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PROTECTING WATER QUALITY IN LAKE GEORGE

"One reason why the water in Lake George is so clear lies in the presence of a plant called nitella."

Lake George has often been referred to as the "Queen of American Lakes." It is a reputation well deserved. Pine studded islands, surrounding mountains and deep, clear, sparkling water have made it a home for many and a favorite summer spot with tourists. Above all it is the clarity and purity of its water that has made the Lake so famous. Clear water brings elation to both visitor and native.

Some of this clarity stems from accidents of creation - a small area of land drainage and surrounding soil that is not too fertile. But another and probably a major reason for the clarity of the water lies in a plant called nitella that grows at the bottom of the lake. Clear water may be a consequence of its growth habits. Making clear water is a self-serving action for this plant for it is designed to preserve a special kind of light environment that can be found in deep, clear lakes, and it needs this special kind of light to complete its own life cycle.

Nitella, sometimes called bassweed or just plain grass, occupies large meadows in very clear lakes. In Lake George, nitella grows like a ribbon between two depth contours, 23 and 40 feet. Its depth range (controlled by light penetration) is tightly restricted.

Nitella supplement their root uptake by removing nutrients through their stems and leaves. The plants also grow luxuriantly in the subdued light of deep water. (By this action), nitella plants "groom" lake water and improve its clarity by removing nutrients and small particles that prevent light penetration (which effects its ability to grow). Specifically:

- Nitella absorbs nutrients, such as phosphate, directly from the water. Clearer water results when algae and their breakdown products are eliminated.

- The nitella meadow is a nutrient trap. Phosphate trapped beneath the deep meadows cannot be utilized by roots of higher plants.

- A nitella meadow acts as a carpet. The spaces between the plants also create dead space for settling particles. The continual rain of dead organic matter and fine silts becomes trapped in the meadow.

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LELA FOOTE CELEBRATES 100!

On Tuesday, May 31, Hague will be helping to celebrate the 100th birthday of Lela Foote. An open house in her honor for ALL her friends and acquaintances will be held at the Hague Community Building on that date from 1:30-3:30PM. We will make a few presentations, and have a program and refreshments. You will have an opportunity to express your own sentiments to Lela. She will be our first 100 year old to be honored, but hopefully not our last! . . . gl

The following is taken from the June 1974 issue of The Hague Chronicle:

In July 1934 Miss Lela I. Foote was appointed clerk of the Hague School District. In May of this year (1974) she participated in her 40th successive annual school district meeting as clerk. And in her forty years, she has never missed a regular meeting of the Board.

Miss Foote, who was 80 on May 31, lives alone in a house on Rt 9N just north of Pine Cove. The house was built by her father Hiram Foote, who built the first room in 1894 and added other rooms as he was able. He was a stone mason and samples of his work can be seen in several of the buildings at Silver Bay including much of the stone fencing. The Foote family came originally from Ticonderoga.

Lela Foote attended grade school in Hague and went on to high school in Ticonderoga. She then took a teacher's training course and received her certificate to teach all grades, one through eight. She taught for eleven years beginning in 1915 at Buck Mountain, Iron Mountain, Chilson, Graphite and West Hague. Due to the illness of her mother she gave up teaching to manage the household for her father. Miss Foote is a member of the Wesleyan Church.

In addition to the school Miss Foote's great interest is gardening.

When she started as School Clerk, Miss Foote was paid \$175.00 per year; today she is paid a modest \$2600. . .

To update this article 20 years later, Lela still lives in the same house on Rt. 9N. She is almost blind, but that doesn't stop her! Friends and neighbors look in on her daily, but she is still pretty self-sufficient. She has been anticipating this event for a long time. If you can't attend the party, do send her a birthday card. She will be extremely appreciative.

FISH AND GAME CLUB ROAST BEEF DINNER

The Hague Fish and Game Club will sponsor a roast beef dinner on Saturday, May 28 from 5-7PM at the clubhouse. Adults - \$7.00; Children - \$5.00. Under age 5 - FREE.

TURKEY SHOOT, sponsored by the Hague Fish and Game Club will be held on Sunday, May 29 from 11AM - 2PM at the clubhouse. Cash paybacks.

SQUARE DANCING

North Country Dance - - squares, lines, solo, reel; Hague Community Center, 7:30-9:30PM. Instructors: Stan and Cathie Burdick. Next dance - June 8. For information, call 543-8824.

LINE DANCING

Line dancing is back!! Sue Burdick, instructor, is holding forth each Tuesday evening at the Community Center at 7:00PM. So come on down and join the fun!

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Join us on Monday, June 13, 7PM at GULLEN LOUNGE in the Inn at Silver Bay Association for an "Introduction to Opera". Joseph Illick, Artistic Director of the Lake George Opera Festival and the Greater Miami Opera, will present a program, complete with music, geared for the novice. Maestro Illick is an accomplished composer who studied piano and composition at the Royal College of Music in London and conducting at the Vienna Conservatory. He joined The Lake George Opera Festival in September 1993 after a career of conducting credits that include the Vienna Chamber Opera, Covent Garden Ensemble, and Santa Fe Opera.

Come and learn more about opera in general and our own Lake George Opera Festival in particular. We extend a special invitation to men to attend this meeting.

HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Are you spring cleaning yet? On Sat. Jul 9, 1994 a rummage and bake sale will be held in the annex for the Hague Baptist Church from 9AM-3PM. Please bring items that are in good condition to the annex, or to Wanita Lawrence. They will be store in the parsonage until the sale.

A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have. . . . President Gerald Ford

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
SPAGHETTI DINNER

After a busy weekend of setting out the petunias, putting in the screens and picking up dead branches, wouldn't it be nice to have a good dinner that you didn't have to prepare - or clean up after? Well, the Hague Volunteer Fire Department is having its annual spaghetti dinner (accompanied by salad, garlic bread) on Sunday, May 29 from 5 to 7PM. Adults need \$5 and children \$3.50 to dine well. Watch for Estelle's pretty pink posters, which will be all around town.

As your correspondent writes this at 8:30PM on Sunday, May 8, the Silver Bay firefighting equipment has gone screaming north. This sort of equipment costs much money to operate, and our fund raising activities help raise that money. Everyone can fight fires or help our EMTS by attending our functions. We hope you'll be dining with us on May 29. . . . ewa

RUMMAGE SALE

That long-awaited announcement is ready: The HVFD Rummage Sale, to be managed by Pat Swinton and Janice Smith, will be held at the OLD Town Hall beginning May 23. Other dates will be May 25, 27 and 28. The hours will be from 9AM - 3PM on all days, with evening hours of 6PM-8PM on the 27th and 28th. Bag Day will be May 28.

Beginning June 1 there will be sales on the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, and 18th, with evening hours each Friday and Saturday.

Items for sale may be left at the OLD Town Hall on May 12th, 13th and 14th between 9AM and 3PM. Once again, we ask that items of clothing be clean and in good repair and that appliances be in working order. Our slender profits are rapidly dispersed when we have to send things to the landfill. Help us make this sale the best ever.

Phone 585-3671 or 543-6098 (let this phone ring many times before giving up!) . . . ewa

MORE HVFD

Ambulances 740 and 741 made 9 runs in April, with ambulance 740 logging 568 miles and Ambulance 741, 283 miles, with a combined total of 89 1/4 man hours.

May 15 - 21 is EMS week, and our EMTs will be visiting schools, nursing homes and seniors living alone to present information about 911, the emergency call-in system.

The Firemen answered 6 fire calls during the month, requiring a total of 70 1/2 hours.

The department is expecting, sometime in June . . . a long-awaited pumper, capable of carrying many gallons of water to the scene of the fire. While I'm sure we all hope that it won't be needed, I'm sure that we all know that some day it will be a god-send. . . ewa

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - April 28, 1994

A variance with conditions was granted Windie (31-1-24) (next to laundromat, to be used as a bagel shop) to add a back loading porch and access to a 2nd floor apartment since there was no opposition from the neighbors and a barrier is in place on the non-conforming side of the property.

Mary Lou Doulin was interviewed for the vacant seat on the board, accepted and will have her name placed before the town board at their meeting on May 10 for its approval. . . gl

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

A special town board meeting was held at the Hague Community Center on April 28 at 6:30PM to discuss the renewal of the town's insurance policies. The board had decided to investigate other companies in addition to the one we have used for some time in order to see if there could be savings. Comparing coverage with costs, the board found that Upstate Insurance saved the town money. They were awarded the contract. . . gl

PLANNING BOARD

A minor 2-lot sub-division by Andreassen (199-1-17, Mountainview Rd) was approved by the board on May 5. There was no response from notified neighbors. A site plan review had been made. No comment from the audience for or against.

Six members of the board will attend a Teleconference on Site Plan Review on May 11 at ACC. . . gl

TOWN BOARD - May 10, 1994

A surprise visitor arrived at the Community Center just as the town board convened for its May 10 meeting. It was Vic Grant, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors. After introducing Mr. Grant, Supervisor Belden opened the meeting to anyone wishing to speak. Several people did and suggestions were made concerning: 1) Unlicensed dogs; 2) Kiwanis sponsoring a volley ball court at town park (a meeting was set for Thursday the 12th at 2PM to assess the possibilities of placement); 3) Pay phone at the Community Center; 4) Old boats, vehicles, etc. may be donated to charity for the blind, with pickup; 5) Minutes of last month should be available several days before the next month's meeting for personal perusal.

April minutes were not approved since the board only received their copies just before the meeting began. Time is needed to review.

Communications include: 1) Recycling motor oil (See page 6). 2) County will expedite payment of CHIPS fund to Hague when state passes budget. 3) No financing yet for reclamation feasibility study but Hague

will be included when funding is available. 4) Request by Fish and Game Club to place food shack at the park when the BASS Tournament is here. All members approved.

Regular committees: Justice suggested that if someone was unable to pay a fine, the person might do community work to pay off debt. Board will consider.

A motion was made to start process of moving compactor and to have repairs made in the most economical way when the \$14,000 of state money is dispensed by the county. All board members approved.

Unfinished Business included meetings with Social Services; on Landfill Reclamation; approval to purchase a new park lawn mower; the approval of Mary Lou Doulin to serve on the ZBA. With bicycle helmets for children up to 14 a law, the Dept. of Health will provide these helmets to children on the free lunch program.

Supervisor Belden has asked Mike Connery, Supervisor of Ti for a \$500 contribution to repair the groomer (ski trail). The total cost is \$1,000. Warren County will do the work if Hague supplies the parts. Many residents of Ti use the Roger's Rock cross-country trails and Supervisor Belden feels it only fair they share the repair costs. It will come before Ti town board at their next meeting.

A contract will be signed with Meadows Unlimited (after approval of town attorney) to pay the town \$10 a ton for all metal they remove from our landfill. We have not been receiving funds for this up to now and this will add to our coffer.

Since Karen Laundree resigned there has been a vacancy on the board. At this meeting Jim Braisted was approved to fill her term. He has been on the board before but chose not to run last November.

The board approved Resolution #13 which asks the state to authorize DEC to provide money each year to help control milfoil.

One of the nicest things to happen to Warren County recently was the donation of land in Bolton Landing and money (\$3.7 million) to develop an attraction that would serve residents and tourists. A museum is a possibility.

The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Roast Beef Dinner on May 28 at the Fish and Game Club at 5PM and the Fire Dept. will hold a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, May 29. . . gl

Just for today I will have a program. I will write down what I expect to do every hour. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. It will eliminate two pests, hurrying and indecision.

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Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress as becomingly as possible, talk low, act courteously, be liberal with praise, criticize not at all, nor find fault with anything and not try to regulate nor improve anyone.

MAGNIFICENCE

Ah! to acclaim your lovely world
 In rapture and beauty afar
 The wood, the meadow, the rolling brook
 And always the evening star

The morning air and the open sky
 Let the birds take wing and soar
 And I thank my God for the golden sun
 The sea and the ocean's roar

The mountains and lakes the vast expanse
 Like the canyons in depth-abound
 And the flowers that bloom in the country-side
 Bestow life to a world renowned.

... John J. Brown, Cape Cod Village, Hague

WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

It's a personal preference but I adore early spring-time in Hague. Temperatures are cool to comfortably warm and all things natural are awakening. Birds, peepers, leaves and flowers are creating anew and that's not even mentioning the spectacular scenery of Lake George and all its nuances of beauty. Lilacs belong to May and at this writing (May 10) they are not quite in bloom. They need at least five or six more days.

We had an exciting eery solar eclipse on May 10. It was the first one that was visible in this region in 30 years. The next won't happen until the year 2012. However, on the evening of this May 24 watch for a partial eclipse of the full moon.

Speaking of the heavens, one of our space ships will be returning with the first close-up photographs from the sun's south pole during this month. Returning back to earth, it seems that the absent March winds made an appearance in early May as did the April showers.

The ice left Hague Bay April 22. This is later than in recent years. Gardens have been rototilled but the ground is too cold and dry to plant.

Enjoy those beautiful dandelions. Now is a good time to pick them for nutritious and tender greens. If you feel adventurous, try making some homemade dandelion wine from the blossoms. The dandelion is a natural source of protein and is rich in vitamins A, B, C and E, plus minerals. It's also free!

CAR BATTERIES contain toxic metals including lead and cadmium;; they should be recycled and should never be disposed of with ordinary garbage. If they are incinerated, the toxic metals are released into the air; if they are landfilled, the metals can leach into ground-water. In 1986, 80% of lead-acid batteries were recycled.

SPRING CLEANUP

Here's a good way to get rid of those junk cars, boats, trailers, vans, etc. and beautify your property. Besides it is even IRS tax deductible! Call 1-800-2-DONATE. You will be doing two good deeds. •1. You will benefit a charity serving the blind and •2. You will get rid of your unsightly vehicles and help make Hague a prettier place to live. Free towing - vehicles need not run.

CARILLON GARDEN CLUB WILL HOST "TEA FOR TWO"

A VERY special treat is in store for area residents on Saturday, June 18 when the Carillon Garden Club will celebrate its 20th anniversary by hosting a Tea and Lawn Party at the Hancock House from 2-3PM. At 2PM a Maypole dance will be performed by a group of Girl Scouts of the area. An invitation to the audience will be extended to learn to do this dance, so here's your chance! Don't miss this event of the 1994 spring season.

To further extend the anniversary celebration, the "Gardenin' Angels" (Garden Club's theme for '94-'95) will present "Tea for Two" from June 12 through July 12 at the Hancock House. Teapots, teacups, tea sets and other tea paraphanelia, from the collections of members and friends, will be on exhibit. During the month long exhibit a silent tea cup auction will be held. Proceeds from this auction will be used for the Ticonderoga Historical Society's Historic Marker Fund.

MLH AUCTION

July 2 will be here before you know it and the Friends of Moses Ludington Hospital Auction is taking shape. There is still time to volunteer your services for this project and also to volunteer any items you may have that you could contribute for this benefit. (tax deductible). Please call Dottie Henry, 543-6633 for information.

ON OUR GOVERNMENT CONTROLS

ABRACADABRA, THUS WE LEARN . . .
 THE MORE YOU CREATE, THE LESS YOU EARN
 THE MORE YOU EARN THE LESS YOU'RE GIVEN
 THE LESS YOU LEAD, THE MORE YOU'RE DRIVEN
 THE MORE DESTROYED, THE MORE THEY FEED
 THE MORE YOU PAY, THE MORE THEY NEED
 THE MORE YOU EARN, THE LESS YOU KEEP
 AND NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP
 I PRAY THE LORD MY SOUL TO TAKE
 IF THE TAX COLLECTOR HASN'T GOT IT BEFORE I WAKE
 . . . OGDEN NASH

Thanks to Chronicle reader James A. McGregor for sending us this little ditty.

NATURE NEWS

Laura Meade

Usually one thinks of Mother's Day as a time to take Mom out to dinner or to send her a card or flowers. But every year John M.C. "Mike" Peterson thinks of that day as the time when migratory birds are winging their way to nest sites via the eastern flyway from Central America or Florida northward to northern New York or Canada. For about two weeks (from approximately May 6 to May 22), Peterson "camps" at the Crown Point Historic Site near a hawthorn orchard and sets up mist nets, hoping that birds will become gently entangled as they zoom from tree to tree in a narrow muddy corridor. If a bird does get caught in the net, then he or his assistant, Gordon Howard, will carefully remove the bird, place it in a net basket and take it to a banding table where a tiny aluminum numbered band is attached to one leg. Peterson or Howard will determine the species, its sex and age (if possible), make a record of the bird and the band and then release the bird again into the wild. Peterson, who is a very experienced birder, has been doing the banding at Crown Point since 1973 and has kept exact records of every bird that received a band. Quite a few Hague residents, some kindergarteners and some Senior Citizens, have enjoyed visiting this bird banding site to see wild birds up close or to hold and release them.

This year Peterson said that it has been relatively slow as to the amount of birds banded, probably due to showers or windy conditions. However, he was pleased to band a Northern Saw-Whet Owl on May 9 at dusk. So far this spring (until May 10) he reported banding these species: Field Sparrow, Black-capped Chickadee, American Goldfinch, Northern Waterthrush, Eastern Phoebe, Barn Swallow, Chipping Sparrow, House Wren, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown Thrasher, American Robin, Blue Jay, American Woodcock, and the Saw-Whet Owl.

Of course, many birds DO NOT become entangled in the nets, but are seen in the sky or flitting around the low-lying trees. These are identified by using binoculars but not noted in the records. In the area one might often see an Osprey, an American Kestrel, a Bobolink, a Red-Tailed Hawk, Bluebird or a Northern Oriole.

This year, on Mother's Day, Peterson observed a most unusual large bird in the vicinity of the Crown Point peninsula. After noting details of its size, beak, feathers, color and flight characteristics, he realized that it was a Yellow-billed Albatross, a species that has never been documented in this area. In fact, such a bird has only been seen a few times and that was over the Hudson Canyon, a deep channel in the North Atlantic. Truly it was a RARE BIRD! Peterson carefully noted its features and reported the information to the NYS Avian Records Committee. As the Region 7 editor of the NYS Federation of Bird Clubs magazine "The Kingbird", he will also write up the experience.

The public may visit the bird banding location at the Crown Point Historic Site. It is best to go in good weather and bring binoculars, a camera and wear "mud" boots.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society will hold its May meeting on Thursday, May 19 at the Community Center. Society member Dottie Henry will present a program on Joseph Henry (no relation) who invented the electromagnet (replica of which hangs in the Penfield Museum) and was the first secretary of The Smithsonian, Washington, DC, among his many other accomplishments.

A social hour begins at 7:30, meeting to begin at 8PM.

NEW YORK STATE YOUNG BOATERS SAFETY COURSE

Anyone between the ages of 10 and 18 who wants to operate a motor boat alone, must have a NYS Young Boaters Safety certificate in his/her possession. The certificate indicates that the holder has successfully completed the NYS Young Boaters Safety course. Beginning July 11 and again on August 8, this course will be offered in the Hague Town Center. It is open to anyone from age 10 to those who have not yet reached their 18th birthday.

Classes will be held from 10AM until 12 noon daily for 5 consecutive days, Mon. thru Fri. Students must attend all sessions, complete the workbook, which is supplied, and receive a grade of 75 or better on the exam which is given at the last session.

Register for the first session before July 8 at the Hague Town Center (543-6161) or with the instructors, Carol and Martin Brown (543-6403). There is no charge for the course or materials.

LET'S MAKE THIS A SAFE BOATING SUMMER! ... cwb

WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT AEROSOLS?

Banning CFCs, the worst of the ozone-destroying propellants, did not end the aerosol problem. The alternatives to CFCs at present aren't wonderful. One is HCFC - 95% less damaging than CFCs, but still a threat to the ozone layer. Others are pentane and butane, hydrocarbons that contribute to urban smog.

Using an aerosol product creates millions of minute particles of the propellant - along with polish, paint or hairspray - that are breathed deeply into your lungs. Brushes, rollers, and squirt bottles do not create this same kind of hazard.

The unrecyclable cans are a waste of resources and a long-term pollutant. Partially empty cans are potential bombs that can injure waste collection workers, or your family or firefighters in case of a home fire.

EARLY BOATERS, BEWARE!

The Lake George Park Commission issued a reminder that early season boaters should take special care to avoid floating hazards. Water levels and potentially damaging ice flows which occurred this spring are often associated with an increase in floating hazards such as logs, boards, drums, and even docks.

Early season boaters should be on the lookout for floating obstacles and are advised to reduce speed in areas where hazards are present.

Early season boaters can expect main lake, surface water temperatures of approximately 40 degrees. These temperatures should reach approximately 55 degrees by Memorial Day weekend. Beach and embayment areas may produce higher surface water temperatures.

According to the experts, falling overboard in waters of this temperature can lead to hypothermia in just a few minutes. It is recommended that boaters take extra precautions with personal flotation devices, protective clothing, and appropriate emergency equipment at this time of year.

Navigational aids are being placed in the lake and will continue to be placed through Friday, May 20 which is the official opening date of the Lake's Island campsites.

The Park Commission also reminds spring time boaters that present water levels, combined with wakes produced by boating traffic, leads to the potential for increased erosion damage to the shoreline. Reducing vessel speed to avoid floating hazards, will also help minimize unnecessary shoreline damage.

USED MOTOR OIL may be put in a plastic jug and taken to a service station or garage for recycling. OR you may take it to Hague's Sanitary Landfill.

STATE THEATER COMES TUMBLIN' DOWN

Due to a lapse of memory on your editor's part, she forgot to mention the drastic change in downtown Ticonderoga which will greet all you snowbirds.

On a cold March day the roof of the 600-seat historic State Theater on Montcalm Street collapsed, one day after a deadline to shore up sagging trusses at the structure. Since the ruins posed a health and safety hazard, the town board quickly made arrangements to have the entire theater razed and hauled away. Sad news for those of us who remember "the good old days."

Another surprise is in store also. Route 9N from the Essex County Line to Route 22 is now under construction. So be prepared for longer trips to Ticonderoga. It will be a most interesting summer!

You're not hard of hearing you're hard of listening.

WATER (Cont. from p. 1)

•When plants decay, they leave residues of very small particles called colloids. Although present, the colloidal content is diluted in lakes with nitella meadows.

•Not the least, and unlike milfoil, the nitella meadow is restricted to deep water.

•Nitella meadows add large quantities of dissolved oxygen to deep water as a by-product of photosynthesis. The meadow is also food for an impressive base of invertebrate animals such as snails, worms and insect larvae, which consume the plants after they die.

If nitella is responsible for clean water, by the same token it needs clean water to survive.

•If clear water breeds nitella meadows, which groom and clarify water, why then is the meadow in Lake George at risk? The danger, quite simply is from nutrient enrichment. If the groomer (nitella) is overwhelmed, accumulating nutrients will foster growth of phytoplankton (algae) and their decomposition products. Both impair light quality (which effects the growth of nitella).

Clear by usual standards, nevertheless water in the south basin of Lake George has become impaired. Since 1946, when 83 percent of light's rays was transmitted through each one-meter of depth, the lake has become more turbid. Now only 65 to 72 percent of light is transmitted through each one meter of depth. The north basin, which, until recently, had been spared heavy development, is only slightly less clear than the 1946 measurements.

Declining clarity in the south basin of Lake George affects the nitella meadows. In the clearer north basin the lower boundary is near 50 feet. In the more turbid south basin, the lower boundary is near 40 feet.

Unfortunately a declining area of nitella meadows in Lake George could lower (the) grooming activity. Less grooming can mean increased water turbidity and even heavier clouding. The consequence is the further decline in area of the nitella meadow. Thoughtlessness on people's part can create a spiral of declining water clarity.

A most significant step would be to minimize phosphate addition to Lake George. Shore dwellers can prevent phosphate from reaching the lake by not fertilizing their lawns, never exposing soils which allow surface runoff to carry them and their plant nutrients into the lake, maintaining a buffer zone of vegetation along the shoreline which acts to filter nutrients out of runoff and installing and maintaining a risk-free waste disposal system.

State and local governments should act immediately to trap phosphates in runoff water from roadways, roofs and other impervious surfaces. Action now will mean that both man and nitella meadows will continue to view Lake George in the proper light.

Excerpted from The Conservationist, Sept-Oct 1989

Complete copies of the article and other lake quality information can be obtained at the Hague Community Center.

Submitted by the Hague Stormwater Committee

NEXT DATES FOR MAGAZINE TRAILER TO BE IN HAGUE ARE JUNE 8 - 12. TRAILER IS LOCATED IN PARKING LOT AT COMMUNITY CENTER.

TOWN OF HAGUE TRANSFER STATION IS NOW OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM 12 NOON TO 5PM.

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, William Thomson, to Lara (Smith) and Ian Lawrie in Hopatcong, NJ. Proud grandparents are Barbara and William C. Smith, Morristown, NJ and Hague, NY and Mrs. Olive Lawrie, Mendham, NJ.

Congratulations to BERNARD and ANNA DENNO, Hague, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary (5/6) on May 7 at a party at the Fish & Game Club. Their happy marriage produced 15 children, 30 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Thirteen of their children from various points in the U.S. attended.

Congratulations to the following students from Hague attending Ti Middle School, who have achieved the honor roll for the third grading period:

6th Grade: WILLIAM T. COSTELLO, CHRISTINE FRASIER, ANDREW MACK, EVE TROMBLEY; 7th Grade: VICTORIA BELDEN, MICHELLE DEFRANCO, DAVID FITZGERALD, CRISTINA LAWRENCE. 8th Grade: MELISSA BRUNET, LINDSAY FRASIER, LAUREN MACK,

LIZ DeFRANCO, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David DeFranco, was named Alfred University athlete of the week April 12. Liz, a freshman at Alfred, earned a pair of victories on the mound - including an 11-strikeout performance against Nyack College in the school's first victory in softball history April 22. She also went 3 for 5 at the plate in the 17-12 win over Nyack and earned a win on the mound against King's College on April 23. This is Alfred's first year of intercollegiate women's softball. Liz was an honor student in the class of 1993 at Ticonderoga High School.

RACHEL MARTINO, daughter of Mr & Mrs Gary J. Martino, Hague, is listed in the 1994 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. She was selected as a national outstanding campus leader. She is in the 1994 graduating class at Herkimer County Community College, majoring in Physical Therapy.

NATASHA DENNO, Petersburg, NY, daughter of Pam Denno and Al Warzala and granddaughter of Anna and Bernard Denno, Hague, received a silver medal for taking second place in the Beta Class (6 & 7 yr. olds) of the Ice Skating Institute of America, "Y" Skating Clubs' annual ice skating competition in Colonie, NY on April 9.

The first church built in Hague was the Presbyterian. One of the first deacons was a self-centered man who had little to recommend him but he was proud of being a deacon. He asked a friend what people in Winchester would say when they heard. Friend replied, "That Hague is mighty short of timber."

CUB SCOUT PACK 21 NEWS

The Webelos of Den #3 have earned just about all there is to earn (as a Cub, that is). Tyler Wells and Stephen LeBarron have each picked up a compass point after earning Communicator and Geologist. Steve also did his stuff for Showman. These two may be our first Arrow of Light boys - go for it, guys! These guys did a "bang-up" job on a bicycle to practice their Handyman skills.

Luke Frasier and John Costello, Webelos of Den #4 made good time on a rainy day hike into Springhill Pond and along with some good exercise, earned their Naturalist pins. John now qualifies for the World Conservation Award. Peter Mack and John, with fellow Cubs Ryan Lawrence, Josh Plass and Steve LeBarron are Little Leaguers and will receive their baseball belt loops.

Bottle and can contributions are much appreciated!

...KC

MOTHER'S HELPER

The following letter was received during the past month for publication:

Hi, my name is Christina Carlson. My grandmother is Betty Sullivan. She lives in Hague. I wanted to know if I could be a mother's helper over the summer. I have a little brother - he's seven years old. I watch him every day after school. I babysit my neighbors a lot. They are 2, 4 and 7 years old. I would be able to babysit on weekdays after 11:30AM and on weekends any time. I attend Silver Bay Association in the mornings. I am 12 years old. I am very responsible and dependable. I think I would be great for the job. Thanks!

Sincerely, /s/ Christina Carlson, 19 Hedges Rd., Chester, NJ, 07930

BICYCLE HELMET LAW

All youth under the age of 14 must wear a safety helmet when they are on a bicycle. This NYS law goes into effect on JUNE 1, 1994. This is added to the current law that states all children under the age of five and are passengers on a bicycle must wear a helmet and all infants under one year may not be carried as a passenger on a bicycle at all.

A parent or guardian may be fined a maximum of \$50 each time a law enforcement official issues a ticket.

If you have any questions, call the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center in Warrensburg (623-3291 or (668-4881).

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

At the next Senior Citizens Club meeting, the Fire Department's Lu McGow will present a program relating to the individual's participation in the processes of the dept. There will be a short meeting on May 24 at 1:30PM. After the program, of course, refreshments! . . . gl

THE ORIGINS OF MEMORIAL DAY

In 1866 memorial associations were formed in Columbus, GA, and Columbus, MS, for the purpose of caring for the graves of both Union and Confederate war dead.

Northern cities also paid respect through special observances. The village of Waterloo, NY honored its war dead on May 5, 1966, by closing its businesses for the day, flying the flag at half-mast, and decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1967, President Lyndon Johnson issued a proclamation officially recognizing Waterloo as "the birthplace of Memorial Day."

On April 29, 1866, the citizens of Carbondale, IL conducted an all-day observance, including a parade, a barbecue, speeches and the decorating of the graves of some 20 Union soldiers. The principal speaker on this occasion was General John A. Logan.

Undoubtedly drawing from his experiences in Carbondale, Gen. Logan, the first Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued, on May 5, 1868, the general order providing for the nationwide observance of Decoration Day on May 30. This date was chosen in order that, all over the country, there might be flowers in bloom that could be used in decorating the graves.

May 30 remained the official date of the occasion until 1971, when Public Law 90-363 went into effect. It called for uniform annual observances of certain legal public holidays, including Memorial Day. It has since been observed nationally on the last Monday in May.

DEATHS IN SERVICE: American Revolution, 4,000; War of 1812, 2,000; Mexican War, 13,000; Civil War, (Confederate, approximate), 134,000; (Union) 364,000; Spanish-American War, 11,000; World War I, 116,000; World War II, 406,000; Korean Conflict, 55,000; Vietnam (in Southeast Asia), 58,000; Persian Gulf, 400.

CHAOS AND CORPSES

Nothing seemed sacred. Nobody seemed safe. The presidents of the neighboring African countries of Rwanda and Burundi were killed as they returned from what was supposed to be a peace conference. Their plane was landing at Kigali, Rwanda's capital, when it was apparently shot down. Five days later there was still such chaos that no official word had come out to explain what happened.

Amid all this turmoil in Rwanda, Southern Baptist missionary David Hooten spoke with the Baptist Press bureau at the Foreign Mission Board office in Richmond and described a harrowing escape. Rev and Mrs. Hooten (son-in-law and daughter of Mrs. Jack Armes, Hague) were not part of the organized convoy from Kigali. They had to drive through nearly 10 checkpoints where the roads were blocked by logs or other objects and sometimes by crowds of unruly people.

"People were basically in a frenzy," Hooten said of

the atmosphere in the villages they drove through. "They were worked up to a frenzy. Anytime we approached these mobs, it was just real tense."

The Hootens, who have been in Rwanda since 1987, arranged to join some Free Methodist missionaries at the junction of a dirt road and a paved highway. They had already made it through a couple of roadblocks as they approached the meeting point. It was 6:30a.m. Apr 9 and Hooten saw no sign of the other vehicles but he did see trouble ahead.

"I slowed down, but there was no blockade," the missionary from Knoxville, Tenn. recalled. "No logs or tree stumps or rocks like they normally use to stop you -- except just the people, the mob was there. I kind of forced my way with the vehicle through them. I did not want to stop in the middle of them because I had a pretty good idea what was happening. I tried and was able to get through them. I slowed down on the other side to see if I could get a sense as to what they were doing." That pause could have cost the missionary and his wife Janet their lives had they not been alert and able to keep going.

"Sure enough," he said, "they came charging after us. One guy got a hold of the side of my door. I had my window down. He hung onto it trying to get me to stop. The rest of the crowd came at us with machetes and clubs and spears and different implements. I can't say they were going to hurt us. I don't know. They certainly were trying to scare us and let us think they were going to hurt us..."

Lacking any friendly gestures, Hooten rammed the vehicle into gear and tore away from the crowd. . . Excerpted from World April 16, 1994.

Ed: I talked with Janet's mother, Lolly, on May 15 and am happy to report that she and their two children, ages 6 and 8 are in Kenya. David has gone to the border and is involved with refugees who have poured over the Rwanda/Tanzania border. He is very fluent in the language and can be of a big help in that endeavor. It will be at least several months before they will be able to go back to their home in Rwanda.

WILDERNESS EXPLORATION TRIP

The Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Program in Warren County is conducting a three day Wilderness Exploration Trip on June 24 to 26th. This trip is open to any Warren County youth, 9-11 years of age. The group will be camping on Thirteenth Lake near North River, NY. The cost of the trip is \$10 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 will include woodlore and safety, identification of forest trees and wildlife, compass skills, canoeing safety, fishing and swimming.

For info. call Coop. Ext. 623-3291 or 668-4881. 5/94

The following is a copy of letter addressed to Supervisor Belden with a copy to The Hague Chronicle, with a request that we publish it.

Dear Dan: I am writing this letter to inform you of the ongoing speeding problem that exists in the Hamlet of Hague.

As you very well know, the 30m.p.h. signs are posted north of Trout House Village at Island Harbor and then proceeding south on 9N one full mile to the old public launch. Unfortunately, the speed zone is rarely enforced and too often disobeyed.

The location of our home and business, Trout House Village, poses a greater danger because of the blind spots that exist to the north and south on Rt. 9N.

A pedestrian crossing 9N in front of Trout House has less than 3 seconds to react to a speeding vehicle approaching from either direction.

Dan, as you know, Scott and I operate a year round resort and reside at Trout House with our four young children. Trout House Resort attracts families that view Hague as a peaceful, beautiful, and safe place for their family to vacation.

With the dangerous speeding problem that exists on Rt 9N in Hague, I fear for my children's safety as well as our customers' safety.

Please alert the Sheriff, the State Trooper, and/or the Dept. of Transportation to see what can be done to enforce the speeding in the hamlet of Hague.

Most sincerely, /s/ Alice Patchett

P.S. Please let the police know they can use the north driveway to Trout House as a speed trap any time. Thank you.

I have enclosed a letter written in 1990 to the Sheriff, State Police and DOT.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

On Wednesday, May 4 our school district held its annual election and budget vote. For the convenience of the Hague residents, the vote was held at the Community Center. Of the approximately 650 registered Hague voters, 180 or 28% actually voted. The total number of district wide voters was 960 with Hague voters representing 19%. It is clear that the voters turnout in Hague was very low. Apparently the majority of these voters cared little about having a say in a \$9.6 million budget or on having representation on the Board of Education.

I ran for the School Board primarily because I believe that Hague needs to have a voice in formulating educational policy for our school district. The only way to achieve this goal is for Hague residents to give massive support to whomever that candidate may be, given the 3:1 voters ratio that Ticonderoga residents enjoy. Thusly it becomes obvious that if Hague voters ever care enough about having representation on the school board, they must care enough to go to the polls and help vote that candidate in. /s/ Rudolph Meola, May 11, 1994

WHEN BOATING ON LAKE GEORGE or any other body of water, put cans, styrofoam cups, cigarettes, food wrappers, etc. in a garbage bag which you bring ashore upon your return. • Do not leave cut fishing line or plastic materials in the water. • Fatalities and serious injuries can happen on Lake George, as they can anywhere. Many could be prevented by sobriety and common sense. Remember that the lake can be unforgiving if you make mistakes, so - vacation or not - bring along your good judgment! • Don't fish, scuba dive or anchor within 200 feet of active docks, boat houses or boats. • Drive at safe, fuel-efficient speeds. • Enjoy the natural quiet of Lake George. Avoid playing loud radios or stereos. Sound travels easily over water to everyone on the lake. • Stay away from shallow areas. Motors churn up the bottom, and increase the amount of damaging, nutrient-rich, sediment in the water. • Do not use boat engines that leak gas, oil, or other contaminants. Take special care when filling fuel tanks. Clean up any spills immediately. • Don't bring non-native plants and animals to Lake George! Thoroughly clean boats and equipment including boat trailers before launching in Lake George. Remove all trapped water and allow to dry completely. Do not use live bait fish from other waters.

Milfoil and zebra mussels are a threat to our waters! Let's keep them out.

LARAC ARTS FESTIVAL

The Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council's 23rd Annual June Arts Festival is scheduled for June 11 and 12 in Glens Falls City Park.

This year's festival will include more than 190 artists and craftspersons, continuous entertainment on the bandstand and many hands-on activities for the kids.

Local service organizations will again be selling food from booths on Bay Street which will be closed by the city for the two day festival.

The LARAC Festival is open to the public free of charge from 10AM to 5PM June 11 and 12.

PLANETARIUM SHOW

The final planetarium show for this school year will be presented at the Ti High School Planetarium on Wed, May 25 at 7:30PM.

The May planetarium show will be the Annual Summer Stargazers Show. Stars, constellations and planets visible during the summer months will be the focus of Planetarium Director David Rutkowski during this informal presentation.

There is a \$1.00 donation requested. For further information, please call Mr. Rutkowski at 585-6661.

The milk of human kindness should not be bottled up.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY/JUNE 1994

MAY

- 18 Blood pressure clinic - Community Center 1PM
- 18 Square Dance - Community Ctr. 7:30-9:30 (p2)
- 18 School Board meeting - THS Cafeteria - 7:30PM
- 19 Warren County Seniors Luncheon
- 19 Hague Historical Society - Town Center - 7:30PM
- 24 Senior Citizens Club meeting -Community Ctr -1:30P
- 26 ZBA meeting - 7PM
- 31 100th birthday celebration for Lela Foote - see p1

JUNE

- 1 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 1 Chamber of Commerce, 7:30PM - C ommunity Center
- 1 Americn Legion - Legion Home - 7:30PM

JUNE

- 2 Planning Board meeting - Town Center - 7PM
- 6 Fire Dept. meeting - 7:30PM - Firehall
- 7 Home Bureau - 10AM, Community Center
- 8 Square Dance - Community Ctr. 7:30-9:30 (p2)
- 8 - 12 Magazine trailer at Community Center
- 13 Women Helping Women - see p. 2
- 14 Home Bureau Spring Luncheon
- 14 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 15 Blood Pressure Clinic - 1PM - Community Center
- 16 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM - Community Center
- 18 Anniversary tea and lawn party (p. 4)

DEVOTION

Ever so silent and humble—she waits
 Time gaining victory, man's ego, inflates
 The compromised beauty of a servant so loyal
 Her majesty - The Queen - cloaked in scenery royal.

A free gift of eloquence, serving the earth
 Created by God to give life added worth
 The essence of God and His love for mankind
 Flows through the lake of my heart and my mind.

and The Indians Named Her
 "Andiatarocete" ... The "Barkwriter" 3/94

Faithful and true in this world of neglect
 To man's endless abuse and lack of respect
 But obedient in service and submissive in will
 To the Lord she is yielding as man reaps his fill.

Reminiscent of a life that lived long, long ago
 One that wiped our slate clean from the debt that we owe
 So loyal in fact that He lost more than beauty
 Sacrificing His life when God called him to duty.

The above poem (and beautiful photograph of L.G.) all framed, ready for hanging, was sent to me anonymously a couple weeks ago. I am deeply touched and appreciative of the "Barkwriter's" gift.

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