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RECYCLING AND LANDFILL HEARING

A capacity crowd attended the Recycling & Transfer Station informational meeting held at the Hague Community Center on April 2, 1991. Supervisor Bolton was pleased to announce an extension of the time frame for closure of the town's landfill until October 1, 1991.

However, this extension does NOT mean that the agenda for permanent closure has changed and users' fees will still become effective at the site on April 22, 1991.

On April 15 Town of Hague compactor bags (in bright red) and disposal tickets will be available for purchase at the Hague Community Center. One or the other must be presented to the landfill attendant at the time of trash deposit.

Recyclables will be accepted free but all other items MUST be in a compactor bag or have a disposal ticket.

Between April 1, 1991 and October 1, 1991 the site will be prepared for closure and on October 1, 1991 will be closed for use and become a Solid Waste Transfer Station. The town will proceed to meet DEC Part 360 regulations and final construction and cover of the Hague Landfill site will be completed by October 1, 1992.

A fund known as the "Dedicated Fund" must be maintained and available in a separate account to be used for landfill closing and other related landfill and recycling procedures. This fund will be created by the planned users' fees going into effect on April 22. They are listed as follows:

Household garbage	33 gal. bags	\$ 2.00
	15 gal. bags	1.00
Construction & Demolition		
Materials	large pickup	18.00
	small pickup	9.00
	Other	\$9.00 per yd
Yard Waste	large pickup	10.00
	small pickup	5.00
	33 gal. bag	1.25
Metal	large pickup	18.00
	small pickup	9.00
	other	\$9.00 per yd
White goods	per item	5.00
Tires	per tire	small 2.00
		large 5.00
Automotive batteries -	per battery	2.00

Additional information on items, preparations and restrictions is available from John Breitenbach, Jr. who is our recycling co-ordinator. He can be contacted at the Community Center week days 8AM - 5PM. 543-6161. .gl

SCHOOL BUDGET DISCUSSED

The Ticonderoga School District has engaged in a very thorough budgeting process. The district has established a series of budget workshops and identified topics to be covered for each workshop. Reports on each topic are available in school offices and at workshops. Time is provided after each presentation for comments and questions. In addition, feedback forms are provided so that the public may offer suggestions and comments. These are then followed up by any one or more of the following groups - The Board of Education, the administrative staff, the Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee, the Community Facilities Study Committee, and staff members.

The district has also asked for input from all of its staff members including the Ticonderoga Teachers' Association and the Ticonderoga Support Services Association.

The district expects to make cuts in staff and reduce or eliminate programs. The severity of this year's situation is brought about by the reduction of \$78,000 in state aid in December and the anticipated further reduction of \$120,000 in state aid.

The Board is expected to adopt the budget on May 15 at a regular Board of Education meeting. The budget vote is May 29 from 12Noon to 9PM at the Hague Community Center and at the High School Lobby. Absentee balloting will be available this year for the first time. Individuals wishing to register to vote may do so on May 21 from 1 - 6PM at both polling places. . . Dr. Robert L. Collins, Superintendent of Schools.

As editor of this newspaper I would like to congratulate the Board on its presentations of the aforementioned workshops. They have a major job ahead of them to work out a budget that won't be too great a burden on the taxpayers and yet will continue the excellence in education which already exists. Before you agree or disagree with the budget that will be presented, it behooves you to attend the workshop that they are holding for Hague residents. Ask questions, make suggestions, participate in the workshop, or just sit back and listen. Then come to your own conclusions and be sure to vote on May 29 between the hours of 12noon and 9PM at the Hague Community Center. We are talking about a proposed \$8 million plus budget!

It is not too late to get a petition in for a position on the School Board. Petitions must be in by April 26. David DeFranco's term expires this year and he chooses not to run again. He has represented Hague well; we need another candidate from Hague to take his place. . . djh

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society holds its April meeting on Friday the 19th at the Hancock House in Ticonderoga in a joint meeting with the Ticonderoga Historical Society. This will be the third annual dual meeting of the two societies.

The hosting Ticonderoga Society is providing a covered dish supper at 6PM and the program will begin at 7:30PM. The program, by the Hague Society, is titled "The Silver Bay Boys' School" and will be presented by Ethel Andrus and Robert Cole. Memorabilia to be shown will include photos, yearbooks, daily schedules and a series of slides of old photos. An unusual type of schooling will provide an unusually interesting evening. The public is invited to attend the program.

The May meeting will be "The Rent Wars" which is about the tax revolt just after the American Revolution in the upper Hudson Valley Region. Past president and Historian Ethel Andrus will discuss this topic. All are welcome. . . RC

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Ethel W. Andrus

The next meeting of the Hague Senior Citizens Club will be held on Tuesday, April 23. Preceding the meeting we will car-pool to the Schoolhouse Restaurant for lunch. Sign up for this prior to April 22 by calling 543-6161 and leaving your name with Bertha or Diane. The "lunch-bunch" will leave the Community Center parking lot at 11:30AM. People needing rides should leave word when phoning in reservations. Following the meal we will return to the Community Center for our business meeting.

NOTE: Our very own Dottie Henry will be honored at the Warren County Senior Citizens Council luncheon to be held this year at the Silver Bay Association on May 16 at 12 Noon. Reservations may be made by phoning 543-6161 **BEFORE APRIL 18**. Choice of entree (roast beef, fish or chicken) should be indicated when making your reservation. The cost of any entree is \$8.50, which includes everything. Checks should be made payable to Ethel W. Andrus, and mailed to her at Silver Bay, NY 12874. When the total number of reservations are submitted to the Council, Ethel will submit one check to cover all reservations to the Council. This luncheon is open to any senior in Warren County. When the total number of reservations are submitted to the Council, Ethel will submit one check to cover all reservations to the Council. **COME OUT FOR HENRY, COME OUT FOR HAGUE.**

HVFD'S LAST (?) RUMMAGE SALE

Once again Ida May and her staff of devoted workers have pulled off the impossible. Despite inclement weather which prevented many shoppers from attending, the ladies earned over \$1300 for the fire Department. A food sale table was mighty popular.

Ida, who has given many, many hours of her time over the years to putting on rummage sales, and who has not been at all hesitant into commandeering her family

into helping, says that this is **ABSOLUTELY** her last one! And who can blame her? By the time several weary women had spent over a week of sorting, pricing, stacking and then re-folding and re-stacking and finally, cleaning up, and of getting to the Community Center over less-than-ideal roads, they, too, were in complete agreement with Ida.

The Fire Department wishes to thank Ida and her staff for another successful sale. Thanks to those who donated items, who took time from busy lives to bake for the food table, to those who donated trucks to cart off the unsold items, and to the men of the fire company who showed up to help with the cleaning up.

All praise to this community effort and to Ida who stage-managed it so successfully. . . ewa

CUB SCOUT PACK 21 NEWS

Karen Costello

Ole! Scouts were shouting as they celebrated their first Blue and Gold Banquet, Mexican style. On Saturday, April 5, the Cubs and their families gathered at the Community Center to feast on tacos and fixings and to celebrate their achievements. The dinner was delicious, thanks to all who helped bring it together.

Den #2, the Webelos, received their official caps on which to display their activity pins. The Artist badge was awarded to Chris Frasier, Dave Fitzgerald, Nate Lawrence, Thor Gautreau, Craig Smith and Jim Ward. The Citizenship badge will be proudly displayed by Thor Gautreau, David Fitzgerald and Nathan Lawrence, three fine citizens! These fellows conducted interviews with some of our town officials to help earn this badge. Working on some supervisor material!

Den #3 had worked together to complete their Wolf rank and all received their badge and gold arrowpoint. This included Josh Plass, Ryan Lawrence, Stephen LeBarron, Tyler Wells (2 silver points, too), Kevin and Kenny Stonitsch (who both racked up 4 silver arrowpoints as well!). Congratulations!

Den #1 boys received a special accessory to their uniforms, a genuine bear claw necklace. Thanks to Mr. Serdinsky, our local taxidermist, we acquired enough claws to make these (with the help of Dennis Trombley and Rick Stonitsch) to add beads to signify progress toward Bear rank. Our first Cub in Den #1 to reach this was Adam Williamsen, also earning a gold and silver arrowpoint. Way to go!

The Tiger Cubs displayed their artistic talents with their "paper bag pinatas." A highlight of the evening was the chance for each child to take a whack at the two real pinatas (Good stress reliever).

The Cubs have all received a model sailboat kit to build & race in our "Raingutter Regatta" in May.

Thank you all for your refundable bottles and cans. Remember to separate garbage and recyclables.

IT'S OUR ONLY EARTH!

RUMMAGE SALE to be held at Church of the Cross Parish Hall, Champlain Ave., Ticonderoga, NY on May 3 from 9 -2PM

QUESTIONS ABOUT WASTE REDUCTION OR RECYCLING? Call the Warren County Recycling Hotline: 792-3379. 4/91

Due to lack of agendas the March 28 meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the April 4 meeting of the Planning Board were cancelled.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 4/9/91

Before the regular business meeting was convened the privilege of the floor was granted to Mr. Rudolph Meola, Adm. Asst., Ticonderoga School System. He addressed the board with relation to using the Town Center for six weeks during the summer for the school's summer enrichment program, since the two schools in Ti will be under construction and will be unavailable this summer. The board will take it under advisement.

Mr. Jim Ward, Jr. addressed the board in relation to consideration of the charges which the town has instituted for the landfill, particularly as it applies to the commercial establishments. Mr. Bolton appointed a committee to look into the matter and come up with some recommendations.

The committee consists of: Jim Ward, Jr. Chairman, Alice Patchett, Dave Martucci, Steve Priore, Dick Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald and John Breitenbach, Jr.

An hour's discussion followed on this subject before the regular meeting was called to order.

Mr. Harold LaRose, Hague Town Assessor gave a quarterly report, which follows this article in its entirety.

Under Communications and Petitions: a note was received from the Winter Carnival Committee thanking the board for its cooperation in the success of the 1991 Winter Carnival. \$2,000 was turned over the Mary C. Este Scholarship Fund as a result of the carnival.

Pat Moore, daughter of the late Mr. Aaron Middleton wrote a note of thanks to the board for their kindnesses and those of the community in the death of her father.

Ticonderoga Central School District Budget Workshop will be held at Hague Town Center on April 29 at 7:30PM. The community is urged to attend.

HUD has sent a memo stating that funding will be available for those interested in applying for a HUD grant.

A letter from DEC Commissioner Jorling stating that NYS has received \$226.5 million grant from EPA, making nearly \$800 million in low-interest SRF loans available in the 1991-92 fiscal year. The next pooled financing for municipalities under the SRF Program is expected this spring. "I look forward to working with you to provide your counties, cities, towns and villages with low-cost financing for water pollution control projects through the SRF in the future.", Mr. Jorling stated.

A letter from Tom James requesting that the town look into purchasing North Pond from Dixon Crucible.

Under New Business: There **IS** a local law on littering. **This law will be enforced.**

Three resolutions were passed: #6 - regarding ice and snow removal contract with county. Rates were raised to take care of the 9.020 miles of county road. #7 - Polling place has been established at the Community Center in Hague. #8 In opposition to Real Property Tax Law 987 requiring the sending of a late tax notice.

Motion was made, and unanimously carried to adopt the landfill fees. This followed a discussion as to whether it should be done in light of the committee appointed to study the fees in regard to the commercial establishments. The board assured those present that the fee structure could be amended at any time. . . djh

APRIL REPORT ASSESSMENT OFFICE
Period Covered 1 January thru April 1, 1991

Most of the month of January was spent sorting thru various piles of papers, files, and other assessment records found lying around the assessment office - all items found and identified were filed in their proper locations or if unidentifiable were boxed for future investigation.

A complete check of the assessment records in late January indicated that a large majority of the records were incomplete with many items being non-existent. A complete reissue was called for from the Warren County computer of ICS (Inventory Control Sheets) - FCS (File Content Sheets). A review of these indicated FCS sheets with incorrect locations, descriptions and other minor omissions and discrepancies generally not affecting the current tax roll itself. However, the ICS sheets, which indicate the inventory of each property that is stored in the computer system and will be used to establish values for the year 1992 revaluation were, for the most part, incomplete, erroneous or non-existent (many parcels had not been entered into this system).

A check of other information on the computer files indicated that no sales file had ever been created, no neighborhoods were on any computer files, 149 properties had no inventory at all and 426 properties had incomplete or invalid entries, it also indicated that 63 parcels were not on the file at all and there were no commercial properties listed.

A check with the New York State Department of Equalization and Assessment Division of Local Assessment Services regarding their knowledge of Hague's revaluation status indicated in part that neighborhoods had been established and were listed on the tax maps, also that commercial properties had been or were being collected. I requested information regarding the status and location of this and other information from one of the former elected assessors and was flatly refused, his statement to me being "they made their bed, let them lie in it."

Building permits for 1989-90 that were found or provided were reviewed and it was found that of those completed or partially completed many had not been valued, recorded or entered on the computer file for the 1991 tax roll. At this point in time (March 4th) the Lindquists were gracious enough to offer their services to collect the information necessary to update the records and files relative to new construction. This data has been collected and valued for the 1991 tax roll. It has not yet been entered into the computer for the reval.

In late February the Town Attorney requested that I review the State of New York petitions for Article 7 proceedings against the Town of Hague which had been pending for the years 1987 thru 1990 and included 70+ parcels. He asked that I have my reply ready for a meeting in Albany on March 13, 1991. This was done, the meeting was held and a tentative agreement was arrived at. A followup meeting will be held later in April.

One informational meeting has been held relative to the revaluation project with at least two more to be scheduled later in the year.

The revaluation project itself will move into high gear with neighborhood delineation and sales file building heading the list of things to do. Alison Craig has volunteered her time to assist me with some of the neighborhoods.

These two items plus the State's Article 7's and the beginning of a systematic check of all property record files for errors and omissions by tax map number sequence will occupy us for some time.

Ann Johns is now working in the Assessment office and is proving to be a most welcome addition.

Shortly - April 15th, Wayne McCarty will be joining us to start the Commercial Data Collection, his length of stay is at this time unknown.

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The progress that has been accomplished to date could not have been done without the willing and cheerful help of both Bertha and Diane, and I would publicly like to thank them both for their cooperation. John Breitenbach has also been of great help and I would also like to thank him.

So far it has been a busy but interesting three months.
... Harold A. LaRose, SCAA, Sole Assessor

IN DEFENSE - WITH RESPECT

This is an open letter to the residents of Hague in hopes that we can defend the assessment administration of former chairman Clifton Frasier whose administration has come under criticism at two recent public meetings.

We find ourselves in this awkward position due to the statements made by the town's newly appointed sole assessor, Harold LaRose. We consider this attack upon a predecessor's administration, who can no longer defend himself, to be improper. We can only address a few issues due to space constraints.

Mr. LaRose claims that he had to do a lot of filing and searching for office materials. Typically in a working office, files presently being worked on and reference materials are kept close at hand. Working habits differ from person to person, therefore it is the new assessor's responsibility to arrange the office in a manner which suits himself, rather than criticize his predecessor. The assessing activities for the Town of Hague were ceased soon after "Slip's" death, by order of Supervisor Bolton in a letter dated November 21, 1990; therefore the working office of Clifton Frasier was left intact and not prepared for transition.

Mr. LaRose has claimed that there are update file errors. It must be emphasized that property assessments were not based on the new files, as Mr. LaRose can confirm. These errors can result from poor keypunching at the state and county offices, built-in rejections in the computer program and occasional clerical mistakes. The assessors were fully aware of these errors on the computer print-out reports and were going to make corrections when time permitted, prior to the production of an updated assesment role.

It appears that Mr. LaRose's job will be made much easier than his predecessors through his appointment and strong backing by the town board, which delayed an update project three times in four years.

In closing we believe that Mr. LaRose should be grateful that: as a non -Hague resident he was awarded the position, he has a secretary and three field data collectors, and the assessors office may finally receive its long awaited access to a computer.

Former members of the Board of Assessors: Clinton Frasier
David Martucci

CHAMBER ANNOUNCES 1991 BASS TOURNAMENT

Hague will again host the NYS Bass Federation's "Opener" Tournament on June 15 and 16, 1991. The weekend will see fishermen and their families enjoying a fun-filled weekend of practice fishing, sunning on the beach, enjoying area attractions, dining at the now-famous Saturday night Firemen's Steak Roast, and participating in the actual Tournament.

Both the BASS Federation and the Hague Chamber have agreed to aggressively pursue methods of improving the release of fish. The Chamber is currently working on a special fish release program to return the bass to deeper waters. This program is anticipated to be operational by the Tournament this June. BASS Federation President Mike Zazulli reflected that this new program shows the degree of commitment by both Hague and the Federation to protect the fish. The Federation has had an enviable

record of 98% live release during the past nine years.

Town Supervisor Dick Bolton has echoed the sentiments of the Chamber, stating, "We look forward to the Federation "Opener" each June. There has been an excellent relationship with the Federation, and we look forward to many years of continued "Openers."

... Kathy Santaniello

NATURE NEWS

Laura Meade

Peepers are "peeping", cardinals are whistling from treetops, phoebes are building nests under eaves, driveways are muddy, bluebirds (and tree swallows) are invetigating nest boxes, beavers are constructing dams, thunder and lightning and heavy rain enliven the night, Lake George is ice-free, and fishermen are casting for salmon at the mouth of Hague Brook. It's SPRING!

As of April 9, the unusual summer-like weather caused coltsfoot, hepatica, bluets and one trailing arbutus to bloom ahead of schedule on the hills above Hague. (Are those wildflowers making a mistake?) Perhaps red trillium, early meadow rue and wild oats will be pushing up through forest leaves before long.

CATNIP, ANYONE?

Clifton West is offering catnip plants to anyone who is interested (before he digs them up)

DEJA VU

From the NY Times 4/5/91 (sent to us by Erv DeGraft)
TOWN HALL VOTE A LITTLE EARLY. Scarborough, ME, April 5 (AP) —A day after voters rejected a plan to build a new Town Hall in this suburb of Portland, the floor of the old one nearly caved in. As council members gathered around a desk during a meeting on Wednesday, they heard a loud noise and the floor sagged several inches. Ed. How many remember when this happened at the old Town Hall?

WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

Without question last weekend's weather was to me the most interesting and exciting of the month. Last Friday it was 60° lakeside. Saturday it was a pure spring fever day with 70° temperatures and beautiful skies. Sunday the thermometer reached 82°. It was just like summer minus the tourists and the bugs. The birds are back and by their melodius voices it sounded as though they enjoyed the weekend weather as much as the locals.

Sunday night brought the most sensual south winds. They were warm and steady and fragrant and lasted throughout the evening. They increased in velocity as the night deepened. We had exceptionally high winds on Thursday, April 11 reaching 56 mph. Power was out in the afternoon for about anhour. Tonight, April 12 there is a frost warning. Many of the buds that emerged during last week's warm spell will suffer tonight. By the March solstice, the 20th, most of the ice on this part of the lake had disappeared but some remained by the Harbor Islands until the 27th.

This is one of the most exciting times of the year as people are commencing yard and garden duties.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Wendy Heritage

With summer just over the foreseeable horizon and the onset of school summer vacations plus extended outdoor activities, we'd like to cover some of the emergencies we may encounter.

Let's begin with a look at our children and some of the "surprises" they may present to us. From the start, remember children are not "little adults", they are hurt easier and the extent of an injury or illness may be harder to detect. Not that every bump, bruise or sneeze will be life threatening, but neither should these same bumps, bruises or sneezes be ignored. Question your child about how they hurt themselves (the "mechanism of injury") and how badly it really hurts. Is there loss of movement or pain to an arm, leg, hand, foot, or specific area of injury? Don't hesitate to call your family doctor or go to the emergency room. With a child it is always better to be safe than sorry.

This is also the time of the year for colds, bronchitis, asthma and the onset of allergy season. An infant or child can have the same breathing problems as an adult and with the weather as undecided as it is, colds and bronchitis are not uncommon. But, there are certain additional problems that are common in children. #1 - croup-caused by any number of viruses, it causes inflammation (or swelling) of the back of the mouth, throat and into the bronchial tubes. This may follow a cold or other respiratory infection. A seal-like bark sounding cough will develop as well as difficulty in breathing. #2. Epiglottitis - this is usually a bacterial infection that causes swelling of the spiglottis (the flap of tissue that closes over the wind pipe when swallowing so food or liquids do not enter the lungs) and may cause a partial or complete obstruction of the windpipe. There will be a sudden onset of high fever and difficulty swallowing; often the child will drool to avoid swallowing. DO NOT force the child to lie down. With any incident involving a child's illness or injury, try to remain calm. Panic, stress, excessive worry by a parent or loved one is easily transmitted to the child and will only make handling or treatment more difficult for everyone involved.

Please, with children, do not rely on home remedies for accidents or illnesses. If there is any question about your child's health or well being, call your doctor, see the doctor in the emergency room, or call 9-1-1 for an ambulance.

Now a quick discussion on common heat related emergencies.

1. Heat Cramps - recognized by severe muscle cramps (usually legs and abdomen), exhaustion, sometimes dizziness or fainting. Move the person to a nearby cool place. Provide liquids such as Gatorade or lightly salted water. Massage cramped muscles firmly. If little or no improvement is noted, call your doctor or call 9-1-1 for an ambulance.

2. Heat Exhaustion - recognized by rapid, shallow breathing, weak pulse, cold and clammy skin, heavy perspiration, body weakness and dizziness. Move the person to a nearby cool place if possible. Keep person resting. Remove enough clothing to cool person down without chilling (watch for shivering). Provide fluids (as in #1). Call your doctor or call 9-1-1 for an ambulance.

3. Heatstroke - by far the most serious, recognized by deep breaths then shallow breathing. Rapid, strong pulse then rapid weak pulse. Dry, hot skin, loss of consciousness is possible. Seizure of muscle twitching may be seen. Call 9-1-1 for an ambulance immediately! Keep patient cool in any manner and try to remove from sun or heat source. Remain calm and stay with person until help arrives.

These are basic emergencies that can be avoided by following your own common sense. If work, chores or play can be done early in the day or late afternoon to evening when temperatures are cooler, by all means do them then. If work, chores or play are scheduled for the hottest part of the day

remain well hydrated by replacing fluids lost by sweating, rest often and be aware of any symptoms that may occur.

The ambulance squad and fire company are here for your use, do not hesitate to call us when there is a problem. We cannot replace your doctor or the hospital but we can be relied upon for assistance. Never hesitate to call with a problem or a question; we'll always give our best.

L GPC HEARING- RECREATIONAL RULES

Lake George Park Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 1991, 7:00PM, Bolton Town Hall, Route 9N, Bolton Landing on proposed amendments to Lake George Park Regulations relating to "Recreational Activities" on Lake George and establishing Special Navigational Rules. Written public comments are given equal weight to oral statements and can be submitted to the Commission office any time prior to April 26, 1991.

LGPC's regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18 at 10AM at the Lake George Town Center, Old Post Road, Lake George, NY.

These meetings are open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend.

EXTENSION ON LANDFILL CLOSING

On March 29, 1991 DEC notified Supervisor Bolton that a six month extension was granted to the closing of the Hague Landfill. This puts the date for stopping the landfilling of solid waste at October 1, 1991. This announcement came after months of lengthy negotiations involving Town Supervisors, County and Town Attorneys, and DEC.

DEC still requires that a dedicated fund be established to be used toward the cost of capping the site. After negotiations, the state has allowed that some of this fund can be used toward solid waste operations. This brings the state mandate more in line with Hague's planned budget for landfill operations in 1991.

Hague compactor bags and disposal tickets will be available at the Community Center beginning April 15 during normal Town hours. Use of bags and disposal tickets will begin on April 22. For further information, contact John Breitenbach, Jr. at 543-6161. . . JBjr.

NEW ART EXHIBIT AT HANCOCK HOUSE

A students' art exhibit is now on display at the Hancock House Art Gallery in Ticonderoga. Students in grades 7-12 in Ticonderoga High School, Ticonderoga Middle School, Willsboro Central School and Moriah Central School are displaying their works.

A reception was held on April 13 for the artists, their teachers and the general public. The exhibit will be on display through April 27. The public is cordially invited to visit the museum and gallery Wednesdays through Saturdays; from 10AM to 4PM.

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR TICKETS TO THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA CONCERT TO BE HELD MAY 28TH AT THE TICONDEROGA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. RESERVED SEAT TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE AT RADIO SHACK, TICONDEROGA AT \$15.00 EACH.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

One of our local boys who has been serving in the Persian Gulf has written to us on March 4 as follows:

Dear Mrs. Henry:

I am writing in regard to the Hague Chronicle I recently received.

Being in the military and on the move a lot you don't get a lot of news from the old home town. The Hague Chronicle isn't the New York Times but I enjoyed it more than if it had been the Times. I didn't miss a word, they all were read.

Mail here is far and few between and the best morale booster to all soldiers here. By publishing my address, I have received many letters.

Thank you.

It looks like things here are about over. It's just a matter of cleaning it all up now.

So in a few days we'll be leaving here and returning to Saudi Arabia. With any luck we'll be in the U.S. by the 1st of May.

Throughout this entire ordeal I've learned, I'd do it again!

Again, thanks for the paper and let the town know I appreciate their support. Sincerely, /s/ Ed Frasier

We received another letter from Robert L. and Page Bancroft, Amherst MA and summer residents of Silver Bay, dated March 13. This is in response to the letter from Brian Batease which was published in the February issue:

Dear Friends:

When IAC Brian Batease was in the Middle East writing the letter that you excerpt in the February Hague Chronicle, he had a concern that, at least for the short run, has proved groundless. Almost all Americans--maybe 90% -- supported the Gulf war, and there will be no coolness in the reception of returning members of the armed services.

Vietnam was different; opposition had time to grow as the television brought scenes of the real war and we became aware of 'body counts', chemical spraying, and hundreds of young Americans missing in action or coming home dead or disabled. More and more of us learned to hate everything about the Vietnam War.

U.S. citizens' reaction to the Gulf war has been in extreme contrast to what they came to feel about Vietnam. This latest war was quick, the cost in U.S. lives was considered small (unless you were counting someone you loved who did not survive), and it was seen as an unquestionable military victory all the way.

A further explanation for the very small opposition to President Bush's war policy is that, according to recent surveys, not even one quarter of us knew many background facts. And the less we knew, the surveys tell us, the more likely we were to be pro-war. Had we known, for example, that the U.S. helped build the power of Saddam Hussein and that our ambassador to Iraq gave Saddam a green light to invade Kuwait, we could have had our doubts. We might have joined protest demonstrations, which were not against the troops as Brian Batease thought, but against the making of the war.

Sooner or later the whole story of the attack and what led up to it will reach the consciences of a wider American public; then many more of us will be burdened with the unbearable horror of what we have done to our earth and to tens of thousands of its people. When that time comes, Americans must continue to be friendly, supportive, and respectful toward their friends and neighbors who are home from the Gulf War.

Sincerely, /s/ Page Bancroft, Robert L. Bancroft

Ed: Since this letter was written some of the points have been clarified in news broadcasts.

Recycling Tip: Take your own bag (canvas, plastic, paper, etc.) shopping with you.

WARREN/WASHINGTON COUNTY MEDIATION SERVICES

Warren/Washington Mediation Services plans to expand its panel of volunteer mediators by conducting a 25 hour training in community mediation skills.

Training will be held the evenings of May 14, 17, 23 and the days of May 18 and May 19. The training will be conducted according to guidelines furnished by the Office of Courts Administration, which sponsors the program.

Mediation is a private, confidential, and informal process which brings people in disagreement together with an impartial mediator to discuss and clarify misunderstandings. Mediators do not render judgements, assign blame, or establish guilt. Their role is to facilitate communication so that a clear understanding of the issues are achieved. In addition, mediators act as neutral third parties, discussion leaders, and facilitators.

Anyone interested in making application to attend the training should call 1(518) 793-3587 (Mon., Wed., Frid.) or (518) 642-1237 (Tues., Thurs.)

WILDERNESS EXPLORATION TRIP

The Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Program in Warren County is conducting a four day 4-H Wilderness Exploration Trip on July 16-19. This trip is open to any Warren County youth, 14-48 years of age. The group will be canoeing from Long Lake to the Raquette River Canoe Access Site near Tupper Lake. The cost of the trip is \$20.00 per participant.

The trip is designed to give youth basic knowledge of the Adirondack environment, including its forest and wildlife. Low Impact camping is stressed, developing in youth an attitude that they are part of, and not apart from the environment in which they live.

Activities on the trip will include woodlore and safety, identification of forest trees and wildlife, compass and map skills, improving canoeing skills, fishing and swimming.

The trip is well chaperoned, and is under the leadership of an experienced, licensed NYS Adirondack Guide with certification in Red Cross Advanced Lifesaving and as a NYS Emergency Medical Technician.

To pre-register, or for information, contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office, Schroon River Road, HCR 02, Box 23B, Warrensburg, NY 12885. (Phone: 623-3291 or 668-4881).

GIFTS RECEIVED BY HAGUE MUSEUM

The picture of the Hague Hunting Club given by Clifford and Betty Decker has been framed by Frank Koenig and will be on display.

From Mr. Meola: two Arts Fair posters painted by Sharon Meola.

A record player formerly used in the Music Room of the Hague Central School.

A beautiful pillow top done by Bessie West around 1920 has been made into a pillow and is in the lobby display cabinet. Jackie Amber did the work for us. The cover is made of miniature Turkish rugs that came in package of Hassen cigarettes.

TONGUE MT. CLAIMS ANOTHER LIFE

On Saturday, April 6 a 29-yr. old Schenectady man lost control of the motorcycle he was riding on Tongue Mt. He was one of three cyclists heading north on Rt. 9N when he drifted into some loose sand on the shoulder of the road. He apparently bled to death from a leg wound. This was the second day the victim had owned the cycle.

CORNELL'S LAWN-CARE ADVICE

Spring is the best time to test soil. It should be done every two or three years and taken to a garden center or cooperative extension office to find out what kind of fertilizer is needed and whether the soil's pH should be corrected. Grass grows best when soil has a pH reading between 6.0 and 7.0.

Early spring is also a good time to apply a crabgrass herbicide, just when the forsythias drop their blossoms. Dandelion control, on the other hand, is most effective in the fall.

Mow the lawn when it is between two and three inches high, and don't cut the lawn shorter than two inches. Giving the lawn a "crew-cut" may promote weed invasions and roots that are more susceptible to insects, diseases, heat and drought.

Allow clippings to remain on the lawn, which not only recycles nutrients but can also reduce fertilizer needs by one-third.

Don't overwater your lawn; water is precious and too much watering may promote leaching. Lawns need 1-1/2" to 2" of water per week during the midsummer. Shortages in rainfall should be supplemented with lawn watering. Water the lawn three to four times a week until this amount is reached. . . Cornell Univ. News Service

LAKE GEORGE PARK ASSOCIATION

The LGA has published a pamphlet entitled "Who's Doing What To Protect Lake George?" It is a guide to area conservation groups and government agencies. The pamphlet includes the LGA, the LGA Fund, the L. G. Park Commission, the L.G. Basin Land Conservancy, Warren County Lake Affairs Committee, and Boat Patrols - their addresses and their functions.

The pamphlets are available at the LGA office, P.O. Box 408, Lake George, NY 12845.

SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION NEWS

The 91-year old Inn at the Silver Bay Association is undergoing major restoration. The 209-bed inn built by Silas Paine as a private hotel in 1900 became the main guest quarters for the non-profit conference center when it opened in 1902.

Approximately \$500,000 will be spent over the next few years to improve the facility while restoring its Victorian character. Renovation of two guest room floors and the porch which wraps around three sides of the structure have begun. The second floor of guest rooms will be gutted to create nine rooms with private baths. On the third floor, public bathrooms/shower rooms will be

upgraded and guest rooms will be restored using period fixtures, furnishings and finishes.

The inn will operate routinely and service to conference groups won't be affected during the work. The center also has guest accommodations for 400 persons in other facilities on the campus.

Silver Bay was chartered 89 years ago by the State of New York as a Christian Conference and Training Center. Silver Bay is also a Young Men's Christian Association, part of an international movement 147 years old and active in nearly 100 countries.

The International Leadership Conference is an international visitation program bringing 220 students at a time for a ten day tour in the U.S. The students have come from universities and training institutes in the Soviet Union. The group includes faculty and administrators from the represented universities, members of Soviet media and occasionally a representative from a city council or other local governing agency co-sponsoring the program.

The purpose of the visit is to give the future leaders of the Soviet Union, at a time when there is significant unrest and prospects of great change, first hand exposure to life in the U.S. There are also extensive discussions of spiritual values and beliefs with an emphasis on the unification principle. They are intelligent, articulate young people clearly capable of making up their own minds.

While the Unification Church, through its Unification Principle, presents a worldview that is overly simplistic to many, and exercises practices that are foreign and suspect to Westerners, it is recognized as a legitimate religion by the State and as such has the same rights of access to the Silver Bay campus as other religions. Silver Bay does not endorse the beliefs or values of a group by hosting it.

The opportunity to host hundreds of students from the Soviet Union does allow us to witness, as Christians, to our faith through serving others and to give a large number of Soviet students a close view of a special place and people, those of Hague and the Adirondacks. Many friends in Hague and Ticonderoga have seen the students walking on 9N during their recreational periods. It is a Soviet tradition to walk for exercise and social time together. They enjoy meeting Americans and taking with them and have appreciated the chance to visit with folks here. . . Mark Johnson, Silver Bay Executive Director

SMALL POST OFFICES, BEWARE!

In an article in the NY Times, March 9, 1991, the small town of Washington, CT which is composed of several small villages, each with its own post office, has been told that the Post Office Department plans to build a huge new facility that is within walking distance of precisely nothing! The current post offices are within walking distance of stores, churches, doctors' offices, etc. They are a community gathering place. The postal employees know when people have not picked up their mail and find out if they are o.k. In Hague you can always find someone who would pick up your mail for you, or carry it out to the car, if you were temporarily incapacitated. In Washington they justified the closings by saying that the one post office is jammed with mail (because the Postal Service is directing three zip codes into it for sorting!) and that the other station is not making money (because more than (Cont. on page 8) 4/91

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\$150,000 in annual bulk mailing fees were diverted from it. The article points out a warning to other small towns. "Watch for changes in your postal service. Beware of a tiny ad in the newspaper about available facilities. The U.S. Postal Service is out there waiting to rip the heart out of your town so that they can build a pseudo-efficient facility miles away in an abandoned cow pasture."

If you hear that this is happening (Moriah has already lost one post office), perhaps the time has begun to fight. Addresses for letter writers:

Mr. Reginald Poulin, Director of Field Operations GMF, 30 Old Karner Rd., Albany, NY 12288-998 with a copy to Postmaster General Anthony Frank, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20260-6333.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

If you are a veteran with a service-connected disability rated 40 percent or greater by the VA, you can enjoy the sport of fishing with a free fishing license. To qualify, a veteran has to provide proof of his or her current 40 percent or greater disability rating

There are others also who can fish New York's waters without spending \$9.50 for a license. New Yorkers in the military and stationed outside the state can fish without a license as long as they are home on leave for no more than 30 days.

Also, veterans in VA medical facilities in NYS are eligible to fish free of charge. NY's disabled veterans - those with a 40% or greater disability - also can obtain a NYS "Access Pass" that allows them to use, free of charge, facilities operated by the NYS Office of Parks and Recreation and the DEC.

To honor military men and women stationed in Hawaii during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Congress is issuing a special medal to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the "Day of Infamy".

Service personnel in Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941, and certain civilian employees of the War Dept. and Navy Dept. who were killed or wounded in the attack, or their survivors, are eligible for the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal.

Applications for the medal can be obtained from the State Veteran Counseling Center at Warren Co. Municipal Center Annex, Lake George, NY (518) 761-6343 or through a toll-free number, 1-800-545-4052, which has been established by the Dept. of Defense.

The bronze, one and one-half inch commemorative medals, produced by the U.S. Mint, will be presented to qualified individuals by members of Congress.

ADIRONDACK COUNCIL SUPPORTS LOCAL GOVTS. IN STATE TAX FIGHT

The Adirondack Council expressed its strong opposition to a budget to be submitted on behalf of the governor to dramatically reduce state tax payments to local governments for state-owned lands.

"The so-called 'transitional assessment' bill would save the state millions of dollars over the next several years," said AC spokesman, Bernard C. Melewski. "But it would cripple local towns and school districts and drive local taxes up dramatically.

"On some lands, the state has been paying more than

its fair share of taxes," Melewski said. "But kicking the chair out from under local taxpayers is not the way to solve this problem."

Due to a recent reassessment of state-owned lands within the Adirondack Park, tax bills are expected to decline on many of those properties. Under the current system, the state would gradually (over a period of years) lower its tax payments until they reached the newly set tax level. That gives local governments time to adjust their budgets.

The proposed bill would eliminate the transition period and allow the state to drop its tax payments immediately to the new level.

The Adirondack Council opposed a similar bill in 1990.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING

"Equine Images '91" opens the Spring season at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga on Friday, May 17, 1991. The second annual student art show runs in the Museum's Special Exhibition Gallery through June 3, 1991. Saratoga Springs Junior and Senior High Schools students will display in four categories: Photography, Sculpture, Painting and Drawing.

The exhibition is open free of charge in the Special Exhibition Gallery.

REDUCE YOUR STORMWATER PROBLEM

From LGPC come the following suggestions:

1. Avoid the use of fertilizers and pesticides - lawn fertilizers also fuel aquatic plant and algae growth.
2. Limit area of impervious surfaces on your property. Use gravel in place of blacktop for driveways and permeable surfaces for patios and sidewalks (consult your material supplier for various permeable masonry products).
3. Store or dispose of lawn clippings where they won't be washed into a stream or water body. Clean up wastes from domestic animals.
4. Limit use of winter sand and salt to melt snow and ice - clean up residue as soon as possible.
5. Limit your disturbance of natural conditions. Save trees and natural cover whenever possible.
6. If you are building, be sure the contractor has written plans to provide for erosion and sediment control. Help is available from your County Soil Conservation Service.
7. Avoid using strong chemicals or detergents when washing houses, cars, boats, etc. Wash cars on lawns rather than in streets or driveways.
8. Recycle or dispose of all used automotive fluids properly. Don't drain used oil into stormsewers.
9. Route, direct or channel stormwater to areas where it will be retained and absorbed by the soil.
10. Support community plans to improve stormwater management.

A curious bird sitting at the tip of Lennis Lenape Island, its long white neck curving & rolling in the waters as the ice broke out. As waves churned and the winds blew, the red cascade down the long white neck was discovered to be a red & white buoy that had been pinned down under the ice during the lake winter freeze! bdg

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Kara Rene, to Shirley and Andrew Cox, Dodd Hill Rd, Hague, on March 7, 1991. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Howard Davis.

BORN - A girl, Jamie Rita, to Tom and Ann Snow on March 17 in North Adams, MA. Grandparents are Barb and Tink Snow, Hague.

BORN - A girl, Elizabeth, to Jessica (Morris) and Don Clendaniel, Detroit, MI on March 29. Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Morris, Hague.

DIED - Dr. William Vilardo, 76, a physician/surgeon for forty-four years in Ticonderoga, on March 20 in Ticonderoga. He is survived by his wife, Helen (Beers), four sons, two daughters and thirty grandchildren.

DIED - George A. Ostrander 78, Route 8 Hague, formerly of Bergenfield, NJ, on April 2 at Moses Ludington Hospital.. He is survived by his wife, Irene (Tricka) four sons, a step-son, 15 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

ELIZABETH DeFRANCO, daughter of JoAnn and David DeFranco, Hague, has been named to the Champlain Valley Athletic Council All-Star Gymnastics Team for the third consecutive year. "Liz" has been a member of the Sentinel gymnastics team for the past four years.

LAURA MILLER, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John A. Miller, Yonkers, NY and Silver Bay, will graduate May 26 from Cornell University as a Civil Engineer.

At the recent D.W. Griffith Film Awards presented in NYC by the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures, John DeGraff was Associate Director and Producer. The D.W.Griffith Award for motion picture excellence is the oldest award in motion picture history, named for the early film director, David Wark Griffith.

A special April issue of BUSINESS WEEK magazine will feature a section celebrating the centennial of Carnegie Hall. Bill DeGraff is Director of this special commemorative section. A history of Carnegie Hall together with articles by leading musicologists and personalities will be featured in this April issue. Both Jack and Bill DeGraff are sons of Mr. & Mrs. Erv DeGraff, Hague.

FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students attending Ticonderoga High School have been listed on the honor roll for the fourth marking period:

First Honors: ELIZABETH DeFRANCO, TONY DeFRANCO, CAROLYN DYKSTRA, MICHELLE WATERS, VICKI WATERS

Second Honors: ALISON LaCOURSE, RICHARD COBB, LISA COBB, JENNI OWENS, KELLY YAW.

*In the spring a livelier iris changes on the burnished dove;
In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. . .*

SPRING SPORTS ROSTER

The following Hague students are participating in the spring sports program at Ti High School:

Varsity Baseball, Daniel Dorsett; JV Softball, Elizabeth DeFranco, Lea Porter; Girls' Track, Allison LaCourse; Boys' Track, Tony DeFranco. GO TI GO!

Jessica Ward is competing in Modified Softball at the Middle School.

MLH FACING BIG PROBLEMS

Moses Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga is facing a possible closing unless the Board comes up with a financial plan which will be acceptable to the state Dept. of Health, the federal Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and the Dept. of Health and Human Services. A meeting to present this plan is scheduled for April 16.

Mr. William Philion, interim administrator for the hospital has been leading the fight to save the hospital for the past six months. He held the position of chief administrator at the Glens Falls Hospital before his retirement and is now employing his experience and expertise in the field toward the hospital's survival, and all as a volunteer! President of the Board Kay Gunnison said "The whole community should be thanking him for working to keep health care in the community." The Chamber of Commerce has been promoting a letter writing campaign to help with the meeting on April 16.

The six children of Doctor Vilardo have written an appeal as follows:

SAVE OUR HOSPITAL:

On March 20, 1991, our father, Dr. William Vilardo, a long time Ticonderoga physician and community activist, died at the age of 76. The last 44 years of our father's life was unselfishly devoted to his medical practice and his advocacy of the Moses-Ludington Hospital. It is ironic that this hospital which he so energetically supported during his career may die with him.

We have learned that the state has given Moses-Ludington a month to get its financial house in order, otherwise it will be closed. The continued operation of the hospital will require good management on the part of the hospital administration, but more importantly, it needs to be actively used and financially supported by the community. Good wishes alone will not guarantee its survival.

Some of us live in larger communities where medical care has become impersonal and time consuming and we are envious of the type of medical care that is readily available in Ticonderoga. It is often said that people do not appreciate something they possess until they lose it. If Moses-Ludington is lost, the Ticonderoga community will be the poorer for it.

The vitality of the community and the level of available medical care depends to a great extent on the viability of the hospital. There will be more incentive for good doctors to come to the Ticonderoga area if they know they can avail themselves of a well-staffed hospital.

Before it is too late, we urge the people of Ticonderoga and the surrounding communities to do all in their power to save this much needed institution.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL/MAY 1991

April

- 16 Fish and Game Club - 7:30PM, Clubhouse
- 17 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 18 LGPC meeting, 10AM, Lake George (p5)
- 18 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM - Church of the Cross
- 19 Hague Historical Society -(see p 2)
- 22 BEGINNING DAY OF NEW LANDFILL REGS. (see p1)
- 23 Senior Citizens lunch at Old Schoolhouse. Meeting to follow at Town Center (see p2)
- 23 LGPC public hearing on recreational activities, 7PM, Bolton Town Hall (p5)
- 24 School Board meeting, 7:30PM THS Cafeteria
- 25 Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30PM - Town Center
- 25 Planetarium "Spring Stargazer's Show" - THS, 7:30PM
- 26 Final date for petitions for school board due
- 29 School Board budget workshop in Hague - 7:30PM

May

- 1 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 1 Workshop on total expenditure needs and available revenue for school - 7:30PM THS Cafeteria
- 1 American Legion, 7:30PM Legion Home
- 1 Chamber of Commerce, 7:30PM, Town Center
- 2 Planning Board meeting, 7:30PM, Town Center
- 3 Rummage Sale, Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga
- 8 Public hearing on school budget - THS Cafeteria
- 14 Town Board meeting, 6:30PM
- 15 Adoption of budget by School Board - 7:30PM THS
- 16 Warren County Senior Citizens lunch, Silver Bay (p2)
- 17 Copies of proposed school budget available at office
- 29 Vote on proposed 1991-92 school budget and election of school board members. Vote in Hague.

Veterans' Administration representative in Community Center every Thursday, 11AM

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And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in that springing of the year.
... Robert Frost*

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