

MAY 1982

MOTHERS' CLUB OF HAGUE - 1920-1979

Some time ago I was entrusted with the minutes of the Mothers' Club of Hague. These minutes will be made a part of the Hague archives. I would like to share some of my research with The Hague Chronicle readers in honor of the mothers of Hague, past, present and future. A special thanks to Betty Decker and Clifton West for their input....D. Henry

Some time prior to 1922, probably in 1920, Mrs. Eddie Ackerman, who lived in West Hague, visited the West Hague School (located at the intersection of New Hague Rd. and Summit Drive). She issued invitations to the children to take to their mothers asking them to meet at the school to form a club. Twelve mothers arrived the next Saturday and the Mothers' Club of West Hague was founded. Charter members were: Edith Ackerman (Mrs. Almon), Edith Ackerman (Mrs. Edward), Minnie Hayes, Zella Carpenter, Mabel Conlon, Mary Galusha, Nellie Galusha, Nellie May, Bessie McCoy, Irene Kelly, Julia Ross and Hannah DeLarm. An organ was brought to the meeting on a stone boat, a flat sled-like conveyance used to draw stones from fields. Hymns were sung at each meeting, along with the reading of Scripture and The Lord's Prayer.

An official promise was adopted as follows: "I promise to do my very best to live a pure, clean, helpful life from day to day.

"To help each one around me to live better; to make my home one that shall always give out cheer and sunshine.

"To help the needy and stand always for right."

The purpose of the club is eloquently stated in its constitution. "The aim of this club shall be to arouse a friendly, helpful spirit among the mothers, that one may aid the other in each and every effort toward better homes and finer children, and so bring this little corner of this great world a little closer to the great and noble standard and high ideals that God has given us to work out and carry on, both in our daily lives and in our associations one with another."

In the early days of the club the dues were 5¢ a month - it met in members' homes the second Wednesday of each month. One of the Standing Rules was "Each member shall be very kind, courteous and thoughtful of the member at whose house the meeting is being held, doing nothing to make work or worry afterwards."

The Mothers' Club of West Hague was such a popular one that mothers in Graphite asked to join and soon the club expanded to include them. They soon changed the name to The Mothers' Club of Hague and included any mother in the town of Hague.

The mothers of Hague were not ones to sit back and let the summer people ruin Hague's reputation. At the July 11, 1923 meeting the main topic of discussion was "about how the summer guests dress and what could be done to prohibit such dress on our streets." I am told that this probably referred to the wearing of knickers' with silk stockings and high-heeled shoes by certain ladies who came from the city for short vacations. Hague was not ready for such outlandish attire.

In 1924 the club members were ready to publish a cookbook. Each member submitted recipes, some with measurements and directions, some without. A few pages were devoted to "Helpful Hints" - everything from cooking to treating corns.

On the first page of the cookbook the following appears: "This little book is dedicated to the loving memory of mothers who have trod the way before us, toiled, suffered and faced the issues of life unafraid, that we who come after might profit thereby."

MOTHERS' CLUB (CONT.)

Sometime between 1925 and 1931 the Mothers' Club moved into its own clubroom on the second floor of the town hall. It was here that they served luncheons and suppers on Election Day, starting the tradition of oyster stew lunches on Election Day which is still carried on by the Hague Fire Department.

In December 1933, instead of having a big Christmas party, the mothers brought food and canned goods for those who might not have a Christmas dinner. They distributed 88 boxes to children (including popcorn and candy), 8 sunshine boxes to shut-ins, 11 boxes of food to families, and flowers for a funeral. This was all done on 5¢ a month dues! The secretary noted "All returned Happy at Heart that they had helped in some way to send cheer into needy homes." -- and no wonder!

It was not all work and no play for the mothers. They also enjoyed many picnics and parties together. They were given the privilege of "camping out" at Monsignor Keegan's Camp Chippewa on Friends Point (now the home of Rev. Harold Commons), after the camp had closed in September. They would go in the afternoon, have supper, a sociable evening and leave for home after a hearty breakfast. Sometimes Rube Haskins, who operated an auto livery, would drive the ladies for trips to Crown Point Bridge or Rogers Rock - all for a fee of \$5.00 a trip.

Eventually the Mothers' Club opened its membership to non-mothers who were made associate members. They were entitled to "enjoy every privilege of the club except the voting of officers."

In 1956 the Mothers' Club began working on cancer dressings, which they continued until the club was disbanded.

In 1962 the second story was removed from the Town Hall and the Mothers' Club moved to the Baptist Church Annex, with occasional meetings in members' homes.

During the 1970's the membership continued to decline. On March 8, 1979 it was recorded, "By majority vote the Mothers' Club was terminated today. The material on hand plus \$18.61 in our treasury will be turned over to the Cancer Society in Glens Falls."

Thus ends the saga of the oldest continuous club in the town of Hague. For a period of about sixty years the Mothers' Club of Hague served a rare and beautiful function. In a time before welfare or unemployment benefits, the mothers of Hague took their promise seriously - "to help each one around me to live better" and "to help the needy. A truly remarkable club for which Hague can be proud.

THANKS

Last September we conducted a telephone poll which prompted us to initiate a system for reminding our readers when they have last made a contribution. The month appears under your name on the mailing label. It would seem that this has been working very well and we thank you all very much for keeping us in the black.

STRAWBERRIES GALORE

June 26 is the day. The Baptist Church Parking Lot is the place. The Hague Chronicle Staff is sponsoring the third annual community STRAWBERRY SOCIAL for the benefit of the new ambulance fund. Our staff is small - we can use lots of help. Please volunteer to Mig Broderick, 543-6104.

FISH & GAME CLUB

Next meeting will be at the clubhouse on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:30. The 50/50 club winners for this month were:

Ken Hurlburt	\$25.00
Lee Spencer	15.00
Bill Wells	10.00

WHITE WATER DERBY

Plans are being completed for the 25th annual Hudson River White Water Derby to be held May 1 and 2. Novice slalom starts at North River at 10 a.m. Sat. followed by Giant Slalom. On Sunday the downriver race from North Creek to Riparius starts at 10 a.m.

C - A - R - E

Capable - Accessible - Responsible - Effective - but Concerned/Caring describes it even better. When their services are needed, the staff of The Moses Ludington Hospital conveys that the individual is important and that they are there to meet their needs.

When Mary Moses, widow of Martin Shattuck died on March 14, 1906, Horace Moses became executor of her estate. As such he was also administrator of a sizeable trust fund set up for community charitable purposes. Following conversations with "Dr. John" (J.P.J. Cummins) Mr. Moses approached the Town Board suggesting that they raise a committee to discuss the possibility of a hospital. Included in the Shattuck Estate was the Lucius Lewis farm. That farm embraced all that ridge west of Wicker Street where the present hospital and its two predecessors, the Emily J. Moses Memorial Building (now referred to as The Pavilion) and the former Moses Ludington Hospital now stand; that hospital currently lacks a function, hopefully not forever.

My first experience with the then Shattuck Hospital was sixty-four years ago, when Dr. John performed a tonsillectomy on me, over my protest. I recovered quickly, soothed by Cook's vanilla ice cream. Never have I found any ice cream that could match that memory. I spent some time in 1957 in the now "old" hospital, with exceptional tender loving care. More recently I was hospitalized in the "new" Moses Ludington Hospital. The same TLC still exists. We now have a hospital and staff of which our area can be very proud...J. Henry

CRAFTS SALE

Girl Scout Troop 256, under the leadership of Laura Meade and Nancy Trombley will hold a crafts sale at The Hague Super Market on Saturday, May 1. Homemade crafts will be welcomed. Time - 9-2

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA (Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law)

Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear on the tentative assessment roll of Hague which will be filed on or before June 1st. The information may be reviewed, by appointment, in the Assessor's Office at the Town Hall. An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the assessor at 518-543-6161.

WINTER CARNIVAL MEETING

The first meeting of the Winter Carnival Committee was held on April 5th. Many new ideas have been introduced and it looks like the 1983 Winter Carnival will be the best ever. The next meeting is scheduled for May 4 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. We need your support. Please plan to attend.

RAINBOW STOCKING DROPPED

The state will no longer be stocking rainbow trout in Lake George. The DEC has been putting 50,000 half-pound rainbow trout in the lake a year and getting a minimal return. The state has experimented with several strains of the fish and could not find one that could survive in the lake. In the future, emphasis in the lake will be on salmon and on lake trout.

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW

Who is the white-haired gentleman who paddles a red canoe with a shovel in ice filled Hague Bay? We fishermen want to know...Anonymous

GYPSY MOTHS

May is the month that the gypsy moth eggs begin to hatch. The buff colored egg masses, oval in shape, and 1 to 2 inches long may be found exposed on tree trunks or the undersides of branches, under barks or rocks, on buildings, vehicles, or rubbish. These masses can be scraped into a can containing kerosene or alcohol which will kill the eggs. Each cluster contains an average of 400 to 600 eggs.

Male caterpillars go through 5 development-size changes and the female 6. 75% of all foliage eaten is consumed in the last stage, which occurs from mid-June to mid-July. The caterpillars are now 1½ to 2½ inches long, hairy, grayish in color, yellow markings on the head and a double row of colored spots along the back; the 1st 5 pairs are blue and the remaining 6 pairs are brick red. At this stage, spraying has little effect, but they can be killed by scraping them into a container of water containing a drop or 2 of dish detergent...AC

SPRING SPORTS

The following students from Hague are participating in the spring sports program at TI HI:

- VARSITY BASEBALL - Arthur Belden
- JV BASEBALL - Tim Denno
 Dan Belden
- TRACK - Mike Meola
- GIRLS' SOFTBALL - Tina Belden
 Katie Laudree
- GIRLS' TRACK - Jennifer Belden
 Lynn Coffin
 Lisa Coffin
 Lisa Capone
 Pam Dunklee

WEATHER OR NOT

Yep, sure was a doosie of a month. March 28 saw a wind chill of -34°F at Gore Mt. Ski Area, and the roar of the lion held right into April. April 6 saw 2 in. of snow while NYCity got 12 in. Then came the rain on April 17 - 2.1 in. The ice broke up the next day. All ice was gone on Tuesday the 20th with North Pond still frozen solid. The days are now getting longer and warmer. Heating degree days for the season are now 7165, a 602 degree day difference above last year, with 568 this month. Water temperature at the 18 in. level is now 42°F.

Well, my garden is ready to till and by May 10 I should have my peas and lettuce in. Plant your rows far enough apart to allow for easy weeding later. Rotating your soil will also kill off many of the weeds before planting. With water levels up, the weekend of May 1 should be great for the Hudson Whitewater Derby. Why not try something fun and take a rafting trip down the Hudson in May! Hope you all are stocking up on next year's firewood, as it should have 6-8 months to dry. Remember green wood splits easier and will dry faster. Happy timbering,
Eloc Salguod

· NORTH CREEK SKI CORPORATION has received an APA permit to construct a \$50 million mountain and base village ski resort in the town of Johnsbury, Warren County, near Gore Mountain.

HIGH WATER and 20-25 mph NORTH WINDS on the 27th and 28th gave a pounding to waterfronts in its path.

HONORS FOR THIRD TERM

Congratulations to the following Hague students for attaining high scholastic standing:

FIRST HONORS: Kathy Hudak, Rudolph Meola, Lynn Wheelock

SECOND HONORS: Lisa Andreassen, Jennifer Belden, Timothy Strum

HAGUE TOWN BOARD

Supervisor Bolton said that in order for locals to have their own police officer carrying firearms, the officer must successfully complete a 32 hour training course at the expense of the community. No money was budgeted for this since the mandate came after the budget was passed. The board also decided to let the local assessors use the former police car while conducting duties of assessing. Since assessors are paid 20¢ a mile for the use of their own cars, this has reduced the cost of mileage to the town.

George Shoemaker, president of the Hague Fish & Game Club requested that the Club's building and grounds be granted tax exempt status since they are a non-profit organization.

Frank Swinton has been appointed Dog Control Officer for the remainder of the year.

Two roads, Baker Flat Rd. and Forrest Lane are being designated "qualified abandonment". The Town will still own the roads but will no longer maintain them.

FOREST FIRE IN HAGUE

Fire destroyed approximately 200 acres of woodland on Sunday, April 18 on DeLarm Mountain. It started as a grass fire resulting from a chain saw which was operated by Rollin DeLarm. The barn on the DeLarm farm was completely destroyed but the firemen were able to save the house. Fire Chief Tom Stull summoned Mutual Aid and Forest Ranger William Houck of Brant Lake directed 80 firefighters from Ticonderoga, Chilson, Bolton and Hague. Some men used Indian water tanks to put out flames and a DEC helicopter used water from a nearby pond to help bring the fire under control at 5 p.m. WARNING: Breezes and dry grasses make this the grass fire season. PERMITS MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOREST RANGER TO BURN ON ONE'S PROPERTY.

Cathy Santaniello has been elected secretary of the Hague Chamber of Commerce.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HHS held its first meeting since December. Rev. Van Vliet, president, presided; 30 present. Mrs. Laura Meade made three suggestions to spur young people's awareness of local history; a scavenger hunt for young people to locate areas of interest; a boat ride, pointing out famous spots; a demonstration of crafts. On May 19 Bob Cole will speak on how the Astors made their money.

CETA JOBS

A CETA representative will be at the Ticonderoga High School on Wed. May 12 from 1 to 2:30 pm and at the Hague Town Hall on Wed., May 26 from 3 to 5 pm to interview applicants for the CETA Summer Youth Employment Program. Applicants for this program must be between the ages of 14 & 21, residents of Warren County, and have low family income.

Applicants should bring the following to the interview; a completed application, proof of age and residency, (working papers if under 18) and proof of household income for the past 6 months.

Other Warren Co. residents of working age who would like to apply to other CETA programs are also invited to do so on May 26 at the Hague Town Hall. These applicants should bring a completed application, proof of residency and household income for the past 6 months.

Applications and eligibility check lists may be picked up at the Hague Town Hall or at the TI High School Guidance Office.

Anyone having questions regarding these programs should call the CETA office at 761-6390, or Town Hall at 543-6161.

...C. Rançourt

ROADS CLOSED

Fly Brook Road and Battle Hill Road by the 7-Up Bldg. where it joins Fly Brook Rd. will be closed to ALL vehicles from May 1 to June 15th during the mud season.

STREET LIGHTS

The elimination of some of the Hague street lights has resulted in a 31.5% savings in kilowatts used.

TRASH BASH

An organizational meeting will be held on May 3 at 7:30 pm in the Hague Town Hall for the Trash Bash. This annual event is sponsored by the Town of Hague, the Hague Youth Comm., and the Hague Highway Dept, with help from the Girl Scouts. The Trash Bash will take place on Sat., May 8 from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm. Volunteers of all ages should meet in front of the former Hague school for specific assignments. This is a fast and fun way to get rid of the litter in our community. Call Agnes Watts at 543-6598 or Dan Belden at 543-6500 for more information. A picnic for the volunteers will be held on June 12.

Agnes Watts announces bowling for ages 7 and up. Call her to sign up.

HELP WANTED

It's that time of year again when we publish our summer jobs list. If you have a skill or service to offer, such as baby sitting, lawn work, painting, teaching, etc. etc., please write to The Hague Chronicle before May 20. We will also publish services needed.

ENCON

Last month EnCon reported to us the deer kill for the past year. This month we received the people kill; For your information, the 10 year average for 1971-80 was 8.9 people. 1981 produced 6 fatalities.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

May Fellowship Day will be held on May 7 at the First United Methodist Church. Luncheon will be served at 12 noon, followed by the installation of officers and the worship service. The price of the luncheon is \$5.00. Rev. Joyce Giles will be the speaker.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Harvey and Catherine Allis Moses Educational Fund has been established to be used for ongoing scholarships to be awarded to graduating seniors of Ti High School.

The proposed budget hearing will be held on May 11 at 7:00 in the school

cafeteria. The budget is up about \$154,000 over last year, a projected increase of about 4 1/2% to the taxpayers.

BASS TOURNAMENT

The NYS B.A.S.S. Federation will hold the first of its open qualifying tournaments at Hague over the June 25, 26, & 27 weekend. Over 100 boats are registered. The Hague Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this event in cooperation with the Warren Co. Dept. of Tourism. A total of \$2,000 in prize money will be awarded.

ENERGY BENEFITS

Additional weatherization funds and an extra benefit payment to elderly heads of households (60 yrs. of age & over) whose energy costs are 30% or more of their income are now available. The Office for the Aging will be the only certifier processing applications for the additional benefit for the elderly. The amount of the additional benefit will be equal to the eligible household's original benefit amount.

The applicant or an authorized representative must apply in person at the Hague Town Hall on May 5, 1:30 to 2:30 pm. For additional information call the Supervisor's office at 543-6161.

FREE CHEESE

On May 5 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm at the Town Hall free cheese will be available to eligible citizens. The Office of the Aging will distribute cheese to those over 60; if you were eligible once, you will be eligible again. Community Service Agency will process applications for those under 60. Applications are available now at the Town Hall.

RESTRAINING SEATS

The law requiring restraining seats in cars for children under five has been revised to read children under four. Fines are being levied on those who do not comply.

People with money to burn will easily find people to tend the fire.

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A son, David, to Kathie and Chuck McKirdy of Chicago and Sabbath Day Point. Grandmother, Eleanor McKirdy of Glens Falls and Sabbath Day Point.

BORN - A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Ruben Monroe, Brant Lake. Grandfather - Ray Monroe

DIED - Livingstone T. Goodman of Arlington, Va. (Formerly of Silver Bay) on January 31.

DIED - Donald Knowlton of Middlebury, Vt. and Silver Bay, on March 19.

DIED - Reid P. Elethorp, Montgomery, Al, a native of Hague, on March 21.

PATRICK VISCARDI, son of Judge & Mrs. Dominick Viscardi of Hague and Ticonderoga, a freshman at Dartmouth College, was cited by a professor of Mathematics for outstanding academic achievement during the past term.

RETIRED - Raymond Laundree, Hague, and Frances (Brannock) Newhall, both former teachers in Hague will retire on July 1 from the Ticonderoga School System.

SPRING 1982

The change of seasons, people want
A tropic isle, no, never
Cold star-lit nights, long summer days
One could rave on forever.

The moon is full, the ice is gone
Oh Joy all nature's singing
Now northward to this beauty spot
Old friends and birds are winging.

But pause a moment, winds still howl
Skies darken with our worries
Forget the Vernal Equinox
We stand KNEE DEEP IN FLURRIES...MB

OFFICIAL ICE-OUT TIME

Supervisor Dick Bolton declared that the ice officially left the lake on April 20 at 4:31 pm. He stated that when a boat can travel from TI to Lake George Village is the criteria used to determine the official ice-out time.

MARINAS & DOCKS

Mike White, secretary of the Lake George Park Comm., attended the 4/2 Planning Board meeting to clarify the rules regarding marina applications. Marina means "any waterfront facility which provides accommodations or services for vessels by engaging in any of the following: the sale of marine products or services; the sale, lease, rental, or any other provision of storage, wharf space, or mooring for vessels not registered to the owner of said facility, a member of the owner's immediate family, the owner or lessee of the immediately adjoining upland property, or members of their immediate families, or an overnight guest on said property." By EnCon's definitions, if you allow a friend to moor or tie up a boat at your waterfront property, you are a marina and need a permit. There is no fee for this permit and it can be obtained by writing to: Lake George Park Commission, Box 2020, Warrensburg, NY 12885.

At a L.G.A. meeting of 4/21 Mike reported that to date, 1,637 dock registrations have been processed, 203 are pending due to incomplete applications, 251 marinas, and 342 state docks for a total of 2,433 registrations. The plastic registration plates will be mailed to non-residents in early May and the residents will receive theirs in early June. Mike also stated that the date for submitting dock applications has been extended until August 1, 1982, but to date, we have received no official notification on this extension.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MAY

- 1 Girl Scouts Crafts Sale, see p. 3
- 3 Trash Bash organizational meeting, 7:30 Town Hall
- 4 Home Bureau - 10:00 a.m.
- 4 Winter Carnival Committee-7:00, p. 3
- 5 Cheese distribution - see p. 6
- 6 Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 6 Veterans Administrator - 11:30 a.m.
- 6 Planning Board. - 7:30 p.m.
- 7 May Fellowship Day, see p.6
- 8 TRASH BASH, see p. 6
- 9 MOTHERS DAY
- 11 Town Board Meeting - 6:30
- 11 School Proposed Budget hearing - 7 pm H.S., see p. 6
- 12 Spring Concert, H.S. 8:00 pm.
- 13 Veterans Administrator - 11:30
- 18 Fish and Game Club. - 7:30 p.m.
- 18 School Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Home Bureau - 10 a.m.
- 19 Spring Concert -- El. Middle Sch.-7:30
- 19 Hague Historical Society - 7:30
- 20 Veterans Administrator - 11:30 a.m.
- 20 Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 20 Carillon Garden Club - 11:00 a.m.
- 25 CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- 26 Middle Sch. Arts & Crafts Fair 7-9 p.m.
- 26 Social Services Representative - Town Hall, 1-4 p.m.
- 26 SYEP Applications - 3-5 p.m. Town Hall
- 27 Veterans Administrator - 11:30 a.m.
- 27 Zoning Board -- 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Social Services Representative - 1-4p.m. Town Hall
- 31 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED - Town and County Offices Closed. NO SCHOOL

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.

She stretches out her hand to the poor; yea she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of Idleness.

Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also and he praiseth her.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." ...The Holy Bible

(Taken from the Mothers' Club Cookbook)

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