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## GIRL SCOUTS' 75th ANNIVERSARY

On March 12, 1987 Girl Scouting will celebrate its 75th Anniversary. Former Girl Scouts are invited to share their memories and accomplishments with today's Girl Scouts, who will be celebrating through a variety of special projects, including gifts of service to our community.

If you have been a Girl Scout or Leader, you are invited to celebrate with the Hague Girl Scouts and Brownies at the Town Hall on March 12 at 4 PM, when the Girl Scout promise will be spoken by troops throughout the United States. At that time there will be a 75th Anniversary birthday cake.

You may wish to help with a project (for old time's sake), display badges or former uniforms and memorabilia, or just share memories of your experiences. Whatever your involvement, we'll be honored by your participation. If you wish to attend and participate in the Anniversary party, please contact Michelle Brunet at 543-8818 or Laura Meade, 543-6060.

## A SALUTE TO HAGUE'S HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT'S SNOW REMOVAL CREW

"We have been blessed (?) with an abundance of snow in the past few months. Thanks to the excellent work of the highwaymen (snow removal crew) we have been amply protected against emergencies and able to carry on our normal comings and goings. We thank them for their tireless efforts in keeping us warm and safe at home and on the road"....E.H.Crabbs

"The best town crew of any place I've ever lived"....Y. Shattuck

"The efficient response to every storm in the winters since we've been in Hague is outstanding"....The Lindquists

"It's like magic to wake up in the morning after a stormy night (especially on our hill) and see the roads almost bare. We know the highway crew has been working all night. We take too many things for granted"...Ursula Montbriand

## 1987 SNOW PRINCESS - JENNIFER KOON

Ten young Hague misses, from age 9 to 13 participated in the Snow Princess contest on February 12 at the Beachside Hotel. Michelle Brunet is to be congratulated for the time and effort she put into this pageant. Each girl was well trained in poise and appearance and the talent portion of the program was well received by a full house of enthusiastic parents, relatives and friends.

TREYA BRAISTED, 11, daughter of Jim Braisted and the late Jody Braisted was the runner up, playing a rhythmic melody on her electronic piano.

JENNIFER KOON, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alan Jordan, Cape Cod Village, was crowned festival Princess. Jennifer, age 11, performed a routine combining dance and gymnastics. The performance was a real crowd pleaser.

Other participants included JENNIFER FIELD, CONNIE SWINTON, ELIZABETH BRUNET, JESSICA MARS, BOBBIE JEAN FRASIER, ANGELA SWINTON, ALISON LaCOURSE, KELLY YAW. They were individually introduced by TAMMY YAW who was the mistress of ceremonies. Each girl was awarded a plaque and the princess and runner-up each received a trophy, a necklace and a crown. The judges, all from out of town were Joyce Barker, Barbara Olcott and Sally May. All agreed that it was a great evening. We would like to congratulate all the participants and those who worked so hard to make the pageant a success....dh

## FROM OUR SUPERVISOR'S NEWSLETTER

The Housing and Urban Development Grant which Hague received (\$363,000) is ready to be implemented. The necessary paper work (Letter of credit etc.) is in place and applications are being reviewed.

Ever think about growing Christmas trees? There are many properties in Hague which would be suitable. One tree farmer in Westchester County grossed, this year, \$6,000.00 on a 15 acre lot.

### FLEA MARKET AND CRAFT FAIR

St. Mary's Auxiliary will hold a FLEA MARKET and CRAFT FAIR on Saturday, March 7 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Get your spring house cleaning started early and discover how many unused items can be turned into cash. Table rentals are \$7.00 each for the day and reservations should be made NOW by calling St. Mary's School 585-7433. The event will be held in the school gymnasium. Hot dogs and soda will be available.

### FROM OUR CONGRESSMAN

Congressman Jerry Solomon reports that he has been reappointed as one of the ranking Republican members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He once again will be ranking member of the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations and his new assignment is a seat on the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, which will acquire increased importance in the 100th Congress due to the growing concern about the U.S. trade deficits with other countries. On his new subcommittee, Solomon promised to fight for a trade policy that is "free but fair." Solomon has been a strong advocate of free trade during his years in Congress. At the same time, however, he has called on the U.S. to serve notice to other countries that haven't played by the same rules.

### JAZZ CONCERT

THE BLACK EAGLE JAZZ BAND will present a concert program on February 21, 1987 at 8 PM at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts. "This group's music is joyful, and free in spirit and conveys an ebullience that's hard to resist." Adults \$9.00, students and seniors, \$7.00. Call the Arts Center at 523-2512 for reservations.

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

Local community action groups, under the direction of Richard D. Hathaway, will hold a meeting in Room 200 of the Moses Ludington Hospital on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 7 PM. Interested persons are invited to attend and may become members of this group organized to provide parent effectiveness training and to develop positive community-based activities for youth as alternatives to drug-related behavior.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Put this date on your calendar NOW. May 29 - that is the date that the State Theater in Ticonderoga will be hosting an open house to celebrate fifty years in the movie business. Jim Cawley, a young man from Ticonderoga, has been working very hard in refurbishing this grand old theater, which opened for movies on May 29, 1936. We will publish more on the State Theater's progress in the future...dh

### FUN IN THE WINTER

I happened to be one of the senior citizens who went for a sleigh ride on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in February. (See Sr. Cit. News). I would recommend this pastime for anyone, young or old. The Dixons, who live near Putts Pond in Ticonderoga at their very attractive new (but built to look old) farmhouse host sleighing parties on Saturdays and Sundays as long as the snow holds out. With a huge horse, complete with sleighbells, and a sleigh for four, Orley Dixon drives around the many acres of his property (over the meadow and through the woods). The ride takes about a half hour and then, after all that invigorating fresh air one is treated to the hospitality of the Dixons' warm home where Bonnie serves either hearty homemade soup or piping hot chili with her homemade bread and hot drinks. Never having been on a sleighride before, I didn't know what to expect, but I was more than repaid. All this for \$6.50 plus tax! For a fun-filled afternoon, reservations may be made by calling 585-6098.

Our Hague Winter Carnival has been a great success. For more winter carnival fun, Lake Luzerne is holding theirs the weekend of Feb. 20-22. Contact 518-696-3500.

Lake George Carnival's last weekend is also Feb. 21-22, and Gore Mt. Region is having theirs from Feb. 28-Mar 1. Contact Gore Mt. Region C of C 518-251-2612.

And of course right here in Hague we have cross-country skiing at Rogers Rock Campsite, skating on Wednesday nights at Silver Bay skating rink and plenty of ice fishing. So, while some of you are basking in the sunny south or west, think of us in Hague enjoying all these winter activities...dh

### CAUTION - DEER CROSSING !!!

Supervisor Bolton has been informed that 16 deer have been killed on Hague roads so far this season. Drivers should be extra cautious, particularly when driving at night. Because of the snow cover the deer are exceedingly hungry. We hate to break the bad news, but many bushes and shrubs have been devoured by these hungry animals...dh

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/27/87

After several major corrections the minutes of the December 1986 meeting of the ZBA were approved at its regular monthly meeting on January 27, 1987.

The Ward Marina variance request was again discussed and a public hearing was set for the February 26 ZBA meeting at 7 PM. It was suggested Mr. Ward hire a licensed surveyor to measure buildings on property to ascertain what percentage of land is covered as required by zoning regulations. A public hearing has been set for the same evening for application #2-98. Pamela Peterson is asking for a variance to allow building a house with a height of 42'. Our zoning regulations allow 30'...GL

PLANNING BOARD - 2/5/87

A public hearing was held at 7:05 PM concerning the request for an amendment to the approved subdivision of "Hague Commons" to erect an 8-unit structure, 80'x25'x18'H, to be used for the storage of accessory items of the owners of the 8 town houses presently under construction. Mr. Robert Katzman, the developer of "Hague Commons" stated the reason for the structure was to prevent the area from becoming unsightly due to boats, snowmobiles, etc. from being stored on the common land. No one appeared to speak for or against the subdivision amendment. The public hearing was closed at 7:15 PM.

Chairman Tim Costello opened the regular meeting with all members present except Bruce Robinson. Mr. Costello welcomed the newest member of the board, Karen Laundree. Minutes were approved as read.

The board recommended denial of Mr. James Ward's request for a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Board recommended denial of Pamela Peterson's request for a variance to construct a residence 42' in height (maximum allowable height by right is 30'), since a hardship can only be considered because of conditions of the land.

There was a discussion on the procedure used in processing the Frank Carneys' request for a zoning map change for their property on the west side of NY State Rt. 9N. No recommendation was made for or against the proposal since the Board did not feel that it had sufficient facts concerning soil and topography conditions.

Mr. Robert Patchett presented a preliminary plat plan on a proposed subdivision of one of his parcels which totals 1.46 acres. His purpose is to separate his new residence from the property known as Trout House Village Resort. A public hearing was scheduled for 7 PM March 5, 1987.

A preliminary sketch plan was submitted for a proposed sub-division of property owned by Jake Thibeault on the south side of NY State Rt. 8. A public hearing was scheduled for 7 pm on April 2, 1987.

Mr. E. Gilbert Barker addressed the Board as an individual to describe a possible housing development on property owned by Steve Bevins. Mr. Barker has an option on land which is located west of the Indian Kettles area and would involve 400 to 500 acres of off-lake property. The land is zoned Open-Countryside I which requires 2.9 acres minimum lot size. Mr. Barker stated that 100 to 125 home sites are being contemplated. Mr. Barker requested information as to the status of a road, shown on a Warren County Highway System Map date 1981 as Forest Lane, which runs south from West Hague Road for 0.18 miles, through Forest Preserve Land. The Town of Hague, in 1982, had received permission to have Forest Lane accepted by Warren County Dept. of Public Works as "Qualified Abandonment." The question raised by Mr. Barker concerned the possibility of a developer improving the road to town standards and using it for access to the proposed development. Mr. Costello will research this matter.

Chairman Costello appointed a new site plan review committee consisting of Evert Lindquist, Chairman, Kathy Santaniello and Karen Laundree. This committee will do a site plan review of the Hague Commons to determine the advisability of permitting the construction of the proposed garage prior to the Board making a decision on the proposed amendment to the approved sub-division...GL

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 2/10/87

A program on Soil and Water Conservation preceded the regular town board meeting on Feb. 10, 1987. (See page 4 for detailed report).

Supervisor Dick Bolton read a letter from ENCON which emphasized the gravity of our landfill problem. You may not be aware that Commissioner Williams has mandated closure of non-compliance landfills but has offered no alternatives, since the Resource Recovery Plant in Ft. Edward is not yet available for towns in Warren County to use. Hague is under an Order of Consent and to sign this order would admit to an illegal landfill. This could result in fines. The Warren County

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attorney is working out an Order of Consent that would obtain a permit to keep open a legal landfill. A possible cost of \$1,000,000.00 was suggested if we are to follow the state guidelines for closure. More later.

APA acknowledged receiving Hague request for a map amendment.

An additional \$4,551.00 will be received by the Highway Dept. in April through the CHIPS program.

Unfinished business has John Silvestri, town attorney, working on a local law for shortening our legal newspaper ads.

New business finds us with a problem concerning the road from Ray Monroe's into Frasier Fields because of frequent use by ATVs. Built by I.P., Hague has right of access. Dan Belden, Highway Supervisor, is to investigate the possibility of closing during mud season as a conservation measure.

Milfoil was again the main topic at a Saratoga meeting attended by the supervisor. (See p. 6 for update on the milfoil problem.) Other items covered included: insufficient ENCON officers (5 more need to be appointed; destructuring of Lake George Park Commission; agreement on land uses...GL

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

February has been a busy month for the seniors. February 2 saw a group of us enjoying an old-fashioned horse-drawn sleigh ride at Bonnie View (owned by Bonnie and Orley Dixon) on Canfield Rd., Chilson. The weather was perfect and after a fun-filled ride we had a delicious chicken vegetable soup, homemade bread and tea and coffee, all included in the \$6.50 price. The Dixons are a charming family and made us all feel immediately at home.

On February 13 we had a covered dish luncheon, as always well attended, in spite of the very cold day, with food that was better than good.

Don't forget our regular meeting at the Town Hall on February 24 at 1:30 PM. Diane Frasier will give a short talk about a way that we seniors can help with the "Adopt a needy family for Christmas" program...GL

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Parting and forgetting? What faithful heart can do these? Our great thoughts, our great affections, the truths of our lives never leave us....Anonymous

Potentially a dull subject for most of us, Soil and Water Conservation was brought to life for those attending the town board meeting on February 10 by two very interesting and knowledgeable speakers, John Peek, Technician for the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Marilyn Stephenson, District Conservationist for Soil Conservation Service (SCS).

Warren County is one of 3,000 districts in the U.S. and is a legal sub-division of state government responsible by law for the conservation of soil and water in N.Y. State.

To carry out its various programs SWCD receives money from the county with some matching funds from the state. There are directors and a staff of 2. (Our supervisor, Dick Bolton, serves as legislative director). Other input comes from the W.C. Grange and the public at large.

While developing comprehensive plans for conservation of soil erosion, preventing flood and sediment damage, doing agricultural water management for district landowners, they also provide: 1. basic resource information including soil descriptions, flood hazard maps, engineering soil interpretations, animal unit concentration maps, erosion maps, and 2. technical on-site assistance in areas of erosion control; soil conservation; flood prevention and others. Special programs for land owners include: conservation education; trees and shrubs for erosion control; crown vetch; fish pond management; white cedar marketing, woodland marketing; agricultural value assessment. The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) provides the district with a conservationist from SCS who works through the board of directors to provide help to land users in developing, applying and maintaining their land, using the plans and practices for the conservation of soil and water. This work is done through a letter of understanding with towns in which a working relationship is outlined.

Another program available, Resource and Conservation Development (RC & D) provides technical and financial assistance in solving resource conservation problems. There is also a USDA Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) which provides cost sharing for certain conservation practices that are installed.

These agencies work through towns, cities, planning boards and other local state agencies. However, individual help is given on request. Further information may be obtained by calling (518)793-6883 or visiting or writing the office at Quaker Village, Glens Falls, N.Y. 12801.

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Warren County is one of the few districts that has benefited financially through these programs and Hague has been fortunate in receiving some of this aid for two public projects.

In about 18 months the National Cooperative Soil Survey will be published in book form, making it considerably easier to obtain soil information. Agencies throughout the county and the U.S. have contributed, with Cornell doing much agricultural testing. Depending on Congressional appropriations, public education programs are also planned.

The District also sells seedlings, and bluebird houses at very reasonable rates and applications may be picked up at the town hall.

An excellent display set up by the two speakers is being exhibited at the town hall for a short time. There are many free information booklets for the taking. The public is invited to visit this exhibit between the hours of 8 and 5 Monday through Friday....GL

#### HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

With the HYFD fire fighting essentials course approximately half complete we are currently in the process of organizing a State certified Ambulance First Responders Course. Although no definite starting date has been announced, we are anxiously awaiting its start. The Hague Ambulance Squad is presently operating with minimal personnel and we are in hopes that interest in this course will help attract new members. The Ambulance Squad and Fire Services are both necessary community services as well as rewarding to participants.

The First Responders Course will certify graduates in New York State and teach them skills necessary for the initial phases of emergency medical situations, stabilizing patients and transporting. The course will run 40 hours including both classroom study and practical application. First Responders certification may also be applied toward EMT training for those who may be interested in becoming fully certified Emergency Medical Technicians. For further information and course registration, please contact Ambulance Squad Captain, Gerry Boyd.

With ambulance service in mind, and our need for trained personnel, we would like to extend an invitation and request to any community member who may have medical training and wish to assist us

in serving the community. In discussions with squads in other communities, we have learned that for example, nurses often volunteer their time as their hospital schedules allow. This type of qualified assistance might very well round out needed personnel in Hague. Anyone possibly interested, please contact Captain Gerry Boyd.

With the ever increasing cost of home heating, more and more energy conscious people are installing wood stoves. An undesirable result has been a corresponding increase in the number of wood stove and chimney fires. In fact one half of the one and two family dwelling fires in rural areas are caused by wood fuel use. The added situation in the Hague area of the occasional or weekend woodstove user being possibly less familiar with proper use, makes a wood stove safety refresher essential to safety and fire prevention.

Burning wood requires more work and attention than simply adjusting the thermostat. To reduce the chances of having a fire in your home, several areas of wood burning must be considered. First, proper and safe installation from the stove itself to the chimney right out through the wall or roof and all places in between. Proper, non-combustible materials must be used in installation, and adequate distances from combustibles maintained. Proper maintenance and monitoring of use is essential. Don't assume that because a stove burned safely last time or appears to be burning safely now, that it does not need to be checked. Be careful to observe your stove and its operation. If anything seems out of the ordinary, check it out or have it done by a professional. Regular cleaning and inspection of both the stove and the chimney can help insure fire free operation of your wood stove.

For further information or more details, please feel free to contact Fire Chief Paul Davis. Remember, proper fire prevention is far better than proper fire fighting.

#### SUGAR MAPLE DECLINE IN REGION LINKED TO EFFECTS OF ACID RAIN

The widespread dieback of red spruce on the upper slopes of the Adirondack and Green Mountains has been noted by hikers for years, and more recently this devastation has been linked by scientists to acid rain. Now the decline of sugar maples is being documented as another probable result of the same airborne pollution, much of it drifting eastward from sources hundreds of miles away....The Adirondack Council Newsletter, Jan.'87.

### MILFOIL UPDATE

In the June 1986 issue of The Hague Chronicle there was an article summarizing the events that had occurred since the discovery of Eurasian Milfoil in Lake George was publicly announced at a Task Force Meeting on November 14, 1985 in the Municipal Center in Lake George Village.

From that article I quote, "On June 6, 1986, Warren County withdrew its application to use Sonar because the APA and DEC were forcing the County into an adversarial role, rather than the County, APA & DEC working together to fight a common environmental enemy. The County, in effect, said that since the State owns the bottom of the Lake and DEC and APA claim jurisdiction over the water, the State is responsible for the prevention of the spread of Milfoil in Lake George." At this writing, it doesn't appear that much has changed over the past 7 months.

Today, four milfoil beds total 103.27 acres. Those 4 beds are located in Huddle Bay, Dunham Bay, Sunset Bay and Lake George Village Bay. The use of Sonar has been ruled to have significant environmental impact, so no permission to use Sonar will be granted by the Departments of Health, Environmental Conservation or The Adirondack Park Agency until an acceptable environmental impact statement is written by this year's project sponsor, namely, The Lake George Park Commission.

The original impact statement was rejected last fall by all three agencies. A new, 527 page draft document was delivered to State agencies this past December in an effort to include all of the issues that the various agencies deemed critical. Numerous objections were raised concerning the contents of this 6-pound impact statement by the State agencies so Alexander Gabriels III, a private citizen, and Mary-Arthur Beebe, Executive Director of the Lake George Association, attended 6 days of meetings with the involved agencies and they began the task of rewriting the impact statement in response to the concerns raised by APA and DEC. If the revised environmental impact statement is approved by all of the involved agencies, both legislative hearings and adjudicatory hearings must be held prior to any final decision regarding the use of Sonar in the waters of Lake George..AC

Re-quote of quote in May 1986 Hague Chronicle..."Indecision is debilitating; it feeds upon itself; it is, one might almost say, habit forming. It cannot go forward by hesitation. Those in executive positions must fortify themselves with facts and accept responsibility for decisions based upon them. Often greater risk is involved in postponement than in making the wrong decision.".....H. A. Hopf (Businessgram, February 1985)

#### FOR OUR NEW READERS:

Eurasian Milfoil is a rooted aquatic plant that severely threatens the natural lake environment and discourages boating, fishing and swimming. The weed crowds out native plants and is capable of rapid infestation of an area and accumulation can be unsightly and foul smelling, in addition to accelerating the filling in of a lake due to decaying plant material. Milfoil weed beds are also poor spawning areas for fish since its growth is often so dense that it can stop a power boat. The plant has no native enemies and if allowed to spread, can choke off areas of the lake to depths of up to 18 or 20 feet.

**SONAR:** A herbicide containing the active ingredient, Fluridone which inhibits carotenoid synthesis. Carotenoids (yellow pigments) are an important part of the plant's photosynthetic (food making) system. These yellow pigments protect the plant's green pigments (chlorophyll) from photodegradation (decomposition by sunlight). When carotenoid synthesis is inhibited, the chlorophyll is exposed to photodegeneration and is gradually destroyed.

As a plant's chlorophyll decreases, so does its capacity to produce carbohydrates through photosynthesis. The visual symptom of fluridone action is bleaching or the development of chlorosis (an abnormal plant condition characterized by absence of, or deficiency in, green pigment) on the terminal bud or growing points of the plant. AC

1. Essentially all ATY's must be registered through the Dept. of Motor Vehicles.
2. Generally, operation of an ATY on a highway is prohibited except to cross at a right angle to the road.
3. Operators 10-15 must have participated in an approved DMV training program and have received a safety certificate.
4. The ATY owner, not the operator, is liable for personal injury, death, or property damage caused by the machine, if the operator was given permission to use the ATY.

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, Luke Sebastian, to Carol (Stiffler) and James Woltman in Margate, FL on December 31, 1986. Grandparents are Theresa and Bob Stiffler, formerly of Pine Cove Road, Hague.

BORN - A girl, Jennifer Danielle, to Jo Ann and Bruce DeLarm, on February 9 in Tampa, FL. Proud grandparents are Pat and Jim DeLarm, Hague, and great-grandfather, Rollin DeLarm.

MARRIED - Julie Peters and Oliver Bevins at the home of Dr. Michael Shuhler, Hague, on January 1. Oliver is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bevins, New Hague Road.

DIED - Stephen H. Hoyt, 78, Saranac Lake on Jan. 21. He is survived by his wife, son, two daughters, a sister, and brother Bob Hoyt, a resident of Hague.

DIED - Elmer A. Dunklee, 64, West Hague Road on January 30 at Moses Ludington Hospital, Ticonderoga NY. He is survived by two sisters and two brothers, Jordan H. and Beverley Dunklee both of Hague.

TICONDEROGA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following students from Hague have been listed on the Third Marking Period Honor Roll:

First Honors: JASON PLASS, BETHANY WELLS  
Second Honors: MARINA BARNABY, CHERYL COBB, TANYA GOETSCH, ROBERT GAUTREAU, RENEE LaROCK, AMY McKEE, KARA REYNOLDS, JANET ROSS, FRANK SERDINSKI, AMBER STULL.

Our congratulations to these students on their continued efforts to excel.

AGELESS ACTIVITIES

Throughout your life, exercise is good for you. Keeping fit through your young, middle and older years will help you to stay in the swim of things. So, do yourself a favor. If you aren't already exercising regularly, start a personal program right now, or join one. If you do follow a routine exercise schedule, keep it up. After all, exercising is like riding a bicycle - you never forget how. In fact, exercise is riding a bicycle...and swimming and walking and cross-country skiing and much, much more! To get the most out of your exercise: Exercise with your spouse or a friend. Remember to warm up before and cool down after exercise....Moses Ludington Hospital

Correction p 2 - Theater opened May 29, 1937.

WILLY C'S JAN/FEB WEATHER NOTES

2/10/87 - Your reporter was going to prepare this month's weather notes yesterday, complete with description, but as I considered our readers I changed my mind. Recently it has seemed that my notes have all been taken on wild woolly days, and you might be led to believe that all days during the winter are less than perfect and that your reporter enjoys them. Concerning the latter you would be correct about enjoyment. However, we do have many wonderfully beautiful winter days and today is one of them.

Jan. produced 32.75" of snow, lakeside, spread evenly throughout the month. The greatest amount, about 12' fell on the 26th and 27th. On seventeen days of the month we had temperatures of 32 degrees F or above. The high of 41 degrees was reached on the 7th. Unless your house has a peculiar lie, regarding exposure or wooded area, snow build-up is not a problem. To our south, Glens Falls has had greater amounts. Our coldest temperature, lakeside, was 3 degrees below zero; mountain top 28 degrees below zero on January 27th. As reported last month, the lake was getting serious about freezing over and it did, so a thermometer is not needed for now. The lake finally closed up on the night of the 26th of January. On the 27th we had our first chorus of the ice symphony and it was indeed stirring. The ice fishermen were out on the newly frozen surface within two days. It has frozen erratically, however, three to four inches of snow, wind, ice cracks and some warm days have produced uneven freezing and many slushy spots can be seen. January had eight days where wind speeds exceeded 30 MPH with top speeds of 44 1/2 and 53 1/2 on the 2nd and 22nd respectively. Jan. also saw an increase of 56 minutes of daylight for a total of 1 hr. and 5 min. since our shortest days.

Feb., until yesterday, the 9th, has had five days with temperatures above freezing. Heating degree days thus far are 3.2% below normal and 1% below last year. Let's hope that trend continues. This morning the low was 4 degrees below zero, lakeside, 8 degrees below on mountaintop. Yesterday the temperature hung at the 11 degree mark with swirling snow and windspeeds steadily between 35 and 45 MPH, the top gust at just over 50 MPH, giving a wind chill on average of 35 degrees below zero. Saw no fishermen on the lake yesterday. Today there's a proper covering of snow on the ground, the ski areas are having a grand season and the fishermen are back on the ice. Winter is upon us, so enjoy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - FEBRUARY and MARCH 1987

FEBRUARY

- 17 Fish and Game Club - 7:30 PM - Clubhouse
- 19 Carillon Garden Club- 11 AM-Church of the Cross
- 19 Senior Citizens bus to Glens Falls
- 22 George Washington's Birthday
- 24 Senior Citizens Club meeting - Town Hall- 1:30 PM
- 24 Planetarium Show - 7:30 PM - THS
- 26 Zoning Board of Appeals Hearings 7PM Regular meeting, 7:30 PM See p3

Veterans' Administration Representative is in town hall every Thursday at 11:30 to answer any questions from veterans.

MARCH

- 4 Ash Wednesday
- 5 Planning Board - Town Hall - Public Hearing 7:00, Regular meeting, 7:30 PM (see p. 3)
- 10 THE HAGUE CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- 10 Town Board meeting - 6:30 PM-Town Hall
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 17 School Board meeting - 7:30 - THS
- 19 Planetarium Show

MIDWINTER

The speckled sky is dim with snow,  
The light flakes falter and fall slow;  
Althwart the hill-top, rapt and pale,  
Silently drops a silvery veil:  
And all the valley is shut in  
By flickering curtains gray and thin.

But cheerily the chickadee  
Singeth to me on fence and tree;  
The snow sails round him as he sings,  
White as the down of angels' wings.

I watch the snow flakes as they fall  
On bank and brier and broken wall;  
Over the orchard, waste and brown,  
All noiselessly they settle down,  
Tipping the apple-boughs, and each  
Light quivering twig of plum and peach.

On turf and curb and bower-roof  
The snow-storm spreads its ivory woof;  
It paves with pearl the garden-walk;  
And lovingly round tattered stalk  
And shivering stem its magic weaves  
A mantle fair as lily-leaves.

The hooded beehive, small and low,  
Stands like a maiden in the snow;  
And the old door-slab is half hid  
Under an alabaster lid.

All day it snows: the sheeted post  
Gleams in the dimness like a ghost;  
All day the blasted oak has stood  
A muffled wizard of the wood;  
Garland and airy cap adorn  
The sumach and the wayside thorn,  
And clustering spangles lodge and shine  
In the dark tresses of the pine.

The ragged bramble, dwarfed and old,  
Shrinks like a beggar in the cold;  
In surplice white the cedar stands,  
And blesses him with priestly hands.

Still cheerily the chickadee  
Singeth to me on fence and tree:  
But in my inmost ear is heard  
The music of a holier bird;  
And heavenly thoughts as soft and white  
As snow-flakes, on my soul alight,  
Clothing with love my lonely heart,  
Healing with peace each bruised part,  
Till all my being seems to be  
Transfigured by their purity.

...John Townsend Trowbridge  
(1827-1916)

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