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## EASTER SERVICES

The Church of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrating Easter with a Saturday night Easter Vigil to be held at St. John's the Baptist Church in Chestertown at 8 PM. The regular Easter Sunday service will be held at 9AM in The Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Hague.

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the public beach in Hague at 6:30AM. Rev. Morris of the Hague Wesleyan Church and Rev. Lawrence of the Hague Baptist Church will be participating. This service will be followed by a pancake breakfast in the Baptist Church annex, served by the men of the church. This is a community service and breakfast and ALL members of the community are invited to attend.

Regular Easter morning services will be held at the Hague Wesleyan Church at 10AM for Sunday School and 11AM for church and at the Hague Baptist Church at 10:30AM. No Sunday School will be held on Easter Sunday at HBC.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERVISOR

There are a few important events that have occurred in the past couple of months which I would like to report to my constituents.

Route 8 from North Pond to the intersection of Route 8 and 9N, a distance of five miles, will be resurfaced. The project also includes replacing shoulders, widening and replacing culverts and cleaning ditches. There were 7 bids received on this project with Rifenburg Construction, Inc. of Troy, NY the successful bidder at a cost of \$2,298,019.15.

New York State authorized very few projects for 1990 and only through a great deal of pressure were we able to prevent this project from being postponed.

Warren County was awarded a million dollar legislative grant in 1989 for engineering services to construct a sewer line from Bolton Landing to Glens Falls. Included in this grant was approximately \$100,000 to design a waste treatment system for the Hamlet of Hague. This is the last step before actual

construction and the complete project has not been of any cost to the taxpayers of Hague. There will be public hearings and additional information on this project in the months to come.

Alison Craig and I have worked with our attorneys in attempting to set up a special school tax district. There was a law passed in 1988 which allowed for this type of district to be formed, if the Ticonderoga School Board, the Town of Ticonderoga and the Town of Hague agree. In the event this district is approved the same tax rate for both Towns would be put into effect. This is a very complicated procedure but I can assure you it is uppermost in my mind. If we can cut through the red tape I think we have a workable solution to this very frustrating school tax problem. This new law has never been applied in New York State.

## ICE EATERS ON LAKE GEORGE

The increased use of powerful ice eaters causes a lot of unnecessary dock damage along Lake George, in addition to some serious personal safety and liability considerations. Their uncontrolled and increasing use results in a series of huge semicircular holes in the ice along the shoreline.

These "tear on dotted line" holes cause the ice cake to break loose sooner than it otherwise would in the spring thaw. Driven by the wind, this ice cake is what does the dramatic damage to most docks, at the end of March. Often, it strikes the very same docks which the ice eaters were supposed to protect!

Admittedly, the ice eaters do help prevent damage in the early stages of winter, when the ice is first freezing, or when there is a large temperature swing. But there needs to be some control to prevent the huge spring damage caused by the premature release of the thick, heavy ice cake.

A couple of possible solutions are: turn them off, or down (on March 10) so there would be some chance of the ice re-forming and stabilizing the ice cake. Or limit the size of the ice eaters, or the holes they eat.

A couple of people drowned two years ago in a hole allegedly caused by ice eaters; dock damage is aggravated annually by these devices. Let's address this growing problem before more loss of life and property occurs!

... Bill Dutcher, Pilot Knob

A TAXING PROBLEM

EFFECTS OF TICONDEROGA'S "FULL VALUE"

Over the winter months the search for equitable school taxes for Hague property owners has continued, but as of this writing, there will be only a slight shift of the tax burden between Hague and Ticonderoga. In 1989 Hague paid 44.2% of the School Budget raised by property taxes and Ticonderoga paid 55.74%. In 1990 Hague's share will be 42.07% and Ticonderoga's share 57.93%. In all probability, actual dollars paid will increase due to the passage of the school bond and a larger school budget for 1990-91.

The Albany law firm of Roemer and Featherstonhaugh that has been working with the Town of Hague on the school tax inequities, is currently exploring the possibility of Hague and Ticonderoga becoming a "Certified School District" under the provisions of §1315 of the Real Property Tax Law. (NOTE: There are NO "Certified School Districts" in New York State). Under this law, the school tax would be apportioned with regard to the taxable assessed value of all of the parcels in the school district without the use of the state equalization rates.

The firm of Cole-Layer-Trumble was hired by Essex County to do a revaluation of Essex County to "full-value." All property owners in Essex County, including Ticonderoga, recently received notices showing their new property assessment for the 1990 assessment roll. These new assessments in Ticonderoga will result in a shift of the tax burden paid by individual property owners IN Ticonderoga. The new assessments in Ticonderoga will NOT change the tax burden that the New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment alleges is the responsibility of Hague taxpayers. The Board of Equalization and Assessment, based on their appraisal of the TOTAL MARKET VALUE of a Town, establishes the percentage of the school budget that each Town in the same school district must pay. The amount of that total school tax liability that the individual property owner pays is determined by the assessed value established for individual parcels. In Hague the assessed value has been established by our elected property tax assessors. The same HAD been true in Ticonderoga until Cole-Layer-Trumble completed the county-wide revaluation in 1990.

The revaluation in Ticonderoga will NOT change the percentage of the school tax appropriation: for the coming school year, Hague will pay 42.07% of the school property taxes and Ticonderoga will pay 57.93% of the school property taxes... AC

On 11/21/89 a School Bond was passed. The projected tax rate increase for the School Bond ONLY was \$1.80 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in Hague and \$4.27 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in Ticonderoga. Hague property owners may calculate their own increase by multiplying \$1.80 by the number of \$1,000 of assessed value placed on their property. For example, in Hague, an \$18,250 assessment would be calculated by multiplying  $\$1.80 \times 18.25 = \$32.85$  increase. In Ticonderoga, prior to the recent full value assessment, the assessed value of residential and vacant land had been at a much lower percentage of full value than in Hague. The \$4.27 rate was set using the former assessed values in Ticonderoga, therefore, this example uses the former assessed values: In Ticonderoga, a \$4,100 assessment would be calculated by multiplying  $\$4.27 \times 4.1 = \$17.51$  increase to pay for the Bond issue. If the average assessed value in Ticonderoga, prior to revaluation was 10% of full value and our sample property was assessed at 10% of full value, the sample property's full value assessment would be \$41,000. The tax rate would go from \$4.27 per \$1,000 to \$0.42719. ( $.42719 \times 41 = \$17.51$ .) The actual taxes paid would remain the same under revaluation. BUT, if our sample property was only assessed at 5% of full value then the full value assessment would be \$82,000. The tax would be calculated as:  $.42719 \times 82 = \$35.03$ . The tax on this property would double. For those property owners who have been enjoying a very low assessment, taxes will increase; for properties that have had a high assessed value as compared to full value, taxes will decrease. The TOTAL collected in Ticonderoga will remain the same as before full value, but individual taxpayers will see either an increase, a decrease, or for a few, taxes will remain the same. Hague will still have to pay 42.07% of the TOTAL of the Bond Issue... AC

BOTTOM LINE FIGURES

The Ticonderoga proposed school budget for 1990/91 is as follows: Expenditures: Spending - \$8,166,800 (6.1% increase; Planned Balance \$120,000 (9.1% increase) for a total of \$8,286,800 (6.2% increase). Revenue: State Aid \$3,302,200 (2.3% increase); Other Revenue \$448,400 (9.8% increase); Surplus from prior year \$340,000 (29.2% DECREASE); TAXPAYERS \$4,196,200 (13.7% INCREASE)

Making the simple complicated is commonplace;  
making the complicated simple, awesomely simple,  
that's creativity... Charles Mingus

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 3/22/90

On March 22, 1990 at the regular ZBA meeting, the business at hand involved: 1) a request by DeLarm-Ginn (32-1-14) for an interpretation of accessory structures. 2) Variance request by George Wilson (64-1-23.2) to allow for a minor subdivision which would create two lots of equal size with a simple property line change. Public hearings have been set for April 26, 1990. The Wilson variance request will be heard at 7PM, the DeLarm-Ginn interpretation at 7:15PM...GL

Planning Board - 4/4/90

On April 4, 1990 after a 7PM public hearing unanimous approval was given at the regular meeting to Tom Amara (8-1-25.6) for a minor subdivision as shown on the survey map.

Dan Wallace (13-1-2.1) requested a minor subdivision for property located on West Hague Road adjacent to the Fish and Game Club. A public hearing is set for May 3 at 7PM.

Chairman Laundree asked John Breitenbach, Jr., Recycling Coordinator, for an update on our newly developed recycling program. He assured the audience that all is going well and should only improve...GL

TOWN BOARD - 4/10/90

Under the advice of our town attorney, John Silvestri, the members of the town board at the April 10 meeting voted unanimously to allow Dick Bolton, Supervisor to sign the Order On Consent for our landfill closure. By signing it we are hopeful for an extension until 1992 since we have 90% of our closure plan completed and a recycling program in place. Should the consent order not be signed we might be liable for penalties of \$1,000 per day dating retroactively back several years.

Several requests were made under communications and petitions. Fish and Game Club has asked permission to place their food truck at the beach on the following dates: ; June 16 and 17 for the BASS Tournament and August 4 and 5 for the Arts Fair. Permission granted.

Martin Fitzgerald went to the April 4 meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and brought back to the board a request for additional parking spaces at the beach for customers of some of the area's businesses. It was agreed to advise the beach attendant to allow parking on the basis of availability.

Also requested by the Chamber was use of the park and the tarps for the 18th annual Arts Fair August 4 and 5. The Fair will be held in the Community Center in case of rain.

Clough Harbour and Associates will include the results of the Hague Landfill Closure plan in a report due in mid to late April.

Unfinished business: required that the regulation governing the use of the Community Center be passed by the board. The vote to accept the regulation was unanimous.

New business included: May 14-18 is cleanup day for seniors. Call the town shed for pick up.

The no smoking policy for the Community Center was approved by the board and will be posted on the bulletin board.

John Silvestri, Town Attorney, will investigate the procedure necessary to utilize a sole assessor and will report back to the town board. A sole assessor would be appointed by the board and have full salary. Supervisor Bolton feels this is the way of the future since several surrounding communities have gone in this direction. Residents will have the opportunity to vote for or against this policy.

Supervisor Bolton is arranging for a public health nurse to be in Hague at least once a month. Plans are not completed yet but if you are interested you may contact the Community Center 543-6161 for further information.

A motion was approved unanimously to allow Supervisor Bolton to confer with the contractor who has received a bid for work on Rt. 8 about using the old town hall as a field office, possibly for pay or in exchange for services.

With requests for landfill use after hours (a fee would be charged the user) an application must be drawn up. John Silvestri will prepare and return to board at the next month's meeting.

John Breitenbach Sr., president of the Fire Dept., thanked Supervisor Bolton for the \$17,500 State Communications grant that he was able to attain for the Hague Fire Dept...GL

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - April 22 - 28

Ticonderoga Black Watch Library is featuring its Adirondack collection for this event. This collection of books about the North Country was purchased by the Friends of the Library with a grant from IP. The Friends, with this donation, are in the process of adding fifty more books to this special section in the library.

YIEWS FROM THE NORTH, a program in 3-part series will be presented beginning with Maitland DeSormo, Saranac Lake on May 16 at 7:30PM. The public is invited.

DeSormo is a seasoned, popular author and "Teller of Tall Tales." He is author/editor of eight books on the Adirondack area.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The next meeting of the Hague Senior Citizens Club will be held on April 24. Prior to the meeting there will be a car-pooling trip to the Nutrition Site in Bolton Landing. Please sign up for this BEFORE April 17, by calling the Community Center at 543-6161. We must let the Bolton Landing Meal Site director know one week in advance of our coming.

Meet at the Community Center parking lot at 11:30AM for the trip.

Following the meal, and our return to Hague, we will have our regular business meeting at 1:30PM. Guest speaker will be Dave Dixon, Elderhostel Coordinator of Silver Bay Association to speak to us on the Elderhostel programs being given at Silver Bay in September and October.

We hope that there will be time left over for Al Van Sleet's slides.

Also: Anyone desiring to attend the Warren County Senior Council dinner-luncheon on May 16 MUST let Ethel know prior to April 23. Prices of the meal and types of meals available may be had by phoning Ethel at 543-6098... EA

CUB SCOUT PACK 21 NEWS

On Saturday March 31 Pack 21 held its first pack meeting at the Hague Community Center. The pack committee thanks all the scout families who attended for their show of support for the boys. This also marked the renewal of our charter. Nineteen Cubs and 3 Tiger Cubs are registered through December 1990. With our bottle drive money, donations and youth funds from the town, registrations were paid and all Cubs were presented with Cub Scout caps, neckerchiefs and slides and pack numerals for their uniforms.

At our pack meeting some hard working Cubs were awarded their rank of Wolf. This was achieved by David Fitzgerald, Chris Frasier, Thor Gautreau, James Girard and Craig Smith. Special honors went to Chris Frasier and David Fitzgerald for earning a gold arrowpoint and to Thor Gautreau for earning a gold and a silver arrowpoint. Congratulations fellows! Recognition was given to Perry Girard, Jr., Steven Barnaby, David Fitzgerald and Peter Hutchinson for their awards and efforts at the Winter Carnival. The big room was perfect for an assembly of friends, displays of handiwork and refreshments.

Den #2, led by Tim and Michele Gautreau, is finally getting out of their basement "den". Saturday, April 7, half the cubs of #2 showed up to clean up around the Community Center. When construction is done, they can

finish the job. Good work, boys! Their good behavior is being rewarded with a fishing trip to the town dock with their leaders on Sunday. Here's hoping they catch some big ones!

Our pack will be holding another fund-raising event from April 11-25. The Cubs will be selling some nice gift items (herb gardens, window decorations, and soaps) to raise money for future activities. Should you wish to purchase something and are not contacted please call one of the leaders at 543-6763 (Girards), 585-9859 (Gautreaus) or 543-6590 (Costellos). If paying by check for orders, please make it out to Cub Scout Pack #21. Thank you for your support.

The Webelos and leaders of Den #3 would like to thank JoAnn Stormer for her help with preparation for their meetings... KC

HAGUE-TI HISTORICAL SOCIETIES JOINT MEETING

The Ticonderoga and Hague Historical Societies will hold their second annual joint meeting on Friday, April 27, 1990 in the Hague Community Center, Route 8, Hague.

The program, by the Ticonderoga Society, will be on the "Forest Theater" as presented by their president William Dolback. Memorabilia, such as costumes, scripts, etc. will be on exhibit. Color slides will augment the presentation.

The hosting Hague Society will hold a social time at 7:30PM prior to the meeting. The program will begin at 8PM.

The May meeting, on Thursday the 17th, will be on the "Boatmen of Lake George" with Glens Falls authoress Betty Buckell as the speaker.

The public is cordially invited to attend... RC

SMELT FISHING PROHIBITED

The catch rate, length and condition of lake trout and landlocked salmon reported in Angler Diary Cooperator records for 1989 proved the prohibition of smelt fishing in Lake George and tributaries to be a noted success. The increase in the quantity of forage fish (smelt) can be attributed to the growth rate in the salmonids. Remember: "use and possession of smelt is prohibited." Any parties looking to harvest smelt will be subject to arrest and subsequent penalties.

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NEW HOURS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY AND CARE OFFICE will be Wednesdays from 2-4PM and Fridays from 8-10AM. NO MONDAY HOURS.

BOAT LAUNCH AT ROGERS ROCK CAMPSITE

Last month we reported that a new boat launch had been constructed over the course of the winter at Rogers Rock Campsite. Not too many people seemed to know that it was being built, so I did a little bit of investigating, by writing letters to many people, from Governor Cuomo to Supervisor Bolton. The following are bits of knowledge that I gleaned as a result:

Our supervisor reported to me that the project cost us (the taxpayers of NYS) approximately \$235,000 and that the fee to use said launch will be the same as the day use fee for the park, which is now \$4.00. Thomas R. Monroe, Region 5 Director of DEC, responding for Governor Cuomo stated "... The new boat launch and parking area was designed to accommodate 24 cars and trailers in order to handle the existing use levels regulated by the campground staff. In addition, the engineering plans are designed to divert the storm water around the parking area allowing it to flow overland over a densely grassed area for infiltration. There will be a pump-out station available for boats being launched or retrieved on the boat launch site. During the initial designing/planning stages of this project, all concerned parties were contacted. The review of notification responses from the Town of Hague, the LGPC, the US Army Corp of Engineers, and the DEC which included the Fisheries, Wildlife, and Regulatory Affairs Units indicated no adverse environmental impact would result from this rehabilitation project..."

From Representative Kelleher: "... At the Park Commission's request the size of the parking area was drastically reduced. Neither Mr. Bolton nor Mr. White (LGPC) believe that the renovation will appreciably increase the number of boats in the northern end of the lake. Mr. Bolton points to the existing Hague Town launch, which will charge less than the Rogers Rock launch and the Mossy Point launch, which is 10 miles away and free.\*

"... While the state has appeared to have followed all requirements, I remain concerned that neither I nor Mr. Bolton, the Town Supervisor of the locality housing the proposed launch, was notified. As Mr. Bolton also chaired the Lake George Affairs Committee of the Board of Supervisors at the time, this is cause for some concern. While I am relieved that the state did in fact mitigate the project's impact and obtain permission from all agencies charged with protecting the lake, the lack of publicity surrounding the project raises serious questions. . . . DH

" Please rest assured that I will continue my effort to force the state to comply with the regulations it imposes on all others within the park..."

While I am happy to have heard from three of the letters that I wrote, I still feel uneasy about the fact that the state is exempt from the restrictions that they impose on the rest of us.

\* Actually the charge for using the Hague ramp is MORE than the one at Rogers Rock. Our fee is \$10 for non residents. That will probably solve some of the overcrowding at our park!

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emergency Squad: 7 calls; 162 miles; 44 1/2 hours  
Fire Calls: 4 fires; 121 1/4 man hours

The new ambulance is due to arrive in Hague on May 15. The due date was reported in February's Chronicle as on or about May 30, so you can see this will probably be a preemie (PREMIUM, that is). The fire department will be indebted a long time and will need all the help they can get to help finance this "new addition". Remember, YOU may be the one to need the services (we certainly hope not, but you might.) Wouldn't it be nice to give the new baby a nice monetary gift to get it started in life in Hague?

Through the efforts of Supervisor Bolton and Senator Stafford, \$17,500 was received for communication equipment designed to coordinate the fire fighting and emergency service efforts. The equipment has been received and used in emergency drills and on calls and enhances our ability to perform emergency services.

Under the leadership of Ida May, the Fire Department will hold its spring food and rummage sale on April 19, 20 and 21 from 9AM to 2PM at the firehall. The firehall will be open from 9 -12AM on April 16, 17 and 18 to accept articles for sale. For pickup call 543-6029.

Under the chairmanship of Marilyn Priore the Fire Dept. is holding a spaghetti supper on Saturday, May 26. This is Memorial Day weekend. More about this next month. .

RECYCLING

John Breitenbach, Jr., Recycling Coordinator says that the recycling at the landfill is doing well. Most people are cooperating. The town is meeting with the Clough Harbour engineering firm, which was retained to design and engineer the closing procedure and recycling at the landfill. They are finalizing the plans and getting ready to go to bid. There should be more to report on this next month.

GRABBING THE BULOVA BY ITS HORNS

That is in a manner of speaking. The year was sometime after December 1941. Howard Rathbun, Sr. had recently set up his small jewelry store in Ticonderoga. One afternoon a gentleman just driving through Ti stopped to ask if anyone there could adjust his eyeglasses. He'd already inquired at Conron's Drug Store and no one was there at the time who could, but H.R. Sr. could and did; used his skills, his jeweler's tools and his concern for the stranger's eyeglass problem. To the man's questions "how much?" Rathbun's reply "No charge . . . I was glad to be of service." The man with the eye glasses took out his card -- he was an officer of the Bulova Watch Co. Watches for civilians were almost impossible to get at that time. Army and Navy needs were first priority. Whatever civilian supply was available for retail stores was made available right then to Howard Rathbun, Jeweler of Ticonderoga. -- thus "Grabbing a Bulova by its horns." Mr. Rathbun's genuine interest and pleasant service has been a feature through two generations.

In 1940 when Howard Rathbun of Granville decided to open a small jewelry store he chose Ticonderoga. There was one tiny shop available, originally a fruit store. Rathbun had been studying the jeweler's art and trade apprenticed to a brother-in-law. Rathbun tried to offer a complete jewelry line plus other items that brides would especially want: irons, toasters, etc., silverware, china and of course the diamond engagement ring and wedding ring important to both the soldier going off to war and to the best girl at home.

Dottie Henry, young bride in service as a WAC was taken to Rathbun's by a favorite uncle where, as his gift he invited her to choose the silver needed to complete the set she had started as a girl.

Many photos of area brides and grooms are on display during this April month at Rathbun's celebrating its fiftieth year. Anniversary windows feature the goose that laid the golden egg, golden jewelry and small golden clocks plus old gold watches, fobs and chains and gold-framed photos of the Rathbun family.

Inside on April 7 old and new and prospective customers, together with past and present employees came to share a hospitable punch and cookies and cheese with Mrs. Rathbun Sr. and with Howard Jr. and Sue who have been the store's genial and caring proprietors since 1969. They have carried on that tradition of service, paying attention to the customer as only a small store seems to do, grabbing the Bull-ova by the horns. . . BDeG

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

A Summer Employment Training in Food service for teens 14-19 will be held at the Lake George Central School and at the "Bavarian Palace" in Lake George in May. Sponsored by Cornell Coop Ext. 4-H Program in Warren County and "The Great Escape", this training is designed to prepare youth for summer employment in food establishments.

The first training is Tues., May 1, 6:30-9:30PM at Lake George Central School. This session focuses on summer job preparation. Training II will be held Saturday, May 12, 9:30AM-12PM in the Bavarian Palace at the Great Escape Fun Park. This workshop will include a tour of the banquet facility, a commercial kitchen and fast food restaurant. Students who complete the 5 1/2 hr. training will receive a certificate.

Reservations can be made by picking up a registration form from the Job Service in Glens Falls. Cost: \$3.00 registration fee - Refundable at Session I For info. call 623-3291, 668-4881 or 1-800-446-5572.

NEW CABLEVISION PROGRAM AVAILABLE

Glens Falls Cablevision has recently implemented a program aimed at expanding the world of television to the hearing impaired members of our community.

Cablevision will make closed-caption decoders available at cost plus New York State sales tax and will install them in the home at no charge. This program will make the decoders available at a savings and will also allow for a 30-day money back trial period.

Simply by connecting the decoder to the TV set, the spoken narration of the closed-captioned programs will be printed on the TV screen enabling those suffering a hearing impairment to enjoy television.

In addition, the staff of Glens Falls Cablevision has completed a training session, conducted by Sandra Clark of the Glens Falls Assoc. for the Hearing Impaired, on dealing with hearing impaired customers.

If you or anyone you know might benefit from this program, please contact Glens Falls Cablevision at 793-6688 or 1-800-828-2211. /s/ Mark Loreno, General Manager.

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UNAVOIDABLY TAXING

*Death and taxes are both unavoidable, but at least death isn't an annual event.*

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Cynthia Ray, to Pauline (Davis) and Gene Wilson, in Chicago, on January 31. Cynthia weighed 1 lb. 2 oz at birth but is gaining nicely in a highly specialized hospital. She now weighs 2 lb 6oz Grandfather is Don Davis, Hague.

BORN - A boy, Andrew John, to Catherine and Scott MacDowell, Hillsdale, NJ on March 14, 1990 Grandparents are Marilyn and Mac MacDowell, Silver Bay and Tenafly, NJ.

BORN - A girl, Katherine Marie to Kathie (Kircher) and Allan Stone. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kircher of Sabbath Day Point and S.I., NY.

BORN - A boy, Benajah Alyjah Two Bucks Denno, to Linda and Two Bucks Denno on March 23 at Moses Ludington Hospital. Grandparents are Anna and Bernard Denno, Split Rock Road.

BORN - A boy, David Matthew Williamson, to Bonnie Belden and Matt Williamson. Grandparents are Janice and Dan Belden, Hague.

ENGAGED - Rudolph J. Meola, son of Rudolph T. Meola, Hague and Sharon Lamb, Glens Falls, to Wendy B. Miller of Saratoga Springs. A January 5, 1991 wedding is planned.

ENGAGED - Robert J. DeLarm, son of Mr. & Mrs. James DeLarm, Hague, to Beth Garrett of Kerrville, TX. A June 1990 wedding is planned in Texas.

DIED - Dorothy "Dora" Johnson, 91, Witherbee, on March 17 at Moses Ludington Hospital. Among her survivors is Mary (Mrs. Raymond) Laudree, Hague.

DIED - Arlone H. Brown, 82, New Hague Road, on March 27 in Glens Falls Hospital. She is survived by a son and daughter Diane Snyder of Hague.

FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

The following students from Hague have been listed on the Ticonderoga High School Honor Roll:

FIRST HONORS: Tony DeFranco, Carolyn Dykstra, Amy Ross

SECOND HONORS: Michele Barnaby, Richard Belden, Lisa Cobb, Richard Cobb, Elizabeth DeFranco, Leah Gautreau.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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"Education will never become as expensive as ignorance."

WIC PROGRAM

Just a reminder for those in need of the Women's, Infants, and Children's program, known as WIC. Literature is available through the CARE office in the Community Center. This program helps pregnant women, provides nutritional support for young children and can inform women of other available help.

NOTE FOR SCHOOL ISSUES FOR FIRST TIME IN HAGUE

For the first time since Hague was annexed to the Ticonderoga Central School District, a polling booth will be set up in Hague - at The Community Center. Any registered voter in the town of Hague will vote there instead of in the Ticonderoga High School. The date for the vote on the budget and school board members is set for May 16 from 1-9PM. Registration dates are May 3 from 1-6PM and May 9 from 1-6PM. If you have voted in any elections in Hague during the past four years, you need not register. If you are uncertain if your name is on the Warren County registration roll you may check the roll at the Community Center.

BLACK WATCH LIBRARY

Sizzling Stories Return for Spring! Warm weather will revive the Children's Story Hour sponsored by the Friends of the Black Watch Library in Ticonderoga.

A special presentation by Randy the Magician called "The Magic of Reading" began the season on Saturday, March 31 at 1PM. Randy's show was free thanks to the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library system through a LSCA Title I grant. The Story Hour will continue for eight weeks, meeting at 1PM Saturdays throughout April and May at the Black Watch Memorial Library on Montcalm St. in Ticonderoga. Come, join the fun. No charge. Call 585-7380 for information.

NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS

A monthly publication designed specifically for parents of pre-schoolers, called "Growing Together" is now available from Cornell Cooperative Extension in Warren County. The newsletters contain articles on various topics each month along with activities that parents can do with their children. Information on child development and child behavior is also included in the newsletters. For additional information on this newsletter, write or call Cornell Cooperative Extension in Warren County, Schroon River Road, Warrensburg, NY 12885-9601

### WILLY C'S MARCH/APRIL WEATHER NOTES

As we left you last issue we were heading toward warmer weather. We had just reported on what turned out to be our low reading for the month, 0° on March 7. Following that date temperatures climbed gradually each day, until we reached the glorious high for the month of 70 1/2°. This pinnacle of warmth was scaled on the 16th of March. From then on we had a gradual, but steady loss of daily temps until the end of the month, when our highs for the day were only in the upper 30° range. Nighttime temperatures fell correspondingly. This all served to keep the ice firm and hard. As a matter of fact from the 24th to the 30th it was cold enough for the ice to be making up each night producing those wonderful sounds during the night and into the morning as the sun would hit the surface.

Mother Nature is wont to toy with we mere mortals and what better time than the month of March is there for her to display her fickle ways. She gave us March winds almost every day. Her best effort was a 42 1/2MPH day on the 24th, but she also gave us winds in the high 30's and 20's for just under 50% of the month. We won't even mention the rest of the days. She gave us rain .32" on the 12th and .43" the 17th. Surprisingly, she really also gave us lots of sunshine too. But then on the 20th she gave us a rip snorter of a spring snowstorm. Heavy wet snow, only 6" lakeside, but 16" to 18" in the hills. We suffered few power outages from this event, but over in parts of Yt. they were without power for over a week in some places.

Between the wind and the snow Mother Nature had ample opportunity to do some springtime pruning. She pruned well, but unfortunately did a poor job of cleaning up afterward. March gave us our greatest monthly increase of daylight, 1 hr. & 33 min.

April came in with daylight savings time, calm winds and rain. We received 2.30" of rain between the 1st and the 4th, 2.02" falling on the 3rd. The warm weather, mid March, had melted the woodland snowpack, but even so this brought the lake up to levels not seen by newcomers of the last 25 years. Many docks built during this time frame are currently under water. Our strong spring winds have all had the word west as a part of their description, southwest, northwest, or just plain west. This has been true from mid March up through today, (4/10). This served to make shore frontage exposed to these conditions, a prime target for high water and ice damage. All of this, coupled with the heavy ice expansion we experienced, has made this past winter very costly for some of our friends and neighbors all around the lake.

This reporter does not know the official ice out date this year. I can state from personal observation that the last vestiges of ice in the north basin that would impede one's north to south passage down to the Narrows, were swept away during the morning of April 4. As yet we have had little to no greening up. Only the protected areas show signs of greening. Waterfowl are in their migration. Have spotted some new species to this reporter. The Bald Eagles are back, turkey vultures, by the dozens, geese, song birds and wild turkeys straying down from the hills. Our feathered friends are well into their springtime activities.

Today, April 10, we are expecting rain, from 1" to 2", depending on where the lows pass through. Then cold air will be once again upon us with a little snow. Clearing following that. If our luck holds out we may have a bright Easter Sunday. Either way may you all be blessed as we remember the significance of this most holy time of the year.

### LAKE GEORGE 18TH CENTURY FLOTILLA

From May 10 thru 13, 1990, the Vermont Historic Brigade, New York Federation of Long Hunters, 1st Co. Herrick's Regiment, Spikeman's Rangers, and area historical societies will be making a historic voyage from Fort George to Ticonderoga.

Starting at Fort George on Thursday, May 10 with a departure ceremony, the authentically constructed boats will make their way north to Diamond Island for a rededication, (a landing or off shore ceremony), and camp that evening on Long Island's north shore. On Friday morning after a brief ceremony the fleet will leave for a camp at Log Bay. Saturday the units will have a rededication at Fourteen Mile Island and Sabbath Day Point, (our proposed encampment site in poor weather), moving into camp at Hague for the night. The fleet will put out for Rogers Rock on Sunday after a memorial service and will continue on to Ticonderoga landing for the closing ceremonies.

The flotilla is composed of authentically reproduced boats manned-out by reenactors in the uniforms and garb of the French and Indian and American Revolutionary War period, (1754-1783).

For the next two months The Hague Chronicle will publish names of people who need help for the next few months, and names of those who need jobs. This is a service we perform every spring for our readers. Contact Dorothy J. Henry, c/o The Hague Chronicle.

### VIEWPOINT

The following letter was received recently from Jinx (Mrs. Robert) Mayer, Forest Bay:

"The March Newsletter in which Laura Meade outlined the proposed Gypsy Moth control by Warren County has our full support. As residents of Forest Bay, we have been through and survived three major infestations of the Gypsy Moth. We are alarmed that the egg masses have increased four times over previous years.

"Since the first one, about 15 years ago, I have read about the critter and learned what we could do to control our private lot which has a prime stand of oaks, maples, hemlocks and other pines. The forester of Warren County was also helpful. Here's what I have learned to do every spring and fall:

1. In the fall - late August to December (or anytime during the winter) - look for those buff colored, velvety egg masses in dark corners of any building, on tree trunks and branches - any place that would be dark. Gypsy moths love darkness.

2. When the nest is found, do not scrape off because the eggs will scatter from the fluffy mass. Do swab the nest with creosote which has been soaked up in a rag wound on a stick.

" 3. Newly hatched caterpillars are about an eighth of an inch long. They are very active and march right up the tree to eat and eat and eat the leaves. They drop green pellets which sound like raindrops. If it doesn't like that tree, it will spin a thread of silky stuff (I hate to say silk!) and swing on the breeze to another tree; hence the name of this varmint - the Gypsy - it travels around! It is only at this young stage that the caterpillar can be controlled with pesticides.

"4. I have noticed and also read that the large caterpillars come down the trees at night. For what reason is not known because they are not food for any bird except the Cuckoo which, if they were in the neighborhood, could pick them off in their early morning climb back up the tree. But, this habit affords another chance for a trap. Here at home, I used a wide band of aluminum foil and wrapped it around the trunk at eye level. This is unsightly for a short time, but it did trap many large caterpillars underneath because they avoid bright surfaces. The pests are then scraped off into a bucket of detergent suds and water which kills them.

"5. Late in July, the caterpillar forms a pupa which is dark brown in color and they are again found in dark places as the masses of eggs. This time they can be picked off into a pail of detergent and water or burned in a fire.

"6. We usually come up to camp mid-April to turn on the water. This is a good time to inspect the trees again when there is plenty of light before the leaves come out.

"I can't think of a better way to celebrate EARTH DAY on Sunday, April 22 but to don some old clothes and go on an egg hunt with rag mop and a can of creosote."

### LOCAL DEVELOPMENTAL INSTITUTE PLANNED FOR AREA

The N.Y. Planning Federation, The A.P.A., the Town of Hague and Warren County will be co-sponsoring a Local Development Institute on April 18 and 19.

Topics to be discussed will be:

April 18: Site Plan Review Design Considerations

April 19: SEQR For Adirondack Park Communities.

This will be held in the Town of Hague Community Center from 6:30-9:30PM.

These programs have been designed to be interest to local officials, attorneys, planning and zoning board members, and all citizens who are concerned about the development of their community. Certificates of completion will be sent out for attendance at the programs.

For further information, call the N.Y. Planning Federation at 432-4094.

### LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION UPDATE

Moratorium extended: The commission's moratorium on most development within the Lake George Park continues to be in effect until July 15, 1990. The moratorium had been set to expire Nov. 15, 1989, but was extended to allow time to complete the new wastewater and stormwater management regulations.

Regulations promote safe recreation: When the Lake George Park Law was amended in 1988, the Commission was directed to develop rules governing boats, docks, moorings and marinas, limits on the speed and sound of vessels and on recreational activities such as regatta-type events, waterskiing, parasailing, tour boats and boat rentals. Regulations on above were done in 1988, but recreational-uses rules were deferred. The Commission now plans to take up those issues and conduct public hearings on draft rules this summer.

Comments and suggestions are welcomed at anytime during the process. Please take a moment to write down your thoughts and mail them to the Commission office, P.O. Box 749, Lake George, NY 12845. Time and place of public hearings will be announced later.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL/MAY 1990

APRIL

- 13-23 School Holiday
- 14 Easter Egg Hunt-Ti Community Bldg. Lawn - 10AM
- 15 EASTER - Sunrise Service-6:30AM-Town Park followed by pancake breakfast at Hague Baptist Church (p1)
- 16 Income Taxes Due
- 18 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM-Church of the Cross
- 19-20-21 - HYFD Rummage and Food Sale - (p7)
- 22 EARTH DAY - 20th anniversary year
- 24 Hague Senior Citizens Club - Meal Site + meeting (p4)
- 25 Board of Education meeting - 7:30PM - HS Cafeteria
- 26 Zoning Board of Appeals - Hearings 7PM, Meeting 7:30
- 26 Secretary's Day
- 27 Hague & Ti Historical Soc - 7:30PM-Comm. Ctr (p4)
- 27 National Arbor Day - Plant a tree for the future

MAY

- 2 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 2 Chamber of Commerce - Community Center-7:30PM
- 3 Planning Board - 7:30PM
- 3 Voter registration - 1-9PM - Comm. Ctr.
- 7 Fire Dept. meeting - 7:30PM
- 8 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM - Comm. Ctr.
- 9 Voter registration - 1-9PM - Comm. Ctr.
- 13 MOTHERS' DAY
- 16 Voting for school budget and board members 1-9PM Community Center
- 26 Spaghetti supper, sponsored by HYFD, 5-7PM, Hague Community Center  
Veterans' Admin. Representative in Community Center every Thurs. at 11:30. Call first.

The Trailing Arbutis

I wandered lonely where the pine-trees made  
 Against the bitter East their barricade,  
 And, guided by its sweet  
 Perfume, I found, within a narrow dell,  
 The trailing spring flower tinted like a shell  
 Amid dry leaves and mosses at my feet

From under dead boughs, for whose loss the pines  
 Moaned ceaseless overhead, the blossoming vines  
 Lifted their glad surprise,  
 While yet the bluebird smoothed in leafless trees  
 His feathers ruffled by the chill sea-breeze,  
 And snow-drifts lingered under April skies.

As, pausing, o'er the lonely flower I bent,  
 I thought of lives thus lowly, clogged and pent,  
 Which yet find room,  
 Through care and cumber, coldness and decay,  
 To lend a sweetness to the ungenial day,  
 And make the sad earth happier for their bloom  
 ... John Greenleaf Whittier

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