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## A "SIGN OF SPRING"

Have you noticed the new sign at the entrance to the Community Center? It coordinates with the sign above the building and is very attractive. Mike Coffin is the creator of the new sign. We think it gives the Community Building a taste of class!

More "Signs of Spring" include the return of some of our snowbirds. Hope to see you all soon. Be sure to let the editor know of your return so the mailing can be changed.

## NO REST ON RESTAURANT CASE

In 1977 the Town of Hague passed an ordinance zoning the Open Hearth Restaurant area as residential. Since the Open Hearth Restaurant was operating, it was grandfathered in. The ordinance also stated that if the restaurant stopped operating for two years the property would then revert to residential zoning.

In 1990 the Federal Government seized the property, did not run it as a restaurant and did not challenge the zoning ordinance between the years 1990-1992. Then the Federal Government advertised the property for sale as residential property and sold it as residential property.

In 1992 the property was sold and an application for a permit to run it as a restaurant was applied for. The Zoning Administrator granted the permit upon the advice of the town attorney. The attorney's legal argument was based on the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution. The town attorney argued that under this clause the Federal Government pre-empts the Hague Zoning Ordinance and because the Town of Hague had no control over its ordinance while the Federal Government owned the property, the 2-year discontinued period was put on hold. In other words as long as the Federal Government owned the property the 2-year period during which the Open Hearth did not operate as a restaurant did not apply.

The Zoning Administrator's decision was appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Z.B.A. sustained the Zoning Administrator's decision again based on the grounds of the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution, and upon the advice of the town attorney. The case was appealed to the Warren County Supreme Court by Mrs. Sapakoff who argued that the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution does not apply in this case. Warren County Supreme Court Judge Dier did not consider the Supremacy Clause argument but stated that the Z.B.A. has certain discretion and latitude in interpreting the Zoning Ordinance. He cited *Bogey's vs. White Plains* as a

precedent for his decision in which he upheld the decision of the ZBA. Mrs. Sapakoff appealed Judge Dier's decision to the NYS Appellate Div.. The Appellate Div. Court ruled that the argument made by Judge Dier in *Bogey's vs. White Plains* was a bankruptcy case and not a seizure case as was the *Open Hearth* situation. It did not apply in this case. (In a bankruptcy case everything is put on hold automatically until the case is settled). It also stated that if the Federal Government had challenged the Zoning Ordinance while it owned the property, then the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution would apply. It also stated that the property was advertised as residential and for all these reasons reversed Judge Dier. The decision was unanimous.

The then town attorney filed a notice of appeal with the next higher court - the NY Court of Appeals. The owner convinced the majority of the Town Board to file an appeal again on the grounds of the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution. On March 30, 1995 the Court of Appeals, the highest court in NYS issued its decision dismissing the appeal "...upon the ground that no substantial constitution question is directly involved."

At a special meeting on April 6, 1995 the attorney discussed the appeal dismissed by the Court of Appeals and again convinced the majority of the Town Board to further pursue the appeal.

An appeal can be made to the Court of Appeals on two grounds: by right or by permission. A constitutional issue is appealed through the "by right" process. The first appeal was made to the Court of Appeals by the "by right" process because the attorney claimed that this case involves a constitutional issue. The Court of Appeals disagreed and rejected the appeal. Now the Town of Hague will appeal by using the "by permission" route. In this route the town of Hague is asking the Court of Appeals for permission to file an appeal.

On Mar 11 Bob Patchett wrote a letter to Mrs. Sapakoff, in which he sympathized with the position of the neighbors of Ody's Restaurant, but at the same time stating that "our need for a family restaurant in Hague is apparent. We need something for our year round citizens to enjoy, especially in the dead of winter."

The following is a response to his letter, which was written by Mrs. Sapakoff on Mar 25 with copies to *The Hague Chronicle* and the town board. We thought this letter might be of further explanation to our readers.

"I was surprised and pleased to receive your Mar 11 letter. I was pleased because you seem to understand and sympathize with my concerns regarding a bar/restaurant in (Continued on page 2 - RESTAURANT)

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Silver Bay. In your letter, you wrote that you also had unpleasant experiences with two bars close to you, in that there was excessive noise and a problem with cars being parked on your property.

"On the other hand, there are aspects of this situation which you may not be aware of. From your letter, I got the impression that you believe that I have some control over what happens next to the Ody's Inn. However, any decision regarding the former Hearth property is completely out of my hands. The first appellate court has made its decision, and the Town is now appealing to the Court of Appeals. Therefore, the future of the Ody's Inn will be decided by the Town and/or by the New York Court of Appeals. Even if I take no further action, or if I were to actively support the Ody's Inn, it would make no difference. The Court will still forge ahead and make its next ruling; based upon what is legally correct -- not based upon whether I oppose or support the idea of a bar/restaurant.

"In addition, please keep in mind that when I first initiated this action, the Hearth property was not yet being used as a restaurant/bar, and the Ody's were not even in the picture. While this case was *already* before the appellate court, Mr. Levy leased the property to the Ody family. Although I do not understand why anyone would put their time, money, and effort into a project, knowing that a court was already examining the situation and might declare it to be illegal, that is exactly what Mr. Levy and the Ody family did in this case. Had they simply waited a few months until the court had made its decision, the Ody's would not be in their current predicament. While I do not know the Ody's, they certainly seem to be a lovely family, and they are obviously operating a wonderful and welcome restaurant which has enhanced the Silver Bay area, and which has been embraced by many in the community.

"My personal concern is that one day the property could be leased to, or owned by someone who could not operate this kind of decent establishment and who would not promote the "healthy atmosphere" which the Ody's apparently have tried to do. There are no guarantees for the future, since the Ody's may not want to continue their restaurant forever, and/or Mr. Levy might decide to sell or lease it to someone else. While we might all be happy about the situation today, I believe that we should also be concerned about what might happen in the community many years down the road. This kind of long-range planning may not be popular, but I would hope that responsible and concerned residents, like both of us, would recognize that we have to think about what kind of Silver Bay community will be inherited by our grandchildren and all future generations.

"While I may not reside in the area on a year-round basis, I certainly understand and appreciate that year-round residents have concerns and needs that go beyond the needs of the summer residents. I have been a summer resident in Silver Bay since 1963. My long-term commitment to the area means that I have always been concerned about the community's prosperity well beyond the summer months. However, I believe that my actions in this situation have been in the interests of everyone--year-

round residents as well as summer residents. In fact, it is because I have a real and lasting commitment to the area that I feel a responsibility to think about its future. I hope that all the residents of the Town of Hague will understand this, even if they have opinions which are different than mine. It has caused me deep anguish to think that some members of the community may have cast me as the 'villain' in this situation. I hope that my efforts to explain my position will convince you, and others, that I am simply a concerned Silver Bay resident who is trying to do what I believe to be right." /s/ Eleanor Sapakoff

Ed: We hope that the above article and letter will help our readers understand what the problem is. This has become a big issue and we hope that the problem can be solved in the near future.

### WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

"The Relationship between a Woman and Her Physician" is the subject of our next program on Monday, May 8, 1995, 7PM at the Hague Community Center. Our speaker will be Patricia Gavin, Director of Program Development at the Cancer Center at Glens Falls Hospital. Pat is a graduate of Cornell and Boston University and a primary care nurse practitioner as well as a primary care physician's assistant.

This program is geared for women of all ages. All our programs are free, and we look forward to welcoming women from Ticonderoga, Putnam and Crown Point as well as Bolton Landing, Lake George and Glens Falls.

Women Helping Women is a group of women who meet the second Monday of each month with guest speakers covering topics concerned with women's well being - physical, emotional, social and intellectual. VDB

### CPR COURSE TO BE GIVEN

Women Helping Women will sponsor a CPR course to be given on June 17 from 10AM - 3PM at the Community Center. Michael Spano, Denville, NJ, a certified CPR instructor will be teaching the course. There will be a fee, which is still undetermined, to cover the expenses involved. The instructor is a volunteer. The course is open to women on a first come basis, but if less than 10 women sign up for it, it will then be open to men also. If there is a good response, Mr. Spano may be available for other courses during the summer.. djh

FESTIVAL GUILD AND NCCC Coffee House will be held at the NCCC auditorium on May 12 at 7:30PM featuring Dana Robinson. \$5.00 admission.

KIWANIS CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER to benefit the Key Club - 5-7:30PM at the United Methodist Church. Adults - \$6.00; Ages 5-14 - \$3.00; Under 5 free.

### RECYCLE FOR ART

The Children's Summer Art Program at Silver Bay Assoc. is in need of styrofoam meat trays, toilet paper and paper towel rolls, Cool Whip containers w/lids, egg boxes, yarn, etc., and anything else that looks nifty. Call Betty Heintzelman, 543-6339. 4/95

TOWN BOARD - MARCH 14, 1995

A decision to wait for the Court of Appeals to make its final decision was reached by the Town Board at its Mar. meeting. There had been a misunderstanding about a 90-day extension (there is none) at the Feb. meeting and this was the best solution for town interests. A motion was made and approved by all board members to incur no extra expenses without the board's prior approval. It was agreed that all records pertaining to this case would be turned over to John McDonald who now serves as our town attorney, replacing John Silvestri, former town atty.

52 moorings have been proposed by the state for Rogers Rock Campsite and nearby property owners are deeply concerned. Supv. Belden will see whether he can get a public hearing with all the people (groups & individuals), concerned to make the state aware of the impact on the lake and the community.

In other business:

Supplemental information has been accepted by HUD for a Small Cities Block Grant (S.C.B.G.). We should know by May 7 whether or not we are a grant recipient.

Silver Bay Assoc. will hold a Hague Community Day on May 6 (Raindate - May 7).

Marg Del Signore was appointed part time worker at Transfer Station, starting April 1, working 25 hours a week at \$5.50 per hour.

A public hearing will be held at 6 PM Tues. Apr. 11 to review the Town Park Regulations.

Resolution passed to develop Stormwater Management plan.

All remaining issues pertaining to reclamation will be handled by Atty. John McDonald.

A letter from APA confirms in Review of Regional Projects proposed by counties as other units of Municipal Government "the towns administering land use programs are not only authorized but compelled to review such projects under the statutory scheme set forth in the APA Act."

The Sewer Basin Committee needs a grant commitment in order to proceed with Sewer District #1 formation.

Consider a suggestion that Animal Control Officer become a private contractor thereby saving money for the town.

Bill Bothe, Zoning Administrator, asked the board to institute a \$10 fee for individuals, other than taxpayers who request a file search. Approved.

He also requested permission for Educational leave for March 22, 23, 24 to attend a conference in Ellenville at no expense to the town. Granted.

Recommendations for the following were made to the board:

1. Mary Lou Doulin replace Skip Hourigan as the representative from the Zoning Board on the Stormwater Committee. Skip will continue to serve as chairman.

2. Cris Ginn and Dave Martucci (ZBA) and Dave Swanson and John Brown (Planning) as candidates to serve on the Revision Review Committee (zoning regulations). All were approved.

There will be a CVE Cable public hearing on May 9 at

6PM.

Carol and Marty Brown will again give the "Young Boaters" program in July and August. . . . gl

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, MARCH 23

With no agenda, the only business for the board was an interview with Mr. Jim Neal for a place on the board, now vacant. . . . gl

PLANNING BOARD - APRIL 6

The 7-lot sub-division on (41-1.37) property owned by Stanley Disbrow, working with Christmas Associates, has been changed since the CA has pulled out and are now working out details for a 2-lot subdivision with the Nature Conservancy.

Sinkway (60-1-8 & 17) minor 2-lot sub-division that would transfer parcel 17 to family partnership and transfer parcel 80 to family trust, the well area (3rd parcel) established as a gift to the children. The lawyer for the Sinkways wasn't sure how the board should be involved but the board will investigate its procedure and the matter will continue on next month's agenda.

Priore(21-1-13) Class B (Minor 2-lot subdivision (Rt. 8) Approval was given with the understanding that a right of way to the back lot must be provided and identified in the deed and that buildings must be identified on the mylar. No problems created by septic systems since each lot has its own.

Doherty (41-1-2.3 & 2.8) Hollow Road. A non-conforming lot not properly recorded presented a problem for the board since at this time the owners cannot sell it until it conforms to the zoning code.

Bill Bothe, Zoning Admin. will contact the seller to see if a conforming lot can be created by the addition of more land, to bring the existing lot up to zoning requirements.

The Zoning Ordinance Review Committee has been organized (held its first meeting on Mar. 21). Dave Swanson is chairman and Bill Bothe, clerk. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st and 4th Tues. of each month at 7PM.

Suggestions on items for revision are welcome.

Dave Swanson or Bob Patchett have been authorized to act as clerk in the absence of Henry Karmazin. . . . gl

TOWN BOARD - APRIL 11, 1995

A public hearing was held at 6PM on Apr 11 preceding the regular town board meeting. The matter on hand was the presenting of the new town park regulations. Several changes were made before the board approved unanimously.

The new rules for the use of the Community Center will go back to the committee for further study and will be presented at next month's meeting.

It was noted that at a special town board meeting on Apr 6, the decision to have the town attorney send an application to the Appellate Court asking permission for our case re: Hague Zoning laws to go before the court. It is the town's intent to defend the decision of the ZBA.

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The decision we would like from the court would allow the town to amend the zoning laws to provide "hardship" case review and allow for variance.

Due to the efforts of our Supv. Dan Belden, Warren County will purchase Swede Mt's tower and complete the county's communication network, an important step in enabling quicker response by all the groups involved in all our everyday lives and in emergencies. I.P., owners of the property, will allow access and possibly an easement. Good job, Dan!

In other business:

The first meeting of the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee was held on March 21, 1995.

James Neal of Sabbath Day Pt. was appointed to fill one of the two ZBA openings. Anyone interested in serving on this board, please see Bill Bothe or Cris Ginn.

A suggestion to plant sugar maples at the intersection of Rt. 8 and 9N was rejected by the state landscaping dept. as a safety hazard. A letter was received from Michele and Tim Gautreau recommending the old town hall be turned into a museum. Supv. Belden would be happy to receive (in writing) any other suggestions anyone might have for this building.

Reminder that Silver Bay is having a Hague Community Day on May 6, starting at noon. (Rain date, May 7). Invitation to residents of all ages on page 8 of this issue.

The Ti School Board rescinded a motion that would have transferred three parcels of land to Hague. They have now sent a list of conditions that the town board rejected. Supv. Belden will continue working with the school board to see what accommodations can be made.

The Fire Dept. has asked permission to hold a garage sale at the park the weekend of the BASS Tournament. This was approved, but the request to use the old town hall for a May-Sep/Oct rummage sale was tabled until the May meeting.

A new set of law books has been received by the Justice and it was decided to give the old ones to Ti High School.

The Highway Dept. will proceed with the leveling and seeding of the east and west sides of the Community Center property and backstops will be installed for the basketball court.

Linda Coffin reported that the town is running in the black (or is it blue ink)?

Stormwater work will start after the smelt run in May.

On May 5 a workshop for Planning and ZBA will be held at ACC. The \$15 fee for any member who wishes to attend will be paid by the town.

There is a park attendant opening; also a life guard. Applications available at the Community Center.

LGA gave a \$20,000 grant for improvements.

Arnold Goetsch was awarded the contract for laying the new floor in the Richard Bolton Room at the Community Center. Eric Robinson and Mike Manning will remove the old floor and share the lumber. Work should be underway within the next day or two.

There is a permanent newspaper and magazine bin at the Transfer Station. These items will be accepted at the

regular Transfer Station hours every day. . . gl

The following letter is from the Zoning Revision Comm:  
To Mr. Daniel D. Belden, Supervisor; Town Board Members; Town Clerk  
Re: Zoning Ordinance Revision

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Committee which you appointed at the March 13, 1995 meeting of the Town Council has organized and held its first meeting at 4:30PM Tues. Mar. 21, 1995. It considers its task to try to deal with specific problems in the Zoning Ordinance which are identified by the members of the Committee or members of the public. It does not consider its task to be either (i) a general rezoning of the Town or (ii) a word by word rewriting of the Zoning Ordinance, which tasks could take years.

In order to identify problems in the Zoning Ordinance which should be dealt with, we would appreciate suggestions from citizens and property owners in the Town of Hague. Such suggestions should be in writing and should be submitted to Bill Bothe, Zoning Administrator, Town of Hague, Community Center, Hague, NY 12836, on or before June 1, 1995.

Among the suggestions received to date have been the following: (i) to lengthen the period of time (presently two years) during which a nonconforming use may be discontinued before the right to such use is lost, and (ii) to make some meaningful provision for offices and light industry in the town.

We would appreciate your help identifying concerns related to current Zoning Ordinance and that those suggestions are given to Bill Bothe. Very truly yours, David Swanson, Chairman, William Bothe, John Brown, Linda Coffin, Martin Fitzgerald, Cris Ginn, David Martucci.

THE MASTERSINGERS

The Mastersingers, the Greater Glens Falls Community Chorus, under the direction of Thomas Booth, will begin rehearsals for its next concert. The series "Sundays at Seven" will continue with "Your Hit Parade, 1935-58" on June 18, 1995 at 7PM at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls.

Rehearsals will be held in the United Methodist Church, Hudson Falls beginning on Tues., Apr. 25 at 7PM. For further information contact Mary and Bill Bayard at 793-1704.

*I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd;  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

*Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay;*

*Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance. . . . William Wordsworth*

## NATURE NEWS

Laura Meade

'Tis the season for bird migration! How do they do it? Many hundreds of migrating Snow Geese can be seen these days at the Dead Creek Wildlife Area near Rt. 17 in Vermont, just beyond the Champlain Bridge. And have you heard the flocks of Canada Geese honking their way over Northern Lake George recently? Less noticeable are the many types of colorful warblers which follow the shorelines of lakes and rivers as they fly to nesting habitats in the Adirondacks and Canada.

At the Audubon bird banding station at the Crown Point Historic Site, 42 different species of warblers have been banded during the last twelve years. That is remarkable, since only 45 kinds of warblers are known to be in North America. Many other species have been banded there also. The approximate dates for the banding are from May 8 - May 22. The station is open to the public. If you wish to visit, please call me for directions and information at 543-6060.

On March 16 an unusual migrating bird, a female Spruce Grouse was attacked and wounded by a dog as it rested in a yard in Putnam. This bird is listed as "threatened" on the NY Endangered Species List. That listing means there are very few known in the state. The person who discovered the injured bird called to ask me what to do. I advised catching the bird (wearing gloves), putting her in a picnic basket and taking her to Port Henry to Joanne Huchro, the licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator who has proper training and facilities for care. This was done, but despite medication and TLC, the bird lasted only about 36 hours. It was the first report to me of a Spruce Grouse in this area, although they do stay south of here in the winter in pine spruce habitat, and come north to nest in a protected area near Plattsburgh.

It was surprising, therefore, to receive word of a positive identification of another female Spruce Grouse, this time on April 3 in the Town of Hague next to Rt 8 in an open place opposite Sunset Hill Rd. That bird seemed very tame and probably could have been easily caught (or attacked) by a dog or fox.

Now that it is spring we must say "goodbye" to our winter birds at our feeders. And let's say "welcome" to the beautiful songs of the robins, warblers, flycatchers, phoebes, sparrows, bluebirds, titmice and tanagers.

Late Report: On April 9 Kay Holliday of Pudding Lane, Silver Bay saw a Canada Goose with a lightweight plastic neckband (number 9-K). Records at the Essex, VT Wildlife Dept. reveal that it was banded on Jul 15, 1993 as a male gosling at the Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Town of Addison, VT.

### CARTOON SHOW SCHEDULED FOR HAGUE

The Community Center in Hague, NY is the setting for a Comic and Editorial Cartoon Show four days of Memorial Weekend, May 26-29.

Students and adults from three counties are expected to attend the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored gallery

showing. In addition to a display of the works of famous cartoonists, live workshops will be conducted in the area of cartooning.

Chamber of Commerce spokesman Stan Burdick announced that over 200 original and limited edition cartoons by famous editorial and comic cartoonists will be on display. Historical events dating from 1830 are chronicled in several antique cartoons.

It is expected that several area cartoonists will be on hand to demonstrate and instruct. Students are especially welcome; admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. This is a non-profit event for the enjoyment of all.

A free special preview showing will take place Thursday afternoon, May 25 for students and teachers only. Other days the show opens at 9AM and includes two evening openings.

Information is available from Stan Burdick (543-8824) or PO Box 2678, Silver Bay, NY 12874-2678. In addition to Chamber sponsorship, funds for the event are from the Warren County Decentralization Committee and the Council on the Arts.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

The Ticonderoga School District has sent out a schedule of dates pertinent to the school budget and election.

- April 26 - Reg. meeting and budget workshop in Hague
  - May 3 - Budget Workshop - High School Cafeteria - 7:30
  - May 8 - Final date by which petitions are due from candidates for Board of Education, 5PM, District Offices
  - May 10 - Public hearing on budget - H.S. Cafe. 7:30PM
  - May 17 - Reg. Board of Ed. meeting - HS Cafe. 7:30PM
  - May 24 - latest date for copies of the proposed 95-96 budget to be available for public release
  - May 30 - Voter Registration - Hague Comm. Ctr 1-6PM
  - June 7 - Budget Vote and election of school board members - Hague Community Center - 12 noon - 9PM.
- Ed: We do not have any residents of the town of Hague on the School Board. Some member of the community who has an interest in the way our children are educated and the way our money is spent should seriously consider running for a position on the board.

### BLACK WATCH LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

With grant funding curtailed, the friends of the Black Watch Library, Ticonderoga, are utilizing local resources to present a series of four book discussions. Multiple copies of the books are being borrowed from the Ti High School English Dept. Leaders from Ti, Silver Bay and Putnam will present the following programs on Wednesday at 7:30PM.

- 4/12 - *The Sunflower* by Simon Wiesenthal  
leader - (Maury Thompson)
  - 4/26 - *Hiroshima* by John Hersey (Mark Johnson)
  - 5/10 - *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee (Robert Moore)
  - 5/24 - *Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury (Maury Thompson)
- The four books are available on loan at the library. Admission is free to the public and refreshments will be served.

WRITER'S VOICE - SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION

A Poetry Writing Workshop by Paul Pines, will be held on May 13 and 14 and a Children's Literature Writing Workshop with Natalie Kinsey-Warnock will be held on May 27 and 28. Call The Writer's Voice of Silver Bay, 543-8833.

BESTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Beste Scholarship Fund Committee extends sincere thanks to all those who supported the Feb. fund raising activities by attending the benefit dinner, by supporting the raffle and/or by sending a direct donation. The response from the whole community was heart-warming. Over \$640 was raised this year from direct donations, bringing the Fund total to \$13,538.34.

Special thanks for their extra efforts go to the Silver Bay Assoc., the staff of the Hague Chronicle for services donated and to the following individuals:

Ethel Andrus, Art & Joan Belden, Mrs. Dorothy Bevins, Mr. & Mrs. Edward H. Crabbs, Jr., Tony & Emma DeFranco, Dave & JoAnn DeFranco, Clifford & Betty Decker, Frank Fowler, Mr & Mrs. Roderick Geer, Mr & Mrs John Geils, Mr & Mrs Walter Hartl, Dorothy J. Henry, Thomas M. James, Robert A. Kritzer, Mr & Mrs. Daniel J. McGowen, Mr. & Mrs. Ludolf W. McGow; Mr & Mrs Charles C. Parlin, Jr., Mr & Mrs. Thomas P. Reath, Sal & Kathy Santaniello, Mrs. J. Stanford Smith, Lynn & Pat Stote, Clifton & Marguerite West, Martha & Harry White.

Thank you all again for your helpful support. Every dollar counts.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Rental property owners may benefit from becoming a member of the Hague-on-Lake George Chamber of Commerce. Throughout the year the Chamber receives many phone and mail inquiries from vacationers interested in the rental of summer homes, camps or cottages. All inquiries are maintained on an easily available listing. This contact information, if selectively used, could help you in your efforts to rent your summer property. If you are interested in joining the Chamber (dues \$65 per year) and in periodically receiving a printout of the Chamber's inquiry contact list, please call the Chamber at 543-6353. (tmj)

NEW HOURS AT THE TRANSFER STATION

**Beginning April 1, the transfer station (landfill) is open seven days a week from 12 noon to 5PM.**

THE UPPER HUDSON PRENATAL SERVICES NETWORK is a non-profit organization which developed "Tomorrow's Child", a toll-free referral line, with the goal of providing a clearinghouse of pregnancy and parenting related information for health and human services professionals and community members. The referral line is operative Monday through Friday from 9AM - 5PM and services Saratoga, Warren, Washington, Hamilton, Essex,

Franklin and Clinton counties.  
**CALL TOLL FREE 1-800-640-4558**

TWO-SIDED REGULATIONS

On Apr. 5 a hearing was held at the Hague Community Center on the state's proposal to put in 52 permanent boat moorings at the Rogers Rock Campsite.

The consensus of opinions expressed was that the state (DEC) seems to be able to make up their own rules when in fact the rules that they have on file are very different when it comes to individuals and marinas. The DEC claims as a state agency they are exempt from the full review process normally required for a mooring permit. The Lake George Assoc., represented by Kathy Vilmar, disagrees. "It is our belief that state agencies need to follow the same rules that private individuals need to follow, including mooring regulations established by the Lake George Park Commission," Vilmar stated.

The LGPC bars moorings that let boats swing more than 100 feet away from shore, yet the Rogers Rock moorings will include some moorings from 150 to 250 feet from shore.

Owners of homes in the Rogers Rock area have strongly opposed the DEC plan. They said it would spoil the view, pollute the lake, congest the area and endanger public safety, besides taking business away from private marinas.

Residents were caught by surprise several years ago when the state put in a huge launching ramp - also against their own regulations. This time the news leaked out of the impending plan and caused a furor. Campers should take their boats in and out, since they have such a large parking area, suggested one of the speakers at the hearing.

The state knows how the residents feel about this plan - letters have been written and statements made. But, will it really matter?

SEWER UPDATE

At a meeting of the Hague Sewer Committee on April 6, two representatives from Clough Harbour, the engineering firm hired by the county, were present to discuss the progress and answer questions.

It is important to understand that this is a Warren County Sewer Project. Hague is far ahead of any other town in Warren County with the preparatory work on the system. We are now ready to form our sewer district. Maps have been made and at present, the district is scheduled to include the area between Lakeshore Terrace and Cape Cod Village on Route 9N, including the side roads off 9N, and about 2000 feet along Rt. 8 from 9N. The Federal Government's grant of \$20 million to Warren County includes \$4.36 million for the Hague project.

The study was based on 1991 construction costs. Since they have risen, Warren County has gone back to the Federal Government asking for an additional \$16.4 million grant. It is necessary that we have 100% funding from the Federal Government.

A hearing will be scheduled in Hague during May.

### HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The April meeting of the Hague Historical Society is a joint meeting held at the Hancock House, Ticonderoga, with the Ticonderoga Historical Society on Friday, April 21. Hague is supplying the speaker, Mrs. Carol Greenough of the Skenesborough Historical Society who will speak on the Whitehall area and its canal history in particular. Ticonderoga is supplying the meeting place and acting as hosts. A pot-luck supper will be served at 6:30PM and the meeting will start at 7:30PM. The public is invited.

Our May meeting will be held at the Hague Community Center on Thursday, May 18 with another topic of local history.

The March meeting covered the ever intriguing Adirondacks and the equally intriguing and exciting story of the Great Camps of the late 1800's. President Robert Cole presented the story with slides of the various camps and the Durant family who are often considered the original Great Camp designers. A goodly number of members were in attendance. . . RMC

### HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On June 17 and 18, 1995, during the BASS Tournament Weekend, the Fire Dept. will hold a community garage sale under the tent in the Town Park. Table space will be available at \$5 per table per day. Hours on Sat. will be from 9AM-3PM. Steak roast will follow from 5PM - 7PM. Garage sale hours on Sunday will be from 9AM - 6PM. To reserve your space under the tent sign up at Silver Bay General Store. Reserve early. Limited space available. . ss

### STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Just a quick up date to let everyone know the status of our progress.

Stormwater Management Plan Grant from the L.G.P.C.

The Town Board approved the contract with C.T. Male Assoc. at the March Town Board meeting. This contract is to develop the town's Stormwater Management plan. Over the next month or so we will be walking the catchments and subcatchments of the Basin within the Town of Hague. Typically we will start at the lake and work our way up the slopes. The committee will work in groups in conjunction with our engineers. So when you see us out walking, please feel free to ask us questions. Let us know if you have observed any problems concerning storm run off. We would like to hear from the walkers, joggers, bikers, boaters, fishermen and anyone who may see erosion problems. During storm events, have you observed water flowing across roads and leaving sand and or debris on the roads, or in the lake? Drop us a note or send a letter. We welcome your observations. The Committee will be having public meetings in July and Aug. of this year to help enlighten and educate the Town as to the cause and effect of stormwater and non-point pollution.

The Helen V. Froelich Grant from the L.G.A.

Everything is going well; however we are on hold from

doing any work in the brook until after the smelt have spawned, which should be in mid May, according to D.E.C. If anyone would like to volunteer to help us plant vegetation to stabilize some of the brooks' banks, let us know.

The next meeting of our committee will be Apr 26, 1995 at 7PM. The guest speaker will be Jim Sutherland from the D.E.C. Jim is the person who operates the science station on the Hague Brook which is located in front of the American Legion building.

Correspondence can be sent to the Town of Hague, to the attention of the Stormwater Committee, or dropped off at the Community Center. /s/ Skip Hourigan, Stormwater Committee Chairman.

### SILVER BAY RETREATS

"Solitude, Soul and Spirituality" will be the first of two weekend retreats to be held at the Silver Bay Assoc. This retreat will help individuals explore their souls through a solo experience, small group discussion and journal writing. The solo experience may include walking, hiking, running or quiet sitting by the lake or in the woods. The retreat will take place May 5-7 and is based on Thomas Moore's book, Care of the Soul: A Guide for Cultivating Depth and Sacredness in Everyday Life. Bruce Tamlyn, a master's of divinity candidate and Robert Allen, director of medical education at the U. of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, will lead the event.

"Journey Through Change," a retreat for women, will help participants explore both internal and external transitions. The retreat will take place May 19-21 and will include brief presentations, discussion, journal writing, creative exercises and singing.

The retreat leader is Patricia Stere Sears, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary and an educator with more than 20 years' experience leading group events.

To register and for info., call Silver Bay 543-8833.

### WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

This has been the second warmest winter in 100 years. In fact, throughout March I enjoyed spring fever constantly. The temperatures from March 12 on were moderate, between 40 and 60 degrees. We had lots of sunshine, hardly any rain and not much wind.

April feels cooler, temperatures are between 40 and 50, but it has been windy and nippy. We had a cold spell the first week of April and ice formed on the edges of the streams and we saw a few flurries. April 10 fair weather returned. In short, this is typical spring activity.

Things are pretty brown in the woods, but soon we will begin to hear earth's primal music as the peepers and tree frogs begin their melodies. Also the toads migrate to the mating pools in early spring and the males put all their vocal equipment to work in the breeding course. Some sounds may carry a half mile or more.

*Instant availability without continuous presence is probably the best role a mother can play. . . .Lotte Bailyn*

**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY - MAY 14, 1995**

**TO THE RESIDENTS OF HAGUE AND THEIR GUESTS**

*You are most cordially invited to attend*

**HAGUE COMMUNITY DAY**

**May 6, 1995 (Rain Date May 7th)**

**at The Silver Bay Association**

**Activities are planned for all age groups , beginning with "bring your own BBQ" at 12-1PM. and ending at 9:30PM.**

**So gather up all your kinfolk and friends in Hague and head on down to Silver Bay for a fun-filled day.**

**A complete schedule of activities will be posted at various locations in town, as well as copies at the Community Center.**

**Volunteers are still needed. Call Helen Barton at 543-8833 if interested.**

**(CLIP AND SAVE AS A REMINDER)**

**RECLAMATION UPDATE**

On April 6 Mr. Eugene Salerni and Mr. Gordon Boyd, from SS&B Co. met with the town board to update their progress on the reclamation of the land fill. This is an innovative procedure and Hague is a leader in the field. Much study went into deciding whether to cap the landfill or reclaim it. After weighing the pros and cons of each, it was decided to reclaim it, which means they are removing EVERYTHING from the present landfill. Ellenville, NY is the first town to have done this. If we had gone the capping route, we could possibly have many problems down the road.

Hague started on the reclamation last summer and halted the work during the winter months. They are ready to start work again in June and hope to be finished by the end of this year. Mr. Salerni stated that the conditions in the Hague landfill were just right for this process. He is planning a trip to New Zealand to describe what we are doing in Hague. We have been written up in several trade journals. Hague is getting on the map!

Mr. Boyd gave a presentation on future possibilities for the use of the property that would enhance the economy of Hague. He has spoken with the National Golf Foundation, which is a trade association for the golf industry. They expressed an interest in checking it out for a golf course. Other suggestions are a housing development (it has a spectacular view!), a wild life habitat - The Wild Life Habitat Council based in Washington, D.C. work with municipalities

and developers - or an industrial park, as suggested by Supervisor Belden. Comments and suggestions are especially welcome. So, put your thinking caps on and try to come up with great ideas of how to turn a once ugly piece of land into something of which Hague can really be proud .

**HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**

On Tuesday, April 25 the seniors will be trekking to ACC in Glens Falls for a gourmet lunch prepared and served by the students of BOCES Culinary Arts Classes. Any Hague resident 50 years of age or older is invited to join us in this adventure. We will be carpooling from the Hague Community Center, leaving at 10:45AM. The charge for lunch is \$6.75 and must be paid in cash (correct change, if possible) before we leave the Center. Please, no checks! A sign-up sheet is available at the Community Center. Please call 543-6161 **BEFORE April 20** in order to be included.

At the March covered dish lunch Elizabeth Schreiner from the Glens Falls Office of the Blind gave an interesting talk on what her office is doing to be helpful to the people of Warren County. She had many items on display. Somehow a magnifying glass, approximately 4", was inadvertently picked up at that time. If anyone who was at that meeting has any idea what could have happened to it, she would very much appreciate having it returned. If you discover it in your belongings, please leave it with Bertha at the Community Center and we will see that it is returned to Mrs Schreiner. . . djh

SOUNDINGS

**BETROTHED** - Charles Rodman Barton III, son of Kay and the late Charles R. Barton, Jr., Sabbath Day Point, to Kim Thompson Brower, Madison NJ. The wedding is planned for August 26.

**DIED** - Ruth Parin Sanborn Burrill, 90, Hightstown, NJ on March 16, 1995. Ruth vacationed for many years in Silver Bay. She is survived by three sons, Howie, John and Don, 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Silver Bay Assoc., Silver Bay, NY 12874.

**DIED** - Dr. Robert A. Kritzer, 80, Saddle River, NJ and Hague, NY on March 31, 1995 He is survived by his wife Lee, son Dr. Robert K., one grandson, and two brothers. Dr. Kritzer was Fleet Surgeon of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club.

**DIED** - Alda H. Geils, 99, on April 2, 1995 in Greenwich, CT. She is survived by two sons, John and Henry, both summer residents of Silver Bay and 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Geils was an EMP at Silver Bay in 1916.

**DIED** - Earle Phillips, 98, in Hague on April 1, 1995. Mr. Phillips was one of the first residents of Forest Bay, and was a 1915 graduate of Ticonderoga High School. He is survived by two nieces and a nephew and several grandnieces and nephews

**ANNIVERSARY** - Mr. & Mrs. Elmer E. Streeter celebrated their 50th anniversary on Feb. 12, 1995 at the Stuben Club in Albany. They were married on Feb. 14, 1945. Mr. Streeter grew up on Streeter Hill in Hague.

**ANNIVERSARY** - Rev. and Mrs. Barton Van Vliet, former pastor of the Hague Baptist Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 3 in Port Byron, NY.

**JESSICA FRASIER**, Hague, was recently inducted into the Black Watch Chapter of the National Honor Society. Other members of the society from Hague include Elizabeth Brunet, Allison Johnson, Monica Johnson & Jessica Mars

**MICHELLE DeFRANCO**, Hague, an 8th grade student at Ti Middle School, competed in her second consecutive NYS Interscholastic Gymnastics meet on March 3 and 4. Michelle was 5th in the sectional qualifier with a score of 7.8. She also improved at the state meet and scored a 7.9. She was among a select few Middle school students participating in this prestigious meet.

4TH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students have been listed on the honor roll for the 4th marking period at Ti High School.  
High Honors: ELIZABETH BRUNET, JESSICA FRASIER,

LINDSAY FRASIER, ALLISON JOHNSON, MONICA JOHNSON, LAUREN MACK.

Second Honors: PATRICIA CORLISS, JESSICA MARS.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BUS

The Town of Hague has contracted with the Ti Central School Dist. to supply after school bus transportation for Hague students. The bus is running after the conclusion of athletic practices and other activities each evening during the week. Several years ago in a budget reduction move, the school district eliminated after school transportation.

HANCOCK HOUSE TO HOST STUDENT ART SHOW

The Ticonderoga High School art department will have a student art show at the Hancock House from April 1 - 22. Students in grades 9-12 in all areas of art will be showing their best works. Arts on display will include sculpture, computer art, ceramics, photography, drawing and painting. Prizes for best show, realism, abstract art, graphics, drawing and painting are donated by Ticonderoga Decorating and Paint.

BOARD OF ED TO MEET IN HAGUE

The Board of Education of Ticonderoga Central School District will hold a REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1995 at the HAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER, at 7:30PM. This is an opportunity for Hague residents to attend a meeting nearby.

SENIOR CITIZENS WALKING PROGRAM

The Elementary and Middle Schools will be closed for the Senior Citizens Walking Program as of Apr 13, 1995.

The track on the Sentinel Field is open for walking. Please use the turn-style gate for entrance. We recommend good walking shoes and using the outside lanes.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please call Mr. Vigliotti at the Ticonderoga Middle School office, 585-7442.

THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1995 HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED NATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION MONTH. Many special activities have been planned at the Ti Middle School during this month. National Middle Schools Education Month is jointly sponsored by National Middle School Association and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

THE MOHICAN COUNCIL INC BOY SCOUTS is holding an ecumenical service at Silver Bay Assoc. on April 30 at noon, followed at 1:15 by a buffet lunch.

SBA was chosen for this event because in 1910 it was the site of the first official Boy Scout Encampment in North America and was attended by 120 boys and 20 leaders.

The service is open to all people with an interest in scouting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL/MAY 1995

April

- 1-22 Student Art Show at Hancock House - p9
- 18 Home Bureau - 10AM - Community Center
- 18 Fish & Game Club meeting - 7:30PM at Clubhouse
- 19 Blood Pressure Clinic - 1-2PM - Community Center
- 20 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM - Community Building
- 21 Hague Historical Society at Hancock House - p7
- 25 Senior Citizens Lunch at BOCES p8
- 26 Reg. meeting & budget workshop of Bd. of Ed. at Community Center at 7:30PM
- 26 Kiwanis Chicken & Biscuit dinner - p2
- 27 ZBA meeting - 7PM

May

- 1 HVFD meeting
- 2 Home Bureau - 10AM
- 3 Senior Citizens bus to Glens Falls

May (Cont.)

- 3 American Legion meeting
  - 4 Planning Board meeting - 7PM
  - 5 PB & ZBA workshop at ACC - p4
  - 6 HAGUE COMMUNITY DAY at Silver Bay Assoc. p8
  - 8 Women Helping Women - 7PM, Community Bldg. p2
  - 9 CVE Cable Public Hearing - 6PM
  - 9 Planning Board - 7PM
  - 10 Hague Chronicle deadline
  - 13 & 14 Poetry Writing Workshop - Silver Bay - p6
  - 16 Fish and Game Club
- Future Events:  
 May 26-29 Cartoon Show - see p5  
 June 17 - CPR Course - p24  
 June 17 & 18 BASS Tourn., garage sale, steak roast-p7

A SPRING WITH ACID RAIN

The sun is out  
and everybody plays. *SCHOLA* Mud slides down,  
down,  
down,  
down,  
down.  
we go down the mud slides.

But wait

The sun is faint.  
The clouds are chasing the sun away. *The acid rain gives you pain.  
Your skin rots like a rotten apple  
and umbrellas burn in acid rain.*

Big huge glops of acid rain:  
The cars are all turning rusty  
because of acid rain. *The sun is out and it is in. . . . John Ocampo, Age 9*

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