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The following column appeared in the Albany Times Union on October 7, 1986. We wanted to share it with those of you who are out of the Times Union reading area, and are printing it in its entirety...Ed.



Barney Fowler

Harvesting milfoil can be illegal?

Reporter's Notebook: It takes quite a bit to get Supervisor Dick Bolton of the town of Hague, northern Lake George, to heat up under the collar, but a recent communication from a state agency managed to do just that within seconds of reading the letter.

The fascinating background:

The town of Hague maintains a swimming area and a boat launch. Last year the bottom of the lake was sand. In the spring of this year, there appeared the pest known as Eurasian milfoil — a weed that threatens the economy of the lake.

Both the Hague Town Board and Supervisor Bolton have recognized the fact that so far, the battle against the weed by the state has amounted to a fat zero. Lots of talk, the laying of some mats here and there upon the lake's bottom, and more talk. The trouble is, the weed will not vanish under the impact of hot air. And Hague officials were fearful their launch and bathing areas would be ruined.

They used nets to prevent a spread.

Then, just a few days ago, Supervisor Bolton received a letter. It was from the Adirondack Park Agency. It was hard to believe. It stated that the town had violated regulations. It said the town had no right to harvest the weed, unless it first acquired a permit! Bolton had to read the letter twice before he believed it.

"Here we were trying to do something to help the lake and we're told we can't do it without a permit. Well, I'm not about to get a permit to kill a weed that's threatening to choke off our boat launch and bathing area."

Bolton explained that quite obviously there was a breakdown in communications among state agencies.

"I notified EnCon," he said, "that we would be doing the harvesting. That is the procedure we have followed in the past when we have had to do any underwater work, such as dredging. Nobody told us we had to get permission from the Adirondack Park Agency to harvest a weed."

So far the town of Hague has spent about \$1,000 in its fight against the underwater choker.

So, a few weeks ago, the town board figured that if NYS wasn't going to get off its butt, then it would protect its own lakefrontage, at its own expense. Five divers, two of them commercial, went to work. They found scores of milfoil plants eight to 10 feet high, which they removed. They also found hundreds of smaller plants, about a foot or so, which they also harvested. And in the process of harvesting, they used great care, since milfoil can spread by fragmentation.

The APA said a reason a permit was needed is that harvesting might destroy other underwater plants, of benefit to the lake's ecological system.

Bolton snorts at that.

"The state has been laying acres of mats on the bottom to kill milfoil — and spreading mats on the bottom will kill not only milfoil, but any other plant growth. Has that been taken into consideration?"

Interesting question. Has it? Have those acres in Dunham's Bay and other areas, including the southern end of Lake George, been surveyed by divers to make sure only Eurasian milfoil existed on the lake's bottom before the smothering mats were put into place?

Another point upon which to ponder:

The land under the waters of Lake George is considered part of the state's Forest Preserve. The Preserve is protected by the state constitution. That worthy document specifies no timber shall be cut, removed or destroyed on Preserve lands.

As far as I can find out, the constitution doesn't, as yet anyway, protect Eurasian milfoil or, for that matter, poison ivy. It seems to me there is a conflict of interest here. Protecting the Forest Preserve historically has been done by the Department of Conservation. Has the mantle been transferred to the Adirondack Park Agency. If not, pray tell, where is the fine line of division drawn?

Editors' Note: And, pray tell does the Adirondack Park Agency say we need a permit for pulling any weeds anytime at our own docks

WILLY C'S SEPT/OCT WEATHER NOTES

Sept. turned out to be a pretty fair month. Rainfall increased after the last issue and topped out at 3.70 inches, 4.6% below Aug. We had ten days with temperatures in the seventies, two in the high seventies, six in the mid range and two in the low seventies. Our high for the month was 82 degrees F. on the last day with an 80 degree reading on the 12th. Our coolest day was the 16th with a low of 41 degrees and a high of 55 degrees F. Also, on the 16th we had a piping north, northeast wind that blew in the 25 to 30 MPH range with a top speed of 35 MPH, the high for the month.

We lost an additional one hour and twenty eight minutes of daylight, 61% of the loss occurring in the evening. Weekends were a bit better, but usually some rain or clouds on one or both days, but a slight improvement over July and August

The first weekend in October brought us back to our July/August scenario, with rain on Fri, Sat, and Sun. Then on Monday we had our first trace of snow. At 2:30 PM snow flurries were reported at our mountain observatory with the temperatures standing at 34 degrees. One hour later traces of melted snow were felt at lake level with a temperature of 44 degrees F. Our coldest reading, so far, was recorded Oct 11 with 31 degrees at lake level, 20 degrees mountainside. High daytime temps have run from 72 degrees Oct 1 to 43 degrees on the 10th with five days in the fifties. Columbus Day weekend was a winner. Magnificent crystal clear day on Saturday. Sunday had some periods of high clouds, but otherwise clear. Temperatures 56 degrees and 60 degrees respectfully. For those with Monday off we were back in our cloudy rainy pattern. Lake temperature Oct. 13 at 8:30 AM was 57 degrees, air temperature 57 degrees F. Fall color up on the mountains is long gone. Still some nice muted colors near the shoreline, with an occasional vivid hue here and there. Some residents are still enjoying their daily swim in the lake and a water skitter was observed, with wet suit, Oct. 12. Canadian geese have been seen and heard almost daily on their southern exodus.

The early fall season is winding down. Till

DIED - Bernice I. Denno Anderson, 54, Hague Road, on Oct. 12 in Glens Falls Hospital. She is survived by a brother, Robert C. Denno, Hague.

STEAMSHIP SINKS AT HAGUE LAUNCH SITE

For the first time in over 100 years (or at least that is what we were told) a steamship sank in Lake George.

For those of you who have not heard of this historic event - a friend of Peter and Judy Foster who was visiting them over the holiday weekend launched his small hand-crafted steamship at the boat launch in Hague. Due to some miscalculations, the steamship slipped off its trailer and sank. Fortunately he had strong friends who were able to right it and get it back on the trailer.

"ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL"

AMERICAN LEGION

Regular meeting of Hague Post 1536 American Legion will be held at the Legion Home on Wed. Nov. 4 at 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be served following the business meeting, to which all members and other eligible veterans are urged to attend. A building permit has been issued, and we hope to start construction of the small addition to the building in the immediate future.

The New York State Dept. Commander, Yance Ketcham of Long Lake, will make his official visitation to Warren County at a dinner meeting on October 22 to be held at Lake George Post 374. A delegation from Hague Post will attend....BAC

LAKE GEORGE WATER

Last month's article that advised boiling or treating water used for human consumption apparently caused many readers to be concerned. Actually, this is a position that state agencies have taken for many years because of the following:

the sampling program is not a state of the arts; water quality conditions can change very rapidly; numerous intestinal upsets may have been caused by drinking untreated water; this summer water testing program located 12 shore areas with fecal coliform count at over 200 per 100 ml; constantly increasing construction within the basin adds to pollution potential; conversion from seasonal to year-round use of residences puts a greater strain on existing septic systems; rusted through old metal septic tanks allow sewage to leach into the ground; and an ever increasing year-round DUCK population adds excrement to the water.

To assure that your family is protected - BOIL OR TREAT YOUR WATER...

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 9/25/86

Only one item came before the ZBA at its September 25 meeting. In question was a structure on the property belonging to Jim Ward of Ward's Marina. After a lengthy discussion of all the pertinent facts presented to the board, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "The Zoning Board of Appeals endorsed and supported the actions of the Zoning Administrator set forth in Notice of Violation, April 18, 1986, which orders removal of structure for which no land use permit has been issued."

A fine of \$50 weekly was imposed on the above mentioned date.

PLANNING BOARD - OCTOBER 2, 1986

At 7 PM a public hearing was held on two minor subdivision of three lots owned by Steve Bevins. The two minor subdivision were approved at the regular meeting which followed at 7:30 PM.

Mr. LaPann reported that as of this date he has had no response from APA concerning his request for a wetlands map for the Town of Hague for use in future determinations in proposed subdivisions or land use applications.

James R. Leach and his broker, Attorney Rolf Ronning, appeared before the Board to discuss the feasibility of converting the By-Water property to nine town houses and retain the diner, or remove all existing structures and construct ten 3-bedroom town houses. Off-site sewer disposal was proposed, thereby reducing the square footage planned per dwelling unit from 20,000 sq. ft. to 10,000 sq. ft. Questions were raised concerning water supply, setback requirements from the brook, determination of location of lake front shore-line and brook shore-line separation, and building requirements in a flood-plain zone.

The Board determined that the "Camp Beacon" property on the east and west side of Rt. 9N at the foot of Tongue Mt. owned by Sol Sadowsky and S. Moise, may only be used as a private residence since it has not been in operation as a "camp" during the past 24 months.

A public hearing on the proposed minor-subdivision of property owned by Pamela A. Peterson, located north of the Hague Hamlet and east and west of 9N was scheduled for Nov. 6 at 7

Mr. Foster reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals ruled that Mr. James Ward's structure had been built without a building permit and does not conform to zoning regulations. Therefore the fine of \$50 per week must be paid...AC

TOWN BOARD - 10/14/86

The meeting opened with the presentation of a plaque to Harvey Yaw, to thank him for his years of service to the town as Town Justice. (1974-1985)

Supervisor Bolton announced that he had received an apology from the APA via a personal representative, for the letter which he had received from them. (See page 1 & 5).

A letter from APA counsel received, approving Hague Zoning amendments. The second resolution sent to APA concerning zoning district changes will be discussed at its Oct. meeting.

A letter was read from ENCON's Asst. Sanitation Engineer listing the violations at the Hague Sanitary Landfill. Corrective measures will be taken immediately.

A DPW auction will be held on October 28 at the County DPW Shop.

A letter from DPW concerning insurance for ATY trails. The county was forced to abandon the summer and winter use of trails for ATY's due to the high cost of liability insurance. Snowmobile trails will be open, however.

Proclamation adopted by Warren County supervisors and endorsed by our town board concerning making Oct, Nov, and Dec, donor awareness months.

An enclosure for the wood furnace at the town shed is in the process of being built. This was regulated by the fire code. A 1,000 gal. fuel oil tank and furnace are being installed at the Sanitary Landfill.

Improvement to the town dock area will begin in the near future. Any suggestions will be gratefully received by Councilman James Braisted.

Dan Belden, Highway Supervisor reported that the Sabbath Day Point Road work has been completed under the CHIPS program.

Supervisor Bolton has requested that the state light the cross-country ski trails at Rogers Rock.

The old highway truck will be put out to bid. The new one-ton truck is due in this month.

Don requested that the Battle Hill Road be posted as a seasonal use road only.

Hague Town Board Meeting (Cont.)

The town plans to replace the dead elder tree in front of the Chamber of Commerce building with a blue spruce tree and will decorate it for the town's Christmas tree.

The Board granted permission for the supervisor to address the Lake George Park Commission to review the request asking for an ordinance for a 5 MPH speed limit in Van Buren Bay.

There were three applications for the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board named Richard Felbusch, Lake Shore Terrace, to fill the position.

Supervisor Bolton will request the Ticonderoga School Board to sell all or any part of the property which they own in the town of Hague. The town is particularly interested in doing something with the ballfield to make it more usable.

It was announced that the town will not receive any monies from revenue sharing funds. Last year the amount received was \$27,000.

Resolution passed to transfer funds from one account to another. djh

NEED HELP?

Expert ironing or typing done in my home. Call Betty - 543-6102.

DRIVERS NEEDED

There is an urgent need for volunteer drivers to transport senior citizens to doctors' appointments, etc. The county reimburses drivers for their services. If you have any time available for a worthy cause, this is it. Call Diane at the Town Hall, 543-6161 to volunteer.

COLLECTOR'S INQUIRY

Looking for older editions of Little Golden Books, copyright dates 1930's-1970's. Please call K. Santaniello, 543-6441.

WINTER CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

The Winter Carnival Committee will meet on Monday, October 20 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man. Kites rise against, not with the wind....John Neal

VOICE OF HELP

THE VOICE OF HELP is a program sponsored by the Moses Ludington Hospital. Through a telephone hookup, the American Medical Alert Corp in Oceanside, NY 11572 can answer your call for help immediately. Through the magic of computers, all pertinent medical information is fed into the system. For instance: you fall on your head on a concrete slab. Unless you knock yourself completely senseless, all you need to do is press the button which you wear around your neck. (You do not need to be within reach of the telephone.) Previously you have designated a neighbor or friend to be called in case of an emergency. However, if that person does not answer, the service immediately calls the Ambulance Service. In any event somebody finds you within minutes!

If you are near the call box you can talk to them yourself and explain your problem. In any event, it is a wonderful invention for those of us who are alone much of the time, and for those of us who have become such klutzes.

Unfortunately, yours truly didn't have the service when the above accident took place, but she does now! Besides being good for medical help, it also serves a purpose for calling the fire department or police. Call Ellen Ellor at the hospital 585-2831 for more information.

Thank heavens I haven't had to use it, but it certainly gives me a very comfortable feeling to have my little box around my neck....djh

THE VALUE OF A SMILE

"It costs nothing but creates much.

" It enriches those who receive it without diminishing the wealth of those who give it.

"It happens in a flash and the memory of it can last a lifetime.

"None are so rich that they can get along without it, and none are so poor but are richer for a smile.

"It creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in a business, and is the counterstain of friends.

"It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, and nature's best antidote for trouble.

"Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is of no earthly good to anybody until it is given away.

"And if it ever happens that some person should be too tired to give you a smile, why not leave one of your own?

"For nobody needs a smile so much, as one who has none to give..."

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HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the month of September the Hague Volunteer Fire Department Ambulance Corps made nine runs totaling 405 miles, requiring 51 man hours. We thank these volunteers for their time, commitment and responsibility to our community. Fortunately there were no fire calls during the month, other than a mutual aid with Ticonderoga.

The HYF would like to make an appeal to the residents of Hague to consider the possibility of joining our Department. We realize that many people are very busy and further time commitments are difficult. However, the more volunteers there are, the less time individuals need to commit, as the time can be spread out among more people. We also feel that a commitment to our community is important and can be a rewarding experience.

The Ambulance Corps has a greater need for personnel as they are usually the most active of our services. However, Emergency Squad work is only a portion of the responsibility that falls upon the HYFD. Fire Service, fire police, equipment maintenance, building maintenance, fund raising, etc. all require effort by our volunteers. If any Hague resident, full or part time, has a skill or interest in any pertinent aspect of the HYFD, please help us serve our community. For information on how you can become a part of this vital organization, please call John Breitenbach, President, Paul Davis, Fire Chief, or Ida May, Ambulance Corps captain.

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28 at 1:30 PM in the Town Hall. A covered dish lunch will be held on November 11 at 12 Noon at the Baptist Church annex. After lunch Bob Cole will tell us about his China trip and show us slides that should hold our

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society will meet on Thursday, November 13 at the Hague Baptist Church Annex. Mrs. Bernard Clifton will be the speaker. Her subject is Hague's old hotels. For you who would like to reminisce or for those who are interested in learning more about Hague's history, don't miss this meeting.

HAGUE TOWN COURT

9/17/86 - In small claims court Nancy Moses, plaintiff, won a judgement for a total of \$163.04 for wages she claimed were owed her by the defendant, Sue Bender, Dock-side Restaurant.

Charges were dropped by Elwin Monroe against Joyce Monroe who was charged with harassment, to which she pleaded Not Guilty. She was put under a restraining order.

9/24/86 - Ronald Redmon fined \$25 plus \$10 surcharge for failure to keep right.

Roland Perry, Ticonderoga, fined \$50 plus \$10 surcharge for imprudent speed.

Clifford O'Connor, Ticonderoga, fined \$50 plus \$10 surcharge for improper plates; \$50 for suspended registration and \$25 on an unsupervised learner charge.

David Burrows, speeding charge. Pled Not Guilty Postponed to Oct. 1.

10/1/86 - David Burrows fined \$25 plus \$10 surcharge on a speeding ticket.

10/8/86 - Mr. Fournier from Glens Falls was fined \$25 plus \$10 surcharge for not having an inspection sticker.

VOTING MACHINE INSPECTION AND INSTRUCTION

Any voter wishing to have instruction or inspect the voting machine may do so October 29, 30 and 31 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Town Hall.

....Henry Leach and Florence Fitzgerald, Custodians

APA & SUPERVISOR BOLTON

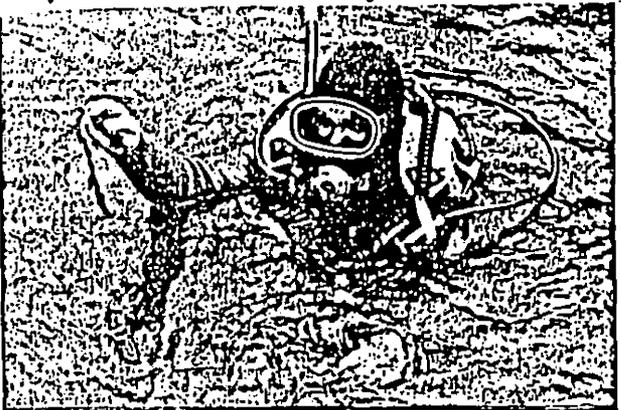
On Thursday, October 2, Supervisor Bolton received a letter from the APA requesting that Hague stop harvesting the milfoil weed at the Hague boat launch area until the town obtains a permit. (It had been harvested the previous weekend)

Supervisor Bolton commented that he's not going to acknowledge the letter and that he's not about to give the contents any further consideration. He had cleared the procedure with ENCON. Just another case of bureaucracy in action!

HAGUE HARVESTS MILFOIL

A picture in the Post Star shown below, (and this eyewitness) showed David Martucci, Hague, as he pulled the "malevolent milfoil" from Hague boat launch site. The operation was sponsored by the Silver Bay Dive Shop with the support of Hague Supervisor Richard Bolton. The divers, including Mark Martucci and others, were diving as volunteers.

GRANT FOR WAR ON MILFOIL: \$25,000 state grant for expenses in fighting milfoil is ready for release. A resolution to accept the money was approved by the Finance committee of the Board of Supervisors of Warren County... MB



MILFOIL CURE

In the September 21 issue of the Albany Times Union Barney Fowler came up with a great solution to the milfoil problem. A reader offered this suggestion: "Erect 'No picking milfoil' signs around the lake, and threaten pickers with a jail sentence if caught. The way a lot of people think these days, the signs would offer a challenge, and the weed would disappear in no time.

"If that doesn't work," says my reader, who quite obviously would like anonymity, "spread the rumor the weed is better than pot. And if that doesn't work, drain the lake."

"Meanwhile, the weed has had an excellent chance to root itself firmly in the lake."

On a more serious note - we have received a copy of a letter written by one of our readers, Mr. Charles McD. Puckette, to Governor Cuomo referring to his lack of interest in the preservation of Lake George. Mr. Puckette refers to The Hague Chronicle's article in August which reported that the Task Force for the Future of Lake George had been told on November 14, 1985 by Dr.

Charles Boylan of the RPI Freshwater Institute that Eurasian Milfoil had been found in Lake George. The article also pointed out that "containment booms and plastic mats (paid for by NYS taxpayers) have had little or no effect on curtailing the spread of Milfoil."

Mr. Puckette continues: "I would be remiss if I failed to point out that this statement is at odds with official statements from members of your administration. It was shown to be true, however, when The Lake George Association spent its own money to bring in an out-of-state expert who took underwater pictures of the Milfoil covered by the mats to prove their ineffectiveness. (This dive took place shortly after official reassurance had been given to the contrary.) Additional Lake George Association funds will be spent to bring in expert witnesses in an effort to convince the "Department of Evading Controversy" and the Bureau of Pesticides that SONAR should be permitted in the waters of Lake George under a regimented treatment program. All of this in a period of time when the money spent by both sides could best be spent in concert fighting the invasion.

"I am at a loss to understand why the adversarial relationship exists between your administration and individual tax payers who are concerned about the future of Lake George. I would like to know what, if any, research has been done on SONAR and Eurasian Milfoil by NYS agencies, and the reason why NYS continues to effectively stonewall the SONAR issue. If no research has been conducted on these matters, I would like to know why. If conclusions have been reached, I would like to know the basis for them. If they are based on scientific fact with supportive reference material, I would like to know what the research references are. In other words, what are the facts of the case and why has it not been documented in the public domain? Your Bureau of Pesticides recommended denial of a public petition to use SONAR during a hearing on May 29th because it had not finished its research. It is now four months later and Milfoil has had another summer to grow and spread over the entire lake. As I stated in my May 19th letter to you, now is the time for leadership - not after the election. You are either for, or against, the preservation of Lake George as we know it today. To remain quiet and hope that the problem will go away is wishful thinking, and will only condemn the lake to a spiraling decline that will take a "clean waters bond" act to reverse. Why should our children pay for what your administration is failing to do - stop the Milfoil invasion!!"

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Jamie Lyn, to Scott and Yicky Lewis on December 2, 1985 in Rochester, NY. Grandparents are Joy and Don Lewis and great-grandparents are Florence and Harold Gelhaar, formerly of Sabbath Day Point.

BORN - A boy, Christopher William Faber, to Jeffrey and Kim Faber, now of Caneel Bay, U.S. Virgin Islands, on August 31, 1986. Grandparents are Sally and Bill Faber of Chappaqua, NY and great grandparents are Florence and Harold Gelhaar, Glens Falls, formerly of Sabbath Day Point.

BORN - A girl, Kaitlyn Ann, to Margie (Gravelle) and Ron Pote on September 10 at the Vermont Medical Center. Proud grandmother is Evelyn Gravelle, Indian Kettles.

MARRIED - Lisa Leonard, daughter of Mrs. Richard Leonard, Friends Point, to Richard Timm, Cornwall, NY on September 20 in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Hague.

MARRIED - Sandra Smith, daughter of Mr & Mrs George Smith, Indian Kettles, to Robert Cehowski, on September 20 in Saratoga Springs

MARRIED - Barbara Jean Butcher, daughter of Mr & Mrs Amberly Butcher, Silver Bay, to Mark Tandholdt Berry, on September 27 in the Helen Hughes Memorial Chapel, Silver Bay.

MARRIED - Lisa Swan, Port Henry, to Daniel Ofcott, son of Mr & Mrs Jeffrey Jordon, Hague at St. Patrick's Church in Port Henry on October 4.

MARRIED - Tim Darrin, son of Mrs. David Darrin, Hague, to Debbie Stoehr on September 21 in Napa Valley, CA. Tim is a hot air balloonist and treated his guests to balloon rides the day before the wedding.

DIED - Rose Shattuck, formerly of Hague and Glens Falls, on August 6 in Mountain View, CA. She was the widow of Glenn Shattuck and is survived by a son and a daughter.

DIED - Laurence (Laurie) Dennett, 59, a former summer resident of Hague, on September 7 in Crystal Lake, IL. Surviving are his wife and four children and his sister Audrey O'Brien of Hague.

DIED - Kenneth Porter, 28, former resident of Hague, in Albany on September 23. His mother, Mrs. Anna Porter and brother Walter, both of Hague are among the survivors.

DIED - William F. Daly, 71, of Hague and Murray Hill, NJ, on September 24 in Moses Ludington Nursing Home. Surviving are his wife, Georgia, and stepdaughter, Nancy DeLarm Fogwell, Hague, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

MR & MRS. KENNETH ENGLER, Forest Bay, will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on November 6. Our best wishes to the happy couple.

SGT. JULIE FRASIER, daughter of Mr & Mrs Mitchell Frasier, Hague, is a Telecommunications Information Operations Specialist stationed with the 5th Mobility Communications Information Squadron Group at Robins AFB, Georgia. She is presently on temporary duty for Tech School at Keesler AFB in Mississippi

ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS

Beginning July 1986 the National Eye Care Project was launched in NY State.

This program will provide the services of an eye physician (ophthalmologist) for persons 65 year of age or older who have no such personal physician. There will be no out of pocket expense to the patient. If the patient has Medicare or other health insurance, this will pay the entire cost of physician services. Otherwise the services will be free.

In order to receive this care, an eligible person may call a toll free number 1-800-222-EYES to obtain a referral to a particular physician. Once referred, when making an appointment, patients should identify themselves as a referral from the National Eye Care Project.

When you try to make an impression, the chances are that is the impression you will make. Anon

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - OCTOBER and NOVEMBER

October

- 21 Board of Education meeting - 7:30 PM-THS
- 23 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 Town Hall
- 28 Senior Citizen Club - Town Hall - 1:30 PM
- 31 HALLOWEEN - (Don't let the goblins get you!)

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE IS
IN TOWN HALL EVERY THURSDAY AT 11:30 AM**

November

- 3 Fire Department - 7:30 PM
- 4 ELECTION DAY - EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE
- 5 American Legion - 7:30 PM
- 6 Senior Bus to Glens Falls
- 11 Veterans Day - Town Offices closed
- 13 Hague Historical Society - Hague Baptist Church
Annex - 7:30 PM
- 20 Carillon Garden Club - 11:00 - Church of the Cross

"SANITATION COMMITTEE OF LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION REPLY"

"Lake George Water is Good to Use for Drinking Purposes and is Not Contaminated"

"At a recent meeting of the Committee on Sanitation of the Lake George Association, it was decided to reply to a rather vague statement regarding the purity of the water of Lake George, which appeared in an otherwise laudable article in the columns of the Ticonderoga Sentinel of July 17, 1924.

"In this article the campers along the shores of the lake are requested to refrain from polluting the water. The writer then goes on to say:

"It might be of interest and at the same time carry an idea of the unsanitary conditions prevailing, to learn that the Delaware and Hudson Company and the Lake George Steamboat Company will not use the water in other places on the lake because it is condemned by boards of health as unfit for drinking purposes."

"The Committee on Sanitation of the Lake George Association considers it a duty to make the following statement:

"No board of health along the shores of Lake George have condemned its water as unfit for drinking purposes within the past five years or more.

"No matter what may have inspired the order of the two companies mentioned in the above cited article, it is herewith declared that the waters of Lake George are absolutely wholesome for drinking purposes from north to south and from east to west: if contamination is prevented, there is no purer water than that of Lake George, inasmuch as the lake is fed almost entirely by springs rising from its depths. If this source is to be permanently used for drinking purposes it is recommendable to run a supply pipe thirty feet or more from shore, into deep water. Parties enjoying fishing, boating, etc., may safely drink the lake water.

"It is the principal aim of the Committee on Sanitation of this Association, to prevent contamination, and to see to it that the waters are kept unpolluted by those living on or near its shores. The few brooks and creeks which enter the lake are under strict surveillance maintained by the sanitary inspector of the LGA who is also ably supported by the various health boards and health officers. At present the authority of this sanitary inspector covers two miles from the mouth of such brooks and creeks."

.....From The Lake George Mirror, August 23, 1924.

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