

CORNERSTONE 1981

Senior Physician Dr. Thomas Cummings, Fund Drive Chairman Adolph Diskin, and Board 2nd Vice-President Keith McKeeman, were pictured in the August 18 Sentinel as they put the stone in the wall at the CORNERSTONE LAYING, formal dedication ceremonies of Moses Ludington Hospital on Saturday, August 15.

On August 25, a brilliant crisp day, three friends, Eleanor McKirdy, Ursula Montbriand and Margaret Broderick had a close-up view of the cornerstone and a very exciting guided tour of this long awaited structure in Ticonderoga.

We started in the Hospitality Shop. That is just off the main waiting room. There we met familiar faces and saw unique tax free gifts. We were told by Louise Rieke that this shop was opened to the public from 12 noon to 8 PM. There we also learned of the Hospital Fund Radiothon on Station WIPS which raised over \$30,000.

From there Mrs. Frances Lang, Acting Administrator, guided us through the beautiful modern medical facility.

First Floor: the airy gleaming kitchens (We had heard that the hospital's food almost equals their reputation for T.L.C.) and the fascinating BOILER ROOM with the different colored pipes would surely astound the workers of our childhood. The Emergency entrance and connecting passageway to the M.L. Nursing Home was given careful scrutiny, perhaps for our future use, - the very far future.

All the patient facilities in the hospital are beautiful and give the illusion of spaciousness

a trick of modern architecture, I presume, for there was no wasted space.

The X-Ray room and the first floor offices were sparkling new with, what appeared to our laymen's eyes, the very latest and best equipment. The treatment rooms on the second floor were equally attractive, if one can use that adjective.

Second Floor: We went up in the wide elevator. We gazed through the windows at the Intensive Care Unit, the Surgical Department and then into the Maternity Unit. We were disappointed that there were no mothers or babies at that time but everything is in readiness for future citizens. We were particularly taken with the BIRTHING ROOM (here the generation gap was showing) - our mothers had their birthing rooms at home.

The patients' rooms were filled. Wide windows overlooked Lord Howe (or South Ti Valley); one could almost see Chilson. This naturally was the busiest part of the hospital. Oh, I didn't mention the modern Laboratory, Pharmacy, Doctors' offices, etc.

The whole place is tastefully decorated but most important, more so than any equipment or structure, was the friendly smiling faces of everyone we met.

We thanked Mrs. Lang and hope we had not kept her too long from her lunch. (We were invited to lunch in the large lunchroom, but had to decline.) We all three voiced the same thoughts as we drove towards home. Let us hope with the settling of the much publicized financial affairs and the installation of a certified hospital administrator that Moses Ludington will continue to serve the North Country Community well, as it has since 1906...MB

SNAKES WILL NOT CHASE YOU

NEW PUBLICATION

From the Times of Ti July 2, 1981 "...Eugene Marchione and two friends were hiking through woods on one of Tongue Mountain's trails. WHILE CLIMBING SOME ROCKS, Eugene was bitten on the right thumb by a five foot timber rattlesnake."

Sunday, July 26 Albany Times Union - "Milan D. Fiske was bitten on grounds of his summer home lower Lake George Region. This account - with subsequent painful recovery was first published in the Conservationist."

Happily, neither bite was fatal. In each of the above cases, sportsmen's rules of hiking and contact with snakes were disregarded.

We who have summered near Tongue Mt. Sabbath Day Point area of Hague have heard and seen many rattlers through the years. Even in '57 fire fighters would see nests of snakes in the mountains. In all these years these two cases are the first we have heard of any BITES.

In the same issue of Times Union, July 26, William S. Brown, Assistant professor of Biology at Skidmore College, has an article entitled "The Misunderstood Rattler". "Fortunately, few people have ever been bitten by a timber rattlesnake and documented cases of death resulting from its bites are extremely rare in recent years."

Professor Brown again - about his article in L.G.A. meeting (Post Star, April 16).

"The snake's strong instinct to avoid humans is a contributing factor to the low frequency of snake bites.

"At the current time the timber rattlesnake...is not an endangered species in the state."

Ed. Note: Who knows - next - A Kind to Rattlers Week...MB

The Lake George Association has collected the scientific studies made about the various forces affecting Lake George, and has published them in a book entitled "The Lake George Ecosystem."

This 359 page book constitutes a compilation of the current research done on the lake by over 52 scientists. Articles focus on such topics as the geology of the Lake George Basin, the quality of the water, the fishes of the lake, plant life on the islands, and even the timber rattlesnake.

Copies are available at \$13 through the Lake George Association Office in the old Court House, Canada St., Lake George, NY 12845.

HISTORICAL DISPLAYS

We don't have a historical building yet, but our town historian, Clifton West, has been doing a fantastic job with his displays of artifacts and old pictures in the Hague Post Office. The exhibits have been periodically changed and have been of great interest to those who have the good fortune to use the facilities of the post office. Our thanks to Clifton also for the flowers which add cheer to the post office and the Town Hall...DJH

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*An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don't. It's knowing where to go to find out what you need to know. And it's knowing how to use the information once you get it.*

...William Feather

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SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 9. PLEASE WATCH FOR SCHOOL BUSES BOARDING AND DISCHARGING CHILDREN.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for students new to Ticonderoga Schools will be conducted in the building the student is to attend through Sept. 4. Parents of students new to Ticonderoga Schools are urged to bring with them at the time of registration any previous school records available. Main offices in the Elementary, Middle and High School will be open each day from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. through Sept. 4 for the registration of new students. FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL WILL BE September 9.

NCCC REGISTRATION

Registration for full and part-time admissions are still being accepted at the office of the North Country Community College in the Ticonderoga Community Building. The fall semester begins on Sept. 8. Call 585-4454 for more information.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thanks to the work of Rev. Van Vliet, the Hague Historical Society will take their annual trip on September 25, leaving the Baptist Church Parking Lot at 9:30 a.m. The first stop will be the DAR House, just across the bridge in Vermont. Here we will be treated to a tour of the beautiful home, plus an interesting talk on Indians of the area. The admission to the DAR House is \$1.00 per person.

From there we will take our own picnic lunches to Mt. Philo and enjoy the scenery from there. The admission charge there is 50¢ each. There may be another stop on the way home - at the historic Rokeby House in Ferrisburg. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 9:30 A.M. ...DJH

CORPS OF DRUMS

The Fort Ticonderoga Corps of Drums gave a stirring performance at the Hague Beach on Wed., Aug. 19. The Corps of Drums was organized in 1971 to recreate and interpret the music of Colonial America. It is composed of fifers, drummers, buglers and a drum major, all uniformed and accoutered as the 1st N.Y. Regiment, a unit that saw service in 1775 at Fort Ticonderoga during the American Revolution.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLETED ASSESSMENT ROLL WITH CLERK AFTER GRIEVANCE DAY

Tax Law, sec. 516 as amended by Chapter 804 Laws of 1962.

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment roll for Town of Hague, in the County of Warren for the year 1981 has been finally completed by the undersigned Assessors and a certified copy thereof was filed in the office of the Town Clerk on the 1st day of Aug. where the same will remain open to public inspection until Sep. 1. /s/ Harry White, William D. Foster, Clifton Frasier

*The equalization rate established on Aug. 20, 1981 has increased slightly to 56.10, up from the projected rate for 1981 of 55.81.*

FORMER PASTOR WRITES

Rev. Paul Shepard, pastor of The Hague Baptist Church from 1940 to 1942, recently wrote a letter to the local congregation in which he reminisced about his first pastorate in Hague. Referring to the current organ fund drive, he remembered that during his stay, the church had a pump organ on which Virgil Fox, noted organist who vacationed in Hague practiced...DJH

### YOUTHFUL SAILORS WIN REGATTA!

Fifty International Star Class racing sailboats competed in the 12th District Championship Regatta held at the Northern Lake George Yacht Club Aug. 11-13. The Blue Star fleet, for sailors who have won a major event as defined by Star Class rules had 31 entrants, and 19 boats sailed in the Green Star fleet for novice sailors. Entrants came from yacht clubs in NY, NJ, VT, NH, and Ontario, racing to qualify for the Star World Championship Regatta to be held in Sept. in Marblehead, MA.

Winners in the Blue Stars were ALEX SMIGELSKI, 23, skipper and CHUCK TRIPP, 26, crew. In the 3 race competition, they took 2 daily firsts and a 2nd. Both are from Lake Hopatcong, NJ Yacht Club and are recent graduates of the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, LI, NY. This is Alex's first season racing a Star and he has placed first in every race he has entered until his daily 2nd place in this regatta, when NLGYC sailor Hank Rowen captured a daily 1st. (Alex hopes to make the American Olympic sailing team.)

Youth also triumphed in the Green Star Fleet when NLGYC sailing instructor, 21-yr. old DAVID MARSHALL, skipper, and BRUCE HATFIELD, 19, crew, won this competition at their first try in the 12th District.

Hank Rowen, former Commodore of NLGYC and winner of the 1980 12th District, was chairperson of the regatta. John Barth headed the race committee.

The regatta was dedicated to HARRY E. P. MEISLAHN in recognition of his early support of the 12th District Star Fleet and his Blue Star Championships in 1948, 1951, and 1952....Laura Meade

### A SHADIER POINT

Some people in the Hague Park prefer shade. The Town Board approves of planting five locust trees by the locust on the point. We would like to know if anyone knows of such locusts 2" - 3½" in diameter that the town might have. Trees growing singly in the open are preferred. If any are available, please call Jack Henry, 543-6633...JTH

### FIRE DEPARTMENT DINNER

As we go to press, we have been informed that the Fire Department expects to have its annual Columbus Day dinner at Silver Bay on October 10. We will have an up-date on this in our next issue.

THE HAGUE FIRE DEPARTMENT is conducting a fund drive to buy a new ambulance for the Hague Ambulance Squad. All donations to this worthy cause would be gratefully appreciated.

Two quilts will be raffled for the same purpose, one double and one single size. Tickets at \$1.00 each may be purchased from any member of the Fire Department or from the Hague Super Market.

THE SILVER BAY EMPS show - "How to Succeed in Business" was a huge success, with over \$1300 being realized for the benefit of the Hague Fire Department. The Department is grateful to Silver Bay and their EMPS for this fine contribution.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DONORS

Fifty pints of blood were donated on August 21 at Silver Bay. Thanks to all those donors and to those who helped with this project.

IT'S AS CLEAR AS MUD

Ed. Broderick is not the mate of Margaret Broderick!

It might be time to set some things straight.

The Chronicle Staff is composed of four HEADS, WORKERS, EDITORS, whose names are:

DJH, Dottie, or Dorothy Henry (Mrs. John T.), AC or Alison Craig (Mrs. Bruce) - also known to her friends as "Martha". B.DeG or Billie DeGraff (Mrs. Ervin), and MB, M. Broderick, Margaret or Mig Broderick (Mrs. James J.), Ed. M. Broderick or Editor M. Broderick.

On the masthead the Ed. M. Broderick is the place to send news articles, articles for Soundings, or any matter pertaining to THE CHRONICLE.

In reality we have four EDITORS. As the Quakers do, we try to listen to each staff member's ideas and after plenty of discussion, come to one democratic conclusion.

Our financial matters are handled very ably by friend Jack Kennedy. He is most professional in his approach to all matters from contributions to rules of tax-exempt organizations. It gives us more time to scribble. Contributions to J. Kennedy, Box 118....MB

CARILLON GARDEN CLUB

Our first standard flower show was held at the Hancock House on August 20. All who came to see the exhibits and those of us who exhibited were enthusiastic about the results. The theme, "A Visit to the Fort" was well executed in various artistic fresh and dried flower arrangements, plus a fine display of vegetables, greens and individual flowers. (Irene Coveney's potatoes and green beans won awards.) We are already contemplating next year's show.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the Hancock House on September 17 at 11 o'clock...DJH

Add to the WHAT CREEPS WOULD DO THAT? department, the theft of the 8' by 6' American flag from the pole in front of the Blessed Sacrament Church. As we go to press we hear another one is on order by concerned parishoners. We also learned that the flag from the Town Hall was stolen. What next? How mean! No stronger words are permitted in this publication...MB

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*Black Mountain was there so he climbed it. The fact that he was barefoot did not stop Mike Broderick, age 14 from beating his father and the rest of his friends to the top. (Mike, please read up on rattlesnakes and be prepared for your next venture.) MB*

HAGUE BABE RUTH

The Hague Babe Ruth wishes to thank everyone who helped them have a very successful first season under the leadership of Coach Dan Belden.

They would like to thank the Town Board and everyone who donated for their uniforms, equipment and their trip to see the GlenSox play ball, and Mr. Richard Stormer, Mrs. Joan Belden, Mr. Dan Belden, and Mr. Gordon May for taking them to the games.

The coin drop was a huge success (collected \$324) and we won eight and lost six games. Players are Art Belden, Dan Belden, James Belden, Tim Denno, Tom Denno, Robert DeLarm, Matt Coffin, D. J. Fuller, Donnie Fuller, Jay Jordon, Rudy Meola, Joe LaPann, Tim Strum, Mike Stormer, Jamie Young, and Ball Boy Richie Belden....Joan Belden

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*David, son of Barbara & Mike Fitzgerald was the lucky winner of the Gas Grille, drawn at the Town Park on Aug. 26. Proceeds to the Chamber of Commerce.*

We thank Bill Roden for his column in the Glens Falls POST STAR, 8/20/81:

"LOVING LAKE GEORGE nothing new... When I was a young man, my father bought a summer camp at Trout Lake and before long the family was almost commuting to the Lake George area. I couldn't possibly count the times I've made the trip by car, usually in the back seat, asleep. The Halfway House was the waking up point for us kids because none of us wanted to miss that first sight of Lake George... I guess that is why I've always been interested in the reaction of others as they first see Lake George. Elkanah Watson was a patriot and businessman who travelled during Revolutionary War times and just after. The story of his life was published by his son in 1856. There, sure enough, is the account of his first visit to Lake George in August 1805.

Leaving the village of Sandy Hill on our right, we pressed forward over a bad road to the south end of the far-famed Lake George--St. Sacrament of the French; the euphonious Horicon of the Indian. Upon debouching from the forest, this lovely lake with its innumerable islands suddenly burst upon our view, in all its exceeding romantic beauty. The lake, enveloped on both shores by a mountain screen, reposed in a long, deep gorge, its placid and unruffled waters studded by isles whose rocky and rugged margin shelved down to the water's edge. The lake is celebrated for the depth and purity of its water and for the quantity and excellence of its fish. The scenery of Lake George is surpassingly grand, picturesque and beautiful. I am assured that the Lake of Geneva, so vaunted by European tourists, bears no comparison to Horicon, either in its quiet loveliness or imposing magnificence. We embarked early the next morning in a bateau, rowed by four men to make the passage through the lake to

its northern extremity. We coursed amid the interesting archipelago; at noon landed and dined upon delicious trout, fresh from the cool and pure waters. In the afternoon we entered the narrows and were immediately in the midst of clusters of fairy islands, setting like gems upon the lake, itself girted by a framework of mountains piled upon mountains. At sundown we reached Sabbath Day Point and here pitched our tent for the night in a barn. Nothing could be more sublime than the effect of the setting sun as its rays fell upon the piles of mountains which surrounded us. The day had been excessively hot. The outlines and pinnacles of the cones on the east were bathed in the fiery tinges of the burning sun; a deep relief was produced by the long dark shadows of the western range, while here and there, the full blaze of the sunbeam was poured through some ravines in the range facing west.

About a new book, DURANT by Craig Gilborn, Bill Roden writes: "The most spectacularly beautiful book about the Adirondacks in several years. It's the story of a wealthy family who came to the Adirondacks and particularly one member, the talented William West Durant. William came up with the woodland camp idea; designed and built magnificent structures. Unique about these buildings is that they used, for the most part, local resources, logs, trees, stones. "Durant camps" were a hit. Many of these family owned estates have been dissolved, but many of the beautiful buildings still exist. Craig Gilborn is Director of the Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain Lake. If you're an Adirondack lover, look for his book DURANT in the nearest bookstore. There's hours of relaxed reading in this story of the Durant family and their Adirondack way of life."

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, David Donald II, to Kathy and David Davis, in Plattsburgh on July 1. Proud grandpa - Don Davis of Lake Shore Terrace.

- A boy, James Luis, to Perry and Debbie Girard on July 28 in Texas. He joins his brother, Perry II, age 3. Perry is the son of Mrs. Raymond Monroe, Hague.

- A boy, Nathaniel David, to Valerie May and Randy Perkins on August 12 in Moses Ludington Hosp.

ENGAGED - Barbara Bryant Walker, daughter of the Robert Bryants of Pine Cove, to David Taylor. Wedding to be in Winston-Salem, NC Jan. 9, 1982.

MARRIED - Susan Klinger, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Klinger, Silver Bay, and Robert Farlie of Staten Island on July 25. (The bride and her father arrived at the ceremony in a 1916 Buick touring car).

- Jeffrey Engler, son of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Engler, to Sarah Carbonneau on August 1 in the Silver Bay Chapel.

- James Van Patten, son of Mr. & Mrs. Grant Van Patten of Silver Bay and Schenectady, to Kathryn Rakov of Maybrook, NY in the Helen Hughes Chapel of Silver Bay, August 15.

- Doug Laundree, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Laundree, to Karen Schram of Whitehouse, OH, in the Silver Bay Chapel on August 29.

- Scott Carter Patchett, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Patchett to Alice Ann McGraw, on August 29 in Westfield, NJ.

DIED - Frank M. Rives, 80, on Aug. 4. Mr. Rives was a summer resident of Forest Bay for 40 years.

MARGARET ANN STIFFLER, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stiffler, Pine Cove, recently reported for duty with the U.S. Navy at Bethesda National Naval Medical Center in Maryland. She completed basic training in Orlando, Fl. and attended DK "A" School in Meridian, Miss. where she graduated as an honor student on May 27, 1981.

ART BELDEN, JAMES BELDEN and JEFFREY PLASS went to Dolph Schoyes basketball camp in Bolton Landing this week. DAN DENTON attended Casey Jones in Vermont early this month.

ROGERS ROCK CAMPSITE will close for the season Oct. 18 and Putts Pond will close Sept. 7.

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

Efforts to solve acid precipitation in the Adirondacks have been renewed by the A.P.A. through a formal action program adopted by the agency at a meeting in Ray Brook, August 20-21.

The 5 point program outlines the agency's statewide responsibilities in dealing with the issue including a proposal to study the economic impact of acid precipitation in the 6 million acre Adirondack Park.

The agency should examine economic effects of acid rain on tourism and recreation, forest product industries, agri-businesses, water supply facilities and other areas affected by the problem.

In addition to studying economic impacts of acid precipitation, the APA program indicates greater agency involvement in attending and conducting public meetings, hearings and legislative briefings including participation on the State Clean Air Act Task Force.

The APA has approved a permit for Resort Cable TV Inc. to construct several new microwave signal relay towers in Essex and Franklin Counties. AC

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - SEPTEMBER

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|----|--------------------------------|----|---------------------------------|
| 3  | Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.       | 15 | Fish and Game Club - 7:30       |
| 3  | Vet. Adm. - 11:30              | 17 | Carillon Garden Club - 11 a.m.  |
| 3  | Planning Board - 7:30          | 17 | Vet. Adm. - 11:30               |
| 7  | LABOR DAY - Town Office Closed | 17 | Warren County Council of Cham-  |
|    | Goodbye all you nice people -  |    | bers of Commerce - Beachside    |
|    | We'll miss you. See you next   | 17 | Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.        |
|    | summer.                        | 21 | FIRST DAY OF FALL               |
| 8  | Town Board - 6:30              | 24 | Vet Adm. - 11:30                |
| 9  | FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL            | 24 | Zoning Board - 7:30             |
| 10 | Vet Adm. - 11:30               | 25 | CHRONICLE DEADLINE              |
| 10 | Republican Primary - 12 - 9 PM | 28 | Republican Party meeting - 7:30 |
|    |                                | 29 | ROSH HOSHANA                    |

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NEW LAKE GEORGE DOCK REGULATIONS

The Chronicle learned on August 27, 1981 that the Lake George Park Commission regulations governing docks on Lake George have been adopted by the Department of Environmental Conservation with the approval of Encon Commissioner Robert F. Flack.

1. Construction of any dock on Lake George would require a DEC permit.
2. All docks legally existing, whether or not they meet the new requirements of these regulations, may continue to be maintained provided the property owner or owner of the dock registers the dock with the Department on or before January 1, 1982. There is no fee for registration. Forms are available from William Foster, Administrator, at the Hague Town Hall.
3. Repairs to existing docks, although exempt under these rules, may still require a Protection of Waters permit.
4. Owners of existing docks are asked to complete a registration form and to submit it with a sketch of the site showing dimensions and a photograph of the dock, as soon as possible to the Lake George Park Commission, DEC, Box 220, Warrensburg, NY 12885. Certification and markers to be placed on docks will be received prior to the 1982 boating season.
5. Space does not permit us to list the requirements for new docks, the placement of floating objects or the mooring regulations. Any inquiries should be directed to the DEC Division of Regulator Affairs, Box 220, Warrensburg, NY 12885. - (518) 623-3671.

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