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1983 BOAT BUILDER OF HAGUE

To hear John C. Breitenbach, Jr. talk about his ADIRONDACK GUIDE-BOAT now under construction at Tom James' Prop and Sail Marine Service, Silver Bay, you immediately sense he is realizing a 3 year old dream come true. He has fashioned a boat of grace and beauty. I was privileged to visit one chilly March day.

Instinctively I ran my hand over the smooth surface of the pine boards. Anyone would. I learned that the pine was both local and some from Vermont. John has built this 14 ft. 6 in. boat from scratch. It is a copy of an original William Vassar guide-boat.

In my ignorance I thought it was a wide canoe. Although somewhat similar in appearance, both double enders (same narrowing at both ends), a canoe lacks the roominess and strength of the guide-boat. The guide-boat just evolved around the middle of the 19th century, the perfect answer to the need for a light, strong boat that could be carried over rocky, difficult parts of our Adirondacks.

Both traditional and modern methods were used in the construction of this Hague craft. Whereas formerly builders searched for huge tree stumps -- dug them up and utilized the natural contour of the roots for the strength of the framework -- John, with evident infinite patience and skill made 42 finely LAMINATED RIBS.

The sides of the boat (planking siding) are made up of 2½ inch wide and ¼ inch thick pine boards (no knot holes, naturally). Each plank is beveled (angled) along its length so that the lower edge of plank #1 can LAP OVER a corresponding bevel (upper edge) of plank #2 below it. Thus the smooth exterior and interior. All is made watertight by the use of approximately 3000 copper tacks, plus 2000 brass screws. This form of fastening the planks is a main characteristic of guide-boats.

All is now ready for the sanding, the installation of three framed caned seats, and the application of six coats of varnish. Even the varnish will not obscure the decorative cherry boards interspaced with pine at both ends. The six-sided maple oars are ready and waiting.

Such dedication and knowledge of building wooden boats of a by-gone era may once again make Hague famous for building boats.

"What will you do next?" I asked my friend. "Start another one", then he added, "After I've given you a ride..."M. Broderick

THE ONLY TIME THE AVERAGE CHILD IS AS GOOD AS GOLD IS ON APRIL 15.
...Ivern Boyett

WEATHER OR NOT - 4/8/83

Although the calendar says Spring is officially here, it doesn't appear that the weather makers were informed. Since we had one snowfall of 10½ inches and the mercury dipped three consecutive days to 7 and 8 degrees, it seems that old man winter has made his last stand. Be of good cheer - Spring is really here. The tulips have emerged in warmer areas of Hague and I see the crocuses at Mr. West's home have won their annual battle to be the first to grace our landscape with their pretty blossoms even through the snow.

The same protective mulch you put around your plants last fall should be removed now. Mulch serves as an insulator and keeps the sun's warming rays from melting the ice and frost beneath it. Don't waste it. Put it on your compost pile; add a little bone meal, or alfalfa meal, lawn rakings and a little dirt and water. Turn over every 2 or 3 weeks and, by gum, you will have some nice compost to use when you transplant into your garden.

For those of us who like to grow our plants from seeds, it is time to start the following in your home or hot house: Tomatoes, peppers, water-melon, cabbage, eggplant & cauliflower.

In the next issue I will try to give you some hints on transplanting, fertilizing and insect control.

Happy gardening...Fran Waters

Ed. We are pleased to welcome Francis Waters as Weather Man and Gardening Consultant. He is ready to aid our readers in any of their gardening ventures.

The only tyrant I accept in this world is the "still small voice" within me...Mahatma Gandhi

HAGUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Next meeting of the Chamber will be held on Wednesday, May 4 at the Silver Bay Association. Dinner is scheduled for 6:00 PM, compliments of the Association, with a business meeting immediately following. All Chamber members are welcome.
...K. Santaniello, Secretary

OVER THE TOP

The appeal to raise money to pay off the balance due on the new ambulance has been a complete success. It has been most gratifying to receive contributions from so many summer, year-round residents and land owners from our community. It is heartwarming to know so many realize the importance of this piece of equipment in the Fire Department.

While the loan has now been paid, any additional money received designated for the Ambulance Fund from contributions, memorials, etc. will be used for additional equipment.

The Hague Fire Department wishes to thank all contributors for their generosity in this most worthy cause.

Ev. Lee, Chairman Fund Drive

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society will hold its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, April 20 in the Baptist Church Annex at 7:30 PM. The program will be in charge of Dr. Robert Cole who will discuss scrimshaw and will have a number of his pieces on exhibit. The public is invited to attend.

WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE THINK OF US IF WE COULD KNOW HOW SELDOM THEY DO.

...Olin Miller

INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO. DROPS SUIT

On March 28 International Paper Co. unexpectedly dropped its suit against the Town and School District of Ticonderoga. The case was scheduled to go to court on April 11.

Had this case gone to court, the Town and School District of Ticonderoga might have submitted, as evidence, the results of their independent appraisal of the IP Mill which allegedly places a market value on the mill of \$90 million. The State Board of Equalization and Assessment placed a market value on the IP Mill of \$31,848,200 and the Town of Ticonderoga's assessed value of the IP Mill is \$7,189,000, or approximately 22% of the SBEA's market value. The average assessed value of residential properties in Ticonderoga is approximately 11%. State law requires that ALL properties in a Town be made at a uniform percentage of value.

If the case had gone to litigation and the court ruled in favor of raising the market value of the IP Mill, it would have increased the total market value of Ticonderoga.

Apportionment of school tax levy on each town in a school district is based on the percentage of market value of each town to the total market value of all towns in the school district. An increase in a town's percentage of a district's total market value results in an increase in total taxes to be raised in that town, and a decrease in the other town...ac

ADIRONDACK GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

A valuable new resource is in the works, thanks to Laura Meade of Hague. Using 70 of her own photographs, she is creating a slide presentation complete with script, of our area's wild flowers. It will be ready for viewing by the Girl Scouts in the area this spring.

..From PEAKS, March issue

REVIEWING YOUR ASSESSMENT

The tentative 1983 equalization rate for Hague is 50.02%. It is based on the 1978 market value. The assessed value of each parcel is shown on your tax bill. Every property owner has the right to review his assessment with the assessors and to receive an explanation of how the assessed value was determined. You may review the accuracy of the information on your assessment card as to buildings and lot size, etc. You may also request similar information on other properties that are comparable to yours to determine if these properties have similar assessments.

If you have any questions about your assessment, make an appointment by calling the Town Hall at 518-543-6161 during regular business hours. The Assessors will be at the Town Hall to review assessments on the following dates:

- WEDNESDAY - MAY 18 - 1 to 5 PM
- WEDNESDAY - MAY 25 - 4 to 8 PM
- FRIDAY - JUNE 10 - 4 to 8 PM
- WEDNESDAY - JUN 15 - 9 AM to 1 PM
- SATURDAY - JUN 18 - 1 to 5 PM

Meeting informally with your assessors may help you decide whether you should pursue the matter with a formal complaint on Grievance Day, June 21. A booklet, "How to Challenge Your Assessment" is available from the Assessors' Office...ac

USS TICONDEROGA AWARDS PLAQUE

The youth of Ti Hi raised \$500 for materials which were used to build a clock for the USS Ticonderoga which was launched recently. The clock was made by the students under the watchful eye of Mr. Ray Laundree in his shop class last year. The crew of the Ticonderoga showed their appreciation by sending a beautiful plaque to the students to hang in the school.

ICE OUT

Yes folks, the ice has really disappeared. However, there seems to be some controversy as to just when. Bill Roden in the Glens Falls Post Star announced that it was out on March 19. Another date was March 17. However, quoting from a letter from our supervisor (and I for one believe him!) - "Lake George officially froze February 10 and the ice went out March 23. Could this be a record for the shortest length of time the lake was frozen? According to my records, the lake froze over later in the following years:

- 1916 - Feb. 16
- 1919 - Did not freeze.
- 1921 - February 12
- 1932 - February 29
- 1933 - February 14
- 1949 - February 28
- 1966 - February 27

"Even though the ice went out of Hague Bay the middle of March, it was not officially out of the lake until March 23. Ice is officially out of the lake when you can travel by boat from Baldwin Dock in Ticonderoga to the steel pier in Lake George Village."

In spite of the chilly weather the fishermen have been out in great numbers.

So there - all you southerners, it's time to come home...djh

6TH. GRADE SCIENCE FAIR

Ticonderoga Central School's 6th Grade sponsored a very successful Science Fair on April 13. Exhibits presented ranged from weasels to The Titanic. Students from Hague who participated were Peter Belden, Randy Bevins, Timmy Dunsmore, Tanya Goetsch, Dustina Granger, John Hayes, Cory Johnson, Eddie May, Kyle May, Shannon Olcott, Jason Plass, Allison Porter and Chris Swinton.

Each student was well prepared in his subject and the exhibits were very well done...djh

JAZZ CONCERT, APRIL 18

The renowned International Art of Jazz ensemble will play a special concert at Ticonderoga High School Auditorium on Monday, April 18 at 8:00 PM. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students.

This concert is a part of a two-day visitation of the ensemble to the school district. During their stay, five musicians will be meeting with students, reviewing the history of jazz and working with the instrumental music students.

All tickets for the Monday night concert will be sold at the door. This should certainly be well worth attending...djh

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Under the direction of Youth Commissioner Aggie Watts, a very successful Easter party was held at the town park. Over 100 children attended the event.

The Baby-Sitting course is going quite well. Approximately 20 students are involved in this activity. Certificates will be issued upon completion of the course.

Aggie has had a few calls for kids to do odd jobs. Anyone interested in hiring a kid should call her at 543-6598. This helps the kid and the Youth Program also benefits.

On April 21 a trip is planned to attend Showcase 83, a dance revue in Glens Falls. Those interested should meet at the Town Park at 6 o'clock. Admission charge is \$1.00 - transportation free.

FOOD AND RUMMAGE SALE

The Fire Department is sponsoring a spring food and rummage sale at the fire house on May 19, 20, 21 from 10 - 2. When you are doing your spring housecleaning, set aside your unwanted treasure. They may be left at the firehouse on May 16, 17 or 18 from 8:30 - 12:00 or for pick-up call 543-6029 afternoons or evenings.

PLANNING BOARD 4/7/83

In response to questions put by William Foster, Planning Administrator, the developers of Lake Shore Hills, William Garrison and Albert Tallia, described work in progress and the filing of applicable permits with N.Y. State.

James Broderick presented a request by Ernest & Inza Jordan to put a mobile home on their property for winter use. Board members had made an on-site inspection. APA will make the decision with our board recommending approval since this is a "health-hardship" case and the proviso that a holding tank must be installed.

Permission to install a dock at Springdale Manor was referred to the Army Corps of Engineers.

Failure to secure a building permit by Lane Hall and William Harder was noted and a letter sent pointing out this requirement...BDeG

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 4/28/83

Charles and Mable Jordan of W. Hague Rd. requests permission to convert an existing barn-type structure into facilities for the preparation and serving of food, both on and off the premises, which is not a permitted use as defined in Article 4, Section 4.050 of the Town of Hague Zoning ordinance. Hearing at 8 PM 4/28.

PLANNING BOARD - 5/5/83 - 7 PM

Dorothy Henry of Rt. 9N requests permission for a minor subdivision of her property. The proposed lot conforms to Hague's zoning requirements.

MONTCALM MANOR UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Montcalm Manor, located in the old A&P building in Ticonderoga is scheduled to be an extensive and specialized boarding house. The owners claim they will be hiring 16 and have rooms for 40.

TOWN BOARD 4/12/83

Approximately 50 people attended the regular meeting of the Town Board.

Bids were opened for the sale of 8 - 4' x 5' awning windows recently removed from the Town Hall. Ron Graser's bid of \$204.50 was the highest bid and was accepted by the Town Board.

Don Smith submitted a letter requesting the Town Board enact Local Law #1 to have a burned out trailer on Graphite Road removed.

Bob Patchett suggested that the former school grounds have debris and broken glass removed so that the Youth Group can use the property for activities.

The Town has requested that the State place a HAGUE sign at Exit 24 of the Northway since this is the most direct and scenic route to Hague.

The BASS TOURNAMENT will be held in Hague on June 18 & 19, sponsored by the Hague Chamber of Commerce. The Hague Fire Dept. will provide breakfast and dinner both days, plus having a hot-dog stand at the beach parking lot from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Over 160 boats are expected for this tournament since fishermen must qualify at this tournament in order to participate in other tournaments throughout the season.

Hague has received a grant of \$327.07 to be used by the Youth Commission for bus transportation.

A \$3 fee is charged to non-residents to launch a boat at the Town launch site from ice-out to ice-in. A season's ticket is \$30 for unlimited use and is available at the Town Hall. The charge is waived for local residents.

Art Steitz requested that the Town reconsider the removal of a light just north of Grimes' restaurant on 9N because it is a dark and dangerous area...ac

THE OVERPAID AND UNDERWORKED ARE
THE BIGGEST COMPLAINERS.
...Anonymous

VIEWPOINT

In the past month two of our public officials have spoken out about welfare fraud in Essex and Warren Counties. There have been letters from other readers and replies from social agencies. Well and good. The cheaters should be rooted out of any organization.

I read recently that 2 BILLION dollars of our 15 billion dollars Defense Budget must be counted upon to cover MISMANAGEMENT and FRAUD.

What a sorry state of affairs. However, I know there are many federal workers at the Pentagon who must deplore such a statistic and are working diligently to right that wrong.

I know personally from a lifetime of working through the schools and churches in New York City and in Hague that there are many people struggling to STAY OFF WELFARE...mb

HAGUE GIRL SCOUTS

Hague Junior Troop 256 appeared at the Adirondack Girl Scout Council Recognition Dinner at the Elks Club in Ticonderoga on April 14 to conduct the flag ceremony and sing our new Adirondack song, "The Dividing Line", written by their leader, Laura Meade. They displayed recently acquired badges on their new vests which were made by the girls under the guidance of Sharon Busick, Assistant Leader.

"The Dividing Line" is a song about Adirondack rivers and lakes and was written to help the girls understand the flow of water to the north and south watersheds.

...Laura Meade, Leader

The Warren County Cooperative Extension program will test soil for acidity at no cost to Warren County residents. Soil samples may be brought to the Coop. Ext. Off. 17 Hudson St., Warrensburg, NY weekdays 8 AM-4:30 PM. For more info. call 668-4881 or 623-3291.

TRAVELERS BEWARE

When traveling to Canada it might be a good idea to look for signs telling Americans about Canadian rules. A Hague couple, on a recent trip to Montreal, was stopped five miles after crossing the border because they didn't have their seat belts fastened. The fine -- \$25, but it could have gone as high as \$100! While checking into their Montreal hotel, their unattended car was ticketed for illegal parking, adding another \$16 to their tab before even starting their vacation! Spending \$41 just to start a vacation is rather EXPENSIVE...ac

To add to the above, the following is taken from the Post Star of April 12. "Of the 2843 persons involved in traffic accidents in Warren County in 1982, 2,204, or 77.5% were not wearing seat belts or any other safety restraints."

A WEEK OF WATERCOLOR WITH GALUCCI

John Galucci, who designed several of the 1980 Winter Olympic posters, will be instructing a free watercolor class for adults in the Ticonderoga Elementary art room. The class will meet daily May 2 through May 5 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM. Enrollment is limited to 10 adults. Contact Faye Gough at 585-7437 to preregister.

AUXILIARY CRAFT SHOW

The Moses Ludington Hospital Auxiliary will participate in the Spring Craft Show at the Aviation Mall in Glens Falls Thurs. thru Sun., April 21 - 24. All Auxiliary members and friends are requested to have their hand-made items at the Hospital Gift Shop no later than Tues. April 19. For further information, call Ginny Kuhn 585-9875 or Mildred Wood 585-6288. All contributions are appreciated.

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Jessica, to Patti & Steve Fisher in New Jersey. Grandparents, Tom and Jerry Fisher of Friends Point.

BORN - A Boy, Marc Stiffler, to Carol & Jim Woltman in Westlake, OH on March 3. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Stiffler of Pine Cove.

DIED - Gertrude M. Persons, 65, on March 15 in Glens Falls Hospital. Father Byron Monroe and brothers Elwin and Raymond of Hague survive.

DIED - Assunta Mazzarella, 93, in Elmhurst, NYC. Great grandmother of Lisa & Michael Broderick, summer residents of Graphite and Sabbath Day Point.

TONY DeFRANCO, son of Mr. & Mrs. David DeFranco was a recent winner in the Northway Automobile Club's School Traffic Safety Poster Program. His poster was forwarded to the National AAA Safety Poster Program for their contest later this spring.

Postmaster PENNY BOLTON won 3rd prize for a watercolor entitled "Village Corner - Hague" in the recent "On My Own Time" art show held recently at International Paper Co. Penny was also given honorable mention for a second watercolor titled "Mabry Mill."

JOE McCRANEL of Silver Bay qualified to compete in the Masters Cross-Country ski competition of the Empire Games by placing 2nd in a 10K race held in February near Inlet, NY.

ANN SHAKESHIFT, a part-time resident of Hague, has recently been signed on as a director of graphics for Women's Day Magazine. An article, including picture of Ann appears on page 16 of the April 26 issue of Women's Day.

TOM JAMES was an invited guest to the landing of the CHALLENGER in California.

ANNUAL POPS CONCERT

On March 23 I had the privilege of attending THS's Annual Pops Concert. Performing were the Spirit of Sound, Concert Band, Chorus and Stage Band. Jennifer Fitzgerald, Hague, is a member of the Chorus and Katy Laudree, Hague, is a member of the Concert Band and Stage Band. The concert was performed in a cafe setting in the cafeteria, which had been decorated for the occasion. The groups were received enthusiastically for their outstanding performances...djh.

FREE TIMES OF TI

Although the return card for the free Times of Ti states it is for Essex County, I have checked with Mr. Denton of Denton Publications and he assures me it includes Hague residents. So - get your cards in if you want to continue receiving The Times of Ti...djh

HOCKEY HELMET NEEDED!

While recuperating from recent head surgery, Dale Frasier needs to wear a hockey helmet for protection. Please call 543-8801 if you know of one that's available.

NATIONAL ARMY STORES has opened a store in Ticonderoga. Grand opening was on St. Patrick's Day.

NEW DAYS AND HOURS FOR LAND-FILL

APRIL 24 to JUNE 26 - Closed Mondays
Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM daily

JUNE 27 to SEPTEMBER 11 - Open 7 days a week. Hours to be announced.

SEPTEMBER 12 to OCTOBER 30 - Closed Mondays.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - APRIL AND MAY

April

- 18 Winter Carnival Comm. - 6:30 PM
- 18 Jazz Concert - THS - see p. 4
- 20 Historical Society - 7:30 PM
- 21 Sr. Cit. Bus to G.F.
- 21 Carillon Garden Club - 11:00 AM
- 26 Home Bureau - 10 AM
- 27 Hospital Auxiliary - 7:30 PM
- 28 Zoning Board - 7:30 PM - See p5
- Public Hearing - 8:00 PM

May

- 3 Home Bureau
- 4 Chamber of Commerce - 6 PM
- Silver Bay - See p. 2
- 5 Sr. Cit. Bus to G.F.
- 5 Planning Board - Public Hearing - See p. 5
- 10 Town Board - 6:30 PM
- 11 Hague-Silver Bay Steering Comm. 3:30 PM - Town Hall
- 17 Home Bureau - 10:00 AM
- 11 Planetarium Show-THS-7:30 PM

Every Tuesday at 11 am the Veterans' Administrator will be in Town Hall.

CELEBRATE !!

Make every day a holiday...celebrate the sky.
 Celebrate the trees and grass, the bees and butterflies.
 Celebrate the birds that sing and flowers that smell so sweet
 The sun up high above your head, the earth beneath your feet.
 And celebrate the smiles you see, the cheerful words you hear.
 Celebrate each moment that you spend with loved ones near.
 Celebrate the happiness that friends are always giving.
 Make every day a holiday and celebrate.....just living!!

...Anonymous

Taken from "Briney Breezes Bugle" and sent to us by Ida Voss.

SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, April 24. Set clocks forward one hour.

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