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FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPECTING?

Yes folks, the rumors are true. The Emergency Squad of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department is expecting. We have been told the due date will be on or around May 30, 1990. (It just might be a preemie!) You might say this is planned parenthood of sorts. I'm not quite sure how long the gestation period is but it has been in the planning stages for some time.

We want you to know that this is no "little addition". Birth weight is expected to be approximately 18,200 pounds!

"What", you say, "could this be?" Why it is the new ambulance for which contracts were signed at the last meeting on February 5.

The present ambulance is now ten years old and although it is in sound operating condition, more and more time is spent in transporting and because of special medical needs and a need for more room in the ambulance, it was deemed necessary to purchase a second ambulance to cover those times when No. 1 is off on a transport.

A normal run for the Hague ambulance averages approximately five hours, and although Ticonderoga Emergency Squad has backed us up on occasion, it has become difficult for them to supply the personnel needed.

In determining the type of vehicle needed, the ability to handle medical needs, patient comfort, terrain and room for expansion for future needs were the prime factors. We are looking for a long-time service from this future "baby". The box has a life-time warranty and the vehicle has a 15-20 years capability. As in any maternity case, this baby comes with a big price tag. The initial cost is \$88,700. Another \$10,000 will be needed to equip it properly, so we are looking at somewhere around \$100,000 to get it operating. \$21,000 has already been raised in fund raisers and \$4,000 is secure in CD's towards equipment. We need roughly \$75,000.

The Emergency crew members and the firemen and ladies all work very hard to assure the people of Hague wonderful coverage. Can we count on you to help us to help you even better? . . . DJH

SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

The question we all are wondering about concerns our school taxes. Why do so many property owners in Ticonderoga, who own property of equal value as a similar property in Hague, pay so much less in school taxes than Hague property owners?

International Paper Company properties, located in Ticonderoga represent 49% of the TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE OF ALL OF TICONDEROGA. (ASSESSED VALUE is the amount of value placed on individual properties by the LOCAL assessors). This translates into the fact that I.P. pays nearly 50% of the school taxes that the State Board of Equalization & Assessment determines is the responsibility of Ticonderoga.

The quickest way for the property owners of Hague to see a reduction in school taxes would be to have a "DADDY or MOMMY WARBUCKS" adopt our town and pick up 1/2 of the school taxes that the NY State Dept. of Equalization and Assessment claim are Hague's responsibility!

The actual TOTAL DOLLARS each town pays in school taxes is based on the State's opinion of the TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF EACH COMMUNITY. The LOCAL ASSESSORS, by establishing an ASSESSED VALUE for each parcel in their own community, determine how much of the TOTAL DOLLARS each individual parcel must pay toward the total school tax levy.

What is MARKET VALUE? Market Value is that amount that NY State determines is the total worth of a community if sold on the open market. The State compiles information concerning properties that have been sold, and based on actual sales figures, they calculate the total value of a community as of a pre-selected date. The State adds up the worth of ALL parcels, adds in the value of houses, stores, barns, industrial plants, mills, waterfront, boat houses, hydro-power, out-houses, etc. in each town to arrive at a figure that, in the State's opinion, represents the total worth of a community. That's...**MARKET VALUE!** (Continued on page 2)

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For example, if NY State decides that all of Ticonderoga has a Market Value of \$140,000,000 and all of Hague has a Market Value of \$70,000,000, 2/3 of the school taxes would be collected in Ticonderoga and 1/3 would be collected in Hague. Hague doesn't have an I.P. paying 1/2 of the school taxes and Hague has less than 1/2 of the total number of individual parcels than are found in Ticonderoga. The net result is that, on the average, each parcel in Hague pays more in taxes than does a property in Ticonderoga since the State has determined that, on the average, Hague's properties are worth more than properties located in Ticonderoga... AVC

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will hold a covered dish luncheon on Tuesday, February 27 at 12 NOON at the BAPTIST CHURCH ANNEX. Dessert and beverage will be provided.

The regular business meeting of the club will follow the luncheon, and all attending members are reminded to bring suggestions for providing emergency meals for our handicapped elderly.

HELP! HELP!

In connection with the above luncheon. The club owns a number of white sheets which are used as tablecloths for such occasions. Since we don't use them too often, and some of us are getting too old to remember where they are (we think someone took them home to launder), would each of you senior citizens put on your thinking caps and try to remember who might have them. (Maybe it's you!) Could be me, but I sure can't find them! Anyway, if you have any ideas, would you please call me right away at 543-6633. When last seen they were in a large coat-type box. Thanks heaps. . . Dottie Henry

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

The March meeting will be held in the new Community Center at 7:30PM on Thursday, March 22. Mrs. Sylvia Ramon will speak on the AMISH. She has many friends among the Pennsylvania Amish and has spent time with them. Examples of their handiwork will be on display.

The April meeting will be held jointly with the Ticonderoga Historical Society on Friday, April 27 at 7:30PM. This is the second joint meeting with the

Ticonderoga Historical Society and will also be held at the Hague Community Center with the Hague Society as hosts and the Ticonderoga Society presenting the program "The Forest Theater" of Ticonderoga's immediate past history.

The public is welcome to all Hague Historical Society meetings... RMC

A REQUEST FROM THE TOWN HISTORIAN

Now that the Town has its own Historical Room in the new Community Center, we are in need of certain storage facilities.

I would like to have a book case, of older vintage, to keep our library books free of dust. Height should be no more than seven feet.

Please contact me if you have one to donate at this time... Clifton West, Town Historian

HAGUE EMERGENCY SQUAD made 8 calls, clocking 145 miles and 15 1/2 patient hours during the month of January.

HAGUE MAN IMPRISONED AFTER SHOOTING

One of the three Hague men (Eric P. Frasier, 24) involved in the Oct. 26 shotgun attack on Tongue Mt. (see HC 11/89) pleaded guilty to a felony charge and was ordered to spend a year in Warren County Jail. He was arrested after what police described as a "bum narcotics deal" erupted in gunfire on Rt. 9N in Bolton Landing. Cases against the other two have not yet been brought to trial.

SPRAYING FOR GYPSY MOTHS SCHEDULED

Aerial spraying for gypsy moths is scheduled in this area during May. Officials plan to use two pesticides: a chemical known as "Dimilin" and a form of bacteria known as "BT." Dimilin is cheaper and more effective but should not be used near bodies of water. It will be used in the high-lying areas and BT along the lake shores and most other waterways.

The county's plan won't be finalized until after March, when foresters will check to see whether the egg masses have been damaged by disease, parasites or cold weather. Informational hearings are being held in county towns. A hearing is scheduled for Hague at 10AM February 17 at the Community Center.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/25/90

The only business at the ZBA meeting held on January 25, 1990 was the interviewing of three applicants for the one opening on the board, created by the resignation of Frank Fowler. This was done in executive session.

A decision was reached to forward to the town board for approval or disapproval the name of Chris Ginn as the nominee for the ZBA opening. The other two applicants were Lu Megow and Heather Denno...GL

PLANNING BOARD - 2/1/90

The public hearing on Scot Patchett's proposed multiple family dwelling located at the corner of New Hague and West Hague Roads was the only matter to come before the board. No one spoke in opposition to the proposal.

At the regular meeting the board approved the multiple family dwelling contingent upon approval of other involved regulatory agencies.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 2/13/90

Laura Meade, Town Naturalist, at the town board meeting on Feb. 13 presented a beautifully framed topographical map of Hague for display in our new Community Center. It will serve as a reference for all you hikers, skiers, and researchers interested in the true identity of our many ponds and back roads.

In a letter from the Assoc. of Towns we are reminded of the new no-smoking state law which went into effect Jan. 1, 1990; the governor's proposed budget which cut some programs but fortunately for Hague the CHIPS program is not one of them; there is an increase for the elderly; a 1.9 billion environmental quality bond act to buy more land for the state is proposed; revolving loans for water pollution controls; a 6.2 million low interest emergency loan for fire equipment etc.

Dorothy Henry and George Byrnes wrote letters suggesting uses for the old town hall. If you have a thought, write it down and send it to Supervisor Dick Bolton at the Community Center.

Applications for a low income program rate for the basic service Cable TV are available at the Community Center. Certain criteria must be met.

The town is looking for a life guard to work at the beach this summer. Applications are available at the Center. The State Park System is also in need of life guards. The address for the Park System can be

obtained from Bertha Dunsmore at the Center.

Three letters were read by Supervisor Bolton pertaining to our school tax investigation. Since they were rather long and complex we suggest you get copies from the supervisor's office for your perusal and better understanding. The letters were as follows: Jan. 17 from the Exec. Dir., David Gaskell, State Bd. of Equal. and Assessment discussing International Paper and the American appraisal as compared to the State appraisal and each town's assessor's role; Jan. 22 from our attorney, Guy Roemer interpreting Mr. Gaskell's letter and suggesting that full valuation assessment might be the way to go; the third letter on Feb. 1 was from Mr. Roemer replying to a letter from Alison Craig who had suggested more comparables.

New business: Chris Ginn, upon recommendation from the ZBA was approved by the Town Board to replace Frank Fowler who recently resigned. . .GL

TICONDEROGA PLANETARIUM PROGRAM

What would the night sky look like if our eyes could see radio waves, infrared energy, or x-rays and gamma rays? Find out from eccentric, entertaining Professor Photon in "Adventures Along the Spectrum," the featured star program for young audiences at the Ticonderoga High School Planetarium. The good Professor astounds audiences at performances on February 14 and 27 at 7:30PM.

"Adventures Along the Spectrum" is a planetarium star program for families with children ages 9 and up. Professor Photon leads audiences on an adventure from the familiar world of visible light to the invisible and eerie realms of the energy spectrum. You'll learn the curious connection between microwave cooking and the beginning of the Universe, between a sunburn and the clouds of Venus, and between a speeding ticket and mapping the surface of another planet.

"All that we know of the Universe we have learned from its light. Not all light is visible, and astronomers are using new tools to study the 'invisible' night sky", explains Professor Photon, the knowledgeable - and unfortunately fictional - star of "Adventures Along the Spectrum."

Admission is free. For further information on this and other programs at the Ticonderoga Planetarium, please call David Rutkowski at 585-6661.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. Jerry O'Connor, President of the Ticonderoga Literacy Volunteers, an organization whose purpose is to promote literacy by teaching reading and writing to adults, has announced that a teacher-training course will be scheduled for this coming spring in Ticonderoga. To qualify as a teacher, one must have a high school education and complete the 18-hour course. Previous teaching experience is not necessary. At this time there are 24 teachers in the Hague-Ticonderoga-Crown Point area.

All adults who want to learn to read or to improve reading, writing, and spelling skills are welcome as students. Classes which are free, private, and confidential are taught on a one-to-one basis and are held in a place convenient to student and teacher. Often a public building such as a library or a school is used. The program has been extremely successful and satisfying to both teachers and students. One young man, a student for a year, expressed it simply, "My life is better."

The Ticonderoga group is one of the 50 affiliates of the Literacy Volunteers of America throughout New York State. Barbara Bush, the President's wife, has been named Honorary Chairman of the organization for this year which has been proclaimed "International Literacy Year." Other celebrities who support the efforts of the volunteers are: Arnold Palmer, famed golfer; Alex Trebek, host of TV's "Jeopardy"; Marv Levy, Head Coach of the Buffalo Bills.

Prospective teachers and students can call 585-4454 for more information.

ADIRONDACK COUNCIL OPPOSES AERIAL SPRAYING

In a letter to Commissioner Thomas C. Jorling of the DEC and Herman F. Cole of the APA, the Council warned that the Duflo Spray Company "is planning to launch its annual chemical offensive with a new, inadequately-tested substance called Scourge."

"Mr. Duflo cheerfully describes Scourge as 'people friendly,' "said Gary Randorf, Adirondack Council Executive Director, even though the label on the pesticide "indicates that Scourge is anything but friendly to people, birds, fish and other living things."

"In fact it sounds downright lethal," he said. "To quote from the label: HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. AVOID BREATHING VAPOR OR MIST. AVOID CONTACT WITH SKIN, EYES, OR CLOTHING. IF SWALLOWED CALL A PHYSICIAN OR POISON CONTROL CENTER. THIS PRODUCT IS TOXIC TO FISH AND BIRDS. DO NOT

APPLY TO LAKES, STREAMS, OR PONDS. DO NOT APPLY WHEN WEATHER CONDITIONS FAVOR DRIFT FROM AREAS TREATED. DO NOT CONTAMINATE WATER BY CLEANING OF EQUIPMENT OR DISPOSAL OF WASTES. DO NOT CONTAMINATE WATER, FOOD, OR FEED BY STORAGE OR DISPOSAL."

This label also notes: "IT IS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW TO USE THIS PESTICIDE IN A MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH ITS LABELING."

The Council claimed that the indiscriminate use of dangerous pesticides seems "all the more unnecessary in light of a much more benign alternative to chemical spraying--the manual application of a biological control known as Bti..." Randorf explained that "Bti is a very narrow-spectrum control which is toxic only to one additional genus of insects besides blackflies and mosquitos. "Bti is the only alternative that makes sense biologically, ecologically and from a human-health standpoint," Randorf said. "Towns using it, like Indian Lake and Keene, report it to be quite effective."

"Thanks for your help, as public stewards entrusted with the protection of this region, in maintaining the natural integrity of the Adirondack Park," concluded Randorf.

SURPLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

There will be a surplus food distribution on Wednesday, February 28 in the Community Center from 10 - 12AM. Bring verification of eligibility.

RECYCLING, A THING OF THE PRESENT

Hague Landfill is ready to receive certain recyclable items . 1. CLEAR GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS Clean & remove caps & lids. (labels & rings are OK). NO ceramics, drinking glasses, pyrex, window glass, mirror glass, light bulbs, or glass with wicker or plastic mesh covering. Each of these is either a different kind of glass and/or presents problems for the recycling industry. 2. NEWSPAPER- Remove & discard colored inserts. Keep dry & clean. Place in neat stacks or in brown paper bags (DO NOT tie in bundles or place in plastic bags). NO magazines, telephone books, or other household paper. 3. STEEL CANS("Tin Cans" i.e. soup, dog food cans.) Test with a magnet, if it attracts, it's o.k. Clean, rinse, remove labels. If possible, remove top & bottom, place inside cans and flatten the cans. 4. Plastic Milk Jugs. (cloudy or opaque) milk, cider & water jugs are OK. Remove caps. Rinse well and stamp flat. Separate and transport to Landfill.

WILLY C's JAN/FEB WEATHER NOTES

January was as interesting because of its above average conditions, as Dec. was for its below average side. Only three days in the entire month did the temperature fail to rise above the freezing mark. Whereas, by the end of Dec we were 15% below normal in heating degree days, by Jan. 26th we had arrived back to a normal heating degree season. And by Feb. 10th, as we tally our notes, we are about 3% above normal. The high temperature, lakeside, was 52° on Jan. 18th, the low was 3° on the 14th. The top wind gust was 37 1/2 MPH on the 19th. We gained 53 min. of daylight during the month. Besides the above normal temperature readings, our big event for the month was 13 inches of heavy snow on the 29th. And heavy wet snow it was. It was the most snow that we have had at one time for the last bunch of years. I use the scientific adjective bunch, because I really can't remember how many years it has been since we had that much snow all at once. It has been that long. Along with the snow we had some rain on the 9th, 17th and 18th plus light amounts of snow on the 11th, 15th, 22nd and 24th. 4" of snow on the 21st rounded out our Jan. snowfall. Above normal temperatures, but a trend back to normalcy as far as snow is concerned.

Feb. has continued the Jan. trend. Above average temps together with snow and rain. Through the 10th we have had six days with above freezing temperatures, four days in the 40's and a 50° reading on the 9th. We also had some cold reading with a -2° lakeside on the 5th. That same day we had a +2° reading at our Mt. Top observatory. You can see from this report that we are getting our new Mt. Top observatory up to speed. It is interesting to note that now that the lake has frozen, our lakeside temperature ran 4° colder than off the lake on the 5th. We had 1 1/2" of snow on the 2d and 4 1/2" on the 4th with rain on the 9th and 10th. Snow weight on some of the flatter roofs has been of some concern, but this seems to be lessening as our weather unfolds. The near term forecast is for more of the same. Temperatures continuing above normal with some precipitation in the form of rain or snow. I hope this does not mean that we are in for a colder spring than normal. Mother Nature does have a way of evening things out. It just doesn't necessarily happen when we most wish it would. Enjoy the longer days.

WINTER CARNIVAL CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

On Thursday, Feb 15 beginning at 7PM, the Carnival Queen pageant to be held at the Town Center, will kick off the 25th annual Hague Carnival weekend. Elizabeth Brunet, Melissa Brunet, Sherri Smith, Brittany Stull, Connie Swinton and Melissa Ward are all vying for the title under the tutelage of Betty Braisted. The girls are all between the ages of 9 and 12. Should be a fun evening.

On Friday at 4PM at the town park, the torch lighting ceremony will take place. At 7PM Penelope the Clown will entertain the kids (of all ages) at 7PM at the Fish and Game Club followed by a youth dance from 8-11PM. The Firemen will be holding a pancake (etc) breakfast at the Town Center both Saturday and Sunday from 7-11AM. This will be a first at the new Town Center and you won't want to miss this event. At 6:30 on Sat. night there will be a dinner dance held at The Fish and Game Club clubhouse. Tickets are still available at Silver Bay Store.

In between all these indoor events, for those hardy souls who love our north country weather, there is a snow sculpture contest and kids' games at the park all day Saturday. Travel up Rt. 8 to North Pond and you will see a great deal of activity, including motorcycle races, volleyball tournament, snowtube races, adult tug-of-war, events beginning at 10AM. At the town park the runners will run the 10K footrace to Silver Bay Store and back beginning at 11AM - Also at 11AM a cross country ski race at Rogers Rock Campsite. On Sunday the Coors Extra Gold NYS ATY Ice Race Championships will be held at North Pond beginning at 11AM.

You realize that Hague is the home of THE NATIONAL ICE AUGER CHAMPIONSHIP, so the big events of ice auger and ice chisel competitions begin at 12 Noon at the pond. Awards ceremonies begin at 5:30PM at The Hague Fish and Game Club.

A full schedule of events is available at The Hague Market, Silver Bay Store and The Community Center.

The Hague Winter Carnival started in 1966 as snowmobile racing on Wintergreen Lake. The following year the National Ice Auger Championship was born. As years passed many events have been added.

In 1988 the Winter Carnival Committee assumed the sponsorship of the Mary C. Beste Scholarship Fund, a program used for awards to Hague graduates pursuing a higher education.

So - join in the fun and entertainment of the holiday weekend as Hague celebrates its SILVER ANNIVERSARY of the Hague Winter Carnival.

WHO'S WHO IN HAGUE

ITEM

Newspaper Post Star
 Bank 1st National - Bolton
 Meeting Date 2nd Tues-6:30PM
 Claims-instead of certify verify W/P.O. system
 Mileage rate 20¢ a mile
 Highway pay rates Temp. lab. \$5.00/hr.
 Temp. op. 6.50/hr
 Reg. op. 8.00/hr
 F.T. Lab 5.50/hr

Election Inspectors (4) \$70.00 ea/day
 Election Custodians (2) \$65.00 ea/day
 Assess. Bd. of Review \$75.00 ea/day

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Deputy Supervisor Richard Frasier
 Deputy Superintendent Mitchell Frasier
 Highway Frasier/Fitzgerald
 Recreation & Promotion Coffin/Fitzgerald
 Buildings & Grounds Braisted/Frasier
 Planning & Zoning Coffin/Fitzgerald
 Senior Citizens Frasier/Braisted
 Town Park & Beaut. Braisted/Fitzgerald
 School Tax Invest. Craig, Gautreau, Bolton, Anderson, Henry

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Joint Fire Dept. Frasier/Fitzgerald
 Sewer Planning Fitzgerald/Braisted, Evans, Breitenbach
 Cross Country Ski Trail LaCourse/Meade/Trombley/Armes
 Community Center - Frasier

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SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB - Ethel Andrus, President

SOUNDINGS

A TRIBUTE TO RUTH BARNETT

BORN - A boy, Brandon Michael, to David and Lisa (Mitchell) Lessun on December 29. Proud grandmother is Mabel (Belden) Mitchell, Warners, NY, formerly of Hague.

BORN - A boy, Neil Corell, to Thomas and Linda (Buck) Goodwin, Brookline, MA on January 17. Proud grandparents are Ken and Ann Buck, Watch Hill Bay, Silver Bay, NY.

BORN - A boy, Brian Chandler, to Betsy and Robert Carney, South Glens Falls, NY on January 29. Proud grandparents are Florence and Jack Carney, Sabbath Day Point.

BORN - A boy, Sean Thomas, to Michele and Steve Brunet, Hague, on February 11. Michele is currently chairman of the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals.

DIED - Mrs. Allen Judd, Northport, L.I. and Silver Bay, NY on February 3, 1990. She is survived by a daughter Gwen Furnak and a son, Barry.

HOLLY SPIECH, Mahwah, NJ, a standout at stopper back for the U. of Scranton women's soccer team, has been named to the NCAA Division III All-America Team for the second time. She won her first All-America berth as a sophomore. Holly was also selected as the Middle Atlantic Conference most valuable player. She is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Spiech, Mahwah, NJ and Hague, NY.

PETER BELDEN, son of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Belden, Hague has been on the Dean's List at Stratton Business College in Albany for the last two quarters, maintaining a 3.8 average.

PVT. JOHN F. WALTERS, son of Mr. & Mrs. Francis L. Waters, Hague, has completed the basic field artillery cannoneer course at Fort Sill, OK.

ANGELA SWINTON, daughter of Mrs. Frank Swinton, New Hague Road and the late Frank Swinton, was named the student of the month for January at the Ticonderoga Middle School.

*"Here hath been downing another blue day;
Think, will thou let it slip useless away?"
... Thomas Carlyle*

I was saddened to read in your newspaper of Ruth Barnett's death. Mrs. Barnett was my 4th grade elementary school teacher at Hague Central and was one of my favorite teachers. She had that rare ability to inspire with a combination of love and discipline which I admire to this day. We continued to have frequent talks about school and school teaching and I remember how she continued to foster my interest in teaching well after I left her classroom.

Today as I complete my 20th year of teaching I reflect back on those special people who made a difference in my formative years. Heading the list of teachers is Ruth Barnett.

"The ability to inspire youth is of course what makes teaching a very special undertaking. Now and then I receive a note or words from a student who suggests that I somehow made a difference in his/her life and I know how special that makes me feel. So I'm glad that I had a chance to tell Ruth Barnett privately what I'm telling you publicly. Mrs. Barnett, thank you for giving me a real purpose to my life. God bless you! ... Sincerely,

/s/ Bruce D. Bevins, Poughkeepsie, NY

CUB SCOUT PACK 21 NEWS

The Cubs have been busy (and having fun) this month! In our Webelos den, Perry Girard, Jr., Steven Barnaby and Chad Jordon have earned the rank of Wolf and are working on Bear. Congratulations! Their fellow Webelos, Kevin LeRoy and Chris Shuhler, had earned these in past scouting experience. They have also, with their leaders, Perry and Debbie, worked diligently to clear the area behind the Community Center for a skating rink. Alas, weather conditions are holding up this project (and our fun).

Dens #1 and #2 built beautiful birdhouses for their feathered friends. We hope to display them at our pack meeting (date still to be announced). The scouts have enjoyed the abundance of snow! Den #2 braved the slippery roads to attack the Country Club with their sleds. Den #1 tried their skills at snowshoeing (thanks to Mrs. Meade), cross-country skiing, and ice skating at a Winter Fun Day at the Lazy K Ranch (Costellos). They feasted on hot dogs and cocoa cooked over a campfire in the snow (thanks Mrs Meade!)

Thanks again to all who contributed to our successful bottle/can drive! And special thanks to Grandpa Buck Denno who continues to support the hungry Cubs in Den #2. ... KC

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY /MARCH 1990

February

- 15 Winter Carnival Queen pageant - 7PM-Community Ctr.
- 16 Penelope the Clown - 7PM - Fish & Game Club, followed by a youth dance (see p.5)
- 17 & 18 - WINTER CARNIVAL activities (see p5)
- 17 Hearing on gypsy moth spraying - 10AM (see p2)
- 19 Washington's Birthday observed - Town offices OPEN
- 21 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 22 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30PM Community Center
- 27 Sr Citizens Lunch- 12NOON-Baptist Church Annex (p2)
- 27 Planetarium show - THS - 7:30PM (see p3)
- 28 Surplus Food Distribution - 10-12AM-Community Ctr (see p4)

March

- 1 Planning Board - 7:30PM-Community Center
- 5 Fire Dept. - Firehall - 7:30PM
- 7 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 7 American Legion - 7:30PM - Legion Home
- 7 Chamber of Commerce - 7:30PM - Comm. Ctr.
- 13 Town Board Meeting - 6:30PM - Comm. Ctr.
- Future event - Spring WILL begin on March 20. (We hope!)

WINTER WEATHER

It is cold.
 The bitter of the winter
 whines a story.
 It is the colder weather when the truck
 drivers sing it would freeze the whiskers
 off a brass monkey.
 It is the bitterest whining of the winter now.

Well, we might sit down now, have a cup of coffee
 a piece, and talk about the weather.
 We might look back on things that happened long
 ago, times when the weather was different.
 Or we might talk about things ahead of us, funny
 things in the days, days, days to come, days when
 the weather will be different again

Yes, a cup of coffee a piece.
 Even if this winter weather is bitter,
 The truck drivers are laughing:
 It would freeze the whiskers off a brass monkey.
 ... Carl Sandburg

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