

Voting on the school budget, May 29 - Budget approved 115 to 103

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## FISH POPULATION INCREASES

On May 8 the State Environmental Commission stocked Lake George with 50,000 yearling lake trout. The fish averaged five to seven inches in length. The eggs had been extracted from adult fish in the autumn of 1972 and transferred to the Fortsville Hatchery. Half the fish were released in the Bolton area and the remainder were released in the vicinity of Hague. The fish were the first Lake George lake trout successfully raised to yearling age in almost 20 years.

Until the present stocking, DDT had claimed the young trout in the hatchery before maturity. To keep the insecticide from again becoming a serious threat to fish populations in the lake, the strongest and most sensible pesticide laws have been enforced. Ninety-eight percent of the young from the lake trout netting in 1972 survived the hatchery.

Best estimates are that it will still be a number of years before Lake George reenters the list of first-rate lake trout fishing areas.

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## WHITE WATER DERBY

Doug Cole, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cole of Silver Bay, finished third in the downriver kayak race, a feature event of the White Water Derby. The race was conducted over a 7 1/2 mile course on the Hudson River from North Creek to Riparius on Sunday May 5. Doug's time was 54 minutes and 46 seconds, four minutes and 45 seconds behind the winner.

The Derby, held annually on the first weekend in May, was first held

in 1958 with few entrants. This year 677 boats participated with 20,000 to 30,000 spectators lined along the shore for Sunday's race. The water was 40 degrees and many kayaks and canoes were overturned as the rapids were being negotiated. Most contestants got wet but no casualties were reported.

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## LAKE GEORGE COMMISSION MOVES

The Lake George Commission which was located for many years at the monument in Ticonderoga, has moved its offices to Lake George Battlefield Park, Lake George Village. Letters to the Commission should be addressed to P.O. Box 272, Lake George, N.Y., 12845; the telephone number is 668-5732.

Richard Bolton of Hague has been a member of the Commission since 1968. He is chairman of the Pollution Control and Water Surveillance Committee and is a member of the Enforcement of Law and Regulations and Docks and Budget Committees. He also serves as chairman of the Lake George Association Fish Committee for the waters of Lake George.

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## MEADE SONS AT TANGLEWOOD

Marshall and Michael Meade, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meade, have been accepted as members of the Berkshire Music Center Festival Orchestra at Tanglewood for the 1974 summer session. Members of this group consist of outstanding college students and young professional musicians.

Marshall, a violinist and Michael,

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a cellist, are completing their sophomore year at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York where both have been on the dean's list for two years. The boys attended grade school in Saratoga and the musical preparatory school in Interlachen, Michigan.

Mr. Meade is the co-ordinator of Music for the Saratoga Springs City School District while Mrs. Meade is a private music teacher and is also the music teacher for the Hague School. Their sons are available for special musical programs in the area and one of them is a trained piano tuner and will be available for work this summer.

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#### TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board held its regular meeting on May 14 with all members present.

Three bids for painting the town hall were opened. Lowest bid, \$300., had been submitted by James McKee and this bid was accepted. The hall is to be painted the same color as at present.

Bids had been requested for construction of a bath house at the Town Park. The building is to be 40 feet by 15 feet and will consist of an office for the Hague Chamber of Commerce, a ladies dressing room, toilet and lavatories and similar accommodations for men. The remainder of the building will be used for storage of town equipment. Town Highway employees will do necessary excavation and all interior plumbing will be installed by them. The sewage disposal system will also be constructed by town employees.

Three bids had been received ranging from a high of \$16,173. to a low of \$7775. The latter had been submitted by Fitzgerald Contracting Company and this bid was accepted. Completion date is scheduled for June.

The police committee announced that twenty applications had been received for the summer policeman's position. All applicants had been carefully screened with Ken Bamberger the successful candidate. He is 28 years of age, resides in Brant Lake, and has had considerable experience with the Warren County Sheriff's Department and served with the security police of the Armed Forces. His employment will commence with the Memorial Day Weekend and will be full-time from June 15. Terry Gallant who served parttime last summer, weekends and relief, will serve in the same capacity this summer.

Flowers for the town park and other locations have been ordered and will be planted and tended by Clifton West.

The County Highway Department has announced that on or about August, another 1.2 miles of West Hague Road will be re-surfaced. Re-surfacing will begin at the point where the work ended last summer. It is anticipated that within the next three years, all county roads in the town will have been re-surfaced.

Good News: The Supervisor reported that Federal Revenue Sharing Funds in the year 1974-75 will be \$18,829. This is almost twice as much as the town received in the current year.

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#### SENIOR CITIZENS

A small group of senior citizens met at the town hall on May 9. Louis Spelman, Jr. was present to describe activities of other senior citizen groups and the help which the local group could get from his office.

After considerable discussion concerning what might or could be done

to organize a group in Hague, it was decided to meet again early in June to lay plans for a covered dish get-together sometime in September. In the meanwhile a list of senior citizens will be compiled and notices will be sent to them of the anticipated September meeting. Through the good offices of Mr. Spelman, the invitations will be prepared and mailed sometime during the summer months.

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GRIEVANCE DAY

The Board of Assessment Review will hear grievances with respect to 1974-75 property assessments on Tuesday June 18 from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. Forms for filing complaints may be obtained from any of the local assessors and will be available at the Town Hall on Grievance Day.

The Assessors report that by and large the values placed on Hague properties by the Cleminshaw people, notices of which went out to property owners in February, have been adopted by the local Assessors. By reason of the provisions of the Fisher Act, (a state law dating back to 1928 which freezes values on timber lands where the owners provide for reforestation) values of properties of the International Paper Company were assessed at three times previous assessed value rather than values determined by the Cleminshaw Co. Back land values in resource management areas were also reduced in some cases to a minimum of \$150. per acre.

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REV. CARPENTER RESIGNS

Writing in the Hagues Baptist Church newsletter, the Rev. Loring Carpenter announced his resignation to become effective on June 2. It is reported that he has accepted a call to serve the Baptist Church at Volunown, Conn.

Rev. Carpenter came to Hague two years ago from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School at Rochester, N.Y. where

he had been a student. During his stay in Hague, he has been active in civic affairs and a member of the Fire Department. "The decision to move wasn't easy," Rev. Carpenter writes. "MaryAnne (Mrs. Carpenter) and I will miss many friends in Hague and will remember the many good experiences."

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SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION

The Silver Bay Association has moved its office and staff to Silver Bay for the summer months. A full program of conferences and special events have been planned. June conferences will be -

- 7-9 : Syracuse YMCA Indian Guides
- 10-11 : Albany Presbytery
- 14-16 : Silver Bay Council
- 17-24 : Pennsylvania YMCA Indian Guides
- 21-26 : Red Cross Waterfront Institute and Red Cross Youth Conference
- 21-23 : Albany YMCA Indian Guides
- 23-25 : Council on Religion and International Affairs
- 24-28 : Christian World Mission
- 29-July 6 : Camps Farthest Out

For people contemplating retirement, a conference on Preparation For Retirement has been arranged for July 12-16. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Donald L. Bowman, Director, Drake University Pre-Retirement Planning Center. Experts in many other fields related to retirement and its problems will also participate.

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MRS. PERRY A. KING

Mrs. Perry A. King a long time summer resident of Hague, died on April 28 in New Jersey. She was fifty years of age.

Mrs. King was born in Chicago and was a graduate of Trinity College, Washington, D.C. She was a member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club and the Ticonderoga Country Club.

She resided with her family in West Orange, N.J.

Surviving are her husband, Perry A. King, two sons, Timothy of Convent Station, N.J. and David of West Orange; two daughters, Mrs. Peter (Margaret) Carney of Hague and Mrs. Patricia King Brown, of West Orange; and a grandson, Keith Brown. She also leaves a brother, Charles F. McMahon, of West Orange and Mrs. Gerald Lawson of Ticonderoga.

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#### HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mrs. Ursula Montbriand presented a very interesting paper on passenger-carrying ships on Lake George at the meeting of the Historical Society on May 15. The New York State Historical Society provided mounted photographs of many of the ships.

The first ship on Lake George made its appearance in 1816 and was named the James Caldwell. It was 80 feet in length and cost \$12,000. to construct. It was powered by steam generated in a wood burning furnace. It had a brick smoke stack. It took a full day to go from one end of the lake to the other. After four years of operation it was struck by lightning and burned.

The Mountaineer followed in 1824. It was considerably faster than the Caldwell. A stage operated by Captain Baldwin carried passengers from what is now known as Baldwin Dock to Lake Champlain. The John Jay made its appearance in 1850 but it was destroyed by fire at Island Harbor in 1856. Six women died in the catastrophe.

In 1857 the first Minnehaha was launched and it operated until 1878 when it was disposed of and became a floating hotel near Black Mountain Point. The Ganouskie (original name for Northwest Bay) commenced operations in 1869 with Captain Hewlett in command.

In 1875 a branch of the D & H railroad was opened between Montcalm

Landing, a junction point on the D & H mainline, and Baldwin. Now people were able to go by train from New York City to Montcalm Landing, thence to Baldwin Dock, and thence by steamer to summer resort points on Lake George.

The first paddle-wheel ship was the Horicon I which was operating in 1877. The Ticonderoga I was launched in 1884 and operated until 1901 when it was destroyed by fire. The Mohican I which is much like today's Mohican appeared in 1894. In the present century the Sagamore, Horicon II, which had a capacity of 1500 passengers, and the present Ticonderoga were launched. The latter was originally a World War II Naval vessel which arrived by land in two pieces which were then welded together.

Refreshments, excellent as usual, were served by Miss Mildred Ross and Mrs. Merle Anderson.

The June meeting will feature a 44 minute color movie with sound entitled Silversmith of Williamsburgh. Everyone is invited. The meeting will be held on June 19 at 7:45 P.M. at the Hague Baptist Church annex.

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#### SCHOOL BUDGET DEFEATED

Approximately 90 people attended the annual school district meeting on May 7. Among those in attendance was a scattering of highschool students apparently interested in seeing the democratic processes at work.

Mr. Seerup was elected Chairman of the meeting. Robert Denno, Board President, then reviewed the budget which calls for expenditures of \$451,179. Revenues, other than from local property taxes, were estimated at \$138,600. leaving \$312,579. to be raised by taxes. Last year \$285,094 was raised by taxes and this included \$16,000. for a new heating system.

In answer to a question from the floor, Mr. Meola reported that there were 194 pupils in the school at the

present time. With anticipated costs of \$451,179. the average cost per pupil will be approximately \$2300., probably the highest per pupil cost in the state.

A number of people discussed what they regarded as deficiencies in the school's educational programs and contended that children were not getting a good education. There were some who felt that more teachers were needed and the size of the budget was secondary only. Still others took the position that the budget was already too high and that there was no guarantee that spending more money would improve the school. One resident suggested that the Board should again consider the desirability of consolidating the Hague School District with Ticonderoga, a proposal that went down to defeat only three years ago.

From this general discussion a motion was made by Mr. Laundree that the budget be increased by \$10,000. to provide for one additional teacher. This was seconded and under New York State Education Law became a separate item to be voted upon at the time the budget was to be voted the next day. (The Education Law makes no provision for motions to reduce the budget.)

Voting on the budget took place the day following with 98 "no" votes and 80 "yes". The motion to add \$10,000. to the budget was defeated by a vote of 120 to 58. It was the first time in the history of the Hague School District that a budget had been defeated.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

At the regular meeting of the Board on May 13, Mr. Meola announced that Bruce DeLarm had been chosen Valedictorian of the graduating class and John Bolton had been named Salutatorian. He also reported that there were nine students in the graduating class and that six of them were going on to college; one each to Hamilton, Potsdam, and Cobleskill;

two to Adirondack; and one planned to enroll in a school for nurses.

The resignation of the English teacher, Mr. Alpert, was accepted.

Transfer of the school District's Insurance Coverage to the Potter Agency in Warrensburg was approved.

The Board established May 29 as the date for another vote on the budget. Voting hours will be from 1:00 to 8:00 P.M. May 22 was established as an additional registration day for qualified residents who had previously registered.

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At a special meeting of the Board it was decided that the budget to be voted on May 29 would be the same as that already defeated. If it is again defeated, the Education Law provides that another budget may be submitted to the voters or the Board may adopt a contingency or austerity budget without going back to the voters. The law lists the specific items which may be included in such a budget.

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PEOPLE

There are many famous and interesting people in our town and from time to time we hope to bring you biographies of some of them. Here is our first.

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LELA I. FOOTE

In July 1934, Miss Lela I. Foote was appointed clerk of the Hague School District. In May of this year she participated in her 40th successive annual school district meeting as Clerk. And in her forty years, she has never missed a regular meeting of the Board.

Miss Foote, who was 80 on May 31, lives alone in a house on Route 9N just north of Pine Cove. The house was built by her father Hiram Foote who built the first room in 1894 and added other rooms as he was able. He was a stone mason and samples of his

work can be seen in several of the buildings at Silver Bay including much of the stone fencing. The Foote family came originally from Ticonderoga.

Lela Foote attended grade school in Hague and went on to highschool in Ticonderoga. She then took a teacher's training course and received her certificate to teach all grades, one through eight. She taught for eleven years beginning in 1915 at Buck Mountain, Iron Mountain, Chilson, Graphite and West Hague. Due to the illness of her mother she gave up teaching to manage the household for her father. Her brother Charles lives on Split Rock Road in Hague. Miss Foote is a member of the Wesleyan Church.

In addition to the school, Miss Foote's great interest is gardening. She has attractive grounds and is currently doing her spring planting with a newly purchased power rototiller. Her specialties are tomatoes, cucumbers and string beans.

When she started as School Clerk, Miss Foote was paid \$175.00 a year; today she is paid a modest \$2600.00. She maintains all of the accounting records and signs all the checks. Her books are audited each year by the school auditors and once every three years by the state auditors. Although she has worked harmoniously with all Boards, she is looking forward to working with the new Board

which boasts of three women members.

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ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Chandler, of Pittsford, N.Y. and Lake Bomoseen, Vermont, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Barbey to Robert Bruce Carney, son of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Carney, Sr., of Silver Bay.

Miss Chandler was graduated from Ithaca College in 1974 with a degree in speech therapy. Mr. Carney was graduated from Ithaca College in 1973 and is now practicing physical therapy at the F.F. Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua, N.Y. No date has been set for the wedding.

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ELECTED TO SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Shirley Bly and Mrs. Sharon Fitzgerald were the two successful candidates for membership on the School Board. Mrs. Bly, who ran unopposed received 148 votes while Mrs. Fitzgerald garnered 98 votes to 63 recorded for Mrs. Verna Fitzgerald.

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HOME BUREAU ADJOURNS FOR SUMMER

Home Bureau meetings came to an end on May 21. The fall meetings get under way on October 8th.

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