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WINTER FUN DAY

The Hague Fish and Game Club sponsored Hague Winter Fun Day on Sunday March 11. Feature of the event which in past years was called the Hague Winter Carnival, was the World Ice Augur Championship. For the benefit of the uninitiated, an ice augur is the tool with which ice fishermen drill holes through the ice through which fish lines are lowered and fish unlucky enough to have been caught, are landed. And believe it or not, the preferred bait is the eye of a fish already caught. This leaves unanswered the question - how do you catch the first fish?

The first contest was for fishermen using augurs three inches and larger; the second was for smaller augurs. In the first, Roy Weller of Bolton Landing was the victor over Frank Dagles, also of Bolton, who had won the championship for the past three years. In the second, Dick Bolton of Hague was the only contestant and he was declared the champion when he drilled three holes in a total elapsed time of 18.7 seconds. Although the ice was rather soft, it measured about twelve inches thick.

In the ice chiseler championship, Jim Clark of Ticonderoga was the winner with Charles Badke, also of Ticonderoga, runner up and "two Buck" Denno of Hague came in third.

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HAGUE ARTS FAIR

The first annual Hague Arts Fair will be held on Saturday afternoon, August 4. In case of rain it will be held the day following. Hopefully this will give our local artists, craftsmen and hobbyists an opportunity to exhibit their wares to the community.

The idea for an arts fair originated with Mr. ...

Hague Central School and his wife, Sharon. The idea moved forward with a definite plan and program at a meeting on February 27 to which a number of interested residents had been called by Mr. Moala.

All forms of artwork and handicrafts are to be exhibited. Exhibit area will be made available in the Town Park to interested individuals and organizations. The exhibitor will be required to provide whatever he requires to show his work in the way of tables, stands, etc.

Articles which are displayed may be offered for sale. It is planned to have home made candy, pies, cakes, breads and anything else you can think of for exhibit and sale. It is not planned to assess any charge to exhibitors or the public.

The following committees were named:

- Publicity - Sharon Moala, Mary Samascott and Sally DeLern.
- Crafts - Lois Struz, Adra Seerup, Sally DeLern and Mary Samascott.
- Registration - Catherine Brock and Bert Crabbs.

Mr. Clifton West will provide an exhibit from the Hague Historical Society; Mrs. Adra Seerup will arrange for an exhibit from the local Home Bureau Chapter; and Sally DeLern and Mary Samascott will undertake to get an exhibit from the school.

It is not too early to begin thinking about exhibits. Register your name with the registration committee and you will be kept posted as further plans are formulated. Mrs. Brock's phone number is 543-2441 and Mrs. Crabbs can be reached at 543-6494.

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PRIVATE AIRSTRIP IS PLANNED

Edward H. Pratt of North Bolton is constructing a private airstrip on his property...

monthly by Earl Seerup, Box 2774, Silver Bay, New York 12874. It is mailed free of charge to all residents of the town of Hague. It is supported financially by civic minded citizens and local civic organizations. News items and announcements of general interest to the people of Hague are solicited.

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area roads. This is about one and one-half miles north of the intersection of Route 91 and the Bolton Landing-Riverbank Road.

Mr. Pratt started work on the grass strip, which will be about 1200 feet long, last fall, and hopes to complete the work this spring. He says that on grass you don't need as much distance to land but on pavement you can get up speed a lot faster. Currently Mr. Pratt is keeping his two-passenger plane at Otisville and "drive" away.

While the airstrip will be private, Mr. Pratt says anybody is welcome to use it.

THE CAVEDWELLERS

Sponsored by Burgoy's Beachfront Hotel, the Hague Cavedwellers are staging their first invitational basketball tournament at the Hague School on April 7th and 8th. Eight teams from the area have been invited to participate. Proceeds will go to the Hague Scholarship Fund.

All of the Cavedwellers either live or work in Hague and most of them played on Hague highschool teams in years gone by. Members of the team are: Daniel Balcan, who is also the manager, Tony Bianchi, leading Carpenter, Ray Bevins, Douglas Cash, Pat Plasa, Al Perkins, Dave Ray, Mike Landree, Phil Frasier, Al Jordan and Tom Stull.

During the season, the team played in the Tri-County (Warren, Essex and Hamilton) League. Hague won the league championship with a 121-111 overtime win over Speculator on March 4. The contest was fierce into overtime when Phil Frasier scored with five seconds to play. In overtime, Hague outscored its opponent 18-8. After the season ended, the first four teams played a round-robin tournament. Hague won its first game beating Speculator and in the finals beat Newcomb in a game played at

The Cavedwellers also played in the All-Cornduck League with teams from Crown Point, Silver Falls, Johnson Lake, Oneonta, Oneonta, and Lake George. They finished fourth. The team also played in the Knights of Columbus tournament at Glens Falls and in the Crown Point invitational tournament.

The team does a good job to publicize our town and should have your support.

HOME BUREAU TO PUBLISH COOKBOOK

The national Chapter, Home Bureau Federation, has arranged for publication of 100 favorite recipes of its members. Extra pages will be provided on which additional recipes can be copied. The book will be tastefully bound and contain other information of interest to the homemaker. Living from local business firms will defray a part of the cost.

Copies will sell for \$1.75 each. Profits will go toward Home Bureau expenses and its operation. If you want to reserve a copy, send check payable to Mrs. Adra Seerup, Box 2774, Silver Bay, N.Y. 12874. The books will be available about June 1.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The School Board held its regular monthly meeting on March 12 with all members present.

Mr. Alton Rising was appointed bus-driver/custodian, thus ending his probationary status.

The school calendar for 1973-74 was adopted.

The Board officially recognized Local 200, SEIU (Service Employees International Union, AFL-CIO) as the bargaining agent for the teachers, it having been selected by them by a vote of 8 to 5. Previously the Hague Teachers Association was the spokesman for the teachers. Dominick Viscardi the School Board attorney was named negotiator for the School Board. Board member Sime Frasier was appointed the official of the

server in the negotiations for the Board.

The architectural firm of Barker and Perry was engaged to begin preliminary architectural specifications for renovations to the school's heating plant. Preliminary estimate of costs is about \$16,000. This matter will be brought before the voters at the annual meeting in May.

The Board announced that a request had been received from Clyde Black for transportation for his child from his home to St. Mary's Parochial School in Ticonderoga. The matter was tabled to the April meeting. Meanwhile the Board gave notice that April 1 is the deadline for requesting transportation to St. Mary's.

The Annual meeting of the School District will be held on May 1 at 7:30 P.M. In a departure from past practices, voting on the school budget and board member election will be held on the day following with the polls open from noon until 6 P.M.

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on March 13 with all members of the Board present.

The supervisor reported that he was in receipt of a letter from the Lake George Park Commission advising him that the Town of Haggis would be required to raise the car which had fallen through the ice earlier in the winter. Members of the Board felt that the car should be regarded as having been abandoned by its owner and is therefore the responsibility of the Sheriff of Warren County to see that it was removed from the lake. No action was taken.

The supervisor had reviewed with the County Health Department the problem of regulating dumping areas for septic sanitation trucks and had been advised that from a health standpoint, a pit should be provided for that purpose at the Sanitary Landfill. A resolution to the effect that the town provide for such a pit and that operators of septic sanitation trucks be directed to use the pit, was approved.

There was further discussion as to uses to which Federal revenue sharing funds should be put. The subject of a gender was

to the town hall. These items will be explored further when specific costs have been obtained.

The matter of establishing regulations for obtaining building permits and permits for installing sewerage disposal systems was delegated to the Town Planning Committee for study.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on April 10.

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YOUTH DIES CLIMBING MOUNTAIN

John Wilson Healy, 16, of Burnt Hills, New York fell about eighty feet to his death while climbing Blocker Mountain on March 3. Healy was climbing the mountain, which is situated at the north side of Tongsue Mountain just west of Sabbath Day Point with two other youths, Ronald Orban and Craig Kayser, both of Scotia. State Police from the Sloatstown substation said that the stones underfoot gave way and when Healy lost his footing he fell. He crashed through several tree limbs before landing on a lower ledge. According to the police, he died immediately.

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REPUBLICANS SELECT THEIR CANDIDATES

Local Republicans met at the Town Hall on March 22 to prepare a slate of candidates for local offices to be contested this fall.

Richard Bolton who acted as chairman of the meeting was the unanimous choice to be the party's candidate for Town Supervisor. Mr. Bolton pledged to mount a vigorous campaign for the office and stated that his first act as supervisor would be to roll back the supervisor's salary to what it was in 1972.

Councilman Howard Barnett had announced that he would not seek re-election. Accordingly, Joe Streeter and Clifford Fraser announced their candidacies. Both will run in the June Primary.

Aaron Middleton initially indicated that he would run for another term as Town Clerk. However, when Mrs. Mary Scripture and Mrs. Cheryl Davis announced that they too would

It appears therefore that the two women will face each other in the Primary.

Ray Monroe who was defeated in 1971 by Dan Belden for the Highway Superintendent's post, announced his candidacy. Dan Belden will also run. They will battle it out in the Primary.

Jack Bolton and James McKee, incumbent members of the Board of Assessors, will run for a two year and four year term respectively. Harvey Yaw will probably run for Town Justice to succeed Robert Berno whose term expires this year.

Jack Carnoy was selected to succeed Dick Bolton as Republican Town Committeeman and Clifford Decker will continue to serve as the other committeeman.

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TAX RELIEF FOR THE AGED

A public meeting was called on March 1st by the Town Board to consider real property tax relief for the aged. Everyone seemed in agreement that some relief should be granted provided it was consistent with action taken by other towns in the area and by Warren County.

Following the discussion, a resolution was adopted granting a 50% tax exemption to real property owners who meet statutory qualifications and whose income does not exceed \$4000. annually. The assessors were in attendance and were of the opinion that no more than \$10,000. of the Town's assessed valuation would be affected.

Qualified property owners who wish to

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claim the exemption should obtain the necessary forms from the assessor's office. The completed forms must be filed before May 1 to qualify for a reduction in the 1974 tax.

Warren County Board of Supervisors adopted a similar resolution granting a similar exemption on the county portion of the real property tax. Previously the exemption by the county was granted only where income did not exceed \$3000. a year.

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PLANNING BOARD MEETS

The Town Planning Board met on March 20. Messrs. Crabbs, Struss and Seerup who had previously been appointed to the Board were present. Also in attendance was Town Supervisor Smith and Council Members Danne and Cobb. Mr. Reichert of the Warren County Planning Board was also present.

Mr. Crabbs was appointed chairman of the Board.

Mr. Reichert reviewed in some detail the status of the Adirondack Park Agency Plan as revised and subsequently submitted to the state legislature. It was his belief that the bill in the legislature to postpone action on the plan until 1974 would pass. He also discussed in general terms the functions of a planning board, a zoning board and a zoning board of appeals.

The Board will meet again on May 3 to begin work on an inventory of land uses in the Town of Hogue.

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