

We like to hear about the achievements of our local residents - We hope our readers are equally interested.

BRUCE BEVINS, son of Mrs. Dorothy Bevins, West Hague, will be spending the summer in East Asia. Beginning in mid-June, Bevins will participate in a study-tour of the Peoples Republic of China. The study-tour is under the direction of Professor Ronald Knapp, SUNY, New Paltz, a specialist in Chinese culture. Visits to Hong Kong and Macao will follow the China Tour. Bevins will spend a month touring Japan.

Bevins is a social studies teacher at Arlington High School, Poughkeepsie. The Arlington Board of Education has awarded a summer sabbatical for his Asian study program.

From 'Foster's Daily Democrat', Dover, NH Jan. 9, 1985 we have excerpted the following: (KIM WINTJE is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Craig, Friends Point.)

"Using her skills as a professional artist, sculptor Kim Wintje recently spent a week with Center School students introducing them to the techniques of communicating through art."

Kim was one of 34 professional artists participating in the Artist in the Schools program, which is funded by the NH Commission on the Arts that introduces students to the arts through professional artists. She used fabrics to introduce the students to contemporary trends in fabric sculpture.

"Picking the topic 'Food for Thought', Kim had the 4th through 8th graders make plates, fried eggs, milk and toast for the end product, a table set with food.

"Citing the situation today in Ethiopia, she said the topic illustrated how artists can communicate. 'I wanted them to feel what that (the starving) means,' she said.

"While the program is a learning experience for the students, Ms. Wintje said she benefitted from the relationship as well."

The creator of what she calls figurative sculptures, Kim's art has been part of many wholesale shows and her work is distributed to shops and galleries throughout the country...djh

PREVIEWS OF LGA COMING ATTRACTIONS

In a recent bulletin from the Lake George Association comes the following information:

The LGA is celebrating its 100th anniversary during 1985. The Centennial Committee is planning a series of events in July which will provide enjoyment and participation for LGA members, families and friends.

A unique Centennial Handbook is being prepared for wide distribution. This contains information about the Lake George Basin, lake and land use, as well as historical background of the LGA. It will contain an introduction by Andy Rooney, TV personality (60 Minutes) and writer.

July 6 - LIGHT UP THE LAKE - Flares and instructions will be available to every lakeside resident. When sirens of local fire companies sound, all participants will light up flares from docks.

JULY 13 - ANTIQUE BOAT PARADE - A parade of the best antique and classic boats in the Lake George area - at the Lake George Club.

JULY 20 - CENTENNIAL DINNER DANCE To be held at the new Sagamore Hotel Development in Bolton Ldg. Gov. Cuomo will be guest speaker.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 2/28/85

The only business to come before this Board was to review the results of the Article 78 instituted by Margaret VanVoorhis against the Town of Hague. Mrs. VanVoorhis had been issued a permit to construct a fence on the northerly boundary of her premises which is shown on the Town of Hague Tax Map as Section 32, Block 1, Lot 25, being situated in the Town of Hague, Warren County, New York. The permit contained the condition that the said fence be constructed at least 50' from the mean high water mark of Lake George. Hague's Zoning Ordinance required that all structures in excess of 100 sq. ft., other than docks and boathouses, be constructed at least 50 feet from the mean high water mark in the Hamlet and Town Residential areas.

"A 'Structure' means any object constructed, installed or placed on land to facilitate land use and development or subdivision of land, such as buildings, sheds, single family dwellings, mobile homes, signs, tanks, FENCES and poles and any fixtures, additions and alterations thereto."

Mrs. VanVoorhis' Article 78 alleged that the fence in question was not in violation of the above if sq. footage is measured by length and thickness, rather than by length and height.

Town Attorney John Silvestri, represented Hague before Supreme Court Justice Walsh in Elizabethtown at the Article 78 proceeding. The Judge dismissed the petition of Mrs. VanVoorhis and Mrs. Van Voorhis has been instructed that the portion of fence that is less than 50 feet from the mean high water mark of Lake George be removed within 10 days from the date of notification of the violation. Section 13.010 of Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Hague, Warren County, NY provides as follows:

"Section 13.010 Penalty. Any person owning, controlling or managing any building, structure,

land, or premises wherein or whereon there shall be placed on or there exists or is practiced or maintained anything or any use in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of an offense and subject to a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50) or to imprisonment for a period of not more than six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment, or by penalty of fifty dollars (\$50) to be recovered by the Town in a civil action.

"Every such person shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each week such violation, disobedience, omission, neglect, or refusal shall continue. Where the person committing such violation is a partnership, association or corporation, the principal executive officer, partner, agent or manager may be considered to be the 'person' for the purposes of this Article." ...ac

* In these days of so much news *
* concerning the Federal Deficit, *
* it is interesting to note that *
* on the summary of the Hague *
* Town Budget there is an item *
* called, "Debt Service Fund." *
* In Hague, this item is crossed *
* out - Hague has no DEBT! *
* Glancing through the Town re- *
* cepts we do find numerous *
* listings of INTEREST, totaling *
* \$19,200!!! Maybe Washington *
* should look to Hague for ways *
* to balance the national budget.*

HAGUE AMBULANCE CORPS

During the month of February the volunteers of the Hague Ambulance Corps made 12 runs, totaling 717 miles. 537 man hours were expended during February. This included complete coverage of The Hague Winter Carnival.

Don't forget the Fire Department meets the first Monday of each month at the Firehall at 7:30 PM -- April 6.

CHURCH OF THE CROSS CENTENNIAL

One hundred years of worship in the present Episcopal Church of the Cross on Champlain Ave. will be marked by a special musical program on Sunday, March 17 at 4 PM.

A concert will be presented in the church by the Champlain Valley Chorale and the Accents of Skidmore College.

Following the concert all are invited to join church members in the Parish Hall for refreshments which will be hosted by the Episcopal Church Women.

Friends and neighbors are invited to join in this special event.

A Free Will Offering will be received...E. Hamilton Crabbs

Centennial Chairman

AMERICAN LEGION

The next regular meeting of Hague Post 1538, American Legion, will be held at the Legion home at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, April 3. Following additional nominations, if any, election of officers for the ensuing year will take place, and all members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

A note of interest...Billy Frasier of Pennsylvania, a member of Post 1538, noted the date of our March meeting in the last issue of the Chronicle and timed a visit to Hague so he could attend...bc

SNOW QUEEN CORONATION

On February 14 the Hague Winter Carnival was off to a fine start with the crowning of our own Snow Queen. Five Hague girls competed for the title: Bethany Wells, Jan Frasier, Suzanne Barber, Joanne Stormer, and Tammy Catlin. An interesting and entertaining program was given before an impressive audience at the Beachside Restaurant. The Snow Queen crown went to Suzanne Barber, who hopes to be a horse trainer, and the first runner-up was Joanne Stormer, who plans to be a secretary. Michelle

Brunet, Aggie Watts and Gordon May are to be commended for putting together an excellent program...dh

SCHOOL NOTES by Ami Busick PARENT-TEACHERS; A UNITED BOND

On February 14, 1985 the first meeting of the Ticonderoga Elementary-Middle School Parent-Teacher Organization was held. The basic goals of the organization were discussed. They hope to improve communication between home, school, and community; provide opportunity for parents to discuss their children's educational concerns; and to help children achieve their maximum potential. The next general meeting is March 27 at 7:30 PM in the Elementary-Middle School cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On March 9 at the Glens Falls Civic Center the Ticonderoga Boys' Varsity Basketball team was defeated by the "Cats" from Catskill High School in the Capitol Conference Regionals. The final score was 67-52.

Congratulations to the team for a fine 21-4 season, including Section VII championship!

Key Club/Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the high school gym on March 22 from 11 AM to 5 PM. Your cooperation in donating blood will be greatly appreciated.

STATE OF THE PARK

From the Adirondack Council bulletin of Feb. 1985 we have excerpted the following:

"Governor Cuomo, Attorney General Abrams, the Legislature, Adirondack Park Agency and Dept. of Environmental Conservation are to be congratulated for their actions to reduce acid rain in New York State and are urged to continue their good work until controls are enacted."

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING 2/26/85

APA representatives Jim Hotaling and Rick Terry, by invitation of the Hague Town Board, attended an afternoon meeting of the Board along with numerous interested citizens. The purpose was to discuss the functions and responsibilities of the APA.

Members of the Board expressed concern over the cost to the Town to administer our land use plan which was adopted by the Town in Dec. of 1977. (The Town of Hague Zoning Ordinance was prepared and paid for by the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board (LC-LG, RPB). In 1978, '79, '80 and '81 the Developmental Administrator was paid at an hourly rate plus mileage; in 1982 and '83 an annual salary of \$7,000 was established for the Administrator. The total cost of the Administrator was paid for by LC-LG-RPB. In 1984 the salary was reduced to \$5,000 and the Town of Hague paid half and LC-LG-RPB paid half. Beginning in 1985, the Town of Hague pays the total salary of \$5,000. (No mileage has been paid since 1982.) Mr. Hotaling said that in 1984 the Town of Hague refused (\$5,000) the funds that the APA had available for the Town. Supervisor Bolton replied that the Board voted to refuse the money for fear that "strings" would be attached.

An Article 78 was recently served on the Zoning Board of Appeals which resulted in legal fees of approximately \$600 to the Town of Hague to litigate the matter. (An Article 78 is a legal procedure a person may use who feels that his legal rights have been injured by a decision of a Zoning Board of Appeals to have that decision reviewed by the Supreme Court of N.Y.) (See ZBA p. 2) Bob Patchett expressed the thought that if Hague did not have a land use plan, then it would be up to the APA to enforce zoning

regulations and pay legal expenses. Mr. Hotaling responded that if Hague had no land use plan the Agency would respond to violations and the enforcement thereof, but that it is more convenient for an individual to consult with local boards rather than the Agency. Jack Carney remarked, "We have the Plan, if we see fit to change it, we should, but we don't want to deal any farther away than Hague." Mr. Hotaling said that he would investigate the possibility of the Attorney General's Office aiding towns faced with litigation.

No decision was reached at this meeting as to whether Hague should retain its status as a town with an Agency approved land use plan. The Town of Hague does support the Adirondack Board of Review with a contribution of tax dollars in the amount of \$400 annually. The Adirondack Board of Review is a citizen's group established as a "watch-dog" of APA actions and also encourages towns to abolish local land use plans. .ac

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TESTS

Free tests for the New York State High School Equivalency Diploma will be given at Ticonderoga High School on April 1 and 2, 1985 between the hours of 3:45 PM and 8:00 PM. Attendance on both days is required.

Application blanks and information about the tests are available from all high school principals and guidance counselors. Application deadline is March 20. For further information, call Mr. Bresett at Ticonderoga High School, 585-6661.

APOLOGIES TO

DAVID MARTUCCI, whose name was omitted from the list of members of the Zoning Board of Appeals in the February issue...djh

They call it take-home pay because there is no other place you can afford to go with it.

TOWN BOARD MEETING 3/12/85

A Volunteer Driver Reimbursement Program has been instituted to enable citizens 60 years and over to obtain EMERGENCY transportation. Drivers will receive 20¢ per mile and those needing rides (or additional information) may sign up at the Town Hall.

Suggestions for making our town dock more attractive would be welcomed by Jim Braisted, Building and Grounds Chr. Need to replace broken glass at C of C building. There will be a vacancy for summer lifeguard. Must be 18 years old and hold a first aid card and lifesaving certificate. CPR training would be a plus.

People on West Hague Rd. (Warren Cty.) who have been unable to get 911, can now use 761-6477 in emergency. Motion passed to reimburse user since this is not a toll-free number.

County and Assoc. of Towns meetings reports read.

An architectural study for use of school property was proposed.

Four people have submitted their names for Zoning Board of Appeals vacancy: Bruce Robinson, Michele Brunet, Jim Ward, and Dan Belden.

Appointing of Zoning Administrator was again postponed.

Employee Guide has been printed.

Complaints of land misuse by ATC's has created need for possible legislation.

Approval for town and county agreement for Transfer Equip. Maintenance Program.

It was noted at this meeting that the portion of fence in violation of code on Van Voorhis property has been removed. (See p. 2, Z.B.A. notes)

At a special Town Board meeting on Feb. 26, a resolution was passed continuing the availability of flood plain insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program, Local Law #1, 1985.

The Board approved: TV purchase for Town Hall; Outright purchase of voting machine for \$2495 (Fed. Rev. Sharing); Installation of new phone system.

Board passed: Resolution defining Town Hall as Hague Polling Place...GL

Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is really quite as satisfying as an income tax refund...F. J. Raymond

EASTER IN THE CHURCHES

BLESSED SACRAMENT: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday masses will be held at 7:30 PM. Easter Sunday, 9 AM, Mass of the Resurrection.

A COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE will be held in the Town Park at 6:30 AM, followed by a breakfast at Hague Baptist Church.

Maundy Thursday - combined Wesleyan and Baptist service - 7:30 PM

Regular services on Easter Sunday at Wesleyan and Baptist Churches, with an open house at the Wesleyan parsonage from 3 - 5 PM. No evening service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

At the meeting held March 11 it was announced that refresher courses will be held April 8 - April 12 from 7 - 8:30 PM on CPR, First Aid and Ambulance Equipment, at the Fire House.

On March 15 after the radio and siren check a course on Scott Air Pack and Masks, also at the Fire House.

ATTENTION!! NON-FIRE MEMBERS

Please Do Not respond to fire and ambulance calls, as it hinders the efficiency of our duties. We know you are trying to be helpful, but if many "spectators" show up then we have no room for emergency vehicles and personnel. For everyone's safety - Please stay home if you are not a Fire Dept. member. If assistance is needed, we will be sure to let you know...Joanne Stormer for the Fire Department.

* Last month we said the lake froze *
* on February 16. What we really *
* meant was - JANUARY 16. Sorry. dh*

As we go to press (3/14) the ice on the lake is becoming very unsafe. The snow has melted the ice in many places, particularly along the shoreline. In spite of warnings on radio and TV we note some very brave (or very foolish) fishermen.

One of the greatest mysteries of life is how the idiot that your daughter married can be the father of the smartest grandchildren in the whole wide world.

FEBRUARY WEATHER NOTES

HAGUE FISH AND GAME CLUB

First half of the month - winter like conditions. Temperatures about normal. Coldest temperature at lake level: -5° F Feb. -9° F Graphite observation point same day. Remember Alabama and Florida readings? Warmest temperature at lake level 53° F. Feb. 24 - Graphite, 48°. Had a 6-8 inch snowfall Feb. 6 - no other significant snowfalls. Highest wind gusts this observation point - 38½ M.P.H. Feb. 25.

Feb. 9 is the day that the average daily temperature starts to climb. This trend reflected in Hague area. CHEERS! Feb. 11 was the half-way point of winter!!

We picked up one hour and 16 minutes of daylight during the month of Feb., something everybody enjoys, and with temperatures toward month end hitting the high 40's and low 50's and staying above freezing in many points during the nights, practically all snow cover was gone by the first of March:

On Feb. 26, 6:15 PM; this observer heard geese overhead. Went outside to determine direction of flight. Wind calm - geese heading South. Maybe they know something we don't. Feb. 27 observed House Finch gathering nesting materials and going to nearby birdhouse. Spotted first sea-gull since lake froze so birds on a 2 to 1 basis are telling us Spring is on the way. With snow cover gone, activity at bird feeders greatly reduced.

By month's end ice around shoreline showed definite thawing with water flowing in and out under ice on windy days. Some open water spotted 200 yards offshore Glenburnie side.

March came in like a lamb. Everyone thinking Spring, but don't be fooled. Calendar says Winter and don't forget those Geese!

To those of you who would like to improve this report be prepared to take pen in hand. For those of you who can accept it as is, welcome aboard.

'Til next month this is your Hague area weather observer - Willy C.

From another source - Francis Waters reported that he spotted a robin on Feb. 26 in Ti.

Had 12½" of WHITE SPRING on March 4!

The Hague Fish and Game Club wishes to thank all who worked so hard through the cold and bitter weather we had at Carnival time. It was a great success and we are looking forward to another year.

March 19th at the Town Hall at 7:00 PM The Fish and Game Club will hold their regular meeting. This meeting will also be to elect officers for the coming year. Try to attend. We need your support. You don't have to be a member to attend. Come get acquainted.

The April meeting will be held at the Clubhouse, April 16, 7:00 PM. ...WC.

BIG SNAFU

It has been called to my attention that some of you who were supposed to have a thank-you note attached to your February issue for contributions received during the past month, received instead a note asking you if you wanted to remain on our mailing list. My face is very very red! I obviously picked up the wrong sheet of notices. Please forgive and rest assured that your contributions were received and we are very grateful...D. Henry

HAGUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

At a meeting of the Chamber on March 5, Arthur Steitz was elected president. The positions of secretary and treasurer are still open.

The Chamber plans to sponsor the BASS tournament again this June.

Supervisor Bolton spoke on the upcoming vote to be taken on a bed tax in Warren County. The Chamber went on record as opposing the tax, and asked Mr. Bolton to vote no it.

* For all who have asked and *
* those who will ask about *
* what's happening on the *
* west side of Rt. 9N at For- *
* est Bay Rd.--International *
* Paper Co. is logging. *

SOUNDINGS

VIEWPOINT

2/22/85

BORN - A girl, Brooke Hawthorne, to the Rev. Edward F. Duffy and Lynne Sharp Duffy on January 19 in Hartford, CT. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sharp of Mt. Laurel, NJ and Silver Bay and Dr. & Mrs. Philip Duffy of Demarest, NJ and Silver Bay.

BORN - A son, John Ryan, to John and Debra (Jordon) Ott on Jan. 23 in the Burlington Medical Center. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. William Jordon, Hague.

BORN - A son, William Garrison IV, to William and Beverly Garrison on March 5 in Middletown, NJ. Grandparents are Maureen and Bill Garrison, Hague.

MARRIED - Carol (Clifton) Cross, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Clifton, Hague, to Anthony W. Turner, Schenectady, at her parents' home in Hague on February 16.

DIED - Margaret Bomboy, 82, Friends Point, on February 28 in Glens Falls Hospital. She is survived by her husband Bernard, two brothers and two sisters.

DIED - Florence (Jordan) Smith, Lake George, 51, on March 2 in Glens Falls. Mrs. Smith was a native of Hague.

KATHI HUDAK, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hudak, Graphite, has achieved the Dean's List for the first semester at Skidmore College with a 3.59 average. Kathi is a double major in Music and Biology.

LISA GLADING, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Glading, Indian Kettles is a science and health teacher in Queensbury. She has been a Hague lifeguard for several years.

Regarding Werner Stallman's letter about motor boats. I would have to support him in most of what he says, especially about the selfish practice of some individuals to produce "noise and speed pollution" on our lake. Actually the NY State Navigation law requires motors to be "muffled" to eliminate excessive noise, but of course this is not enforced because our Lake George Park Commission who patrol the lake do not have the legal authority to arrest anyone - unless there is a Sheriff or state trooper in the boat.

This, of course, must be changed.

I disagree with Mr. Stallman's views on the size of boats and speed. It is the wake of many boats over a period of time that causes erosion along the shoreline. Even if a "wake" law is passed, how in the world can a property owner catch the offending boat? Boat lovers and Marina owners must realize Lake George will not get bigger, but without controls (laws) boats will. So will they go faster and make more noise. Out of absolute necessity the use of our highways are controlled and surely Lake George needs the same attention. Sincerely,

David S. Soliday, Jr.
Silver Bay

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting on Wednesday, April 17, Hague Baptist Church annex at 7:30 PM! Steve Royce will talk on the Steamboats of Lake George.

Friday, March 29 at 8:00 PM at the Hancock House in Ticonderoga. John Vinton, popular story-teller will speak. Vinton is frequently featured in ADIPONDACK LIFE. All are invited.

April 1 is the day upon which we are reminded what we are on the other 364...Mark Twain

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MARCH and APRIL

March

- 15 - Elementary School Musical - "Mary Poppins" - 7:30 PM Elementary Sch.
- 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- 19 School Board meeting - 7:30 PM
- 19 Fish and Game Club - 7 PM - Town Hall
- 19 Home Bureau.
- 20 High School Pops Concert-8PM - THS
- 20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING (No necessarily the first day of spring weather!)
- 21 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 22 Blood Drive, H.S. Gym, 11AM-5PM (p3)
- 25 Nat'l Honor Soc - 6:00 PM - THS
- 27 El. - Middle Sch. Parent meeting (p3)
- 28 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 PM.

April

- 1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY
- 1 Fire Department meeting - 7:30 PM
- 2 Home Bureau
- 3 American Legion - 7:30 PM
- 4 Planning Board - 7:30 PM
- * 7 EASTER
- 10 Chronicle Deadline
- 15 INCOME TAX DEADLINE
- 17 Hague Historical Society
- * 9 Town Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Veterans' Administration representative in Town Hall each Thursday at 11:30 AM.

SALNT PATRICK'S DAY - MARCH 17

Did you know that Patrick was a real person? Here are some facts:

He was born in Britain during Roman times (circa 385 A.D.), the son of a Christian family. When he was sixteen he was seized and taken as a slave to Ireland where he stayed for several years as a sheep herder. He escaped to Gaul, entered a monastery in France, then returned to Britain. A vision told him that he would go back to Ireland as a missionary. To prepare, Patrick spent twelve years in study. In 432 A.D. he was sent as a missionary bishop. He preached at Tara where he defied the

pagan priests and gained converts, including the tribal king. Patrick's personality was compelling and winning. He wisely preserved the social structure by using the tribal system for a hierarchy of bishops and abbots. He is credited with devising the code for traditional laws, modifying the harsher ones. He introduced the Roman alphabet. His own writings, which include his Confessions and a long mystical poem, are in Latin and in Irish.

Patrick died circa 461 A.D. by which time nearly all of Ireland had been converted to Christianity...BDG

SPRING HAIKU Purple crocuses -- So bright with fresh fallen snow! So bright with promise...R. K. Konnerth

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