

OUR BEST WISHES TO LELA FOOTE ON HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

If you have lived ninety years in one community and have been strong in body, cheerful in spirit and warm in friendship, you have many a tale to tell of people and of happenings in your town. Thus, Lela Foote, who will be ninety on May 31 has colorful memories of Hague....She has lived almost all of her life in the house her father was building the year she was born---1894. It was finished when she was two and they moved in.

Her father was Hiram Foote, a stone mason. His work can still be seen at the site of the old Rising House and at Silver Bay. Lela went to the one room school-house on Split Rock Road and speaks with affection of childhood friends, Mabel & Lulu Barnett (mother and aunt of Dolly Kennedy.) Later, these two sisters went off to school in VT and in NJ, but they still shared summertime. Lela recalls "fishing off the Dennett dock" (still the house next door), the three girls dividing the catch; hiking and fishing at Jabe's Pond; swimming in Lake George or rowing the boat up to Island Harbor dock to watch Lela's father and friends compete in the rowing races--the Regatta that captured the interest of everyone she knew, local folk and summer folk, too. Lela finished high school at Ticonderoga and secured her teaching certificate. She taught grammar school for the next eleven years going to various nearby communities. How? She went by horse and buggy (and when she had no buggy, by horseback!) At Brant Lake she not only paid for her own board, but board for her horse which she fed and groomed each morning before school, again in the evening. Then Fri-

day afternoons Lela would hitch up her horse, Bill, to come here to Hague. Her mother was ill and over the weekend Lela cleaned, did the laundry, cooked the meal for the week ahead. Of course, in spring, summer and fall she helped in the garden too. Finally, she had to give full time to keeping house for her father and so, gave up the teaching she loved.

In 1934 she was appointed Clerk of the Hague School Board (salary \$175 per year) and held that post for 45 years, (increased by then to

\$2600). A devoted member of the Wesleyan Church, Lela taught Bible classes for children in the "released time" periods. This was a program she gave up only a few years ago when her eyesight was failing. She still reads the Bible daily with the aid of a reading glass. She has read both the Old Testament and the New, twenty-seven times through and at present; in the 28th reading, has once more finished the Psalms. Indeed, after the death of her father, when doctors sent her off to Saranac on the chance that she might have "TB", Lela says when they discovered that she did not, she hung up in her home two lines from Psalm 91: "...There shall no Evil befall thee, Neither shall any plaque come by thy dwelling place..."

Church work and school work, friends and garden have been her chief contentment. She has nieces and nephews who visit; and the Strum family are like "family" to her. They pick her up every Sunday and at Thanksgiving to join their family dinner. WE CONGRATULATE LELA FOOTE ON HER NINETIETH YEAR-- MAY 31 ON HER PLEASANT SPIRIT AND WARM MEMORIES OF HAGUE....BDG

THE ISLANDS OF LAKE GEORGE

ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Lake George has a total of 172 islands. 25 of these are privately owned and the remaining 147 are owned by NY State. 57 of the State islands have been developed for both day use and overnight camping. The remaining 90 state-owned islands are either too small or have not been developed because it was not felt they could sustain the use.

A total of 332 individual campsites are located on 49 islands. 25 campsites are located on the mainland along Red Rock Point and Black Mt. Shore. An additional 42 cruiser docks are located on Log Bay and Red Rock Bay. There are 8 island locations for day use and 3 on the mainland.

During the summer of 1983 a total of 24,997 individual campers utilized the islands for an average stay of 3.34 days. The total revenue for the summer was approximately \$185,000. May 18 through Labor Day is the normal operating season. The total area of all islands used for campsites and day use is 266.08 acres and there are 327 docks on the islands. The campsite service charge for 1984 is \$8.00 per night, with or without a tent platform.

Two barges operate six days per week during camping season and as needed during the pre and post camping season to remove garbage and trash from the islands. Each barge is staffed with three men.

A total of 363 pit privies & 55 tank-type toilets service the camping and day use islands on the lake. The 55 tank type privies on the islands must be pumped on the average of 4 times per season. Approximately 96 man-days of labor are required for this task.

Now, if you are ever faced with trivia questions about the islands of Lake George, YOU ARE PREPARED! (source: NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation...AC

Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data for the Town of Hague is available for examination and review at the Hague Town Hall by appointment on May 26 from 4 to 8 PM. An appointment to review the Assessment information may be made by telephoning the Office at 518-543-6161.

PLANNING BOARD 5/3/84

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Klinger's proposed alterations to their existing residence was approved since it meets all zoning requirements.

Arnold Goetsch notified the Board that he was creating a minor subdivision by means of gifts and devices.

The two minor subdivisions of Steve Bevins were approved by the Board and his application for a saw mill was approved by the APA.

The Town Board approved the request of Wally Allison for a variance to replace a metal septic tank with a concrete one. This application has been sent to APA for their decision...AC

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL FISHERMEN

This year, in conjunction with the Bass Tournament, there will be an opportunity for any fisherman over 16 years of age to fish with a professional. During the practice day on June 16, you can go out with a Pro in his bass boat and learn some bass fishing tips. There is room for a maximum of 50 people, and the fee is \$25.00 per person. Pre-entry must be completed by May 31, 1984. If you would like to fish with a Pro for a day, and to obtain further details, contact Art Steitz at the Hague Market, 543-6555.

EDITOR TAKES A SABBATICAL

Mig Broderick, who has been the editor of this newspaper since June 1979 has been ill. She feels that it is important for her well-being to take a leave from her "executive high paying position" until she is back on her feet again. We hope she will be back soon - we miss her already!

HAGUE COMMUNITY SPRING FESTIVAL

For the third consecutive year, the New York State Bass Federation has requested that Hague host their kick-off tournament on June 15, 16 and 17, 1984. The Tournament, jointly sponsored by Warren County and Hague, has become one of the highlight activities in the area for sportsmen and families.

This year, with the outstanding help and support of community organizations and businesses, a well-rounded Community Spring Festival is planned. Highlighting the activities will be a Strawberry Festival in the Park and a "Grand Prix" bicycle race.

The Hague Fish and Game Club, Hague Sno-Goers Club, the Winter Carnival Committee and the Hague Chamber of Commerce all have pooled their efforts to bring a variety of entertainment, events and activities to the Town Park on that festive weekend. There will be strawberry shortcake and ice cream, fiddlers and barbershoppers, balloons hot dogs and hamburgers, taxidermic displays of fish and animals by Alan Johns and Doris Herwig. The Blue Mountain Lake Adirondack Museum will have their mobile exhibit on display. On Saturday amateur fishermen will have a chance to fish with the professionals in their bass boats. On Saturday night the Firemen's Steak Roast will be held at the Beachside Restaurant.

All in all, we are going to have a great weekend in conjunction with the 1984 Bass Tournament, and it's all for good causes: The Beste Scholarship Fund, the Hague Little League Program, toward the purchase of a tent for the Community and to support future community activities and events.

....K. Santaniello

Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them to become what they are capable of being....Goethe

ADVICE FROM APA

Landowners and developers will have the chance to seek advice from agency staff members as the Adirondack Park Agency field services program launches its fifth operating year.

Past field services sessions have allowed the agency's staff to help park landowners in a number of ways:

Agency staff respond to many types of questions at the field services meetings.

Meetings will be held in Elizabethtown on July 18 and Sept. 12 and in Lake George on June 20 and August 15. Call (518) 891-4050 or write P.O. Box 99, Ray Brook, NY 12977 for time and exact location.

BESTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you can't make it to Hague on June 16 and 17 for the big Hague Community Spring Festival featuring the New York State Bass Federation Tournament, the Strawberry Festival and the "Grand Prix" Bicycle Race, maybe you or your association would like to make a donation to the Beste Scholarship Fund. Your greatly appreciated donation can be sent in care of the Hague Chamber of Commerce, attention Tom James, Silver Bay, NY 12874...KS

WILD FLOWERS ABOUND IN HAGUE

Do you know how to identify them and where to find them?

If you wish to join a Wildflower Walk to learn more about Hague wildflowers, join Laura Meade on June 2 at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall parking lot. Wear hiking clothes and walking shoes, and provide your own transportation, if possible.

The flowers will determine the destination - we will go where they are blooming!

If you have questions, call 543-6060.

TOWN BOARD MEETING 5-8-84

"HAGUE OF MY



Meeting opened with a public hearing on bids for new highway equipment.

Resolution passed after public hearing to raise Real Property Tax Exemption for those 65 or over (Limited income) from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

There will be a 7.9% raise in the cost of Blue Cross beginning in July.

At the April 25 meeting of APA, it was decided no permits from them would be needed in the use of BTI. (Bacillus thurensis israelensis)

Note of thanks from Harvey Yaw family.

Motion carried to approve waiving of launching fee at town park, putting up portable bleachers and tethering a hot air balloon during the Bass Tournament, June 15 - 17.

The allocated \$100,000 for the Adirondack Review was vetoed by Governor Cuomo.

Revised Town Beach Ordinance will be finalized at a public hearing on Thursday, May 24 at 6:30 PM.

Cable TV will be arriving as soon as N.Y. Telephone completes its work.

The state has requested a meeting with the town re: landfill.

Around the clock sheriff's satellite will be in Hague this summer.

Neighborhood Watch meeting on May 22 at 7 PM.

Word changes were made to Resolution #13 of 1983 which deals with health insurance for newly elected or appointed officials.

Dan Belden recommended the possible use of ultra-low water fixtures for use in our troubled park sewage system. He is in charge of repairs.

An agreement will be reached between the town and Mr. Huestis to raze school building. What is left of salable items will be made available to the buying public. Repairs to be made by Highway Dept. at several Hague locations.

At a special Board meeting on May 14, decision was made to accept the competitive bids of H.L.Gage and T. and T. Sales, both of Albany, for the new highway equipment.

The contest to come up with a slogan for the town of Hague is now over. The winner is none other than our "poet laureate", Harry deBuys.

Harry had sent in several entries but this is the one that caught the eyes of the judges.

Harry first came to Hague after his marriage to Betty Handy, whose family lived in a Victorian house on Holman Hill for many years. Betty and Harry spent a day of their honeymoon as guests of Miss Mary Vietor in the house next door. Though it was a chilly stay, Harry decided then and there that besides being in love with his bride, he was also in love with Lake George. They have been coming back in the summers since then. They are some of the first summer "guests" to return each year, in spite of the cold, damp weather and black flies.

The deBuys make their home away from home in Birmingham, AL.

In second place was the slogan: "Winter spring, summer, fall - Hague for all" sent to us by Petey Michael of Friends' Point and Wynnewood, PA.

The Hague Chronicle Staff thanks all those who participated in our contest. We came up with some original and clever slogans. We also wish to thank the judges who devoted an evening to judging the 38 slogans that we had. The judge and the organization which was represented are as follows:

- Tom James - Chamber of Commerce
- Jim McGuire - Fire Department
- Ed Crabbs - Historical Society
- Bob Hoyt - American Legion
- Betty Decker - Home Bureau
- Michele Brunet - Girl Scouts
- Bertha Dunsmore - Winter Carnival Comm.
- Sharon Busick - Garden Club

The Sno-Goers and The Fish and Game Club were not represented.

We haven't decided exactly what we will do with the winning slogan, but you can be sure that we will do something! We love it! djh

The straight and narrow path would not be so narrow if more people walked it.

HAGUE POST OFFICE

The Hague Post Office was a feature in the May 1984 Mountain Views, a monthly news letter published by the Postal Department for its employees in the Glens Falls area.

Hague's first post office was established in 1816. The present location was chosen in 1966 after many moves in the past 168 years.

The Post Office has just been renovated. The lobby which houses all the boxes remains open through the lunch hour. The service desk closes from 12:15 to 1:45 PM each day.

In 1958 Penny Bolton was hired as Acting Postmaster with a permanent appointment in 1959. Nancy Getta received her full appointment as rural carrier in 1981 and Jackie Fort was hired in 1981 as PTF clerk. She runs the Post Office in Penny's absence.

Hague is lucky to have two such fine post offices. Ethel Andrus, the very efficient postmaster at Silver Bay has as her assistant Betty Braisted.

ELDERHOSTEL AT SILVER BAY

What is ELDERHOSTEL? ELDERHOSTEL is a continuing education program for people 60 years of age and older. ELDERHOSTEL participants travel to college campuses and conference centers, attend three classes each day for one week, and take part in field trips and recreational activities during free time.

Silver Bay Association will be hosting a week of ELDERHOSTEL this summer from June 10 to June 16. Courses being offered include Adirondack Geology, Study of Lebanon, and Conversational Spanish. Interested area residents (age 60 and older) can register for these courses for a nominal fee.

For more information, contact Silver Bay Association (543-8833).

JOB EXCHANGE

We have had three responses to our Job Exchange service, as printed in last month's Chronicle. From Ballston Lake: "My name is Allison Cameron and my phone number is 518-877-5025 or 518-543-8848 on weekends until late June. I'm fourteen and have working papers. I'm responsible, hard-working, eager, reliable, polite, and friendly. I'll consider most anything. I love children and pets and enjoy working with people. Thank you for providing this great service!"

Sincerely, Allison Cameron"

And from Hague: "I would like summer jobs of raking, mowing or cleanup. I am Ricky Myers, Box 148 New Hague Rd., Hague, NY 12836 585-7470".

Pamela Clifton, age 16 has had experience in baby-sitting. She is also interested in helping in a home or motel either by the hour, day or week. She may be reached through her grandmother at 543-6501.

The June issue of The Hague Chronicle will be publish any other requests that were too late for this issue. DJH

ELEMENTARY-MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT

On May 23 at 7:30 PM in the Cafetorium at the school, the Middle School Band under the direction of Mr. Nelson Shapiro will present a program of classical, jazz and rock compositions.

Also featured will be the Elementary and Middle School Choruses under the direction of Mrs. Linda Azer.

The fourth and fifth grade bands under the direction of Miss Teri Korb will also take part in the concert. The public is invited to attend.

The highest regard for a man's toil is not what he gets for it, but rather what he becomes by it.

May 21, 1984

Dear Daphne,

Soon you'll be joining the seasonal faces of old friends who are returning to Hague from various winter haunts...and just in time, I might add! The BLACK FLIES are back and they are HUNGRY!!! I figure the more people, the more bites are spread around.

We'll find out how honest people are when Hague adds up the \$'s collected by the honor system for boat launching fees this season. Won't have to worry about ANY fee during the BASS Tournament since ALL launching fees are to be waived for those three days. Guess the tournament fisherpeople have all their money tied up in big boats, motors and fishing gear so there's nothing left over to get the boats in the water.

The old school is slowly coming down and lots of salvageable stuff is being sold. It's hoped that the sales will pay for the cost of getting the building down and the site cleaned up...right now it looks like there has been an explosion.

Must be that attracting a lot of tourists is good for the economy since the State, County and little ol' Hague are all really working hard to attract as many of those tourist dollars to our area as possible. Sales tax revenue helps hold down taxes for all of us.

As the mountains return to spring-time green and flowers brighten the landscape, some of the seasonal questions are asked as residents observe changes that have occurred over the winter. The questions all cover the same theme; "Why did THEY, or why don't THEY did or do such and such?" The answer is quite simple, a vocal person or persons worked for an objective. Most people don't want to take the time to get involved with local issues, and that's o.k., but those that do,

find the Town goes their way... "Ye olde squeaky wheel, etc..."

The one problem we all should put at the top of our problem list is to keep Lake George pure and clear...buildings come and go, but if the Lake ever goes, we'll all have had it!

Another five weeks and you'll be here for your too brief visit. Remember, the most important thing that you can put on each day is a smile.... Love, Mama

SCHOOL NEWS

On June 12 the annual meeting of the Ticonderoga School District will be held in the cafeteria of the high school.

On June 13 will be the budget vote and also the election of new school board members. There will be three 3-year vacancies and one 1 yr. vacancy to fill in the unexpired term of Vall Pulliam. Those running will be: Incumbents Dr. William Brennan and Nancy Reale. Also William Grinnell, Mary Cheslik, Martin Halpert and Orly Dixon. Both Dr. Brennan and Nancy Reale are Hague taxpayers. Perhaps next year Hague will be able to produce another candidate Dennis Hens, our very capable Board member for the past 3 years has chosen not to run this time.

NEW BUSINESS VENTURE

Tom James and John Breitenbach, Jr. announce the establishment of the "Silver Bay Guideboat and Canoe Co." The firm will specialize in custom construction, restoration and refinishing of Adirondack Guideboats, canoes and small craft.

It isn't necessary to blow out the other person's light to let your own shine...Anonymous

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, to Dennis and Carol (Ticknor) Jimenez on February 15 in Memphis, TE. Grandparents are Donna and Howard Ticknor of Miami and Hague. The baby is named for her great-grandmother Marie B. Ticknor, late of Hague and Miami.

BORN - A boy, Keith John to Felisa and John Van Leeuwen on April 14 at Schenectady, NY. He is the grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Cornelius Van Leeuwen of Scotia, NY. He joins a brother, 2½ yrs. old.

BORN - A daughter, Christine, to Mary (Belden) and George Smith. Grandparents are Helen & Joe Belden; great grandmothers are Madeline Leach and Esther Belden and great-great grandmother is Lula Gifford.

BORN - A boy, Andrew McGraw, to Alice and Scott Patchett, on May 4. Grandparents are Lynn & Bob Patchett; Trout House Village.

MARRIED - Nancy P. DeLarm, Hague, to Richard Fogwell of Stamford, CT and Jupiter, FL on April 21 in Florida.

MARRIED - Pauline Davis, daughter of Donald Davis, Hague, to Gene Wilson on May 12 at the Trinity Baptist Church in Schenectady, NY. They will reside in Des Moines, Iowa.

MARRIED - Debra Weigand, Seneca Falls, NY to William M. Smith, son of the late M/M Thomas Smith of Hague, on May 12 in Seneca Falls.

DIED - Byron E. Armstrong, 93, a former resident of Hague, on April 13 in Woodbury, TE. Among the survivors is his daughter, Irene Catlin, Hague.

DIED - Morris E. Auerbach of Albany and Silver Bay on May 6, 1984 in Albany.

TROUT HOUSE VILLAGE RESORT has been listed in the 1984 editions of the MOBIL TRAVEL GUIDE. Over 20,000 restaurants, hotels, motels and resorts are listed and rated on a one-to-five star basis in the seven volume book.

LAURA MEADE was the first prize winner in the flora division in a recent contest of the High Peaks Audubon Chapter of the National Audubon Society. The prize winning slide was a poppy in the garden of Clifton West, Hague.

RUDOLPH MEOLA and TIMOTHY STRUM, seniors in Ticonderoga High School, have qualified to receive the Presidential Academic Fitness Award.

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS AT THS

The following students from Hague are listed on the Third Quarter Honor Roll at Ticonderoga High: First Honors:

LISA CAPONE; STEPHANIE FITZGERALD; ROBERT GAUTREAU; VICTORIA SCHOLTEN
Second Honors:

PAUL BELDEN; CHERYL COBB; PATRICK FISH; JENNIFER FITZGERALD; RUDOLPH MEOLA; JEFFREY PLASS; JANET ROSS; LANA ROSS; TIMOTHY STRUM; BONNIE SWINTON; STEPHEN YOUNG

WE GOOFED - AND WE'RE SORRY

On our Spring Athletic roster last month we failed to include the following: Girls' Track: Amy McKee and Victoria Scholten; Boys' Track: Jay Denno; Baseball: Tim Denno and JV Baseball: Jeff Plass

DON'T BLAME YOUR MAILMAN!

The Hague Chronicle tries to publish about the 15th of each month. This month we ran into many problems - some seen, others unforeseen. We finally got it all pulled together and it will be in the mail 5/22. Just one week late. Sorry 'bout that...djh

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MAY and JUNE.

May

June

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| 23 | Elementary Middle School Spring Concert - 7:30 - Cafetorium | 7 | Planning Board |
| 24 | Special Town Board meeting - 6:30 PM- Hearing on Town Park. | 7 | Sr. Citizens Bus to Gens Falls |
| 24 - 28 | SCHOOL HOLIDAY | 12 | Town Board Meeting - 6:30 PM |
| 28 | MEMORIAL DAY Observed - Town Hall & Post Office closed. | 12 | Annual meeting Board of Ed. |
| | | 13 | School Budget vote and election of Board members. |
| | | 15, 16, 17 | - HAGUE SPRING FESTIVAL |
| | | 17 | Be kind to FATHERS DAY |

A representative from the Veterans' Administration is in Town Hall each Thursday at 11:30 AM to answer questions.

JOHN HAYES HONORED

John Hayes, son of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Waters of Hague, was one of two North Country students selected to submit videotaped questions to Gov. Cuomo on a special edition of "Assignment: the World," a current events show for elementary and middle school students.

Nine PBS stations each picked two students from the district which they serve. Each student could submit two questions. John was picked from the Plattsburg District. John's teacher, Mr. Kiely, took John to Plattsburg where he video taped his questions. These tapes were sent to Rochester where the program was made. John's video taped question (on the death penalty) was answered on May 21 by Gov. Cuomo in a live broadcast which was shown at the Ticonderoga school.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by the first dinner to be served in the new dining hall at Silver Bay Association. The dedication of this building is planned for July. We congratulate the SBA for achieving their goal as per schedule.

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