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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Volunteer Fire Departments provide an important and vital service to the Community by providing important and vital service to the Community by providing fire and ambulance services to the Town of Hague and mutual aid service to neighboring Communities, and

WHEREAS: members of Volunteer Fire Departments donate many hours of personal time to provide these services, and

WHEREAS: Volunteer Fire Departments are dedicated members of the Community and promote and protect the safety and welfare of our citizens, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Town Board requests that all Hague residents and property owners share in these concerns of our Volunteers by donating to this cause, and be it further

RESOLVED: that the Town Board of the Town of Hague does hereby proclaim the week of July 16 to July 23, 1988, as Volunteer Fire Department Appreciation Week.

At 7PM on Saturday, July 16, there will be a kick-off parade in honor of our Hague firemen. The parade will be led by Fort Ticonderoga Corps of Drums. The line of march starts at the Fire Hall and continues down the main street of Hague to the town park. At the park the Corps will perform with beautiful Lake George as its backdrop. This is a fine group of young musicians who have performed in our park in the past and it is a beautiful sight and sound to behold. Fire engines will be very much in evidence as will the firemen and ladies.

This will be the official kick-off for the fund drive for the much needed new fire truck. Area captains have been designated and will be knocking on doors all through the week of July 16-23. Please be generous in your contributions. It is a known fact that if we did NOT have a fire department your insurance rates would be 22-34% higher. Think of this when you write your check. Make our firemen believe that they are truly appreciated.

In the fall of 1947 a group of men from the town of Hague got together and decided that a fire department was needed. Up until that time Hague had been served by the Ticonderoga Fire Department at the rate of \$50.00 per call. However, when the charge went to \$100.00 per call, it was time to organize our own. With the help of Supervisor R. J. Bolton (grandfather of our present supervisor), a loan was secured and we were on our way. The first Hague fire truck was a jeep with a trailer holding a 200 gallon tank. It is well worth mentioning here that another selling point for a Hague Fire Department was that there would be a drastic cut in insurance rates for its residents. At the organization meeting Bob Hoyt was elected Acting Fire Chief, (later made Fire Chief, a position he held for 32 years). Other officers included Henry Leach, 1st Asst., Robert Bolton, 2nd Asst., Elton Rising, secretary and Jack Henry, treasurer. In addition to the above, charter members included Howard Barnett, Charles Bungey, Richard Bolton, Jr., Frank Carney, Joseph Belden, Bernard Clifton, Charles Fitzgerald, John Fitzgerald, Robert Fitzgerald, Howard Frasier, Jr., Morgan Frasier, William Frasier, Richard Hunter, Arthur Jordan, Elwin Kelly, William Lambert, Al Stanley, Clifton West, Clifford Decker, Leo Wells, Harvey Yaw, Roland Yaw, Leroy Scott, Morgan Chester, Clarence Holman, Forrest Shattuck, Leroy Bennett, Fred Frasier, Keith DeLarm, Tom Smith, George Vogel, James Fitzgerald, Charles Smith, Frank Merr, William Terry, Louis Spelman, Edward Yaw, Earl Bolton, Alvin Middleton, Walter Middleton, Merrill Frasier, Bob Reynolds, Oliver Smith, and J. W. Strauss, for a total of 52 members.

A charter was granted to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department in 1948, with Bob Hoyt, chief. In 1949 membership dropped to 17, but was up to 26 members in 1951 and now the membership stands at 60 which includes both men and women.

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In 1979, after 32 years of devoted service, Bob Hoyt resigned as Fire Chief. Gerry Boyd was elected Fire Chief, followed by Tom Stull and Paul Davis, our present chief. Incidentally, Bob only resigned as chief. He is still an active member of the department and acts as a fire police when he isn't in the sunny south.

The first fire which the department answered in Hague was a large grass fire at the Parlin's. We joined Mutual Aid in 1949 with Lake George, through the Sheriff's office. The first fire call outside Hague was to Ticonderoga, the second to Bolton and the third to Chestertown. In the "good old days" when Hague volunteers answered calls for the Conservation Department, they were paid 50¢ an hour (fire wardans - 75¢). When responding in their own cars, they were paid 10¢ a mile, light trucks, 18¢ and heavy trucks \$1.20 per hour!

When the jeep had outlived its usefulness, a '55 International chassis, 500 gallon pumper was bought for a whopping \$7300! This truck is still in operation. This was a very large amount and we went deep into debt to pay for it. However, the citizens of Hague, as always, came to the rescue and supported the purchase.

In 1957 the Rescue Squad was formed. A rebuilt Cadillac hearse was the first ambulance and we were very proud of it. Bob Bolton was the first captain of the squad.

It is interesting to note that in 1957 insurance coverage cost \$35.00 for \$100,000 and \$50.00 for \$300,000. Since then insurance premiums have sky rocketed. In 1987 the insurance alone cost \$9,487.91. A far cry from "the olden days."

In talking with President John Breitenbach it would seem that there is a great need for personnel, as well as money. You don't have to be able to fight a fire or save a life to become a member of the Hague Fire Department. There are other skills that are desperately needed - secretarial, bookkeeping, publicity, stuffing envelopes, just to name a few. The Hague Volunteer Fire Department has come a long way since its organization in 1947. Times have changed and the Fire Dept. changes with them. Our men and women work hard, not only to save property and lives, but by raising funds through dinners, rummage sales, etc. to support the expenses of the fire department. This should be a 100% effort on the part of every resident of the town of Hague. Let us all help to keep the HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT the excellent organization it is. The only way to accomplish this is through your generous support.

...D. Henry, with help from Bob Hoyt and John Breitenbach.

KIT CAR RAFFLE

Have you seen the "new" car in town? We don't mean a Ferrari or an IROC, but the 1929 Mercedes Gazelle Kit Car on display at several locations in the area. This little beauty was donated to the Hague Fire Department by Mr. & Mrs. Alex Serjeant of Arcady Bay, and the Department is raffling the car off to raise funds for new equipment. Tickets are \$5.00 each, with the drawing scheduled for the 1989 Hague Winter Carnival in Feb. If you haven't gotten your ticket(s) yet, or you know of an up-coming affair where the car should sit on display, please contact Sal Santantello, 543-6441.

The Fire Department would like to thank the Serjeants for their most generous support of our organization.

GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Grace Memorial Chapel at Sabbath Day Point announces its services for the rest of the summer season. All services begin at 10 AM.

July 17 - The Reverend S. Thom Scholten, First United Methodist Church, Northville, NY

July 24 - The Reverend William Babinsky, Retired: Reformed Church in America, Whiting, NJ

July 31 - The Reverend Jeremy P. Duncan, United Methodist Church, Boonville, NY

August 7 - The Reverend Paul A. Friederich, Retired: United Methodist Church, West Orange, NJ

August 14 - The Reverend Nickolas M. Miles, United Reformed Church of Rosendale, Bloomington, NY

August 21 - The Reverend Robert B. Merr, D.D. Retired: United Church of Christ, Suffolk, VA

August 28 - The Reverend Winston A. Saunders, Retired: United Methodist Church, Sunset Beach, NC

Sept. 4 - The Reverend Lee R. VanSickle, D. Min. Retired: United Methodist Church, Penney Farms, FL.

PROPERTY OWNERS OF SILVER BAY

On Tuesday, July 19, Ambery Butcher, Executive Director of the Silver Bay Assoc. will bring us up to date on the Association's activities and Allison Craig, LGA vice president will address the group on her 10 year outlook for the lake.

On Tuesday, August 23 guest speaker will be Michael P. White, Executive Director of the Lake George Park Commission speaking on the NY legislation that funded and expanded the authority of the LGPC and the impact it will have on all lake users and residents. Also speaking will be Dick Bolton, Hague supervisor who will hold forth on a "Meet Your Town Officials" session.

Both meetings begin with refreshments at 7PM and business meeting starts promptly at 7:30 PM.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Upon opening the Public Hearing at the ZBA meeting on June 23 to an overflow audience, Michele Brunet, chairman, made the following statement, "No remarks are to be made other than those relating to 7.031 A-4-c, the only item under discussion for Snug Harbor hearing.

"(7.031 A-4-c states: 'The lot considered for cotractical access shall be the minimum lot size as required by the zoning district.' The interpretation of this zoning regulation will be the only consideration at the Snug Harbor hearing."

Mrs. Brunet proceeded to inform the audience that 100 letters protesting the development had been received and can be viewed at the Town Hall any time 8AM to 5PM Mon. thru Fri. All but 8 were property owners in Hague.

Donna Wardlaw, attorney for developers, was given an opportunity to speak and said she had no opening statement but would like permission to speak at the end of the meeting. This was granted.

Tom West, attorney for LGA said he was sorry there would be no statement because he felt the audience would be better informed about the project if Ms. Wardlaw presented her case at the beginning of meeting.

Several associations on both sides of the lake were represented and after listening to all who wished to speak, the general concensus was negative.

A few spoke for the development stressing increased tax base and GOOD growth as opposed to bad development.

Before going on to Variance #7-88, a public hearing was scheduled for July 28 at 7PM to answer 2 out of 6 questions on an "Appeal from Action by Zoning Admin." by Twin Peaks (Snug Harbor) concerning prior non-conforming lots #653.21.1 and #653.21.2. The remaining 4 questions do not come within the realm of the ZBA unless a request comes from the Planning Board for consideration by ZBA.

The next day, at the request of Ms. Wardlaw the Public Hearing was postponed until the ZBA meeting on August 25 at 7PM.

Ms. Wardlaw declined comment at end of Public Hearing.

The Jane Frederick Variance #7-88 for a deck to be located on the side of her house (which would be less ft. from property line as required by zoning ordinance) was approved unanimously after it was reduced from 10 ft. to 8 ft.

Variance #8-88, Bodnar request for a garage to be built with a portion covering road right of way was

unanimously approved after it was ascertained that it would encroach on the septic system if placed anywhere else on property and would not allow doors to open on road.

At the conclusion of Snug Harbor discussion at the regular meeting the following interpretation was made: "For the purpose of contractual access under 7.031 A-4-c a lot to be covered and controlled by the rules and regulations of the zoning district in which the area lies." The committee voted Yes unanimously.

HAGUE PLANNING BOARD - 7/7/88

The application of Sue Jordon to place a 2nd mobile home on her 30+ acres located in a zoning district which requires a minimum of 2.9 acres per principal building was discussed. The zoning ordinance states that the placement of 2 or more mobile homes on a parcel of land under a single deed ownership is classified as a "mobile home park." This then requires a Type II Site Plan Review and A.P.A. has party status. Zoning Adm. Cos - tello will consult with applicant concerning this matter.

The Fenimore project, #1-88, for a Travel Trailer Park located between Mt. View Rd. and NYS Rt 8 has approval from the Dept. of Health for toilets but not showers since work on the leaching field is incomplete. Ingress and egress roads to Rt. 8 must be blocked off. Each site must have covered trash cans and weatherproof electrical hook-ups must be provided.

Alison Craig reported to the Board on the zoning revision workshop meeting that was held on July 5, 1988. The primary issue discussed was Section 9.020 - Conversion of Certain Existing Uses. (Minutes of this workshop are available at the Town Hall.) Prior to any changes in the Zoning regulations the Town Board would have to conduct a public hearing and the A.P.A.'s approval must be granted. The next workshop meeting will be held on July 26.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 7/12/88

A motion to request our town attorney to write a quick claim deed giving up water rights at Town Park property so that the prospective buyer of the Beachside can obtain the necessary financing, was passed unanimously.

A motion for Dan Belden, Highway Supt. to attend the Highway Supt. Convention at Kutchers on Sept. 27, 28, & 29 was also passed unanimously

Only three other announcements at the meeting: 1. CHIPS payments same as last year. 2. Letter of approval will go to the Bill Blair family allowing them to erect a bird house in his memory at the town park 3. Community Centre meeting 7/18 at 7:30PM and revision committee meeting 7/22 at 7PM. This made it the shortest meeting of the season.

TI FESTIVAL GUILD GETS INTO SWING OF THINGS

After a beautiful pre-season concert on Sunday, July 3 at Island Harbor, home of Al and Barbara Lawrence, the Ti Festival Guild really got into the swing on their opening night, July 11 featuring the Vermont Jazz Ensemble, followed by a reception. Next Tuesday, July 19, the Guild presents a double feature. First at 7PM, Smokey Greene and the Boys will take center stage, followed by the McLain Family Band at 8PM. Both groups are sure to enliven the yellow and white stripe Ti festival tent on the Village Green in Ticonderoga. This will be the third appearance for the McLain family, who have appeared on the Today Show, CBS Morning News, the BBC, Pearl Bailey Special and a Johnny Cash Special. They have also been featured at Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, the Metropolitan Museum, Grand Ole Opry and many others.

Appearing July 26 is the Vintage Brass, a group of five dedicated to the performance of fine brass music--baroque, romantic, classical, folk, pop, jazz, Dixieland and march. On August 2 we have a change of pace with the presentation of the Vanaver Caravan, a dance group that weaves a tapestry of the American dance heritage--Old World, Appalachian clogging, step dancing, contemporary dance and original works. The season ends on August 9 with a performance of The Racing City Chorus, superb award-winning singing group (40 singers) just returned from European tour, radiating style, humor and harmony. All evening performances are at 8PM, with the exception of Smokey Greene on July 19 which begins at 7PM. General admission is \$6.00, Senior Citizens \$5.00, students (18 and under) \$4.00. Bring a lawn chair if possible.

The Elks Club is sponsoring a buffet each Tuesday across from the tent in their clubhouse prior to the concert. Meals are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

The award winning ARTS TREK VI has already presented two shows. Coming up are: on July 20 Carte Blanche (Mime Theater); July 27, Spotlight on Opera (musical tales), "where young audiences actually have begged for the opera to go on"; August 3, the Vanaver Caravan (dance work shop that weaves a tapestry of the American dance heritage) and August 10 "Getting There is Half the Fun (story theatre), folk tales out of Africa and our own Old South.

These free performances are each Wednesday morning at 10AM. Geared primarily for children, they have been enjoyed by those of all ages.

"MAGIC"

Here is a word of so many meanings. Now the Ticonderoga Festival Guild and the merchants of Ti have added a new meaning. Merchants and Guild In Concert...a series of weekly Thursday noontime events to be held at various locations in downtown Ticonderoga. July 21 - PM ELECTRIC, from Albany; July 28 - SPEAKEASY; August 4 - MARGARET MacARTHUR, folksinger and August 11 - PETER ABBOTT'S TOURING CIRCUS. Performances will be in downtown Ticonderoga and are free.

FAIRS AND BAZAARS

18th Annual Flea Market and Auction will be held on Saturday, July 16 at 8:45 AM- 4PM at the Church of the Cross, Ti. Auction begins at 10:45AM

Carillon Garden Club Annual Bazaar on July 30 at First United Methodist Church, Ticonderoga, NY. Hours: 10AM to 3PM.

Hague Arts Fair - to be held in Town Park on August 6 and 7 from 10AM-5PM. Set up time any time after 8 AM. Limited space still available. \$15.00 one day, \$25 two days. Homemade or handmade crafts. Limited number of tarps available to be given out on a first come, first served basis. To be held rain or shine. For information call 543-6161.

Moses Ludington Hospital Fair - August 6, 10 AM - 4PM. If you have things to donate, please call Pat Lorenz at 585-2831. The hospital needs your support.

HAGUE FIRE DEPARTMENT Rummage and Food Sale will be held on August 11, 12 and 13 at the Fire Hall. If you have articles to be picked up, call Ida May, 543-6029 or leave at Fire Hall before August 10.

14TH Annual Gigantic Eastern Star Flea Market will be held on August 20 and 21st at the Municipal Park, Rt 3, Tupper Lake, NY. More than 200 vendors will be on board with wares of every description. Contact Edith LaLonde, 20 Woodrow Ave., Tupper Lake, NY 12986 or call 518-359-2542 after 6PM, or call Margaret Winot 518-359-9523.

WILLY C'S JUNE/JULY WEATHER NOTES

Most of you have returned to the fold, or have been here, so you know what the weather is all about, but for those wayward souls who remain out in the wide wide world, we will have a brief recap.

June was a roller coaster month, one minute down in the 60's then up in the 90's during the day, down in the low 40's, up in the high 60's and a low 70 at night. We never bested the 52 MPH speed reported on the 1st, but we had more than a modicum of wind throughout the month. Unusual for June. On June 21 the sun reached its zenith for the northern hemisphere and has now begun its retreat. We managed .99 of an inch of rain for the month. Yes, it is dry. On the last day of the month we were in one of the swoops of our roller coaster ride. Our mountain observatory reported a low of 40° and a high of only 43° for the day. How's that for June 30th? Over all heating degree days for the year were 6+ % below normal. Let's see what the new season will bring.

July started off cool, but warmed to the task by the 3d and has been in the 3-H category every day since. Hazy, Hot and Humid. Mid to high 90's during the day, high 60's to low 70's at night. Some rain on the 1st, but precious little since. The water temperature at 2:30 PM, July 11th was 75°, the air temperature 90° and rising. Quite an increase from last month's report. For those of you who like the heat, this is gangbusters. Take heart for those of us who are not quite so enthralled, you should be experiencing more seasonal temps as you read this column. Now what we need is some moisture. People are wondering about the heat. They don't remember it being this hot before, here at Lake George. It has been. I remember.

A.P.A. PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

The A.P.A. will conduct a Public Hearing at the Hague Town Hall on July 19, 1988 at 10AM. The hearing will deal with requests for Map Amendments to the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. This hearing will deal with the same Map Amendment Numbers 87-4 and 87-5 which were withdrawn on June 17, 1987 by a verbal request by Donna Wardlaw, an attorney representing the prospective purchaser of both areas of land included within the amendment requests. According to Attorney Wardlaw, both the

applicant (The Town of Hague) regarding Map Amendment 87-4, and the applicant regarding Map amendment 87-5, Mr. Frank Carney, concurred with the withdrawal of the map amendment request. 87-4 is a 1-1/2 acre portion of a lakeside parcel south of "South Brook" and presently zoned Resource Conservation, requiring a minimum lot size of 40 acres, to be changed to TR-1, requiring 1.1 acres for a minimum lot size and is contiguous to land owned by Mr. Frank Carney that is zoned TR-1. The Town of Hague Planning Board supported this map change at its December 1986 meeting since it appears to be an error on the A.P.A. map. 87-5 is land on the west side of NYS Rt. 9N and zoned OC-1, requiring a minimum lot size of 2.9 acres per principal building. Mr. Frank Carney is requesting that this parcel be zoned TR-1 as is his land north of "South Brook." Both parcels are included in the proposed "Sugar Bush at Snug Harbour" project.

TICONDEROGA HERITAGE MUSEUM---A PLEASANT SURPRISE

One of the joys of life is to be pleasantly surprised. Another is to be present at a birth or a new beginning, with all the hopes and dreams that such a birth implies. This is the year of the re-birth of the Heritage Museum, located in the one hundred year old International Paper Co. office building at the east end of Montcalm St. in Ticonderoga.

The purpose, to show and depict the industrial development that grew along the LaChute corridor and became a part of our historical heritage. As with any birth the museum is small, but it allows you to see and to share the goals and dreams of those who have fathered the concept. An outstanding seven minute video sets the stage and a staff member is available to guide you through. One room is devoted to the graphite industry with pictures of the old mills in Graphite, Hague and Ticonderoga, together with displays of the manufacture of the famous Ticonderoga Lead Pencils. And there is more to see, so make your own discovery.

The museum is open seven days a week from now through Labor Day. On Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed., and Sat. the hours are 10AM to 4PM. Thurs and Fri the museum will be open from 10AM to 8PM. Visit the museum and be pleasantly surprised, and as it grows you can reflect back on how you were part of its beginning. Somehow that always brings a soft inner glow.

HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL COMMITTEE TO HOLD
BENEFIT FOR BESTE FUND

On Saturday, July 30, the Hague Winter Carnival Committee is sponsoring a Chicken BBQ at the Horses Restaurant to benefit the newly reorganized Beste Scholarship Fund.

This fund is used to award money to students from the Town of Hague who have successfully completed their first semester of college and plan on continuing their education.

Please plan on attending this benefit as it promises a good time for all. If you can't be there, any contributions will be gratefully accepted at any time. Please send them to: Nancy Trombley, P.O. Box 623, Hague, NY 12836.

Live Music from 4-9PM - Rick Bolton + T-Bonz
1PM - clams available and cheese, crackers
2-4PM - clam chowder
4PM - Dinner: 1/2 BBQ chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, coleslaw, rolls.
Cost: \$7.00 Adults - \$4.00 Children

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

On July 22 the Hague Senior Citizens will meet at the Hague Baptist Church parking lot for a walk with Laura Meade. Time to be at the parking lot: 8:30 AM.

On July 26th a picnic at the Penfield Museum at Crown Point with the Ticonderoga Nutrition Center will take the place of the regular monthly meeting. Meet at 9:30 AM at the Baptist Church Parking lot. Please notify Diane or Bertha at the Town Hall (543-6161) if you need a ride, or can provide a ride. Reservations for this trip MUST be made prior to Thursday, July 21.

A reminder that the Bellows Falls train trip on October 5th is limited to 30 people. First come, first served.

A DAY ORDAINED

and set aside this past Sunday, July 10, celebrated the ordination of David Corell Lawrence into the office of Christian Minister, specifically, into the office of minister and pastor of the Hague Baptist Church. This special and happy occasion was celebrated first during a service at the church, followed by a

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reception given by the ladies of the church on the pleasant lawns of David's parents' Island Harbor home.

Many old family friends as well as Baptist Church ministers and deacons participated in the ceremony and shared in the worship service.

The Laying On of Hands was the symbolic ordination of the new young minister by the several ordained ministers present at the altar and participated in by the entire congregation by the joining of neighbor's hand to hand. Many faiths and denominations thus, were also represented, including that of Father Richard Broderick, priest of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Hague.

At both church and reception David's wife Wanita, his parents and sisters and friends were all warm reminders of the love and support David has been given in his decision to choose the ministry as his vocation. David, Wanita and daughter Christina are now in residence at the parsonage adjoining the Hague Baptist Church.

TOWN PARK ENTERTAINMENT

Through the combined support of the Town of Hague, the Chamber of Commerce, Silver Bay Association and the Warren County Decentralization Program with public funds from the N.Y.S. Council on the Arts and Warren County, the following program of entertainment has been scheduled for this summer at the Hague Town Park.

- Saturday, July 16 - 7PM Fort Ticonderoga Corps of Drums (see p1 of this issue)
- Wednesday, July 20 - 7-9PM "Mardi Gras", a 4-piece bluegrass band
- Wednesday, July 27 - 7-8PM - Abba Dabba Dew Clown Show
- Sunday, August 7 - 1-4PM - "County Line", Country rock band, playing in conjunction with the Arts Fair.

Wednesday, August 10 will be a rain date for "Mardi Gras"

On Wednesday, July 6, the Old Time New Time Barbershop Sound and the Silver Bay Assoc. string quartet performed from 7-9PM.

Please bring your own chairs for all performances. We hope you enjoy the programs.

TICONDEROGA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

On June 25 at 10AM the Ticonderoga High School Class of 1988 marched to the stage of the auditorium to the rendition of "Pomp and Circumstance" played by the high school band.

There were 93 graduates, eight of them Hague residents. These included BONITA BELDEN, CAROL DUNKLEE, JODI FRASIER, AIMEE LAPANN, AMY MCKEE, KARA REYNOLDS, AMBER STULL AND FRANK SERDINSKY.

AMY MCKEE was awarded the Moses Ludington Hospital Auxiliary Award, offered to a student pursuing further education in the Nursing Profession or in related Health Services. Amy, the daughter of Jean and Jim McKee, Hague, will attend Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Syracuse, NY in the fall.

Recipients of the Mary C. Best Memorial Scholarship Awards were CAROL DUNKLEE, JODI FRASIER, AIMEE LAPANN, AMY MCKEE, KARA REYNOLDS, AMBER STULL AND FRANK SERDINSKY.

AMBER STULL also received the Stephen J. Potter Education Award.

The staff of the Hague Chronicle congratulates these students on their outstanding achievements.

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION

Among the graduates from the eighth grade on June 24 at the Ticonderoga Middle School, were EUGENE BARNABY, RICHARD COBB, TONY DEFRANCO, CHAD DUNKLEE, CAROLINE DYKSTRA, TIEAH GAUTREAU, NATHAN LACOURSE, ROBERT MYERS AND KIMBERLY PORTER.

D.A.R. award for outstanding achievement in Social Studies was awarded to Tony DeFranco. P.T.O. award for outstanding achievement in English went to Tieah Gautreau. Honor Graduate Awards and Presidential Academic Fitness Awards were received by Richard Cobb, Tony DeFranco, Caroline Dykstra, Tieah Gautreau and Kimberly Porter. Tieah Gautreau also received awards for excellence in Chorus and Vocals.

Tieah, daughter of Michele and Timothy Gautreau, took advanced French at the High School for the 1987-88 school year and graduated with one high school credit earned toward her senior graduation. She faces a potential career in Literature.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU.

PSYCHIATRIST JOINS MLH STAFF

Moses-Ludington Hospital is pleased to announce that Anthony Spellman, M.D. has joined the Medical Staff.

Dr. Spellman will do inpatient psychiatric consultations starting immediately. Outpatient evaluations and therapy will commence in early August.

In the near future, Dr. Spellman will be recruiting a Psychologist and a Social Worker to his staff to expand the psychiatric services

Before coming to MLH, Dr. Spellman was the Director of the Community Mental Health Center and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the Glens Falls Hospital.

AMERICAN LEGION

Hague Post 1538 American Legion will hold a regular meeting on Wed. August 3 and tentative plans call for it to be in the form of a late afternoon picnic to be held at the lakeshore home of Ray Laundree at which time post officers for 1988-89 will be installed.

Members will receive additional information at a later date.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Just at a time when the State of New York, through the efforts of the Lake George Park Commission, is eagerly trying to Preserve the Natural Beauty of the Adirondack Region, a few land owners not only misguided the Local Government but State Officials into placing a spite fence right on the waters of Lake George. I refer to the unsightly five marker buoys floating across the outer portion of Van Buren Bay.

"This situation of defacing one of the pretty locations on the Lake could have been avoided if only a request had been made to have the Lake George Patrol be in the area more often. During the summer months when boat traffic becomes greater the Patrol has admirably handled situations of boat control in the past in this area. Why not continue letting them do their excellent job as they have been? With Van Buren Bay being as large as it is, under regular boating laws most of the Bay is open water. How can a select few begin to close off the Lake to the rest of the Public? Which Bay or part of Lake George may be next to exclude general use? As it stands at present, no one is able to enjoy the waters of Van Buren Bay even with their sailboats because the variable winds make it difficult if not impossible to keep under the five mile limit especially when one is approaching a mooring or dock within the fenced off area.

"The purpose and intent of placing a fence across such a large area of water does not, I believe, help in any way to make Lake George what the Park Commission and the majority of organizations and individuals of the Adirondack Park have in mind. To preserve the natural beauty with LESS man made intervention is something each of us should be striving for. A spite fence has never been a positive thing"...Denis Buchanan, Silver Bay

The Editor, Hague Chronicle...

"At first I was incredulous to read the news that a permit is now required to even set foot upon the Lake George Islands. As one who in his younger years camped, picnicked and played on these islands it is hard to understand. First, how can an island be overused? I'm no
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rocket scientist, but I somehow cannot grasp that concept. Second, if an island is "overused" it is a simple matter to correct without permits. Simply remove the docks or reduce the dock space on the "overused" island. As the islands are generally rocky and inhospitable to boats only the more hardy souls would venture to use them.

After reflection, however, I decided that this was only the logical result of increasing government encroachment into our lives. Most likely some bureaucrat saw this as a way of increasing his/her importance. The terrible thing is that you are completely powerless to do anything about it. This is apparently not a law but a regulation. Therefore you have no say in it. Your elected officials will come to no harm by allowing it to stand and could conceivably cause some noise from the treehuggers by repealing it. Sorry, we and our children and our grandchildren are stuck with it. The thing is that people like Cuomo keep getting elected (and Dukakis seems to stand a good chance in the November election) and most people see no relationship.

Ayn Rand predicted this in her 1956 classic, Atlas Shrugged. It should be required reading for every US citizen but of course it isn't. Read it and see her nightmares coming true. (It is now in its 58th printing. Not bad for a book that the government would rather we didn't read?)...John R. Henry, P.C., Fajardo, PR

The following letter was written by David S. Soliday, Jr., President of the Property Owners of Silver Bay, to Commissioner Jorling on the subject: New island permit regulation for picnics and visits.

Without even surveying our 160 members I know there would be 100% opposition to this new requirement. I know you have heard all the reasons, especially at the June 6 hearing.

Rather than criticize the regulation may I suggest another more practical way to extract fees for island use? Perhaps permits could be sold at stores all along the lake in book form. The tickets may or may not be used but in any event DEC would have received needed funds.

Under the proposed regulation I understand permits are paid for in advance of island use. In fact they may not ever be used because of weather changes or other reasons.

In any event I urge you to find a better way to raise funds. The present plan will not work.

The following letter from Thomas R. Monroe, Regional Director, Region 5 to Dorothy J. Henry, in answer to a letter she wrote to Commissioner Jorling:

Commissioner Jorling has asked me to reply to your letter of June 1, 1988 concerning the establishment and implementation of a day use service charge on the picnic islands on Lake George.

The decision to implement a day use charge on the state-owned Lake George picnic islands was based on the following:

To help defray the escalating expenses connected with providing services on the picnic islands (i.e. docks, refuse collection, sanitary facilities, pumpout, etc.). It costs just as much to provide services to picnickers as campers.

To bring the Lake George Islands Campground in line with policies established for the other 49 campgrounds and 5 special day use areas operated by the Department. The Lake George picnic islands were the only day use facilities where a service charge was not being collected.

To manage the picnic islands and control use within designed carrying capacity and to comply with our regulations which state that everyone entering a public campground must register.

In your letter, you bring up some interesting points and suggestions in our methods and procedure for collecting the fee. We have only had a few weekends since Memorial Day Weekend for experience.

Please be assured that the Department is closely monitoring this day use charge system in conjunction with all suggestions and recommendations. It is our intent to make the process more efficient and convenient to the public.

The following letter addressed to Commissioner Jorling is from R. A. Rees Pritchett, M.D., Silver Bay.

The new DEC regulations regarding Lake George have come to my attention. I am a strong believer in avoiding overutilization of the lake including the islands.

I agree completely with Dorothy Henry of Hague, NY that it is ridiculous to prohibit persons from stopping briefly on the islands, to take pictures, perhaps get in out of the rain, and perhaps to use the toilet facilities. Picnicking is perhaps another issue and I have no personal opposition to requiring permits for picnicking.

What one really needs to do to avoid overutilization of the lake and the islands is to stop building condominiums.

And one last excerpt from a letter from Richard L. Clark, Field Operations Supervisor of DEC, Warrensburg, in response to my letter to him stating that it would be virtually impossible for someone north of Hague to use the islands near Hague if they had to go all the way to a ranger island to pick up a permit. This is particularly true if one goes by canoe or rowboat!

...Your letter states that it will be virtually impossible to take a casual cruise to one of the islands for a picnic and a swim. You must have some misunderstanding on the regulations because this can still be accomplished. During your casual cruise if you would stop at one of the ranger cabins and pick up a permit everything will remain the same...

What I (and many others) would like to know, Mr. Clark, is who is going to be able to casually row or paddle from Hague to a ranger island for a picnic permit for an island in Hague?

We invite your comments...D. Henry, Publisher

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Amanda Marie, to Jerry and Beth (Wells) Lang, former residents of Hague, now living in Crown Point. Maternal grandparents are Walter and Kay Wells, Hague and Aggie and Ted Watts, now living in Adirondack. Paternal grandparents are Miriam and Jerry Lang, Crown Point.

MARRIED - Lara Campbell Smith, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William C. Smith, Morristown, NJ and Hague, NY, to Ian Thomson Lawrie of Mendham, NJ on May 14, 1988 at the Presbyterian Church on the Green, Morristown, NJ.

MARRIED - Joann Irene Megow, daughter of Ludolf and Norma Megow, Cape Cod Village, to Richard Arthur Fortier, Crown Point, on June 18 in Ticonderoga. Reception was held at Indian Kettles.

MARRIED - Jane Ramsay, daughter of Rita Ramsay of St. Thomas, to Dean Sarjeant, son of Alex and Joan Sarjeant, Hague and Greenwich, CT, on June 25 in St. Thomas.

DIED - Herbert J. Brigham, 62 of Scotch Plains, NJ and Hague, on June 19 at the Moses Ludington Hospital. Survivors include his wife, Muriel, one son, one brother, and one sister.

DIED - William R. Blair, 80, a lifelong resident of Hague, on June 23 at Albany Medical Center Hospital. Survivors include two daughters, Veronica Currier of Nassau and Madeline Pelkey of Richmond, VT, one sister, five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

DIED - Ruth Elizabeth (Jordan) Frasier, 56, a native of Hague, in Bullard, TX on June 27. She is survived by four sons, three daughters, eight brothers, three sisters, 15 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

DIED - James P. Herrick, 59, Ticonderoga. Jim was a former employee of the Silver Bay Association and lived in Silver Bay for many years. Survivors include his wife Marilyn, three stepsons and one step-daughter.

SUSAN GUYER, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard H. Guyer, Stacks' Bay, Hague and Burnt Hills, NY, graduated from Castleton State College, VT on May 15 with a BS degree in Phys. Ed. Susan received an assistantship from Old Dominion Univ. in VA where

she will be going in the fall for her Masters in Athletic Training. While there she will be teaching and training at Old Dominion and Wesleyan College.

TARA LEIGH COLE, daughter of the late Jodi Braisted, graduated from Cazenovia College on May 14. She majored in early childhood education and was one of 335 men and women who received associate degrees from the two-year, private college.

RUDOLPH MEOLA, son of Rudolph Meola, Hague, received a bachelor of arts degree from Hamilton College in commencement exercises on May 22. Meola majored in history and will be attending Albany Law School in September.

KATHLEEN M. HUDAK, daughter of Richard & Beverly Hudak, Hague, recently graduated from Alfred University with a Master of Science in Education-College Student Development. Miss Hudak received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1986 Phi Beta Kappa at Skidmore College. While at Alfred she served as a Resident Hall Director and Housing Intern and more recently as an Admissions Intern. Kathi has accepted a position as Admissions Counselor in the Admissions Office at AU having begun on June 1.

S./A. MARTHA G. CHESKY of the United States Coast Guard and a summer resident of Hague, has recently been transferred to the United States Coast Guard Station at Wood's Hole, MA. She has been assigned to a Search and Rescue Unit and will soon attend Maritime Law Enforcement School. Prior to this assignment, she served for 10 months at the Coast Guard Base in Curtis Bay, MD. Although she has been at her new station for less than a month, she has been involved in three rescue operations, and has participated in helicopter training sessions with United States Navy "SEALS" in preparation for the heavy influx of boaters and tourists which make up the Cape Cod scene in the coming months. In a recent conversation with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Deleno Chesky, she mentioned that her Lake George boating experience and several years of involvement both as a student and as an instructor in the Northern Lake George Yacht Club Youth Program - have served her well in her Coast Guard assignments.

Congratulations to DAVID DeFRANCO, who won a seat on the Ti School Board. He was the second highest vote getter, only 10 votes behind the first and 52 ahead of the third!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JULY/AUGUST 1988

July

- 16 Beginning of FIREMEN'S APPRECIATION WEEK
Parade at 7PM (see p1)
- 16 Flea Market & Auction-Church of Cross (p4)
- 18 Community Center committee - 7:30- town hall
- 18 Winter Carnival comm. - 7 PM-town hall
- 19 APA hearing on map changes at SDP- 10AM-town hall
- 19 Fish & Game Club - 7:30 PM - Clubhouse
- 19 Silver Bay Property Owners Assoc. - 7PM - Hague Baptist Church
- 19 School Board meeting - 7:30PM-THS
- 19 Silver Bay Property Owners meeting 7PM - Baptist Church Annex
- 19 TI Festival Guild-Smokey Greene - 7PM and McLain Family Band at 8PM-under the tent
- 20 Arts Trek (Mime)- 10AM-under the tent
- 21 Carillon Garden Club - picnic - 12 noon
- 21 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 26 Senior Citizens meeting -picnic at Penfield Museum - see p 6
- 26 Revision Committee - 7PM-Town Hall
- 26 Festival Guild - Vintage Brass-8PM-under tent
- 27 Arts Trek - Spotlight on Opera- 10AM-under tent

July (Cont.)

- 28 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 PM
- 30 Chicken BBQ - The Horses - Benefit Mary C.Beste Scholarship Fund (see p6)
- 30 Carillon Garden Club Bazaar - see p4

August

- 1 Fire Dept. meeting - 7:30 PM
 - 2 Festival Guild - Vanaver Caravan(dance)-8PM under the tent
 - 3 Arts Trek - Vanaver Caravan- 10AM under tent
 - 3 American Legion
 - 4 Planning Board - 7:30 PM
 - 6 Hospital Fair - (p4)
 - 6 & 7 - Hague Arts Fair-Town Park 10AM-5PM (p4)
 - 11, 12, 13 - Hague Fire Dept. Rummage and Food Sale (p4)
 - 16 School Board meeting - 7:30 PM
 - 23 Silver Bay Property Owners meeting - 7:30PM- Hague Baptist Church Annex
- Veterans' Administration representative is scheduled to be in Town Hall each Thursday at 11:30 AM. Call first.

**FIRE.MEN'S APPRECIATION WEEK - JULY 16-23
PARADE JULY 16 - 7PM**

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