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## THE 1976-77 SCHOOL BUDGET

The five principal categories of expenditures with the amounts appropriated in 1975-76 and in the proposed budget, are:

	1975-76	1976-77
Gen'l support	\$82,860	\$86,106
Instruction	276,035	289,479
Pupil Transp't	20,900	29,356
Community Serv's	325	325
Undistributed	99,575	98,840
	\$479,685	\$504,106

Thus, the amount budgeted for school costs in 1976-77 is \$24,421 over what it was a year ago.

On the last page of the budget it would appear that the 1976-77 general fund appropriations are \$500,421 or only \$3,685 less than the total for 1976-77. But the addition is faulty; correctly added the figure is as indicated above, \$479,685. What the budget does not explain is that the 1975-76 budget contains an item of \$20,736 described as "refund to Arcady Corporation", which, while paid last year, has nothing to do with the cost of operating the school.

Over and above the increase in budgeted expenses of \$24,421 the proposed budget indicates that there will be a balance in the current year of \$30,000 which means that the Board actually expects to spend only \$449,685 during the current year while in the forthcoming year it expects to spend \$504,106, an increase of \$54,421. This is more than a 10% increase and is certainly out of step with budgets of other school districts which in this period of economic stress are finding it necessary to hold the line.

Amount to be raised by taxes is only \$2,785 more than a year ago. But this is misleading. The real increase came about last year in order to make the refund to Arcady; and now the Board has perpetuated the increase even though no payment is to be made to Arcady or any one else.

The budget will be considered at the Annual District Meeting on Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30 P.M. The actual vote will take place on the following day between the hours of 1:00 and 8:00 P.M.

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## ICE OUT OF LAKE

There seems to be some confusion as to the official date on which the ice left the lake. The Lake George Commission announced that it considers official ice-out when Northwest Bay is also clear of ice and that as of the 9th, one-half of the bay was solid with ice. It adds, "Although for navigation purposes one could traverse from the Town of Lake George to Ticonderoga (on the 9th) the ice break-up in Northwest Bay, with the right wind conditions, could become a hazard for vessels. When the major portion of this existing ice disperses, the Park Commission considers the lake completely safe for navigation."

The Glens Falls paper announced that the last icy vestige of winter disappeared into the lake on the 7th. Except for a narrow strip of ice on the east side of the lake, the ice was gone from Hague on Sunday the 4th. At the Cave, the ice-out pool was won by Jim Braisted who had picked April 7th.

On the west side of the lake the

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ice went out without incident but on the east side damages were estimated to be the worst in years. The wind came from the west and north-west, alternating back and forth, and huge masses of ice could be seen piled high on the north shore of islands and bays that jut into the lake.

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#### DR. JOSEPH WARREN

Warren County takes its name from General Joseph Warren, an amiable open, friendly man yet something of a fire-brand during the ten years preceding the American Revolution.

Warren was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, May 30, 1741. He entered Harvard when 14 years of age and graduated in 1759. He studied medicine under Dr. James Lloyd of Boston and before long he was a practicing physician.

The repressive Stamp Act passed by the British Parliament in 1765 turned Warren's attention to politics and he, with Sam Adams in the lead, took an active part in the agitation which resulted in the repeal of the Stamp Act. The young doctor had great influence among the people of Boston. He belonged to the Masonic Lodge and became Grand Master of the lodges in the colonies. This connection and his relationship with the Sons of Liberty put him in a position to influence the direction and the methods of political resistance. On March 5, 1770 a detail of soldiers was ordered out to protect a sentry posted in front of the old state house. When the mob persisted in harassing the soldiers they opened

fire and five men in the mob were killed. This event has gone down in history as the Boston Massacre. For several years thereafter it was the custom on March 5 for some citizen to deliver an oration in commemoration of the event. Warren was the speaker in 1772 and 1775.

On December 16, 1773 the Boston Tea Party was held and Warren was one of five men for which the British thought it had sufficient evidence to justify a charge of treason. However instead of bringing such charges, the British closed the Port of Boston causing serious economic problems to the area. Food was short and the distress was great. When the British showed no signs of relenting and the colonies showed no signs of submitting, preparations for war were being made. Early in 1775 there was evidence that General Gage was planning an expedition into the country around Boston to confiscate or destroy supplies and munitions built up by the colonists. Warren had information of this move and it was he who sent Paul Revere and William Dawes to spread the alarm.

The British succeeded in destroying stores at Lexington and Concord but the entire British detachment was forced to withdraw before the fierce attack of the New England citizen troops. On the route back to Boston, Warren was among the Minute Men who were harassing the soldiers of the King. He was exposed to British fire and came close to death when a bullet cut a lock of hair near his ear.

For the remaining two months of his life, Warren devoted himself without reserve to organizing the men who poured into Cambridge from all over New England and to making full use of Lexington and Concord in arousing the other colonies to a realization that they were now committed to war with Great Britain. Warren died on June 17, 1775 during the Battle of Bunker Hill. Although he had been named a Major General a few days before, he fought with a musket throughout the afternoon. No one saw him fall but after the battle his body was discovered by a British burial

party. A bullet had gone through his head. Almost a year later his body was exhumed and identified by a small silver wire which Paul Revere had once used in securing a false tooth. The remains were removed to the Granary Burying Ground. In 1825 they were placed in a vault in St. Paul's Church and in 1855 they were moved again, this time to the Forest Hills Cemetery in Roxbury.

Cut off at the age of 34, Warren was one of the few men who could be called the architects of the Revolution. His ideas, even some of his words, were followed by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence.

A historical mural hangs at the entrance to the Warren County Supreme Courtroom at the Municipal Center in Lake George. One of the two scenes in the 350 square foot mural is centered on General Joseph Warren, the physician and Revolutionary War hero. Above and to the left of the entrance door to the courtroom, is a decorative map of the Boston area superimposed with a large figure of the uniformed Dr. Warren, wearing a sword, boots and cape. In the area representing the Atlantic Ocean is a sailboat depicting the frigate Warren one of the early vessels of the U.S. Navy also named after Dr. Warren. The County Seal which was officially adopted prior to the erection of the Municipal Center includes a profile of Dr. Warren.

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#### GIVES SENIOR RECITAL

Several issues back we reported that Michael Meade had given his senior recital at the Eastman School of Music on the violoncello. Now we can report that his twin brother Marshall performed his senior recital on March 5 on the violin also at the Eastman School in Rochester, New York.

Marshall is an honor graduate of the Interlochen Arts Academy and like his brother had been on the dean's list for his entire four years at the Eastman School. He expects to gradu-

ate in May.

The Meade brothers have joined with classmates from Eastman, Mary Ann Sabato of Elmsford, N.Y. and Andrew Dabcynski from New Jersey, to form the resident string quartet at the Silver Bay Association where they will be playing during the summer months at vespers and other musical programs. In the fall they will be returning to school for master's degrees. Mary Ann and Michael plan to be married on September 4.

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#### BACKYARD SUGARIN'

A book entitled "Backyard Sugarin'" which was published earlier this year came to us by way of Ethel Andrus. It is intended for the amateur who wants to put up a few gallons of maple syrup for his own use, who has been ordered by his wife to stop boiling sap on the kitchen stove, and who doesn't want to invest in a 'sap house' and all the other gear designed for the big producer.

The backyard producer needs a brace with a 7/16th inch bit to drill the holes for the spiles or spouts. The purist can whittle his own spouts but metal ones cost no more than a quarter each in hardware stores. One or two buckets are required for each tree to be tapped. Metal buckets are expensive but plastic gallon milk containers have proven to be an inexpensive substitute. A shallow, wide, long pan is needed as an evaporator. The pan can be set directly on a firebox which can be constructed with cement blocks. The entire set-up should cost no more than a few dollars.

Maple syrup was one of the first sweeteners available in North America - the other was honey - and American Indians made syrup long before the country was colonized. The hard or sugar maple gives the best sap. The tree should be not less than 10" in diameter and if 18" or more, several holes may be drilled. A good sized tree produces 15 to 25 gallons of sap in a season and up to 14 quarts a



Remember entries are to be submitted no later than June 1 to Mr. Meola or any of the Hague School teachers. The winner will be announced at the highschool graduation and the winning entry will be published in the Chronicle. A prize of \$25. will be awarded to the winner.

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#### PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED

The Planning Board has completed work on a map of Hague with all properties classified according to number of dwellings permitted. The map was prepared from local tax maps and all parcels within the town can easily be identified.

A public meeting will be held on May 13 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall. The various property classifications will be explained and you will be given an opportunity to locate your property on the map and determine its classification.

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#### TOWN BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Town Board was held on April 13 with all members present.

A resolution addressed to the state legislature proposing repeal of the Adirondack Park Agency Law was approved.

The sign at the Town Hall has completely disintegrated. The Board approved the purchase of a new one.

The ski tow was again discussed at some length. It was agreed that the remaining work would be pushed with the hope that it could be completed by June 30th. The building at the top of the lift will be tackled first and when the area has dried out sufficiently, there will be further tree cutting and clearing. The rope has been obtained and it is expected that the poles and pulleys can be set without too much difficulty.

The proposed purchase of a new

truck has been tabled. The purchase of a new truck will again be considered when the 1977 budget is being prepared.

Messrs. Yaw and Seerup suggested that the town should provide them with a suitable place for holding court. It was agreed that they would submit their specific proposals at the next meeting.

The Supervisor discussed the recent problems associated with the overflow of Hague Brook that for a time threatened to flood areas near its mouth. Sand from the road and the bed of the stream has caused a delta to be formed at the stream's mouth. When the ice broke it jammed up on the delta and backed up to the highway bridge where it overran its banks. Although he called the Lake George Commission, the Environmental Conservation Department and other government agencies, the supervisor found no one who would do anything about it. It was left to one of the adjoining property owners to clean up the river bed with a back hoe and break the ice-jam. (In November 1976 the Environmental Conservation Department dredged the delta which was then present because the water was too shallow for the fish to go up the stream to the fish weir. It took jurisdiction at that time - why not now?)

There was some discussion about whether or not Hague should again have a summer policeman. About 10-15 years ago a state trooper was stationed in Hague during the summer months and he took care of law enforcement problems in the community. After about two summers, however, the trooper was assigned elsewhere and since then the town has employed a policeman from about Memorial Day to Labor Day. It was argued that law enforcement in the town is a matter for the Warren County Sheriff's Department and the State Police and that the cost of maintaining a local policeman during the summer was an unfair financial burden on the town. Following the discussion, a motion was made not to hire a policeman this summer. However, the motion was de-

feated with Middleton and Seerup voting aye and DeLarm, Yaw and Cobb opposed.

The Board took the following action with respect to recommendations of the town Park Committee: A fee of \$2. will be charged for launching and lifting boats at the slip alongside the park. The proposal that a permit be required for selling food and drink at the park will be considered further at the May meeting. Gordon Hayes was appointed full-time park caretaker and supervisor. His employment will begin early in May and continue for twenty weeks. All other recommendations were tabled for further study.

Mr. Seerup proposed that the town consider the possibility of providing tennis courts in the town park. He will work up costs and other details and submit a proposal to the Board.

The Superintendent of Highways announced that the state budget now provided for reimbursement to the towns of 40% of the cost of road construction (Donovan Plan). Under this plan one mile of Decker Hill Road is scheduled for black-topping this summer. The parking lot at the town park will also be black-topped.

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THE WEATHER

On Palm Sunday, April 10, it snowed. As much as three inches fell

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in some parts of town. The temperature fell to 10 above zero. A week later, Easter Sunday, we were in the midst of a heat wave with all high temperature records for the period broken. Temperatures in the high eighties continued through the week and as this is being written, we are still enjoying daytime temperatures in the seventies. While the lake water is cold (47 degrees) there were some swimmers who made the plunge.

Gardens are in their full spring blooming and the vegetable gardens have already been seeded. The grass is green and the leaves on the trees are almost out. A flock of geese were seen winging their way back to Canada.

Special to Foster, Morgan, Penfield, Hincke, Crothers and other golfers: The Ti course opened for play on April 19, the earliest ever. The Brook is flowing within its banks and there is no casual water.

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CORRECTION

Merely to set the record straight our consumption of fuel oil from December 31 to January 19 was 10.68 gallons per day as compared with 9.53 gallons a year ago and from January 19 to February 10, we used 10.57 gallons per day as compared with 8.67 a year ago.

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