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HAGUE TOWN BOARD - 7/14/92

As the town board meeting of July 14 opened at 6:30PM, David Martucci advised the audience that he was announcing his intention to apply for the assessor's job opening here in Hague.

In communications and petitions: A letter was read by Harold LaRose, former assessor stating facts of the reveal and tendering his resignation. (The letter may be read in its entirety on page 6).

An audit report is available for inspection at Town Clerk's office.

Nelson Waters wrote a letter to the town board in which he expressed his thanks to Barbara Belden for the fine job she did as secretary to the Board of Assessment Review.

Dorothy Henry wrote re: possibility of allowing absentee ballots for all taxpayers for the August 4 Hospital Referendum.....

In Special Committee Reports:

Sewer Planning: meeting in Albany on July 22 re: funding.

Community Center: Security and air conditioning inspection.

Finance: Budget Review

Cable TV: No reply on request concerning franchise.

Youth: Karen Costello reported on progress. First fund-raiser (boat/car wash) was a \$135 success. In a poll of individuals and families, building a basketball court was high on the list. Karen Laundree, councilwoman, made a motion to proceed with a \$307 payment to the Ti Youth Commission for 6 months - pending a review of the contract. Dick Frasier seconded the motion.

The Stormwater Management committee met to review information with John Silvestri, town attorney.

In regular committee reports: We have a young man working for the summer as part of the CETA program.

Isula Montebriand has requested a mirror at the foot of Lake Shore Terrace for safety's sake. This is one of the most dangerous traffic spots in town. The board is taking the problem under advisement.

There is square dancing every Thursday. Our annual craft fair will be August 1 and 2.

A report is expected at next month's meeting from the School Tax Investigating Committee.

Seniors are having their annual picnic on July 21 at Rogers' Rock Campsite..

A grant of \$106,000 has been filed as of June 10th for our landfill. The fee for construction and demolition materials has been increased to \$25 as of 7/15/92.

No comment yet on time set for hiring of new assessor.

The Hospital Committee has issued a sheet on "who may vote". A copy may be obtained at the Community Center.

In Other Business:

The Wesleyan Church asked permission to use the town park on July 15 from 7 to 8:30PM. Approval given.

Resolution passed to allow the special town vote for the hospital on August 4 from 12 noon to 8PM, with full board approval.

Hague signed the deed and became the owner of the ballfield on Decker Hill Rd.

People have expressed dismay at what is happening at the intersection of Routes 9N and 8. Supervisor Belden explained this is work that was planned and is paid for by the State of New York and is correcting 25% of the storm-water run-off. In an answer to a question by Dick Feibush about future sewer work, Supervisor Belden said the road would have to be torn up again.

Jack Carney has asked for the use of the tables and chairs from the center. The board agreed borrowers must sign the document we already have in place which covers the return of this equipment in the same condition as when it is borrowed.

A coffee-maker will be placed in the open closet, next to the kitchen, but in the main room. The Home Bureau, Trudy Karmazin, president, collected funds from town clubs and individuals to cover costs and Supervisor Belden will pay for installation as his contribution. A traveling exhibit on the Adirondack Centennial will be in Hague for about two weeks. Several Hague children are featured. (See page 6).

MILFOIL UPDATE

The process to register fluridone (SONAR) for use against milfoil in New York State is scheduled to move into high gear this summer.

The LGAA's Aquatic Plant Management Committee has learned from Gov. Cuomo's office that the DEC will hold hearings in August on its proposed conditions for use of aquatic pesticides, and specifically for SONAR. To prepare its comments, LGA has requested specific information from DEC's Pesticides Division.

LGA members are asked to be on alert for related action requests.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON AUGUST 4 IN THE REFERENDUM TO SUPPORT MOSES LUDINGTON HOSPITAL. THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE. SEE THE SPECIAL INSERT IN THIS ISSUE OF THE HAGUE CHRONICLE FOR INFORMATION AND PICK UP YOUR COPY OF INFORMATION AT TOWN CENTER.

WARREN COUNTY'S TRIAL MAGAZINE RECYCLING PROGRAM TO BECOME PERMENENT

The pilot program to recycle magazines, advertising inserts, colored paper, and junk mail in Warren County will become permanent according to County Recycling Coordinator Bob Link. "All that remains to be done is to review the proposed contract provisions with County Supervisors to make sure it meets with their approval", said Link.

In April and May, a trailer was circulated throughout the County, collecting over 70 tons of paper. Additional material was collected by the Warren-Washington County ARC. The magazines and other paper were then bailed at the County Recycling Center on Lower Warren St. and picked up by Marcal Paper Mills of Elmwood Park, NJ. The proposed contract with Marcal would run for two years contingent upon the county generating at least 16 tons per month. Link says that calls come in every day from residents asking if and when the program will be run again. "The response has been overwhelming, and we're excited about this opportunity to develop an ongoing program."

Beginning this week, Queensbury's Ridge Road Land-fill, just south of the intersection of Routes 9L and 149, will be the County's central drop-off point for the paper. Any County resident may drop off the paper during the station's regular hours.

In addition, a trailer will be available at the Hague Transfer Station on the following schedule:

- August 26 - 30
- October 21 - 25
- December 16-20

Acceptable paper includes magazines and advertising inserts, catalogs, envelopes, junk mail, textbooks with covers torn off, nonn-metallic wrapping paper, school and office paper and NCR paper. The County cannot accept paperback books, boxboard, carbon paper, blue-print paper or photographic paper. Phone books may not be mixed with this paper either, although plans for a separate program to collect them are currently being made.

For more information, contact John Breitenbach, Jr. at the Community Center, 543-6161.

RECYCLE USED OIL

Leaky tankers aren't the only culprits responsible for oil pollution: 180 million gallons of oil a year are dumped into the environment by do-it-yourselfers changing their car oil.

"About 90 percent of those who change their own oil dispose of it improperly", says Ann Lemley, chemical safety specialist with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Instead of being dumped, used oil can be re-refined for use as a lubricant. The refining needed to convert used oil back to virgin quality is a complicated but worthwhile process: one gallon of used oil can provide 2 1/2 quarts of lubricating oil. It takes 42 gallons of crude oil to obtain the same amount of lubricant. Next time you change your oil, you can drop your used oil off at your nearest service station for recycling or take it to the land-fill and give to attendant.

Pour oil into clean leak-proof non-breakable container for disposal

MOHICAN HOME BUREAU

We had a lovely warm day for the Flea Market at the Hague Community Center on June 27, 2992. All proceeds from our table were for the Bunn Coffee maker being given to Hague Community Center. We would like to thank at this time the following groups for helping us with this project: Hague Fire Dept., Senior Citizens, Winter Carnival Committee, Warren County Home Bureau. There are a few more pledges but we are awaiting their checks. Monies in memory of loved ones from Ann Robbins, Ida Moore, Bertha Dunsmore, Dottie Henry, Jackie Ambra, Fran Clifton. We are still a little short so anyone caring to help us please contact Trudy Karmazin, 543-8838. We appreciate everyone's help for this Community Project.

Next, don't forget to visit us at the Hague Craft Fair on August 1 and 2, 1992 at the Hague Community Center from 9 to 5. We have a lot of lovely hand made things for you. Also come and meet our very own "Betsy" the clown. She will be there to paint all the little faces.

Meet you at the Fair.

THE HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH WOMEN are holding a bake and craft sale between the Hague Market and the Post Office on Friday, July 17 from 8AM to 3PM. They will also have a table at the annual Hague Arts Fair on August 1.

HAGUE YOUTH COMMITTEE

After a "bomb" of a parent meeting, the Youth Program enjoyed a successful fundraiser, holding a car/boat wash during BASS Tournament weekend. \$135 was earned by 17 Hague youth (and friends). These hard-working kids were Drew and Eve Trombley, Aren and Jason Laundree, James and Perry Girard, John and Taviah Costello, Nate Lawrence, Wyatt and Tyler Wells, Annie, Alison and Monica Johnson, Melissa Brunet, Katie Toohey and Fletcher North. Parents also joined in the fun. Thank you to Mike Coffin, John Coon and David Darrin for their contributions and to all who had their cars and boats sparkled!

Our fledgling program kicked in this summer with a Silver Bay program for Hague youth. Eight children participated in the first 2 weeks of day camp and swimming lessons. For information on the next 3 sessions (7/13-7/24, 7/24-8/7; 8/10-8/21) please contact Mark Rutkowski or Sue Spahr at Silver Bay Assoc., 543-8833. The kids enjoy many fun and educational activities and have an opportunity to meet children from many places.

We would like to hold another, hopefully better attended, informational meeting for parents. More details of the Youth Committee's progress will be reported at the town board meeting.

HELP WANTED

Mother's Helper needed from August 1 - 15. Please call 543-6088.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Though three public hearings were scheduled for the June 25th meeting of the ZBA, only two were held and the third, (Young) was tabled for a future date.

1. Becker (72-1-2.22) an area variance from rear yard setback to construct an attached garage and storage area and

2. Kennedy (25-1-18) area variance for shoreline setback - were the two heard and both were approved later at the regular meeting. The Kennedy variance had conditions which stated no screening, enclosures or roofing.

Chris Ginn introduced a new form for listing facts and findings proving a necessary hardship. . gl

PLANNING BOARD

At 7PM Thursday, July 2, 1992 a public hearing was held to hear comments from the public on the application for a Mobile Homes Park, made by Nelson Waters (20-1-81.1). Several members of the audience spoke against the project as requested and questioned what further requests would be made in the future.

Mr. Waters stated his interest at this time was only to get authorization for the plan now proposed to the board. This will be an income producing situation and he would remain responsible for the upkeep and appearance of the park.

Later, at the regular board meeting, the application was denied. The board felt the need for additional pertinent information.

At the regular board meeting the following was discussed: Kneuppel (34-3-7;8;9) a minor subdivision to create two lots from three. After discussing existing problems brought up in Site Review, the board decided to get additional information before proceeding further.

Young (55-3-9.1-10, lot line adjustment was tabled because of possible future changes in the proposal.

Effective July 1, 1992, changes were made in NYS Planning and Zoning Regulations and each board member received a copy.

Two comments were addressed to the chair: 1. Each speaker from the floor be asked to identify themselves. 2. Chairman should explain the Public Hearing procedure to those in attendance.

CUB SCOUT PACK 21 NEWS

Eagle Lake was the perfect site for the Webeios (Dens 1 and 2) first campout of the season in early June. A group of veteran and rookie campers braved a drenching rain on their first night; good fortune brought them a fine day after and they enjoyed fishing, swimming, canoeing and the ever-popular cooking over a campfire. Isn't this what Scouts is all about?

We wound up the month of June with our pack picnic at the Fish and Game Club. That evening was filled with delicious food, prepared by our families, an exciting softball game and "fruitless", but fun, fishing. (Thanks for the worms, Art). The Scouts received their service stars for the number of years they've been in Pack 21 and sports awards for participating on teams or learning fundamentals and sportsmanship. We appreciate the use of the Fish and Game Club site - it's great for a pack of Cubs! A personal thank-you to my friends in Pack 21 for my beautiful Scout rose pin!

Special thanks goes to Bob Patchett of Hague and Greg Moore of Westport for their thoughtful and generous dona-

tions. And thanks to all who have supported Pack 21 through our bottle and can collection, donations, and well-wishes!

ANNUAL AMISH QUILT SHOW AND BAKE SALE

The Hague Community Building will again be the location of the Amish Quilt Show and Bake Sale this July 21, 1992. The sale will be held from 9AM to 6PM. No admission charge.

An extended Amish family from Lancaster County, PA will be present to show the quilts and hand crafted items they have made. This annual summer event gives the local public and tourists an opportunity to see and buy the beautiful artistic handiwork of the Amish Community. Patterns and quilts of all sizes will be available along with pillows, aprons, wall hangings, pot holders, placemats, and more.

The Amish bring with them traditional baked goods featuring such favorites as Shoo Fly Pie, cookies, dumplings, and breads of various kinds.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this Amish treat on July 21, 1992. For further information, call Sylvia Raymon at 585-6860.

WARDS TO OPERATE PROP AND SAIL

Tom James is pleased to announce that Karen and James Ward, Jr. and family are now managing and operating Prop and Sail Marine Service, Inc., Silver Bay, 543-6411. The business now offers expanded mechanical repair service, boat sales and indoor winter boat storage.

The Silver Bay Guideboat and Canoe Co. will continue to be operated by Tom James at the same Silver Bay location.

FARMER'S MARKET NOW OPEN

The Ticonderoga Business Association will again host The Ticonderoga Farmer's Market, beginning June 20.

The Farmer's Market is held every Saturday throughout the summer in front of the Ti Heritage Museum, from 9AM to 1PM.

All area producers are invited to "come to the market" to sell your homegrown vegetables, flowers, and plants; baked goods, jams and preserves; canned goods; art and homemade crafts. New this year, you can bring antiques and collectibles, too! You must provide your own table - a \$5.00 fee per table space is asked.

Call 585-2244 to reserve your space, or for more details.

HOYT HONORED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT

On Friday, June 25, 1992 the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. and Ambulance Squad held a surprise party to honor Bob Hoyt, at the Silver Bay Association.

Mr. Hoyt was one of seven (?) charter members who established the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. He was also the company's first fire chief, a position he held for forty years.

Amazingly enough the dinner was a surprise and a good time was had by all. To top things off, our newest fire truck was dedicated to Bob in appreciation of all his hard work and dedication. He was awarded a large plaque with his old helmet mounted on it.

Mr. Hoyt remains an active member of the fire company in the capacity of fire police.

A special thank you goes out to all of those fire members and friends who volunteered and made the dinner a success. Also, to Silver Bay Association for the good food and the use of their dining hall. . . wh

Only the educated are free. ...Epictetus

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The annual picnic of the Hague Senior Citizens will be held on Tuesday, July 21 at the Rogers Rock Campsite. (In case of rain, the Hague Fish and Game Club) REGISTER NOW by phoning 543-6161. Be prepared to have a member of the picnic committee ask you to provide an item of food. At the time of registration indicate whether you wish hot dogs or hamburgers and HOW MANY of either. (These will be provided by the club). Assemble at the Community Center at 11AM on the 21st, and bring your own tableware. . . ewa

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Again, our deepest gratitude for the support given to the Fire Department on the BASS Tournament weekend - to those who arose early and helped with breakfast, and those who assisted at the steak roast. And thanks to all who came and ate. At this writing we have no definite figures as to the amount earned.

The Fire Department made one fire call in June. No figures are available for the ambulance runs (watch for our July report!)

Bill Montgomery passed his ALS finals - many congratulations, Bill. And congratulations to our new EMTs: Denise Waters, Jeni Owens and Mike Bailey. All these people have worked hard to achieve this status.

Both the Hague and Silver Bay Fire Houses are having refurbishing and redecorating done.

And the Hague Fire Department had a glorious 4th of July; it was judged Best Appearing in the Ticonderoga parade. CONGRATULATIONS! . . . ewa

PROPERTY OWNERS OF SILVER BAY

The Property Owners of Silver Bay will meet on Monday, July 20, at the Hague Community Center. Refreshments will be served at 7PM, and the meeting will commence at 7:30PM. Remarks will be made by Supervisor Dan Belden, Recycling Coordinator John Breitenbach, Jr. and SBA Director Mark Johnson. Speaker for the evening will be Charles Parlin who will address the issue of the Moses-Ludington Hospital problem. Do turn out for this informative meeting on matters that concern us all. . . ewa

NATURE NEWS
Laura Meade

Ed Becker, a veterinarian and a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, who has a summer home at Sabbath Day Point, reports that the pair of mute swans which he released at his lakeside property this spring, have returned to his beach, after sojourns to the tip of Tongue Mt., to Carney's nearby shoreline, to Oneida Bay beaches, to a brook near the Penfield Cottage and to Pine Cove for one adventurous flight. He says that these beautiful, graceful, large birds are too young to produce offspring this year, so there is no danger to possible eggs in a nest.

These swans have been at Sabbath Day Point since approximately June 29 and will probably remain there until they migrate to a warmer climate for the winter. Every day they practice flying, extending their flights gradually, to build up endurance for migration.

Ducks and swans prefer sandy beaches (as Oneida Bay residents will testify), but use of those beaches by these birds and also swimmers, especially children, does not make for a happy combination if the people are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with the birds' lifestyles. However, Dr. Becker is delighted that the swans have chosen to stay a while at his family's place and he wishes them well as they continue to live in the wild.

HAPPY McPARTLIN HAS LEAD ROLE IN WEST-SIDE STORY

Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth McPartlin, Hague and Niskayuna, NY, Happy has been selected to perform the part of Maria in Park Playhouse production of West Side Story, which opened for a six-week run on July 8 at The Lakehouse, Washington Park, Albany. From a write-up in the Albany Sunday Times Union July 5 comes the following: "The part of Maria is played by Happy McPartlin, 17-year-old senior-to-be at Niskayuna High School. She is girlish and demure and neither looks nor talks tough, but that is acceptable for her role as the naive Puerto Rican teenager who falls for Tony, whose dramatic downfall is that he is not Puerto Rican. McPartlin has acted in small productions since the fourth grade with companies like Schenectady Light Opera Company. She has had only one professional role before, as an understudy for Heritage Artists. "But they had problems and I never got my check," she said of the company, which folded halfway through the season. "So that doesn't count."

"McPartlin won the part over professional actresses who auditioned in New York, according to Frederic, because of her voice, which is rich and full enough for a play with Bernstein-penned score that's more like a classical concert than the usual musical. McPartlin tried out hoping for a background part. She was delighted to win the lead, but hesitant at first to accept. She was, after all, giving up her last free time in high school."

In a review of the opening night performance, Pat Titterton says "As Maria, the young girl who risks loving outside her clan, McPartlin makes the adolescent urgency of first love altogether believable and approaches Maria's anger and sadness at Tony's death head-on. Blessed with a rich, pure voice, the actress turns her songs, like the playful 'I Feel Pretty,' into sunny interludes."

Performances for "West Side Story" are at 8PM, Wednesdays through Sundays through August 16. The Lakehouse, Washington Park, Albany. (Performances are cancelled in inclement weather). FREE Come early - bring a picnic!

THE FESTIVAL GUILD

continues its performances with "The Incredible Merlin Magic Show" on Tuesday, July 21 at 8PM, followed by the Boccherine Ensemble on the 28th at 8PM. This ensemble from Boston, MA, is proof that a classical quartet not only can perform perfectly in the traditional chamber music, but equally can demonstrate the distinctive rhythm of 20th century jazz or blues or rock. On August 4 The Guild will bring back Rebecca Kelly Dance, a group that presented a program of dance, both modern and the very new, on stage in 1989.

The Incredible Merlin will perform for the children (and pseudo children) at Arts Trek on July 22 at 10:30AM. The Boccherini Ensemble will perform for Arts Trek on July 29 and Rebecca Kelly Dance on August 5. All Arts Trek performances are at 10:30AM under the tent and are FREE.

The Guild once again will host an art show at the Hague Community Center on August 15 from 10AM - 8PM and August 16th from 10AM - 3PM. Oils, watercolors, drawings and sculptures by local artists and artists from New England and the Northeast.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

The 1992 NYS B.A.S.S. Federation's Opener Tournament was the biggest-ever, with 216 entrants catching a total of 849 fish. The tournament winner, Brian Cavert, pulled in five Small Mouth Bass totalling 15.14 pounds, and the winning "lunker", a Large-Mouth, caught by Rick Gulla of Utica, weighed in at 5.13 pounds.

The Chamber is happy to report that the Federation presented the Chamber with a donation of \$216, which the Chamber in turn presented to the Beste Scholarship Fund.

The Chamber booth is now open from noon to 6:00PM daily until Labor Day. Chamber members are urged to drop off any material to be handed out over the summer, and also, and especially, to pay your dues.

SQUARE DANCE PROGRAM SET

Although the funding is somewhat questionable, the Summer Square Dance Program is set for Thursday evenings at 7:30PM at the Community Center, starting on July 9. There will be a \$1 donation asked from adults, with children under 12 admitted free. The number of dances held this summer will depend on attendance and donations received at the first few dances, so try to come and support the program. (A donation of more than \$1 would be gratefully accepted!) Stan Burdick, our favorite caller, will be "do-si-do-ing" us through July if all goes well.

ARTS FAIR SLATED

The annual Hague Arts Fair, sponsored by the Hague Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for August 1 and 2, 1992 at the Hague Community Center.

Beautiful folk art and home-crafted items will be on sale, in addition to baked goods, paintings and other unique offerings too numerous to mention.

The Fair will be open both Saturday and Sunday from 10AM to 4PM, rain or shine. Refreshments will be available.

There are still a few spots available for exhibitors and reservations can be made by contacting Frances Clifton at 543-6501. No flea market items are acceptable, since this is strictly a sale of handmade items.

STRING QUARTET TO PERFORM

The Silver Bay Association String Quartet, under the direction of Marty Meade, will hold a recital at the Hague Community Center on Wednesday, July 22, 1992 at 7:30PM. The String Quartet brings together many extremely talented musical artists each summer, and their recitals are always an experience not to miss. There is no admission fee, but donations may be sent at any time to the Silver Bay Association String Quartet Endowment Fund, Silver Bay, NY 12874.

CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBIT

July 15 to Aug 1 at The Hague Community Center, there will be a show of children's art work which cel-

brates the hundred years of the Adirondack Park. These are paintings and drawings produced by elementary students who live within the area of the "green line". The art is delightful and many contributors were selected from the Ticonderoga Elementary School (several Hague students being among them). Works of fourth grade students Tavish Costello, Eve Trombley Katie Rutkowski and Brandy Frasier are not to be missed. The strong sense of place which our beautiful Adirondacks possess is disclosed through these children's eyes. The beauty and the uniqueness of the land and animals who reside here are carefully and creatively crafted. Be sure to visit the Hague Community Center to see this show. It will be fun and you will be rewarded.

CENTENNIAL WATER COLOR EXHIBIT

The Adirondack Park Centennial Watercolor Exhibit will be at the Hancock House Gallery in Ticonderoga from July 16 to July 30. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10AM to 4PM. Sundays 1PM to 4PM. This show is traveling throughout New York State and made its debut at Silver Bay Association in May.

WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

JUNE seemed cooler than most in recent memory. The high was 90° on the 13th, 14th and 17th. The most uncomfortable day being Sunday, the 14th, as the highest humidity and temperatures were combined. The 14th was also noteworthy as there was a partial eclipse of the moon which occurred after 11PM. When a June day in Hague is perfect, it is memorable, like the sort that poets write about. Beautiful temperatures, clear blue skies, low humidity and gentle breezes typifies the days of June 2, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 23. Things were quite dry. We only had rain on two days. Some showers did occur in early July and that has helped. We had very high wind on Thursday, July 8. The full moon is on July 14 and speaking of nice skies, don't forget to observe that admirable band of stars and interstellar dust (Milky Way) which makes its dazzling summer appearance in July. It stretches from the northeast to the south and was really best seen from 11 to 12 midnight at the beginning of the month. We still will be able to view it from 10 to 11PM at the end of July.

NOT TOO LATE to exercise. Low impact aerobics from 7:30AM-8:30AM on Tues, Wed, and Thurs. Stretching exercises same days from 8:30-9:30AM. Lots of fun and fitness had by all!

A LAKE NAMED GEORGE

This year the Kids Lake Awareness education program (LGA) has added a new feature: a puppet show. The show was written by our own Rev. David Lawrence (see poem on page 8). A very short and humorous production based on our environment and ecology, the show will be presented each Wednesday (weather permitting) in the Hague Town Park at noon.

He who opens a school door, closes a prison. . . . Victor Hugo

The following is the letter referred to in the Town Board article and was addressed to all members of the Town Board:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As I'm sure you are aware, I have been appointed as Sole Assessor for the Town of Moreau, Saratoga County. The decision to accept or reject this appointment has been a difficult one. I have grown very fond of the Town of Hague, its elected officials and the people themselves. The Town of Hague is not only a nice place to live, it is also a nice place to work. I have never before seen town employees who work so closely together and are so helpful to one another.

"I would briefly like to scan the past activities of the Assessor's Office and bring certain matters to your attention.

"In 1985 the Town of Hague assessors began a revaluation process which was to be completed for the 1987 Tax Roll. As you know this was never accomplished. Over the years 1985 through 1990 the Martucci brothers and other elected assessors were paid \$8.00 per hour to work on the revaluation project, in addition to the assessors' regular salaries.

"As noted five years were spent on the project with very little being accomplished - this is a fact that the records of the Assessor's Office, the Warren County Tax Mapping Office and the New York State Department of Equalization and Assessment, Local Assessment Services Office can attest to.

"When I was appointed (January 1, 1991) I was directed to complete the revaluation for the 1992 Tax Roll. This I assure you was no easy task; however, it was accomplished.

"Upon my arrival at the Town of Hague's Assessors Office, I found a general mess, with papers and files in complete disarray. The situation at first appeared unworkable. I then contacted Mr. Martucci, one of the previous elected assessors, and asked him to fill me in on where things stood and where various maps and reports were. He stated that they must have gotten lost, refused to give me any information and made a profane statement upon his leaving. From that day forward both myself and the revaluation project were subjected to continual harassment by the Martucci/Yaw group.

"This of course did not make my task any easier. Shortly thereafter the Town Attorney contacted me relative to a series of Article 7 proceedings initiated over the years relative to state lands and asked that I work up a proposal relative to settling all of them at a meeting the next month. This was accomplished and my proposal was accepted upon its presentation at our first meeting.

"The revaluation project continued. However, continual harassment by the Martucci/Yaw group made the situation that much more difficult. Yaw finally stated that if they couldn't get me fired they would harass me until I quit.

"For the record, they (The Martucci/Yaw group) did not have any effect on my final decision to resign. The increased salary, the outstanding benefits and the close proximity to my home were the decision-making factors.

"It seems strange to me that Martucci, who was unsuccessful in his bid for the assessor jobs in Hague and Ticonderoga, and who could not get the Hague revaluation project off the ground in five years, is presumed by his fellow group of harassers as the "great valuation expert."

"If concurrence is given to this type of unwarranted harassment and the spreading of mis-information, one can foresee nothing but disaster on the horizon for the Town of Hague..

"The schedule I previously outlined for verifying, adjusting, recollecting and recomputing data for an update of values in 1995 is something I would hate to see left undone. No revaluation is ever perfect (particularly after 20 years) and of course not everyone is ever going to be happy with the results of a revaluation. Only with a continuing effort to iron out the wrinkles (so to speak) can an Assessment Roll be continually maintained with the minimum amount of complaints and the maximum degree of accuracy.

"The 1992 Hague Tax Roll reflects the results of the now

completed revaluation. It is my opinion that fair and equitable assessments have been determined.

"Applications for payments #2 and #3 under Article 15B Reimbursement have been filed with the State but not as yet acted upon. The Town will now be eligible to apply for payment #4 after the filing of the Final Assessment Roll.

"I wish to thank the members of the Town Board, the Town Office building staff, and the majority of the townspeople for their support and assistance during the past year and one half.

"I would like to offer to meet with my successor whoever it may be, if requested, to answer questions relative to the office functions.

"Again, it has been a pleasure working for the Town of Hague. Please accept this as my formal resignation to be effective 10 July 1992."

Very truly yours, /s/ Harold A. LaRose, SCAA

GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL SERVICES

Historic Grace Memorial Chapel on Sabbath Day Point in Silver Bay continues its 108th summer of worship services through Labor Day weekend.

Worship is at 10 o'clock. Worship is led by a different minister each Sunday.

- July 19 - Rev. Russell Butcher, Ret. Presbyterian Church, USA, Hagerstown, Md.
- July 26 - Rev. Gerald Van Heest, Chaplain Hope College, Holland, MI
- Aug. 2 - Rev. Paul Friedrich, Ret., United Methodist Church, Wayne, NJ
- Aug. 9 - Rev. Nickolas Miles, United Reformed Church of Rosendale, Bloomington, NY
- Aug. 16 - Rev. Timothy Van Heest, Anaheim Hills Reformed Church, Anaheim, CA
- Aug. 23 - Rev. Helenmarie Sunkenberg, Ramsey, NJ
- Aug 30 - Rev. Winston Saunders, Ret. United Methodist Church, Sunset Beach, NC
- Sept 6 - Rev. Robert Marr, Ret. - United Church of Christ, Suffolk, VA

The chapel is also available for weddings, baptisms and memorial services. For more info. please call Carol Babinsky at 543-6044.

See you in church! A warm welcome awaits you.

WORK ON HAGUE (SUCCOR) BROOK AND BRIDGE began during May and will continue until some time between Oct. 15 and December 1. For the interim, the heart of Hague has put its tranquil pace, clean air and serenity on hold.

DECEMBER 31 THE DOORS OF MOSES LUDINGTON HOSPITAL WILL CLOSE FOREVER, UNLESS YOU THE PEOPLE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. VOTE YES ON THE REFERENDUM ON AUG. 4.

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, Jarrod Francis, to Jerry and Robin Holub, Cranford, NJ on April 28. Proud grandparents are Jerry and Joyce Holub, Fairley Heights, NJ and very proud great grandmother is Dolly Kennedy, Pine Cove Road, Hague.

BORN - A boy, Philip Michael, to Maureen (Denno) and Jerry Germaine, New Haven VT on May 10 at Porter Medical Hospital in Middlebury, VT. Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Denno, Hague.

BORN - A boy, Tyler Brock, to Debbie (Bly) and Michael Hicks, Martville, NY, on July 9, 1992. Proud grandma is Shirley Smith, New Hague Road.

MARRIED - Debbie Denno Hoffay, daughter of Mr & Mrs Bernard Denno, Hague, to Larry E. Reid, Plattsburgh on June 27 at their home on New Hague Road.

MARRIED - Alison Porter, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Porter, Hague, to Kevin Bartlett, son of Mr & Mrs. Gillette Bartlett, Ticonderoga on June 27 at St. Mary's Church, Ticonderoga. Reception followed at the home of her parents. Mr & Mrs Bartlett are residing on New Hague Road.

DIED - Andrew Halloran, 18, on March 24 in Pembroke Pines, FL. He is survived by his parents, Michael and Louise (Will) Halloran, one brother and one sister, grandmother Helen Will, former summer resident of Hague and grandmother Phyllis Halloran, Latham. A memorial service will be held August 7 in First United Presbyterian Church, Troy, NY at 10AM.

DIED - Beulah Blair Moses, 102, long-time summer resident of Indian Kettles and Sabbath Day Point, on May 24 in Dunedin, FL. She celebrated her 102nd birthday at a party for her on March 28 and was in excellent health until a month before her death. She is survived by her god-daughter, Heidi Spencer, Indian Kettles.

DIED - Alberta Krueger, wife of Richard Krueger, New Hague Road, Hague and Inglis, FL., in Inglis. Surviving besides her husband are a son, Richard and a daughter Marie and several grandchildren.

HAGUE STUDENTS SHINE AT GRADUATION

Hague graduated seven students from Ticonderoga High School on June 20. We published the names of five of these graduates last month and inadvertently omitted the names of Jessica Ferdig and Carl Vallee. We regret this omission.

The following prizes/awards were made during the commencement exercises: The Steward R. Moore Art Prize to Carolyn Dykstra; Mary C. Beste Memorial Scholarship Award to Richard Cobb, Anthony DeFranco, Carolyn Dykstra, Tieah Gautreau and Nathan LaCourse; The Frank M. and Nellie Wicker Moses Memorial Award offered to the graduate with the highest score in SAT or ACT to Carolyn Dykstra; The Stephen

J. Potter Education Award to Anthony DeFranco, Carolyn Dykstra, Tieah Gautreau; the John J. Herbert Memorial Scholarship to Tieah Gautreau and the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship to Anthony DeFranco.

All of the students who received Mary C. Beste awards are planning a college career beginning this fall. The future really looks bright for these young students. The Hague Chronicle staff congratulates all of these students on their successful high school years and wishes them all the best for their future endeavors.

ROBERT LOVELAND, son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Loveland, New Hague Road, graduated on June 12 from the College of Veterinary Medicine of Ohio State University in Columbus OH. His undergraduate degree was earned from Findlay College, Findlay, OH.

DANIEL MONTBRIAND, son of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Montbriand, Ticonderoga, and **DAVID NOPPENBERGER, Jr.**, son of Mr. & Mrs. David Noppenberger, Belair, Md. both won the Bausch & Lomb science awards at their respective high schools this year. Both students are grandsons of Ursula Montbriand, Lakeshore Terrace, Hague and are going into their senior year at high school.

BEAR FACTS

A bear has been spotted recently in the vicinity of the Gautreaus on New Hague Road. We also have a report of a VERY large bear that has been haunting the Ernest Jordan home on Battle Hill Rd (Sno-Pappy). Vernie Rockwell believes that he saw a moose on Battle Hill Rd

To the Editor:

As executive travel editor of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, I recently returned to the Adirondacks to research a story keyed to the centennial of the Adirondack Park and the opportunities the park offers the leisure traveler.

I had not been in the area for nearly 40 years and had no idea of the wonderful transition that had taken place during that period. Driving the park's highways is pure pleasure. The complete lack of commercial signage beyond town limits - not to mention the almost total absence of roadside litter - makes driving throughout the Adirondack Park a joy.

I hope you and your readers appreciate what you have. Anyone who traveled the park's roads a few decades ago - and suffered the visual pollution of billboards advertising everything from snake farms to Burma-Shave - certainly must know the value of today's nearly pristine roadside environment. Adirondackers may take pride in what has been achieved in the effort to enhance the beauty of the park -- and they should work to preserve it.

Sincerely, /s/ Jack Severson

The benefits of education and of useful knowledge, generally diffused through a community, are essential to the preservation of a free government.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY/AUGUST 1992

JULY

- 16 Square Dance at Community Center - 7:30PM (p5)
- 20 Property Owners of Silver Bay - Comm. Ctr (p4)
- 21 Irish Quilt Sale - Comm. Ctr - 9AM-6PM (p2)
- 21 Concert under the tent in Ti (p4)
- 21 Sr. Citizens picnic at Rogers Rock (p4)
- 22 S.B. String Quartet - Comm. Ctr 7:30PM (p5)
- 23 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30PM - Comm. Ctr.
- 23 Square Dance (p5)
- 28 Concert under the tent in Ti (p4)

AUGUST

- 1 & 2 - Hague Arts Fair - Comm. Ctr. (p5)
- 3 Fire Department meeting - 7:30PM
- 5 Senior Citizen Bus to Glens Falls
- 6 Planning Board meeting - 7:30PM
- 11 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 18 Board of Education, H.S. Cafeteria - 7:30PM
- 19 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls

A LAKE NAMED GEORGE

Deep earthquakes dug the gorge
The English named Lake George.

Huge glaciers moved the mountains
Then melted as they warmed

Flood waters flowed from fountains
And filled the lands they formed.

The fire and water, earth
And wind, all powerful

Great Spirit giving birth
To living creatures, all

These elements can cure
What they created pure,

Or rise again to forge
Another lake named George.

... David Lawrence

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