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SPRING FOOD AND RUMMAGE SALE

Time to clean out your closets, your basements and garages. The Hague Volunteer Fire Department is having its spring food and rummage sale on March 30, 31 and April 1 from 9AM to 2PM each day.

A number of items (beds, etc.) from the Beachside Hotel and Restaurant have been donated to the Fire Department for sale at this time.

Articles may be left at the Firehouse on March 27, 28 and 29 from 9AM - 12noon, or for articles too big to bring or if you need to get them out before March 27, please call 543-6029, afternoons or evenings, and someone will be happy to pick them up.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department is holding a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 15 at the Firehouse, from 5 - 7PM. Mark this on your calendar NOW, so you won't forget it. Get out your red shirt (or bib) and come on down to the firehall. The proceeds from this dinner will benefit the new fire truck, which is already in operation.

The following letter dated February 22, 1989 was received by the editor:

To the people of Hague:

Never can enough praise be shouted or gratitude be offered for the efficient and dedicated manner in which the members of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department contained and extinguished our February 13th house fire. It was due to their fast response time, their prior instruction and practice, their teamwork, and their bravery that our home was saved from total destruction. To each one of those heroic firefighters, many of whom risked their lives to save our house and belongings, we give our overwhelming thanks.

Our family was very fortunate that our son Dean, his wife and son, and their guests escaped without injury. Whatever tears we have shed have been tears of thanksgiving for this fact, or tears of anguish for the terrifying experience they suffered. The building itself

can, and will, be restored.

Last summer, when we solicited funds on behalf of the fire department, little did we dream that we would be one of the first families to have need of the new equipment. In the coming summer of '89, with personal experience to back up our plea, we can even more strongly urge each family to support the H.F.V.D. with as large a financial gift as possible. It deserves the monetary assistance and deep respect of each Hague citizen.

We would also like to thank the Hague community for its caring response in a time of distress. Many of you fed our children and their guests, loaned us a place to stay while we rebuild, or simply expressed a concern over our misfortune. It all helps.

Now as we near the time of our retirement to this beautiful place, we are happy to realize that we will be a more constant part of a warm and extraordinary town. Thanks to you all, /s/ Joan and Alex Sarjeant

MARRIAGE OF THE ARTS POLYNESIAN STYLE

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild is holding a good old fashioned luau (with a fancy name), on Saturday, April 1 at the Putnam Fire House. Cocktail hour will start at 6PM and dinner will be served between 7 and 7:30PM. Tickets are \$25.00 per couple (\$12.50 single) and will be limited to 220, due to seating accommodations.

Entertainment will follow dinner, featuring dancing by Ellis Roderick and Julie Russo. Jo Ann Soloski will conduct a HULA-HOOP CONTEST. (Get those hips wiggling!) Other entertainment will be included as it is obtained.

Following the entertainment, we will have dancing to music provided by SOUNDTRACE, featuring D.J. Tracy Collins.

Dress will be VERY CASUAL, (i.e. hula skirts, fancy shirts, shorts, sneakers, sandals, ...beachcombers dress style, etc.) - whatever suits your fancy.

A great evening is planned. All proceeds will be used to fund the Festival Guild's summer concerts and help to promote the arts in the Ticonderoga area.

Tickets may be picked up at Radio Shack in Ti or at the Festival Guild Office in the Civic Center - - 585-6716. ALOHA

FOOD PANTRY

Emergencies come for many of us in various forms; fire, food stamps run out, minimum wage salaries do not go far enough, elderly poor are on small pensions and there are times during the month when meals for the day may be a bowl of cereal or nothing at all.

Maybe you don't know that Hague has a food pantry and any legitimate need for food can be met. We are a community that will provide help. Contact G. Lindquist, 543-6095, or your church.

WANTED

By the town of Hague - a lifeguard for the summer season. Must have advanced lifesaving, CPR and Advanced First Aid.

Call the Town Hall at (518) 543-6161 for more information.

KIWANIS BUFFET

On March 21 from 3PM - 8PM, the Kiwanis Club will be holding a buffet at Eddie's Restaurant, on the Hague Road. ALL YOU CAN EAT for \$6.00. Children under 5 free.

The Kiwanis Club is a service club and supports among other things the Easter egg hunt, Senior Citizens Christmas party, and the high school Key Club.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Kiwanis Club or at the door.

ORGAN RECITAL AT CHURCH OF THE CROSS

The first of a series of special events will take place at the Episcopal Church of the Cross on Sunday, April 16, 1989, at 4PM. At that time Mr. Clifford N. Bohanson, of the Cathedral of the Air in Lakehurst, NJ will play an organ recital in the church. All are invited and there will be a reception in the Parish Hall following the recital. A free-will offering will be received.

The year 1989 is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Cross in Ticonderoga, NY in 1839. At the time of incorporation such names as Tefft, Burnet, McAuley, Larrabee, Fitch and Breed were on the documents along with the Rev. Palmer Dyer who served as the first Rector of the Parish. We will celebrate this anniversary year with thanksgiving and joy and invite our neighbors to join with us.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The next meeting of the Hague Senior Citizens Club will be on Tuesday, March 28. There will be a car-pooling trip to the Bolton Landing Meal Site. WE MUST LET THE BOLTON LANDING MEAL SITE PEOPLE KNOW ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF OUR COMING, so please sign up with Diane or Bertha at the Town Hall prior to March 20. Meet at the Baptist Church parking lot at 11:30AM on the 28th.

This happens to be the day the meal site is celebrating Easter, and they have suggested that anyone who would like, should wear an Easter bonnet. Sounds like fun.

The regular business meeting will be held following our return to Hague, and all members are urged to attend.

BAD CHECKS

In NY State, The New York State Police can assist people who desire to institute **criminal action** against another for the issuance of a bad check, but they cannot assist the recipients of "Bad Checks" to obtain payment. In order for the state Police to provide this assistance, certain procedures must be followed and several requirements must be met before they will entertain a complaint. Your nearest state police station can provide you with the steps which must be followed for filing a bad check complaint. A trooper will assist you in preparing all required legal documents and arrange to have the documents presented to the appropriate local criminal court. After review by the court, a summons or warrant may be issued for the defendant. The summons or warrant will be handled by the State Police.

Remember, this procedure is to initiate a **CRIMINAL** complaint. You, or your employees may be required to testify in court. Once you file a **criminal** complaint, it may not be withdrawn except in extraordinary circumstances and with the consent of the District Attorney or the court. The court may order restitution as part of the disposition of the case, conviction of the defendant does not guarantee you will receive your money.

IT WORKS! This writer recovered over \$2,500 in 1988 with the assistance of the NY State Police. My sincere thanks to the Trooper who was so courteous and efficient in handling this procedure for me.

In every heart, affection grows like a tiny seed, reaching for the sun, growing because it has to grow once it has begun....Anonymous

PLANNING BOARD - 3/2/89

The Clifton Frasier subdivision was unanimously approved with the conditions that only 2 additional lots will ever be allowed in the remainder of his land located in the OC II zoned portion of his property and 7 additional lots will be allowed in the portion located in the TR II zone.

Tom Fritz' request to place a construction type trailer, to be used as a storage shed, 300' from Rt. 8 on his 10 acre property, was approved with the conditions that no living facilities ever be allowed, including plumbing, and that tree removal be limited to the minimum needed to place the trailer on the site so as to prevent the trailer from being visible from Rt. 8

James Ward's request for a permit to construct additional boat storage units on his Rt. 8 property was tabled until Mr. Ward could obtain a survey map of the property showing the location of the existing buildings, septic system and brook.

James Ward's request to install plumbing facilities in his model log home was also tabled until Mr. Ward submits a written application to the Planning Administrator.

Planning Administrator John Breitenbach, Jr. appraised the Board of a claim made by a group of neighbors of "Northern Lake George Resort" (formerly, Silver Bay Lodge), that the resort allegedly is operating a non-conforming marina. Mr. Breitenbach is reviewing the situation to determine if the activities of the resort constitute the operation of a marina as defined by the Town of Hague's Zoning Ordinance.

The Warren County Building Inspector issued a stop work order on a structure located on property owned by Scott Patchett on West Hague Rd. until Mr. Patchett produces plans, stamped by a licensed architect, to match construction underway.

The lot line change proposed for the Arthur Klein Jr. properties was approved since the change would result in making both existing homes conform to the shoreline regulations.

Town Attorney John M. Silvestri informed the Board that, in his opinion, Mr. Robert Patchett's gift of a lot and residence to his son is a legal lot under Section 8.020 of our ordinance.

Mr. Dan Burke has requested permission to place a 32' mobile home on a 2.13 acre parcel located in a TR II zone to be used as temporary living quarters while he constructs his new home. Mr. Breitenbach will look into the process of granting such permission and conditions that should be imposed to insure the removal of the mobile home within a specific time limit.

Mr. Breitenbach presented a sketch plan for renovation and expansion of his existing 2-family dwelling in Silver Bay. The Board will visit the site to determine if the proposal conforms with our zoning ordinance.

The zoning revision committee will meet at 7PM March 15 to review all suggested changes and the comments on the proposed changes received from the A.P.A.

Attorney Silvestri and Supervisor Bolton will hold a seminar for members of the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals on April 13, 1989 at 7PM to review

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 2/23/89

At the Feb. 9 (cancelled from Jan. 26) meeting, Barry Jordon, desiring to build a log home, was asked for a survey. At this month's meeting John Breitenbach, Zoning Administrator, informed the board that a survey had just been made by International Paper, whose land adjoins the Jordon property. After checking, the Zoning Administrator will return to the board if he determines a Jordon survey is also required for a decision.

After a lengthy discussion, the question of right by Gifts, Devices and Inheritance (8.020) was tabled to the March 23 meeting.

Dan Burke, in the process of buying Hollow Road property would like to know if he can apply for a temporary use variance for a 32 ft. mobile home to be used ONLY while he is building a permanent home. Removal of trailer by 1990.

Considered at the next meeting will be a fees schedule for permits, etc. to help cover cost (phones, Xerox, etc.)

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 3/6/89

At the March 6, 1989 special Town Board meeting two bids for a 4-wheel drive tractor with front end loader, cab and mower attachment were received and the lower bid by Schroon Lake Tractor was accepted. Price, \$28,350.

Dept. of Transportation has determined the change in speed limit for Silver Bay Rd. is justified. A 25MPH speed limit to be posted.

N.Y. proposed budget will have serious impact on towns and villages in many areas including Revenue sharing, medicare, health services, etc., says Dick Bolton, Supervisor.

Town recommendations for reclassification of Frank Carney property at Sabbath Day Pt. has been rejected by the A.P.A. (Cont. on page 4)

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 3/14/89

ZBA (Cont. from page 3)

There will be additional costs in our battle with solid waste. Four monitoring wells are now required instead of three and each must reach ground water (120 ft. in Hague). Special equipment if required and everything used must be sterilized.

The Arcady Bay request for changes in vessel regulations, to the Lake George Park Commission, has been denied until research is done on a summer basis.

Reports by regular committees state: (1) A temporary or permanent canopy has been proposed for the park stage. (2) The old plumbing at the park is in the process of being replaced and later a park attendant shelter will be erected.

Mr. R. Burstein of Arcady Bay Estates, handles labor relations for the Albany law firm of Roamer and Featherstonehaugh and at the request of the supervisor is reviewing the information we have sent our lawmakers re: SCHOOL TAX INVESTIGATION and has agreed to explain an approach and the cost of a possible solution at a Friday night meeting in the future.

In unfinished business a motion approved to allow Windsurfing Championships to use public beach on June 24 (rain date, June 25) TOWN BO

New Business noted: (1) March 14 meeting to start at 7PM (instead of 6:30PM) (2) Books will be audited again. (3) Association of Towns reports: (a) July ruling possible on Anti-Tru.xst lawsuit against several insurance companies. If favorable, towns could benefit. (b) Census on April 1, 1990. Important that all residents possible be counted. Being counted in Hague DOES NOT jeopardize their income tax base elsewhere. (c) Resolution passed by Warren County to oppose budget cuts within L.G. Park commission. (d) County will oppose freeze on state land assessments. (4) Plaque presented to town from Carnival committee. (5) Hogle Senior Citizens bus contract amended to read every first and third Wednesday of each month. (6) Resolution #5 - a memo of understanding was received from D.E.C. re: water resources covering the period Jan. 2, 1989 to Dec. 31, 1989. (7) The sum of \$992.50 will be transferred from contingency funds to a research survey in an attempt to regain property adjacent to town shed.

At the regular town board meeting Tuesday, March 14, a letter was read from Kathy Santaniello tendering her resignation from the Planning Board but agreeing to remain until a new member is chosen to replace her.

Tom Jenkins, deputy director of the Office of Natural Disaster and Civil Defense wrote a letter concerning drought conditions. Our region is not affected now but should problems arise he would like us to know that equipment and materials are available if needed for public works.

Ron Gill repaired the broken well at Fish and Game Club and he donated the cost of repairs to the Carnival Committee.

Hague Chamber of Commerce wrote to Doris Herwig, director Warren County Tourism and Supervisor Bolton about the Bass Tournament, thanking them for publicity and economic help. The Chamber is concerned about the detrimental effect of the fees charged by the Lake George Park Commission. The letter suggested fees might be waived for special events such as the Bass Tournament. These are Lake George Park Commission fees and all Supervisor Bolton can do is contact Michael White, Chairman of the Park Commission and discuss the matter. The Bass Tournament is June 17 and 18.

Survey of school property on Decker Hill Rd. has been completed by Martin Thompson.

Committee reports: Community Center kitchen equipment, less than two years old, is available to us for less than \$5,000. Work-up on electricity, heating and plumbing is nearing completion.

John Silvestri, town attorney will hold a seminar on April 13 at 7PM for ZBA, Planning Board, and Town Board. Public invited.

The only new business was a legislative report from Albany from the three-day conference just completed. It included (1) Cut in the CHIPS program. (2) State budget faces a 2 billion dollar cut. This means programs such as Medicare, Tourism, College Funds, will be cut way back. It means at least a \$700,000 loss for Warren County. The only good news is that North Country counties will be cut less than NY City and surrounding counties. Members attending conference suggested cuts be made slowly over a four-year period. (3) State may have to site landfills because of NIMBY (Not in My Back Yard) opposition at a town level.



HAPPY EASTER

WILLY C'S FEB/MAR WEATHER NOTES

February was a month of wide temperature variations, a reasonably good number of sunny days, relatively little moisture and above average wind conditions. Our coldest days were the 17th and 18th when it was -4° and $-2\ 1/2^{\circ}$ lakeside, and -16° and -14° Mt. Top. At the other end of the scale we had temperatures in the 40's on the 14th, 20th, 21st and 28th, plus nine other days when the high was above freezing. All in all Feb. was above average in the temperature category, as are winter temperatures thus far. We had heavy rain on the 21st with .66 inches falling. With the frozen ground and what little snow we've had turning to ice and boiler plate, the run off from this type of precipitation is difficult, if not impossible to control, so many people had water in their cellars. The rest of the month produced snowfalls of one to two inch amounts on eight days, scattered throughout the month. Still way below normal in the moisture category. We had three days in a row with wind speeds in the 40 MPH range. 42 MPH was the highest for the month. The wind chill at 12 noon on the 24th was -20° . We gained 1 hr. and 18 min. of daylight for the month. During March this process will accelerate dramatically.

March came in with a high temperature of $37-1/2^{\circ}$, but not before we had another .27 inches of rain, then freezing rain, finally turning to a dusting of snow on the 4th and 5th. The afternoon of the 5th the thermometer started to tumble, the wind began to rise and we were heading for our coldest weather thus far this winter. By the 7th it was 10° below zero lakeside, -22° Mt. Top. The wind which had hit $44\ 1/2$ MPH and $42\ 1/2$ MPH on the 5th and 6th hit $51-1/2$ MPH on the 7th. The daytime high was $+1^{\circ}$ lakeside, -9° Mt. Top, with wind chill readings at -63° early a.m., getting up to -51° during the day. Plenty of sunshine on the 6th and 7th. One lone ice fisherman near shore in Hague Bay on the 7th, none in Cooks Bay. Unfortunately frozen pipes being reported from several quarters. Today, the 8th of March, we had a low of -5° lakeside and -14° Mt. Top. At 11:30AM the sun is bright, the sky a beautiful blue. The wind has finally died down. The temperature has already climbed to a respectable 10° and rising, and with the sun shining brilliantly on the ice, the ice is responding with a wondrous chorus. The melody runs muted in the background for long periods of time, then suddenly rises to a crescendo of sharp cracks, the rush and gurgle of water running through and spilling out of

the fissures, the tinkle of ice and the booming and crashing of the timpani, all echoing off through the mountains as the ice shifts about under the sun's gaze. The ice faults and fissures are particularly numerous and intricate in Cooks Bay this year, no doubt caused by the lack of snow cover. Not so in Hague Bay. Thus it differs and is unique from year to year.

The near term outlook is a return to temperatures near 50° . Spring will soon be upon us. Enjoy!

IN ANSWER TO YOUR LETTERS

I have had a few letters recently about the date on the mailing label of your Hague Chronicle. Instead of answering you individually, I will answer in this column so that those of you who have the same question and didn't write will also have the answer.

You will note that on the first line of the mailing label there is a month and year. This is NOT the date your subscription ends. You see we don't have subscriptions - we are a volunteer staffed and voluntarily supported newspaper. We can't very well tell you when your subscription ends, because you are really not subscribing - you are contributing. Therefore, we decided that for your own information and reminder, we would put the date of your last contribution on the label. We hope that you will note the date and keep us in mind when you think it is time for another contribution. Without them we could not survive. We REALLY DO APPRECIATE THEM.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

On Sunday, March 26 (EASTER) at 6AM a community sunrise service will be held in the town park. Following the service the men of the Hague Baptist Church will be serving a pancake breakfast in the annex of the church. All are welcome to attend.

HAGUE FIREMEN COMPLETE COURSE

The following Hague volunteer firemen have completed the state certified course in ESSENTIALS OF FIREMANSHIP:

Dave Hoffay, Ed May, Kyle May, Jim Snyder, Chris Swinton, John Waters.

The course was 13 weeks in duration, 3-hr. sessions. It is a mandatory course for firefighters and a pre-requisite for other state courses.

The course was taught at the Ticonderoga Fire House by Jim Burroughs.

The Hague Fire Department is proud to have these dedicated men as part of the department.

EXCERPTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN
HISTORIAN - CLIFTON WEST

Laura Meade, our local newspaper correspondent, was in charge of Hague's part in the Lake George Day program. She asked me to make up a Trivia game as a contribution to the affair. This was on Hague history. I did this and it was well received.

A local resident received and passed on to the historian an article relating to the many houses built for and occupied by members of the Watrous family, former summer residents of this town. It was written by Katherine (Mills) Price several years ago. I am giving copies to the present owners of these places. I find people interested in the history of their Hague homes.

A request for old Hague post cards did not greatly add to our collection but we have a few new "oldies". Our cabinet now has a three-volume album of cards such as were formerly sold locally but are long out of print. Many of these were contributed by the historian from his private collection.

One of our organizations, the Mothers' Club, was started in 1921 in West Hague and later included members from all over town. Dorothy Bevins, a former member, gave us an album of pictures from this and a list of charter members. It was an important organization and contributed much to the social interest of Hague. Those Election Day dinners were full filling.

(Ed. Note: The publisher of the Hague Chronicle researched the history of the Mother's Club for an article published in the May 1982 issue).

A former Hague resident sent us a number of pictures, mostly of Baptist groups from earlier times of the church. Some of these are now enlarged to better show the people of those times.

One Historical Society meeting featured John Breitenbach, Jr. demonstrating the making of Adirondack Guide Boats done as the old timers made them. It was very interesting. These boats are now being made at Silver Bay.

Two people from Long Island met with the historian to learn about the early hamlet of Wardsboro just south of Tongue Mt. Our department has an article written several years ago on this by a Bolton resident. Later in the summer, Marcus Merrill, who was born in Wardsboro, came up here with pictures and information on this subject. Recently we acquired a listing of people who are buried in Wardsboro Cemetery. Some of these old families from that section moved to Hague.

Many of the seniors went to Bellows Falls, VT to ride the train to Chester, VT and return. It was

a journey into the past. It is a very popular tour. The historian took his last previous train trip on his wedding day in 1938.

As the year 1988 closes the Hague Historian has passed two milestones. He reached eighty years in August and fifty years of marriage to the same woman in October /s/ Clifton West, Town of Hague Historian.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The first meeting of the new year will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd, at the Hague Baptist Church Annex. The social hour begins at 7:30PM and the meeting starts at 8PM.

An evening of reminiscing will be presented with questions and comments from the floor. A panel of three former schoolmates at the Hague School will try to remember and stimulate each other to recall their early lives in Hague and many local events of the twenties and thirties, plus. Frank Carney, Bernie Clifton and Clifton Frasier will pool their talents for an evening to remember. Come and try to stump the experts.

The April meeting will be held in joint session with the Ticonderoga Historical Society. Hague will provide the program on the great camps designed by William West Durant, and Ticonderoga will provide the meeting place and social time. This is scheduled for Friday, April 28 at the Ticonderoga Hancock Historical Building.

The public is invited for both meetings.

LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION BOAT PATROL
REPORT - 1988

The following is excerpted from the Lake George Park Commission's report:

As a result of the amendments to the NYS Penal Law, the Commission can and did appoint Patrol Officers who have the authority of Peace Officers. Successful completion of an approved 40-hour training course is required for this designation.

The Patrol commenced operations May 28, three patrol units operated daily through Memorial Day. Two patrol units operated each weekend in June. Full operations commenced July 1 and continued through Labor Day.

New equipment employed this season included replacement boat, two replacement motors, two replacement fire pumps, and two fire extinguishers.

During this year the Boat Patrol issued 98 Uniform Appearance Tickets for offenses relating to navigation. In addition, they wrote 35 tickets for violations of the

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, Philip Willman, to Lynne and Edward Duffy, Marshfield, MA, on January 11, 1989. Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sharp, Mt. Laurel, NJ and Silver Bay, and Dr. & Mrs. Philip Duffy, Demarest, NJ and Silver Bay.

DIED - Fred A. Bondgren, 88, a resident of Montcalm Manor Adult Home, Ticonderoga, on March 3 at Moses Ludington Hospital. He was a former resident of Split Rock Road, Hague. His wife, Florence (Barnett) Bondgren died in 1970.

DIED - Frank Swinton, 62, New Hague Road, Hague, on March 13 at Moses Ludington Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Patricia and several children and step-children. Mr. Swinton was the dog warden for the town of Hague and employed by the highway department.

VIVIENNE HENRY, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John R. Henry, Fajardo, PR, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society of Puerto Rico.

ALISON LACOURSE CHOSEN CARNIVAL PRINCESS

- On February 16, the Hague Winter Carnival got off to a great start with the crowning of the Carnival Princess. Four young ladies vied for the title.

Besides Alison, Vicki Waters was first runner up, followed by Cheri Smith and Julie Fuller. All four girls presented their special talents and were enthusiastically received by a large audience.

Judges were Joyce Barker and Sharon Cooke.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES STUDY COMMITTEE

The Ticonderoga School District's Facilities Study Committee started its work on February 22. The committee will be meeting every other Wednesday to develop recommendations to the Board of Education concerning the reconstruction and maintenance of existing facilities and grounds.

At its first meeting the committee was updated on the financial status of the district and various options to finance projects. A preliminary list of projects for consideration was presented to the committee by Principals Corbo and Bresett. The committee will inspect the high school facilities at their next meeting. The committee consists of the following members from Hague: Robert Denno, Michelle Gautreau, Robert Patchett, and Tom Stull. They will be working with 19 other members from Ticonderoga.

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During this year the Boat Patrol issued 98 Uniform Appearance Tickets for offenses relating to navigation. In addition, they wrote 35 tickets for violations of the Park Commission Regulations involving failure to properly register boats with the Commission. At present, approximately 10% of these cases have been settled with an average recovery of over \$20 per case. In addition to this, the Patrol also issued 379 written warnings for failure to register boats with the Park Commission and handled 18 juvenile offenders.

This year the Boat Patrol provided the following services: aid and assistance to boaters - 395; vessel sanitation and safety inspections - 929; response to fires - 14; lost property recovered- \$23,440; injuries - 6; transports for ambulance - 3; regattas- 26; law enforcement matters - 2,175.

Boat Count - n. of Sabbath Day Pt - 2,359; 14 Mile Channel to Yardarm - 2,504; Yardarm to Million \$ Beach - 1,550; Million \$ Beach to Fish Pt - 2,030; Fish Pt. to point of Tongue - 1,009; Pt. of Tongue to Sabbath Day Pt. - 99; Bluff Head to Log Bay South - 577; Motherbunch Is. - 107; Narrow Is. - 299. Totals: 1/0-3,597; Outboards-1,714; Inboards-799; Sailboats-1,260; Rowboats, canoes, sailfish, windsurfers-3,054; jet-skis/airplane - 105/5 Total: 10,534.

A full 7-page report from the Lake George Park Commission is on file in The Hague Chronicle Office.

There is a big difference between death and taxes. When you die, six months later they don't come around to make sure.

. . . American Legion Magazine

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MARCH/APRIL 1989

March

- 16 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM -Exchange of box lunches
- 17 ST PATRICK'S DAY
- 17 Town of Hague's moratorium ends
- 19 PALM SUNDAY
- 20 SPRING , GLORIOUS SPRING BEGINS (Hallelujah!)
- 23 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30PM Town Hall
- 22 Hague Historical Society - 7:30PM-Hague Baptist Church - see p6
- 24 GOOD FRIDAY
- 26 EASTER - Sunrise service in town park - 6AM
- 28 Senior Citizens Club meeting - preceded by lunch in Bolton Landing - see p2

April

- 1 April Fool's Day
- 1 Ti Festival Guild Luau at Putnam Firehouse - see p1
- 3 Fire Dept. meeting - 7:30PM at Firehouse
- 5 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls - 8:30AM
- 5 Chamber of Commerce meeting - 7:30PM-Town Hall
- 5 American Legion meeting - 7:30PM - Legion Home
- 6 Planning Board - 7:30PM
- 11 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 17 Income Taxes Due
- 19 School Board meeting - 7:30PM - THS
- 19 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls - 8:30AM

Since April 17 is Income Tax Day and has been set aside for a day of national mourning, here are some observations on taxes, compiled some years ago in a book by Larry Oliver:

- "To the tax assessor, be they ever so humble there's no place like homes.
- "The average American taxpayer thinks he has his nose to the grindstone when really he has his back to the wall.
- "When the government talks about getting a new source of revenue it always comes back to the same place - the taxpayer.
- "No matter what the government thinks of us, you have to admit we have what it takes.
- "While it seems silly to mention it now, this country was founded as a protest against taxation.
- "Modern man pays a luxury tax on his billfold, an income tax on the stuff he puts into it and a sales tax every time he takes anything out of it.
- "Every time Congress sets out to cut expenses, the knife slips and trims the taxpayers.
- "Between high taxes and high prices, we're always cleaned and pressed.
- "After the average taxpayer has finished paying a few hundred taxes--hidden as well as out in the open--he usually feels bled, white and blue.
- "Never favor a 'temporary' tax unless you can afford to pay it permanently.
- "The two sneakiest words in the English language are 'plus tax.'
- "How are you managing the tax problem at your home? At ours, we're using the lay-awake plan.
- "The man who says that at least it doesn't cost anything to laugh apparently hasn't heard of the amusement tax.
- "There's only one thing to be said in favor of the 'pay-as-you-go' plan. You don't get mad all at once. It's spread out!
- "The tax collector must love poor people! He's creating so many of them."

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