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HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL
February 27 and 28

This year will mark the 16th Annual Winter Carnival, sponsored by the Hague Fish and Game Club. The tentative schedule is as follows:

SATURDAY A.M. - Public breakfast at *Beachside*, sponsored by The Hague Fire Department.

9 A.M. YOUTH ACTIVITIES on the Ice, coordinated by Al Perkins, aided by Hague Girl Scouts.

10 A.M. - a 10 KILOMETER FOOTRACE starting in Ticonderoga, ending in Hague, Tony Morette in charge. CROSS-COUNTRY SKI AND SNOWSHOE RACE to start in Ti and finish in Hague.

ULTRA-LIGHT PLANE EXHIBITIONS. 12 Noon - The C.A.P. WILL HAVE AIRPLANES ON THE LAKE FOR RIDES. CHAINSAW COMPETITIONS, coordinated by Walter Waters

SATURDAY P.M. PARA PLANE EXHIBITS weather permitting.

5 P.M. - BUFFET SUPPER at *BEACHSIDE*, sponsored by Hague Fire Department.

SUNDAY A.M. Breakfast at *Beachside* by Hague Fire Department.

CHURCH SERVICES: 9 a.m. Mass, Church of the Blessed Sacrament

10:30 - Hague Baptist Church

10:00 - Sunday School, followed by church at 11:00 - Wesleyan Church

CHAINSAW COMPETITION - Walt Waters

ULTRA LIGHT PLANE EXHIBITS AND PARA PLANE EXHIBIT

12:00 C.A.P. PLANE RIDES

3:00 NATIONAL ICE AUGER CHAMPIONSHIPS

4:00 Prizes awarded on Beachside Porch.

This sounds like a real fun weekend with something for everyone. Remember HAGUE IS THE HOME OF THE NATIONAL ICE AUGER CHAMPIONSHIPS.

REFRESHMENT STAND OPEN BOTH DAYS

SNO-GOERS WEEKEND IN HAGUE
FEBRUARY 20 and 21

All classes 50 mile oval 10 laps, also drag racing. Sat. and Sun. Feb. 20th and 21st, 1982, Hague, NY.

Location: East end of Rt. 8, ten miles south of Fort Ticonderoga on Route 9N.

Snowmobilers drive your sleds to the races on Lake George or Warren County and Snow-Goer's Scenic Trails.

Concession stands will be open both days.

Sno-Goer's Club will put on a buffet dinner Sat. the 20th from 5:00 p.m. until all are served in the *Beachside Cave Bar Dining Room*. For more information, write Box 271 Hollow Rd., Hague, NY 12836. Phone 518-543-6525
 ...Clifton Frasier

TOWN BOARD MEETING - FEB. 10 - 6:30
Y'ALL COME

The February meeting of the Town Board has been changed to Wednesday Feb. 10 at 6:30 - to incorporate a comprehensive architectural report given by Architects Bob Joy and Jim Cullen on the former Hague School Building. A presentation will be given by James Rancourt, Manager Industrial Relations of International Paper Co. concerning the status of the school proposal. The public is invited - and urged to attend.

YOUTH DIRECTOR NEEDED

Alvin Frasier has tendered his resignation as Hague Youth Director. Applications for this position are available through Diane Frasier at the Town Hall.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1981

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INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1981

INCOME

Contributions from 225 readers - - - - -	\$2,500.16
Contributions for 27 Gift Subscriptions - - - - -	135.00
Total Contributions 252 - - - - -	<u>\$2,635.16</u>
Interest Earned - - - - -	78.41

EXPENSE

Equipment Purchased	\$ 132.88	
Equipment Maintenance	250.62	
Paper Supplies	515.76	
Postage Paid	857.99	
Stationery and Supplies	254.57	
	<u>\$2,011.82</u>	\$2,713.57
		<u>2,011.82</u>
NET INCOME OVER EXPENSE		<u>\$ 701.75</u>

INCOME TAX HELP

Crandall Library in Glens Falls has sent us word that they have cassette tapes with income tax instructions from IRS which can be checked out like books. They contain step-by-step guidelines for the preparation of Forms 1040 and 1040A, as well as instructions for completing Schedules A and B (used with 1040). The library also has the IRS publication entitled "Reproducible Federal Tax Forms for Use in Libraries". Copies of these reproducible forms are acceptable for admission of your tax return and can be made on the Library's copy machine.

On Sunday, February 7 from 2 - 5 PM on PBS, a program will be aired giving step-by-step instructions on how to prepare your income tax form. A telephone number will be available for instant communication on any problem.

FOR VETERANS - Mr. Joseph Fiore, Director, Warren County Veterans' Service Agency, reminds veterans that they need not include benefits they receive from the Government as income when filling out their income tax returns.

However, although the proceeds and dividends on GI insurance are not taxable, the interest earned by dividends left on deposit with the VA is not a benefit and, therefore, is taxable.

Any questions may be answered by Mr. Fiore who is in the Town Hall each Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

IN EASTERN NY & CONNECTICUT ONLY
ON ANY DAY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
from 8:30 - 4:30, one may call 1-800-343-9000, for help with any questions one might have in the preparation of tax forms. For other areas, consult pp. 37 & 38 in instruction booklet.

SNOWMOBILES ON PRIVATE LANDS

One may snowmobile on private lands ONLY with the permission of the owner or lessee. At the request of the landowner, a snowmobile operator must stop and identify himself and if requested to do so, must leave the premises. It makes no difference whether or not the land is posted against trespass.

Section 9-103 of the General Obligations Law specifically saves a landowner harmless from liability against claims of snowmobiles operating on his land even though the landowners may have consented to the use of his property.

Snowmobile clubs and enthusiasts are urged to make prior arrangements for the operation of snowmobiles over private lands.

DAN BELDEN, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT HAS ISSUED A WARNING that a Town ordinance that prohibits snowmobiles from Town roads and right-of-ways will be strictly enforced because snowmobiles compact the snow making it nearly impossible to remove.

ATTENTION - YOUNG SNOWMOBILERS

Last month we reported that boys and girls between the ages of ten and sixteen must be certified by the NYS Dept. of Parks and Recreation, to operate a snowmobile.

In the meantime, we have been informed that Mrs. Ernest (Inza) Jordon is the Snowmobile instructor for Hague. She will be happy to teach the rules, etc. to anyone on Saturdays and Sundays, on her own time, at no cost to individuals. Call her at 585-6746.

NOTICE: A special meeting of the Hague Fish & Game Club will be held at the Town Hall on Feb. 2 to finalize plans for the Winter Carnival.

SCHOOL BOARD - 1/20/82

Board approved the purchase of 4 Bell & Howell Apple 3048D K Micro, 4 DOS 3.3 Disk II Drive with Controller Card and 4 Mobile Stations with Monitor Shelf for Microcomputer

It was suggested at the December meeting that the Board's attorney be contacted for his opinion on making up a photograph book of high school students for identification purposes. In a letter from Mr. Judge, he advised against it, stating that the school was not in the crime prevention business, but that should be handled by the Police Dept

Mr. Kerr, Mr. Bresett and Mr. La Course made a presentation on the Career Planning Project. A new center has been set up on the third floor, where students may go to use the materials or ask questions of the counselor on duty.

Phil Crank gave a report on the progress of the Family Life Education Citizens' Advisory Committee. Seventeen members comprise this committee and they meet every two weeks to develop a curriculum. Dr. Verdone commended the committee on their dedication and progress.

Bill Connors spoke on the Youth In Government Program which is sponsored by Silver Bay and YMCA. Several of the students who attended the Youth Legislature in Albany talked about their part in this very educational and interesting program.

In other business Mr. Marks, principal, reported that Ti Hi had been reregistered, without any problems. Ti has a graduation rate of 93.7% and high percentage of students who passed the Math regents.

Next Board meeting has been changed to Feb. 23 because of school vacation...DJH

Love is never lost. If not reciprocated, it will flow back and soften and purify the heart.

...Washington Irving

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

The Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. elected officers for the new year at its January 11 meeting. Tom Stull is Chief, with Gerry Boyd, Dick Frasier, and Jim Young as Assistant Chiefs. Ida May continues to be Captain of the Ambulance Squad.

The Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. is composed of 50 men and women who respond as rapidly as humanly possible to the fire, accident, and health emergencies of the community.

The Volunteer Fire Dept. is financed through a combination of contributions and tax support. All monies for capital equipment must be raised through contributions. Many Hague residents (summer and year-round) help share the burden by attending dinners, the Annual Silver Bay Show and by making direct contributions to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department.

Hague and Silver Bay residents can have a vital part in supporting these volunteers in a variety of ways. These include: 1. Remember the Department when you make contributions, make a will, etc. 2. Help beautify the two fire houses. Garden Clubs and others with "green thumbs" could make a useful contribution. 3. Support the fund raising events.

The Silver Bay Sub-station in particular, is in need of landscaping. A volunteer group or individuals would be welcome to undertake this project as there are no department funds allocated for same. Interested parties may contact any of the department officers.

For a community the size of Hague, this is an outstanding civic group. They can serve us only if they have support and resources from all of us. As tax payers, we currently have a Fire Company of 5 trucks and one ambulance, with 50 personnel, for

the cost of 1/2 the salary of one New York City fireman. What a BARGAIN! All in the community need to support this fine organization. It protects all of us, as well as all the visitors to the area with fire and emergency ambulance protection....EL

HOSPITAL FUND DRIVE

As of the first week in January the hospital's capital fund drive has received \$694,312.64 in pledges, according to Mrs. Carol Ferguson, Coordinator. An additional display board is being constructed to be mounted in the lobby. Plaques are displayed for gifts of \$250 for benefactors and \$500 or more for memorial gifts. Other gifts may be earmarked for an item of equipment or a room in the hospital. All gifts are to be used for equipment and building expenses and are tax deductible. Hague is doing well in the overall picture, but we have a long way to go. WHEN you send your contribution to the hospital, please note that it is from Hague...DH

PARP

PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS is a state-wide program which was used in the Ticonderoga School System last year and is now underway again, running from January 11 until April 2. Elementary librarian, Jeanne Seel is program coordinator. A form is sent home with each elementary student each week to be filled in by parent, after he has taken the time to read with his child. The program proved a great boon to the students' reading skills and it is hoped that each parent will take the time each day to read with or to his child, or have his child read to him. You will both benefit...DJH

If you love something, set it free.
If it comes back to you, it's yours.
If it doesn't, it never was.

LAKE GEORGE - ICE RECORD

For all interested in local history and memorabilia, the following list of freezing and thawing dates is reprinted. The basic list 1908-1967 is compiled from the diary of John R. Stickney, retired Superintendent of Schools who came to Bolton Landing in September 1906. The other dates were acquired from local sources.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FROZE OVER</u>	<u>ICE OUT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FROZE OVER</u>	<u>ICE OUT</u>
1908	... Jan 31	..... Apr 6	1946	... Jan 20	..... Mar 28
1909	... Jan 14	..... Apr 14	1947	... Jan 13	..... Apr 12
1910	...	..... Apr 12	1948	... Jan 11	..... Apr 3
1911	...	..... Apr 11	1949	... Feb 3	..... Mar 29
1912	... Jan 22	..... Apr 12	1950	... Feb 8	..... Apr 20
1913	... Jan 16	..... Mar 27	1951	... Jan 31	..... Apr 11
* 1914	... Jan 14	..... Apr 22	1952	... Jan 28	..... Apr 10
1915	... Jan 1	..... Apr 12	1953	... Feb 17	..... Apr 3
1916	... Feb 16	..... Apr 19	1954	... Jan 14	..... Apr 10
1917	... Jan 12	..... Apr 19	1955	... Jan 22	..... Apr 11
1918	... Jan 1	..... Apr 14	1956	... Jan 25	..... Apr 12
@ 1919	... Lake did not freeze.		1957	... Jan 14	..... Apr 9
1920	... Jan 6	..... Apr 20	** 1958	... Jan 21	..... Apr 11
1921	... Feb 12	..... Apr 8	1959	... Jan 9	..... Apr 18
1922	... Jan 3	..... Apr 12	1960	... Feb 5	..... Apr 17
1923	... Jan 7	..... Apr 22	1961	... Jan 5	..... Apr 9
1924	... Jan 28	..... Apr 14	1962	... Jan 22	..... Apr 13
1925	... Jan 9	..... Apr 3	1963	... Jan 4	..... Apr 17
1926	... Jan 16	..... Apr 24	1964	... Jan 7	..... Apr 15
1927	... Jan 3	..... Apr 8	1965	... Jan 15	..... Apr 21
1928	... Jan 30	..... Apr 8	1966	... Feb 27	..... Apr 11
1929	... Jan 27	..... Apr 3	1967	... Feb 7	..... Apr 10
1930	... Jan 19	..... Apr 8	1968	... Jan 9	..... Apr 3
1931	... Jan 16	..... Apr 10	1969	... Jan 13	..... Apr 13
1932	... Feb 29	..... Apr 19	1970	... Jan 8	..... Apr 19
1933	... Feb 14	..... Apr 14	+ 1971	... Jan 9	..... May 2
1934	... Jan 19	..... Apr 19	+ 1972	... Jan 22	..... Apr 29
1935	... Jan 5	..... Apr 19	1973	... Jan 9	..... Apr 1
1936	... Jan 29	..... Apr 6	++ 1974	... Jan 18	..... Apr 13
1937	... Feb 4	..... Apr 16	1975	... Feb 4	..... Apr 19
1938	... Jan 13	..... Apr 2	1976	... Jan 13	..... Apr 7
1939	... Jan 23	..... Apr 25	1976	... Dec 28	.....
1940	... Jan 23	..... May 2	1977	...	..... Apr 6
1941	... Jan 10	..... Apr 15	1978	... Jan 19	..... Apr 12
1942	... Jan 1	..... Apr 5	1979	... Jan 11	..... Mar 31
1943	... Jan 5	..... Apr 23	1980	... Jan 31	..... Apr 10
1944	... Jan 2	..... Apr 24	1981	... Jan 3	..... Apr 1
1945	... Jan 6	..... Mar 28	1982	... Jan 13	.....

* Lake first froze Dec 27, 1913. Ice went out and lake froze again Jan 14, 1914.

@ Only bays froze. Ice out in bays Apr 12, 1919

** Lake first froze Dec 25, 1957. Ice went out and lake froze again Jan 21, 1958.

+ Part of the ice broke out on Feb 7, 1972

++ Part of the ice broke out on Feb 5, 1974

LAKE GEORGE ICE RECORD (Cont.)

The latest date the lake froze over was on February 29, 1932; the earliest, December 28, 1976. (It did freeze on December 27, 1913 and December 25, 1957. It went out again in both cases before freezing solidly during January.) The earliest ice-out date was on March 27, 1913; the latest May 2, 1940 and also May 2, 1971. The lake froze permanently once in December, 59 times in January and 12 times in February. 1919 is the only year in which the lake did not freeze. Ice-out occurred 5 times in March, 66 times in April and twice in May.

WEATHER OR NOT 1/29/82

Brrr.... and you think this January was cold, well don't forget last year. The total heating degree days for this winter thus far, is 1331 compared to last year of 1366. January 4th brought 1.2 inches of rain, but once the lake froze, the mercury plum sank right out of sight until today. The coldest was just this Wednesday, Jan. 27, with -18° in Silver Bay, -25° in Hague and -22° on Graphite. Many times there will be pockets of cooler air at lower elevations due partially to the topography and the absence of air currents. Today's temperature rose to a balmy high overnight of 37° . The total snow accumulation at Gore Mt. Ski Center is 63 inches. With warmer weather on the way, skiing and sledding will be the best in year, so all you flat landers come on up and visit.

You would think January's weather was enough to shake one's wits and crank over the old Model-T for a hasty trip South. Well, on January 18 at 7:19 PM there came a rumbling, and a shaking, and then a loud explosion from in and around my base camp on the lake like I never felt before. I tell ya, I never got out of my reading chair faster, and ran to the door, especially when my ceiling started movin! Yep, after a few phone calls I came to the conclusion that it were an earthquake and not the ice expanding or some terrorist attack. Come that night on the news, an earthquake measuring 4.8 was recorded from Rochester south to Albany, north to Plattsburg, and east to New Hampshire. Very little damage except for a cracked block on a neighbor's chimney. Houses on rock felt the shock less than those on sand. If anyone can explain why, please write. None-the-less,

I've taken to sleepin' with my boots on, and I ain't no cowboy!

Hope all finds you warm, dry, and sittin still....Regards, Eloc Salguod

A KUDO FOR THE HIGHWAYMEN

As we lie snug in our beds on a snowy night and hear the snowplows roar by, I have a certain twinge of guilt and a tremendous wave of thankfulness for those stalwart men who have forgone the comfort of home to make our lives happier and safer.

These men are on call at a moment's notice, almost as brief a warning as our fine volunteer firemen, to get out of a warm bed, no matter how they feel, and go out into the worst weather to clear the roads and sand them where necessary, so that we can get to our appointed rounds safely and on time. And what a job they do! In my travels it seems evident that the Hague roads are better cared for than any of the surrounding areas.

What skill it takes to drive that tremendous piece of equipment at the rate necessary to clear the distances covered to reach the maximum number of homes in the shortest time for fire and ambulance protection. I constantly marvel at the precision shown in cleaning the snow right up to stone walls, fences, mailboxes and whatnot and yet leaving them all intact. Do we ever stop to think of the discomfort and risk these hardy night workers face for all our benefits?

I frequently breathe a prayer as they go by. Thank you gentlemen, and may God keep you safe and free from harm.

...EHCrabbs

EQUITABLE ASSESSMENT ROLLS

Town Supervisor Dick Bolton said at the 1-12-82 Town Board meeting that the Town Board will be working closely with the assessors to assure that all property is assessed at the same percentage of full market value as the average of all other property on the assessment roll. Board members and assessors met with Austin Smith of the Country Real Property Board on 1/14 as the first step in this process.

Bolton appointed Clifton Frasier chairman of assessors. Frasier is the senior member of the three assessors and has completed both phase I and II of the State training program. Bill Foster completed phase I last year and phase II this January. Jim McKee, the newest member, was elected last November.

In a 1974 booklet published by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment that is still being distributed to assessors today it states: "The real property tax continues to be the prime source of revenue for the support of our local governments. It yielded more than 6.5 billion dollars in 1973. Despite notable progress in the administration of the real property tax in many cities, towns, and villages, we have generally fallen short of the primary objective of our entire system of local real property assessment, that is -- the EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX BURDEN AMONG ALL REAL ESTATE TAXPAYERS."

In 1957 the Assessment Advisory Committee to the NY State Board of Equalization and Assessment concluded that many assessors lack adequate knowledge of assessing tasks and that "there is a serious failure of local governing bodies to recognize the importance of local assessors' responsibilities and the amount of work involved in producing an EQUITABLE ASSESSMENT ROLL."

In Hague, the combined total of the September '81 school tax and the Jan. '82 property tax totals \$767,132.00, so it is imperative that our assessment rolls are equitable and this can only be done by trained and competent assessors.

WHAT IS AN ASSESSOR?

- If he is pleasant, he's too familiar.*
- If he is sober faced, he's a sourpuss.*
- If he is young, he doesn't know anything.*
- If he is old, he should retire.*
- If he goes to church, he's a hypocrite;*
- If he doesn't he's a heathen.*
- If he drinks, he's an alcoholic;*
- If he doesn't, he's a prude.*
- If he talks to everybody, he's a gossip;*
- If he doesn't, he's unsociable.*
- If he insists that the rules of the office be kept, he's too particular;*
- If he doesn't, he's careless.*
- If he looks around, he's snooping and*
- If he belongs to a lodge, members expect favors.*
- If he tries to settle all complaints, he must have the wisdom of Solomon;*
- If he worries about them, he will soon be crazy...Anonymous*

HAGUE MOTHERS' CLUB

Deeply interested in the Hague Mothers' Club, I hope to learn all I can about it. As far as I can determine, the Mothers' Club existed for more than 50 years - 1920-1979. The minutes are available for many of these years, but those from 1920-1922 and from 1948-1955 are missing. If any Chronicle reader knows where they might be, I would greatly appreciate hearing

About 1922 the Mothers' Club published a cook book. I would like to be able to find a copy of it.

My plan is to do an in-depth study of this unusual club for inclusion in the Hague Historical Society's "History of Hague". I will share highlights from this study with CHRONICLE readers.

...Dorothy J. Henry, 543-6633

A MOTHER is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take!

ORGANIZATIONAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

The following personnel assignments were made at the January meeting. Dog control officer and constable, Roland Dame; registrar of vital statistics, Mary Hall; chairman of assessors, Clifton Frasier; budget officer, Richard Bolton; historian, Clifton West; Town attorney, Pat Carney; zoning board of appeals (7 years), Thomas James; Board of assessment review (5 years), tabled until February meeting.

Board members committee assignments: Police - Middleton & Frasier; Recreation and Promotion - Patchett & Henry; Planning and Zoning - Henry & Middleton;

Highway - Frasier & Patchett; Building and Grounds - Patchett & Frasier; Town Park & Beautification - Henry & Middleton; Senior Citizens - Middleton & Frasier; Property - Henry & Foster; School - Patchett & Frasier.

SAND FOR ICE PROBLEMS

Our dream of a white Christmas came true with delightful winter weather throughout the holidays, but the freezing rains early a.m. on the 4th, plus below zero temperatures, turned driveways and private roads into skating rinks. Dan Belden and his crews kept our roads, including the mountain open. Once the Town, County, and State roads were cleared, our highway department sanded private roads and driveways of senior citizens and isolated individuals because ice conditions were considered endangering to life and limb. This also protects emergency vehicles from possible accident if called to service in these icy areas. Dan Belden, highway superintendent, said that sand is available to residents at the Town Shed for sanding private roads and driveways, or senior citizens without the ability to pick up their own sand may call the Shed for assistance...AC

LOVE IS LIKE WATER. IF IT TOUCHES A PLANT, IT GIVES LIFE, IF IT IS PUT IN A VESSEL ON A SHELF, IT EVAPORATES.

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

The Ticonderoga School District is offering a high school equivalency program for adults. Individual instruction is given on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Middle School. This year eight computer terminals are being used to provide individualized help in math, literature, English, social studies and science. There is no charge for taking this course. For further information, call Mr. Corbo at 585-7442. IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE TO BEGIN.

CHICKADEE'S FEET - (or)
YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK!

The following is a portion of an EnCon publicity release for 1/28/82. ..."Since our fingers and toes are usually the first part of our body to get cold, we wonder about the chickadee's feet. The muscles that make the bird's foot work are not down in the toes, but are up in the feathered part of the leg where they pull on long tendons which operate the toes. These tendons go behind what most people call the "elbow", and as the bird's body is lowered when it lands on a twig, the tendons close the toes. When the bird settles down for the night, these extended tendons have locked the toes right around the twig, and the breast feathers fluff out to enclose them."

The article also tells us that Evening Grosbeaks, a northern bird, start turning in for the night by mid-afternoon while the cardinal, a southerner, feeds from dawn 'til twilight. It is believed that this is caused by differing metabolic rates...AC

TAX BREAK FOR CONGRESSMEN (or)
THEY'RE NO. 1!

Congress recently inserted an amendment to the Black-lung Bill that gives themselves a tax-break retroactive to January 1980. They may now deduct practically all their living expenses in Washington for the period that Congress is in session. For many, this will mean that they will come close to paying no taxes at all. In essence this amounts to a pay raise without headlines...AC

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Casey Danielle to Daniel and Mary Lou (Jordan) Summerlin in Pensacola, Fl. Grandparents, William and Gertrude Jordan, formerly of Hague.

MARRIED - Barbara Bryant Walker, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bryant, Pine Cove, to David Conrad Taylor, on January 9 in Winston-Salem, NC.

DIED - Stella M. Bartlett, 89, born in Sabbath Day Point, at the Horace Nye Nursing Home in Elizabethtown, on December 24.

- Nelson Waters, 73, of Decker Hill Road, at Moses Ludington Hospital on Jan. 19.

ANNIVERSARY - Martha and Harry White celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 16. They are spending the winter in Florida.

MICHAEL DELARM, son of Mr. & Mrs. James DeLarm made the Dean's List for the first semester at SUNY, Oswego.

JOANNE DUNKLEE, daughter of Mrs. Marion Shoemaker, made the Dean's list (with a 3.6 average) at Plattsburg State. She will graduate in May.

GEORGE P. DENTON, Split Rock Rd. was recently advanced to Chief Steelworker with the U.S. Navy Seabees Reserves in Glens Falls. Among his many awards, Chief Denton was also Battalion "Sailor of the Quarter" in 1980.

LYNN COFFIN - competing at the Class I level, 12-14 age group, took fifth place in both the bars and vault and sixth all-around at a recent Gymnastics Meet in Utica. This performance qualified her for the Sectionals.

SHARON MEOLA is leading a series of four classes on Positive Personal Growth beginning Wed. Jan. 27 at the Ticonderoga First United Methodist Church.

JAN BREITENBACH, Delaware Rd., Silver Bay, recently received a personal letter from Nancy Reagan thanking her for her support after her recent appearance on 60 Minutes.

JANUARY SATURDAY MORNING

At 7 a.m. the thermometer in some parts of Hague registered -21°F and yet-- a neighbor brings in a bowl of well buttered popcorn, still warm--

the great beauty of snow and mountains sparkling in the sunshine belies the low temperature--

we hail the road crews sanding once again--

the Post Star is in its little orange box - goes with that second cup of coffee-- radio (WIPS informs us it is -30° in Chestertown--

our mail will be here in an hour or so-- too cold for very young - or old, another day "in"--

we learn doughnuts and coffee and laughter at the Lake Shore Garage warms up the scene--

The radio informs us: that schools in Virginia have been closed all week because of ice storms--

that other parts of the country deaths, hardships, loss of business, is not comforting --

record snow and cold for our entire country.

We call key people - are there many hardship cases in Hague? Are our people warm enough? No cases reported.

We go back to our seat in the sun - and lo and behold, out our back windows we see two kids (goat-type), frolicking in the new neighbors' yard. These "babies" were born on a cold January night. (And I thought lambkins and farm animals were all born in the spring!) Well, can spring be far off? They will be healthy "kids" by then...NB

Love your neighbor, yet don't pull down your hedge.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - FEBRUARY

- 2 GROUND HOG DAY (no shadows please)
- 2 Fish & Game Club - see p. 3
- 4 Veterans' Administrator - 11:30
- 4 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 4 Planning Board - 7:30
- 10 Town Board - 6:30 - see p. 1
- 10 & 11 - APA meeting - Quality Inn in Albany - 10:00
- 11 Veterans' Administrator - 11:30
- 12 ABRAHAM LINCOLN - 1809
- 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- 15 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED
Town Office, P.O. Closed.. SCHOOL HOLIDAY UNTIL FEB. 22.
- 16 Home Bureau - 10:00
- 18 Veterans' Administrator - 11:30
- 18 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 20 & 21 SNOWMOBILE RACES - see p. 1
- 20 First American in Orbit - 1962
- 22 GEORGE WASHINGTON - 1732
- 23 School Board - 7:30
- 23 SHROVE TUESDAY
- 23 FASNACHT DAY
- 24 ASH WEDNESDAY - Beginning of LENT
- 25 Veterans' Administrator - 11:30
- 25 Zoning Board - 7:30
- 25 CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- 27 & 28 WINTER CARNIVAL - see p. 1
- 28 NATIONAL ICE AUGER CHAMPIONSHIPS 3:00

FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH. Please support your AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION.

*If thou must love me, let it be for naught
 Except for love's sake only. Do not say
 "I love her for her smile - her look - her way
 Of speaking gently -- for a trick of thought
 That falls in well with mine, and certes wrought
 A sense of pleasant ease on such a day"--
 For these things in themselves, Beloved, may
 Be changed, or change for thee - and love so wrought
 May be unwrought so. Neither love me for
 Thine own dear pity's wiping my cheeks dry:
 A creature might forget to weep, who bore
 Thy comfort long, and lose thy love thereby.
 But love me for love's sake, that evermore
 Thou mayst love on through love's eternity.
 ...Elizabeth Barrett Browning*

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