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TOWN ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR 1994

Newspaper - Post Star
 Bank - 1st National - Bolton
 Meeting Date - 2nd Tues - 6:30PM
 Claims - verify W/P.O. system
 Review Claims - Mon. prior to Bd Mtng - 4:30PM
 Mileage Rate 22¢/mile
 Highway Pay Rates - Temp. Lab. \$5.50/hr.

Temp. op. 7.00
 Reg. op. 9.88
 F.T. Lab 7.28

Election Inspector (4) \$90.00 ea./day
 Election Custodian (2) 80.00
 Assess. Bd. of Rev. 80.00
 Animal Control Officer Lonnie Swinton
 Registrar Vital Stat. Valerie Lawrence
 Budget Officer Daniel Belden
 Historian Clifton West
 Attorney To be filled
 Health Officer Town Bd. as Bd. of Health
 Town Naturalist Laura Meade
 Comm. Ctr. Coordinator Bertha Dunsmore
 Comm. Ctr. Custodian P.T. Bertha Dunsmore
 Deputy Supervisor Martin Fitzgerald
 Deputy Supt. of Highways Donald Smith

REGULAR COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Assessor & Justice Laundree/Coffin
 Buildings/Grounds & CC Megow/Fitzgerald
 Finance & Personnel Coffin/Laundree
 Fire Dept. Fitzgerald/Laundree
 Highway Fitzgerald/Coffin
 Plan/Zoning/Sewer/Strmwater Laundree/Coffin
 Rec. & Promotion Coffin/Laundree
 (Includes Sr. Cit./X country/Snowmobile
 Town Park & Beautification Fitzgerald/Megow
 Transfer Station
 (formerly landfill) Megow/Fitzgerald/Laundree
 Youth Laundree/Coffin

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Hospital Megow/Coffin
 Sch. Tax Investigating Belden/Fitzgerald

APPOINTMENTS

Tw Park Comm Joan Belden (96)
 Tw. Park Comm. (Unexp term) Lu Megow - to be filled
 Planning Bd. Chrm. David Swanson
 Planning Bd. Reappt. Robert Patchett (2000)
 Zoning Bd. Chrm. To be filled

3 Zoning Board openings to be filled
 Zoning Administrator John Breitenbach, Jr.
 Recycling Co-ordinator John Breitenbach, Jr.
 Bd. Assessment Review 2 unexp. terms to be filled
 Records Management Officer is the town clerk.
 (Person appointed must take a Records Mgt. Course)
 Sole Assessor Bruce Caza, appt. 9/92 to exp. 10/1/96

Planning Bd & ZBA member terms are 7 years.
 Town Park Commission terms are 3 years.
 Zoning Administrator is 1 year.
 Board of Assessment Review terms are 5 years.
 Sole Assessor terms are 6 years.

TOWN CLERK HOURS

January - Mon - Fri, 9AM - 5PM
 February and March - Mon - Fri - 9AM - 12 Noon
 April - Dec - Mon, Wed, & Fri. - 9AM - 12 Noon
 At Community Center. Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment, call 543-6120.

You may also want to mark the following meeting dates on your calendar for the coming year. Be a good citizen and attend as many meetings as possible.

Town Board - 6:30PM on the second Tues. of ea. mo.
Planning Board - 7PM on the 1st Thurs. of ea. mo.
Zoning Board - 7PM - on the 4th Thurs. of ea. mo.
 except Nov. which will be on the 17th.
Senior Citizens Club - 4th Tues. of ea. mo. - 1:30PM
Fire Dept. - 1st Mon. of ea. mo. - 7:30PM (except for holidays in July and Sept. Dates TBA) - Fire Hall
Chamber of Commerce - 1st Wed. of ea. mo. - 7:30PM
American Legion - 1st Wed. of ea. mo. - 7:30PM
Carillon Garden Club - 3rd Thurs of ea mo - 11AM
Home Bureau - 1st and 3rd Tues. of ea. mo - 10AM
Sr. Cit. Bus - 1st Wed of ea. mo. - 8:30AM
Fish & Game Club - 3rd Tues of ea. mo. - 7:30-Clubhouse
Line Dancing - Every Friday - 7-9PM
Square Dancing - 2nd Wed. every mo. 7:30-9:30
Aerobics - Mon, Wed, Fri. 10:30-11:30 & 11:30-12:30AM
Blood Pressure Clinic - 3rd Wed. ea. mon, 1PM
 All meetings and activities are held at the Community Center, except as noted.

Warren County has set the tax rates for 1994. For Hague: County, 69¢; town, \$2.21; light 36¢, fire protection 38¢. You should have received your tax bills by this time.

LET'S ALL PULL TOGETHER TO MAKE HAGUE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN '94.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

First of all, my apologies to Jim Young for stating, in last month's column, that he had retired as Fire Chief because of poor health; Jim tells me that this is NOT the case - that his term of office was expiring, and he did not choose to bid for it again. Jim, who joined the Fire Company in 1967, has served as both first assistant, second assistant, as well as being most recently Chief for a total of thirteen years in those positions. Jim remains a valued member of the department, and wants it known that he is as fit as the proverbial fiddle, and ready for any and all action!

The Fire Department answered five calls in December - two of these were in Ticonderoga and involved 246 man hours. The Ambulance made 3 runs, resulting in 29 man hours and 71 miles in December.

The long-awaited report on the Columbus Day dinner at Silver Bay Assoc.; \$1500 was realized from this. Again our heartfelt thanks to Silver Bay Assoc. and its staff for doing this for us.

The Election Day luncheon brought in \$400. Thank you, volunteers.

And once again, the Fire Department will serve breakfast on Carnival Weekend, Feb 19 and 20. Serving will be on both Saturday and Sunday mornings from 8-11AM and prices will range from \$2 to \$5. Do come and enjoy a tasty day-starter on either or both mornings, while supporting the fundraising efforts of the Fire Department. Watch for posters for details. . .ea

A very special thanks to all those who helped me in so many ways during my time as President of the HVFD. As our duties and responsibilities change, I know we will still be all working together.

That's what makes us special and able to meet our daily challenges. . . Lu Megow

GLEANNING at the Community Center on Jan 22 at 1-2PM.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC - at the Community Center Jan 19 at 1PM.

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB meeting will be held on Jan. 28. Come with suggestions for future events and trips.

TINY TIM CHRISTMAS WISH PROGRAM
CONTINUES ALL YEAR

Many, many volunteers and many, many contributors made the Tiny Tim program successful for Christmas 1993. The Hague Chronicle was specifically thanked for helping in the efforts and I, as editor would like to thank all our readers who were so generous. It is a most worthwhile project and continues in a smaller way all through the year, when special needs arise. Helen Gibbs, 4 Mt. Hope Ave., Ticonderoga, NY 12883. would be very happy to receive contributions at any time during the year. The account is now completely depleted. . . djh

Holiday Nostalgia: recalling the fun without reliving the trouble.

JANUARY CHARITY BALL

The Friends of Moses Ludington Hospital are sponsoring a Gala Charity Ball on Sat., Jan. 29, 1994 from 6PM - 12 midnight at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ticonderoga. The ball will raise money for the hospital; all proceeds will go directly to the purchase of needed hospital equipment.

The evening will feature the 18 piece big band from Vermont; "L.C. Jazz". The event features a cash bar, dancing, hors d'oeuvres and various events throughout the evening. The Gala will feature a cocktail hour from 6-7PM. Music by L.C.Jazz from 7-10PM and light music by The Rockefellers from 10 - 12 midnight.

Tickets are \$20 per person and checks made out to "The Friends of MLH" are tax deductible. They are available at the Ti Chamber of Commerce. Call 585-6619. Tickets are limited to 250, so buy early and support the hospital.

The "Friends" Christmas tree sale was a great success. The sale netted \$1,275 for the group's fund raising efforts. Every dollar will go toward the purchase of new equipment for the hospital. Thanks to the many volunteers who braved the winter winds to sell these trees.

WINTER WEEKEND COMING UP

The weekend of Feb 18, 19, and 20, 1994 will usher in the Hague Winter Weekend of activities. Thanks to the work and planning of some of our local organizations and steadfast volunteers, there are many events planned, starting with a square dance on Friday night and ending with the NATIONAL ICE AUGER AND CHISEL CONTEST. More details in the February issue.

FISH AND GAME CLUB

At their business meeting on Dec. 21, John Frasier was elected as the new president of the club. Out-going president, Sal Santaniello wishes him the best in his endeavors for the club during the next two years. John as indicated that he is looking forward to devoting time toward club activities and is planning to have more target shoots in the near future.

The winner of the gun raffle was also drawn at the Dec. meeting. Steven Lewis of Chestertown is now the lucky owner of an Interarms 30.06 rifle.

The newly-remodeled interior of the clubhouse was unveiled at the Christmas party, much to the delight of all the members who had not seen the improvements being made. Jake Thibeault deserves much praise for his work on this project. Still to come: new lights and an exhaust fan. BE SURE TO STOP BY THE FISH AND GAME CLUB OVER THE WINTER WEEKEND TO SEE OUR NEW LOOK AND TO ENJOY SOME OF THE PLANNED EVENTS!

SKATING RINK OPEN

Thanks to the energetic work of a few dedicated young men, the ice skating rink at the Community Center has been put into operation. It is larger than last year and is lit for night time skating. With the weather we are having, it should prove to be a big attraction.

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There was no ZBA meeting in December.

PLANNING BOARD - Jan. 6, 1994

At the public hearing for Morgan Marine (63-1-4) 9N, John Breitenbach, Jr. said he had received no correspondence or comments for or against the boatyard construction building extension request.

All involved residents had been notified by letter. A report of the site plan review committee saw no problem and at the regular meeting all members approved.

Sawyer (8-1-28) New Hague Rd. - 5-lot major subdivision was approved last month with available information and site review. This month the survey mylar and map were signed, completing the request.

After deliberations in executive session the following organizational decisions were made and relayed to the audience (all 2 of us) when the meeting reconvened.

- David Swanson - Chairman
- Henry Karmazin - Clerk and Vice-Chairman
- Robert Patchett - Site Visit Committee Chairman

A motion was made by Norman Strum to present the slate to the town board and all members voted approval.

John Breitenbach, Jr., Zoning Administrator, contacted Nelson Waters by letter letting him know that on the second application he presented in December, he needed additional information. He has received no communication to date. Discussed also was the possibility of workshops for new members by Dan Kane, Warren County Planning. . . . gl

TOWN BOARD - 12/29/93

One of the shortest town board meetings was held on Dec. 29 during which a letter from David Lawrence, pastor of Hague Baptist Church spoke of his appreciation for the help he has always received from the people who work in the Community Center. His special emphasis was on the excellent job and the cooperation he has received from John Breitenbach, Jr., Zoning Administrator and Landfill Supervisor.

Lu McGow formally resigned from the Park Commission. This leaves an opening and anyone interested in filling the vacancy should contact Bertha, Diane or Supervisor Belden at 549-6161.

Hague was notified of approval to receive final payment#3 for Revaluation.

Tho' we are losing Nancy Trombley as our town clerk she will still be working part time on Research Management. Her salary will be paid by the county out of the grant for Records Management.

Resolutions were approved to include •1. 1994 holidays in Employees' Guide; •2. Transfer Station holidays to accommodate worker for his working on regular holidays; •3. Transfers from one fund to another to close out 1993 budget.

All departments will be audited on Jan. 11, 1994. . . . gl

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - TOWN BOARD

Jan. 5, 1994

On Jan. 4 at the organizational meeting the new Justice, Heather Knott administered the oath of office to

new board members Lu McGow, Martin Fitzgerald, Clerk Valerie Lawrence, Supervisor Belden and in addition new planning board member Bob Patchett.

The complete organizational list can be seen on p1.

Heather Knott, our new justice, was excited about the fact that our new Warren County district attorney Goodspeed has chosen Hague as one of the towns he is personally responsible for. Ms.Knott will continue the Thurs. night court in Jan. but contemplates a change in the future.

Bertha Dunsmore will serve as part-time custodian, applications will be accepted for Zoning Board openings (2) and by the regular meeting on Jan. 11 hopefully; several other positions will be clarified (see report of Jan. 11 meeting which follows.

There were four resolutions passed, all dealing with funds for the clerk and the justice. . . . gl

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 1/11/94

The new members of the town board, Martin Fitzgerald and Lu McGow, were introduced at the Jan. 11, 1994 meeting, along with the new town clerk, Valerie Lawrence and Highway Supervisor, David DeLarm.

Pat Tatich, Warren County Planning Director and Wayne LaMott, Asst., explained what they felt were possible reasons why we did not receive the HUD grant we had applied for and what we should do to increase our chances for a grant on our next try. It was estimated that our last HUD grant was awarded us about 5 or 6 years ago. A Feb. 3 & 4 meeting with HUD will review their reasons for Hague refusal. It was of interest to note that Warren County has received approximately 12 million dollars since HUD's inception.

Rudy Meola asked the board's indulgence while he read some thoughts he had and would like answered. He would like previous meetings minutes available at least a day before monthly meeting. (The town clerk said the unapproved copy will be available seven days after the meeting at the town hall. Asked whether Registrar of Vital Statistics received compensation (they do but it is included in the town clerk's salary). Why the organizational meeting was not completed by the 10th. (New board hadn't enough time to discuss all positions to be filled). He is interested in the new members making a short synopsis at the next meeting stating why they ran for office and what they hope to accomplish for the community. He also asked Dan Belden to review the last two years and give us his vision for the coming two years. All have promised to do so.

Mrs. Martucci read a statement in which she accused the board of non-accountability in the spending of taxpayers' money.

David Kisselback has resigned from the ZBA.

School Superintendent Collins asked for permission to use the town center on Wed. March 23 for a budget meeting. This is to make it easier for Hague residents to attend. This was unanimously approved.

Regular committees reported:

A once a month staff meeting is planned.

Still on the front burner is the Transfer Station and a meeting will be held on Jan 14. We will have an update by next month.

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TOWN BOARD (Cont. from p. 3)

The Youth Committee hopes for a Feb. family skating party now that the highway dept. has kindly agreed to keep the rink cleared.

Jim Braisted has been appointed to the Park Committee to fill Lu Megow's term, 12/31/95.

A winter weekend has been planned Feb. 18, 19, 20. Details will be published next month.

Still working on School Tax situation.

John Breitenbach, Jr. has been re-appointed as Landfill Coordinator and Zoning Administrator. This is a one year appointment.

Our new animal control officer will be Lonnie Swinton, Jr.

The board meets Monday, Jan 17 to interview candidates for town attorney.

Supervisor Belden and Superintendent of Highways DeLarm will go to the Assoc. of Towns meeting in Feb, Belden as a voting delegate, DeLarm as alternate. The board approved.

Resolutions #5 through #8 1994 were passed thanking departing officials, Dick Frasier, Jim Braisted, Nancy Trombley and Dick Dunklee for their service to the community.

Resolution #9 authorized signing of contract for 50% reimbursement by Warren County for our landfill building.

MAGAZINE PICK-UP

Magazines, etc. will be picked up at the town center through Sunday, Jan 16.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS WEEKEND

Cornell Coop. Ext. of Warren County will conduct a 4-H Environmental Awareness Winter Weekend at 4-H Camp Sacandaga in Speculator for teenagers, 14 to 18 year olds, on Jan. 29-30, 1994. The program is open to any Warren County youth at a cost of \$5.00.

Activities during the weekend include nature hikes, snowshoeing, a visit to a deer yard, winter woods lore and safety. Participants stay in the heated Seebee Lodge. Car pooling assistance to the camp in Speculator is available.

The trips are well chaperoned and led by an experienced New York State Licensed Adirondack Guide and Emergency Medical Technician.

For more information, or to pre-register, contact the Cornell Coop. Ext. Education Center, Warrensburg (phone: 623-3291 or 668-4881).

EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

Eurasian Watermilfoil is most easily confused with Northern Watermilfoil. To distinguish them:

- Count the pairs of leaflets. Eurasian has 12 or more pairs of leaflets.
- Eurasian has a finer, more feathery appearance than Northern, and the leaves collapse about the stem when removed from the water.
- The uppermost leaves of Eurasian have a reddish cast.
- The stem often branches several times at the top.

NATURE NEWS Laura Meade

Many people in Hague enjoy watching birds at feeders in the winter. There are different styles of feeders - some are tube shaped with a bottom tray, others are shelf-like with a roof and some are shaped like plastic cups which attach to a window by suction. Anyone with a feeder knows there are many creative ways to prevent squirrels from devouring the birds' food!

The Agway store in Ticonderoga sells varieties of food to provide for the birds, including sunflower hearts, black oil sunflower seeds, blended seeds, bird snack (mixture of millet, red-meat and sunflower), niger seeds (preferred by American Goldfinches), regular suet cakes and peanut-butter suet cakes. One can also get suet at a grocery store meat counter to hang out in a wire cage or string bag.

During the last few winters Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology has conducted Project Feeder Watch, gathering information provided by dedicated volunteers across North America. The purpose of this project is to count and identify birds that visit feeders from Nov - Apr. Results of the 1992-93 tabulations reveal that the "top ten" species seen were: 1. Dark-eyed Junco, 2. American Goldfinch, 3. Blue Jay, 4. Downy Woodpecker, 5. House Finch, 6. Mourning Dove, 7. Northern Cardinal, 8. House Sparrow, 9. Black-capped chickadee and 10. European starling.

In Hague it has been my observation that Black-capped Chickadees are most prevalent at feeders. Other species of ten seen here are White-breasted Nuthatch, Tufted Titmouse, American Goldfinch, Blue Jay, House Finch, Dark-eyed Junco and Hairy Woodpecker. Occasionally there is a report of a Northern Cardinal, Purple Finch, Mourning Dove, or Downy Woodpecker. Recently, on snowy days, approximately 30 Common Redpolls have been seen "dancing" under a tube feeder, getting seeds on the snow. The Project Feeder Watch study indicates that Common Redpolls show high numbers one year and low numbers the next year. Few were seen in Hague last winter so perhaps this year is their high count.

Another interesting observation at Cornell reveals that the chickadees have a social hierarchy (or pecking order), particularly when food sources are concentrated such as at a feeder. Mature males are dominant, eating first, followed by juvenile males, mature females which bred the past spring and juvenile females. Although the plumage of chickadees is the same for males and females, the study of feeding habits was based on coded bands attached to the birds' legs.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer observer for Project Feeder Watch may contact Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. This museum and research facility also has outstanding merchandise for birders which can be ordered from a catalog.



EURASIAN
WATERMILFOIL
(*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

So much for the Farmer's Almanac predictions of a milder than normal January. In reality this has been a wild one.

December remained fairly mild, temperatures between 33° and 50° until about the winter solstice on Dec. 21 at which time we experienced snow, sleet and freezing temperatures. The thermometer has plunged down to 0° or less at night and the Arctic freeze that settled in has not let up. Daytime temperatures have rarely left the teens. We have had lots of strong winds too. Rarely a day has passed in Jan. that we haven't had some snow, or flurries at least.

Since the 21st of Dec. we have had three major storms and now have 20" of snow cover lakeside. The lake froze Jan 10, a little earlier than usual. The full moon of Dec., known appropriately as the long night moon rose high and bright on Dec. 28. The cloudless luminescence combined with the white snow made the evenings almost as bright as the days. It looks like we are having a picture post card old fashioned winter.

MORE RAFFLEMANIA

The Hague Winter Carnival is sponsoring a Winter Weekend Family Electronics Package Raffle for \$1 donation per ticket. The package includes a portable Sony AM/FM/CD/cassette player and a Sega Game Gear package with Sonic 2, a total retail value of \$300.

The winner will be drawn at the Fish and Game Club on Sunday, Feb. 20. All proceeds will go directly to the Beste Scholarship Fund. Tickets will be on sale at the Hague Market, Silver Bay General Store, and over the Winter Weekend.

BOATER STRANDED ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Hague firefighters are called upon for many services besides fighting fires. This time it was to rescue a boat which was traveling north from Bolton to Ticonderoga. John Singer of Bayonne, NJ struck a shoal near Huletts Landing which caused the motor to stall and the boat to leak. He was familiar with the waters but could not find the channel marker near Huletts. He said the buoy may have been sheared off by ice. Singer used his marine band radio to send a mayday call which was picked up by Ti radio operator A.T. Morette. Morette advised the Coast Guard to call Warren County Sheriff's office, while he contacted Ti patrolman Dennis Johnson and dialed 911. The Ti Fire Dept. responded by sending a rescue vehicle and a team of divers and Morette and Johnson drove to Silver Bay, staying in contact with Singer via radio.

Hague Assistant Fire Chief David Hoffay borrowed a boat from Morgan Marine and with two other crew members headed out to Singer's boat. In the meantime Singer realized the boat wasn't taking on as much water as he thought so he threw out an anchor and waited for the rescue party to tow him to shore.

It is not uncommon for boats to be on the lake in winter, since the fishing is particularly good.

Ed. Besides, you don't have to contend with skiers and

WINTER STARGAZER'S SHOW

The January program at the Ticonderoga Planetarium will be the annual Winter Stargazer's Show. The presentation will begin at 7:30PM on Tuesday, Jan. 18. The planetarium is located in the High School on Calkins Place.

This informal presentation is designed to help participants locate and identify stars, constellations, and planets of the winter sky. Star maps will be provided.

There is \$1.00 donation requested for the planetarium show.

For more information contact David Rutkowski at the High School by calling 585-6661.

WE GET LETTERS

The following is a letter which was written to several officials of LGA, a copy to The Hague Chronicle, which we thought would be of interest.

"We are writing to you to ask that you lend your considerable support to the public funding required for the Aquatic Plant Control Program for Lake George...we have had a home in the Hague area, just north of Silver Bay for 20 years, and still come all the way from NC to spend the summers. It is very discouraging and saddening for us to see and hear about the spread of Milfoil in that beautiful lake...if the lake is ruined by this insidious weed, and the means to control or even destroy it have been available and not used, for whatever reasons...political, foot-dragging, or financial...(although we have been led to understand that funds have been created by the Park Commission,) it will be a catastrophic loss to New York State, the Adirondack Park, and our nation's heritage.

"Since the use of Sonar has been tested so many times, and the registration of the Sonar use was granted in 1993, we earnestly request that you use your influence to complete the process needed to allow this control to be applied!!!

"While there are still portions of Lake George not yet affected, it surely will spread and Milfoil will be the winner in this struggle, and people, like ourselves, who come so far to enjoy the beauty and pleasure of the area, will be forced to leave. This will also have a long-reaching destructive effect on the State. Please consider our plea for action, and give your support to the Park Commission in this work."

/s/ Colletta and Walter Sperling

Ed: The Hague Chronicle published many articles on this subject in the past eight or ten years. We still feel there is a real problem.

TICONDEROGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The public is invited at this historic time in our community to enjoy a slide presentation "Scenes of Ticonderoga . . . Out of the Past and the Present." Sponsored by the Ticonderoga Historical Society, President Bill Dolback has prepared a new series to be shown at Hancock House on Sunday, Jan. 16 at 1:30PM. Light refreshments will be served.

What we must decide is how we are valuable rather than how valuable we are. . . Dollye Leathers

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SQUARE DANCING

Square dancers and non-dancers, all interested adults, are invited to dance again to the easy calling/teaching of Stan and Cathie Burdick at the Hague Community Center monthly. The next dance will be Wednesday, Feb 9, from 7:30-9PM.

These dances have created considerable interest this fall, because all dance material is taught as it is presented, and along with traditional and modern squares, selected line dances and mixers are programmed. Co-sponsors are the Hague Chamber of Commerce.

Country-western two-step and line dancing has become quite popular in the North Country and everywhere in the past few years, but square dancing is considered the folk heritage of America, having been danced by George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other notables. The Burdicks believe the rich heritage of squares, quadrilles, and contras can easily be combined with CW lines dancing to create fun evenings for couples as well as singles. This has proven true in Hague.

It's easy, it's fun, it's a good, healthy, social outlet. All are welcome to come and try it.

FROM OUR HISTORIAN

Every year during February The Post Star runs a series of pictures showing antique articles for people to identify. A lady came and photographed many items on our shelves last summer. Keep a list of the History Mystery pictures and see how many you can identify. Last year's pictures were taken in Horicon's Museum. A school group in Argyle identified all but one.

Our museum has a few very scarce items .

... Clifton West, Historian

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Due to the dire weather forecast, the first meeting of Women Helping Women was cancelled. Mother Nature fooled us, but guest speaker Bob McLaughlin, Pharmacist at Rite-Aid in Ticonderoga, has graciously rescheduled his program for our Feb. 7 meeting at the Community Center at 7PM.

Mr. McLaughlin will speak on drugs, generic and brand names, and will answer any questions that may arise.

So come one, come all, and join us for what is certain to be an informative evening.

CUB SCOUT PACK 21 NEWS

Welcome to Winter Wonderland! Our pack is going to celebrate this fabulous season with a skating party at the Community Center on Monday, Jan. 17 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) at 2:30PM. After warm-up with hot chocolate and donuts, we'll be signing in for the Pinewood Derby. Take off time is scheduled for 4:30PM. Let 'em roll!

Den #3 Webelos, Ryan Lawrence, Steve LeBarron, Josh Plass and Tyler Wells have aptly earned their Craftsman pin. They'll be showing off their talents with

a community bird feeder. Get our binocs ready, bird watchers! Tyler has also earned Handyman. Good work guys! (That Christmas present was a fire extinguisher.)

Den #4 Webelos are closing in on the Webelo badge, while working on their Pinewood races and learning to be good family members.

We're still collecting bottles and cans at the landfill. Thanks! A tree sale is in the planning - we'll have lilac, dogwood, sugar and red maple, and blue spruce seedlings to add to your landscape enjoyment and to help our environment. We'll be seeing you! . . .kc

HAGUE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our group meets monthly. If you would enjoy sharing your ideas about books you've read, we invite you to join us. There are no membership requirements. Our discussions are very informal. We focus on one book each month, but you may attend without having read the book. For further information, call 543-6039.

LINE DANCING

Dates for line dancing have been changed to Friday nights from 7-9PM at the Community Center, so as not to conflict with other activities being held on Wednesdays. Come, join the fun and get a lot of exercise to boot!

WHY SHOULD I?

Open my car window on a hot day, when I can just switch on my air conditioner?

Buy in bulk when I can buy those cute little packages?

Hang out the clothes in the sunshine, when using my dryer is so much easier?

Plan my trips and car pool, when I can have my car all to myself, anytime I want?

Bring my tote or bags to shop, the clerk always offers me "paper or plastic"?

Give up receiving third class mail, all 85 lbs a year, when I can just trash or burn it?

Repair that oil leak in my car, the oil puddle will just rinse away when it rains?

Bring my own coffee mug, they always have styrofoam cups by every coffee pot!

Care about all that litter along the roadside, someone else can join the "Adopt-A-Highway" program and pick it up.

WHY SHOULD I? BECAUSE, the responsibility begins with **ME!**

WHY SHOULD YOU? BECAUSE, the responsibility begins with **YOU!**

TOGETHER, we can: **CLEAN THE AIR, SAVE ENERGY, REDUCE WASTE, CLEAR THE WATER, SAVE OUR FOREST TREES, CONTROL CFC (chlorofluorocarbon/Freon) EMISSIONS**

and together we can...**MAKE OUR WORLD A SCENIC-BEAUTY.**

AFTER ALL, OUR EARTH WAS CLEAN WHEN GOD CREATED IT.... After all, our **EARTH** was clean when God created it....He made you and me **KEEPERS** of the **EARTH...Now it's up to US! ITS IN OUR HANDS.**

... Janet Billingsley

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, Jesse Sterling, to Susan and John Rogers, West Chester PA on Dec. 13, 1993. Happy grandparents are Petey and Graham Michael, Friends Point.

BORN - A boy, Christopher James, to Jim and Terri Cullen, Dec. 10, 1992 in Rochester, NY. Grandparents are Jim and Betty Kay Cullen of Scotia and Hague.

BORN - A girl, Sienna Skye Louise to Jennifer Hayes on Dec. 7 at Moses-Ludington Hospital. Grandmother is Denise Waters Lesondak, Cupertino, CA.

BORN - A boy, Troy Daniel to Daniel and Lisa Olcott, Hague on Dec. 28, 1993. Proud grandparents are Howard & Claudia Swan, Sr., Moriah and Jeff and Ida Jordan, Hague.

BORN - A boy, Christopher David, to Tim and Debbie Darrin, on Jan. 1, 1994 in St. Helena, CA. Proud grandmother is Mrs. David (Peggy) Darrin, Hague.

BORN - A girl, Emily Elizabeth, to Jenni Owens on Jan. 3, 1994. Emily was the first baby of the New Year at Moses Ludington Hospital. Proud grandmother is Wendy Heritage and great-grandparents are Betty and Jim McGuire, all of Hague.

BORN - Twin girls, Catherine and Christina, to Michael and Debbie (Dunklee) Canape, on Jan. 5, 1994 in Amsterdam, NY. Great-grandmother is Marion Shoemaker.

ENGAGED - Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Curry, Great Neck, NY and Sabbath Day Point, to Tom Williams. Wedding date has been set for Oct. 22, 1994.

MARRIED - Dr. Robert M. Cole, Silver Bay to Helen Ciocca, Tarrytown on December 19 in the Pocantico Hills Church.

DIED - Henry W. Ruth, 96, who resided with his daughter, Ida May on New Hague Road, died on December 27. He is survived by 3 sons, six daughters, 48 grandchildren, 67 great grandchildren and 7 great, great grandchildren. Mr. Ruth came to Hague at the age of 26 and was originally employed by Colonel Mann and later worked for Republic Steel.

HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students are listed on the honor roll for the second marking period at Ticonderoga High School:

First Honors: ELIZABETH BRUNET; JESSICA FRASIER; ALLISON JOHNSON; MONICA JOHNSON; TRACY SCHLOGL.

Second Honors: JENNIFER BELDEN, SHANNON KENNA; JESSICA MARS; BRITTANY STULL.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Students at the Ticonderoga Middle School were honored at an assembly recently for 1st quarter academic achievement and merit.

The following Hague students received certificates for Achievement Roll which requires all A's & B's on their report cards:

MICHELLE DeFRANCO, LINDSAY FRASIER, DAVID FITZGERALD, THOR GAUTREAU, CRISTINA LAWRENCE, ANDREW MACK, LAUREN MACK, KATHRYN RUTKOWSKI, EVE TROMBLEY

The following Hague students who improved in two or more subjects received certificates for Merit Roll:

VICTORIA BELDEN, BILLY SMITH

We wish to thank all those who were so kind to us during our recent loss. The concern of friends, clients, acquaintances and business contacts did much to alleviate our pain. The understanding, sympathy and compassion we were surrounded by means more than words can adequately express. . . Kristian, Jessica, Noelle, Nicole and Melani Andreassen

The Ticonderoga High School varsity girls cross country team was recently honored by the New York State Public High School Athletic Assoc. with a Scholar/Athlete Award recognizing their scholastic achievement during the recent cross country season. Seven members of the team combined to post a 94.047 average on their report cards. Ticonderoga placed tenth overall in the state for this award. Monica Johnson, Silver Bay, is a member of this award winning team.

MEMORY TREE ADDITIONS

The following names were submitted to add to the Memory Tree since our last issue:

Earl Bolton, Mamie Bolton, Richard J. Bolton, Westill Densmore, Loise Densmore, Helen Braisted, James Braisted, George Carter, Roland H. Carter, Ruth L. Carter, Vincent E. Dwyer, Samuel Eannace, Arthur Engler, Kay Engler, Kenneth G. Engler, Audrey Frasier, Ruth Fraiser, Colleen Fuller, Guy Fuller, Gerald Hutchinson, Curtis Jordon, David Jordon, Henrietta Jordon, Riley Jordon, Robert Jordon, Helen Novotny, Louis Novotny, Sr., Al Ostrander, Laurie Pannell, Nelson Patchett, Anna Porter, Earl Ross, Julia Ross, Wilford C. Ross, George Savage, Marion Oliver Shattuck, George Urice, Jay A. Urice Sr., Jean Urice, Marguerite Urice, Leon Wells, Margaret Wells, Myrtle Wells.

At the Jan. 3 Fire Dept. meeting, Imogene Frasier, Chairman of the Memory Tree Program, and Sal Santaniello, President of the Hague Chamber of Commerce, presented a check to the Department for \$549 to be used by the Emergency Squad. This is the best showing yet for the Memory Tree Program, and the Chamber of Commerce thanks both Imogene Frasier and Diane Trudeau for processing the donations and names for the tree, and all those who participated by sending in their remembrances.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1994

January

- 11-17 - Magazine pick-up at community center
- 18 Home Bureau - 10AM
- 18 Winter Stargazer's show - THS Planetarium
- 19 Board of Education meeting - THS Cafe. - 7:30PM
- 20 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM
- 22 Gleaning - 1-2PM
- 22 Senior Citizens Club - 1:30PM
- 26 Sch. Bd. budget workshop. 7:30PM -THS cafeteria
- 27 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:00PM
- 29 MLH Big Band Charity Ball - see p 2

All meetings held at Comm. Ctr. unless otherwise noted.

February

- 1 Home Bureau - 10AM
- 1 Fire Dept. - 7:30PM - Firehall
- 2 Sr. Cit Bus to Glens Falls - 8:30AM
- 3 Chamber of Commerce - 7:30PM
- 3 American Legion - 7:30PM - Legion Home
- 4 Planning Board - 7PM
- 8 Town Board - 6:30PM
- 9 Square Dance - Community Ctr. 7:30-9PM (p6)
- 15 Home Bureau
- 16 Blood Pressure Clinic - 1PM
- 16 Fish & Game Club - 7:30 - F & G Clubhouse
- 18-20 Winter Weekend

THE MAGIC OF THE MOBILE

When you move just one piece on a mobile, the other pieces move in response. So it is in life - if you change yourself, those people with whom you are connected will respond to your changes. We may not be able to change the world, but changes we make in ourselves (what we do and how we act), can make an important difference.

- In our families - *What if we were unconditionally loving?*
- In our relationships with others - *What if we were more affirming, patient and forgiving?*
- For our environment - *What if we used less and reused more?*
- In our community - *What if we gave more of our time and talent?*
- In our faith - *What if we were more trusting in God's grace?*

In the year ahead, let us all try to "move our piece of the mobile" to make this world a better place to live. It begins with each one of us. . . . Nancy Steed.

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