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THE 1973-74 SCHOOL BUDGET

The 1973-74 proposed school budget will be the principal item on the agenda of the Annual Meeting of the School District to be held on MAY 1 at 7:30 P.M.

As presented by the School Board, the budget calls for expenditures of \$431,594. Revenues, other than from property taxes, are estimated at \$162,500, leaving \$269,094 to be raised by local property taxes. This is \$15,320. more than property taxes levied last year and will probably result in an increase in the school tax rate of about \$2.00 per \$1000. of assessed valuation.

Last year we pointed out that the budget is submitted in such form as to compare proposed expenditures and revenues with expenditures and revenues which had been anticipated a year earlier and that this tends to mislead and confuse. A more meaningful presentation would be one which compares proposed expenditures and revenues with actual expenditures and actual revenue of the previous year. We make the same point again.

The proposed budget estimates that there will be a balance of \$45,000. carried over from this year's budget, but nowhere does the Board explain where this balance will come from. If the balance arises from an increase in revenue, what specific items produced the increase? State Aid? BOCES Aid? If the balance arises from a decrease in expenditures, what specific items cost less than the amount anticipated? With no explanation, it would seem logical to assume that expenditures in 1972-73 will be \$45,000. less than anticipated or a total of \$365,374. As compared with expenditures of \$431,594. in the present budget it would seem that the Board is proposing an increase of \$76,220. rather than \$21,220. as is suggested by the budget. An increase of this size should have substantially more

of an explanation than the Board has thus far given.

The Board will also present a resolution calling for the purchase and installation of a new boiler system for the school at a cost not to exceed \$16,000. The proposed boiler is intended to replace a coal fired boiler that is presently inoperative. There is no explanation as to where the money will come from to purchase the new boiler.

Actual voting on the budget will take place on Wednesday, May 2. The polls will be open from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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POSTAL WEEK - APRIL 29 - MAY 5

The Postmasters of Hague and Silver Bay announce that POSTAL WEEK will be observed at both offices April 29th through May 5th. Open House will be held at both offices on Monday, April 30th; attractive souvenir envelopes will be given to all customers visiting the offices that day as long as the limited supply lasts. Ten new 8¢ postage stamps honoring postal people will be issued on April 30th, and, if they like, customers may also buy First May Day Covers containing these stamps.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS

The Hague Historical Society met on April 18th with Mrs. Ethel Andrus in charge of the program.

From the extensive collection of Lake George memorabilia in the William Foster home on Sabbath Day Point, Mrs. Andrus exhibited a large number of early photographs, drawings and paintings of the Lake George area. Most of them were the work of the English artist, William Henry Bartlett

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who had been commissioned in 1836 to sketch the American scenery for an English publishing firm. He spent most of his time in the northeast, principally in the Lake George region. In 1838 he visited Canada and produced similar material of the Canadian scene. Although he was only 45 at the time of his death, he had written and illustrated 12 books and had produced over 1000 engravings which appeared as illustrations in 28 additional books.

The next meeting will be on May 16 at 7:45 PM. The program will be on Graphite. Mr. West will be in charge assisted by the Mrs. Brock, Andrus and Fitzgerald. A film dealing with Blacksmithing from Williamsburg will be shown at the June meeting.

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PRIMARY ELECTION

Primary day will be June 4. There are no contests for local offices in the Democratic Party. In the Republican Party nominating petitions for Town Clerk have been filed by Florence Lambert, Mary Alice Scripturo, and Cheri L. Donno. Raymond H. Monroe and Daniel D. Bolden have filed nominating petitions for the Superintendent of Highway post. James L. Ross and Harvov E. Yaw will be on the ballot for Town Justice.

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board held its regular meeting on April 16th with all members of the Board present.

At the January meeting the Board endorsed the application of the Warren County Soil and Water District for Federal funds to study the sediment deposits at the mouths of a number of streams which empty into Lake George. To further explain what was contemplated, the supervisor introduced Mr. Gary E. Klee, District Conservationist,

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation service. He advised that the project would be financed with Federal money except for the cost of any easements which might be needed or for the construction of any permanent structures designed to prevent sediment deposits in the future. These items would be the responsibility of the town.

Mr. Klee indicated that there are about nine streams in the town which empty into Lake George. The main purpose of the project is not to remove the deltas which have already formed but to institute procedures to prevent further sedimentation. Mr. Klee felt that the project is not expected to cost in excess of \$250,000. If the funds are provided, the work would be performed by private contractors under contract with the government.

The Board granted easements for the construction of permanent docks to George Cucharal of Sabbath Day Point and to John Warren of the Hague Hotel. Since the Town of Hague extends to the high water mark on the east shore of the lake, the board was also requested to grant an easement to Beverly F. Hoinoman who planned to construct a dock in Clark Hollow Bay. The request was granted.

Mr. Donno announced the appointment of Darroll Agnow as summer policeman for the period May 30 to Labor Day. Mr. Agnow has received his final degree in Police Science from Massachusetts Community College and served 3½ years with the Military Police Service. Mr. Donno also advised that a second policeman to assist on weekends is under consideration. He also mentioned that there is a sheriff's car through town every four hours.

The supervisor announced that he planned to call a meeting of the Town Park Commission at an early date to establish rules and regulations for the use of the Town park and beaches. He also suggested that the park commission assume responsibility for the care and maintenance of the cemetery grounds.

A resolution was approved to the effect that the town enter into a contract with Warren County for the disposal of abandoned or junk cars. It appears that the county has entered into a contract with a car crusher company that will bring its equip-

mont to an agreed location in a town desiring the service and crush and haul away derelict cars which have become an eyesore to the community. If the town can bring 100 or more cars to the site of the crushing equipment, there will be no charge; if between 30 and 100 are made available, the charge will be \$2.00 per vehicle. The crusher company will haul cars from any location in the town and crush them at a cost of \$8.00 per car. Mr. Belknap, the town constable, will be asked to obtain release from the owners of junked cars who wish to have them taken away. Any cars remaining on public property for a period of more than six days will be assumed to have been abandoned and will be subject to seizure by the town.

The superintendent of highways announced that regulations under the Donovan Plan have been revised and that Hago will now be entitled to state aid to the extent of 40% of the cost of road construction and maintenance rather than 25% as previously provided.

After much discussion, the Board authorized the expenditure of \$9,000. for the purchase of a new truck to replace the 1965 Dodge. The new truck will be a four-wheel drive Ford and will be fitted at a later date with a snow plow. The Board also authorized the expenditure of \$2500. for the purchase of a road sweeper. The money for both items will come from Federal revenue sharing funds.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board was held on April 9th with Messrs. Fitzgerald and Bly absent.

A resolution was approved to the effect that proposal to provide new heating plant be put to the voters for approval at the Annual meeting on May 1.

Mrs. Lois Strumm gave an interesting presentation explaining the activities in Grado 2.

Requests for transportation to St. Mary's at Ticonderoga had been received from the following families; Laundree, Reynolds, Gotta, and LaPann. Request from the Blacks had been received earlier. The re-

quests will be acted upon at the May meeting.

The Board granted permission to the Town Baseball Team to use the school baseball field for softball this summer.

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BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

The Lako George Park Commission will again sponsor the annual Beautification contest. The chairman of the committee in charge is Marion M. Johnson. Both residential and commercial properties will be included and categories will be "most beautiful and well kept" and "Most improved". The roadside view will be judged during the last week of July and the lakeside view in August.

In addition to the usual marina contest, a new competition for area service stations will be conducted. Service stations will be judged in June, July and August with the winners being announced in Mid-August. Winners in the marina contest will be announced in late August.

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FATHER O'CONNOR CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

At a recent parish meeting of the parishioners of the Blessed Sacrament church, it was decided to honor the pastor, the Rev. Stephen T. O'Connor who will celebrate his 25th anniversary as a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Albany, N.Y. later this month.

Father O'Connor was born in New York City but was brought up in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Albany. For twelve years he attended Cathedral Academy, Albany. His higher education was obtained at Niagara University. The late Most Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, Bishop of Albany, sent Father O'Connor for theological studies to Our Lady of the Angels Seminary in Niagara Falls.

On May 22, 1948, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany, Father O'Connor was ordained a priest for the Catholic Diocese of Albany by the Most Rev. Bishop Gibbons.

Father O'Connor's priestly work started

with his assignment to St. Mary's Church at Glons Falls as an assistant pastor. Later he served in St. Ann's, Albany; St. Patrick's Church, Watervliet; Sacred Heart Parish and St. Peter's Parish in Troy; and Mt. Carmel's Church, Amstordam. His final assignment as an assistant pastor was to St. Helen's Parish, Schonoctady where he stayed for seven and one-half years. On January 15, 1966 he was assigned by the Late Most Rev. Bishop William X. Scully as pastor to the Blessed Sacrament Church in Hague.

To honor Father O'Connor on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary, a Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday May 20th at 4:00 P.M. Assisting in the Mass will be the Rev. Thomas K. Flanigan, Pastor of St. Peter's Church, Troy and the Rev. John F. O'Connor of Hague. The Homily will be delivered by Father Flanigan. In the ecumenical spirit of Pope Paul VI, the Rev. Larin Carpenter, pastor of the Hague Baptist Church, will participate in the Mass.

The parishioners extend a most cordial welcome to Father O'Connor's non-catholic friends to join with him in this spirit of Thanksgiving to Almighty God.

A reception will be held in the Rectory immediately after the Mass. Refreshments will be served.

The community joins in congratulating Father O'Connor on reaching this important milestone in his career.

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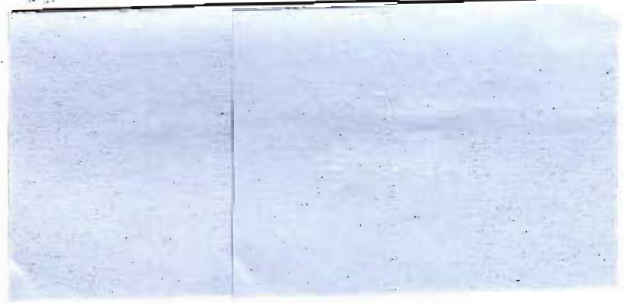
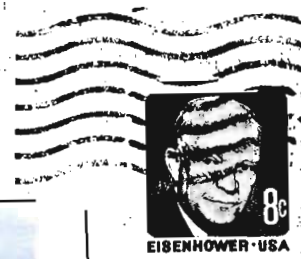
The law regulating the lake level prescribes that the level from June 1 to September 30 be maintained at an average 3.5 foot on the U.S. Geological Survey Gauge at Rogers Rock; from October 1 to December 1, the level must be maintained at no less than 2.5 feet; and that the level must not rise above four feet nor fall below 2.5 foot anytime between June 1 and December 1. The International Paper Company at Ticonderoga is charged with the responsibility of enforcing this provision of the state navigation law.

The water flowing out of Lake George was used by the Paper Company in its paper manufacturing process and the proper lake level was maintained through regulation of its dam at Ticonderoga. With the removal of the paper making process to the new mill the Paper Company no longer has any need for regulating the flow of water and the company planning to buy the old mill will have no need for it either. Consequently the Paper Company is asking to be relieved of its responsibility to regulate the lake level.

The Lake George Park Commission has indicated that it is equipped to do the job and the matter is now in the hands of the Department of Environmental Conservation for a decision.

REMEMBER THE HAGUE ARTS FAIR - AUGUST FOURTH
NOON TO SIX P.M.
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING - MAY 1 - 7:30 P.M. VOTING ON BUDGET AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - May 2 - 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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