

# THE HAGUE CHRONICLE

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## HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL

Feb. 24, 25 & 26

### CORONATION

Report from Mrs. Inza Jordan, Dir. of Winter Queen Contest:

The festivities began Friday night in the School Gym where nine girls competed for the Title of Hague Winter Carnival Queen.

Mrs. Betty Braisted was Master of Ceremonies.

The girls were judged first for poise and appearance in street clothes, then for talent and finally in evening gowns with escorts.

Applause was enthusiastic for all contestants but JULIE ANN FRASIER topped them all with a "toe tap" (That is tap dancing with taps on the toes of ballet slippers. Julie says it is not really difficult. Having studied both ballet and tap dancing, she enjoys toe tap - says "It makes me feel free".)

Julie was invested with crown, robe and long stemmed roses by last years "Little Miss" Queen, Norma Jean Strum, and there was dancing to the music of The Travelers 'til midnight.

Julie, the daughter of Imogene & Mitchel Frasier, is a Sophomore and plans to be a choreographer. She was escorted by Randy Perkins.

Kathi Hudak was first Runner-Up. Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hudak, she is in the 8th Grade and performed a piano solo - Bethoven's "Moonlight Sonata". She was escorted by Walter Simpson.

Second Runner-Up, Korrina Ida, daughter of Gladys & Vern Rockwell, also an 8th grader, did a comic pantomime to a record of "Jaws".

Clara Lee Smith was chosen Miss Congeniality for the second time.

She is the daughter of Virginia & Ken Smith and is a Senior. She played a piano solo called "Majestic Sweetness" by Thomas Hastings. She was escorted by Scott Spelman.

### Other Talent:

Jennifer Belden played "Send In The Clowns" on clarinet.

Tina Belden did a tricky basket ball drill.

Lorie Fish played "In The Mood" on clarinet.

Merilda Nolette sang "Rhinestone Cowboy".

Tammy Streeter entertained with a puppet named "Ralph".

A trio - Debbie Hoffay, Michelle Gautreau & Mary Braisted - filled the air of suspense with music and song while the judges pondered and cast their ballots.

Inza Jordan would like to thank everyone who donated cookies, sandwiches & Cool-Ade for the occasion.

### REFRESHMENTS

All-You-Can-Eat breakfasts of pancakes & sausage on Sat. & Sun. mornings at the Firehouse benefitted the Firemen and Ambulance Corp.

Refreshment stand with hot dogs, hamburgers etc. was manned both days by The Fish & Game Club.

Buffet Dinner at the High School on Saturday was well attended.

### OBSTACLE RACES ON THE ICE

Saturday morning was for the young, in two parts - the "Younger Division" for 1st thru 7th Grades and the "Older Division", 8 thru 12.

A double course was laid out and 33 contestants were put through their paces in pairs.

### Obstacle Races cont:

They had to run through tires, crawl through a tunnel of inner tubes, toss a basket ball thru a hoop, carry an egg around a barrel, (no one broke an egg) pass under a Limbo Stick, tie a rope around a log, (knots of their choice) and drag it to the finish line.

First place in the Younger Division went to Mary Marchewka, a member of Girl Scout Troop 130 from Saratoga which was visiting Mrs. Laura Meade for the weekend.

Kevin Elliott of Hague took second place.

Bernard Armstrong was winner in the Older Division.

Kite Flying was cancelled - No Wind.

Mrs. Meade was in charge of these events with an able assist from Doug Cole and Theresa Davis. The obstacle courses were supervised by Girl & Boy Scout Leaders.

### SNOWMOBILE RACES

Saturday afternoon 23 snowmobiles raced each other around and around a one mile course. They were divided into four classes and had to go round 50 times except in one class where the winner found himself with no competitors after about 40 laps.

Each entrant paid \$15. to enter the grueling chase and those fees made up the prize money which was divided between the winners and one or two runner-ups for each class.

The progress of the races was relayed by watchers from four corners of the course by CB radio to Supervisor Dick Bolton who announced developments over a PA system for the spectators.

The course was shortened this year to make it more interesting for the spectators.

When the big races were finished there were still several eager snowmobilers and a short drag race was organized for which each contestant paid \$5. and divided the money between the winner & 2nd place.

And The Winners Were:

#### 0 to 250cc Class:

Paul Yandon of Newcomb, NY in a 250 Yamaha. (Winner took all)

#### 251 to 340cc Class:

1st: Harold Vandever of Fultonville, NY in a 340 Yamaha.

2nd: Terry Trepanier of Ticonderoga in a 340 Polaris.

3rd: Gerry Eagan of Schroon Lake, in a 340 Artic Cat.

#### 341 to 400 cc Class:

1st: George Eagon of Schroon Lake in a 339 Artic Cat.

2nd: Larry Huestis of Ticonderoga in a 340 Skidoo F/A.

#### 401 And Up Class:

1st: Dana Gillenwaters of Albany in a 440 Artic Cat.

2nd: Peter Kissinger of Broadalbin, NY in a 340 Snow Jet.

#### Drag Race:

1st: Dana Gillenwaters' Artic Cat  
2nd: Stan Cobb of Chilson Hill in a 440 Chaperel.

3rd: Jim Liberty of Warrensburg in a 440 Rupp.

Gloversville, Hyde Park, Chestertown and Hague were also represented among the contestants.

Clifton Frasier, chairman of these events, would like to thank the National Guard and the Lake Champlain C.B. Association for providing the communications and public address systems.

### NIGHT RIDE

After the Buffet Dinner they were ready to go again. 25 sleds, led by Clifford Frasier & Art Belden, rode the snow to Bolton and back, up to Jabes Pond, down to Silver Bay, onto the lake and back up to Battle Hill for refreshments.

### RAFFLES

Less agile spectators had a chance to win something also.

### Raffles cont:

The "100 Dollar Doll" had bows of bills fastened all over her costume. This was won by Roger Wicks of Ti.

The "Basket of Cheer" was won by Joan Dillon of Hague.

### WEST POINT JUMP TEAM

It was a pleasant change to see an Army "Chopper" being greeted by a friendly people and their leader, as it was set down in the Public Park on a cold clear Sunday afternoon with just enough cloud cover to prevent snow blindness.

The helicopter circled and climbed for a while then spilled out six West Point Cadettes, two at a time. Bright colored, wing-type parachutes opened and they made lazy circles and zig-zags over Hague, leaving trails of colored smoke then landed right on target where the crowd was waiting for them on the ice.

You could hear the cheers up on Holman Hill.

The Army's Jump Team has won 6 out of 10 National Championships in competition with other academies and colleges.

### POLAR BEARS

Next the Trout House Village Polar Bears, taking a different direction, plunged into the icy water around the pier to a roll of drums and shouts of encouragement from the crowd not once but four times.

One of them said as he climbed out the third time, "It feels nicer each time you go in."

There had been a rumor around town about two weeks before this event that some men had "gone swimming through the ice in the nude". Bob Patchett says it's true and everyone knows someone who "saw them".

### PARASAIL

Between events it was fun to watch Jim Rypkema work out with his Parasail which looks like a small red

and white parachute being pulled by a truck. Jim says two people lift it until it fills with air then he sometimes has to take 4 or 5 steps but usually "it lifts right off" and he sails along up to 100 feet above the ice.

A rink had been cleared on the ice by the Patchetts and several young people were showing signs of latent talent on skates. Little Julie Middleton, age six, granddaughter of Julia & Aaron had put on skates that morning for the first time and was skating merrily the rest of the day - with time out for lunch.

### HOT AIR BALLOON

A wrong combination of wind and temperature prevented the balloon from sailing off into the blue with Queen Julie as planned but it was colorful and exciting to watch it fill and drift around with good intentions.

### NATIONAL ICE AUGER CONTEST

This contest is Hague's unique event among winter sports. The contestants had to go through 17 inches of ice this year with chisels and/or augers.

Handsome plaques and prize money went to the following:

#### Chisels:

Walt Wells of Hague chiseled 3 holes in 26 seconds - \$100.

Bernard Denno of Hague took 2nd place.

#### Junior Chisels:

Mike Flack of Ti - 12.7 secs.

#### Under 3 Inch Augers:

Frank Dagles of Bolton Landing - 3 holes in 21.8 secs. - \$100

#### Over 3 Inch Augers:

Irwin Harris of Bolton Landing - 3 holes in 26.6 secs. - \$200.

#### Junior Ice Augers:

Eddie Clark of South Ti - 16.1 sec



### NICE COORDINATION

The whole weekend demonstrated cheerful cooperation between the Fish & Game Club, The Sno-Goers, Town Officials, Volunteers and Merchants. Traffic jams unraveled without a lot of horn blowing and no accidents.

Sup. Bolton reports that a Winter Carnival Committee will be meeting with him this week to evaluate this year's program and begin planning for next year. Comments and suggestions are welcome.

Committee members are:

Clifton Frasier  
Wallace Conlon  
Margaret DelSignore  
Kate Hunter  
Inza Jordan  
George Shoemaker  
Marion Shoemaker

### THE TOWN BOARD

Report from Richard Bolton, Town Supervisor:

Regular meeting, Feb. 14:

It was agreed that the Board would meet at 4 PM on Mondays before regular meetings to present bills and sign vouchers.

Copies of resolutions to be discussed and minutes of the last meeting will be supplied to each Board Member in advance of meetings.

Supervisor will report to the Board at each meeting on the County Board Committees and meetings which he has attended.

The public is welcome at these meetings.

Contract renewed with Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. & Ambulance Corp.

All permits and performance bond contract for Arcady Bay Estates passed. Copies to R. Katzman, Developer.

Applications for summer lifeguards, police and caretaker for the public beach, now being accepted.

Board is investigating the Glens Falls Housing Authority which has money available to help low income families with maintenance and repairs to their houses.

Supervisor Bolton is making application for money to help with a community development program from the 100% Funding Program, a federal program - a branch of HUD. Priorities have been suggested for 8 projects.

There are over 1000 such programs in operation at present. Some of which are not available to Hague as a town and all of which have strict qualifications to be met by those who apply. Dick is studying them.

3 Manpower Act Jobs with Silver Bay Asn. were secured for men of Hague who met the qualifications.

26 people over 65 signed up for discount cards. Senior citizens of Warren County chose the 65 year limit because more of the better stores accept it but not the 62 yr. limit chosen by Essex county.

List of stores which honor these cards will be available at the Town Hall on request.

Committee appointed to investigate insurance policies for the Town in general and the Ski Slope in particular. These rates have jumped since the lawsuit in Vermont against a ski resort.

\$7000.-last of the money from Fed. Gov't for flood damage, was partly disallowed because concrete was installed where blacktop had been.

NEXT MEETING: March 14, 6:30 PM  
Auditing of bills: Mar 13, 4 PM

If Supervisor Bolton is not at the Town Hall, please feel free to call his home - 8805 to leave your name and number.

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Mobile Office of Dem. Congressman Ned Pattison will be at the Hague Public Beach on Mon Mar. 27, from 10 to 11:30 AM.

### PLANNING BOARD

Public Hearing on Mar 1 to consider the Preliminary Plat for Arcady Bay Estates was a pleasant occasion. There was even a light round of applause as the meeting was adjourned. Interest was high and most of the people stayed to study the Plat and ask more questions.

The Planning Board had met with members of the Fire Dept. and Mr. Katzman, the developer and worked out some improvements in the fire protection system which were accepted by Mr. K and some people had taken their suggestions directly to him.

Some changes and additional info since our last report include:

71 lots (instead of 72). 78 of their 230 acres to be developed.

That water intake pipe has grown to 1200 ft. long, to achieve a depth of 46 feet.

Six inch water mains, instead of 3 in, 3 ground level hydrants to be installed and the reservoir enlarged to 38,500 gals. for fire fighting.

Rights of emergency access to anyone's property will be incorporated in all deeds.

The pump house will be heated. There will be a fence around the reservoir. No public restaurant. No driveways will connect with Pine Cove Road.

Street lights will probably be left to the discretion of home owners and will be kept low and non-glaring.

Pipes and power lines will be buried deeper, going down to 10 ft when they pass under roads, to avoid freezing.

Sup. Bolton had checked with Niagara Mohawk and was assured they will be able to supply electric power for 71 additional houses.

The Adirondack Park Agency did not feel it necessary to exercise their right to attend the Hearing.

The Planning Board now has to formalize their recommendations for improvements.

If the Final Plat agrees with the Preliminary Plat and includes all recommended improvements a second Public Hearing is not required.

The Attorney General is ready to approve if our Planning Board does. The Planning Board can't approve until the Health Dept. and En Con do. Then there is the Housing and Urban Development in Washington... but Bob Katzman is uncomplaining, determined to do it right and hopeful that he will have an A-OK from all these people by the end of March. His enthusiasm is refreshing.

The Planning Board will meet again on Mar. 9 and Mar. 16 at 7:45 PM in the Town Hall.

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Copies of the new Town Ordinance in its final form as published in the Post Star are available at the Town Hall.

### WATER WORKS DILEMMA

Over a year ago, Jack Carney decided to retire from the water business. He announced his intention to all parties of interest and found that he cannot retire because water selling is a public service. It cannot be abandoned. Some group or civil authority must take over.

Three plans have been suggested:

EITHER the Town of Hague assume the responsibility and recover the costs by charging those who use the water;

OR the users form a corporation and maintain it themselves, sharing the costs;

OR the users each dig their own well or lay pipes to the lake.

There will be another Public Hearing in April. In the meantime Jack has been required to install an expensive Turbidity Tester and test the water every day....

## THE HAGUE REGATTAS

Jack Henry

Jack brought the past alive again for the Historical Society with photographs, clippings, poetry, a tape of "Grandma Mattie" Clifton, a gold medal and his own inimitable style of plain talk:

"...The year in which the Lake George Regatta Asn. held their first regatta in Hague must have been about 1882...the first record I have is dated Aug 24, 1895...

"There were many entries for every race and no less than 13 steam and naptha launches, all gayly decorated, came from many parts of the lake.

General Robert Lenox Banks had a gay party on board his boat, The Cricket. Mr. Simpson, from the Sagamore, had a stag party on board his boat, The Fanita, while all the others were loaded down with men and women spectators. Besides the steamboats every possible sized and shaped rowboat was in attendance.

Mrs. Harry Watrous had a party of people on her scow which was anchored near the last flag which marked the goal. The scow was decorated with yellow and red and presented a most attractive appearance. There was quite a stiff breeze blowing which made the water rougher than usual but added to the excitement.

(In retrospect, the prizes are a fascinating assortment of meaningful artifacts): "a silver handled umbrella...a nickel chafing dish...a traveling clock...two dress suitcases...two silver handled sticks...a silver candlestick...silver flasks...silver brushes...silver cups...for the woman, a silver shoe horn; for the man, a chafing dish...for the woman, a silver tea ball; for the man, a triplicate mirror..."

A funny satirical poem, unsigned and yellow with age, called "Entree Nit" tells of the struggles

of "the Lake Regatta Man" to find entrants for the races. He finally forces a child to row and win. Then "the infant fell on the boat-floor dead."

"And they burried him 'mongst the single skulls;  
As others had gone before him,  
'Neath a cairn of the choicest metal-cup culls  
Of Tiffany and of Gorham."

From the 1895 report: "The next race for boys under fourteen was a good one, for the boys rowed with might and main and did not give up until the last moment. R N Northrup came in first and Cecil Gabbett second. The prizes for the race, two silver cups, were presented by Mr. Harry Watrous."

Headline from 1895: "LADIES WIN PRIZES TOO. They gave an exhibition of grit and muscle that speaks well for the new woman...One of the prettiest features of the whole regatta was when the judges boat towed the contestants out to the starting point. The long line of boats with their occupants, each intent on the coming race, made a picture worthy of any painter. The ladies races showed to great advantage the girls who took part and their rowing was proof of their strength and skill.

The double canoe race showed some wonderfully fine paddling in the face of a really rough sea and strong wind...all the boats followed as near as possible, as though they did not wish to miss a single stroke...

The mixed doubles was a race which seemed to arouse the greatest interest and the tooting of the whistles, the cheers and clapping nearly drowned the shot as the first boat shot past the line.

The races were not finished until dark and the hills on the west side had been in shadow for some time when it was all over. The spectators on land and sea dispersed to their several abodes.



In the evening there was a hop at the Hillside Hotel where the prizes were distributed. All the hotels along the lake were decorated with bright colors. The Hillside and Rising House were particularly gay.

Lake George possesses great advantage over seaside resorts, with the first of September there may be an exodus from other places but it does not mean that the entire place will within ten days be entirely deserted. On the contrary there is still a demand for rooms. People who linger late in the autumn feel themselves well repaid by the bracing atmosphere and brilliant foliage that marks the autumn season. The hotels, almost without exception, do not close before October and many declare the coming month the pleasantest of all.

On Aug 15, 1812, Mrs. B. A. Clifton or Grandma Mattie as some of us know her, won the  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile mixed doubles rowing event with Mr. Fred Hart as her partner. They won in 4 minutes  $9\frac{1}{2}$  seconds. Miss Lillian Hess and Mr. E. B. Walton, who finished second, rowed the distance in 4' 13".

Introducing her on tape, Jack said, Mattie is "one of my oldest friends, a person who at times was close to being a part-time mother as well as being the mother of my best friend, Bernard Clifton..." Some one in the audience said "She was like a mother to a lot of us."

Mattie recalled that she had won the race with a broken oar. She nonchalantly gave the gold medal she received for this feat to her daughter-in-law, Fran Clifton one day when Fran was admiring it. Fran wears it proudly on a gold chain...

Grandma Mattie will be 93 on January 27th. She is just 3 years younger than the regattas..."

(Part I of a two part article)

#### MARGARET NIELSON

Mrs. Fred Nielson will be remembered as one who "wore well", "was fun to be with", "never complained" throughout a long siege of illness, "was nice to everyone", never talked ill of anyone", and was a "wonderful person".

She was with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Cristo of 2029 Bridgewater Dr. in Augusta, Ga. 30907 when she died in mid February.

She and Fred moved here permanently in 1952 and she returned to their Forest Bay home last summer despite her illness.

She was a past president of the Hague PTA and the Mothers' Club.

She was also active in the Mohican Home Bureau and the Historical Society.

Contributions in her memory are being sent to the Hague Ambulance Corp. and the Cancer Fund.

#### HAGUE CUB SCOUT NEWS

On Jan. 28th the Hague Cub Scouts went to the Port Henry Youth Center to participate in the annual Pine Wood Derby Car Races.

Eleven of our cubs were able to make the races. We were sorry that two of our Cubs couldn't make it that day.

A few of our Cubs came in first place and had to go to a run off but they didn't come in first at the run off.

A Cub Scout from Brant Lake was the winner. We were all very happy for him.

All the Cubs that were in the races received ribbons. The Cubs put a lot of time and hard work into putting these race cars together. They did a very good job and were very good sports.

Most of the parents were able to come and enjoy all the fun with their children.

Elinor Sharpe

COUNTRY MUSIC CONCERT"The Sundowners"

Proceeds to Heart Fund Drive

Hague School Auditorium

March 18, 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$1.50 School Age Free

Chm. of Drive: Mrs Rosemary Carney

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER LAUNCHED

Clara Lee Smith

Second issue of Raider News is now available at The Hague Super - Market or from any member of the News Staff.

25¢ per copy. "To raise funds for new English Books."

It will include news of sports and other school activities, editorials, personalities, cartoons, verse, puzzles, gossip, grade news and advertisements.

Full page add: \$2. Half page: \$1.

1/3 page: .75¢, 1/6 page: 50¢,

1/12 page: .25¢.

Co-Editors: Chris Streeter and  
Richard Strum

Sports Ed: Mike Streeter

Cartoonist: Scott Spelman

Writers: Angela Bevins, Theresa Denno, Julie Frasier & Bruce McLean.

HAGUE SCHOOL BASKET BALL TEAM

Headed for the top in their division, The Raiders go to Schroom Lake on Mar. 7th for semi-finals in the Marcy League championship race.

ANIMAL LOVERS PLEASE!

A "gorgeous large orange long haired male cat...clear eyed, healthy and very affectionate. He seems at home locally and doesn't bother the birds. It breaks my heart...I can't keep him." If anyone knows the owner or could take him in please call 6517 please.

H. VIRGINIA SHATTUCK

Box 16, Hague, NY 12836

SENIOR CLASS

Patronage invited for the Senior Class Yearbook. Fee: \$6.

Yearbook page in memory of Colleen Fuller. Friends of Colleen who wish to be included please contact Clara Lee Smith. Patronage fee: \$4.

Deadline: March 20

The Seniors leave for their tour of Washington D. C. on Mar. 24th.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, FEB. 6

Public Service Commission Hearing on dissolution of Hague Water Works was discussed.

Mr. Riley was authorized to attend basketball clinic in Boston.

Mr. Polino's resignation as bus driver was accepted with regrets.

Mr. Richard Frasier was appointed bus driver on a temporary basis.

Request to provide for more snow days was agreed upon.

Rudolph Meola, Principle

SECOND QUARTER HIGH HONORS

Hague Central School

Kathleen Hudak

Richard Strum

Theresa Davis

Pamela Smith

Joanne Dunklee

Michael Streeter

SUSAN M CAREY HONORED

Susan Carey of Hague has been named to the President's List at Schenectady County Community College.

Susan was graduated from Ticonderoga High School in 1977 and is majoring in medical business studies. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carey of Hague.

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