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HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND  
February 18-20, 1994

Plans for a modified Hague Winter Carnival are in full gear for the holiday weekend of February 18-20. The first activity will be a "Snowy Squares" Square Dance to be held at the Hague Community Center on FRIDAY evening at 7:30 PM. Our favorite callers, Stan and Cathie Burdick will be on hand. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. No admission fee, but donations to Beste Scholarship Fund will be gratefully accepted. Food and beverages available for sale - also benefit Beste fund.

SATURDAY Feb. 19 - 8-11AM Firemen's breakfast at Community Center. Beste buffet and raffle tickets, souvenirs available.

11AM - 1PM - Rifle Shoot - Hague Fish and Game Club, West Hague Rd. Refreshments available.

Noon - 1:30PM - Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby - Community Center

5:30-7PM - Beste Scholarship Fund Benefit Buffet and Beste Awards presentation. - Silver Bay Assoc.

SUNDAY Feb. 20 - 8-11AM - Firemen's breakfast  
10AM - 4PM - Family Fun Day at Hague Fish and Game Club. Includes: Kids' games and prizes, volleyball, tug-of-war, chainsaw contest, cross-cut saw competition, ice fishing contest, broom hockey, sack races, snow sculpture, sliding and NATIONAL ICE AUGER AND CHISEL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Penelope, the Clown, raffles and more games. No gate fee. Community organizations displays from Friday night through breakfast Sunday in Community Center.

The Hague Town skating rink (with lights) and Rogers Rock ski trails are open days and evenings for your enjoyment.

The Hague Winter Carnival is sponsoring a Winter Weekend Family Electronics Package Raffle for \$1 donation per ticket. The package includes a portable Sony AM/FM/CD/cassette player and a Sega Game Gear package with Sonic 2, a total retail value of \$300. The winner will be drawn at the Fish and Game Club on Sunday, Feb. 20. All proceeds will go directly to the Beste Scholarship Fund. Tickets will be on sale at the Hague Market, Silver Bay General Store and over the Winter Weekend.

For further information call: (518)543-6953.

*Enough's enough. Come gentle spring!*

TO PARENTS WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

It has come to our attention that parents in Hague cannot get WIPS early in the morning to find out about school closings, etc. I called the station and found the reason is that they are on low power in the winter until dawn and unless listeners have very high-powered radios, they cannot get the station. However, the school administration has asked us to convey to you that they also announce the school closings and late busses on FM 101 (Rutland) and FM 92.9 (Burlington).

Please tune in the above stations early in the morning in order to get the latest on the school closings.

NEW BICYCLE HELMET LAW

The NYS Legislature has passed a new law that affects all youth who ride a bicycle. This law will go into effect on June 1, 1994 and states that all youth under the age of 14 must wear a safety helmet when they are on a bicycle. This is added to the current law that says all children under the age of five and are passengers on a bicycle must wear a helmet and all infants under one year old may not be carried as a passenger on a bicycle at all.

A parent or guardian may be fined a maximum of \$50 each time a law enforcement official issues a ticket. If the parent or guardian can prove to the court that they have purchased a helmet for that child between the issuance of the ticket and the date of the court appearance or was unable to, due to reasons of economic hardship, the court may waive the fine. If you have any questions, call the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center in Warrensburg (623-3291 or 668-4881).

DATES TO REMEMBER

The following are the dates on which the recycling truck will be at the Community Center to pick up office paper, glossy inserts, magazines, catalogs. No newspapers, cardboard, brown paper bags - they can go to the landfill for recycling at any time.

MARCH 2 - 6 - APRIL 20 - 24 - JUNE 8-12



*I'm not shoveling anything. That way the postman can't deliver the bills.*

### HAGUE BAPTIST DINNER

Mark Thursday, March 10 on your calendar NOW. This is the date you all have been waiting for! The Hague Baptist Church is holding a community dinner consisting of ROAST BEEF, mashed potatoes, carrots, broccoli au gratin, assorted cakes and a beverage.

Take-outs at 4:30PM, dinner served from 5-7PM. Price is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 6-12. Ages 5 and under are FREE.

If you haven't been to one of these dinners, don't miss this one and those of you who have, tell your friends and please come back.

### BIKE-A-THON

Florence Lambert has been named the Hague coordinator of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Bike-A-Thon to be held on 5/7/94 in Hague. She would like to have some volunteers to help organize and run this event. Groups or individuals would be most welcome. Call Florence at 643-6627 to offer your services. More on this at a later date.

### WHILE AWAY THOSE WINTER BLAHS

Join in the square dancing fun every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM at the Community Center. March 9 is the next dance scheduled. Stan and Cathie Burdick are the instructors and callers and everyone has a great time. Beginners are welcome.

On each Friday night (weather permitting, that is) line dancing is taught from 7-9PM at the Community Center. Fun, fun, fun. Dance on winter weekend will be held at Watson Hall, Silver Bay on Sat. night at 7PM.

### HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society starts its 1994 season on Thursday, March 24 at the Hague Community Center. The activities and personalities of the Sexton sisters will be presented along with slides of some of their unusual professional photos of the area, its buildings and some of their antics.

These two women were unusual even when times required independence and strength of its inhabitants. They not only were excellent photographers but could hunt, fish and repair barn roofs with no help from others. Some of their hunting habits were right out of fashion books. Reminiscences by others will be welcome.

On Friday, Apr 15, our annual joint meeting with the Ticonderoga Historical Society will take place at our Community Center. It will supply the program with a noted genealogist who will describe how easy it is to do your own genealogy.

Both programs start at 8PM, preceded by a social hour starting at 7:30PM. The public is invited so come and join in the friendly discussions. . . rmc

### HANCOCK HOUSE GALLERY SHOWINGS

During Feb. the Ticonderoga Historical Society urges the public to attend two very special art shows at The Hancock House, Moses Circle, Ticonderoga. Open Wed. through Sat. from 10AM-4PM. The annual Middle School-Junior High School Show in the Gallery presents works from Elizabeth-town-Lewis, Schroon Lake, Ticonderoga and Westport. Family and friends are especially encouraged to attend. There are twenty mixed-media pieces.

Showing until March 18 in the lower level auditorium is "The Adirondacks through a Child's Eye". These 35 paintings were done by students in grades 3-6.

### NATURE NEWS

Laura Meade

During February and early March, adventuresome birders search with binoculars and spotting scopes on what has come to be called "Owl Prowls". Often a tape will be played of an owl sound, with hopes that an owl will hear it and answer. This is especially true for Great Horned Owls and Barred Owls.

From a total of 134 owl species worldwide, eight types have been seen or heard in the Town of Hague, to my knowledge. Here are a few facts about them.

**Great Gray Owl:** This largest owl (33") is rarely observed south of the Great Lakes and east to New York and New England. Records kept in N.Y. show an unusual incursion of at least 60 in 1890-91, similar to the number seen in 1978-79. The "great gray" looks like a very large Barred Owl, with no tufts, large facial disks (actually the ears), but with yellow eyes and white mustaches. Unlike other owls, it is very tame and often hunts by day. One was seen in the fall of '88 at Rogers Rock Campsite at the junction of Sand Hill Rd. and Route 9N. Last winter a "great gray" left a 52" wingspan imprint in fresh-fallen snow as it seized prey in a backyard on Lakeshore Terrace. Its call is a deep, booming "whoo-hoo-hoo."

**Great Horned Owl:** This also is a large owl (25") but with tufts or "horns", a white bib at the throat and lengthwise streaking. It is suspected as a predator of cats but definitely will kill a rabbit for food. One such predation occurred when rabbit fur, considerable blood and many "great horned" tracks were seen in the snow on the Springhill Pond trail. Apparently the owl was very hungry. It devoured the entire rabbit flesh and then walked around for some time before it was able to fly away. Its voice is resonant hoot in this rhythm of 4 to 5 calls: "Hoo, hoo-oo, hoo, hoo."

**Barred Owl:** This is a puffy-headed gray-brown woodland owl with penetrating brown eyes surrounded by facial discs. It may be as tall as 24". Its call is similar to that of the "great horned" but more emphatic, in two groups of four, such as "hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo, hoo-hoo - hoo-hooaw." Barred owls can be heard calling to each other from hills around Jabe Pond on a winter's evening.

**Snowy Owl:** This large owl, usually silent, is noticeable different in coloration, with white feathers which are flecked here and there with tan or black specks. It has been seen on Tongue Mt., often surprising travelers as it flies across the road in the headlight's beam at night.

**Long-eared Owl:** A crow-sized owl, similar in appearance to the "great horned", except that tufts are more erect, this bird makes a cat-like whine or moaning "hooooo". It can be found motionless on a limb close to a tree trunk. One was identified by its sound a few years ago on Watts Hill, Silver Bay as it flew from tree to tree.

**Saw-whet Owl:** By contrast, this is a tiny, tame owl (7"-8 1/2"), with rounded head, and yellow eyes. One is often attracted to a "saw-whet" because of its repetitious, mechanical, mellow whistled single tone, repeated as much as 130 times a minute. One was seen perched in daylight behind Trout House Village turning its head in all directions.

**Barn Owl:** White and tan, with a heart-shaped face and chocolate brown eyes, a Barn Owl can frighten people and pets at twilight with its shrill, rasping "HSSSS".

**Screech Owl:** While walking down the Old Mine Rd. at dusk, a hiker noticed this small, tufted owl, when it sat perched on a limb and made a mournful, spooky whiny.

*The school district used its final snow day on Feb. 9. Dr. Collins has not decided what to do about future days. And we still have a few more weeks of winter!!*

TOWN BOARD, FEBRUARY 8

Supervisor Belden has been notified that CVI Television is in the process of inquiring about Fox Affiliated channels (for the sports minded) but is not sure whether it will be economically feasible to add these channels, More to come.

Good news comes in the form of an increase of our sales tax fund from the state, and the fact that the town's insurance covers the cost of repairing of many of the community center's problems caused by this devastating winter. Ice damage and boiler complications have caused leaks in many areas and floor damage in the main room.

The proposed landfill schedule was discussed. Extended hours (10AM - 5PM) are possible although the present attendant said that we will need a part time helper if this happens. A request was made by the same employee for health insurance coverage and recommended too was septic service for workers, but these were tabled for further review. A proposal to consolidate the landfill with the highway department is also under discussion.

Hague will review the proposed ordinance for storm-water management and would like local controls. This could be made a part of our ordinance and passed by Hague as a local law.

In new business: Tabled until March was a request by Mr. Dutcher to use the town park on June 25 the annual windsurfing event that has been held for the last few years. John Breitenbach, Jr. has resigned as coordinator for the landfill. It was suggested that a letter of thanks for his past performance be sent. County report covered •1. Swede Mt. (Warren County would like to purchase 1.5 acres). •2. Warren County Sewer System (county pushing for sewer plant at Cleverdale). Without Queensbury's participation it might be difficult to get funding. Clough Harbour expects to complete the sewer survey by April. •3. Milfoil (County wants a resolution to petition the state for its help in fighting milfoil.

A reminder that there will be free clinics for Hague, Ti and Putnam residents at the Moses Ludington Hospital with the contract signing. Watch for announcements. Rudy Wirth, MLH CEO, will be present at the April 12 town board meeting with his personal quarterly report.

A meeting is planned in late Feb. or early March with the School Tax Investigating Committee.

A new tanker has been ordered for the fire department.

To be considered during future meetings are •1. The summer youth program, •2. Part-time workers paid for by public assistance and •3. The checking of comparable insurance.

Supervisor Belden again mentioned the cutting of timber at the ball park and the landfill with the money realized from the sale going to the landfill. Nothing was decided at this meeting but will be under discussion at a later date.

ZBA - Jan. 27, 1994

The Zoning Board of Appeals now has only four mem-

bers and is again looking for residents interested in filling the three remaining openings. The Board meets once a month. Applications may be obtained from John Breitenbach, Jr. at the Community Center. At the Jan. 27 meeting only three of the four members were present and could not make any decisions (no quorum). Fortunately there were no variance requests at that time. A memorandum order was reviewed on Eleanor Sapakoff's petition to the Warren County, State of NY Supreme Court to annul the Zoning Board's approval of the zoning administrator's decision to allow The Hearth Restaurant to commence operation as a pre-existing, non-conforming use in a residential area. The court denied the petitioner's application.

PLANNING BOARD - February 3, 1994

There were no new applications to discuss at the Feb. 3 meeting and no sight plan reports. A status report by the Zoning Administrator on past board actions included: •1. Maiaro (20-1-53, Decker Hill Rd., commercial marine storage. Whether there will be a need for a variance depends on interpretation based on acreage. A Class B project Type II sight plan review would not need to go to any board. A Class A project goes to the APA with Planning Board input. •2. Frasier (41-1,2,3 on Hollow Rd), subdivision violation is on hold until the owner agrees to the bureaucratic procedure which could solve this problem. •3. Stout (32-1-19, 9N) minor subdivision. The owner of an undersized lot must go for a variance.

A meeting will be held on Mar. 6 at which the new regulatory program for storm water management on new developments will be presented and reviewed. ACC is the location for the Mar. 16 meeting on the revision of SEQR law. The task force is completing its survey on the status of the APA and will be out soon.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The audit meeting on Jan. 20 was held to audit the 1993 books - Justice, Town Clerk, and general town books.

Lawyer John McDonald, former Essex County DA was appointed town attorney at the Jan. 31 town board special meeting. His appointment is for 2 years (under town law #24) at a salary of \$7,000 for the remainder of 1994.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB meets on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 1:30PM. A presentation on Alzheimer's is scheduled and of course, refreshments will be served.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC at 1PM in the Senior Room at 1PM. Any and all ages are welcome.

CLEANING - Tuesday, Feb 22 from 3-4PM. On Mar. 8 from 1-2PM at the Community Center.

*Love is old, yet is new, Ever wonderful, it's true  
Love brings trust to stalk all fears  
And walks more closely with the years... Aloise Tracy  
HAPPY BELATED VALENTINE'S DAY! 2/94*

## A TAXING TIME FOR TICONDEROGA

Robert L. Collins

As with all school districts, the Ticonderoga District has been creative and diligent in trying to deliver the best to our students. We have, however, been hampered in the past year in meeting our ideal goals of providing quality education because of a lack of fiscal resources that resulted from the lowering of real property tax assessments in the two townships that comprise our district.

This growing problem, faced by many districts in New York State, finally hit home in Ticonderoga in 1991 when the revaluation by the Town of Ticonderoga and the Town of Hague prompted a number of tax certiorari proceedings, including several Article 7 petitions to the Essex County Supreme Court that forced the district to make substantial tax refunds.

The revaluations took place in Ticonderoga in 1990 and the Town of Hague in 1992. These in turn caused the International Paper Company, the area's largest employer, to petition for a reduction in its property tax assessment. The Town of Ticonderoga's revaluation alone resulted in a tax shift of 14.6% from commercial to residential property.

The subsequent tax certiorari proceedings came at a difficult time for our district. The area economy in general was in poor shape, a midyear reduction in state aid had just taken place, the state Teachers' Retirement System was being raided to help alleviate the state's burgeoning deficit problems, and the district's first payment on a reconstruction project was due.

When school districts are forced to make tax refunds, all the towns within a district are affected because the payment comes from the district's general fund. The Ticonderoga District had filed an "interested party" petition for input into International Paper's 1990 tax suit against the Town of Ticonderoga in order to push for a settlement without refunds. The out-of-court settlement reached in February 1993 did, in fact, remove all refund requests for 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93. The district then had to figure in a reduction in tax payments from International Paper for future years.

This settlement with IP resulted in an additional 5% increase in taxes for Ticonderoga residents on top of the 14.6% increase that had already taken place because of the tax certiorari proceedings. The IP settlement against the town, which reduced IP's assessment from \$96 million to \$84 million in 1993-94, also provided for additional reductions in assessment based on an agreed-upon, six-year schedule, ultimately reducing the assessment to \$68 million by 1998-99.

In 1990 a tax suit brought by New York State against the Town of Hague for state lands in the town resulted in the district having to make refunds of \$27,795 each year for three years. Thus, the Town of Ticonderoga contributed approximately 60% of the overall refunds granted as a result of the tax certiorari proceedings and the Article 7 petition.

The historical reason for having a real property tax system to fund education has been its stability. And we know that revaluation of real property is done periodically to improve equity. But the liberal granting of assessed value reductions can exacerbate rather than mitigate inequities within the assessing unit. The vast majority of the reductions in the Ticonderoga District have resulted from the submission of small claims petitions as prescribed by Section 730 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. The resulting tax refunds have consumed 1% of the district's tax levy for each of the past two years, which makes district budget planning more difficult.

In addition, the International Paper Company's tax settlement has changed the equalization rate for Ticonderoga, causing a shift in the district's tax burden to that town. IP had been assessed by the Town of Ticonderoga at \$96 million since the early 1980's. At that time, the NYS Board of Equalization and Assessment (SBEA) had the paper mill assessed at

\$35 million. The Town of Hague used the IP tax suit settlement of 1993 to have SBEA place the mill's assessment at the settlement value, namely \$86 million. What happened was that the Town of Hague pointed out that the 1993-94 settlement reducing the assessment to \$84 million, along with documentation it supplied that indicated the IP paper mill was worth \$68 million, forced SBEA to increase its prior valuation of IP from \$35 million to \$84 million for purposes of computing the equalization rate. This mathematically shifted a substantial amount of the tax levy to the Town of Ticonderoga, which caused a 12.7% increase in school taxes there and a 14.4% decrease in school taxes in the Town of Hague, in addition to the 14.6% tax shift in Ticonderoga.

State aid to education is primarily based on per capita income and full property value. Generally, the lower a district's per capita income and the lower its full property values, the more state aid a district receives. SBEA raised the value of the paper mill from \$35 million to \$86 million and thus increased the full property value of the district. This in turn could have a negative impact in the near future by decreasing state aid to the Ticonderoga District.

In the 1990-91 school year, the residential taxpayer in Ticonderoga was hit hard. The school budget was increased 6.1% percent, state and federal aid was up only 2.3%, and the tax levy was up 13.5% increased tax levy plus the 14.6% shift in the tax burden from commercial to residential property. This resulted in a tax increase of 28.1% for Ticonderoga residential taxpayers. Fortunately, our district taxpayers approved the school budget.

The following year, the district made a special effort to involve the community extensively in the development of the 1991-92 budget. Drastic cuts in programs and staff were made, yet there was still a spending increase of 1.1%. Included in the increase was the district's second payment on its \$3.1 million reconstruction project. State aid to the district went down again, this time by 3.7% and the tax levy went up another 6.1%, which district taxpayers were asked to approve in the budget.

At this point, Ticonderoga taxpayers apparently felt they could not support another increase. As a result, the district suffered its first ever budget defeat. But at the end of July 1991, more than 500 district residents petitioned the school board to put the same budget up for a revote. The second vote was successful (971-774), as have been all subsequent budget votes.

Although the community has supported us, district programs have suffered greatly. Ticonderoga has not been able to reinstate or restore many of its former programs. The district currently has an enrollment of 1,100 students and a budget of \$9 million. Since 1990, cuts in programs and staff have amount to \$1,157,000.

What the Ticonderoga District has learned from this experience is that it is important to file an *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) brief in any certiorari proceeding affecting the school district that goes to court, which we did. This helps the district track the progress and outcome of the proceedings. In the event that a business wins a certiorari proceeding, the district should also aim for settlements with town officials that don't involve tax refunds from the district because these refunds will become a tax on the other towns in the district. If the refunds become necessary, it is sometimes best to spread the payment over several years to reduce the fiscal impact on the district. . . From *NY School Boards Journal* Jan. 1994. Dr. Collins is Superintendent of Schools for the Ticonderoga Central School District.



WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

On Monday, February 7 a group of Hague women met to hear Mr. Bob McLaughlin, pharmacist at Rite-Aid Pharmacy in Ticonderoga speak on problems people have with medications. This was the first of regular monthly meetings which will have various topics of interest, particularly to women of the community.

Mr. McLaughlin spoke in depth about generic drugs. It is a law in New York State that unless a doctor specifies that the name brand drug is to be dispensed, a pharmacist must give the patient the generic brand, if available. This is in direct opposition to what all the women in attendance believed. Therefore, if you are a great believer in name brand medication, be sure to tell your doctor when he writes a prescription. Mr. McLaughlin stated that there is absolutely no difference in the chemicals used in generic and name brand - the only difference is in the filler used.

This was a very informal meeting and was well received by all those in attendance.

The next meeting of Women Helping Women will be held on March 7 at the Community Center at 7PM. Mr. Arthur Andrea, a new resident of Hague and a retired New York City detective will speak on Safety in the Country and what one can do to alleviate problems regarding safety. Mark your calendar - March 7. It should be an informative evening.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

1993 statistics are now available:

Ambulance: 110 runs  
5030 miles  
618 hours

Fire: 36 Fire calls (25 in PM hours; 11 in AM hours)  
1057 miles  
9 calls were mutual aid

January 1994 ambulance information:  
6 ambulance runs  
462 miles  
51 1/2 man hours

Three advanced level EMTs passed their exams with flying colors and high marks; they were Mike Bailey, Chris Kuzianik and Lu Megow. Congrats gentlemen!

Two beginning EMTs are in training: James Carpenter and Art Andrea. Good luck to you - we need each and everyone.

On March 5 there will be an all-day training session for the Fire Department at Silver Bay Assoc. Marve Lemery, WC Fire Coordinator, will be present to speak on appropriate and adequate training. . . . ea

**SNOW** - *Meteorol.* a precipitation in the form of ice crystals, mainly of intricately branched, hexagonal form and often agglomerated into snowflakes, formed directly from the freezing of the water vapor in the air.

*Random House Dict. of the English language.* In case you needed to know!

WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

This winter of 1994 will be long remembered. The old timers call it an old-fashioned winter.

This January was the third coldest and second snowiest on record. Throughout January as well as Feb. we have been bombarded with Arctic cold, severe winter storms and sub-zero temperature. If you enjoy shoveling both driveways and roofs and scraping ice off your car, it is a fun place to be.

On the plus side, as usual for Hague, the scenery is gorgeous. Our weather here in the northeast has made the national news several times. Twice as many people have been killed from the frigid weather as were killed in the California earthquake. Jan. 26 was the coldest day of the year with zero being the highest temperature of the day. Nighttime temperatures were minus 36 degrees. Interestingly we experienced a 24 hour thaw Jan 29 (+ 45 degrees) and by Sunday the 30th there was ice everywhere. Prior to that all the snow had been a light powder. After the thaw everything had a thick crust of ice. Generally on the days it is now snowing we have had a great deal of strong sunlight and bright blue skies. The reflections off the snow create a strong glare and sun glasses are mandatory.

As of this writing on Feb 9 we have just received another 23 inches of snow, making it 55 inches for the season to date and once more the temperature never got above zero all day.

I keep fantasizing about spring. I think it's a survival mechanism.

THE HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
WILL HOST BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY  
AND SUNDAY OF THE HAGUE  
WINTER WEEKEND

Saturday Feb. 19 and Sunday, Feb. 20

8AM - 11AM  
Assorted menu \$2.00 - \$5.00

Come and bring a friend - support our Fire Department.  
It's the GREATEST!

TICONDEROGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

America is a nation of immigrants which has created a diverse rich culture. As you well know, Ticonderoga has its own history of immigration.

Thomas F. Lonergan, (1869-1944) was the first generation American of Irish descent. He was a self-taught man, who among many talents had a gift of writing, humor and a sense of history. As a prolific writer he preserved a written record of the day to day "goings on" in the old days of Ticonderoga and Graphite around the turn of the century.

On Feb. 18 at 8PM, as part of their continuing lecture series the Ticonderoga Historical Society will present Craig Lonergan and "Recollections of Grandpa Lonergan." All interested persons are most cordially invited to attend; admission is free and light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of Craig's presentation.

**BESTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND: PRESENT AND FUTURE**

Since several fundraising activities scheduled for the Hague Winter Weekend are designed to directly benefit the Beste Scholarship Fund, it would seem appropriate to give a brief outline of the Fund's history, present administration and outlook for the future for those who aren't familiar with this cause.

The Fund was begun in the 1960's with a bequest by Mary C. Beste, a Hague summer resident who lived in the house just north of Dan Belden's home on Route 9N. Miss Beste indicated that the money should be used to give monetary awards to students graduating from Hague High School who were going on to higher education.

A committee of local residents was formed to administer the funds through the Hague School, and several students received awards until the early 1980's, even after the Hague School officially closed in 1979. With funds not replenishing themselves adequately to continue awarding scholarships, and the committee members looking for "new blood", through a combination of a suggestion from Dottie Henry and concern by Dan Belden, the Chairman of the Hague Winter Carnival Committee at that time, the Carnival Committee voted to take over the administration of the Scholarship Fund and try to revive it.

A steering committee was formed, new guidelines drawn up for administering any funds generated through the Carnival Committee's efforts and from outside donors, giving the Beste Fund a new lease on life. Since 1985 the steering committee, chaired by a representative from the Winter Carnival Committee and including representatives from the Hague Historical Society, the American Legion and the Ticonderoga High School Guidance Office, administers the Fund, establishes eligibility criteria, reviews students' applications and schedules the awards presentation during the Hague Winter Weekend in February. To date 23 Hague students have received \$5,925 in awards, with four more scheduled to receive them this year as well. The Fund presently totals \$9,911.01, and this healthy balance may be largely attributed to the efforts of those volunteers who have helped put on the Hague Winter Carnival over the last nine years, in addition to some private donations and other fundraising projects put on during the summers.

This year the scheduled Winter Weekend represents a change in the usual Winter Carnival format. By having other town organizations sponsor and help with some of the weekend offerings, the Carnival Committee has been able to step back and join forces with the Hague Chamber of Commerce in assuming more of a promotional role for the weekend's events, setting up radio and newspaper coverage. Next year it is expected that the weekend schedule will expand, and probably have many of the old favorite activities included.

How did this turn of events impact the Beste Scholarship Fund's future? Carnival Committee officials were able to plan a benefit buffet hosted by Silver Bay Association during the Weekend, hold a raffle to be drawn Feb. 20, and to solicit direct donations through an extensive mailing. Additional fundraising activities are planned for other times during the year as well.

What can you do to help? Support the Hague Winter Weekend events if possible. Come to the Beste Benefit Buffet at Silver Bay Association. (Beste awards will be given out there.) Buy a \$1 raffle ticket on the Electronics package that will be drawn on Sunday, Feb. 20 at the Hague Fish & Game Club. Or, mail your donation to: The Beste Scholarship Fund, Hague Community Center, Hague, NY 12836. With the steering committee's continued guidance, the Carnival Committee's continued sponsorship and your support, the Beste Fund will continue to grow to provide a vote of confidence and a helping hand for Hague's future graduates. . .ks

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**WE GET LETTERS**

*I am writing this letter to say thank you to a group of people who have performed a difficult task with excellence. I am referring to the Hague Highway Dept.*

*As you all know this year has been colder and snowier than most. However, the conditions of the roads have been second to none. The courtesy and reliability of the entire crew deserves to be recognized. Due to their hard work we all have safer roads to travel on. Thanks and keep up the good work,  
Sincerely, /s/Skip Hourigan*

**KUDOS**

*To our Roadkeepers, Mail Carriers, Community Centers, Store Keepers, Town Officials, Newscarrriers, Hospitals, Rescue Crews, Phone & Electric Co., Oil & Gas Corps. And to Friends and families with Blows, Snow-Blowers, Shovels, Hot Coffee, Soup and snacks, Who cheerfully kept each other On-the-go through our "WORST EVER" Winter Weather in all our U.S. of A.  
... GS 2/11/94*

*Can you imagine taking over the job of Highway Superintendent this Jan.? What a traumatic experience as we are surviving one of the worst winters in history! I would like to commend David DeLarm and all his crew for the excellent job being done and for the long hours of work with very little rest in between. Compared to surrounding communities our roads have been plowed, sanded and cleared rapidly and efficiently.*

*A very grateful thank you to the unsung heroes of the Highway Dept who maintain our roads 24 hours a day. . . Kay Barton*

*You guys have done one whale of a job. I can only hope the worst is over and you will get some well-deserved rest soon. I'm sure most everyone would join me in saying "Hats off to the Hague Highway Department for keeping us in operation. . .I am praying for spring! . . .djh*

**PLEASE  
START MY  
ROCKER  
I'VE HAD  
A HARD  
DAY!**



**SOUNDINGS**

**BORN** - A boy, Joseph Alvin to Theresa and Ray Yanklowitz in Glens Falls November 26, 1993. Grandparents are Anna and Bernard Denno, Hague and Alvin and Sharon Yanklowitz, Glens Falls.

**BORN** - A boy, Connor Alec Preston Pannell, to Alec and Susan Pannell on Dec 6, 1993 in Atlanta, GA. Grandparents are Cliff and the late Laurie Pannell and great-grandmother is Betty deBuys, Birmingham, AL. and Hague.

**BORN** - A boy, Ian Leigh, to Andrew and Joanne (Dunklee) Gore on Jan. 18 in Pacifica, CA. Maternal grandparents are Marion Shoemaker and Jordon Dunklee; step-grandfather, George Shoemaker, all of Hague and paternal grandparents Jane and the late Andrew Gore of New Jersey.

**DIED** - Captain Charles Henderson, Jr., 85., USNR-Retired, on Jan. 15, 1994 at Pennswood Village, Newtown, PA. Capt. Henderson was a life-long summer resident of Hague, a founder of the Roger's Rock Yacht Club and a charter member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club, where he helped found and sailed with the STAR fleet. He is survived by a daughter, two sons and six grandchildren.

**DIED** - Mildred Rockwell, 85, wife of Dr. Robert Rockwell, Bass Bay Rd., Silver Bay and Saratoga Springs, NY on February 3 in Saratoga. Besides her husband, Mrs. Rockwell is survived by two sons, two daughters and a sister.

**TREVA BRAIATED**, daughter of Jim and the late Jody Braiated has been named to the Dean's List for the first semester at the University of Buffalo.

**ELIZABETH DeFRANCO**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David DeFranco, Hague, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 1993 semester at Alfred University.

**OOPS - OUR ERROR**

In last month's issue we published the Honor Roll for the Ticonderoga Middle School, in which we omitted two names: TAVISH COSTELLO and PETER HUTCHINSON from Hague. Congratulations, boys. Please forgive us!

**POST STAR ACADEMIC BOWL TEAM**

Ticonderoga High School's Post Star Academic Bowl Team won a close match against Salem High School scholars on Jan. 19, 1994 during Round Four competition at Queensbury High School. Ticonderoga's team included two Hague girls, Captain Beth Brunet and Alison LaCourse. The Sentinels are hoping that their rounds one to four combined score will be enough to enter them into playoff competition to be held in March.

**AWARD WINNERS**

The Warren County Association of Realtors held their Sales Achievement Awards luncheon at the Queensbury Hotel on Feb. 9. The awards are based on sales in excess of 1 million dollars in 1993. 61 awards were given. Alison Craig and Kim Seerup of Alison V. Craig Real Estate in Hague each received an award. Two awards went to Ticonderoga members.

The Warren County Association of Realtors, Inc. has a total membership of 379 brokers and sales agents. 24 members are in the Hague/Ticonderoga area.

Congratulations to John Dreimiller, English teacher at Ticonderoga High School for recently winning a 1993-94 Mountain Lake Public Television \$500 mini-grant for Innovative Teaching with Telecommunications. A real plus for our school system!

**HISTORY MYSTERY**

The Jane McCrea Chapter of the DAR, in cooperation with THE HAGUE HISTORICAL MUSEUM and The Post Star is sponsoring its sixth annual History Mystery Contest in celebration of American History Month.

During each day in Feb. The Post Star will publish a different photo of a historical object, which readers are invited to try to identify. Participants should keep a running list of the items throughout the month.

At the end of the month, mail the entire list to Mrs. W.J. Shanahan, RR. 5, Box 402, Queensbury, NY 12804. Entries must be postmarked by March 5.

Both individuals and school classes are encouraged to participate. a \$25 prize will be awarded to the individual and to the class that identifies the most items correctly. The Post Star will publish a complete list of the objects and the winners early in March.

Ed: Thanks to Hague's historian, Clifton West for his participation in this project. Many of the items to be shown are on display at the Hague Museum in the Community Center.

The editor of The Hague Chronicle plans to have a complete set (28) of these pictures on hand for anyone who would like to enter the contest and got into it too late or doesn't have a picture, for whatever reason. . dh

**BESTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND BENEFIT  
BUFFET**  
Hosted by Silver Bay Association  
Saturday, February 19, 1994  
5:30PM - 7:00PM

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: 7:00PM**

Beef, Chicken & Fish Entrees  
Side Dishes, Vegetables, Salad  
Dessert and Beverage

Adults: \$9.00  
Children under 12: \$6.50

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 1994

#### FEBRUARY

- 15 Home Bureau - 10AM - Community Center
- 16 Blood Pressure clinic - 1PM - Community Center
- 16 School Board meeting, 7:30PM HS Cafeteria
- 17 Carillon Garden Club - Comm. Center - 11AM
- 18-20 HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND (see p1)
- 19 & 20 - Fire Dept breakfasts at Community Ctr (p5)
- 19 Beste Scholarship Benefit Buffet - Silver Bay (p7)
- 22 Senior Citizens Club meeting - Comm. Ctr-1:30PM
- 22 GLEANING - 3-4PM (note chg of time)
- 24 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM

Line Dancing every Friday, 7-9PM at Community Ctr, except Feb. 18. Will be held on the 19th at Watson Hall in Silver Bay.

#### MARCH

- 1 Home Bureau - 10AM, Community Center
- 2 - 6 Mixed paper recycling at Community Ctr. (see p1)
- 2 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 2 Chamber of Commerce - 7:30PM - Comm. Ctr.
- 2 American Legion - 7:30PM - Legion Home
- 7 Fire Dept. meeting - 7:30PM - Firehall
- 7 Baptist Church dinner - Community Ctr (p2)
- 8 GLEANING - 1-2PM
- 8 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 9 Square Dance - 7:30-9:30PM - Community Ctr.
- 10 Line Dancing-Watson Hall, Silver Bay, 7PM
- 15 Home Bureau - 10AM
- 15 Fish and Game Club - 7:30PM - Clubhouse
- 16 Blood pressure clinic - 1PM
- 16 School Board meeting - 7:30PM - THS Cafeteria

#### WINTER-TIME by Robert Louis Stevenson

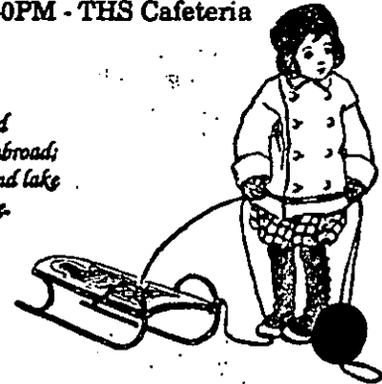
*Late lies the wintry sun a-bed,  
A frosty, fiery sleepy-head;  
Blinks but an hour or two; and then  
A blood-red orange, sets again.*

*Before the stars have left the skies  
As morning in the dark I rise;  
And shivering in my nakedness,  
By the cold candle, bathe and dress*

*Close by the jolly fire I sit  
To warm my frozen bones a bit;  
Or with a reindeer-sled, explore  
The colder countries round the door*

*When to go out, my nurse doth wrap  
Me in my comforter and cap;  
The cold wind burns my face, and blows  
Its frosty pepper up my nose.*

*Black are my steps on silver sod  
Thick blows my frosty breath abroad;  
And tree and house, and hill and lake  
Are frusted like a wedding cake.*



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