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"VIEWPOINT" ... EURASIAN MILFOIL ... LAKE GEORGE

Here we are, mid-May, and Governor Mario Cuomo has not publicly taken a position regarding the treatment of Milfoil in Lake George. If the Governor fails to make a declaration of emergency on the treatment of milfoil to speed up the permit process, it will be June 23 before the permits may become available. That is over 3 weeks AFTER the weed is expected to bloom and the seeds blown throughout the lake.

The Governor and legislative officials have been inundated with letters urging emergency action. The person at the top is ultimately the one who has to make the hard decisions, and by not taking a position on emergency treatment of Milfoil the Governor has in fact, made a decision.

The following HAVE publicly taken a position of supporting immediate treatment of Milfoil with the chemical herbicide, SONAR: The Hague Planning Board, the Warren County Board of Supervisors, Senator Ronald Stafford, Assemblyman Neil Kelleher, Senate Majority Leader Warren Anderson, Assembly Minority Leader Clarence Rappleyea Jr., area Chambers of Commerce and the Lake George Association. All are well aware that the use of the chemicals carry a risk to water quality, but to NOT treat the weed beds is an even greater risk since milfoil spreads rapidly and with that spread, water quality will rapidly deteriorate for both drinking AND recreational use.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is presently running spot announcements on radio to inform the public of the great value of pure water and how important DEC feels about maintaining the quality of this essential natural resource in all of the Adirondacks. This is all very good, but when it comes to ACTION, where is the DEC? NOWHERE!

The people who live and vacation in the Lake George basin have indicated that immediate action is needed to save Lake George. If New York City was inundated with rats would the Governor institute a 3-month study to give the rats ample time to multiply before he took action? I think not. There are too many votes at stake. Here in the Adirondacks the votes are rather limited so he can chance losing a national treasure and the economic base of the basin, rather than make a public decision.

This Spring, the RPI Fresh Water Institute has found additional beds of Milfoil in the Bolton Landing area and Huletts Bay. To my knowledge, the State is planning to hand-pull the Dunham Bay and Huddle Bay areas and bottom screen the bed at the Warren County Sheriff's dock. Containment booms are being placed around the beds to attempt to prevent boat traffic from entering the infested areas. Boats can fragment the plants and transport sections of the weed via propellers to other areas of the lake, thereby causing the spread of the weed to numerous other parts of the lake.

Thanks to all of you, from all over the country, who have taken a position and who have written the Governor and state officials urging immediate action. To those who have NOT written, DO SO NOW!!! Those of you who do not write have sided with the no action governmental agencies who prefer to hope that the whole issue will go away. Unfortunately, there is too much proof to the contrary.

IF YOU VALUE LAKE GEORGE ...WRITE TO THE GOVERNOR

..Alison Craig

Governor Mario Cuomo
Executive Chamber
The Capitol
Albany, New York 12248

DATES TO REMEMBER

Adoption of budget by School Board at regular meeting, May 20, 7:30 PM. This is the time for any questions you might have.

Copies of the school budget will be available at the School District Central Office by June 3.

Annual School District meeting in high school cafeteria June 10 - 7:30.

Public vote on budget and members of the Board - June 11, 1 - 8 PM in high school lobby.

Four candidates running for office: Incumbents James Donovan, John Herbert, Robert Dedrick and challenger Martin Halpert. Top three vote getters will win.

REMEMBER - YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT.

POST OFFICE BOXES AVAILABLE

Post Office boxes at the Hague Post Office are available for rent at very nominal fees starting at \$2.50 for six months.

Summer residents not now receiving mail delivery in Hague or receiving their mail through another's mailing address are urged to take advantage of this service.

For more information please call 543-6333 or come to the Post Office.

HAGUE SANITARY LANDFILL HOURS

As of June 1, the landfill hours will be as follows:
6 days a week (Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat) 9 AM - 5 PM. CLOSED ALL DAY THURSDAYS.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

A reminder to those people at April luncheon who were interested in going to the Bolton Landing nutrition site for lunch prior to our May 27 (Tuesday) meeting. We will meet at the Baptist church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and carpool to Bolton. After lunch we will return to the Town Hall for our regular monthly meeting at 1:30 pm. Reservations must be made at least a day ahead. Please call me, G. Lindquist, at 543-6095 no later than 12 pm on Monday, May 26.

Our April luncheon was a great success and we are looking forward to our trip on June 3 to Hildene, the home of Todd Lincoln in Manchester, VT. Additional details at our regular May 27 meeting. Anyone over 55 is welcome, but must sign up with Diane at 543-6161 no later than June 2. We will meet at 8 a.m. in the parking lot of the Hague Baptist Church and plan to be back about 4 p.m...GL

PRE-LICENSING DRIVER SAFETY EDUCATION

There will be a 3-hour pre-licensing driver safety education course on Thursday, May 22, 1986 in Room 304, Ticonderoga High School from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The course is offered to fulfill the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles regulations for those who are applying for their New York State drivers' license.

Form good habits. They are as hard to break as bad ones.

THOMAS JAMES - Profile

The chairman who heads our Zoning Board of Appeals is a bachelor with a degree from Buffalo State and a master's degree from George Washington University. His name is Tom James and he is the owner of Prop and Sail Marina and the Silver Bay Guideboat and Canoe Company, established in 1977.

He became chairman of ZBA in the latter part of 1985. He is a loquacious man given to detail and when a decision is made by that board one can be assured the chairman has presented his position thoroughly. This attention to detail was acquired in his 22 years in the Air Force where he served some of the time at the Pentagon. His additional involvement with town committees has been as president of the Chamber of Commerce and the Winter Carnival Committee...GL

HAGUE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ambulance - 8 runs
379 miles
51 man hours

Fires 2

Next Fire Department meeting is on June 2 at 8 PM!!!
TO ALL FIRE MEMBERS

There will be an 18 hour pump operating course starting May 21 at 7:30 PM at the Hague Fire House. For more information please call Paul Davis, Fire Chief, at 543-6366 or John Breitenbach, President, at 543-6484...Joanne Stormer

VIEWPOINT

In response to last month's VIEWPOINT, we received the following comment, excerpted from a letter of April 25 from E. R. Ferguson, Jr.:

"...For what it is worth I think that the time has come for Hague to have some kind of resident police protection, particularly during summer months, but preferably on a year round basis. The argument is advanced that 'it costs too much.' We certainly pay enough in taxes to have this considered an essential service...."

We appreciate the comments from our readers and would like to hear from more of you...djh

TOWN BOARD MEETING - May 13

A \$25 bid was accepted from Mr. & Mrs. B. Clark for the slide removed from the town park. Bids were received for a 1986 or '87 truck and a new dump body with plow equipment and material type spreader. No decisions made.

Mr. Robert Katzman presented his plans for Locust Inn property to the board when Dick Bolton, Supervisor opened the regular meeting. Question is whether proposed townhouses are included in Hague's moratorium. Answer forthcoming after discussion by town Attorney John Silvestri with Attorney Krogman, our lawyer for the moratorium.

Laura Meade read letter signed by a number of residents opposing Hague's support for Horicon town in their fight to change Pharoah Lake wildlife APA designation from Wilderness to Wild Forest.

Ticonderoga village, in a letter, supports Hague's possible feasibility study for tie-in with their sewer system. Mr. Kestner of Kestner Engineers has been invited to the June 6 meeting to discuss this or possible alternatives.

A number of landfill violations have been corrected.

A "Property Acquisition Committee" has been created to review the Beachside Motel property. Chaired by Martin Fitzgerald, Dan Belden, Dave Martucci, Dick Frasier and Dick Bolton complete the group. Public hearings on this acquisition have been scheduled for June 17 and July 1 with the public vote scheduled for July 7. Three resolutions were passed to allow for legal procedures to be settled. Cost of purchase is \$300,000.

Res. #7: Gives Dick Bolton permission to represent Hague in purchase of said property from Linda and Michael Coffin, owners.

Res. #8: Procedure mechanism for setting up special election.

Res. #9: Financing of purchase.

Voters who are registered in Hague and have resided here for 30 days will be allowed to vote.

Mrs. DeSantis, representing the cable company brought us up to date on the purchase of Classic Cable by Cable Vision and its effect on Hague. Service should be good and the people of West Hague Road and Forest Bay will be pleased to know that the paperwork is already being processed for extensions in both areas.

Four public hearings will be held on May 17 at 6:30 PM. One deals with the Cable transfer and the other three with holding tank requests.

Two plaques have been ordered - one for deceased firemen, the other for deceased war veterans...GL

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - April 24

The removal of a condition prohibiting the installation of a toilet and shower facility in a garage built under an earlier variance, was requested at this meeting by Art Steitz. He was referred back to the Planning Board for a site plan review which would research the impact of such facilities on his sewage system.

Dr. Michael Shuhler requested interpretation regarding the sub-division approved in 1978. He felt there was an implied variance concerning the required 50 ft. setback requirement from Hague Brook. John Silvestri, town attorney, advised the board that the moratorium prohibits the ZBA from entertaining any questions regarding subdivisions.

Mr. Foster discussed the James Ward property permit to replace the marine supply building removed without a demolition permit. He will grant a permit since a structure had existed...GL

PLANNING BOARD - 5/1/86

Approval was granted to Steve Bevins for two minor subdivision following a public hearing.

June 5 was set as the date for William Harter's minor 2-lot subdivision.

Ward's Marina was cited by the Warren County building inspector for demolishing a building without a demolition permit and for the construction of a deck without a permit. A fine of \$50 per week was imposed for each week that the deck remains.

The Planning Board recommended approval of Art Steitz' request to replace a septic system with a holding tank and connect waste water from his storage building to the holding tank, provided that the storage unit cannot be rented.

Fred LaPann is to discuss with Dick Bolton plans to have junk cars removed from all areas of the Town of Hague.

The Board is requesting a legal opinion concerning the proposed plans of Robert Katzman to build townhouses on the Locust Inn property rather than individual homes as was originally proposed in the granting of the existing subdivision plat plan. Altering the approved plan while the moratorium is in effect is the question that must be determined through legal counsel. If the eight unit town house is deemed proper under the moratorium, a site plan review must be conducted and a public hearing held at the June 5 meeting...AC

HAGUE TOWN COURT

\$998.00 was collected by Judge Ken Yaw during the month of April. A large portion of this was for fines for illegal fishing (smelt, in particular!) Court sessions are held in the Town Hall each Wednesday at 1 PM presided over by Judge Kenneth Yaw.

BUYING A HOME; WHAT'S INVOLVED

DATE: May 21
TIME: 7-9 PM
PLACE: Adirondack Community College, Dearlove Bldg, Miller Auditorium
TOPICS: How to inspect a house before buying
Mortgages - learn about which mortgage is best for you
Getting the most from your real estate agent.
For more information contact Maryellen Seaman, Cooperative Ext. Office 623-3291 or 668-4881

CULTURE IN THE AREA

Bill Smith will present a program of traditional North Country storytelling and music on Wednesday, May 21 from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Crandall Library auditorium.

Lake George Opera Festival is celebrating its 25th year with productions of "Die Fledermaus", "Carousel", and "Tosca". For schedule contact L.G. Opera Festival, PO Box 425, Glens Falls, NY 12801

Lake George Dinner Theatre. Smorgasbord dinner and the theatre at Holiday Inn in Lake George Village. For schedule contact LG Dinner Theatre, Holiday Inn, Rt 9, Lake George, NY 12845.

And lest you forget - THE TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD puts on summer weekly concerts for the area on the green in Ticonderoga. Much more about this later.

THE ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION is holding a public hearing on May 23, 1986 at 2 p.m. in the Tavern Trolley Room of the Fort William Henry Motor Inn in Lake George. Maurice D. Hinchey, Chairman, Committee on Environmental Conservation will conduct the hearing. Those interested in testifying at the hearing may obtain a form at the Town Hall. Anyone interested in the future of the Lake George Basin should plan to attend if possible.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE MILFOIL PROBLEM will be held on May 29 in the Lake George Town Hall at 2 PM and 7PM. WE URGE YOU TO ATTEND.

WILLY C'S APRIL/MAY WEATHER NOTES

April was an interesting month. As reported the ice went out by the first and the snow was gone soon after with no serious flooding. The lowest temperature was 28 degrees on the 5th. However, on April 15 the temperature went down to 31-1/2 degrees. Nothing spectacular about that, but the lake was so calm that night that about 65% of the surface glazed over with ice. It was thick enough by morning so the gulls could stand on it, and stand on it they did. The highest temperature was 81 degrees F on the 29th. Top wind gust for the month was 48 MPH on the 23d. It blew in the high thirties all day. Total rainfall for the month was 1.9 inches, on the light side.

We gained another one hour and sixteen minutes of daylight in April for a total of five hours and twenty five minutes since those short days last December.

May has been dry. Haven't really had rain since April 29 when we only had a quarter inch. Total for May so far is about .18 inches. We have had showers on seven days, but nothing measurable. We did have some grand spring snow showers Saturday, May 3, to greet some of the early season summer residents. They said they were "thrilled." Along with it being dry we have had a lot of wind. Through May 12 we have had five days with wind speeds exceeding 30 MPH and another five days above 20 MPH mostly from the northeast, so the woods have really dried out. Water temperature at the two foot level May 13 was 49 degrees, air temperature 59 degrees at 10:25 AM. The shad blow has come and gone. The hard woods are beginning to leaf out and the mountains are coming alive with that wonderful spring green that we so much look forward to. -- Enjoy.

A special one page (2 sides) edition of the Hague Chronicle was published on May 5 and sent to most of our out of town readers, except for those who live in the area or in the Albany area. (We figured you already were informed about the MILFOIL problem.) As publisher, I don't know of anything that gave me greater satisfaction than to get so many copies of letters written to the governor. You are all terrific! Thanks to our editor, Mig Broderick, who planted the seed and Alison Craig who did the writing. We hope the governor will realize how very much we care about our lake...djh

CHANGES AT MOSES LUDINGTON HOSPITAL

The Moses Ludington Hospital Board of Directors made two very important announcements effective May 1. They signed a consultant agreement with the Vermont Medical center and named Margaret Warden new administrator of the hospital to replace Thomas Moffett. Moffett will continue to serve the hospital as consultant. His main assignment will be to serve as liaison between the Medical Center of Vermont in Burlington and Moses Ludington in Ticonderoga. According to both Ticonderoga and Vermont facilities Moses Ludington will still maintain its autonomy. What Ticonderoga has done is to tap into the Medical Center's vast financial, marketing, and public relation resources.

President of the Board, Dr. Peter Cook, said (from Mike Connery, TIMES OF TI, May 6) "In the changing health care environment, relationships with other health care providers are essential to assure integrated, efficient services for our area. The agreement establishes a closer link with the Burlington teaching hospital and provides an opportunity to explore other relationships in the areas of financial management, development of clinical services and shared services."

Mrs. Warden, former Assistant Administrator and Director of Nursing at Moses Ludington, told us, "We have the resources of 2,500 personnel behind us. They will be supplementing the high quality care that has existed in the community. This is important at a time when other hospitals are cutting back. With this arrangement we will be developing services for the community....MB

TIS THE SEASON

Last month we suggested to our readers if they knew of anyone who needs a summer job, or anyone who needs an employee, to let us know. We will be listing these in the next issue. So far we have three:

Pamela Clifton, a 1986 high school graduate would like a full time summer job. She is 18. Telephone 543-6501

Kelly Marcotte, aged 14, would like to baby sit. Kelly has taken several courses and has experience. RD Box 122, Hague. TElephone: 585-6110

Jennifer Henry, aged 14 1/2, would like to baby sit parttime after June 10. Telephone 543-6633
Ed: PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU BEFORE JUNE 10 IF YOU WISH TO BE LISTED.

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC

This soon will be true with the opening of the Lake George Music Clinic. The clinic will be open to both youths and adults, with instruction in voice, guitar, keyboard and instrumental lessons, community choir, band and orchestra.

Chris and Yanetta Porth, the leaders, are both music educators in Texas. Chris holds a Bachelor of Music and Master of Music in Choral Conducting. He will teach voice and guitar and conduct the community choir. Yanetta has two Bachelor of Music degrees and will teach instrumental and keyboard as well as conduct the instrumental ensembles. The Music Clinic will extend from early June through August 10 and will be held in the Hague Baptist Church Annex. Music lessons will be held in the morning and the ensembles in the evening hours. Rates for the lessons will be \$5.00 per thirty minute lesson for school age students, and \$10.00 per thirty minute lesson for adults. No charge will be made for ensemble sessions although donations will be accepted to defray the cost of music.

Please bring your instrument, appropriate music and a music stand if possible. For more information or a pre-registration form, please contact: Chris and Yanetta Porth, Lake George Summer Music Clinic, 11413 Jim Ferriell, El Paso, TX 79936. As of June 6 their local phone number will be 543-6629. Watch for further information!!!

AUTHOR WORKS WITH STUDENTS

Emily Cheney Neville, nationally known author of children's books and winner of the coveted Newberry Award for excellence in the field of children's literature has been visiting classes at both Middle and Elementary Schools to share her knowledge of writing books and having them published. She has worked with many groups on the development of ideas in writing and the structure a well-written story might follow.

Many students have worked on pieces of descriptive writing for Mrs. Neville. Together they have analyzed student writing to improve its quality.

Mrs. Neville has been working with many Ticonderoga students through a grant from International Paper Company.

One of the hardest things to give away is love, because it keeps coming back.

DELARM LANDSCAPING

David DeLarm has returned to Hague and started a new business. He will be specializing in excavations, trucking, backhoe grading, etc. He will have readily available supplies of top soil, sand and gravel. Until June 1 he can be reached at 543-6663. After June 1, his telephone number is 543-6075.

AMERICAN LEGION

The next regular meeting of Hague Post 1538, American Legion, will be held on Wednesday, June 4 at 7:30 PM at the Legion Home. Refreshments will be held following the the business meeting.

Memorial Day will be observed by the Post with services to be conducted at both local cemeteries; May Memorial at 10 AM, immediately followed by the observance at Hague Cemetery. Following the two services new Commander Al Hanley invites all members and the general public to the Legion Home for light refreshments.

On June 6th a delegation from Post 1538 will attend the annual Warren County American Legion convention to be held at Lake George Post.

Also, a reminder that American flags are still available at affordable prices. Call Ray Laundree or Bernie Clifton for prices...BAC

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Hague Historical Society will be held on June 12 at 7:30 pm in the Hague Baptist Church Annex. Dessert will be served, followed by the business meeting. The speaker will be E. Gilbert Barker, a direct descendant of the Hammond family, founders of Hammondville. This mining town near Mineville was a bustling village of 2500 people in the 1800s. Today only the foundations and gravel roads remain. Mr. Barker will be showing slides of the "town that was."

This promises to be a very interesting program. The public is invited to attend....djh

REDNECK COUNTRY COOKIN'

REDNECK COUNTRY COOKIN' is a unique cookbook written with humor, containing 100 recipes - Better Eating for Less. Billie Touchstone Signer, Graphite and Albany, is the author. This book is in its second printing.

"Musings on Measuring - A Glob - That's a heaping tablespoon. A Dab - Like a dab of butter, a heaping teaspoonful" Copies of these books are on display at the Hague Market...MB

LIFE GUARDS AND ATTENDANTS NEEDED

Applications for life guards and two park attendants are now being taken by the Town of Hague. Applications must be filed at the Town Hall on or before June 2.

DUCKS UNLIMITED, INC.

On May 28, 1986, at 7:00 pm local waterfowlers and wildlife conservationists will meet at the Beachside Hotel on Route 9N in Hague. The purpose of the meeting is to establish a local chapter of Ducks Unlimited. This international organization is dedicated to the development, protection and enhancement of wetlands which are essential for the perpetuation of waterfowl and other migratory birds. The public is invited to attend the short movie and slide presentation which will highlight the meeting.

According to Gary Will, the regional director for D.U. in Northern New York, "Ducks Unlimited is the largest wildlife conservation organization in the world in terms of devoting money towards wildlife restoration...." To date, more than 350 species of wildlife have benefitted from this habitat management program. He continued by saying, "D.U. is expanding rapidly and in 1986 the organization will begin to spend money here in New York, approximately \$60,000."

In concluding his remarks, Will noted the Ticonderoga and Glens Falls area has many waterfowlers who are concerned about waterfowl and waterfowling. Moreover, the area is in close proximity to several water impoundments and courses. Will hopes to visit with as many people as possible while in the area to discuss the creation of a D.U. chapter.

BOB VIETOR - EDUCATOR-COACH-COUNSELOR

Bob Viotor, a long-time summer resident of Holman Hill, Hague, was recently recognized by the Wardlaw-Hartridge School "as a valued colleague, friend, teacher, coach, and confidante of hundreds of students who have passed through this school and who have taken a piece of his love and wisdom with them." Viotor is the only person still at school to have taught under all three Wardlaw and Wardlaw-Hartridge headmasters, having come to the school in 1951 after receiving his BS in Biological Sciences with a minor in Physical Science from Rutgers University. He has taught chemistry, physics, biology, mathematics, history, English and Spanish; has coached varsity soccer, basketball, baseball and tennis, and has been an official in each sport.

Bob is really Wardlaw-Hartridge's own "Mr. Chips."

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Lauren Joy to Kathie and Allan Stone of Linden, NJ in Staten Island Hospital on April 19. Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kircher of Staten Island and Sabbath Day Point, NY.

We have also been notified of the birth of a son, David to Mr. & Mrs. David Kircher about six months ago. Double joy for the grandparents.

BORN - A boy, Alexander William, to Allan and Sally (DeLarm) Baron in Stamford CT. Nancy DeLarm Fogwell is proud grandmother.

BORN - A boy, Cody Allen to Julie Perkins, Hague. Proud grandparents are Anne and Al Perkins, Rt. 8.

ENGAGED - Terry, son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Bolton, Hague, to Lisa Tobin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Tobin, Ticonderoga. A September wedding is planned.

DIED - Edna W. Halleran, 83, in Stuart, FL on March 31, 1986. Mrs. Halleran was a long-time summer resident of the Indian Kettles area (since 1943) Surviving are her husband, Eugene and son Robert E., who spends six months of the year at their home at Indian Kettles, and four grandchildren.

DIED - William Jordan, 62, on May 1, 1986 at Moses Ludington Hospital. He is survived by his wife Gertrude, two daughters, a brother, three sisters and six grandchildren.

DIED - Helen K. Samsscott, 71, on May 3, 1986 in Albany Medical Center. Survivors include a son, John and a daughter Mary Harris, Hague, a brother and six grandchildren.

50th Wedding Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Wiltzie, Indian Kettles, celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 5. CONGRATULATIONS!!

RENEE LaROCK, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Butler, Decker Hill Road, and JANET ROSS, daughter of Mr. Mrs. Leo Ross, Graphite Road, were inducted recently into the Black Watch Chapter of the National Honor Society in the Ticonderoga High School.

ERNEST C. BEVINS, son of Mrs. Dorothy Bevins, Hague, and a resident of Dexter, MI, has been named Secondary Reading Teacher of the Year for the State of Michigan. This honor is given to the reading teacher in grades 7-12 who has contributed greatly to the reading profession as a whole. He has been a teacher and department head for the past 16 years at Pioneer Middle School, Plymouth. He also is an instructor at Eastern Michigan University and an active participant in church and community activities.

The need for a common element for instruction in reading led Bevins to develop a special reading program, "Spiral." This has been implemented in all five of Plymouth-Canton's middle schools and in 1983 Bevins' program was adopted by the Michigan Department of Education as an exemplary program.

BERNARD A. CLIFTON, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard A. Clifton, Hague, was recently appointed as vice president of the Bank of Lake Placid, a division of Irving Trust, with responsibilities in the lending area.

Mr. Clifton has been with the First Glen Bancorp, most recently as assistant vice president of the lending division of Keeseville National Bank. He currently resides in Morrisonville.

TIM STRUM, son of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Strum, Overbrook Drive, Hague, represented Geneva College in the NAIA Regional Golf Tournament in Erie, PA recently.

PAMELA CLIFTON, daughter of Bernard A. Clifton and granddaughter of Mr & Mrs. Bernard A. Clifotn, Hague, was recently the recipient of a Regents Scholarship. She attends Morrisonville High School and will graduate in June.

DOUGLAS SHEARER recently graduated Cum Laude from C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University. Doug was given an award for outstanding service to the Theater Department. He is the son of the late Mrs. Peggy Shearer, Hague.

HAGUE TIMES OF TI CORRESPONDENT

Michelle Brunet, Shattuck Road, Hague, will be the correspondent for the TIMES OF TI for the town of Hague. She will appreciate any news items that you might have. Call her evenings at 543-8818. She will be covering all social and town events, including board meetings.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MAY and JUNE

MAY

- 15 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 17 ARMED FORCES DAY
- 19 Summer Stargazer's Show - THS Planetarium
- 20 Board of Assessment Review - 4 - 8 PM
- 21 Surplus Food distribution - AM
- 21 Fish and Game Club Covered Dish supper followed by meeting
- 22 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 PM
- 26 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED - Offices closed; Schools closed

Veterans Administration representative is in Town Hall every Thursday at 1:30 AM for consultation.

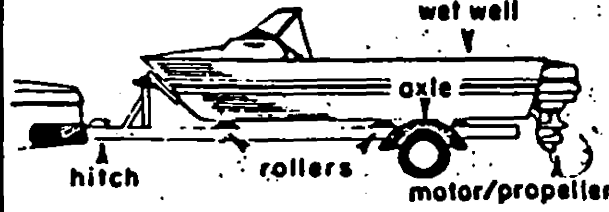
JUNE

- 2 Fire Department meeting - 8 PM
- 3 Senior Citizens trip to Hildene - see p 4
- 4 American Legion - 7:30 Legion Home - see p 6
- 5 Senior Citizens bus to Glens Falls
- 5 Planning Board - 7:30 PM - Public Hearing on Harter Subdivision - 7 PM See p 3
- 10 Town Board meeting - 6:30 PM
- 10 School District Annual Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 10 HAGUE CHRONICLE deadline
- 11 Vote on school budget and Sch. Bd. members - 1-8 PM
- 12 Hague Historical Society - Baptist Ch. An. 7:30 PM p 6
- 17 Public Hearing on purchase of Beachside property - p 3
- 17 Board of Education meeting - 7:30 PM
- 19 Senior Citizen Bus to Glens Falls
- 21-22 BASS Tournament

BOATERS

MILFOIL ALERT!

PLEASE INSPECT YOUR BOAT BEFORE LAUNCHING AND AFTER PULLING OUT. REMOVE ANY AND ALL WEEDS OR WEED FRAGMENTS FROM PROPELLOR, LOWER UNIT, ANCHOR, AND TRAILER. DISCARD SAFELY ON DRY LAND AWAY FROM LAKE.



BE ESPECIALLY OBSERVANT IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY OPERATED YOUR BOAT IN OTHER INFESTED WATERS, SUCH AS SARATOGA LAKE, LAKE CHAMPLAIN, HUDSON RIVER, LAKE BOWSEEN, OR LAKE ST. CATHERINE.

WHILE ON LAKE GEORGE, PLEASE STAY CLEAR OF KNOWN MILFOIL BEDS MARKED BY SPECIAL BUOYS.

Eurasian Milfoil, an aquatic weed that grows and spreads rapidly, is a severe environmental and recreational menace that threatens to choke large areas of Lake George where depth is less than 20'. It spreads in a lake by seeds and plant fragments moved by currents, waterfowl, wind, and people. It is carried between lakes primarily by migrating waterfowl, and can be carried by boats. It thrives especially in water where pollutants have been accumulating.



LAKE GEORGE BOATERS ASSOCIATION
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SPECIAL EDITION

- TO OUR OUT-OF - TOWN READERS

May 5, 1986

Dear Readers of the Hague Chronicle and Lovers of Lake George:

Those of us who live in the Lake George area are kept aware, on a daily basis, of the Eurasian Milfoil problem via radio, TV, and newspapers. Many of us have been actively working to solve the MILFOIL problem that is threatening Lake George. We need your help to sustain the pressure that we have been putting on the State agencies to declare this problem an emergency.

The Warren County Board of Supervisors declared MILFOIL an emergency at their April meeting. Senate Majority leader Warren Anderson and Assembly Minority leader Clarence Rappleyea, Jr. have sent a letter to the governor urging him to declare an emergency. This letter was also signed by Senator Ronald B. Stafford and Assemblyman Neil Kelleher. The Hague Planning Board has also written the Governor on this matter.

Based on scientific knowledge available at this time, SONAR, a chemical herbicide, can effectively control the spread of Milfoil in Lake George if it is applied to the three known areas of infestation (The Sheriff's Dock, Huddle Bay and Dunham's Bay) prior to flowering between May 15 and May 30. As with any treatment of cancer-like problems there is a risk, but without treatment, there is also a risk. With the wide-spread growth of Milfoil it is a known fact that the water will become unfit to drink and recreational use will rapidly deteriorate. The introduction of man-made chemicals always involves some risk, but doing NOTHING, or attempting to HARVEST the weed, involves a greater risk.

If you agree with the information above, please write immediately to Governor Mario Cuomo to expedite the permit requirements so that the use of SONAR can be approved and used, prior to the flowering of MILIFOIL during the last two weeks of May, and the subsequent spread of this weed to all parts of Lake George. . . . AC

GOVERNOR MARIO CUOMO
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
THE CAPITOL
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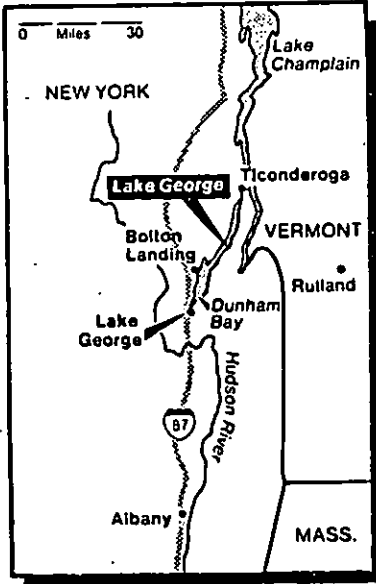
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Lake George Confronts A Noxious Water Weed

THE MILFOIL MENACE IN LAKE GEORGE

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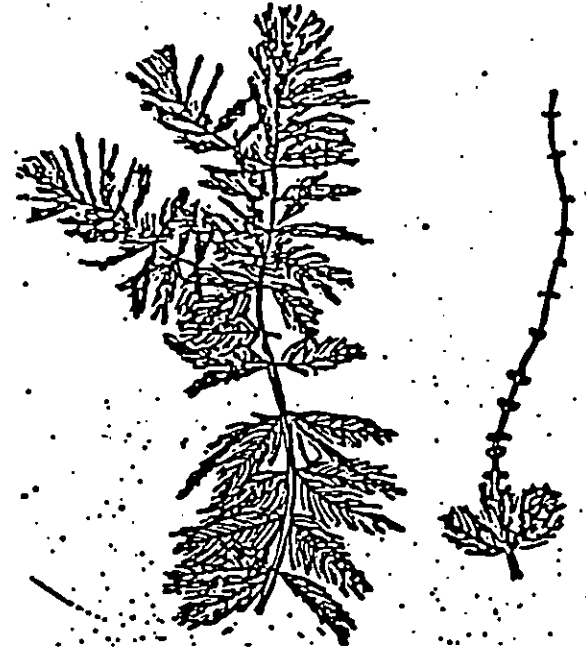
LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. — A noxious weed has turned up in Lake George, posing a serious threat to the pristine water at this major vacation resort, according to state and local officials.

"It's an extremely aggressive plant that crowds out native species," said Dr. Charles Boylen, head of the Fresh Water Institute of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., who discovered the weed last fall in the course of routine water-sampling. "It grows to the surface in late spring and early summer, spreading on the surface so thickly that you can't swim or paddle through it," Dr. Boylen said.

"The weed is like steel wool," said Mary-Arthur Beebe, head of a local committee set up to eradicate the plant, which is called Eurasian water milfoil. "If we don't act now to clean up the lake, we're going to have a tremendous deterioration of its quality in the future."

But the weapon of choice against the plant, the new herbicide Sonar, is the subject of concern among state officials and others. They are worried

about using any chemicals in the lake, which is a source of drinking water. "We are convinced that there is a sense of emergency there, and we have assigned our staff to move with great



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Taking charge: Mary-Arthur Beebe, head of task force set up to eradicate the Eurasian water milfoil in Lake George.

speed, but I am not going to be stampeded into taking any precipitate action in approving the use of chemicals," said Henry G. Williams, the State Commissioner of Environmental Conservation.

At this time of year, no problem is apparent on the clear waters of the lake, which stretches 32 miles from the village of Lake George in the south to Ticonderoga in the north.

But beneath the surface, at three

locations in the southern end of the lake — at the village of Lake George, at Dunham Bay and at Huddle Bay near Bolton Landing — the milfoil has survived the winter and has started another season.

Rapid Deterioration Feared

Elements of the milfoil have been found in other lakes, from Lake Champlain in the East to Lake Washington on the Pacific Coast. It is spread by seeds

carried by birds, or by vegetative cuttings carried by boat propellers from one body of water to another.

The advancing milfoil is of special concern at Lake George because its waters are classified for drinking as AA Special, the highest category in the state.

That concern led various organizations around the lake to form the panel to coordinate a cleanup, headed by Mrs. Beebe, who is also executive director of the Lake George Association.

If the milfoil is not stopped soon, Mrs. Beebe said, it will lead to a rapid deterioration of water quality. That, she said, could pose a threat to health. And if the lake became unsightly and foul-smelling, the tourist business could be endangered.

"We have to act quickly," said Frank Leonbruno, Supervisor of the Town of Bolton and chairman of the Warren County Lake George Affairs Committee.

Local and state officials as well as scientists and consultants agree that action against the plant should be taken this month, before it begins to spread during the new growing season. Their choice of attack is Sonar, a herbicide developed especially to kill aquatic weeds.

On the advice of a scientific consultant, the local officials have decided against harvesting the plant by chopping machines, which, they say, could spread the weed by leaving behind cuttings that regenerate.

They also have decided not to use an-

other chemical, 2-4-D, a herbicide that was an ingredient of Agent Orange, a defoliant used in the Vietnam War.

Sonar, whose active ingredient is fluridone, is manufactured by the Elanco division of the Eli Lilly Company. It acts to inhibit a plant's ability to make the food necessary for its growth.

"There are lots of advantages in using Sonar," said Russell James, president of Ecoscience, the consulting company in Moscow, Pa., that has been hired by Warren County. "It's biodegradable, it has a very low toxicity for fish, insects and ducks, and it's safe."

But its use poses legal, environmental and time problems because of apprehension about using any chemicals in drinking water.

Although Sonar was approved for general use a month ago by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, it has not been approved by New York State. In addition, local officials need approval for the use of Sonar in Lake George from the State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Adirondack Park Agency.

After applications for permits have been made, the normal procedure is for an investigation by state scientists, notice to the public and hearings before a decision by the state agencies, a process that generally takes months.

With only a few weeks before the optimum time for application of the chemical expires, the Lake George Association has appealed to Governor Cuomo for "immediate intervention."