for sub-standard practices at the town's landfill on Rupert Rd., Cedar Hill.

County inspectors cited the operation for failure to adequately cover refuse deposited at the landfill site, mentioning discarded tires and sludge from the nearby water treatment plant in particular. The county requires such refuse to be covered with six inches of soil within a two-week period of the dumping.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan said the town has taken "immediate steps" to correct the situation.

Bloodmobile in Clarksville

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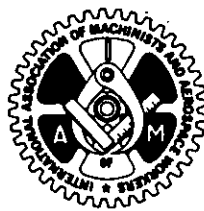
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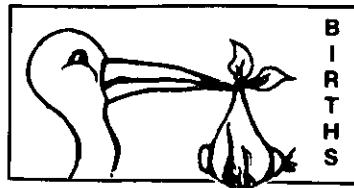


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 Mrs. Martin Wilson, Selkirk,
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 Mrs. Timothy McCarthy, Del-
 mar, March 6.

Boy, Jeffrey, to Mr. and
 Mrs. Richard Stewart, Voor-
 heesville, March 4.

Girl, Amanda, to Mr. and
 Mrs. John Gerhart, Voorhees-
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State Rep. Kathleen Frances Stanley has been named Hawaii's Outstanding Young Woman of the Year. Mrs. Stanley is the daughter of the late Howard Gould of Elsmere, former executive secretary of the New York State Teachers Assn., and Mrs. Gould. She is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. In the Hawaii state Legislature, she is chairman of the House Committee on Public Employment and Government Operations and has been active in a number of civic and community organizations in Hawaii.



DEAN'S LIST

Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pa. - Christina A. Brown, Slingerlands.

State University College at Oneonta - Jeffrey Cohn, Kathleen Drapeau and Lori Zinn, all of Delmar.

University of Maine at Orono - Kenneth Allen Nicolai, Delmar.

Norwich University - Leon A. Mable, Delmar.

State University College at Cobleskill - Bruce D. Blodgett, Kathleen Eliza Neumann, Delmar; Susan P. Campbell, Glenmont; Mark Brian Seery, Selkirk.

State University College at Plattsburgh - Nancy J. Osterhout, New Salem.

Ithaca College - Daniel John Furey, Jr., Delmar.

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Clarkson College - Stephen P. Longtin, New Scotland; Christopher A. Robinson, Delmar.

Roger Williams College (R.I.) - Marcia S. Shapiro, Delmar.

Hope College (Mich.) Sharon Lee Carnahan, Glenmont.

University of Rochester - Daniel J. Malsan, Delmar.

Skidmore College - Charmaine A. Tocci and Mary L. Vail, both of Delmar.

Jacksonville University - Stephen Steele, Delmar.

Green Mountain College - Susan G. Shanley, Delmar.

State University College at Buffalo - Paul H. Moylan, Delmar.

Syracuse University-Cynthia K. Kraus.

University of Hartford - Theresa A. McGuire, Delmar; Brian P. Davis, Slingerlands; Sharon J. Carnell, Albany, formerly of Delmar.

State University College at Utica-Rome - Robin VanWie, Clarksville.

Villanova University - Jeffery Sliter, Delmar.

Niagara University - Sally A. Knox, Delmar.

Magazine artist coming

Wayne Trimm, art director of the Conservationist, will be the speaker at the April 24 meeting of the Delmar Camera Club. Trimm, a widely known wildlife artist and photographer, will speak on "Photographs for Publication." Also on the program are a workshop on cropping conducted by Florence Becker, and competitions in slides and black-and-white photography. All are welcome at the meeting, scheduled for the St. Stephen's Church parish hall, Elsmere, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Bates alumni meet

The Hudson-Mohawk Bates Club will hold its annual dinner meeting April 16 at the Cranberry Bog Restaurant in Colonie, starting at 6:30. Speaker will be Garold Thumm, professor of political science at Bates.

Judo classes on

The town of Bethlehem sponsors a judo program for persons aged 13 and older, each Tuesday and Wednesday, from 7 to 10 p.m., at the Bethlehem Central Middle School youth center. Persons interested in learning judo may call Jeanette Quinn, program director, at 489-1831.

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In Voorheesville's pre-school social set, the gala event of the year is Discovery Day at the Voorheesville Nursery School. David Wilbur and Seth Rose, pictured on the cover preparing to cook pretzels, are joined, above, by a mother's helper.



Visitors to Voorheesville's Discovery Day were treated to a variety of experience, including a close-up opportunity to pet Flower, Thunder and Peter, the nursery school's rabbits.

Ball committees formed

Photos by Fran Smoller

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Shaw and Dr. and Mrs. Sydney Pollard, general chairmen of the 1979 Bethlehem Central High School after-the-ball committee, have announced subcommittee chairmen for the annual senior class event scheduled for June 1. Parents of the committee to offer assistance. They are: Mr. and Mrs. James Lenden and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Breuel, decorations; Mr. and Mrs. James Beck, communications; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Strand, table settings; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ouderkirk, buffet; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kuhl, breakfast; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Morrell, bowling;

Mr. and Mrs. Donald De Angelis, gym activities; Mr. and Mrs. William Reusswig, buffet music, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leslie, treasurers. Class advisor is William Cleveland.

Enlists in Air Force

Marie Stephany, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Thomas, 339 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and started basic training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 5. Airman Basic Stephany next month will start technical training in which she will be earning transferrable college credits. She is a 1978 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Shop Talk

by Judi James

If one were to suggest visiting the Plaza del Sol (especially if it were in Mexico!) the suggestion would be greeted most eagerly. However, I must confess to much disenchantment when I visited the Plaza del Sol in Ravenna. Poorly designed, in shabby repair, poorly equipped with signs and in total: drab. I ventured on in, however, and proceeded through the rabbit maze to try to find the interesting shops I had heard about. I passed the usual signs on the outside: Grand Union, a bank, a pizzeria, a Brooks discount store.

On the inside, my first encounter was with a new store called Trinkets, Treasures and Togs. "Nice name," I thought, and went inside to chat with Nancy Foro, the owner, who had established her "nearly new" shop on Dec. 15. She has used good taste in display, has kept to her rule of all things must be clean and in good repair, and tells me that she returns to the consignee 50 percent of the sale price. Fair enough! It seems there is a need in this area for such a shop.

She also has some nice jewelry and geodes, and other items that might interest the rock collector. She finds that children's clothing moves rapidly—people always need good clothing for growing children. We wished her luck and went on our way.

I had heard about Shadrack's, but wasn't quite expecting the warmth that exists in this tiny store—a Christian book store—but one in which the books are ecumenical, exceptional and well chosen, as well as where health foods, posters and cards are sold. Cards by Ann Kiemel brighten any day and make one feel good—whatever one's religious beliefs.

The script on the cards is all in lower case. The designs usually feature a gaily dressed,

pig-tailed little girl with an umbrella. Messages such as this are duplicated on a tear-away strip to be used as a bookmark: "God gives joy, rainbows after drenching rain. Healing. Sunsets on quiet evenings. After hot, noisy days. Freshness. Hope. A brand new feeling."

I was struck by the enthusiasm of Joan Spry, who with Robyn Tompkins (daughter of owner B. J. Tompkins) was there when I called. "Betty Jane had a natural food store in Coxsackie. She had a turning point in her life when she met the Lord. She decided her shop should feed the soul as well as the body—and so she opened this store and called it Shadrack."

Joan told me how everything just seemed to fall into place now that they were there. "It was dirty and badly in need of paint. We had little money. However, one person after another helped, and just look how nice it is now!" she exclaimed.

How could I have helped but notice? One wall in fresh green and white—some wood paneling painted white, a bow window with dividers, attractive display methods, and—on the outside side wall—written in bold black lettering for passers-by to see—the story of Shadrack. "Three Jewish lads who were conscripted into the service of King Nebuchadnezzor refused to worship the king and his idols. They preferred eating natural foods. They were delivered from death by God . . ."

As we looked at this, Joan lamented that some footprints had been made on the white wall and commented that so many children run back and forth in the mall—but that they should be loved, too, and she just hoped their parents wouldn't let them destroy the things store owners were trying to achieve.

I do, too. For this shop, as several others, showed much labor and creative spirit. Most of the owners with whom I spoke had moved there just

within the past three or four months. They have hope!

A woman's shop named Your Place disclaimed newness. "We have been here two years," Mrs. Peter Seidner told me there. She carries clothes from houses such as Brooks, Landlubber and Bleeker Street and refers to Your Place as a boutique. It seemed to be busy.

Next door was an interesting story. The Dorsa Art Studio, it said on the door. Inside, walls were lined with paintings. An



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James Carnahan of the American Red Cross spent an afternoon at the New York Job Corps Center in Glenmont showing students in the medical assistants and culinary classes first aid for choking victims. Following his lecture-demonstration the corpsmembers practiced first aid procedures on each other.

attractive blonde woman was at an easel finishing a portrait of two children she was painting from a photograph beside her. She is Doris Sack, who—after her own children were grown, finally had time to pursue her lifelong interest in painting. With limited professional training, she has managed to paint remarkable likenesses, and advertises on a modest little sign on the one counter "Portraits from photographs. Pencil sketches. \$5." It was fun talking with her—and most inspiring.

I passed Pettersons Card Shop, a sign indicating that Alton's Haircutting was upstairs, and on past the theater, and hastened on to two shops with especial intrigue. Next time I want to tell you about Joan Godin—a truly creative woman, and of a very nice antique shop called the Falcon Farm.

It may be that, with the infusion of these new shops—the addition of paint—and the patronage of the many people now living in the Ravena area—that the dreams along the Plaza del Sol will come true—that it truly will be a Place in the Sun!

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BETHLEHEM

A busy schedule for 'bicycle day'

Bicycle Day at the Bethlehem Library will be held April 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Bethlehem Police Dept. Youth Bureau and the Auxiliary Police will conduct safety inspections throughout the day. Town Clerk Marion Camp will issue bicycle licenses and there will be films of bicycle safety shown every hour beginning at 10 a.m. and a 10:30 a.m. Ray Patterson will speak about bicycle repair.

At 11 a.m. children with registered and licensed bicycles may enter the main event, an obstacle course, the Ghost Rider Rodeo. Prizes will be awarded for different age categories. The rain date for the Bicycle Day will be Sunday, April 22, at the same hours. Information, 439-9314.

Course for parents

The Albany Area chapter, American Red Cross will present an eight-week course in "Parenting", beginning Monday, April 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost-free course is designed to help parents understand their children and provide a home environment conducive to a child's healthy growth. To register, call 462-7461.

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Patricia Dotterer, left, fashion chairman for the St. Thomas card party and fashion show, with models Lynn O'Keefe and Barbara-Ann McKinney. On the cover: a hard-working committee prepares for the annual event: from left, Patricia Bannon, Nancy Applebee, Rev. James D. Daley, Gwen Junco and Francis Cocozza. The photos were taken by J.W. Campbell and the background is courtesy of the Country Corner, Delmar.

DELMAR

St. Thomas sets date for party

Gwen Junco and Pat Bannan are general chairmen of the 23rd annual St. Thomas Altar-Rosary Society's fashion show and card party to be held this year on April 20.

The popular event will take place in the auditorium and classrooms of St. Thomas School at 7:30 p.m., with the country store opening at 7. Fashions will be by Town and Tweed, Delaware Plazas.

Committee heads are: grand door prize, Rita Gagner and Helen Potter; tickets, Margaret Dandeneau and Jane Thorp; fashion show, Fran Cocozza

and Pat Dotterer; program, Maureen Roberts and Sally Fish; hospitality, Mary Ann Hurd; refreshments, Carol Gagner and Arlene Gratzel; country store, Henrietta Dunn and Elaine Morrissey; bake shop, Sheryl Ricciardelli and Lynda Nuttal; plant shop, Jack Williams; door prizes, Marge Lynch and Agnes McCarrroll; table prizes, Jeannine McCormick; publicity, Mary Davitt.

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Village Volunteers officers: from left, front, Sharon Malson, Laura Grierson, Holly Veltman, Gordon Keeble; rear, John Williams, Beth Gohlke, Carol Willey, Carol Webb, Betty Denault, Herb Veltman and Buz Olsen.

Drum Corps elects

The Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps has announced a new slate of officers headed by John Williams as president and Betty Denault as vice president. Other officers are: Joan Webb, secretary; Beth Gohlke, quartermaster; Carol Willey, treasurer; Buz Olsen, music master; Herb Veltman, business manager. Also, historian, Nancy Bub; publicity, Marion Jewell; social committee, Tami and Dennis Bub; roll call, Carolyn Johnson; parliamentarian, Betty Denault. Corps representatives are Laura Grierson, Gordon Keeble and Holly Veltman with Sharon Malson as alternate. Serving on the telephone committee are June Johnson, Ann Mosher and Elaine Rankin.

Accent on percussion

Brake drums from a wrecked car, plumber's pipe in various lengths, a pressure cooker and a series of graduated clay flower pots were some of the "instruments" percussionist Mark Foster of Delmar assembled for his performance in the American Composers' Forum at Union College Memorial Chapel last month. Mr. Foster, an Eastman School of Music graduate, is studying with Freddy Waites in New York and teaches percussion in the area.



Puppets at library

Elizabeth Conley and the Portable Poppet Playhouse will appear at the Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday, April 18, at 2 p.m. with "Jackie and the Beanstalk." The show is free and open to the public.

Scouts plan event

Cub Scout Pack 258, Delmar, is planning a garage sale featuring collectibles, useful items, handcrafts and baked goods as a fund-raiser this year, and has scheduled the event for Saturday, April 28, from 9:30 to 4, rain or shine, at the Butlin residence, 25 Borthwick Ave., Delmar, next to the Bethlehem Library.

Church sale planned

The Women's Guild of the Delmar Reformed Church is sponsoring a garage and food sale on Saturday, April 28, on the church grounds at the Four Corners, Delmar. The sale from 10 to 4 will feature kitchen wares, small appliances, clothing, jewelry, toys and miscellaneous items, as well as home-baked goods.

Art slides coming

"Expressionism" and "Abstraction" will be shown at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 12, in the Delaware branch of Albany Public Library, 328 Delaware Ave., Albany.



Local leaders of the Cancer Crusade planning a townwide canvas April 16-30 include Nancy Scholes, left, Delmar chairman; Carolyn Miller, Bethlehem town chairman, and Belva Poggi, Slingerlands chairman.

Cancer canvas coming

Carolyn Miller of Van Wies Pt., town of Bethlehem chairman for the 1979 Cancer Crusade, has named area chairmen for a two-week campaign in Bethlehem homes April 16-30. They are: Belva Poggi, Slingerlands; Laurie Mutalipassi and Nancy Scholes, Delmar; Marty Brush, Elsmere; Helen Volk, Glenmont, and Mrs. Louis Dushek, South Bethlehem. Also participating are section chairmen, captains and crusaders. The Albany County kickoff luncheon was held April 3 at Happy's Coach House, New Salem.

First aid offered

The town of Bethlehem will offer a standard first aid course on Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. beginning April 12 and ending May 10. Classes will be held at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar. For registration information, call 439-4131.

Garden club conclave

The annual spring meeting of Third District Federated Garden Clubs of N.Y.S., Inc. will be held Thursday, April 19, at the Holiday Inn, Washington Ave., Kingston. Hostesses will be Ulster County garden clubs.



Walter Lotz, right, of Twin Oaks Realty, congratulates Sam Ermides upon joining the firm as manager of the new branch office in Guilderland. Ermides is former owner-operator of the Star Plaza Supermarket and currently is owner of the Star Plaza complex at Rts. 20 and 155, Guilderland. Twin Oaks is affiliated with the ERA national home-listing network.

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Stewart's Ice Cream Shops

Stewart's semi-annual half-gallon ice cream promotion uses a one-shot ad in the Spotlight to supplement ads in the metro dailies. Stewart's Delmar store finished first twice in a row in the 80-store competition. The third time, the ad missed the Spotlight deadline through a mailing foul-up, and Delmar didn't win.

Radio Shack

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BETHLEHEM

Town to get new road signs

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The upgraded signs are part of a \$10,000 federally funded "Safer Off-System Roads" program headed by the State Dept. of Transportation and the Albany County safety board.

Martin J. Cross, Jr., Bethlehem's superintendent of highways who applied for the federal grant in 1976, says the grant "has been approved and the money is waiting." Cross expects the funds to be in town hands sometime around June. Under provisions of the program, the federal government provides 70 percent of the funding, the state 24 percent with Bethlehem's share amounting to only 6 percent.

Before the town sees any of the money, Cross must buy materials and make the signs in the town highway department's own shop, then make sure the signs conform to state specifications. Only then will the town be reimbursed.

Among the streets that will sport the symbolic are Blessing Rd., Elm Ave., Kenwood Ave., Krumkill Rd., Beaver Dam Rd. and several others. Cross says that the main streets will be the first to be serviced.

Doug Payne

Collectibles sought

The Slingerlands Nurseries School is planning a combined antique, garage and bake sale at the Slingerlands Methodist Church on May 12 as a major fund-raising event, and asking parents and friends to save their collectibles and other items for donations. Attending the recent planning meeting were Maria Brooks, Ann Spohr, Terry Schinnerer and Joyce Schreiber.



Nancy C. Kuivila, manager of the Delmar office of Picotte Real Estate, recently accepted two awards from William B. Picotte, general manager of the firm. Mrs. Kuivila was the company's 1978 sales leader with residential sales and listings of over \$2 million. She also was awarded the certified residential specialist designation of the Realtors' National Marketing Institute.

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All Bethlehem schools were inspected two years ago to determine whether they contained any potentially dangerous asbestos materials, according to a school district spokesman. Even though school officials satisfied themselves then that no hazardous conditions existed, an inspection by the Albany County Health Dept. was requested this year, the district said.

Two areas at Bethlehem Central High School had received particular attention in 1977. It was suspected that the acoustical plaster in ceilings in the cafeteria and the large gym might contain asbestos fibers. A review of the building specifications and discussions with the contractor led to the conclusion that they did not.

The exterior walls of many district buildings have also been closely examined, both two years ago and again this past February, and it was determined that the material used is hard, impervious to moisture, and does not constitute a danger because it cannot flake and thus produce dust.

A representative of the Albany County Health Dept., Edward Podgorski, inspected all of these ceiling and wall sites on Feb. 15, 1979, and confirmed that no hazardous conditions exist. Anyone in the community who wishes more detailed information about this concern, which has been receiving much publicity nationwide, may call Bruce Houghton, superintendent of buildings and grounds for Bethlehem schools, the spokesman said.

Workshop shrub sale

The Heldeberg Workshop has begun its sixth annual tree and shrub sale, offering a variety of landscape and garden plants. Orders should be in by April 20. Pick-up day on the Heldeberg land in the town of New Scotland will be May 12. For information or order blanks call Marcia Rosenfield, 439-6225. Heldeberg Workshop is a non-profit educational organization providing outdoor classes for children in the Capital District.

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Richard Martone

Promoted at Job Corps

Richard Martone has been promoted to facility and logistics supervisor at the New York Job Corps Center in Glenmont. Martone, formerly of Delmar, is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and has been with the Job Corps for over two years. In his new position he is responsible for overseeing the maintenance of the property and buildings.

Village Volunteers booked

The Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps of Delmar will march and play each day at the 1979 Altamont Fair Aug. 13-18, according to an announcement by the Fair board this week.

Gunner honored

Charles Gunner, principal of Bethlehem Central High School, was one of four educators who received awards from outstanding educators given by the School Administrators Assn. of New York. In citing Gunner, the committee pointed out that besides administering a large high school in "exemplary fashion," he finds time to receive "a constant stream of students, parents and teachers to come to him for counsel and help . . . he could as well be nominated for an Outstanding Counselor Award." The committee said he "has brought leadership and stability" to the school.

Mains to be flushed

The town of Bethlehem Water District No. 1 will conduct its annual spring water main flushing operation April 17-19 and April 24-26. According to Supt. Paul Wagner, the procedure may cause some discoloration of water, but this does not effect water quality. Water should not be used for laundry purposes during the flushing operation, since staining may occur.



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the Bethlehem Lutheran Youth Group and the 50-voice chorale, the Joyful Noise, on May 8, and will participate in a youth rally open to all local church groups on May 9 and will present a concert for the community on the evening of May 10.

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Couple exchange vows

Donna Marie Weddell, of Rt. 144, Selkirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bergeron, Village One Apts. Menands, became the bride of Francis William Asprion, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bergeron of 6 Asprion Rd. Glenmont, on March 3 at 6 p.m. in a ceremony at Saint Ann's Church, Albany. Father Hayes officiated.

Linda Lehmann was matron of honor. Fanny Weddell, sister-in-law of the bride, Patti Asprion, sister of the groom and Doris Voyt, were bridesmaids. Wilfred Frasier, uncle of the groom, was best man, and Bobby Weddell, brother of the bride, Dick Brown and Chuck Asprion, brother of the groom, were ushers.

The bride, a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, is a waitress at Hop. The groom, a Bethlehem Central High School graduate is employed by the J.A.T. Co.

Free diet visits

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Heads bird club

Robert Budliger of Delmar was elected president of the Hudson Mohawk Bird Club at the recent annual meeting. Other officers elected were William W. Shuster of Melrose, vice president; Peter Feinberg of Troy, secretary and Alfred Schadow of Burn Hills, treasurer. The club sponsors the Audubon Wildlife Film series, "Dial-a-Bird" and regular field trips. For information on bird sightings and club activities, call 377-9600.

Cited in New Scotland

Councilman Wyman Osterhout will receive the 10th annual New Scotland "Citizen of the Year" citation at a community dinner on Sept. 29, according to a report in the Altamont Enterprise. Osterhout, a Voorheesville resident, is the senior member of the New Scotland town board.

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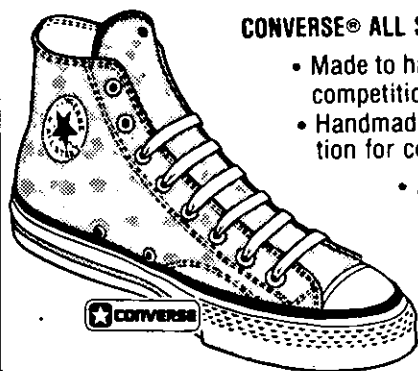
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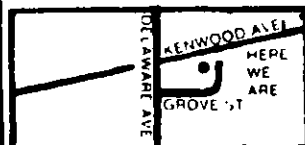


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Church elections held

Helen N. McDowell of Delmar was elected to a three-year term on the board of trustees of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Delmar, at its recent annual meeting. Elected to a one-year term as president was David Coughtry of Guilderland. The board elected Martha Memmott of Berne as chairman and Elizabeth Christen of Delmar as vice chairman. Appointed clerk and treasurer respectively were Diane McNamara of Delmar and Frederick W. Memmott of Berne.

The church, located at 555 Delaware Ave., holds Sunday services and school at 11 a.m. Testimony meetings are held at 8 p.m. each Wednesday.

School safety certified

The annual inspection of the St. Thomas School of the Albany Diocesan school system for fire hazards has been completed, and the report is available at the school office, 42 Adams Pl., Delmar.

Returning to parish

Rev. Winston A. Saunders, district superintendent of the Albany District of Troy Conference, United Methodist Church and former pastor in Slingerlands, will return to parish ministry at the close of the church year, and will be appointed to the pastorate of the Shenendehowa UMC, Clifton Park.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 18, 1979 at 8 p.m. at the Town Offices, 393 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Peter W. Craft, 126 Central Avenue, Albany, New York for a Variance under Article V of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance, to permit the operation of a pottery business in an existing structure on Retreat House Road, Glenmont, Town of Bethlehem.

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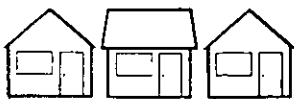
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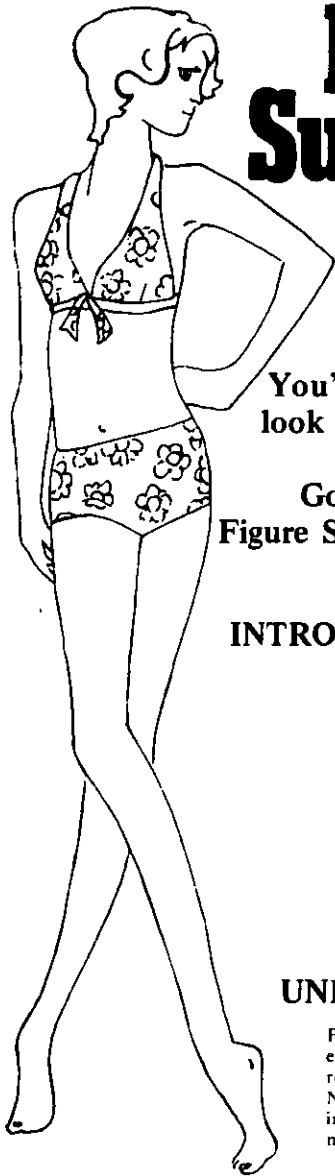
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Dollar vs. soul

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am the mother of a former Moonie whom I rescued in the usual manner of forced detention and formal deprogramming. I am, therefore, interested in the recruiting and fund-raising activities of the Unification Church. Friends and relatives in the Albany area who keep me posted on activities there, sent me copies of your publication, March 30, 1978 and March 1, 1979.

You could perform a valuable service to your readers and the entire community if you would publish a series of well-researched articles on the characteristics of a cult, techniques of mind control, the recruiting and indoctrination process, and the basic beliefs of such groups as Unification Church, Hare Krishna, Divine Light Mission, The Way, Scientology and the Druids, to name a few. An informed public will not panic or revert to harassment of cult victims.

Mind control as practiced by the cults is not the result of fleeting eye contact, nor is it on-the-spot hypnosis. It is the result of a carefully controlled environment (friends, communication, activities, diet, etc.), extreme peer pressure, induced feelings of guilt, and physical debilitation caused by fatigue and poor diet.

Believe me, when Moonies are out soliciting funds, it is the dollar, not the soul, that is all-important. My 15-year-old daughter, when accosted on the street in Buffalo by a Moonie selling his wares, put him to hasty, head-long flight when she offered to make a Christian witness and sharing of faith.

Moonies are not the Devil Incarnate; they are the victims of the Devil Incarnate. Such Moonies could be and often are the children of our friends. These victims are children of God, even as you and I. As such, they are to be pitied, prayed for, treated as you would like your own child were he a victim, to be treated. When we, the public, harass them, hate them, fear them, we reinforce their conviction that everyone outside the cult is evil. It is the hierarchy, not the individual victim, who is to be feared.

Attached is a sheet outlining pertinent information on several cults which, I hope, will start you on your way. In addition, I am sending a copy of this letter to a friend in Delmar, also the mother of a former Moonie with the suggestion that she contact you and offer to be a resource person.

Education of our young people is the best weapon we have against their seduction into pseudo-religious groups.

Mrs. Albert A. Boyer
Hamburg, N.Y.

Praising paramedics

Editor, The Spotlight:

For the second time in two months I have had to call on our Rescue Squad. May I say we can and should be proud to have such a qualified and dedicated group of volunteers?

My second trip was in the new piece of equipment, (one of which many persons have questioned the price tag and the necessity of having in such a small community. But when you are having a heart attack and able paramedics can provide the same care as the Emergency Room in your own living room instead of waiting 30 crucial minutes, you can appreciate what we have here in Bethlehem.

Many thanks to paramedics Amos Bastiani (Capt.) and Jim Kerr assisted by EMTS Lenn Tomkins, Louis DiLillo and E Moriarty.

Richard H. Rocca
Delmar

Thoughts on Easter

Editor, The Spotlight:

An original Easter poem entitled "Beneath the Shadow of the Cross" might be of interest to your readers.

Oh Lord, Lord why hast thou forsaken me?

... believing, yet could His tortured heart cry thus,

His heart, where once there lived true joy

Held now but sorrow's agony,

How much more, then, can you—you struggling mortal.

Weep not, be not confused in darkened gloom

For as He waited, dared to utter grief's pain

That same instant that was fulfilled

Which seemingly had been denied.

Walk in His blood-stained steps

Carry the fallen splinters from His heavy Cross

Place them on your heart and bear with Him awhile.

Wait beneath His Cross

Wait for that drop of blood

Which falling transforms the life He loves.

Lift your weary eyes on Him

Look on His wounded side

Touch His pierced hands—

Then only will you see His Love

Know His Will

SHARE His Life

Then only will you finally BE . . .

Here the seeking soul

Through suffering finds all—

The abiding beauty, wondrous joy

Eternal Peace. All that seemed to be denied.

Pray . . . one saving drop of blood

Dispels grief, redeems and

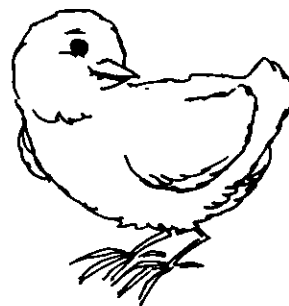
Transforms you . . . wait

As in solitude's bliss you stand

Beneath the shadow of the Cross.

Mary H. Davitt

Delmar



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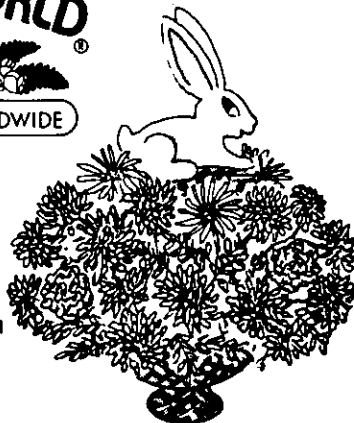
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