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Dear Hague:

"We will do this again." "It was a success." "We had a fantastic time." Over 200 people came out on May 6 for a day of activities and socializing. The sun was shining, the breeze was blowing away the black flies, and the temperature was perfect! Who could have ordered a better day for the Hague Community Day at the Silver Bay Association.

The kids were playing and laughing as Dan B., Dave H., Blacky F., Lu M., Blacky M. II and Dave D. came rolling in with shining town vehicles. Behind them were two sheriff's cars--no, they were not in trouble! Inside these law enforcement vehicles were three officers who were very informative, gracious and drooling...? The third officer was from the K-nine unit! I bet they would have loved a piece of Betty B.'s first prize apple pie!

Excitement was rising--bridge was in full swing (the major Poop won the trophy), while sand volleyball, crafts and kid's play were happening. But if you think that's all that was going on, you're wrong! The Inn lobby was filled with displays and activities that gave pride to our community. Let me tell you, Hague has a lot of talent! Laura M. had the birds out. Rudy M. had a group of seven young ladies bring back 20 out of 21 things on a difficult scavenger hunt. Dennis T. had the dribblers out on the basketball court. Lanny was helping the archers make their mark. The clown, yes, I said "clown," was being chased by the kids. Mike M. had softball going hot and heavy and Jim B. was slinging those balloons around!

But what's that on the tennis courts? It is, no, it could not be...but it is...a miniature golf course! The line was there all day. Gentlemen, you have outdone yourselves! And there goes Jules H. with another tour group who appreciated a "look see" of the campus, particularly the new gym.

Are you feeling like you're running out of steam? Well, Michelle B.'s Marriot staff and dedicated volunteers were preparing a pasta feast--yum, yum! Who would have guessed that pasta + bingo = a hit. Yes, bingo numbers were

being called out in all directions. And for those who were concerned, Dave D. did get a card, just not one of the winning ones like Alison R. (twice), Joey P., Jill B., Andrew P., Georgina L., Andrew T., Jules H., Jan W., and Kay H.

It was 7 PM and the evening was just beginning. "I'll take *Battling It Up for 500*." Yes, we played a hilarious and exciting game of Hague Jeopardy. And believe me, this group was glued to their seats. Our Hague's Alex Trebeck and Vanna White (we stole her from *Wheel of Fortune*) had the audience "questioning everything." A special thank you to Clifton W., Laura M., Marty M/ and other knowledge tippers--they were the "answers" behind the questions. (Refer to the TV show for clarification.)

David H. had the match waiting to warm us by the bonfire. The night was growing cooler but the warmth of the fire, friends and our community *shone!*

As if this day were not long enough, a group headed to Watson to kick up their heels for line dancing but we only lasted 45 minutes. Yes, it was time to end this special day. Good night and sweet dreams!

Warmest regards,
Helen B.

P.S. These are only a few highlights of the day. A very special THANK YOU to all the many volunteers. You all outdid yourselves with spirit, work, pride and thoughtfulness for the community!

We don't need more strength or more ability or greater opportunity. What we need is to use what we have.
Basil S. Walsh

NEXT COMMUNITY EVENT AT SBA

On May 28 from 5-7 PM the Hague Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Pasta Buffet at the Silver Bay Association dining hall. See details on Page 4).

School Budget Update

On May 3, the Ti Central School District held a public "workshop" to discuss its draft 1995-1996 budget. The budget was scheduled for School Board approval on May 10 and for public vote on June 7. The spending figure to be approved by the Board was not available at press time, and the amount of the tax levy is subject to change in any event because state aid figures and assessment rolls are not yet final.

However, unofficial calculations based on the draft budget presented at the workshop indicate Hague is likely to bear a significantly greater share of this year's projected tax levy increase. This is due to two factors: a lowering of Hague's equalization rate by the Division of Equalization and Assessment in Albany, and a reduction in Hague's tax base because of changes in individual valuations. The school itself has no control over these factors.

The only thing the school can control is the spending level. Ticonderoga's Association of Concerned Taxpayers spoke out at the workshop to ask the Board to consider reductions in the 1995-1996 draft spending plan, projected at a 4.8% increase over this year, in order to reduce its anticipated tax rate impact, particularly on Hague taxpayers at this time.

The taxpayer group has also noted at public meetings that much of the agony we go through each year, including the often exorbitant swings in equalization rates, could be alleviated by following the lead of other states and changing the school funding system to reduce the current overdependence on the local property tax. New York State ranks second in its per pupil cost but near the bottom in the percentage of aid it provides local districts. New Yorkers now pay the highest local taxes in the nation, with most of that coming from the property tax.

There are proposals in the legislature to change the system, and momentum seems to be building to actually get something enacted, but it needs a further push. Messages from constituents seeking change are essential, even if you've already sent one before. If you agree that change is needed, you may want to call or write Assemblyman Jim King, Legislative Office Building Room 722, Albany NY 12248 (518-455-5565) or Senator Ron Stafford, Room 502 The Capitol, Albany NY 12247 (518-455-2811).

The Ti taxpayer group would be happy to discuss this issue with Hague residents and hopes taxpayers from both our towns can work together to encourage change rather than having to do battle every year or two over equalization rates. Anyone interested may call John Whiteley, the group's School Committee Chairman at 585-6837.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

"Healing Herbs" is the topic for our next program on Monday, June 12, 1995, 7PM at the Hague Community Center. Our speaker will be Shawn Schultz, a seventh generation herbalist. Ms. Schultz received her Master Herbalist degree from Wild Rose College, Alberta, Canada. She is registered as a medical herbalist with the American Herbalist Guild of California. Her grandfather was an American Indian. She believes herbs can be used as a natural therapy to remedy certain medical problems. Unlike all our other programs, which are free, there will be a \$1 fee to cover the speaker's travel expenses.

Women Helping Women is sponsoring a CPR Course June 17 from 10AM to 3PM at the Hague Community Center. Cost will be \$25 with sign up at the May 8th meeting.

This program is geared for women of all ages. We look forward to welcoming women from Ticonderoga, Putnam and Crown Point as well as Bolton Landing and Glens Falls.

Women Helping Women is a group of women who meet the second Monday of each month with guest speakers covering topics concerned with women's well being - physical, emotional, social and intellectual. . . . VJDB

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

On May 23 Hague senior citizens will have a special treat at their regular meeting at 1:30PM in the Community Center. Rev. and Mrs. David Hooten, who are temporarily residing with her mother, Lollie (Mrs. Jack) Armes on Split Rock Road, will be the guest speakers.

The Hootens and their two children were missionaries in Rwanda for seven years before escaping with their lives in April 1994 to Tanzania. They have been residing in Hague since December and their two children are enrolled in the Ticonderoga School System. Mrs. Hooten has been volunteering at the school while she is here. They plan to return to Africa this summer.

There will be a time for questions and refreshments will be served following the meeting. Please plan to attend.

Dates to Remember--School Budget Timetable	
May 24--	Latest date for copies of the Proposed 1995-96 Budget to be available for public release.
May 30--	Voter Registration, 1-6 PM, Ticonderoga High School and Hague Community Center
June 7--	Vote on Proposed 1995-96 School Budget and Election of Members to the Board of Education--Ticonderoga High School.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

At the April 27 meeting of the ZBA Mr. Levy, owner of property (61-1-15), formerly The Hearth, now operating as Ody's Restaurant, requested a use variance to re-establish a restaurant with bar in a TR1 zone. Along with the new application was additional information which Mr. Levy hoped would prove hardship. Discussion followed and there will be a site plan visit during May. At the May meeting a public hearing will be held at 7PM.

Other cases included:

Maiaro (20-1-35) Decker Hill Rd. boat storage. Again project was put on hold.

Lazarus (66-1-13) - deck. The board is waiting for a response from Warren County Planning Board.

Judith Kenna was interviewed for the remaining seat open on the board.

TOWN BOARD MEETING

With a school budget vote fast approaching in June, Dr. Collins, Superintendent, was at the May 9 Hague Town Board Meeting to answer residents' questions. Several positions have been cut in Special Education, no programs have been expanded and the summer band has been deleted. However, Hague again is paying a larger share at 43% than Ti at a 57% rate.

Councilman Meola questioned additional fees paid to the town attorney for landfill work. It was stated that when Mr. McDonald was hired on retainer, he was not involved in the landfill and this was extra but necessary work.

Several communications were read and included:

• A letter of complaint about an eyesore on Rt. 8 in Graphite. Superintendent Belden, upon investigating, was assured that since it is private property, the town has no jurisdiction to do anything.

• The Home Bureau, as its community project, would like to contribute \$300 and requested the board's suggestions for its use.

• Clough Harbour was asked to evaluate the inclusion of Hollow and Robbins Roads in the sewer plan. After study, they stated that without additional grant money, it was not possible to include these roads. Since grant money is hard to get, and getting more difficult, we are to remain with the original plan.

• Women Helping Women has approached the board with a sketch of their idea for filling the loft area (where the canoe rested for years) with an exhibit of sport items. The board approved their generous donation.

• Judith Kenna was approved as a member of the ZBA and will take her seat at their next meeting.

In unfinished business:

• The state has agreed to a one-year pilot program at Rogers Rock campsite. The original plan

was for 52 moorings. This number has now been cut to 25. Boaters must have a rented campsite in order to use the moorings.

• The Fire Department Rummage Sale at the old Town Hall opens for business on Memorial Day Weekend.

• We will buy the bridge property from Ti School District and they will pay all transferral of deeds costs.

• June 13 at 6 PM there will be a public hearing on Cable TV.

• Superintendent Belden worked to get us the \$400,000.00 HUD grant we have just received. These grants are not easy to come by.

• It is important to remember that separating your recyclables before they go to the landfill is important. After Memorial Day, there will be an area for magazines. They can be taken to the landfill any time it is open.

• Water Quality Area Survey at the brook will be completed in a few weeks.

• The assessor has been at the Center during the past week for those wishing to discuss their assessments. May 23 is the last grievance day and the Board of Assessment Review will meet that day from 4 to 8 PM.

• A survey is to be made of six acres of Swede Mt. land that will be bought by Warren County to be used to complete its communications system.

• A meeting to review landfill bids will be held on May 19 at 6 PM. There will be no public input although the public may attend.

• David DeLarm, Highway Superintendent, was approved to attend a conference in Ithaca on June 5 and 6.

• A charge of 10¢ per copy for individuals who provide their own paper will be initiated on June 1....gl

COMMUNITY DAY

The Silver Bay Association reached out to the residents of Hague when they held a Community Day on their campus on May 6. Exhibits and events filled the day with the full cooperation of the weather. Even a cooler breeze towards day's end did nothing to deter a constant flow of people playing Goofey Golf. The baseball diamond was kept busy as was the bow and arrow event, right up until the best event of the day, the delicious and inexpensive pasta supper. A game of Bingo was played at supper's end. This was followed by Jeopardy later at Morse Hall, then line dancing, and to top the day, a bonfire by the lake.

All this was under the supervision of Helen Barton, assistant program director. A "Thank You, Silver Bay, is certainly in order to the entire staff for a very pleasant and heart-warming day...gl

SILVER BAY WRITER'S VOICE

The Writer's Voice of the Silver Bay Association will be sponsoring a Children's Literature Writing Workshop, with Natalie Kinsey-Warnock on May 27 and 28.

June 3 & 4 - Cultural Stew Workshop/Writing from our Ethnic Backgrounds. Rachel Guido deVries.

June 9 - Reading: Carolyn Forche, National Readings Tour Writer, at 7PM at Morse Hall. Fee, \$5.00.

CUB SCOUT PACK 21 NEWS

Karen Costello

The Cubs of Dens 1 and 2 were awarded their Progress toward Ranks badges at the April pack meeting to signify their growth toward WOLF rank. Former Webelos Luke Frasier, John Costello and Peter Mack led us through the history of the B.S.A.. Displays were shown by the younger scouts of their craftsmanship and learning about nature's resources through research and pictures. A council representative, Corinna Woods from Pack 72, informed the pack of summer day camp held at Camp Wakpominee. This would be a great place for the Cubs to spend a fun and educational week of summer.

An otherwise gloomy day was brightened by the inspirational messages and colorful flag ceremonies presented at Silver Bay Assoc. on Sunday, April 30th. The historical council ring - the first BSA camp in the U.S., born in 1910 - was the site of an ecumenical service held to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the B.S.A. Scouts and families from the Mohican Council area filled the ring and the warmth of the symbolic campfire and the closeness of fellow Scouts gave us a sense of hope for our somewhat trouble-filled world. Words and ideas from leaders, 1st class, Star, Life, and Eagle Scouts encouraged all to lead lives that follow the 12 points of the Scout Law. Let's hope we can do that "as the Great Spirit requires". A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by many at the Silver Bay dining hall.

Scouts in attendance from Pack 21 - Jason Frasier (flag bearer), Josh Frasier, Jacob Lawrence, Drew Trombley and John Costello. Thanks for your service in bulletin distribution!

Many thanks for the bottle and can donations.

Tribute

While Dottie Henry, your editor and general coordinator for the Hague Chronicle, is away at family graduations, it seems a good time to sneak in a little box with a lot of thanks for all the work she does on this monthly publication. Dottie attends local meetings, does much of the writing of columns, coordinates the printing and mailing, all as a volunteer service to her community.

We appreciate Dottie and all the effort she gives so that we may all know what's going on in Hague, winter and summer. Hats off to Dottie! She does a great job!

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The month of April saw our Fire Department responding to one fire. Our ambulance crew was BUSY. Ambulance 740 made 6 runs and racked up 139 miles. Ambulance 741 had 3 runs and accounted for 406 miles. A total of 77 1/2 man hours.

EXTRA SPECIAL NOTICE: A fund raiser will be held on May 28 at Silver Bay Association from 5-7PM. This is a Pasta Buffet and word has circulated that this is a truly wonderful meal. Prices: \$7.50 for adults, \$5.50 for children under 12.

HVFD RUMMAGE SALE

Once again the Fire Department will be having its annual Rummage Sale at the OLD Town Hall. This rummage sale will be operated from May 26 to Sept. 30. Items will be accepted from May 22 to June 30. **NOTHING ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 30. DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING** unless an attendant is on duty. **NO LARGE** item accepted at the Town Hall at all; if you have a large appliance to donate, please come to the Town Hall and speak to an attendant and special arrangements will be made for acceptance. Clothing **MUST** be clean and in a state of good repair. Small appliances must be in working order...it **COSTS** the Fire Department to take these items to the landfill . . just as it does anyone else.

The rummage sale will be operated on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, beginning May 26 from 9AM to 2PM and Friday evenings from 6-8PM.

Here's your chance to clean your closets of good clean clothing - and here's an equal chance of acquiring new items to freshen up your wardrobe.

And if you received a new mixer (or blender, or toaster oven) for a gift, and your older model is still in good working order, it might be possible to find it a good home! . . .ea

On June 17 and 18, 1995, during the Bass Tournament Weekend, the Fire Department will hold a community garage sale under the tent in the Town Park. Table space will be available at \$5 per table per day. Hours on Saturday will be from 9 AM to 3 PM. Steak roast will follow from 5 to 7 PM. Garage sale hours on Sunday will be from 9 AM to 6 PM. To reserve your space under the tent, sign up at Silver Bay General Store. Reserve early. Limited space available...ea

We have too many high-sounding words,
and two few actions that correspond with them.

—Abigail Adams

If you want a place in the sun,
you must leave the shade of the family tree.

—Osage saying

CARTOON EXHIBIT TO BE HELD AT TOWN CENTER

An art and cartoon instructor, Corben Geis, from State College, PA, is coming to the Cartoon Show in Hague, NY on Memorial Weekend. He will present cartoon workshops for both students and adults, according to Chamber of Commerce spokesman, Stan Burdick.



CORBEN GEIS AS DRAWN BY CORBEN GEIS

Mr. Geis works behind the scenes doing cartoons and graphics for the well-known show, *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*. He plans to instruct any who wish during all three days of the May event, free of charge for ticket holders.

Corben Geis has worked in television on both coasts and is an editorial cartoonist for several national publications. He is currently employed as a newspaper and TV graphics artist for Accu-weather, teaches art to elementary school children, and has his own business. He is developing his own comic strip panel and will soon begin working on his full art education certification while residing in State College.

Some of Geis' most recent works include writing and illustrating a children's book and creating action news graphics for a CBS affiliate.

Tickets and information for the May 26-28 Comic and Editorial Cartoon Show may be obtained from Stan Burdick at PO Box 2678, Silver Bay, NY 12874, or 518-543-8824. The show is a first-of-its-kind event sponsored by the Hague Chamber of Commerce with a grant from the Warren County Decentralization Committee and the Council on the Arts.

NATURE NEWS

Laura Meade

If one drives to the end of Spring St. in Port Henry it is possible to get a great view of the Lake Champlain Bridge, and, by looking closely, one can also see a thicket of hawthorn trees which were planted by the British in the 1700's near the old French and British forts at the Crown Point Historic Site. Most of the four-mile long peninsula which extends from Routes 9N and 22 to the bridge can also be seen.

It is at the area of the hawthorn thicket that migrating birds have been caught in mist nets and banded by John M. C. "Mike" Peterson, a licensed bird bander, for nineteen years (during migration). Every morning at 5a.m. for two weeks in mid-May lightweight (almost invisible) nets are strung in open lanes at the hawthorn grove. All day and into the evening until 9p.m. when the nets are taken down, birds become trapped, unhurt. Peterson carefully removes each and notes the species, age and sex in a record book, then fixes a tiny bracelet with a registered number on one leg. This year the banding station will be full of activity from May 12-26.

Since the Crown Point Historic Site is open to the public

free of charge, visitors may wander to the banding location to observe and learn. The gate to the Historic Site will be open May 15-16 from 8a.m.-4:30p.m, even though the Visitor Center will be closed those days.

The Site officially opens May 17 when the gate will be unlocked from 8a.m.-7p.m. (except Mondays and Tuesdays when the gate closes at 4:30p.m.) Also early visitors may park outside and walk in, but should not block access to the gate and highway.

Over the past 19 years 85 different species of birds have been banded at this area, including 25 different species of warblers. Large birds, such as hawks, owls, ospreys and eagles are not caught and banded but small birds which can be held in one hand are often banded, then handed to a visitor to release. The early or late times are best for catching/releasing.

Would you enjoy holding an American Goldfinch or a Yellow-rumped Warbler or a Dark-eyed Junco? For several years excited kindergarteners from Ticonderoga have done just that. The children often speak of their experience at bird banding as "the best day."

Call me at 543-6060 for more information as to how you, too, can have a great day with the birds!

PLANNING A GARAGE SALE?

The Carillon Garden Club is planning a town-wide garage sale in Ticonderoga on July 1, 1995. Anyone who would like to hold their garage sale on that date is urged to join with the garden club in its efforts. This will also include Hague. At the same time, the Festival Guild tent will be used for any who desire space to sell crafts, baked goods, flea market items, etc. etc. The Garden Club plans to publish a brochure with a map listing the locations of all the sales in the area. You may have your "at home" sale listed for \$5.00 in this brochure.

There will be a minimal fee for space under the tent and an additional fee for a table if necessary.

The Garden Club hopes that this will be a big success and will become an annual event. It is a wonderful way to kick off the July 4 weekend and get in the spirit of the holiday. For further information and to register your sale, please call Sharon Lonergan, 585-4477

FOOD DISTRIBUTION will take place on May 23 from 1-2PM at the Community Center. Again, a reminder to bring documentation.

RABIES CLINIC SCHEDULED

A rabies clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24 from 6-8PM at the Hague Firehall. There will be a charge of \$5.00 for each shot given. For further information call 543-6161 or 543-6939. . . .Lonnie Swinton, Animal Warden

A MOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Annette Dunklee called on May 5 to report a moose on her lawn at about 7:15AM on the New Hague Road. It was also reported having been seen in Graphite. 5/95

BLACK WATCH LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

On Wednesday, May 10, the book, *Hiroshima* by John Hersey will be reviewed and discussed by Mark Johnson, executive director of the Silver Bay Association. On Wednesday, May 10, the discussion of the book, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee, will be lead by Robert Moore, Putnam and on May 24, the discussion of the book, *Fahrenheit 451* will be lead by Maury Thompson, Ticonderoga. This will complete the series of Book Discussion sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

A TRIP INTO THE PAST

Clifton West, Town Historian

I have been following the Hague Brook as a fisherman for many year, maybe before most of the local people were kicking the slats out of their cribs. I remember when people built privies near the streams for easier cleaning. Fishermen kept a can or pail to use as a toilet and emptied it into the lake. I do not know what the experts plan to do to control erosion and stormwater but I remember what was done to repair the bank across the brook back of my house.

There was a log job done on the Fitzgerald property. It was clean cutting. Pines had been growing right down to the high water line. There were five trees on that steep slope. They were cut and skidded off. In a few years the tree roots rotted, the humus turned to dirt. A big storm loosened the bank and the stumps rolled down into the brook. The picture in the vestibule (Community Center) does not do justice to the situation during a good storm. A fast running stream sends yellow clay and stones into the brook.

Several years ago a gang of locals worked on the project. They sowed rye and grass seed, planted crown vetch and stabilized the bank. The whole bank greened up. Then came a big freshet and tore it all out. The problem has been getting worse but no one seemed to notice.

Over on the turn back of Vincent Jones' house timbers were placed and the bank shored up. There is a spring up the bank to compound the problem. I have not looked lately to see if the hill is holding.

To look further into the source of water entering the brook one has to look across the road to the hillside. There are springs all along. Every house had its spring. Not so much any more. Almost all have a driven well now. When the hill is saturated, the water flows beneath the road to the stream. Those white pipes going through the wall are draining water and sewage into the brook. What is now our road was an alder swamp little higher than the Hague Brook. The road ran up Overbrook Road, then below Bob Denno's house, down the hill and across a wooden bridge back of the Wesleyan Church. All material used in building the first part of the school was carried across the bridge. The ground to build the road below there was filled in by Ed Ackerman. Wilford Ross told me. It is likely the dirt came from Fitzgerald's sand pit up on the hill. Floods have lowered the book and the water table a lot over the years.

If those RPI experts would dye test our sewer systems, they might learn where the problems originate. Some of us do have holding tanks. Mine "drains" into Lake Champlain. I remember when an oil spill put a sheen onto the brook. Roy Bennett, a local contractor, traced it back to a cellar from which a pipe led to the brook.

Now for a little history about our local bridges, also the real reason for the first flood in the brook. In the early twenties the road from the Island Harbor to North Pond was constructed. It was a State job and besseged by Fred Hamilton of Rochester. Before he would start work he notified the Town Board that four bridges had to be built or under contract. This was bad news for our conservative board members. He would do the work at a cost of \$500 for each bridge. The board had to borrow the money before work would begin. I learned this from our records. When these bridges were built, the amount of water was far less than what flows under them now in flood times. The one by my property is right down to bedrock. In the flood of 1947 and again in 1976 debris blocked the flow and it went over. Lots of water went down the road, washing out gardens and lawns. My hen house moved five feet off its foundation. There were no sidewalks to contain the flow.

A few years later Merrill Dolback built a sidewalk for \$1000. It was four inches deep of sand and a "veneer" of blacktop two inches deep. When a big washout came the walk sort of dissolved. Later Mike Fitzgerald laid down our present system and it still holds.

Now for a little history on that earlier flood. Our first Fish and Game Club had good ideas but they backfired. Beavers had for years maintained a dam at what we call Wintergreen Lake. Don't ever tell a colony of beavers how to build a dam. They are pre-programmed. Our Club wanted to make a lake so we worked building up that dam with truckloads of dirt shovelled by hand. A spillway was installed. This was on Pearl Harbor Day, - the first one. I had never heard of the place.

On June 2, 1947 we had a cloudburst, a real soaker. Lots of water came down the spillway. Someone had left a boat where it floated out to block the spillway. Then water dissolved the dame and the lake and its contents, including fish passed through town giving us a raft of problems. As the water went down, people gathered little bullheads off their lawns. From that time until the close of trout season I caught 185 trout out of that brook. I kept none under 8 inches. Many were twelve.

The workers did a marvelous job on the 9N bridge, if they had only stopped there and not spoiled the rest of the brook. Whatever water overflows is not a vital problem. A wall protects buildings on the south side. There are none on the other side to be washed out. Trout and salmon are not about to come up a stream if it is wide, quiet, and shallow. I had the idea that ENCON was supposed to promote fishing and not spoil it just to beautify the landscape and widen the book. A few trout are stocked in every spring. I think the County does it, around 200. It's just a token of what it used to be. Once I caught and 8 1/2 pound salmon downstream. Plenty of good rainbows.

I am all for promoting tourism in Hague. It is even better to give our guests something to do on land. Kids buy a lot of worms and spend much time on the brook. They deserve more for their money.

SOUNDINGS

BORN—A girl, Bryanna Jordan Goetsch, to Melanie and Robert Goetsch, Hague, on April 13, 1995. Grandparents are Helen and Arnold Goetsch and greatgrandmother is Helen Jordan.

MARRIED—Michele Goetsch, Hague, to Andrew Loughlin, Elizabethtown, New York, on May 6 at the Algonquin. Michele is the daughter of Arnold and Helen Goetsch.

DIED—Howard R. Peterson, 85, Marshfield, MA, and Pinellas Park, FL, on May 3. He is survived by a son, Miles S. Peterson, and two grandsons, Miles S. and Wyatt B., all summer residents of Hague.

DIED - Jane (Warren) Carpenter, 80, Saratoga Springs, in New York City on April 24, 1995. Surviving are her husband, John G. Carpenter, a former resident of Hague, two daughters and three grandchildren.

DIED - Lela I. Foote, 100, Lake Shore Drive, Hague, at her home on April 25, 1995. Lela was a lifelong resident of the house her father built the year she was born. The town of Hague celebrated her 100th birthday last May. She was clerk of the Hague School District for 45 years, from which she retired at age 85, never having missed a meeting! She is survived by three nieces.

DIED - Rose K. McNamara, 88, Crown Point on April 25, 1995 at the Moses Ludington Hospital. Mrs. McNamara was well known in Hague, having taught kindergarten and first grade for many years here. She is survived by one son and one daughter and seven grandchildren.

DIED - Douglas Taylor Orton, 88, Vero Beach, FL and Forest Bay, Hague, NY., on April 29 in Florida. Mr. Orton has been a summer resident of Hague for many years. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy R. and several nieces and nephews.

HELEN BARTON, daughter of Mrs. Charles Barton, Sabbath Day Point, has been appointed as the assistant program director for Silver Bay Association. She was instrumental in coordinating activities for the Hague Community Day on May 6.

JANE CRAMMOND, Silver Bay, is the new coordinator of special programs at Silver Bay. Jane is a native of Silver Bay, the daughter of Henry and Mary Watts and the wife of Jerry Crammond who is the Silver Bay Director of Operations.

NANCY TROMBLEY, Hague, is the new program department secretary. Nancy was the former Hague town clerk.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The May meeting of the Hague Historical Society will be held on Thursday, May 18 at the Hague Community Center. The subject of Split Rock Road - Battlehill Road, will be presented by Dolly Kennedy, a member of the society. A fellowship time will start at 7:30PM and the meeting will follow at 8PM.

The speaker has a long time interest and knowledge of the locale under discussion. Dolly Kennedy's grandparents were residents on Split Rock Rd. for many years and she visited her grandparents and later her mother and aunt each year. The stories handed down to her were about events, characters and an unsolved kidnapping-disappearance of a child neighbor. Come hear and maybe solve some mysteries.

On Thursday, June 15 we have a speaker from Bolton, although he is really a Hague resident, living in Wardsborough, just south of Tongue Mt. Dr. Sandy Lamb grew up in Bolton and recently retired as the director of health for Boston, MA.

He will tell us about the famous summer residents, the Drs. Jacobi. Dr. Abraham Jacobi is known as the father of American Pediatrics. His wife was one of the very early women physicians. Through his grandmother, Dr. Lam obtained some of the history of the Jacobi's lives in Bolton.

Our April meeting was held jointly with the Ticonderoga Historical Society at the Hancock House, following a pot luck supper. Hague supplied the program featuring Mrs. Carol Greenough, President of the Historical Society of Whitehall and chairman of the Skeensborough Museum Board. Her topic, "Whitehall Then and Now" was very well presented and received. Not only the recent fire has destroyed valued buildings in the main part of town, but changing the railroad bed and bridge had made permanent changes a couple decades ago.

The public is welcome to all meetings. . . .RMC

SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Property Owners of Silver Bay has agreed to clean up a two-mile stretch of 9N, from just below the gravel pit with the cross to just north of the Arcady entrance. Their first venture was on May 1, a beautiful and warm spring day. The DOT picked up the trash the next day and left the area spick and span. Those who helped this time round were: Gale Halm, Mary Johnson, Nancy Young, Betty Heintzleman, John Brown, Stan and Cathie Burdick, Charles and Kay Holliday, Dave and Liz Swanson.

This project will be repeated in July, August and October with other volunteers from last summer's list. Be prepared to pitch in to pick up what others pitch out!...CAB

THERE WAS NO PLANNING BOARD MEETING IN MAY.

