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### THIRD MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students have been listed on the honor roll for the third marking period at Ticonderoga High School:

First Honors: RENEE LaROCK; JASON PLASS; LANA ROSS

Second Honors: BONITA BELDEN, THOMAS DORSETT; JODI FRASIER; ROBERT GAUTREAU; JOHN HAYES; EDWARD MAY; CATHERINE MEOLA; JEFFREY PLASS; KARA REYNOLDS; JANET ROSS; FRANK SERDINSKY; AMBER STULL; BONNIE SWINTON

Congratulations to all of the above students from all of us on the HAGUE CHRONICLE staff. Keep up the good work!

### MORE HONORS FOR HAGUE RESIDENTS

At the New York State Police Olympics held last summer in Albany, GALEN SEERUP, son of Mrs. Emil Seerup, Silver Bay, won the gold medal in the small bore 22 calibre single competition and silver in the team competition.

DAVID MARTUCCI, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martucci, Hague, was a recent graduate with a B.S. degree in Finance at Siena College. David has been appointed for a seven-year term on the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals.

LIZ DeFRANCO, a student in Ticonderoga Elementary School and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David DeFranco won a star contract as a top reader in the MS Readathon at the school. She will appear in the near future on WPTZ-TV5 at Plattsburgh.

Recent winners in St. Mary's School Youth Fitness Award were CHRISTOPHER HENS, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hens and KELLY MARCOTTE, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Marcotte.

LAURIE HENS, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hens was one of five St. Mary's students who earned the Presidential Award for physical fitness in the Elementary Division. To achieve this she scored over 85% in each of six tests.

### PROFILE - FREDERICK LaPANN

Anyone who attends a meeting of the Hague Planning Board perceives the quiet authority of its chairman, Fred LaPann.

Fred, for whom the phrase, "tall, dark and handsome" might have been coined, was born in Hudson Falls in 1937. He received his education in the Ticonderoga schools and his college degree from Plattsburgh State. He is the Middle School counselor and is responsible for the career counseling program held each year. (The initial program was his idea.) He also holds group guidance classes in career orientation.

His favorite pastime is running and anytime in the late afternoon or early evening anyone riding to or from Ti may see the tall, slender figure running vigorously near his home on Hague Rd.

He considers himself a very fortunate man in that he is living the life he likes best: a house on Lake George, fishing at his front door and hunting at his back; a job he thoroughly enjoys, working with children; and a loving family. The family consists of his wife, Carol, part-time real estate agent, full-time secretary to the Elementary School principal, a job she has held through several principals, and a son and daughter who are active in running, just like dear old dad.

His wife tells me he is a very helpful neighbor who shovels off roofs without being asked - and this year that's more than a virtue....GL

### HAM SUPPER

WHEN -- Friday, February 29

WHERE -- Hague Baptist Church Annex

TIME --- 5 - 7 PM

PRICE --- Adults-\$4.00, Children under  
12 - \$2.50

BENEFIT --- Youth Camping Scholarship  
Fund in memory of Rev. Bohanan

HAGUE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fund drive for the new fire truck is coming along very well with the average donation approaching \$42.00.

We would ask those who have not yet sent a donation in to join their neighbors in the generous support this very necessary project has received.

Paul Davis, Gary Boyd, Tim May, John Breitenbach, Jr., John Trudeau, Richard Stormer, Jr., and John Breitenbach, attended a two-day seminar on ice rescue conducted by the swim team of the Lake George Fire Dept.

Subjects covered on the first day were the many types of ice, danger signals to look for and equipment necessary for rescue and support teams.

The second session included actual hands on ice rescue demonstrations through broken ice and open water in zero temperatures.

The Fire Department suggests extreme caution be taken when venturing on the ice. Many areas are very dangerous and considered unsafe as of this writing.....John Breitenbach

To members and non-members of the Hague Fire Department --- If you wish to use the fire-nall at anytime for personal use, please contact Paul Davis, John Breitenbach, Sr., Jim Young, or Ida May 30 days prior to the monthly meeting, which is held on the first Monday night of each month.

The Fire Department reports no fires for the month of January. There were 6 ambulance runs, using 60 man hours & 294 miles... Joanne Stormer

HAGUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

There will be a Chamber of Commerce meeting on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30 PM at the Beachside Restaurant. This is a very important meeting concerning the BASS Tournament and other issues.

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The number of "degree days" for any given day is calculated by averaging the high and low temperatures for the day and subtracting that number from 65. When the average is a negative number - that is, below zero - add the number to 65 to come up with the number of degree days. The number 65 is picked as the base figure because if the outside temperature is 65 degrees or warmer, no inside heat is required in the home.

ICE IN - ICE OUT

In response to several requests we are updating our list of ice in-ice out dates as published several years ago.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Lake Froze</u>	<u>Ice Out</u>
1948	Jan 12	Apr 2
1949	Feb 28	Mar 29
1950	Feb 6	Apr 18
1951	Jan 20	Apr 10
1952	Jan 22	Apr 12
1953	Feb 5	Apr 2
1954	Jan 18	Apr 12
1955	Jan 29	Apr 12
1956	Jan 14	Apr 12
1957	Jan 14	Apr 9
1958	Jan 18	Apr 11
1959	Jan 8	Apr 19
1960	Jan 12	Apr 17
1961	Jan 19	Apr 22
1962	Jan 20	Apr 13
1963	Jan 19	Apr 16
1964	Jan 7	Apr 15
1965	Jan 15	Apr 20
1966	Jan 12	Apr 15
1967	Feb 8	Apr 11
1968	Jan 9	Apr 3
1969	Jan 13	Apr 11
1970	Jan 8	Apr 19
1971	Jan 9	May 1
1972	Jan 22	Apr 29
		(Broke out Feb 7)
1973	Jan 9	Apr 1
1974	Jan 18	Apr 16
		(Broke out Feb 5)
1975	Feb 4	Apr 19
1976	Jan 13	Apr 7
1977	Dec 28	Apr 6
1978	Jan 19	Apr 22
1979	Jan 11	Mar 31
1980	Jan 31	Apr 10
1981	Jan 3	Apr 1
1982	Jan 13	Apr 20
1983	Feb 10	Mar 23
1984	Jan 13	Apr 14
1985	Jan 17	Apr 5
1986	Jan 25	

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 2/11

The problems involved in the grooming and marking of the snowmobile trails in Hague that are supposed to tie in with the Warren County trail system (they do not) was brought to the town board's regular meeting on February 11. A lengthy discussion followed. Supervisor Bolton tabled the item for a later decision.

The Department of Transportation is discussing with our town officials the feasibility of a truck turnoff on Rt. 8 above the new warning light. This would be placed 1-1/2 miles from the base, 3 miles down from the top of mountain and 3/4 miles from the light. Possibly a warning sign for busses, trucks, etc. will be included.

An interesting note was made of property transfers in our town: 1983 - 84 transfers; 1984 - 85 transfers; 1985 - 104 transfers, or an increase of over 22%.

A well deserved "thank you" was accorded our town highway crew for a really outstanding job done during this winter's worst storm. Most oldtimers say it was the largest snowfall all at one time that they remember.

A Pro-Am bass tournament is being planned by the Warren County for Hague for a weekend in October.

In new business, a public hearing will be held on March 11, 1986 at 6:30 PM to review a holding tank variance on property owned by Mr. Rienzi, Lakeshore Drive, with the town board acting as Board of Health.

Resolution passed on Art. 410, election law listing polling places with facilities for handicapped, etc.

There will be a public hearing at a special board meeting on Feb. 25, 1986 at 6:30 PM on proposed small communities block grant....gl

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/23

A variance was requested by Mr. Al Lawrence for the replacement, with additional footage of a non-conforming deck at the Beaty cottage at the meeting held on January 23. A public hearing will be held on Feb. 27. Copies sent to Hague Planning Board and Warren County Planning Board for their recommendation....gl

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1. Hydro power: Section 38 of the Navigation Law that presently regulates the ranges within which the lake level must be maintained only regulates lake levels from June to December. This law should be amended to cover ALL 12 months of the year.

2. Individuals and commercial establishments should stop using fertilizers and/or pesticides since these elements leach into the streams, ground water and the lake.

Reports that fishing is resulting in mostly undersized fish and that the future for big fish is over. Last spring's smelt run was reported by some to have been very poor.

PLANNING BOARD - 2/6/86

The Planning Board reviewed a proposal to subdivide the property of Dr. William Jones into 3 lots all of which would meet the minimum lot size and two would meet the minimum shore frontage with the 3d lot having only 25 ft. of lake shore. (Property is located at foot of north side of Tongue Mt.) The Board, seeing no hardship, concluded that the plans should be revised to 2 shore lots and a back lot. Public hearing on revised plans March 6, 7 PM.

A public hearing was set for the 2-lot subdivision of property owned by Leon & Gloria Mongue on Mt. View Rd. for 7:15 PM on March 6. The proposed subdivision far exceeds the minimum lot size needed for Open Country Side I. (2.9A per lot) since over 40 acres are involved.

The Board recommended disapproval of a variance for an enlarged deck on a house owned by Albert Lawrence since the deck would make an already non-conforming structure more non-conforming.

David Martucci presented plans for 16 additional motel units on the Silver Bay Lodge property. This expansion is allowable under the existing zoning regulations which provides for an increase of existing structures of up to 25% of original size or the original square footage of such structure. The Board gave conceptual approval to the plan provided the Dept. of Health grants approval for a septic system for these units.

Bob Katzman came before the Board to discuss the feasibility of constructing 8 town houses on the Locust Inn property in the Hague hamlet. The property has already been approved for 8 building sites and a community septic system by a subdivision submitted by the Viscardi family which is on file at the County Clerk's office. A legal opinion is needed to determine if the subdivision on file can be altered from individual homes to clustered town houses while our moratorium is in effect.

The Ken Smith, Jr. family came before the Board with an application to convert a single family residence into a two family residence. The property is located in a TR II zoning district and multiple family dwellings require a Type II site plan review by the Hague Planning Board which is then reviewed by the APA. The Board granted the site plan review committee the discretion of deciding if a public hearing on this matter will be required, if so, it will be scheduled for March 6. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM....ac

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The 1986 National Ice Auger Champion is our own WALTER WELLS, Split Rock Road. TODD PORTER, the junior champion for the past four years won the Junior Div. Ice Auger and Chisel competition. He will be competing in the senior division next year.

## THE LAKE GEORGE BASIN REPORT

Concern for the preservation of the Lake George Basin is gathering support from a variety of organizations since the Lake George Association announced last fall that Eurasian Milfoil has been found in 3 locations of the lake. The discovery was made by the RPI Fresh Water Institute which has been monitoring water quality since the LGA Association Fund was established to provide funding for this project. Milfoil, if allowed to spread, can choke large areas of the lake making it unsuitable for water recreation. The LGA is sponsoring a day-long conference to examine possible methods of controlling and eradicating this plant from Lake George.

Featured on the agenda are presentations by recognized experts in developing and implementing lake restoration projects. The environmental contractors will discuss their experience in utilizing the control methods now being used in lakes in Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, New York and in more distant parts of the country. The program has been planned so that the needed information to develop a sound action plan for the eradication of Milfoil will be developed by the end of the day. Representatives from the towns and counties in the basin have also been invited to attend this conference.

The Warren County Board of Supervisors' newest committee, the Lake George Affairs Committee, has been established to address problems concerning the lake. Milfoil and septic systems are the two most serious threats to Lake George, according to Bolton's supervisor Frank Leonbruno. Hague Supervisor, Dick Bolton, co-chairs this committee. Supervisor Bolton was also one of the sponsors of a Resolution passed by the Warren County Supervisors supporting the Lake George Task Force concept and urging completion of the Task Force plan.

Last October the Hague Town Board established a 270 day moratorium on all major subdivisions, multi-family dwellings and multi-family developments or projects so that the Town could review the existing zoning ordinance.

The Chamber of Commerce of the Town of Bolton, in a letter addressed to the A.P.A., voiced its concern over failing septic systems. The following is a partial quote from that letter: "...We believe that many of these (septic) systems throughout the watershed are failing and that no regulatory

agency is pursuing responsibly its enforcement authority. All the septic systems must be checked at periods of maximum use and on an on-going basis. Ones that are failing must be replaced or repaired immediately.

"Although this type of enforcement may entail economic hardship or necessitate a substantial capital investment on the part of some property owners, the cleanliness and purity of the lake requires this type of civil accountability...."

The widespread concern for the protection of the Lake George Basin is commendable and if the concern can result in corrective action, it will be applaudable....ac

## ANNUAL WINTER STARGAZER'S SHOW

The Ticonderoga Planetarium will present the annual "Winter Stargazer's Show" at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 26. Doors will open at 7 PM.

This month's program, presented by Planetarium Director David Rutkowski, will include the path of Halley's Comet. Halley's Comet will be visible in the morning sky near the end of the winter and early spring.

Star charts will be given to all who attend. No admission fee for this public presentation.

## SNOW QUEEN SELECTION

In the crowded dining room of the Beachside motel, Hague's 1986 Snow Queen was selected from a group of seven attractive and talented teenage girls.

After watching a program prepared by these girls, the three judges selected RENEE LaROCK as Snow Queen and BETHANY WELLS as Princess.

A short speech by SUSAN BARBER, 1985 Snow Queen, closed the program...GL

## SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Louis Spelman, Director of Warren County Office of Aging, paid a visit to our club at its regular meeting January 22. His topic pertained to the use of the nutritional site in Bolton Landing. Contact them at the Episcopal Church in Bolton the day before you plan to eat there.

A conflict with our town court has necessitated a change in our meeting day. From now on the club will meet on the 4th TUESDAY of each month.

The next meeting is February 25 at 1:30 PM in the Town Hall...GL.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY WEATHER

Well, I guess you might say that January lived up to its norm as far as thaw was concerned. We did have a warming trend between the 18th and 22nd. The high was 50 degrees and the low was 28 degrees. Even had a half inch of rain on the 19th and 20th and heavy fog all day on the 21st. Following that it turned sunny and cold for a day or two and then on the 25th it started to snow, and I must say it did a pretty good job of it, because by the time Wednesday night, the 26th rolled around we had 25 inches of heavy snow sitting in our roads, driveways and parked on our roofs. Brant Lake had 32 inches and over in Warrensburg they had 40 inches of the old white stuff. The original forecast called for snow, changing to freezing rain. Never happened here, but it did to the south and east of us causing all kinds of power outages due to downed power lines. Over in Addison County, VT, just across the lake from us, some folks were without power for 9 to 10 days. Another aspect of this storm was that during most of it there was very little wind. I personally like a little wind with my snow storms, because it tends to blow it off my roof. No such luck this time. When the wind picked up near the end, the snow had settled right in and has been there ever since. In any event we suffered no power disruptions of any concern, so we fared much better than those to the east. We had measurable amounts of snow on six days of the month and traces on four more days, for a grand total of 34-3/4 inches. This would probably be a bit more than half the average winter snowfall. So far this year, up to February 12, we have had 64-3/4 inches of snow at lake level. If not another flake falls this winter we have reached our average. The chances of no further snow storms are rather remote, so stay tuned as winter unfolds.

Temperatures in January hit their lowest levels just after last month's issue, with a -7 degrees lake level and -18 degrees at our mountain point. We did not hit below zero readings again until the 29th and 30th when it was -10. I don't know the official date that the lake froze over, but there was a good bit of open water in Hague Bay just south of the Waltonian Island group until the 28th, when it finally closed over. Now that the lake has frozen over we have stopped seeing the big temperature differentials between our lake level and mountain observation points. Winds did not exceed the 43-1/2 MPH we reported, but we did have 5 days with speeds over 30 MPH and 13 additional days with speeds 20 MPH or better in most cases.

The first part of February has settled into a nice winter pattern. 2 inches of snow on the 2nd, 4-1/4 inches on the 5th. We have had 5 days with below zero readings, the coldest on the 7th of -8 degrees. We have

had 3 days with 40 degrees or above. As noted above, temperature differentials have in some instances reversed themselves. When it was -8 degrees lake level, it was 0 degrees at our mountain location. Feb. 6th was a cold day. Temperatures never got above 9-1/2 degrees F. and the wind hit a top speed of 49 MPH and blew between 25 and 35 MPH through the better part of the day, but beyond this, the weather has been good. Lots of sunshine so far this month, which cheers everybody up.

Since the shortest days in Dec. we have picked up 1 hr. and 32 min. of daylight through Feb. 12th and it's increasing at the rate of 2 to 4 minutes per day, so be of good cheer - summer is on the way. In the meantime snow depth on the ground at lake level is 20 inches. This acts as a great insulation blanket. There is very little frost in the ground and I suspect the ice isn't making up too much either. Haven't seen the pressure cracks that normally begin to appear. Maybe they'll come later on.

For those of you who are not here you might want to give some thought to your roofs, particularly if you don't have someone watching over your property. If we don't have a good thaw and we should get another heavy snow or freezing rain, your roof will be bearing an enormous load.....Willy C

\* Ed. Note: Seems to be some discrepancy between our weather man's freezing date and our supervisor's which is published on page 2. We will have to check it out!

EWG SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

EveryWoman's Council Inc. is accepting applications for two (\$250) Harriet E. Patrick Memorial Scholarships to be awarded in June. The scholarship is designed to aid area women who want to educate and support themselves.

To be eligible, an applicant must have graduated from high school prior to 1981. She should either be enrolled in or plan to enroll in an accredited college or university at the graduate or undergraduate level.

Applications may be obtained from Mona Seeger, 58 Cooper St., Lake George, NY 12845. All applications must be returned by May 1.

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Have you read your address label lately? For you new readers, the month listed under your name is the month in which you contributed to The Hague Chronicle. If none is listed and you have contributed, please let us know, so that we may get our records corrected. We are not infallible and apologize ahead of time for any errors that we make. djh, publisher

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With all its faults and blemishes, this country gives a man elbow room to do what is nearest to his heart.

Fric Haffer 1970's

The following are excerpts from a poem by Laura Meade, Hague, entitled THE FACES OF ANOTHER WINTER:

....It's midnight on a snowy eve.  
A distant roar awakens me.  
Is there a thunderstorm? No!  
It's the snowplow approaching from afar.  
A growing crescendo reaches its climax  
As it passes my house  
Scraping steel on macadam--  
Then decreasing in volume  
Disappearing into the night. Another winter.

A magic scene - a winter fantasyland--  
From my window I see cotton puff snowflakes  
Silently blanketing trees, rocks, weeds, bird  
feeders.

Jack Frost has perfectly framed the panes.  
I sit at my table writing letters  
And look upon the whitest white--  
And hear the quietest silence,  
And feel a tingle as I imprint on my memory  
The awesome beauty. Another winter!

The bluest blue -- the whitest white!  
The coldest wind - the Blackest mountain!  
And above all, a silver tower--  
Standing sentinel over every island, peak, tree,  
creature.

(Even those who made The Bomb!)  
Some day the flowers will bloom,  
But for now, it is --another winter!

The lake is silent.  
Winter has her in its grip.  
Water is ice - a huge white field!  
A place for fishermen to cut holes  
And pull up unwitting perch  
Which will be kept in an ice cupboard  
Until June --  
When they will be  
Thawed, cooked, devoured!

Frigid winter!

Rising early to tend the fire  
I see a steel gray sky--  
Vast Space!  
Decorated with a silver sliver of moon.  
Then little by little, a fiery glow  
Peeks over the horizon  
Between a slit in low, gray clouds.  
It's the SUN - the earth's source of power!  
It blinds me with its brilliance --  
And I know life will be nurtured  
Somewhere on this globe  
During --another winter's day!

Log - Good Ship Green & Yellow Oar  
Date - January 7, 1986

Weather - Wind at the time of start variable westerly  
under 10 knots. Skies clear.

Temperature - Below 32 degrees F.

After removing several snowfalls subject ship was  
righted, then skidded down over the snow onto a thick  
layer of ice surrounding the cove in which the Good Ship  
Green & Yellow Oar winters, (and summers too, for  
that matter).

After poling across this rim of ice we made open  
water and set out into the main body of Lake George at  
10:36 AM. Proceeding on a Northwesterly bearing we  
ran at three quarters throttle until we arrived in the  
bay formed by the eastern tip of "B" Point in Forest Bay  
and the northern shores of Friends Point. We hove to in  
this scenic spot taking some sightings and making the  
necessary adjustments to ready the Good Ship for its  
January thrust down through the dangerous "DREADED  
ICE" bound channel that runs between the south shore,  
commonly known as South Hague, of Friends Point and  
the Waltonian Island group. Preparations completed, we  
set sail back along the Northshore of Friends Point,  
commonly known as North Hague, rounding the eastern  
tip of the point at 11:02 AM. As reported, weather  
was clear, so our hopes were high for a quick passage  
through this most treacherous channel. As we swung  
onto our southerly heading the lookout reported all  
clear ahead, so it was with joyous heart that we eased  
the throttle ahead to flank speed and proceeded on  
course past the Houses of Common, Tinker, THE Club,  
known as Northern Lake George Yacht, followed by the  
House of Queen, Stockholm, Koch, the new house of  
Kennedy and the House of Phillips. It was here that the  
lookout cried, "ice ahead!" Unlike the Titanic, we cut  
the throttle and as we drifted to a safe stop we began to  
view the passage ahead. Upon surveying the channel we  
could see, that indeed, the worst scenario, was in fact  
a reality. The channel was blocked with the "DREADED  
ICE", or so it seemed. Further scanning however,  
showed a portion of open water in the channel ahead,  
opposite the House of DeGraff. Consulting our charts  
we determined that by heading out into the main body  
of The Lake we could navigate around one of the outer  
islands known as Lenni-Lenape Island and enter through  
a channel between the southern tip of that island and  
the northern tip of Asa's Island. And thus we arrived in  
the area of open water we had sighted. Looking south-  
ward we hoped to see clear water for the rest of our  
passage, but alas, more "DREADED ICE" blocked our  
course.

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SOUNDINGS

BORN - A daughter, Chelsea Rae, to Tracy and Jim Phillips on July 9, 1985. Grandparents are Maren & Jim Holm, Hawthorne, NY. Great grandmother is Mrs. Emil Seerup, Silver Bay.

BORN - A daughter, Sierra, to Galen and Kim Seerup, Putnam, on September 23, 1985. Grandmother is Mrs. Emil Seerup, Silver Bay.

BORN - A daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Kathy (Heintzelman) and Fred Becker, on September 5, 1985. Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. David Heintzelman, Silver Bay.

BORN - A daughter, Elizabeth Rachael, to Lt. Christopher and Rebekah Wanstall on October 30, 1985 in Norfolk, VA. Grandmother is Mrs. Corinth (Sunny) Wanstall of Friends Point and Philadelphia. Great-grandfather is Dr. Harold T. Commons, also of Friends Point and Philadelphia.

BORN - A daughter, Jenny Lauren, to Janette and Peter Frasier, West Hague Rd., on January 25 in Olens Falls Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Frasier, Graphite.

BORN - A daughter, Anna Laura, to Robert and Kathryn Cockrell Craighurst in Charlottesville, VA on February 12. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Will Cockrell, Waynesboro, VA and Friends Point.

DIED - Edward A. Tyburski, 74, at Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT on January 21. Survivors include his wife, Jean and two sons.

UPDATE ON ARSON CASE

An 18 year old Dayton, NJ youth was sentenced to five years probation as a youthful offender on his guilty plea to attempted third-degree burglary. He was accused of breaking into Ward's Marina in Hague in an attempt to take gas. Police report that during the incident, he lit a match, causing the gas to explode and the marine to burn. Over \$100,000 loss was suffered in the April 15, 1985 fire.

BIRD HOUSES FOR SALE

David Martucci and Jacques Thibeault have been busy making bird houses to sell for the benefit of the Winter Carnival Committee. They were sold during the carnival and will continue to be sold throughout the year. Call 543-6528 for info.

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VOYAGE (cont. from page 6) as his motions seemed to be of a friendly nature we thought we would head in to see if we could gain further knowledge of conditions to the south, but again the way was blocked by "DREADED ICE". The native exhorted us to come ashore, but alas our way was closed.

Further scanning to the south seemed to indicate open water in the distance, if we could but find a way around "DREADED ICE". Our only hope was to proceed easterly back through the channel we had entered and then south along the east shore of Asa's Island. Not knowing what would be in store we carefully checked our inventory of fuel and supplies and with a wave to the head of the House of DeGraff, we turned eastward and with a faint call from the solitary figure on shore of, "I'll see you next spring," we headed back through the channel at 3/4 throttle.

All went well as we cruised Southward. It was open water until we passed through the very narrow and shallow channel between Asa's Island and Waltonian Island. Beyond the channel there lay, "DREADED ICE." All eyes strained ahead and as we continued to frantically cast about we could see that open water was, in fact, just beyond a narrow strip of solid ice. Should we try to force our way through??? The thin shell of the Good Ship Green & Yellow Oar certainly could not withstand this mighty force, but the nagging thought lingered that if we could just get through this last remaining barrier we will be able to complete our voyage and then, mission accomplished, set sail for home. The decision is made; we must forge ahead.

Preparations were carefully made. All loose gear was battened down, bulkheads and hatches fastened and one final inspection of our fragile hull made prior to the onslaught. At 11:47 AM, at slow throttle, we proceeded westward into - "DREADED ICE." shoving the smaller flows aside and breaking up the large ice masses as we proceeded. At times it appeared we would be trapped, but undaunted we crept onward until finally at last we broke through to the freedom of the open sea.

ED: Does our fearless sailor make shore? Does he have frostbitten toes? Read the conclusion of the voyage of the Good Ship Green & Yellow Oar in March issue of The Hague Chronicle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - FEBRUARY and MARCH

FEBRUARY

- 17 Washington's birthday observed
- 18 Home Bureau - 10AM Baptist Church Annex
- 18 Fish and Game Club - 7:00 Town Hall
- 20 Carillon Garden Club - 11 AM Church of the Cross
- 20 Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 22 George Washington's Birthday
- 25 Senior Citizens Club - 1:30 PM - Town Hall
- 25 Town Board - Spec. meeting; public hearing on community block grant - 6:30 PM
- 25 School Board meeting - 7:30 PM
- 26 Chamber of Commerce - Beachside - 7:30 PM
- 26 Planetarium Show - 7:30 PM THS
- 27 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 PM -Public Hearing 7 PM
- 28 Ham Supper for the public - Hague Baptist Church Annex 5 - 7 PM

MARCH

- 3 Fire Department meeting - 7:30 PM
- 4 Home Bureau - 10 AM
- 6 Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 6 Public Hearing - Jones subdivision - 7 PM Mongue subdivision - 7:15 PM Planning Board meeting - 7:30 PM
- 10 Chronicle Deadline
- 11 Town Board - 6:30 Public Hearing on holding tank for Rienzi property
- 18 Fish and Game Club - 7:00 PM
- 18 School Board - 7:30 PM
- NOTE: Veterans' Administration representative in Town Hall every Thursday at 11:30 AM
- Town Court in Town Hall every Wednesday at 1:00 PM

ICE MUSIC

Lake watchers often see it like a great mirror.  
 In winter a new dimension is added when,  
 With first ice, snow-free, it comes alive with  
 sounds of gentle-giant timpani:  
 Rumbling drum rolls, moans, an occasional  
 sharp resounding crrrack...  
 Magnificent combinations of sight and sound.  
 We marvel anew each winter.

And place the pumps with caution against  
 the spring crunch....H.V.S. 1/17/86

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