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HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL ON NORTH POND, RT. 8  
February 14 - 17

By the time you read this, The Hague Winter Carnival will be in full swing. For those of our readers who live out of town, it will be a thing of the past.

The Carnival gets under way on Thursday, Feb. 14 with a pageant to select a queen for the weekend. This is to be held at the Beachside Restaurant at 8 PM. The following girls will be vying for the title of Queen of the Winter Carnival: Suzanne Barber, 15; Tammy Catlin, 16; Jan Frasier, 14; Joanne Stormer, 16 and Bethany Wells, 15. Aggie Watts, Michele Brunet and Gordon May are working with the girls to put on an entertaining evening of excitement for contestants, parents and friends. Jackie Perkins, 1984 Queen will crown the 1985 Queen.

On Friday the Torch Run beginning at the Silver Bay General Store and ending with the lighting of the torch at the Hague Town Beach at 4 PM. On Friday night from 9 PM to 12 AM a youth dance will be held at the Beachside.

On both Saturday and Sunday the day will begin with a breakfast sponsored by the Hague Fire Dept. at the Beachside from 7 - 11 AM. This will be followed by snowmobile races at North Pond from 11 AM. An 10K running race (from Hague Beach to Silver Bay General Store and back) is scheduled at 11:30. Polar Bears will jump in lake in front of the Trout House Village Resort at 12:30 PM. (You are all invited to join and a free T-shirt will be awarded to all brave spirits.) From 3 - 4 PM the Adult Tug of War featuring 5-man teams will be held. A \$10 team entry fee, with fantastic prizes and trophies to the winners. At 6 PM it is time to get warm at a cocktail party and reception for Miss Dominion of Canada at the Firehouse, to be followed by a Carnival Dinner/Dance at 7 PM with entertainment, at the Beachside. The public is invited to both of these events, but reservations must be made for the dinner/dance.

On Sunday, a 10K Cross Country Ski Race (Sanctioned), begins at Rogers Rock Campsite, routed over land and lake (plus an island) to the Hague Beach. Fee for 10 Km will be \$5.00, and \$3.00 for 5 Km. The course will closely follow the actual route taken by Major Robert Roger's Rangers in their famous escape from French & Indian forces during the winter of 1758. Race is designed for the whole family.

Also, at 11 AM the ATV Ice races (sanctioned) will get under way. At 2 PM the snow sculptures will be judged and at 2:30 the Chainsaw/Crosscut Saw competition (stock and modified) will be held, races and competition to be held at North Pond.

The big event of the weekend will be the NATIONAL ICE AUGER CHAMPIONSHIPS, to be followed by the Chisel Competition. Augers may either be stock or modified, but registration is required from 1:30 - 2:30 on Sunday. Late registrants will be charged an additional \$5. New rules and regulations have been devised. These can be picked up ahead of time by calling David Martucci at 543-6528.

Awards ceremony for all weekend events will be held at the Beachside at 5:30 PM.

Terry Bailey, reigning Miss Dominion of Canada will be the guest of the 1985 Hague Winter Carnival. During her stay Miss Dominion of Canada will be the guest of the Silver Bay Association, The Merrill Magee House, Warrensburg, NY and the Balsam House of Friends Lake.

For any additional information on any of the above activities, call 543-6441

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OPENING

Due to the resignation of the Zoning Board of Appeals chairman, Jack Binley, there is an opening on this Board. Regular monthly meetings are held on the

fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall. If you would like to volunteer your services on this very important Board, please leave your name at the Town Hall, or call 543-6161.

TOWN OFFICIALS

So that our readers may know on whom to call for various services, we are printing the list of all town officials both volunteer and salaried. Salaries indicated were appropriated in the Town Budget for 1985.

- Town Supervisor (\$5200) - Richard E. Bolton
- Town Board (\$1900) - Richard Frasier, Robert Patchett, Linda Coffin, James Braisted
- Justice (\$3500) - Harvey Yaw
- Director of Finance (\$600) - Richard E. Bolton
- Tax Collector (\$1300) - Maryalice Hall
- Town Clerk (\$4150) - Maryalice Hall
- Assessors - Chairman (\$2700) Clifton Frasier; (\$1900) - William Foster, David Martucci
- Attorney - (hourly rate) John Silvestri
- Highway Supt. (\$17,000) - Dan Belden
- Dog Control Officer (\$600) - Frank Swinton
- Registrar of Vital Statistics (\$125) Maryalice Hall
- Board of Elections Inspectors (\$65 per day) - Bertha Dunsmore, Frances Clifton, Beatrice Polino, Margaret DeSignore
- Voting Machine Custodians (\$60 per day) Josephine Braisted, Henry Leach
- Board of Assessment Review (\$75 per day) - Jack Carney, Tom Stull, George Shoemaker, Frances Clifton, Florence Smith.
- Historian (\$185) - Clifton West
- Zoning Administrator (\$5,000) - no appointment to date.

The following citizens serve the town of Hague in a volunteer capacity:

- Health Officer - Dr. Michael Shuhler
- Town Park Commission - Earl Phillips, Joan Belden, Bob Hoyt
- Hague Planning Board - Fred LaPann, Chr., James Broderick, Norman Strum, Jack Carney, Alison Craig, Timothy Costello, Evert Lindquist.
- Zoning Board of Appeals - Ray Snyder, Edna Frasier, Tom James, Everett

Lee, George Denton. (Chairman to be appointed. One opening on Board. ...djh

PLANNING BOARD 2/7/85

As is customary, the 7 member Hague Planning Board had 100% attendance. Chairman Fred LaPann complimented the Board on its fine attendance record over the years of service.

The stop-work order on Mr. John Pucek's property has been lifted since he has complied with the four conditions set forth by the Board at the January meeting. It was noted that there is no provision for sub-dividing this property.

Attorney Dan Smith, representing Rudd Van Voorhis, has served an Article 78 on the Town Board and The Zoning Board of Appeals concerning the removal of a portion of newly erected fence that is alleged to be in violation of the Hague Zoning regulations. Newly appointed Town Attorney, John M. Silvestri, will represent the Town at the court appearance in Elizabethtown Feb. 13, 1985.

Mr. John Butkus, of Sabbath Day Pt, will be granted a certificate of Compliance to replace his existing house with a new structure which will be no less conforming. His present sewage system will be upgraded by switching to a holding tank.

The George Burford proposed subdivision to create two lots with less than 100' of lake shore was denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals at their meeting on Jan. 28. The Warren County Board had recommended approval and the Hague Planning Board disapproval.

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Don't forget to get your entry in for a new masthead for The Hague Chronicle. Deadline is March 30, 1985. Send to Box 569, Hague, NY. (See Jan. issue or write to The Hague Chronicle for details).

TOWN BOARD - 2/12/85

A resolution was passed authorizing a public hearing to be held on Tues. Feb. 26 at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall re: local law #1: Flood Damage Protection. At 4 PM the same date an APA representative will meet the Board to answer questions on "How the APA can help Hague." This is an open meeting and should be of interest to members of our community.

Supervisor Bolton read letters from: Clifton West, stressing need for transportation to Ticonderoga for those with none.

John Silvestri, accepting appointment as town attorney.

ENCON, granting extension of permit for "Memorandum of Understanding," allowing necessary work on streams or ditches 100' or less from roadways.

A questionnaire was received from Ed Lynch, APA, that will help in assessing landowner's assistance program.

In unfinished business: Approval was granted to order new stationery. The Employees' Guide is now in the hands of the town attorney and will be presented for approval at a later date. Appointment of the Zoning Administrator was tabled. Resolution #2 was approved by the Board allowing the Supervisor of Highways to enter into an agreement with Warren County for snow and ice control on county roads.

Fourth Quarter report from Harvey Yaw, Town Justice, was as follows:

M.V. cases	2
Criminal cases	1
Small claims	1
Conservation	3

Money sent to Audit Control for Oct, Nov, Dec - \$99.00.

An additional one mile of road repair on West Hague Road will bring our total appropriation to \$135,000...gl

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX CODE

636 is the tax code for the Ticonderoga School District. This number should be entered by all residents of Ticonderoga School District on their NYS tax returns.

Equitable apportionment of state aid is dependent upon the accurate entry of the proper district tax codes.

PUBLIC HEARING - SABBATH DAY POINT

On February 8, 1985 at 1 PM a Public Hearing concerning the application of the Sabbath Day Point Beach Association's request for a variance to construct four removable docks 5' by 80' on the 200' beach owned by the Association was held.

Judge Susan DuBois presided and the proceedings were recorded by a stenotypist. J. Mark Noordsy, attorney for the Association; Wayne Judge and Patricia Watkins attorneys for John Carney, Sr. presented arguments for the granting of the variance; John Hall, an attorney with the Dept. of Environmental Conservation, represented EnCon.

Lyman Beeman, a vice-president of the Lake George Association spoke against the granting of a variance and Richard Bolton, Hague Supervisor, spoke in support of granting the variance prior to the admission of sworn testimony.

Michael P. White, Environmental analyst employed by EnCon, and Secretary to the Lake George Park Commission presented prepared (written) testimony to Judge DuBois which stated, in part, "Section 646.5 of the draft amendments to Lake George Recreation Zone Regulations allows for the granting of a variance upon a demonstration of practical difficulty or significant economic injury."

The attorneys for the Sabbath Day Beach Association and for John Carney called Harvey Noordsy, President of the Association, John Carney, George Traver, property owners of land on Sabbath Day Point, and Alison Craig, real estate salesperson, to give sworn testimony concerning the impact that dock space has on the value of property.

Judge DuBois will review the material and submit her recommendations to EnCon Commissioner Henry G. Williams for final disposition of the question...ac

WEATHER UPDATE

Ice covered entire lake on February 16. No January thaw this year. Never got above -20F at Graphite on 2/8. Severe storm missed us again - springlike weather as we "put the paper to bed". No big snowstorms - just a lot of 1 & 2 inches. Keeps our highway department on the job. (They have done an excellent job for us).

R.P.I.-F.W.I. WATER QUALITY REPORT

In January the Lake George Assoc. sent the 37 page report of the RPI Fresh Water Institute to all the Town Supervisors, Village Mayors and Town Health Officers giving the results of the most recent tests of water quality in the Lake George shore areas. These tests are carried out by the RPI Fresh Water Institute (FWI) located at Bolton Landing, NY according to a plan worked out by that organization and the Lake George Assoc. Fund (LGAF).

The FWI, LGA & LGAF do not engage in corrective measures. The test results are brought to the attention of state agencies which have the responsibility (DEC & DOH) for action.

The objectives of this water testing program are to determine the levels of coliform bacteria in waters adjacent to shore, to locate sources of coliform contamination to the lake, and to provide this data to the appropriate state and local agencies for action.

During the 1984 season, the FWI visited 116 sites and took 348 samples. From these samples, the near shore water quality is very good, but serious problems exist that require aggressive investigation both on site and in the near shore areas. Continued efforts in coliform monitoring are required as well as increased cooperation between FWI, LGA, DOH & DEC Region 5. A main step in this effort will be State certification for the FWI laboratories. Vigilance is required at all locations needing further on site investigations to insure that associated near shore problems are eliminated. During the coming months application of refined land-use data and satellite imagery will provide the needed information to develop a more direct sampling program.

The full report, which includes the results of each testing site, may be read in the Hague Town Hall.

This program is supported by the Lake George Association Fund and The Lake George Association...ac

TASK FORCE FOR THE FUTURE OF LAKE GEORGE

For nearly a year the Task Force established by EnCon Commissioner Henry G. Williams and under the direction of Chairman Charles C. Morrison, Director of Land Resources Planning for EnCon, has been collecting the vast amount of information available on the Lake George area. The Lake George Park Commission is the lead agency for development of a comprehensive plan for the Lake George Park.

State, County and Town representatives from the 10 towns around the lake and the Lake George Assoc. are participating in the study.

A plan for the Lake George Basin will be drafted in the spring of this year and will serve as the basis for further discussion at public meetings to be held around the lake this coming summer for citizens' comments on the proposed plan...ac

LEGISLATIVE PAY INCREASES

Were you aware that the members of the NYS Legislature voted themselves a 30% pay increase in a special "Lame Duck" Session in December, 1984? The legislators hoped to avoid any effective public opposition by passing the pay increase during the Holiday Season when the public's attention was elsewhere. The Committee Against Legislative Pay Increases has been organized to fight against these increases. The committee urges people to write to their legislators about this matter. Hague's representatives are Assemblyman Neil Kelleher (voted against) and Senator Ronald Stafford (voted for), both located at the Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248.

We hope to bring you up to date on this in a future issue...djh

SCHOOL NEWS

VIEWPOINT

WATER AND BASKETBALL DON'T MIX - February 5th marks the date of the first indoor basketball game in Ticonderoga history to be rained out. Indeed it was a disappointment to players and spectators alike. This game, between the varsity Ticonderoga Sentinels and Hornets of Plattsburgh, would decide who would remain undefeated. The reason for its cancellation was due to water on the court from spectators' feet and a leak in the roof. Desperate attempts were made by janitors and coaches but all were futile. After 28 seconds of play the game was stopped. Fearing the safety of the players officials postponed the game which will be played on Feb. 16.

THIS TIME IT WASN'T A DRILL - On Thurs., Jan. 31 at 11:10 AM the fire alarm in the Ticonderoga High School went off. Students and teachers alike were surprised, as they proceeded to march outside; that there was indeed a fire in the boiler room. Luckily the fire was quickly extinguished by the janitors, but because of smoke in the ventilation system and in halls, students were dismissed early. Currently the school's heat is being supplied by its backup boiler.

DATES TO REMEMBER - Feb. 16 - 24 Vacation. March 13 - H.S. Parent meeting; March 14 - Middle School Parent Meeting; March 15 - Elementary School Musical: "Mary Poppins"...

HAGUE FIRE DEPT. ANNUAL REPORT

Total calls	103
Total mileage	5,007
Man Hours	1,034

During January  
 10 calls  
 642 miles  
 82 man hours

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE SQUAD

I read with interest the letter by Mr. Stallman concerning motor boats on Lake George. As a summer resident of Silver Bay for over 40 years I most heartily agree that nothing does more to make it less than Paradise as the selfish practice of some individuals who often make it impossible to hear a conversation on shore because of the loudness of their motors' exhaust. As Mr. Stallman says, something should be done to alleviate that nuisance...Paul J. Rickett

With regard to the new school busses which were approved by referendum - I was not aware at the time that I was voting for diesel busses. I am not against diesel busses, particularly since I do not know the pros and cons of owning them. However, I do feel that the taxpayers should have been aware at the time, of the type of busses that were being purchased. I would also like to suggest that since NY State now has a mandatory seat belt law for private cars, the Ticonderoga School System should seriously consider having seat belts installed in these new busses. Not only would it be safer for the students but it would be a tremendous help to the bus drivers in maintaining discipline...D. Henry

SHEAR MAGIC NOW OPEN

Another new business has come to town. Cindy Coon has opened a hair styling salon on Rt. 8 just beyond the Town Hall. She is a qualified beautician and is specializing in styling for men, women and children. Her hours of operation are from 9 - 5, from Tues through Fri and Sat from 9 - 12. Call for appointments at 543-8858.

We welcome Cindy and wish her well in her new enterprise...djh

NAT'L AUDUBON CONFERENCE AT YMCA

The Silver Bay YMCA convention site will host the 1985 biennial National Audubon Convention to be held June 16 through the 21. In addition, two anniversaries will be celebrated during the conference; the 200th anniversary of the birth of John James Audubon and the 100th anniversary of the Forest Preserve, lands owned by the State of NY in the Adirondack and the Catskill mountain ranges.

The conference will address national and international environmental concerns while focusing on ways in which Audubon members work at the local level to help develop and implement sound environmental policies.

This is the first time that a national convention has been on the East Coast since the 1960's and the first time ever in NY State. Auduboners will stay in historic Adirondack camp rooms on the Silver Bay campus which is listed on the national historic register.

From: Audubon Action, the newsletter of Nat'l Audubon Soc. Feb. 1985 edition...ac

AMERICAN LEGION

The next regular meeting of Hague Post 1538, American Legion, will be held on Wednesday, March 6 at the Legion home. Town Supervisor and post member Dick Bolton will present information on the new veterans' tax abatement plan, and all Legionnaires and other eligible veterans are urged to attend. Refreshments will follow the business meeting.

As soon as new catalogs and prices are received from Valley Forge Flag Co. our flag sale will get underway and will include all sizes and qualities of American flags, as well as flag kits suitable for home installation for those not having a regular flag pole.

GOVT. CLASS GOES TO WASHINGTON

On January 18th eight lucky seniors from the Advanced Government Class at Ticonderoga High School left for one memorable weekend in Washington, DC. When we heard the formal announcement that the inaugural ceremonies and parade were cancelled we were a little disappointed, but not for long! Although we couldn't make the actual presidential inauguration, we were honored when Congressman Dave Martin (NY 26th Congressional District) invited us to a reception on Capitol Hill. We paraded through the halls of the Cannon building behind a 40 piece brass band, which drew all the Congressmen out of their offices! It was quite a sight but nevertheless gave us a feeling that we too were celebrating the 50th Presidential Inauguration. We also took in many sights during this historic weekend which included: The Lincoln Memorial, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, The Smithsonian Museums of American History, Air and Space, and Natural History, the National Cathedral, the National Archives, Embassy Row, as well as old-town Alexandria and Georgetown. One of the biggest assets of our trip was our supervisor, Mr. William Connors. He encouraged us all to appreciate our national history and heritage, along with giving us insight towards the future. These factors - and many others - contributed to one of the most inspiring weekends of our life that we will cherish for some time to come.

...Toni Cole & Lisa Coffin

NUCLEAR DUMP SITE

The Adirondack Park has been ruled out as a dumping site for high-level nuclear waste.

APA Chairman "Woody" Cole announced that draft documents released by the U.S. Dept of Energy formally state that the Adirondack Park has been excluded from further consideration as a potential site for the nation's second high-level waste depository.

SOUNDINGS

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

BORN - A girl, Tabatha Lynn, to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hudak, Jr. on December 19 in Middlebury. Happy grandparents are Dick and Beverly Hudak, Graphite. Tabatha was baptized on February 10 at The Church of the Cross, Episcopal, Ticonderoga with a reception following at the home of her grandparents.

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DIED - John H. Lambert, 75, North Bangor, NY on Jan. 23 at his home. He is survived by his wife, brother William B. of Silver Bay and three nieces.

DIED - Rudolph Forgette, Putnam, on January 27. Surviving is a brother, Joseph Forgette, Hague.

DIED - Lula M. Gifford, Graphite, on February 7 in Moses-Ludington Nursing Home at age 96. Surviving are her daughter, Esther Belden, sister, Jennie Shattuck, nine grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great grandchildren.

DIED - Dr. Vernon Lippitt of Rochester and Forest Bay on February 3 in Rochester. Surviving are his wife Ruth, four children and brothers, Drs. Gordon and Ronald Lippitt.

DIED - Rita Du Guay, mother of Ron Du Guay, Hague, in Sanford, Maine on February 10.

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CLIFFORD and BETTY DECKER were honored recently by the NY State Legislature on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. The resolution, complete with seal, was sent to them through the efforts of Assemblyman Neil Kelleher, who incidently read about it in The Hague Chronicle! (More important, he acted on it!

\*BORN - A girl, Ashley Michele, to Michael and Bernadette (Denno) Abare in Porter Medical Center on January 4. Grandparents are Mr & Mrs Bernard Denno, Hague.

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Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.  
...Abraham Lincoln

The Hague Chronicle has just received a copy of the Second Period Honor Roll and also the Third Period Honor Roll. The following students from Hague were listed on the Second Period Honor Roll:

First Honors: AMI BUSICK, STEPHANIE FITZGERALD, ROBERT GAUTREAU, BRIDGET McDONALD. Second Honors: TRACY BELL, CHERYL COBB, JENNIFER DU GUAY, JENNIFER FITZGERALD, JODI FRASIER, AMY McKEE, JEFFREY PLASS, JANET ROSS, LANA ROSS, NORMA STRUM, STEPHEN YOUNG

Third Marking Period High Honors: STEPHANIE FITZGERALD, ROBERT GAUTREAU, BRIDGET McDONALD, NORMA STRUM

Second Honors: TRACY BELL, CHERYL COBB, LYNNE COFFIN, WENDY DUNSMORE, JENNIFER FITZGERALD, JODI FRASIER, AMY McKEE, JEFFREY PLASS, KARA REYNOLDS, JANET ROSS, LANA ROSS, AMBER STULL, TRACY STULL, STEPHEN YOUNG

CONGRATULATIONS AND CONTINUED SUCCESS from all of us at The Hague Chronicle.

COUNTY PREPARING NEW CALENDAR

The Spring, Summer and Fall Activities Calendar for Warren County is currently being prepared by the Dept. of Tourism.

Any events or activities sponsored by any group in the County should be forwarded to the Tourism Dept. with dates and detailed particulars. The deadline is March 1.

CAREER FAIR

On February 26 the Ticonderoga Guidance Dept. will present a Career Fair for Grades 8 and 11 in the Ticonderoga Middle School cafeteria.

Over thirty careers will be represented in the two hour program which will enable these students, who are presently involved in making plans concerning education and careers to share in the expertise of persons actively involved in a variety of occupations.

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Love must be the best life  
to offer for most of us  
are miserable without it.  
..From "Book of Days" by  
Rod McKuen 2/85

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - FEBRUARY and MARCH

February

- 14 - 17 HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL (See p. 1)
- 18 - 22 School Vacation
- 19 - School Board - 7:30 PM
- 22 - Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 26 - APA Representative - Town Hall-4:PM  
(see p. 3)
- 26 - Public Hearing - 4:30 PM (see p 3)
- 28 - Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 PM
- \*19 - Home Bureau

March

- 4 - Fire Dept. meeting - 7:30-Fire House
- 5 - Home Bureau
- 6 - American Legion - 7:30 PM (p. 6)
- 7 - Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 7 - Planning Board - 7:30 PM
- 10 - HAGUE CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- 12 - Town Board - 6:30 PM
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Veterans' Administrative Representative - Town Hall every Thurs. 11:30 AM.

Ten mo chi mo  
Nashi tada yuki no  
Furi - shikuru

...Hashin

No sky and no earth  
at all. Only the snowflakes  
fall incessantly.

This Japanese Haiku is called "sending verse" or "Play verse." The form is very simple. Only three lines, four syllables in the first line, seven in the second and five in the third. Hashin's haiku is an excellent word picture of a blizzard.

...From One Hundred Famous HAIKU  
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