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BRUCE BEVINS TOURS CHINA

Bruce D. Bevins, a graduate of Hague High School and Afro-Asian Studies teacher at Arlington High School, Poughkeepsie, NY was one of twenty-five members participating in an educators' tour to the People's Republic of China this past summer. The tour was led by Professor Ronald Knapp, SUNY New Paltz, who arranged for a series of special lecture-demonstrations by university professors and community leaders in addition to the standard tours of China's great cultural and historical sites. The group stayed in Hangzhou for nearly two weeks. This city is located about 115 miles southwest of Shanghai in the Yangtze River valley. During this time the group received informative lectures on a variety of subjects including religions, economy, politics, contemporary literature, marriage, family, music, education and art. Jiang Dongshu, a famous calligrapher and Lu Yanshao, a respected landscape painter, were two of the distinguished lecturers who made presentations to the group.

In addition the group toured several light industrial facilities as well as several cultural and historical sites in and around Hangzhou. The group also visited one of Hangzhou's high schools. China faces a critical shortage of teachers and adequate facilities to educate its huge population. Class sizes were frequently as high as 50 or more students per class. Presently China's universities can only accommodate about one million students. This is obviously a tiny fraction of China's total population, which exceeds one billion.

Following the stay in Hangzhou the group traveled to Shanghai, Suzhou, Wuxi, Nanjing, Zhan and Beijing. Among the most exciting highlights of this portion of the tour was a boat trip on the Grand Canal which connects central and north China. The worst flooding in 30 years had caused serious problems for people living along the river as well as navigation problems in the Grand Canal.

At Xian the group spent several hours at the museum housing the terra cotta warriors and horses created to guard the tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang di. These figures were unearthed in 1974 and represent a rich archeological treasure dating back over 2,000 years.

Beijing, China's capital, is rich in cultural and historical significance. A visit to the Great Wall as well as tours of the Summer Palace and the Forbidden City, both lavish estates built for China's former imperial families, were among the highlights of the entire tour.

China today is a totalitarian society where government control of peoples' lives is all-pervasive. The group caught only occasional glimpses of this aspect of Chinese society. Yet tourists are able to freely roam through the villages, communes, and cities since the language barrier effectively prevents meaningful dialogue with most people.

Perhaps the deepest impression left on most tour members was the characteristically friendly and courteous nature of the people wherever the group traveled. From the conversations with those Chinese who did speak English, it was quite apparent that they were as curious about America as the Americans are of China....Bruce D. Bevins

REGISTRATION DAY FOR ALL PARTIES WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON SATURDAY, OCT 15
1:00 - 9:00 PM

GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL CONGREGATION

Grace Memorial Chapel was founded as a non-denominational place of worship for Sabbath Day Point and adjacent communities. That the area from which the congregation was drawn was quite extensive is to be found in the fact that there were docking facilities as well as provisions to "shelter the teams", both of which pre-suppose that some distances were covered in order to attend church.

The early records show that in general twelve services were held each year, although for a brief period a greater number were held. While equipped with chimneys, that the church was not originally meant to be heated is attested to by the fact that in 1886 the trustees provided two stoves so that "the room would be made comfortable for the conduct of Bible Study". This study group was taught by William L. Vroom, son of William L. Vroom, a trustee and founder. The younger Mr. Vroom left after one season. The Bible Study Group, however, continued under the leadership of James F. Chamberlin, one of the founders who had a homestead immediately abutting the church property. So far as is known, the study group continued until Mr. Chamberlin's death. Although the stoves have long since been removed, evidence of their location still exists. What with the vaulted ceiling of the church one wonders just how effective they might have been and how much ahead of time they had to be fired up to have the chapel warm by Sunday. Regrettably, no attendance records were kept, but the early minutes constantly refer to the increased attendance at the chapel.

A few of the early names connected with the church are to be seen as nearby property holders, but there are many names that have been obscured by the mists of time, names such as Mrs. George Taft, Mrs. W. Post, George Taylor, Mrs. L. W. Hamersley, Miss Whiting, S. M. Knerals, Mabel Knowlton and Edgar Vanderbilt, to mention a few.

Mr. J. J. Wilson, one of the founders who had property on Divinity Bay moved to a location he was to name Silver Bay and there built a hotel and cottages known as Brookdale Farm which had a capacity of 60. He provided "house teams" to take

the guests to Grace Chapel on Sunday. With the Point House, Bartletts, later Uncas and the everpresent cottagers, it is easy to picture a rather substantial congregation.

We are planning an exhibit of church mementos during the 100th Anniversary celebration. Anyone having items suitable for such an exhibit are asked to contact Margaret Broderick...R. Davies

DR. HUME REMEMBERS

This month we continue our "Remembrances" with those of Dr. Robert Hume of Silver Bay and Tucson, AR.

Dr. Hume's father, a missionary in India first came to Silver Bay in about 1905. He met and later married Laura Caswell, RN who was serving as nurse to the missionary conference being held. (Perhaps she was one of the first "EMPS"). They went to Bombay as missionaries, where Dr. Hume was born.

Because the entire family was sickly, the elder Hume was called to Union Seminary as Professor of History of Religions. They have returned to Silver Bay every summer since 1915, where they built a house next to Penfields. Descendants of both families still live there.

"Our first trip to Silver Bay in 1915 was by Albany Overnight Steamer from 125th St., NY City to Albany, then by train to Ft. Edward where we changed to another train to Lake George Village, then the steamer Mohican - still sailing on Lake George - to Silver Bay, along with numerous trunks and baggage which were then hauled by two horses and a logging cart to the cottage a half mile to the north.

"Our first trip by car (in 1923) from NYC took two days via Albany, Lake George, Warrensburg, Chestertown, Graphite and Hague.

"About Hague, I vividly recall the blind mules hauling the ore out of the mines at Graphite on small narrow gauge rail cars. The ore was then trucked on white trucks with wooden wheels and solid tires to Ticonderoga to make the lead for the Ticonderoga pencils."

Pessimists cannot enjoy the highs of life because they're always worrying about the next low around the corner.

(See optimists on page 3)

DO "SMALL BOATS BELONG" ON LAKE GEORGE?

On Sunday of Labor Day Weekend we were enjoying the beauty of Lake George from our terrace. Suddenly, from the middle of the lake we heard desperate cries, "Save my wife! Save my wife!"

We flew to our slip and while getting the boat out, called to our daughter to call the L.G. patrol. Then we headed toward the two bobbing heads. Two large boats were in the vicinity now. As we approached we saw only a man in the water. My husband jumped in to help and I screamed "Where is his wife? I only see him!" We were grateful to learn that she had already been lifted into the larger boat, but that she was injured and needed medical help. Her husband appeared to be o.k. and was helped into the large yellow boat that had struck their canoe amidships. While this boat went in search of the couple's camping children, the larger boat carrying the injured woman followed us to the dock. As we approached I yelled to our daughter to call for the Hague ambulance.

During the minutes we had to wait for help, we covered the injured woman with blankets, put ice on her swollen head and got her name, address and doctor's name. I also had her describe the accident to me:

"My husband and I were just out for a ride in our son's racing canoe. I looked up and saw this huge yellow boat heading right for us and thought 'We've had it!' Isn't it strange that most accidents happen close to home." (She's a Putnam resident.)

Meanwhile, the L.G. patrolman arrived and accepted the information I'd gathered. We decided the only thing to do was sit tight until the ambulance came - which it did almost immediately. They whisked the lady to Moses Ludington Emergency Room.

After helping the man find his camping children, the yellow boat (which had hit the canoe) returned to our dock.

After everything was over and things were back to "normal", I mulled over the varied remarks I'd heard during this one hectic hour on a Sunday afternoon.

Witness: "With a 32 mile lake, why should they hit a little canoe?"

Another: "Why are YOU asking me all these questions? Is your husband a lawyer? Do I have to be a witness?"

Injured Woman: "That canoe meant so much to our son!"

Our daughter: "Mom, you're so cool when you need to be."

Yellow boat driver: "I didn't even see them! They shouldn't allow such small boats on the lake!"

My thoughts: I thank God for sparing those two lives and I thank the L.G. patrol and Hague Ambulance Crew for prompt action on a busy Sunday. I, too, wonder about the size boat that should be allowed on this lake, but it may surprise the driver of the large yellow boat to know that most of us who truly love this lake and want to see it retain its natural beauty would prefer small, quiet boats like canoes, kayaks and sailboats, to his idea of what should be allowed...JPMichael

NEW ELECTION INSPECTORS

After many years of devoted service Democratic inspectors Lillian Sobul and Florence Smith and Republican Inspectors Alice Watts and Betty Decker have resigned. The Republican Party has appointed Bertha Dunsmore and Frances Clifton and the Democratic Party has appointed Bea Polino and Patricia DeLarm to fill these vacancies.

CHANGE OF LANDFILL HOURS

Effective SEPTEMBER 12 to OCTOBER 30 the Hague Sanitary Landfill will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 AM to 5 PM. Closed Monday.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY will hold a meeting at the Town Hall on October 13 - Thursday - at 7:30 PM

On the other hand, optimists view life's highs and lows as a stretching process-- an experience to be enjoyed at its peak and a painful learning experience in the valley, but one that leads to further joy. (From Superintendent's address to teachers on September 6, 1983)

PLANNING BOARD 9/1/83

The Hague Planning Board unanimously approved the plans of Silver Bay Association to remove the existing dining and kitchen facilities and build a new structure for the same purpose. The new building will be separated from the main lodge by 35 feet which will reduce the fire danger.

Mr. John Pucek, owner of property south of Tongue Mt. overlook, came before the Board to explain his proposed plans for building on or subdividing of his property. A wide strip of land on the north side of his property has already had all trees bulldozed down with some being felled into Lake George. A stop work order has been issued by planning Administrator, William Foster, since no application for a building permit or subdivision had been filed. Mr. Pucek explained that he didn't know that he needed a permit to clear trees from his property or needed permission to sell a portion of his property.

The Board levied a \$50.00 fine for Mr. Pucek's violation, requested that an erosion specialist from EnCon inspect the bulldozed area and decide if stabilization is needed to prevent erosion into the lake, asked Mr. Pucek to submit plans for a sub-division and obtain varification of his acreage. The Public Hearing on the sub-division will be 6 October 1983 at 8 PM. ...AC

"SUBDIVISION"

"Subdivision means any division of land, with the exception of gifts, devises and inheritances, into two or more lots, parcels, sites, whether adjoining or not, for the purpose of sale, lease, license or any form of separate ownership or occupancy (including any grading, road construction, installation of utilities or other improvements or any other land use and development preparatory or incidental to any such division) by any person or by any other person controlled by, under common control with or controlling such person or by any group of persons acting in concert as part of a common scheme or plan. Subdivision of land shall in-

clude any map, plat or other plan of the division of land, whether or not previously filed..." ...AC (Hague Zoning Ord.)

ADIRONDACK GOALS PROGRAM

The eighth public workshop of the Adirondack Goals Program will meet on Thursday, Sept. 22 beginning at 4:30 PM at the Town Civic Center in Ticonderoga, NY. The meeting continues a series of eleven workshops to involve New York State citizens in setting goals for the future of the Adirondack Park.

All citizens in the area are invited to participate.

The program is designed to develop a continuing dialogue among Adirondack residents, landowners, visitors, interest groups, and government agencies. The Adirondack Park Agency plans to use the information in reviewing and evaluating the state's ten-year old land use plan governing the use and development of the Park. A full-scale plan evaluation is scheduled for completion by 1985. The workshops are open to the general public; persons wishing to participate in the program should contact Edward Hood at the Agency's headquarters: P.O. Box 99, Ray Brook, NY (518) 891-4050....DJH

FOR ONLY TWO DOLLARS - \$2...\$2

You can help buy equipment for Moses Ludington Hospital. Your two dollar contribution makes you a member of the Hospital Auxillary and with other member dollars can purchase precious medical aids for friends, for family -- for you? - at Moses Ludington. Ada Hoyt and Shirley Smith are among the dedicated volunteers to whom you can send your dues...only \$2...\$2...\$2...BDG

LEARN BASIC SEWING SKILLS

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Sept. 21, 28 and Oct. 5, 12 at Warrensburg Town Hall or

7:00 - 9:30 PM Sept. 22, 29 and Oct. 6, 13 at United Methodist Church, Aviation Road, Glens Falls.

COST: FREE. Call Cooperative Extension at 668-4881 or 623-3291 to register.

VIEWPOINT

The following letter was recently received from Aaron Middleton, a lifetime resident of Hague and a member of the Town Board.

"In answer to Mr. H. J. Willard on the use of the park. We have never denied the use of the park to anyone.

"How long would we have a beautiful park if we turned it into a baseball or football field?

"Mr. Willard doesn't realize the park was built over water at one time. Perhaps he would donate a few thousand every time the Town had to rebuild the grounds after a ball game. We don't have that kind of money and that is why we have provided a baseball field and basketball court for the youths of Hague.

"As for Mrs. Henry going up to the school and sit, I suggest Mr. Willard take his chair up to the school grounds and sit facing the school and take a long hard look at what he sees. Perhaps then he will have different ideas."

/s/ Aaron Middleton

COURT NEWS

Town Justice Harvey E. Yaw fined Mr. Robert O. Stockholm of Friends Point \$52.50 for allowing fill on his land to enter Lake George.

VANDALISM

Vandals desecrated the flag outside the Martin Agency on the night of the Republican primary by tearing the flag and bending the staff so that the flag touched the ground.

OUR READERS WRITE

Dear Neighbors, Once again thank you for all the time and energy it takes to make the Chronicle. Its arrival at our house is as welcome as a pine-scented Adirondack breeze.

Thanks to Mrs. Robert Johnson. We enjoy hearing from you...Staff

HOLY LAKE

Your news of some recent baptisms in Lake George at Silver Bay must have reminded a few, perhaps many, readers of a passage in Chapter 1 of James Fenimore Cooper's novel THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS.

"Near its (Lake Champlain) southern termination, it received the contributions of another lake, whose waters were so limpid as to have been exclusively selected by the Jesuit missionaries to perform the typical purification of baptism, and to obtain for it the title of Lac du St. Sacrament. The less zealous English thought they conferred a sufficient honor on its unsullied fountains, when they bestowed the name of their reigning prince, the second of the House of Hanover. The two united to rob the untutored possessors of its wooded scenery of their native right to perpetuate its original appellation of 'Horicon'." *

Further on in the novel, Cooper refers several times to Lake George as the "holy lake".

We are indebted to Robert L. Bancroft of Hague, NY for this bit of history.

*In referring to the name "Horicon" the following is quoted from HISTORY OF LAKE GEORGE by Wallace E. Lamb, 1934.

"The French name was used by the English and the colonists until Gen. William Johnson in 1755 named it "Lake George" in honor of George II, King of England. This new name was used unanimously by Englishmen and Americans until James Fenimore Cooper manufactured the name 'Horicon' in his LAST OF THE MOHICANS. He preferred the new name because he thought 'Lake George' was too commonplace, 'Andiatarocte' too unpronounceable, and 'Saint Sacrament' too complicated. However, there never was a historical foundation for 'Horicon' and the name eventually died a natural death.

Trying to squash a rumor is like trying to unring a bell.

TOWN BOARD 9/13/83

Gerald Petro, auctioneer, informed the Board he estimates that there are 3 to 4 thousand dollars worth of saleable property in the former Hague School building and that the building would bring between 5 to 15 thousand dollars at auction. He suggested holding an auction on October 1, 1983. He would handle all aspects of promoting the sale at a cost to the Town of \$1,000, plus 25% commission on the sale of the contents and 10% commission on the sale of the property.

A discussion was held later and the Board suggested the auction be held on Oct. 8. As of this writing a definite date has not been set. The Board will retain the right to reject any or all proposed uses of the building.

The following letter from Carolyn Warren, owner of the Hague Motel, was read to the Board and guests, with the permission of Mrs. Warren.

"This is a follow up to my telephone call to you on Sunday, September 11, 1983. I feel I should express my complaints in writing so that there is no misunderstanding.

"I realize that Beachside has a right to do business and I usually try to overlook the screeching and screaming that occurs at least three times a week (Memorial Day through Labor Day) precipitated by the bar. However, I do feel that when that business is a detriment not only to my business but to the Town as a whole, something should be done.

"The chaos that occurred this past weekend is a bitter bean to swallow. First of all, I strongly object to the appearance of tents pitched all over the place. Being in the center of town this creates a poor impression of the town for tourists as well as the residents. Sanitary facilities, at best, must be inadequate, evidenced by the fact that I saw many instances of the boat slip being used as a latrine. The Planning Board is very strict about enforcing regulations for septic systems but it seems that "Tent City" is exempt.

"Secondly, the noise was deafening all night until dawn. Motorcycles revving up, screeching and screaming, skinny

dipping at the town beach, screaming of obscenities, sexual encounters on the park lawn -- the list could go on and on. It seems to be alright to use the park as a campground, love nest and toilet, but by God don't play ball there.

"Shortly after dawn on Sunday I watched people 'breaking camp' in the park where they obviously had spent the remainder of the 'night' and discovered a couple who didn't mind trespassing in their quest for a 'little privacy' sleeping on the farther end of my property.

"I hope this is not the type of business Hague wants to attract. Having owned and operated the Hague Motel for the past eleven years, I have worked very hard to attract families who wish to enjoy the peace, tranquility and beauty we have to offer in Hague. We bought in Hague because we wanted to escape the hustle and bustle of Lake George Village and Dolton Landing, who, by the way, had the wisdom to refuse to accommodate this element, as do the state campsites....

"Another occurrence on which I would like to comment is the Disco Dance that was held in the park on Friday evening of Labor Day weekend. The idea of the dance is commendable; however the 'music' was much too loud -- I couldn't hear my TV in my own living room...One party remarked, 'If we wanted honky-tonk we could have stayed in Lake George Village. We came here for peace and quiet.'..."

Supervisor Bolton said that every effort would be made to keep groups like this out of Hague next summer. Capt. Henderson said that Hague needs arresting authority within the Town of Hague, not 30 miles away. Board will investigate possible methods of increasing our police protection by next summer.

"A letter from Margaret Sing Smith, County Youth Board, was read that praised the work done by Aggie Watts, Hague's Youth Director.

A letter from the Friends Point Association was read regarding all day and over-night anchoring of large, live-on boats in the area between the south shore of Friends Point and Waltonian Is. The Board will check with Town Attorney to see if we can restrict the anchoring of boats in this area, as well as a set number of feet from the entire Hague shoreline...AC

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Tasha Marie to Jody and Jim Braisted on August 27 in the Glens Falls Hospital. Grandparents are John & Betty Braisted, Silver Bay, Mrs. Florence Lambert, Hague and Mr. William Lambert, Silver Bay. Girls seem to run in the Lambert family - three lovely daughters have presented them with ten granddaughters - no boys!

BORN - A girl, Brittney Ann, to Rick and Paula Dhein on Sept. 2. Grandparents - Lari and Delmar Dhein, Forest Bay.

CHRISTENED - Keith Andrew, son of Tracy and James Phillips, in the Helen Hughes Memorial Chapel, Silver Bay on Aug. 21. Keith is the great grandson of Adra Seerup, Silver Bay.

MARRIED - Maureen Agnes Yaw, granddaughter of the Harvey Yaws, Hague, to Richard J. Stormer, Jr. son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Stormer Sr., Hague on June 4 at St. Mary's in Ticonderoga.

MARRIED - Joyce Monroe, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Elwin Monroe, Hague, to James Richard Wahlig Bayonne, NJ, on August 7. Joyce's daughter, Liz, is staying with her grandparents in Hague. The newlyweds are residing in Albany.

MARRIED - Ronnie Fuller, son of Mr. & Mrs. Vernie Rockwell, Hague, to Karen Noel of Ticonderoga on August 27 in the United Methodist Church in Ti. They are residing in South Troy.

MARRIED - Theresa Ann Davis, daughter of Mr. Donald Davis, Hague, to Dwayne R. Nichols on September 3 in St. Mary's Cathedral in Cortland, NY. They will make their home in Bossier City, LA.

MARRIED - William S. Garrison III, son of Mr. & Mrs. William S. Garrison, Jr., Hague, to Beverly Minson of Middletown, NJ on Aug. 20. Judge Yaw performed the ceremony at the home of the Garrisons.

DIED - Audrey A. Frasier, 39, Hague, on September 1. She is survived by her husband, Carl, nine brothers and four sisters. She was the daughter of Riley Jordon, now of Warrensburg and the late Henrietta Jordon.

CHUCK BARTON, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Barton, Jr., Sabbath Day Point, has entered the freshman class at Lehigh University. At the end of his 5-year program, he will have earned two degrees - in Engineering and in Business.

DAVID DeFRANCO has been appointed Chairperson for the Science Dept in the Ti Secondary School. Mr. DeFranco is a Hague resident.

SUPERVISOR DICK BOLTON and his partner, Gary Smith, won the low gross member and guest tournament at the Ticonderoga Country Club on August 13.

A.P.A. TO MEET

The Adirondack Park Agency will meet September 22 and 23 at the Silver Bay Association. Both days will begin with a plenary session at 10 a.m. and will be open to the public.

HERE WE GO AGAIN!

Port Henry may have its CHAMP, but Hague has its BRUNO. We have from a very reliable source (Jack, himself!) that while having dinner the evening of August 25, the Carnes spotted a black bear strolling across their lawn. Who's next?

Do not hate yourself just because you're not perfect. You have lots of company. No one else is perfect either.

(From Dr. Verdones address to teachers)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - September and October

SEPT.

15	Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls	6	Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
20	School Board - 7:30 PM	6	Planning Board - 7:30 PM
20	Fish and Game Club - 7:30 PM		Public Hearing - 8:00 PM (p4)
22	A.P.A. - 10 AM Silver Bay Assoc.	11	Town Board - 6:30 PM
23	See p. 7	13	Republican Party meeting-7:30
22	Adirondack Goals - 4:30 PM (p.4)	15	REGISTRATION - ALL PARTIES
22	Zoning Board - 7:30 PM		12-9PM - Town Hall
		18	School Board - 7:30 PM

RESULTS OF REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES

		Absentee	Total
For Councilman - Four Years	<u>Robert Patchett</u>	135 5	140
	<u>Linda Coffin</u>	100 0	100
	<u>Dorothy Henry</u>	82 5	87
For Assessor - Four Years	<u>Clifton Frasier</u>	153 5	158
	<u>Alison Craig</u>	83 4	87
	<u>David Martucci</u>	97 1	98

\$100 (+) AWARD

FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE
ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE
PERSON OR PERSONS WHO STOLE THE
NEW SIGN WELCOMING PEOPLE TO
HAGUE. CONTACT SUPERVISOR BOLTON.

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