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THE WINTER CARNIVAL

We wouldn't have believed it if we hadn't seen in with our own eyes. The winter carnival, originally scheduled for March 1 - 5 and postponed because of insufficient ice and snow to March 18-19, did take place despite a foot of wet snow which fell on March 14-15 followed by over an inch of rain the next two days. On Friday and again on Saturday morning the committee plowed out a snowmobile race course on the lake through several inches of slush. And on Saturday and Sunday the races were run with snowmobiles throwing up plumes of slush and water that made them look more like outboard motor boats than snowmobiles.

The committee deserves much credit for its determination to hold the races as scheduled. On several occasions the race announcer used the expression "miracle worker" to describe the committee chairman, Dick Bolton, and that he was.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - APRIL 5

We welcome Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Hague School Newsletter which was mailed recently to area residents. A capsule account of its contents follows:

With the addition and alterations provided for in the building project undertaken last year nearly complete, an "open house" is being planned for April 5, 7 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. All persons are encouraged to attend.

Six seniors plan to continue their education. Bill Smith will attend St. Bonaventure University in Olean; Dennis Trumbly will be at State University at Plattsburgh; Gregory Fortune will enroll at Houghton College in Houghton; and Steve Bolton, Mary Beth Fitzgerald and Theresa Thibault will attend Adirondack Community College in Glens Falls.

Rudolph Meola, Thomas Smith, Keith De-

Ida May have been named to a committee to establish criteria for the selection of candidates for scholarship awards which have been made possible through the generosity of several Hague residents. This committee will also make the awards.

A Festival of the Arts will be presented on May 10 at 7:30 P.M. sponsored by the music, industrial arts, art and home economics departments. The music department under James Fromme will also present a varied and interesting program.

Look Homeward Angel, which has been selected for the school play, will be presented on May 21 at 8 P.M. Mr. Thomas Aalto, English instructor, is in charge.

THE HAGUE LIBRARY STAFF WRITES -

"To the Editors:

"In your fine little Hague news media, one town activity seems to have been overlooked.

"Back in 1958, Mrs. Eoin T. Henry had the courage, vision and persistence to establish the Hague Public Library, of which she became the director. This was done with the help of many residents, both summer and permanent, some of whom gave time, others money, others books, others did sorting and accessing. Approval was obtained from the school board to house the library in the school, where, with all volunteer help, it was set up in the basement.

"There were many people directly involved at first, probably some sixteen or more, but lest some name be inadvertently omitted, a list will not be attempted.

"In 1961, Mrs. William Andrus took over the directorship, continuing until November 1964, when she became the postmaster at Silver Bay. At that time, Mrs. Louis Brook became director. By this time the staff and any available substitutes were reduced to Mrs. Clifton West, the late Mrs. Fritz

Library School who did all the book work. The regular Monday Librarian and the book day is today.

"Obviously there has been no functioning library since July when school was closed for enlargement and renovation. However, it is to be hoped the library will re-open in the very near future. It will be housed in the annex.

"The library is run on a wholly volunteer basis, and wholly dependent upon contributions. Space is too limited to accept just any books but we do like the opportunity to select any preferred titles. Each year, up to last year, a letter has been written summing up the year's activities, reminding the townspeople of the existence of the library, its function and appeal to the town, and the fact that although we are not state accredited librarians, we nonetheless have full access to the books serviced by the Southern Adirondack Library System. Further, the letter has urged borrowers and friends and residents to use and support the library.

"We cannot at this time announce a firm date for reopening but notices will be posted in the local stores and post office just as soon as possible."

(signed) the Staff, Harts Public Library.

TOWN BOARD MEETING

The town board had its regular meeting on March 15 with all members of the board present.

The supervisor announced that because of the heavy snowstorm the representative of the owners of the old Straugs property could not be present to present proposals of the owners to subdivide the property and develop it for homesites. He will appear at a future meeting.

The duties of the town hall custodian were outlined and his compensation fixed at \$600. for the year.

The supervisor announced that the entire board will act as the landfill committee. A resolution was then adopted fixing the

landfill from May 29 to September 15 and from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., Tuesday through Saturday, September 16 to May 28. The resolution also provides that the operator of the landfill is required to be present at all times when the landfill is open and will be required to observe all state regulations regarding sanitary landfills. A further resolution establishing regulations as to what may or may not be dumped, persons authorized to use the dump, etc., will be presented at an early meeting of the board. Responsibility for the equipment was assigned to Councilman Barnett. It was learned that the water pump at the landfill had frozen during a power failure and the board authorized Mr. Barnett to have repairs made.

The supervisor announced that he was submitting the names of four candidates to be members of the Board of Assessment Review, as follows: George Boyd, Chairman, 5 years; S. Richard Prasier, 4 years; Emil Secor, 3 years; and Mrs. Florence Smith, 1 year. He invited suggestions for the name of another candidate to be appointed for two-year term and announced that the full board would be appointed at the next meeting.

The supervisor announced that he had personally surveyed the twenty miles of town roads and found them to be in generally poor condition. Since there is not sufficient money in the budget to repave all of the roads, repairs will be made to the extent that the budget will allow. Roads

A Board of Assessment Review was established by the New York State Legislature last year. Its function is to review and determine complaints in relation to assessments. It shall fix the place for hearing complaints and fix the hours, which shall be for a period of at least four hours, with not less than two hours after 6 P.M. After hearing the complaints it shall prepare and verify a statement showing any changes which it has determined shall be made. The assessors are then required to make the changes on the assessment rolls in accordance with the verified statement of the Board of Review. The term of office is five years except the terms of the first board shall be of such length that not more than one will expire in each of the first five years after the

at Sabbath Day Point, Forest Bay and through the Silver Bay Association grounds were mentioned as being in critical need of repairs.

No answer has been received to the supervisor's question on whether or not further increases could be made to highway employees under Phase II wage freeze, nor has the study been completed of wage rates paid in surrounding towns.

A new truck for highway work is needed to replace a twelve-year-old International which can no longer be economically repaired. The superintendent of highways was instructed to commence procedures leading up to the procurement of a replacement.

Mr. Ralph McKee who was appointed assessor at the last meeting to replace Mr. Clinton Frasier who had resigned, was present and indicated that on orders of his doctor he could not accept the appointment. The supervisor indicated that the town would endeavor to get along with two assessors for the time being.

The subject of office furniture for the supervisor and offices for assessors and justices was again discussed. Present thinking is that offices will be carried out of the main part of the hall with temporary partitions.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18th.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Hague Central School Board was held on Monday, March 13 with all members of the board in attendance. An interested group of citizens were also present.

The following matters were considered and acted upon by the board:

(1) A resolution providing for permanent registration of all eligible voters of the school district was approved. Registration of voters will take place at the school on April 15 from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. and on April 25 from 12 noon to 8 P.M. A Board of Registration was appointed consisting of Mrs. Shirley Ely, Mrs. Florence Smith, Mrs. Alice Nett, and Mrs. William

M. Sobul. The board stated (and this was repeated in the School Newsletter) that only those persons who register in person on either of the established dates will be permitted to vote at the annual meeting on May 2nd when the school budget and a school board member will be voted upon.

(2) A book containing the official board policy on various matters was adopted and copies have been distributed to teachers and employees and one copy will be available for public inspection at the school's administration office.

(3) A resolution concerning the sale of property adjacent to the town shed owned by the school district will be voted upon by the electorate at the annual meeting to be held on May 2nd.

(4) The request of two taxpayers that transportation be provided for their children during the next school year to and from their homes and St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga was granted.

(5) The request of the Teachers' Association that any changes in policy affecting the teaching staff be sent to the secretary of the Teachers' Association, was granted.

* Section XIII of the Education Law provides that a board of education may provide for permanent registration of voters; that the board shall designate four qualified voters to constitute a board of registration; that this board shall prepare a register of voters; that the register so prepared shall include all persons who shall have presented themselves personally for registration and may include all persons who shall have been previously registered for any election held or conducted at any time within six years prior to the preparation of the register; and that the board shall remove from the register all persons who are upon to be deceased, who have moved out of the school district, or who are otherwise not qualified as school district electors. (The language which has been underlined clearly gives the board the right to register qualified electors who do not appear in person. In not permitting this to be done, the board is arbitrarily disenfranchising those voters who for any reason cannot appear in Hague on

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A new truck for highway work is needed to replace a twelve-year-old International which can no longer be economically repaired. The superintendent of highways was instructed to commence procedures leading to the procurement of a replacement.

Mr. Ralph Nelson who was appointed successor at the last meeting to replace Mr. Clinton Frazer who had resigned, was present and indicated that on orders of his doctor he could not accept the appointment. The supervisor indicated that the town would endeavor to get along with the arrangements for the time being.

The subject of office furniture for the supervisor and offices for engineers and justices was again discussed. It was thought by that offices will be furnished out of the main part of the hall with temporary partitions.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18th.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Central School Board was held on Monday, March 13 with all members of the board in attendance. An interested group of citizens were also present.

The following matters were considered and acted upon by the board:

(1) A resolution providing for permanent registration of all eligible voters of the school district was approved. Registration of voters will take place at the school on April 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on April 26 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. A Board of Registration was appointed consisting of Mr. C. Shirley, Mrs. M. Florence Smith, Mrs. Alice Foster, and Mrs. Edith...

The board stated that this was referred to the School Committee... that only those persons who register in person... of the established rates will be permitted to vote at the annual meeting on the school year budget and a school board member will be voted on.

(2) A book containing the official board policy on various matters was adopted and copies have been distributed to teachers and employees... all be available for public inspection at the various administration offices.

(3) A resolution concerning the sale of property... to the town... will be voted upon by the electors at the annual meeting to be held on May 1st.

(4) The request of two taxpayers that transportation be provided for their children during the next school year... to the teachers' association...

(5) The request of the Teachers' Association... to the superintendent of the Teachers' Association...

Section 221 of the Education Law provides that a board of education may provide for permanent registration of voters... that the board shall designate two qualified voters to constitute a board of registration... shall prepare a register of voters... that the register so prepared shall include all persons who shall have registered themselves personally for registration... persons who have previously registered for registration... of the register... and that the board shall... all persons who are to be included... who are not qualified as school district electors... the language which has been interpreted... gives the board... qualified... in not... the board to... these voters... appear in...

ARCADY TO REOPEN ?

There appears to be a good chance that Arcady will be opened as a camp this summer after last summer's shutdown. At any rate it has been reported that Arcady's representatives have been here to see what needs to be done before the camp can be reopened.

ON VACATION

This is the time of year when many residents get away for a change of scenery. Among those who have been away, are away, or are going away, are - Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Crabb are visiting children in Virginia and Florida... Mr. and Mrs. James Fitzgerald recently returned from Florida... Same for Fritz Bandgran... Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Viardi are on a trip to Mexico. Before leaving Mr. Viardi announced his candidacy for the office of District Attorney of Essex County... Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sain visited friends and relatives on Long Island on their way back from Florida... Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Decker have been touring along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, with Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as their destination and where they will visit Mrs. Decker's brother... Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoyt are spending a month in Florida... Mr. and Mrs. Harry White have returned from a trip to Spain with a side trip to Africa where they spent a night at the Cahbah... Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan have gone to the Carribean... Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Zeeuw are on a trip to London and a visit to the English countryside... Mr. Louis Spelman has been visiting with his son and family in California since the first of the year.

LAKE GEORGE RESEARCH

No doubt Nature's most prized natural resource is Lake George. It is the main attraction for those of us who live here year round. Because of it we enjoy a large seasonal population - and it is the lake that brings us an ever growing number of tourists.

For many years, Lake George has been taken for granted. We fish, we swim, we sail in its sparkling, clean water - yes, most of us drink its water unfiltered and untreated.

Statistically, 60% of the Lake George

population lives on the south half of the lake. The north half, of which we are a part, accommodates only 20% of the people, and, in this respect, we are most fortunate. But even though we have only a few people, compared, for example, to the Lake George Village area, we too are and should be concerned with the quality of the Lake George water.

An organization that has been doing something about it is Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute which, in 1967, organized the Rensselaer Fresh Water Institute to see what can be done to solve the problems of fresh water pollution. It hopes to do this through in-depth studies of biological, chemical, physical and social interactions in and around the lake. What it learns here will be of inestimable value in solving fresh-water pollution problems everywhere.

The Institute has established its headquarters on the east shore of the lake opposite Ragus. There the laborious research and analytical work goes on with students and faculty of RPI participating.

Some of the areas being studied are highly technical but they involve such subjects as - microbial decomposition activity (the effect of decaying leaves); oil pollution from two-cycle outboard engines; the effect of outboard motor emissions; the interaction of outboard motor oil and inorganic sediments; physical-chemical treatment of septic tank effluent and of waste water; and even the air is being sampled to see what, if any, pollutants enter the lake by air.

Thus far it has been determined that phosphates from household cleaners increase the nutrient supply on which algae feeds and grows and that excessive algae growth is responsible for bad taste and odor in the water. It also threatens fish life by removing oxygen. We are told that Lake George water is "soft" and it is not necessary to use phosphate-type detergents to get clothes and dishes clean. And so the Lake George Association is supporting a vigorous "stop using phosphate cleaners" campaign.

There will be more from RFWI in a forthcoming issue. Meanwhile, it would be worth while to pay a visit to the laboratory some time this summer. You'll be welcome.

RICHARD GOODRICH DIES

Richard I. Goodrich, a long time resident of Hague, died March 12 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Mr. Goodrich was the former owner of Dock & Dine. Before that he owned the Hollywood Restaurant in Bolton Landing.

Mrs. Goodrich, a former Hague School teacher, returned to Bolton Landing for a memorial service which was held in the Emmanuel Methodist Church in Bolton Landing on March 21. The Goodrich home in Hague has been for sale for some time.

HOME BUREAU

At the March meeting of the Mohican Chapter, Home Bureau, the following were elected officers for 1972-73: Mrs. Adra Seerup, Chairman; Mrs. Frances Hogan, Vice Chairman; and Mrs. Margerite West, Secretary-treasurer.

A spring luncheon on April 14th at 12 noon, will wind up the season. Mrs. Elsie Wolf, County Chairman; Mrs. Silvia Mannis, County Vice Chairman; and Mrs. Ethel Champagne of the Times of T1 will be guests of the Chapter.

ABSENTEE VOTING IN SCHOOL ELECTIONS

State Senator Ronald B. Stafford of the 12nd Senatorial District has introduced a bill to provide for absentee voting in school district elections when permitted by resolution of the trustees or board of education of any school district. The bill provides that a qualified voter may vote

by absentee ballot when he is unable to appear at the polling place because of illness or physical disability on the day of election, is unavoidably absent from the county because his duties, occupation or business requires him to be elsewhere on the day of election, or is absent from the county because he is away on vacation elsewhere on the day of election. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Education. Senator Stafford is chairman of the Committee on Higher Education.

TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

The Chronicle is written, edited, published and mailed by Edil Seerup who is solely responsible for its contents. He and his family have been summer residents since 1955, property owners since 1964, and year-round residents since 1970. They reside on Route 9N in Silver Bay.

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Under its original pledge of support, the Citizens Group of Hague will make it possible to put out a May issue. Whether this financial support will be continued depends on whether there is a clear indication that the paper is serving a useful purpose. If you think it is, write us and tell us about it. Remember, although the Citizens Group of Hague agreed to finance the first five issues, neither this group nor any other group has stayed us from our purpose of reporting the news without prejudice or bias.

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