

OUR YOUTH ARE THE GREATEST

In these days of violent crimes, vandalism, break-ins, etc., we of Hague salute our young people. Not only do they excel in sports, but their academic achievements are also commendable.

Dalton Marks, principal of Ticonderoga High School announced last week that 20 students in the senior class have won Regents scholarships, "as a result of their high academic performance on the SAT and ACT tests. This is the largest number of students from any class who have achieved this status. It represents a 15.7% of the Class of '83. MICHAEL MEOLA of Hague is one of the recipients of these scholarships. The school is also very proud of the fact that there are two students who have been admitted to West Point next year. This is also a first. Also, for the first ever, ~~THIS~~ has a NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST - KEN PETERS of Ticonderoga. JACKIE DUNSMORE has been accepted at Adirondack Community College for the fall term, MICHAEL MEOLA, at Hamilton, and GLENN MCKEE at State Univ. at Delhi; we will report the others as we find out. These students are to be commended for their aptitude and their stick-to-it-tiveness.

The SPORTS PROGRAM is also a big part of Ti Hi. LYNN COFFIN was 11 out of 40 in the Vault in the NYS High School Girls' State Championships. On March 6 she qualified for the State Championships in the U.S. Gymnastics Federation Sectionals. She will compete at RPI on March 19 and 20.

TINA BELDEN and KATY LAUNDREE are helping their Girls' Basketball Team climb the ladder to victory. They have already won

Division II title and won their first game in Section 7, Class C by defeating Beekmantown. They will play St. John's at Plattsburgh on March 14. The JV girls have won Division II and CVAC championships. Girls' Basketball was ably coached by Kathy Huchro who lives in Hague during the winter months.

The FRESHMEN Basketball Team won their league by winning all but one of their games during the season. Hague's team members are GILBERT COX, DAN DENTON and PAT FISH.

The JV's were also winners of Division II and CVAC. Team members included JAY JORDON of Hague.

The VARSITY Basketball team has really come through this year. They won Division II and the CVAC championship. They also are Section 7, Class C title holders and were defeated by only 4 points in the game against Voorheesville on March 12 in Glens Falls. ART BELDEN and TIM DENNO both added their talents to this effort.

We are proud of our young people both scholastically and athletic-ly. We wish them a bright future...djh

AND EVEN MORE GOOD NEWS

The following students from our town have acquired honor roll status during the past quarter:

- HIGH HONORS: Rudolph Meola
- SECOND HONORS: Daniel Belden; Paul Belden; Tina Belden; Tonia Cole; Jackie Dunsmore; Jennifer Fitzgerald; Jeffrey Plass; Michelle Snyder; Timothy Strum.

The Hague Chronicle staff congratulates you all...djh

HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL MUDDY BUT SUCCESSFUL

For the first time in the seventeen year history of the National Ice Auger Contest, a local man was the champion. Walter Wells, Split Rock Road, in the over 3-in. auger class won the grand prize of \$300 by drilling through about seven inches of solid ice three times for a combined time of 18 seconds. Second place winner was Steven Patnode of TI.

The Carnival was held, courtesy of Nancy DeLarm, at Wintergreen Lake due to the bad ice conditions in Hague Bay.

Frank Dagles of Bolton won the under 3-in. category; Ed Clark of TI was second. The ice chisel contest was also won by Walter Wells. He chopped through three holes in four seconds each. Russ Clark of Chestertown was second.

In the Jr. Division, Todd Porter of Hague won both the chisel and ice auger contests.

On Saturday snowmobilers were the order of the day. Tom Dedrick of TI won three races with his free air snowmobiles. Clifton Frasier, chairman of this event reported that there were 84 snowmobile entries.

In the afternoon there was a most interesting demonstration of an ultra light plane. The state police divers had to scrap their event, due to ice conditions.

In the chain saw competition, Oliver Bevins of Hague won the small class.

In the Sunday road run Fred LaPann, Hague, won second place in his class while his son, Joe, also won second place in the Jr. Division.

Dan Belden served as chairman of this year's Winter Carnival, assisted by Clifton Frasier as co-chairman...djh

The Hague Winter Carnival Committee wishes to thank everyone who contributed, participated and helped to make this Carnival a success.

To everyone who was involved in one way or another we express our appreciation and hope next year's Carnival will be an even greater event...Winter Carnival Committee

OPEN HOUSE AT SILVER BAY

The Silver Bay Association hosted an Open House to show off their new offices on March 9. The "old laundry" is now completely carpeted and cubicled to house all the offices which were formerly in the Inn.

I had a guided tour and was very impressed with the neatness and efficiency in which these offices are laid out. The computer is now located in this building.

Speaking of computers - *The Hague Chronicle* owes a lot to this computer, its operators and the kindness of the Silver Bay Association. It certainly is an efficient way to print our address labels, and I, particularly, am indebted.

Walt Jacoby, Silver Bay's director took me over to the Inn to show me what they are doing to it. They have gutted out the interior where the offices and lobby were. They will have a much larger and more efficient registration area and lobby. Eventually, they plan to build a new kitchen and dining room. Most of their funds have come from their members. We wish them well...djh

FOLLOW-UP

One of the young men who was involved in the vandalism at the former Hague school last fall has been sentenced to five years' probation and 30 weekends in the Warren County Jail. He was also ordered to pay \$1,500 as his share of the restitution. He had pleaded guilty to third-degree burglary.

A charge of third-degree burglary is still pending against another youth in connection with the same incident. A 17-year old involved pleaded guilty to second-degree criminal trespass and was sentenced to three years probation...djh

UPDATE: EQUALIZATION COMMITTEE

WEATHER OR NOT 3/11/83

The question that this committee has been attempting to answer is, Why are the school taxes in Hague always increasing more than they are in Ticonderoga?

The answer is that the total market value of Hague, as determined by the State Board of Equalization, has been increasing at a much more rapid rate than properties in Ticonderoga. The State required that each town in a school district pay on a percentage basis of how much market value is in one town to the total market value of both towns. According to the SBEA, the market value of Hague is approximately one-half of the market value of all of Ticonderoga. Therefore, when you divide the total school district market value by Hague's market value, it results in Hague being responsible for one-third of the school taxes.

How much of that an individual pays is determined by our locally elected assessors. According to the SBEA's figures, properties in Hague are, on the average, locally assessed at 50.02% of their full market value.

This committee, made up of Dick Bolton, Dottie Henry, Bill Foster and Alison Craig, after studying the SBEA's sampled properties used to determine full market value, has concluded that the State's figures do not accurately reflect the full market value for Ticonderoga. We met with Senator Ronald Stafford and Assemblyman Neil Kelleher in Albany and informed them of our findings. At this point, the SBEA is reviewing our findings and we expect a response shortly...ac

ROADS CLOSED - MUD SEASON HERE

Fly Brook Road, Padanarum Road and Battle Hill Road will all be closed to traffic as of March 18 until "mud season" is over. Other town and county secondary roads will be posted, excluding vehicles over 6 tons. Watch for signs...djh

Mild, warm, -an early Spring? Beware, Winter still has a little time left! The ice throughout the North Country is on its last legs. Lake George is near the point of honey-combing (formation of long loose ice crystals). Once this phase occurs it is only three or five days before a warm wind takes the ice out. With continued warm weather the lake should be all clear by the end of the month, with the first good smelt run starting by April 10. This season has recorded 5202 heating degree day units, 14.8% warmer than the norm of 6117. Last year there were 6378 heating degree days. The temperature of the water at the 18 inch level is 36°F. Snow is only in patches down by the lake with 1 - 2 inches up in the mountains. Currently there are 28 inches on Mount Mansfield in Vermont, where last year there were 111 inches.

The garden could be turned over and fertilized around March 25 with the snow peas planted down by the lake as early as April 10. Enoc and Eban being ice fishing fanatics are working on a floating fish house, so as to prolong their season. The problem is now whether or not the Lake George Association will allow the registration as a boat or a floating hazard. Thus if this Spring, as the ice goes out you spot a white flag waving through the mist from some ominous structure, it's not the Lake George monster, only Enoc and Eban hoping for a tow in.

Shed those woolies, warm weather is blowing in!

Smile and enjoy a full life,
Eloc Salguod

From the editors:

This is the last column, at least for a while, from good ole Eloc. We appreciate very much his dedication to this column and we will certainly miss him. We wish him well in his new endeavor in Massachusetts.

PUBLIC HEARING RESULTS

JOE STREETER TO PREACH ON EASTER

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 2/24/83. Mr. Floyd H. Tyler's request for a variance to build a second dwelling on his property located in a TR-1 zoned district was denied because it does not meet the acreage requirements.

PLANNING BOARD - 3/3/83. The proposed sub-division of Terrace View Cottages by the Messrs. Tallia and Garrison into 10 parcels, to be called Lake Shore Hills, was approved with six conditions. These conditions cover items dealing with sanitation systems, water systems, removal of seven existing buildings, association status, road width, and limiting the size of the office building to 1,000 sq. ft. while stipulating that it be used exclusively for offices.

TOWN BOARD - 3/8/83. The Board approved the proposed map and zoning ordinance changes as presented. These changes are really corrections of errors made when the maps and ordinances were originally adopted.

The Board also passed a resolution designating Classic Cable TV the franchise for installation of cable TV in Hague. The town of Horicon has passed its resolution and the town of Chester will vote on theirs shortly. The franchise will not be accepted unless all three towns approve. The exact areas to have cable TV access must still be negotiated. Once the initial installation of cable TV occurs, the possibility of extending the lines in future years is improved. This has been the case in Ticonderoga; not all the homes in Ticonderoga have access to cable TV as yet, but the areas serviced have steadily increased...ac

TIME CHANGED FOR SERVICES

Sunday Evening services at the Wesleyan Church are being held at 6 PM instead of 7 PM

On Easter Sunday, Joseph Streeter, who has received his Christian Minister's License, will conduct the 7 pm service at The Assembly of God Church, Ticonderoga. Mr. Streeter grew up in Hague, served in the Navy during World War II, went on to college and became a teacher in Hague. He also was associated for many years with the Lake George summer patrol. At present he is Director of "Teen Challenge", a counselling group for young people addicted to alcohol or drugs, or who have had a criminal record. This center is located at "God's Mountain", Rehrersburg, Pa. His wife, Nancy, presently employed at WIPS, will join him there in July.

...BDeG

AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM?

The Town of Ticonderoga has requested that the Adirondack Park Agency reclassify approximately 30 acres of land from resource management to hamlet. The parcel is located on Rt. 74, adjacent to Fort Ticonderoga. A multi-million dollar resort complex, to be called Amherst Heights and be built by developer Vincent Salierno of Ticonderoga and New Jersey is proposed for the site. At the March 1 public hearing in Ticonderoga, a large crowd heard Town and business representatives speak in favor of the proposal because of its positive impact on the community; environmentalists were against it because the site could contain cultural resources, a portion of the site is wet-lands, and water quality might be affected.

The public has until March 31 to submit statements related to this request for a map amendment (No. 83-1). Send statements to: A.P.A., P.O. Box 99, Raybrook, NY 12977. The A.P.A. expects to make its decision at its April meeting.

...ac

YOUTH WORK PROGRAM

The Hague Youth Program is offering a BABY-SITTING Course for boys and girls, 10 - 17. Basic baby-sitting skills, including general child care, lessons in quick thinking for emergency situations, and FUN WITH SMALL CHILDREN, will be included. With the help of the Hague Fire Dept, basic FIRST AID, and SAFETY AT HOME AND PLAY will be offered.

COURSE STARTS MONDAY MARCH 28.
Continues for ten (10) weeks.
Place - Town Hall
Time - 7 P.M.

Certificates will be given upon completion of the course, and the graduates will be able to become a member of a baby-sitting "pool". Call Agnes Watts 543-6598.

Agnes is also setting up a YOUTH WORK PROGRAM. Young people who would like to do odd jobs such as raking, light yard work, cleaning attics, garages, etc. should sign up with Agnes, as well as those who need these services performed. 543-6598.

WE'RE ALL WET

Our beautiful town park is very soggy, to say the least. It would be most helpful if we voluntarily stayed out of the park until it has a chance to dry out.

VETERANS' WIDOWS

Widows of veterans with limited income may be eligible to receive pensions. The Veterans' Warren Co. representative, Joseph Fiore, is at the Hague Town Hall every Tuesday at 11 am and he is available to assess widows' entitlement to pension and assist in filing claims. This is a free and confidential service. Any questions concerning veterans' affairs can be discussed with Mr. Fiore during these weekly visits...ac

EASTER SERVICES

There will be a community Easter Sunrise Service in the park at 6:30 AM. All are welcome. Following the service there will be a breakfast in the annex of the Baptist Church. All are cordially invited.

On Maundy Thursday, March 31, The Wesleyan Church will hold a candle-light communion service at 7:00 PM. The Baptist Church will also hold a Maundy Thursday service in the annex at 7:30 PM.

Regular Easter morning services will be held in all three churches. On Easter night at 6:00 PM there will be a showing of the film "The Living Word", narrated by Billy Graham, at the Wesleyan Church...djh

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30 PM in the Hague Baptist annex. The presentation will be on America's whaling industry and the art of scrimshaw, given by Dr. Robert Cole. Several artifacts done by old sailors will be on display. Please come and start our new season off with a bang!

TWO DIPS - TWO BITS

The Church of the Cross in Ticonderoga is holding a Two-Dips for Two-Bits supper on March 24 in the Parish Hall from 4:30 - 7 PM. This will benefit the ECW scholarship fund..

NEWS YOU CANNOT DO WITHOUT

According to the American Paper Institute, the 28,680 supermarkets in the U.S. purchased about 25 billion grocery sacks in 1982, representing 3.8 billion pounds of brown (unbleached paper).

From Glens Falls Post Star

EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT

"Call 911, give name and location even if a paper bag is on fire." These were words of advice given to me the day after a fire burned down a shed in Graphite Monday night, March 7.

I was awakened by our neighbor calling to tell us they were all safe and not to get upset. I looked out a window and saw flames shooting at least 30 feet into the air and got upset! The SHED was scarecely 5 feet from Andreas and Linda Mars' home. We got dressed, and went downstairs. I stayed by that window as cars, strangers, neighbors filled our mountain road. What a relief to see the two big fire trucks' searchlights and hoses and the men milling around. I prayed hard for just about everything as I watched our Hague Volunteer Fire Department at work.

I could see a figure standing on the lower roof of the main house pouring a heavy stream of water onto that inferno that had been the Mars' tool shed. That brave fellow, so perilously near the flames, outlined against the night sky, reassured me that our Hague Fire Department would win this one. They did. Slowly the flames subsided and by prompt action on all sides the Mars were able to return to the house for the rest of the night. Five minutes more and a home would have been lost.

A rural Fire Company such as ours works against great odds. Distances, steep mountains, water supply - even the time consuming gathering of volunteers takes precious minutes from their job.

Never had the warning CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY, no matter how small you may judge a fire, been so graphically illustrated to me.

...M. Broderick

It is generally agreed that the presence of acid rain will be a major issue in the 1984 presidential elections.

KATHI HUDAK IS ENJOYING COLLEGE and tells us all about it:

The move to college life is a new and exciting experience. My first semester at Skidmore College was very busy but one of learning and adjusting. It was very surprising to enter my biology lecture and encounter a class twice the size of my senior class at Ticonderoga! My music theory class was very complicated and it did not take long to find out I had much to learn in that area. My remaining two major classes were a fiction course (taught by a professor from Lake George Village!), and a calculus course. These classes were made up of approximately twenty students which aided in getting to know many new people. Finally, I was in the Skidmore Chorus and began my first semester of voice lessons. Both of these classes were very rewarding and I participated in two concerts with the chorus and a singing group of seven girls called the "Accents" which I auditioned for and was made a member.

As always, it takes a while to become acquainted with new surroundings, and college is no exception. I've now come to call Skidmore my second home and wouldn't trade my new friends or my experience for anything. I am now into a busy second semester with some new courses and beginning to plan for next year. I've found that my parents have been right all along; these are definitely the best years of my life!

AGAIN KUDOS FOR THE HIGHWAYMEN

What a relief it was after struggling sideways up Tongue Mt. Sat. 3/12 at about 3:30 PM in slush and snow which had not been touched except by hapless travelers, several of whom had evidently succeeded in turning around and taking a different route; to come to the Hague line and find it plowed and sanded!

Rev. Kermit Castellanos had the same problem three hours later (plenty of time for action). The Northway was bad enough but the south side of Tongue Mt. was a disaster.

Our crews deserve a tremendous amount of credit for the splendid care they take of Hague roads in the winter. Thanks, lads...EHC

SOUNDINGS

MARRIED - Jodi Lambert Cole and Jim Braisted on Valentine's Day in Bolton Landing.

DIED - Glenn Burnham, a resident of Silver Bay and Tucson, AR, on Feb. 6 in Tucson. He is survived by his wife Mildred.

DIED - Albert B. Miles, 64, a resident of Hague for the past year, in Moses Ludington Hospital on Feb. 12.

DIED - Barbara Kritzler, on Feb. 18. Surviving are her husband, Dr. Robert A. and son Dr. Robert (Kim) Kritzler.

DIED - Paul Culley, a resident of Silver Bay and Westbury, NY. He is survived by his wife Florence Cornell-Culley.

APPOINTED - Dave Martucci to the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Art Steitz who resigned.

KATHY HUDAK - winner of last year's Art Potter scholarship, sang at this year's fund raiser, theme of which was 'New York, New York.'

FRANK CARNEY - Sabbath Day Point, shot a HOLE-IN-ONE recently at The Venice Country Club in Venice, Fl. Playing with him were Dave Shattuck, Ricky and Mike Bartlett (who will all vouch for it)

The March issue of MONEY magazine contains an article about Teddy and Patsy Smith, owners of the Algonquin Restaurant in Bolton.

LGA SITE IDENTIFICATION MAPS are available from Art Steitz at The Hague Super Market for \$5.00 ea.

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE'S reporter in Florida, Carolyn Gray, informed us that migratory area residents gathered on two festive occasions to honor Jack Kennedy & Wally Allison upon attaining septagenarian status.

FREE CHEESE will be distributed at the Town Hall on March 22 from 1 to 4:30 pm and on March 23 from 8 - 11:30 am and 1 - 4:30 pm. Call Diane at the Town Hall for more details. (543-6161)

RETIREMENT PARTY

Dr. "Tom" was honored with a reception on Saturday, March 5 at the hospital. Dr. Thomas R. Cummins has recently retired after 50 years of service to Ticonderoga and the surrounding communities.

Adolph Diskin, Supervisor of the Town read a proclamation declaring March 5 DR. THOMAS R. CUMMINS DAY. This proclamation was also signed by Mayor Virginia Smith of the Village of Ti.

Mary Michalak, RN, presented a gift from the Nursing Staff. Letters were read from Representatives David Martin and Glenn Harris, and from Kitty Garrand representing the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. McManus announced a prize to the graduating senior from Ti High School who excels in Science. A portrait currently being painted by Dr. Tom's neice, Mrs. Jane Melanson, will be hung in the hospital. This is a gift from the staff and Board of Directors.

Dr. Tom in a prepared speech said he was going to miss everyone at the hospital, but he was also looking forward to spending more time traveling and with his family, including his grandchildren. His son Douglas was there to share in the occasion with his mother and father...djh

The HAGUE STEERING COMMITTEE to the Silver Bay Assn. Community Extension Program (CEP) met on March 1 to discuss the 1982 program and to begin planning for summer of 1983. CEP brings Silver Bay summer employees into Hague to coordinate recreational activities and to aid in existing community programs. As part of CEP, Hague youths participate in regular activities on the Silver Bay campus.

Next meeting of this committee will be held on April 7 at the Town Hall...djh

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH and APRIL

MARCH

- 15 Board of Education - 7:30 PM
- 15 Home Bureau
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 17 Carillon Garden Club - 11:00
- 17 Sr. Cit. Bus to Glens Falls
- 21 FIRST DAY OF SPRING
- 23 High School Pops Concert -
8:00 PM - H.S. Aud.
- 24 Zoning Board - 7:30 PM
- 24 Elementary School "Sleeping
Beauty" - 7:30 - Middle Sch.
- 27 Palm Sunday
- 28 Youth Commission - 7:00
- 29 Home Bureau
- 29 Passover Begins
- 31 Maundy Thursday - see p. 5

APRIL

- 1 - 8 School Holiday
 - 1 Good Friday
 - 1 April Fool's Day
 - 3 Easter - see p. 5
 - 7 Planning Board - 7:30 PM
 - 7 Hague-Silver Bay Steering Com.
 - 10 The Hague Chronicle Deadline
 - 12 Town Board - 6:30 PM
 - 12 Home Bureau - Spring Luncheon
 - 13 Thomas Jefferson - 1743
 - 16 3-Act Play - H.S. Aud. - 8 PM
 - 14 Planetarium Show - 7:30 PM
- Representative from Veterans Adm.
is in Town Hall each Tues. at 11 AM
- ** DON'T FORGET THE CHEESE DISTRIBUTION - See p.7**

MARCH 12, 1983

A northeast wind had been pounding the shore all night, with the temperature hovering at 32°F. My first look at the new day saw white caps just south of Anthony's Nose. The ice was going out! Checking my wind speed indicator I observed that we had winds of 54 MPH and at 7 AM the wind was blowing steadily around 40 MPH. Throughout the day the wind continued its relentless attack on the ice and by evening a large body of open water extended from the "Nose" into Hague Bay.

The Chronicle records list only five years that the ice went out in March and the earliest March date was the 27th. We reported last month that the official date that the lake froze in '83 was February 11. Today (3/13) the winds are calm and basically from the north. First fishing boat on Hague Bay today...ac

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