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COUNT BASIE ORCHESTRA TO COME TO TICONDEROGA

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild is proud to present the Count Basie Orchestra under the direction of Frank Foster at the State Theatre in Ticonderoga on Tuesday, August 23 at 8:00 PM.

Frank Foster joined the Count Basie Band in 1953. He had been playing tenor sax and clarinet since he was a boy, even leading his own 17-piece big band in Cincinnati clubs during his last year in high school!

Basie not only hired Foster as a lead tenor sax, but encouraged him to do many of the arrangements. From 1953-64 he did more than 150 arrangements, fifty of which were a regular part of the Basie repertoire. Says Foster, "When Basie talked to you about a chart, he told you to keep it simple and swinging and to leave some space for the rhythm section. The blues approach is essential in achieving the Basie sound."

Foster has had many successful albums and arrangements over the years. Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennett, Lena Horne, Sara Vaughn, Judy Garland, Sammy Davis, Jr., Pearl Bailey, Fred Astaire have all appeared with the Count Basie Band and had high praise, not only for the Count, his piano and his band, but for the Foster arrangements.

Two of Frank Foster's recent albums have earned "Grammys," one carrying the number one spot on the Billboard jazz chart for 39 weeks and now still among the top five. Foster has also arranged many movie scores, including the Woody Allen film, "Hannah and her Sisters." He has just completed new arrangements for Lena Horne, and was commissioned by the Jazzmobile to compose and arrange the Lake Placid Suite, dedicated to the 1980 Winter Olympics.

The Count Basie Band is not a "ghost band." The N.Y. Times, The L.A. Times, Billboard and other music journals consistently point out that Foster, as a former member of the original Basie Band, has reactivated the band, bringing fresh energy, his well known arrangements--plus some new ones--while still preserving that special Basie sound. Twelve or thirteen members of the present band were hired by Basie himself.

The Ti Festival Guild reminds everyone that tickets are now on sale at Radio Shack/Book Mark in Ticonderoga. This may be a sell-out event. If you purchase ten tickets or more, the cost of a ticket is \$10.00. Single tickets are \$12.50; any remaining tickets the night of performance, \$15.

Remember, just this past December, 1987, the U.S. Senate declared that "JAZZ IS A NATIONAL AMERICAN TREASURE."

"Plink! Plank! Plink! Plank!...the sound comes at you softly, subtly...The Basie band is off and blowing!..."

NEW HAGUE POSTMASTER

Jacqueline (Jackie Lambert) Fort, Silver Bay, has been appointed Postmaster of the Hague Post Office as of July 30.

Jackie has been part-time clerk in Hague for the past seven years. She is the daughter of Beach Lambert of Silver Bay and Mrs. Florence Lambert, Hague. She is married to Charles (Chuck) Fort and has two daughters, Noelle and Charlene.

We welcome Jackie as full-time postmaster and wish her much success in her new position.

Silver Bay Post Office also has a new postmaster. Joan Dillon was appointed to the position in October 1987. Joan worked as a part-time clerk at the Silver Bay Post Office and also worked at the Ticonderoga Post Office. She is married to Gary Dillon, a teacher in the Ticonderoga School System and they have two boys, Shawn and Shana.

Congratulations to our two new postmasters!

SILVER BAY PROPERTY OWNERS

The Property Owners of Silver Bay will hold its August meeting at the Hague Baptist Church Annex on Tuesday, August 23, 1988 at 7PM. Refreshments will be served at 7PM and the business meeting will take place at 7:30 PM. Guest speakers will be Town Supervisor Richard Bolton and Michael White of the Lake George Park Commission.

The following letter is a copy of one sent to Mrs. Margaret Warden, Administrator of Moses Ludington Hospital. We would like to share it with our readers.

"I have been a summer resident in Hague since 1929 at the Island Harbor House until it was sold. In all these years this is the first time it was necessary for me to be hospitalized in Moses Ludington under the wonderful care of Dr. Beehner. If one had to be ill--this is the place to be!

"I live in Manhattan where there are many fine hospitals, but I have never experienced the care I have had here.

Starting with the fine Hague Ambulance Squad and then with your professional staff in the emergency room, in ICU with Mrs. Dunning and her staff and later in a private room. I was so impressed with your equipment, the cleanliness of the rooms and most particularly the professional and so pleasant staff of nurses. Nothing more could be asked for. Only if you have been a patient in one of our New York hospitals, can you appreciate the set up at Moses Ludington.

"Congratulations to you for the obviously wonderful job you are doing and my sincere gratitude to your dedicated staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. Eugene A. Bay"

HAGUE AMBULANCE SQUAD

July Stats:

22 Runs
904 Miles
149 Patient Hours
1 Mutual Aid

Weekly drills for ambulance squad and fire department personnel will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM at the firehouse. The drills will stress techniques of long board strapping, rapid extrication, rapid take down techniques, helmet removal, scene management, hazard control, kinematics, ventilation/airway management, suction/oxygen therapy and expanded primary survey routine. The weekly drills will offer squad members an opportunity to improve upon their skills and discuss common concerns and problems.

Two members of the ambulance squad, Carroll LaPann and Doug Sperling, recently completed an 18 hour Critical Trauma Care Course held in Glens Falls. The course was sponsored by the NYS department of Health Emergency Medical Services Program.

If you have an interest in knowing more about the members of your fire department ambulance squad and their responsibilities, please stop by the firehouse on Thursday evenings.

The following letter singing the praises of our local fire department was addressed to Supervisor Bolton:

"Just a note along with my donation. I know I don't go back as far as you in Hague, only a little over forty years, but I remember the old equipment and certainly recognize the need - say absolute necessity - for better and more modern equipment. The growth of the town alone calls for it.

"We all gripe about taxes and generally rising expenses, but I feel that \$25 per family member (my formula) is a small price to pay for the excellent protection we receive from both the fire department and the emergency squad.

"I have had to afford myself the services of these fine agencies once in each of the past two years. Last year when my wife had an attack and needed emergency oxygen and hospitalization, the ambulance was here in less than ten minutes and perhaps saved her life. This year we detected the very strong odor of smoke in the Kettles. While I was trying to track it down my wife called the fire department. I located the source of the smoke in my mother's apartment. After hunting for a minute or so it turned out to be a hot iron she left on top of the television which had burned its way down through the plastic causing a tremendous amount of smoke, but fortunately no fire.

The amazing part of this was that by the time I unplugged the iron, opened the windows and went back into The Kettles, the Fire Dept. was there with about a dozen dedicated volunteers. I told them everything was all right but they insisted on checking everything out for themselves. This could have been a serious fire, perhaps even costing me my business or someone else a home, but I feel the reaction time of The Hague Volunteer Fire Dept would have prevented that.

"I feel that everyone should be happy to make a donation to this very necessary piece of equipment.

Yours sincerely, /s/ Jack (Reynolds), Indian Kettles"

CARILLON GARDEN CLUB

The annual Garden Club bazaar, despite an unbearably hot day on July 30, was more successful than ever. The quilt raffle (which many of you supported) was won by Ken Gibbs, Ticonderoga, who is a member of the Hague American Legion. Next regular meeting of the Garden Club will be held August 18 at the Church of the Cross in Ticonderoga at 11 AM.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 7/28/88

Two public hearings have been scheduled for the August 25, 1988 meeting for the ZBA.

1. Fenimore Variance #5-88 at 7PM
2. Snug Harbor applicant rescheduling to August 25 re: 653.21.1 and 653.21.2 prior non-conforming lots at 7:15PM.

A letter from APA was read re: 25% expansion interpretation by ZBA. Richard Hoffman, staff attorney states, "As a general rule, I find no dispute with that interpretation, provided, of course that construction of a separate building otherwise complies with the Zoning Ordinance (i.e., no increase in nonconformity with shoreline setbacks, construction of a separate building complies with density standards, etc.) As the ZBA's interpretation was declaratory in nature, and with no respect to a particular situation, it should be borne in mind that under a given set of facts, the interpretation could change.

Accordingly, I would respectfully suggest that the Board avoid making declaratory interpretations, and reserve that power to the cases it hears on appeal from an action of the Zoning Administrator.

Last month's Chronicle contained the ZBA's interpretation.

PLANNING BOARD - 8/4/88

Minutes were approved as read.

Thibeault's subdivision was approved and signed. If not filed in the Warren County Clerk's Office within 60 days the approved subdivision becomes null and void.

George Wilson, representing Shanty Point, Inc., located immediately to the north of "Northbrook Motel" in the area of Sabbath Day Point, submitted a sketch plan for a proposed subdivision of land that presently has two houses on one lot and is owned by the Shanty Point Corporation. A community septic system and water system services these two houses plus one other. The site plan review committee will visit the site to determine if a variance would be required.

The board determined that Sue Jordon's request to place a mobile home on her 30+ acre property would not create a mobile home park since the other structure on the property is a single family home.

Louis Fenimore came before the board to have the highway set back requirement for his campsites reduced based on the "grandfather clause" of our zoning ordinance. Mr. Fenimore is to appear before the ZBA to present evidence that the travel trailer park has been in continuous operation since 1959.

The Board recommended that if the applicant can provide sufficient information that the travel trailer park has been in continuous operation, the set-back from the edge of the pavement on Rt. 8 shall be a minimum of 60' and on Mt. View Road, 35'.

E. Gilbert Barker submitted an application for a Type I Site Plan Review to do renovative work on the former Hague Village Center located at the junction of NYS Rt. 9N and 8. Plans call for the conversion of the structure from the sale of gas and retail sales to an office building.

Tim Costello reviewed the special permit conditions for Hague Commons, Inc. docks. #1. Dock will be installed after June 15 and removed by September 15. #2. At the request of DEC fisheries or LGPC, the docks will be removed within 24 hours at Hague Commons, Inc. expense. #3. Project will be modified to accommodate 4 boats instead of 9. #4. Permit is for a 1 year period. #5. Any application for renewal or modification may be treated as a new action and an Environmental Impact Statement may be required. #6. Hague Commons will grant angler right-of-way below the mean high water mark and post a sign adjacent to the Hague Public Beach indicating "Angler Access Point." #7. Dock will not extend more than 100 ft. from the mean high water mark. #8. Permit will not be issued until DEC Fisheries has notified the Park Commission that the terms of Permit Conditions #2 and #6 have been met to their satisfaction.

TOWN BOARD - 8/9/88

The Town Board meeting for Tuesday, August 9 was again a short one, but several important items were discussed and decisions made.

A strong letter of protest will be sent to Dennis Englert whose family used the public dock for a private party the weekend of August 6-7 and effectively blocked the dock and road down to the dock to any public traffic including fire engines, in the event they needed to draw water for a fire. Another important factor of concern was sewage disposal for the huge number of people who came in the more than 20 parked cars.

A letter will be sent to the Lake George Park Commission requesting a 5 MPH speed limit and denial of anchorage sought by the Arcady Bay Association. This request is within their jurisdiction.

Laura Meade has been appointed our first town naturalist.

Town Board (Cont.)

Doris Herwig, Warren County Tourism, complimented the Hague Winter Carnival in doing the best carnival job in Warren County. They will not have the carnival brochure available from the county next year.

Revenues collected so far at the boat launch - \$7,295.

At a meeting between Washington and Warren County and Fulton County, Dick Bolton said the Fulton County supervisors were receptive to accepting ash from the Hudson Falls incinerator if we would accept some of their trash.

Revision committee meeting August 16, 1988 at the town hall at 7 PM

The Planning Board received authorization to advertise for a part-time clerk who would keep the minutes for that Board and the ZBA at their meetings generally held at night. Salary is \$5.00 per hour. Anyone interested in additional information can contact the Town Hall. A resume is requested.

Mary Alice Hall has been named Record Management Officer and will provide records to the State Education Department.

HAGUE FISH AND GAME CLUB

Hunter safety course will be conducted at the Hague Fish and Game Clubhouse September 16th from 6-10PM and September 17th from 9AM to 4PM. To register please call 543-8859.

Hague Fish and Game Club 30th year anniversary picnic will be held September 11 at 1PM at the clubhouse for past and present members and their families. Please bring a covered dish. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served as well. For more information call 543-6141.

Turkey Shoot September 3 and 4, also Oct. 8, will be held at the Hague Fish and Game Club on West Hague Road sponsored by the club. Time - 10AM.

The chairman of the Hague Fish and Game Club lobster and steak bake wishes to thank all those who helped make it a success.

September meeting to be held on the 20th. If you have any questions call 543-6141. Thanks...Marian Shoemaker

HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Hague Baptist Church is in the process of repairing the bell tower, which has been disintegrating over the past years. The estimated cost of repair is \$3,000 and to date the fund totals \$2,016. Much of the work is being done by volunteers on Saturday mornings.

WILLY C'S JULY/AUGUST WEATHER NOTES

And the HEAT Goes On. A substitute of the B with an H from a remembered song of yesteryear. And so it is. July had ten recorded days in the 90's and at other locations I'm sure four additional days were measured in that range. The high record for the month was 98° on th the 10th. Our low was 48° on July 1. Our 3H (hot, humid, hazy) days were recorded in the earlier part of the month and the latter part we had two, of what I refer to as SSD days, Super Summer Days, on the 13th and 15th, low humidity, northerly winds, clear blue skies. SSD's Rainfall amounts came back handsomely in July to 4.61 inches, the most precip so far this year. Still six inches below normal, but crops look a lot better.

August is more of the same less any SSD days so far. Mostly 3H days have been recorded with seven days already in the 90's. The nighttime low, so far this month has been 65 1/2. With light air at night it has been, shall we say, sticky. The air temperature at 7 AM August 12 was 72°, the water temperature at the two-foot level was 80°. We did have a superb evening of electrical displays the night of Aug. 6th. One household felt that they had perhaps gotten seats a bit too close to the action, but all turned out A OK after an outside inspection was completed. The Bermuda High is again well anchored in the Atlantic, so we can look forward to more of the same through the 18th or beyond.

POST OFFICES NEED YOUR COOPERATION

It is very important that you let the post office know when you would like your mail delivered to you here. It is just as important that you let them know when you are leaving and want your mail forwarded. For \$3.25 a year and a dollar key deposit, you may rent a box in the post office. This would assure you of getting your mail forwarded. Many times if the postmaster does not know your whereabouts and there is no return address, mail gets sent to the dead letter office. Please do yourself and your postmaster a favor and keep her informed.

I would also like to put my two-cents worth in at this point. I really do have a difficult time keeping track of you all. Would you please drop me a card and let me know when you plan to be here and again when you plan to leave so that I can be more efficient in getting your Chronicle to you in a timely fashion....D. Henry, Publisher

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Kristin Marie, to David and Marji Kircher, East Keansburg, NJ on June 29. Proud grandparents are Miriam and Bob Kircher of Sabbath Day Point and Staten Island, NY.

CHARLENE AIMEE FORT graduated from North Country Community College with an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts and a 2.80 accumulative B average.

NOELLE HOPE FORT graduated from Fisher Junior College with high honors and obtained an Associates Degree in Fashion Merchandising. Her last semester average was 3.88 and her accumulative average was 3.57.

OLD TIME SUMMER FUN

You are cordially invited to a CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION for the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum 1988 Building. To be held on August 28, 1988 Noon 'til Four. Featuring Clowns, Ticonderoga Heritage Video, Refreshments, Arts & Crafts, Music, Museum and Hydro Tours, Horse & Buggy Rides, Antique Displays. Also Games - horseshoes, tug of war, arm wrestling, kissing booth, cow paddy raffle, running races, croquet, water balloons.

Come in your vintage 1888 costume and win a prize!

HEAT WAVE HITS HAGUE CHRONICLE
(particularly the publisher!)

" We're having a heat wave, a tropical heat wave" and I certainly can't can-can. I can't even think straight! Even the computer and the copier are protesting! And the power company isn't helping me much either. As I write this the power went off and I lost what I wrote, so I had to do it again. Hence, we are having an abbreviated version of The Hague Chronicle this time. I'm sure I'm missing some valuable information, but I will have to make up for it in September. I just hope the temperature will improve. In the meantime bear with me and send in your news items. Also, don't forget to look at your mailing label. A red circle around the date is just a subtle hint!

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The August meeting of the Hague Senior Citizens Club will be held on Tuesday, August 23 at 1:30 PM at the Town Hall. Guest speaker will be Bennett Driscoll, Jr. Director of Community Services for the community Action Agency. Mr. Driscoll will speak on Crime Prevention, and the Senior Citizens invite EVERYONE to attend this meeting. Dessert and coffee will be served

1988 LAKE GEORGE POLLUTION HOTSPOTS

As of July 21, 1988 the following sites have been identified as pollution "hotspots", according to a list released by the Lake George Association (LGA). Hotspots are places where water quality test results show bacteria levels higher than those considered safe for human contact.

Million Dollar Beach, Sheriff's Dock Culvert, Middleworth Bay South, Middleworth Bay North, Huddle Bay Brook, Stewart Brook, Veteran's Beach, Sawmill Bay Brook South, Sawmill Bay Brook, Hague Beach, Wyatt's Bay, Sunset Bay Brook West.

The hotspots listed are sites where coliform bacteria levels exceeded 200 fecal coliform per 200 milliliters on two or more testing dates this year, or where one test exceeded 1,000 fecal coliform and/or 5,000 total coliform.

Corrective action was undertaken at eight locations and several field investigations were commenced to pinpoint the exact problem area.

The results of the LGA Fund testing program are distributed every two weeks during the summer to state and local enforcement authorities. The results are available to the public at the Town and Village Halls within the Lake George Basin .

Founded in 1885, the LGA is an organization of private citizens concerned about the protection of Lake George. Much of the work of the LGA's 5,000 members and 22 committees is focused on preservation of the water quality. LGA also acts to improve fishing in Lake George, promote safe and sensible boating, combat problems stemming from erosion, prompt application of sound development practices, prevent the spread of milfoil and other nuisance weeds, and preserve natural beauty of the mountainsides and value of the remaining wetland areas on the watershed. The LGA Fund finances scientific research and educational programs aimed at the protection and preservation of Lake George.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1988

AUGUST

- 16 Fish and Game Club - 7:30 PM Clubhouse
- 16 Revision Committee meeting - 7 PM-Town Hall
- 16 School Board meeting - 7:30PM - Ti Hi School
7PM - T1 and Putnam School Boards joint session
- 18. Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 18 Carillon Garden Club- 11AM -Ch. of the Cross
- 23 Senior Citizens meeting - 1 PM-Town Hall-p5
- 23 Silver Bay Property Owners - 7:30PM-
Hague Baptist Church annex see p1
- 23 Count Basie concert-8:00PM State Theater p1
- 25 Zoning Board of Appeals - Public hearings at 7
and 7:15. Meeting to follow (p 3)

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 1 Planning Board - 7:30 PM
- 3 Fish & Game Club turkey shoot (p4)
- 5 LABOR DAY (Goodby to all our summer friends. See
you next year!)
- 7 American Legion - 7:30PM
- 11 Fish & Game Club picnic - 1PM (p4)
- 11 GRANDPARENTS DAY
- 12 ROSH HASHANAH
- 12 Fire Department meeting - 7:30PM
- 16-17 Fish & Game Club Hunters Safety Course (p4)

Veterans' Administration representative is scheduled to
be in Town Hall each Thursday at 11:30AM. Call first.

A great deal of our pollution on Lake George
is caused by faulty septic systems BUT it has
been proved that the gulls and ducks are adding
to the pollution too. So we repeat PLEASE DO
NOT FEED THE DUCKS. We would like to have the
duck population diminished instead of
multiplied.

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