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HOLY WEEK and EASTER CHURCH SCHEDULES

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 12, 9 AM - Church Of The Blessed Sacrament
Blessing Of Palms, Procession Outside

HOLY WEEK MASSES - Church Of The Blessed Sacrament
4 PM, MON. TUES. WED.

UPPER ROOM COMMUNION SERVICE - APRIL 16, 7:30 PM - Sponsored by
Wesleyan and Baptist Churches - Hague Baptist Church Annex

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 16, 7:30 PM - LORD'S SUPPER CONCELEBRATED
Church Of The Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 17, 7:30 PM - MASS OF OUR LORD'S PASSION
Church Of The Blessed Sacrament

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 18, 7:30 PM - EASTER VIGIL CONCELEBRATED
Church Of The Blessed Sacrament

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 19

6:30 AM - EASTER DAWN SERVICE at PUBLIC BEACH (Baptist Church in
bad weather) Rev. Kenneth Taber will bring the message.
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7 to 7:45 AM - EASTER BREAKFAST - Baptist Church Annex

9 AM - MASS OF THE RESURRECTION - Church Of The Blessed Sacrament

10 AM - EASTER MORNING WORSHIP - Wesleyan Church
(SUNDAY SCHOOL at 11 AM

10:30 AM - EASTER MORNING WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL - Baptist Church
M. Broderick

WEATHER REPORT

Geese heading North, birds sing.

The warming sun ripens buds.

Chipmunks appear for an occasional outing.

Snow falls.

The Lake, confused by thaw and freeze, groaned and swore out loud
night and day like muffled artillery from afar.

Ice turns from silvery pewter to black.

Moon, mists and sun work their magic.

Patches of water reflect the mountains and sky.

The always wonderful experience of seasonal transition is occurring.

Beauty surrounds us 365 days a year.

We are Blessed.

The Staff

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, March Meeting at Coles; The Civil War A view from Hague & Ticonderoga presented by Fran Clifton; A view from South Carolina by Jack Henry. Both gave reports based on family letters & reminiscence as well as on facts & anecdotes recorded in town ledgers, the old Harper's Weekly & histories by Bruce Catton.

Mrs. Clifton focused part of her talk on letters of her husband Bernie's grandfather, a drummer boy (grandfather also of Clifton West).

"Dear Brother Ned" he wrote, in a letter home after the first Battle of Manassas Junction (Bull Run)... "I have nearly learned to be a soldier." Referring to scarcity of food, "I have not seen a potatoe." & to Jefferson Davis, "We don't think Jeff is fair & we don't aim to oblige him."

Mrs. C. researched details of the number of men who joined from Warren County, the wounded, the starving, the imprisoned, the dead. Everywhere she came across names familiar here today.

She visited cemeteries and sent out a radio appeal. One listener provided accounts of Moische Jerve, Moses Wells Hill & the cavalry troops from Ti & Essex Co. Crown Point sent 100 Morgan horses & men. A soldier was obliged to provide his own mount.

A detachment from N.Y. adopted the uniform of the French Zouave soldier (colorfully immortalized in the paintings of Winslow Homer).

Desertion was a problem in both armies. Some migrated West, some returned to help families & farms at home. For contrast, Mrs C cited Bruce Catton's touching description of the Volunteer... "the spirit moved him."

Jack Henry introduced his talk with quotations from the speeches of six leaders, North & South, in poignant appeals to their people to avoid civil war: William Tecumseh Sherman's "it is a crime against civilization...all folly & madness" Jefferson Davis praying for recon-

ciliation. James L. Pettigrew, "I passionately urge my fellow aristocrats to consider the idea of mediation." Sad, and passionate appeals from Robert E. Lee, General Grant and Lincoln.

Jack Henry's talk also focused on an ancestor, his grandfather, John R. Toler from Galivant's Ferry, So. Carolina. John, at age 13, both parents dead, was permitted to accompany an older brother and his uncle joining the Rebel Cause. In the last year of the war, young John was made an aide to an officer who wrote "...a boy of extraordinary promise."

Other vignettes: The \$11. a month in depreciated currency that was a soldier's pay; a brigade of young boys confined to camp during an outbreak of measles; the frustration of not receiving mail; the early days when a soldier might still dance with a local belle; the balmy days of "playing soldier" over.

The speakers had set out an exhibit of Civil War memorabilia, inc. the Clifton drummer boy's drum.

NEXT MEETING: WED. APR. 15, 7:30 PM
Hague Baptist Church Annex
JANE LAPE
"INDIANS OF THIS AREA"

LOOK AHEAD to May: A screen projection of old postal views.

to July 18th: A special showing of famous Steiglitz glass slides, photos & paintings of Lake George (see The Great And The Gracious Ch. XIX, p. 202) B. DeGraff

SNOWMOBILING

The NY Snowmobile Coordinating Group is developing snowmobile trails in 15 Northern Counties. This is to be a connecting system of trails with identification, maps & grooming. The group is trying to get legislative action that would return snowmobile registration fees & gas tax dollars to help pay for this project. The Hague Sno-Goers Club is working on this project & connecting trails are located in Hague.

REMEMBERING HARVEY H. MOSES of Sabbath Day Point, who died Feb. 12 at Tuscon, Ariz. He had a long & loving association with this area. He was born in Ticonderoga, May 25, 1899, the son of Frank Moses & of Helen Wicker; grew up on lovely farm lands (now partly Price Farm). In reminiscing about his boyhood, he liked to tell about his summer chores - milk delivery by horse & wagon to the Hague Hotels as far as Sabbath Day House, "Fishing" with his father, his job to row the boat! On the farm he learned the art of growing fine vegetables and flowers. In his retirement years he "delivered" baskets of fine herbs, choice vegetables & bouquets to his friends. He took pride in his borders & edges, his annuals blooming into fall. His pink dahlias were famous.

He and his wife Catherine (who died in 1971) delighted friends with their charm & wit, with piano music & fine food, Harvey himself an excellent cook. He loved his early morning plunge in the cold Lake.

As a traveller he had been to Europe several times & to almost every state. He was graduated from Ti High in 1915; Dartmouth, 1922; John Marshall Law Schl. 1925. He was a descendant of early Pilgrims (1620) John Moses & Mary Chilton and of Eathan Allen.

Harvey Moses' family had left its imprint on Ti. He was a nephew of Horace Augustus Moses (born Trout Brook Valley, 1862). In 1906 "Uncle Horace" raised & contributed money for a 12 bed hospital which Dr. J. P.J. Cummins was to direct. (Cost to build, in 1906 on land left in the estate of Mary Moses Shattuck, \$12,000.!) In 1920 & in 1946 thru local fund raising, his own money & generous help of Mrs. Ludington, of W. Springfield, Mass, the hospital was twice enlarged.

Two other splendid landmarks near by are also gifts of "Uncle Horace"

the magnificent monument, LIBERTY, by sculptor Charles Keck & the JOHN HANCOCK HOUSE, an exact replica of the original that once stood on Beacon Hill in Boston.

The Bronze monument is a poignant interpretation of Liberty, like a Winged Victory, as lovely & thrilling as any bronze sculpture in the world. Around the base are four heroic figures - the Indian & early French, English and Revolutionary soldiers & the seals of the 13 original colonies.

The John Hancock House was given to the N.Y. State Historical Society & is open to visitors & for special meetings. Uncle Horace's legacy included the unique Valley View Chapel and the majestic Community building.

Harvey Moses, Horace' nephew, rose in a banking career in Springfield, Mass. He was a trustee of the Ticonderoga Historical Society, a member of Silver Bay Asn. and an officer of Sabbath Day Chapel.

Surviving him are his son, C. Wicker Moses II of Carbondale, Col. his daughter Anne, wife of Dr. Robert Gordon Douglas of Rochester N.Y. and 3 grandchildren.

B. DeGraff

OUTREACH VISITS HAGUE

Beginning March 26 and for the remainder of the year (excluding June through Sept.) on the last Thurs. of the month, the Warren Co. Dept. of Social Services will send a representative to visit in Hague. Anyone in Hague wishing to discuss any problem may do so at the Town Hall between 1 & 4 PM on those days.

A. Craig

CABARET

Music and dance by an all local cast provided entertainment for a full house of people from all four corners of "the district" and raised \$2000.+ for the Art Potter Scholarship Fund to aid music students from Ti High.

B. DeGraff

AT OUR SCHOOL

" I like to make up the work sheets and the review lessons on the Zerox machine." So stated Janet Ross of the F.T.A., FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA at Ti Middle School.

Miss Abbott, the 6th Grade Teacher who devised this imaginative Mini Course, has trained 11 enthusiastic pupils to "practice teaching" in Elementary classrooms:

<u>From 6th Grade;</u>	<u>Helps with:</u>
Tania Mattison	3rd Grade
Elizabeth Montbriand	2nd "
Janet Ross	5th "
Bonnie Swinton	3rd "
<u>From 7th Grade:</u>	
Mike Morrison	4th "
Sara Nadeau	3rd "
Holly Thompson	3rd "
Shawn Towne	5th "

Ellen Holland, 6th Grade & Stacey Jordan, 8th, to be assigned soon.

These pupils have been trained to prepare lessons for a school subject - complete with lesson plans. They make up tests (and a game) and work effectively with one child, a small group or a whole class.

Elizabeth told us "Miss Abbott is always ready to help you but when you go to your class you feel free. Oh, it's great. Miss Abbott is wonderful." Elizabeth exhibited her 2nd level Math book and hurried off to Miss Guyder's classroom.

Mrs. Strum finds Tania very helpful in a variety of ways with her 3rd Grade. The E.C.R.I. (exemplary center for reading instruction) program requires a lot of preparation. Tania can help with the bulletin board, reading by individual pupils and the creative writing.

ED: Friday (Mar 13), sometimes the low point of a work week, appeared to this visitor to be a lively learning time. One sees boys hauling sap to the Maple House, girls executing pas de deux in leotards and smiling "LITTLE TEACHERS" confidently bustling to their classes.

M. Broderick

LETTER EXCERPTS

From Elwin Monroe:

"...The school building should and can be most useful to our town if enough interested people in our town respond with constructive ideas to promote good use of the building. I for one have my own ideas and I am in favor of doing something to promote a beginning for the school building that can best serve our town. All it needs is our loyal support. Team effort and cooperation must come from us all to become a worthy community project. Let's give it a try..."

From Rev. Barton VanVliet:

"...We are new-comers to the town of Hague and have learned to love it. Many people have helped us to feel very much at home. ...We are also glad to see that an effort is being made to make valuable use of the previous school facilities here and commend those who have actively sought their constructive use..."

Due to our limited space, future letters concerning the use of the building should be sent to Dick Bolton, Town Supervisor. He wants to hear from you. M. B.

DR. VERDONE HONORED

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joseph Verdone, has been nominated for membership in the 40th Annual Superintendants Work Conference at Columbia University Teachers College.

Attendance at this conference is limited to approximately 45 outstanding chief school officers throughout the U.S.

The conference focuses on the critical issues & problems in educational administration. It will be held this July 6 - 17. D.J.H.

"A sharp tongue is the only edge(d) tool that grows keener with constant use."

Washington Irving 1783-1859

SCHOOL BOARD - 3/17/81

The curriculum presentation for March was made by Matt Lovell and the THS jazz Ensemble. This is the first year Ti has had a jazz ensemble. It is made up of about 22 students, all of whom also belong to the marching band. The students devote 2 nights a week rehearsing.

Recently The Ensemble traveled to the Univ. of NH to compete against many other jazz groups from NY City, Conn, Maine, etc. all of whom have had jazz in their schools for many years. The Ti ensemble came in 15th overall.

Mr. Lovell stressed the importance of the feeder bands to the whole program. There are between 50 & 60 fourth & fifth graders in the instrumental program, a 50% increase over last year. Students then progress to the middle-school band, then to the High School Marching Band.

On March 31, April 1 & 2 the International Jazz Ensemble will be visiting the Ti schools to play for & with students at all levels. On April 1 they will present a concert for the public which will include some numbers by the Ti High Jazz Ensemble & the Spirit Of Sound, a superb girls' vocal group. Time - 7:30 PM; \$2.00 for Adults; \$1.00 for students.

In other business it was announced that work on the Energy Conservation project should begin after April 1. To date, over 700 surveys have been returned.

Anyone who has not returned theirs is urged to do so by the Board. D. J. Henry

THE TOWN HISTORIAN wishes to thank those who have recently contributed postal cards to the collection on hand. We now have many old & valuable scenes of early Hague. A number of these have been set up on display in the County Municipal Building through APRIL.

Clifton West, Historian

TI SPORTS NITE AWARDS PROGRAM

The Ticonderoga Winter Sports Night was held on March 23. School officials & Booster Club members honored the teams.

Picture awards went to Lisa and Lynn Coffin for gymnastics.

Certificates for cheerleading: Jennifer Belden, Pam Dunkley, Tammy Streeter.

Certificates for girls J.V. Basketball: Tina Belden & Katy Laundree.

Certificates for boys J.V. football: Art Belden & Shawn Olcott.

Certificates for boys J.V. Basketball: Art Belden, Tim Denno & Terry Brennan. Art Belden was picked as the teams MVP and top rebounder. Two other MVP's were from Ti.

Certificates & pictures were awarded to the boys Varsity basketball team: Martin Fitzgerald and Bill Brennan. J. Belden

MARCH FISH & GAME WINNERS

Hank Drinkwine	\$25.
Elsie Stockman	15.
Ron Elood	10.

APRIL 21 MEETING: 7:30 PM
Fish & Game Club House.

THE LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION sponsored a day long symposium of Environmental scientists on Mar. 14.

"Generally, scientists said, there appear to be more nutrients... harmful to the health of the lake ...flowing in at the southern end near Lake George Village. Most of the reports were not conclusive & many were focused on specific areas of information." Post Star, 3-16.

If we obtain more exact information relating to pure water in Hague we will publish it in a future issue. M.B.

CHANGE OF DATE NOTICE

The REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING for MAY has been changed from May 12 to MAY 5. Meeting time, as usual, is 6:30 PM. The public is WELCOME.

R. E. Bolton

TOWN BOARD - MARCH

The State Board of Equalization & Assessments has proposed an equalization rate of 55.81% for Hague in 1981. This translates into; On the basis of on site inspection of pre-selected residential, commercial & vacant lots by the State Board Of Equalization & Assessment, our local properties in Hague are assessed at 55.81% of full value. According to the State's assessment, your property would sell for nearly double its local assessed value if you sold it today. This is figured on the AVERAGE of local assessments. Some properties are assessed higher than 55.81 %, some lower.

On March 24, Dick Bolton, Harry White, Bob Patchett, Dick Frasier, & Town Attorney Pat Carney attended a 3 hour preliminary hearing in Albany with the State Board of Equalization & Assessment. Another meeting is scheduled for April 8 in preparation for proceeding with a formal complaint against the reduced equalization rate.

Supervisor Bolton reported that he attended the Association of Towns Meeting in NYC. 2500 reps. attended & among matters under consideration was the proposed Bottle Bill. Dick made the presentation of the need for the State Legislature to pass this bill. The Asn. voted to support the Bottle Bill.

Town officials met with 3 members of NYS Dept. of Transportation for an on-site inspection of the Hague Brook & Bridge in regard to periodic ice jams in this area. Dredging of the brook, east & west of the bridge and replacement of the bridge's solid sides with rails, it is hoped, will correct this problem.

DOT also inspected the portion of State highway, between Clifton's home & Beaty's Boathouse, which has been undermined by washouts. DOT said it will correct problem this spring.

A. Craig

ZEROX COPIES

Due to the increased cost of materials, the per page price of Xerox copies at the Town Hall will be increased from 20¢ to 25¢.

GOOD NEWS - BAD NEWS

It is certainly good news that Mike Amick has been promoted to Manager-Manufacturing for the White Papers Group. But it is bad news for the Ti-Hague area that Mike will be moving to the NY City area.

Peter Koryzno, editor of the Ti Sentinel says it all in his March 17 editorial.

"...The Mill manager's job towers over a company that dominates the Ticonderoga area economy and, to some extent, even its landscape. Such a position wields considerable power & influence in our community.

"Mike Amick used those strengths time & again to upgrade the quality of life in the Ti area... (He) could be counted on to bring IP's wealth & clout to support a new hospital for Ti, a new musical festival for Ti, or a state-wide fishing event to the shores of Lake Champlain.

"During his three years as Mill Manager in Ti, Mike Amick brought a great deal of respect both to his company & his community. We will miss him, but he will always be remembered & welcomed back here as a true friend of this town." D.J.H.

GYPSY MOTHS & BEES

Spraying will take place in Hague early this Spring for Gypsy Moths.

The chemical to be used is SEVIN. SEVIN is considered to be one of the safest chemicals for this purpose but it is harmful to bees.

All beekeepers in the area should inform the Town Hall so that you can be notified when spraying will take place in your area in order for you to protect your bees.

A. Craig

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, Jeremy Michael, to Pamela and Michael Fish on Feb. 24 in Middlebury, Vt.

- A boy, Ellis Hamilton, to Phyllis & David Keaton (Crabbs) on March 7 in Garrison, NY.

MARRIED - Wallace H. Allison, Jr. son of Mr. & Mrs. Wallace H. Allison, Sabbath Day Point, to Judith Santorelli on Jan. 30 in Schenectady.

DIED - Mrs. Esther (Kelly) Gerulis former resident of Hague, on March 14 in Waterbury, Ct.

- Christopher Frasier, age 21 son of Margaret & late Robert F.

PROMOTED - Tony Crabbs, son of Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Crabbs, has been promoted to the rank of Captain USN. He will be assigned at the end of April as Executive Officer on the U.S. Carrier Forrestal, which will sail the Mediterranean until the end of September.

JOANNE DUNKLEE - initiated into the Psi Chi Chapter of the National Honor Society in Psychology at State Un. of NY in Plattsburg.

KATHI HUDAK has been inducted into the Blackwatch Chapter of the National Honor Society in Ticonderoga High School.

SHERI DELARM has been a key member of the Plymouth State (NH) Women's Ski Team. She is a Senior majoring in interdisciplinary health recreation.

MARTY FITZGERALD & BILL BRENNAN were named to the First Team of basketball's Division II.

LAKE LEVEL much lower than in Feb.

ALVIN FRASIER - appointed Hague Youth Director to replace John & Cindy Coon.

OPENING - CERAMIC & PLASTER CRAFT SHOP, West Hague Rd. (just beyond Town Shed) classes & sales by Sue Granger. Tel: 543-6529

SHARON MEOLA - conducting an eight session Creative Art Workshop at the Ti United Methodist Church beginning April 7. Call 543-6347 for more information.

CHUCK BARTON - of Sabbath Day Point & Glens Falls, a member of the League Champion Glens Falls Swim Team, qualified for a place on the First Foothills Council All Star Swim Team.

IVA L. O'BRIEN - Shippensburg, Pa. named Assistant To The Pastor at Messiah United Methodist Church, Shippensburg. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. James Belden of Graphite.

LYNN COFFIN, age 13, placed higher in the state gymnastic meet in Vestal, NY than any Section VII gymnast in history. She took 14th in the vault, 16th in all round competition and 25th in balance beam. 193 gymnasts competed.

BILL BRENNAN was named Champlain Valley Athletic Conference's Most Valuable Player. He was the leading scorer for Ti High's basketball team.

A REMINDER

Hague has an open container ordinance. Signs, stating the ordinance, are posted. Mike Coffin purchased the signs for the town.

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"The gentle art of losing face
May someday save the human race."
from Fran Clifton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - APRIL

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| 1 ALL FOOL'S DAY | 21 Home Bureau - 10:00 |
| 2 Jazz Concert - THS (see School Board News p.5) | 21 Fish and Game Club - 7:30 |
| 2 Sr. Citizens' Bus to Glens Falls | *25 Chronicle Deadline |
| 2 Planning Board - 7:30 | 28 School Board - THS - 7:30 |
| 7 Special Town Board - 4:30 | 30 Social Service Rep. 1 to 4PM |
| 7 Home Bureau - 10:00 | Veterans Administration Representative every Thursday at 11:30 |
| 8 Meet in Albany-St. Board of E & A | *23 Zoning Board of Appeals |
| 12 PALM SUNDAY | |
| 14 Town Board - 6:30 | <u>THE HAGUE CHRONICLE</u> is published monthly by volunteers and supported by contributions from its readers. Please send news items to Editor Margaret Broderick, Box 215, Hague and contributions to Treasurer, Jack Henry, Box 118, Hague, NY. |
| 15 Hague Historical Society - 7:45 | |
| 16 Carillon Garden Club - Hancock House, Ticonderoga, 11:00 | |
| 16 Sr. Citizens' Bus to Glens Falls | |
| 17-24 SCHOOL HOLIDAY | |
| 19 EASTER SUNDAY | |
| 19 FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER | |

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The sun was warm but the wind was chill,
 You know how it is with an April day
 When the sun is out and the wind is still,
 You're one month on in the middle of May.
 But if you so much as dare to speak,
 A cloud comes over the sunlit arch,
 A wind comes off a frozen peak,
 And you're two months back in the middle of March.
 Robert Frost excerpt

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RICH MAYER, skiing at Chamonix; lost in the Alps for three days; rescued by helicopter. Now in a Mass. hospital near his parents.
 B. DeGraff

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