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HAGUE ARTS FAIR

All is in readiness for the second annual Hague Arts Fair which will be held on Saturday, August 3 from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. The fair will be held at the Town Park and Beach at the intersection of Routes 8 and 9N. In case of rain the fair will be held on Sunday, August 4th.

More than twenty-five exhibitors have already signed up for space - there will be more. Organizations participating are the Mohican Chapter of Home Bureau, International Paper Company, Silver Bay Association and the Hague Historical Society. A group of four members of the Clinton County Artists Association of Champlain, New York will exhibit their work. Others who will be exhibiting their paintings are Sharon Meola, Cal Hand, Ruth Strickling and Adra Seerup. Hyla Smith and Donna Miller will exhibit various types of ceramics. Mary MacSweeney of Minerva will demonstrate bow-making. Winnifred Blair will exhibit jewelry and general handicrafts will be exhibited by Margaret Nielsen, Lorraine Moore, and Dorothy Bevins. Evelyn Elliott has quilts and dolls to exhibit and James DeLarm will show samples of the wood-working art. An exhibit of hand-knitted and crocheted articles will be displayed by Mabel Jordon and Susan Grainger and potted flowering plants will be on display by Mr. and Mrs. Al Zeese. Maren Holm will have a collection of gaily painted rocks.

A special feature will be a demonstration by Dr. H.A. Gelhaar of the Northern Gateway Bonsai Society on how to pot Bonsai plants. This will be at 1:30 P.M. The Silver Bay Craft Shop will demonstrate various crafts during the day.

Adequate parking has been arranged and the rest rooms in the new bath-house will be open.

The Hague Baptist Church will conduct a bake sale and soft drinks will be available at the park through Braisted's Store and the Hague Volunteer Fire Department.

It is not too late to register if you have something to exhibit. Call either Helen Samascott at 543-6085 or Adra Seerup at 543-6052. Remember there is no entry fee and admission to the fair is free.

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SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZES

The Hague School Board held its organizational meeting on July 2nd at which the newly elected members of The Board, Shirley Bly and Sharon Fitzgerald, were inducted.

The following officers were elected to serve during the next year:

- President - Robert C. Denno
- Vice President - George May
- Treasurer - Ruth C. Robbins
- District Clerk - Lela Foote

The following appointments were made:

- Tax Collector - Jean McKee
- School Physician - Dr. James Walsh
- School Dentist - Dr. G.P. Cook
- School Attorney - Dominick Viscard
- Census Enumerator - Ruth C. Robbins

State Bank of Albany, Ticonderoga and First National Bank of Glens Falls at Bolton Landing, were named depositories and the Times of Ti and the Ticonderoga Sentinel were named official newspapers.

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COAST TO COAST ON A BICYCLE

For many years, Blackwood Parlin, long-time summer resident of Silver Bay, has dreamed of taking a trans-continental bicycle trip. This summer the dream was realized.

"Blackie" took off from his home in Livingston, New Jersey on June 13 bound for Portland, Oregon. This part of the trip was made by air with his ten-speed bicycle carried as baggage. From Portland he went 80 miles west to the Pacific Ocean which was to be his jumping off place. From there he proceeded eastward across Oregon and a small part of Washington. Keeping to a northern route he crossed Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. At Manitowoc, Wis. he boarded a ferry crossing Lake Michigan to Ludington. He entered Canada at Port Huron and re-entered the United States at Buffalo. From here it was homeward bound across the State of New York.

He reached Silver Bay on the evening of July 15 having covered the approximately 3300 miles in 33 days. The usual day's run was about 100 miles although one day with a tailwind he managed 160 miles. He wore out many sets of tires and at the beginning had some difficulty when spokes in the wheels loosened. His day began about 5 A.M. and generally he stopped at--three or four in the afternoon to rest at some comfortable motel.

Mr. Parlin is a history teacher at Newark Academy in Livingston, New Jersey and will have much to tell his students when school resumes in the fall. He will also have many pictures to show them.

This is not his first expedition.

On two occasions he has gone by kaysa from Lake George to New York City by way of Lake George, Lake Champlain and the Hudson River. On his summer vacation this year he bicycled from Nashville to New Orleans. He celebrated his 39th birthday on July with his wife and three children at their home in Silver Bay.

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SARJEANT - VASS WEDDING

Dale Sarjeant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sarjeant, long-time summer residents of Silver Bay was married on June 29 to Miss Janet E. Vass of Pulaski, Virginia. The wedding took place at the First Presbyterian Church of Pulaski.

Dale graduated from the Peddie School in 1970 and from Roanoke College in 1974. The bride graduated from Pulaski Highschool in 1969 and from Roanoke College in 1973. Following a trip to Bermuda, the couple will make their home in Black Bay, Virginia where Dale will pursue a dental career. The senior Sarjeant will make their home in Darien, Conn.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Wesleyan Church at Hague has announced that it will sponsor a vacation bible school at the church from August 5 to 16. All children from age three to sixth grade are welcome. Sessions will be held each weekday from 9 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

The program will be under the leadership of Mrs. Lois Strumm. She will be assisted by her mother, Mrs. Lois Van Cleve and her sister, Dorothy Van Cleve, who will be here from Winona Lake, Indiana. Plans have been made to have as many as seventy youngsters in attendance.

Bible studies, crafts and other activities are on the program. And there will also be refreshment.

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board met on July 9 with all members present.

A bid of \$500. for the Chamber of Commerce building which is to be removed from the park and beach area was made by Luella Grimes. Being the high bid it was accepted. It is believed the building will be used as a motel office by the Grimes.

A lengthy discussion followed the request of members of the Board of Assessment Review for additional compensation on account of the lengthy sessions which were held this year. By a 3 to 2 vote the Board approved payment of \$105. to each of the members.

A vacancy exists on the Board of Election Inspectors. Each of the two Republican Committeemen submitted the name of a candidate. When neither agreed to withdraw his candidate and the Board did not feel it was proper for it to make the decision, the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Hague School Board met on July 8th with all members present.

Contracts for furnishing milk, bread and rolls for the coming year were approved.

Mrs. Joanne DeFranco was appointed part-time home economics teacher.

Tenure was granted to Mr. Biannhine, teacher of commercial subjects.

Mr. Meola was authorized to file for any title I funds which the school district may be entitled to from the Federal Government during the 1974-75 fiscal year.

A teacher effectiveness workshop will be instituted on September 12, under the leadership of Donald McCabe. Sessions will be of three hours duration and will be given one night a week for ten weeks. The purpose of

the workshop is to teach teachers how they can become better teachers.

Norman Strumm was appointed assistant principal with additional compensation of \$300. annually.

The following committees of the Board were appointed:

- Building and grounds - Bly and May
- Personnel - Frasier and Fitzgerald
- Transportation - May and Frasier
- BOCES and cafeteria - Frasier, Bly and Fitzgerald
- Insurance - Fitzgerald and Bly
- Executive representative to BOCES Board - Denno

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CELEBRATES 95th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Etta Elethorpe, a long time resident of Hague, celebrated her 95th birthday at the Glens Falls Hospital where she is making a good recovery after a slight operation. She now lives in Lake George Village.

Mrs. Elethorpe was born in Crown Point on June 29, 1879, the daughter of the late Ida and Charles Thrasher. She was married to Nathan Elethorpe on November 5, 1924 in Ticonderoga. Nathan Elethorpe died many years ago. For a number of years Mrs. Elethorpe was the Hague reporter for local news papers.

Many of Mrs. Elethorpe's friends presented her with a birthday cake, cards, gifts and flowers. She says she has no secret for a long life but has lived by the golden rule - "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

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MRS. MYRTLE WELLS

Mrs. Myrtle Wells passed away on July 3. Funeral services were held on July 6 at the Wilcox and Regan Funeral Chapel in Ticonderoga. Mrs. Wells was 70 years old, the widow of Leon Wells, who died last October.

Mrs. Wells is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Inza Jordon and a son,

Leo Wells, both of whom reside in Hague. Also surviving are three sisters, five grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Until recently Mrs. Wells has lived in the Wells home on West Hague Road. Her heirs are considering the possibility of deeding the home with one acre of land to the Hague Historical Society. If consumated, this might become the answer to the long felt need for a building in Hague where the history of Hague in pictures, historical documents and other artifacts from Hague's past could be publicly displayed.

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LAKE GEORGE BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

The Lake George Park Commission has announced that it will hold, as usual, its regular contest awarding prizes for beautification within the Lake George Park. Both residential and commercial properties will be judged in "Most Beautiful and Well Kept" and "Most Improved" categories.

Roadside views will be judged the last week in July while lakeside views will be judged the first week in August. Marina and service station beautification contests are also being held with winners to be announced in mid-August. "Citizen Awards" presented for acts of heroism is also being continued.

It is not necessary to enter any of these contests. "Just beautify and we will find you", the Commission says.

Young people ages 10 to 16 desiring to take a trip with one of the Park Commission Safety Patrol vessels are asked to make their wishes known to the Park Commission. Write them at their new address, Lake George Battlefield Park, Lake George, N.Y.

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WE GET HELP

The other day we received a letter from a long-time Hague resident off-

ering to help with the Hague Chronicle. Without hesitation, we accepted the offer and several days later we got together with the writer, Miss Virginia Shattuck.

Miss Shattuck was born in Ticonderoga and moved to Hague when she was nine years old. After finishing highschool at Hague she attended the Baptist Institute at Philadelphia, where she studied to become a missionary. Subsequently she decided on a career in nursing and after attending Cornell and Columbia Nursing Schools, she was certificated as a Registered Nurse.

In 1945 she entered the U.S. Army Nurses Corps and was assigned to the Army Transportation Unit where she travelled four and one-half years in ships that were transporting service men and their families from one country to another. On this assignment she crossed the Atlantic 36 times plying between the United States and England and Germany with visits to France. On three occasions she travelled down the east coast through the Panama Canal and on to Honolulu and Japan returning by way of Seattle and San Francisco. Highlight of her travels was the trips on the Queen Mary for over three months as a first class passenger.

After leaving the army with a first lieutenant's commission she returned to New York City where she earned her Master's Degree in public health nursing. She then spent some time on New York's lower east side ultimately becoming Assistant Superintendent of Nurses at Bellevue Hospital. Her career was climaxed with six years on the faculty of Vanderbilt University School of Nursing at Nashville.

Miss Shattuck returned to Hague in 1972 and is now living in a cluster of homes on Holman Hill. Currently she is assisting Miss Beste with secretarial work.

Miss Shattuck has agreed to prepare biographies of some of the famous and interesting people in our town. She began this assignment by

partment. Guys and Dolls, under the direction of Christine Grosse, will be this year's production.

The musical will be presented on Thursday, August 15 at 8:30 P.M. The tickets which have been priced at \$2. for adults and \$1. for children may be obtained from any member of the Fire Department and will be available at the door.

This is your opportunity to join with the Silver Bay Association in saying "Thank you" to our firement for all of the services rendered by them through the past year.

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PROPERTY OWNERS MEET

The Property Owners of Silver Bay met at the Hague firehouse on July 13 with about fifty members present. Mr. Edward Crabbs, Chairman of the Hague Planning Board, spoke on the work of the Board and what it hoped to accomplish. In addition he answered many questions which were directed to him. Emil Seerup spoke on the current real property reassessment which is now completed and also answered questions regarding real property taxes. Reports of the various committee chairmen were presented and there was some discussion about winter break-ins. The group will meet again on August 10th.

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ONE MAN'S OPINION

Earlier this year, 165 residents signed a petition addressed to the School Board in which they expressed dissatisfaction with the school administration and asked that the Board take appropriate action to bring about improvement. Likewise at the annual meeting of the school district a number of speakers expressed similar dissatisfaction.

Ninety-nine registered voters voted against the budget presented by the School Board and with only eighty votes in favor the budget went down to defeat for the first time in history. The budget was approved on the second try by a slim majority of 12 but the "no" votes increased to 103.

From these events it would appear that a substantial number of residents are unhappy, for one reason or another, with the school administration and the obvious question is - What can or should be done about it?

We don't have the answer and we know of no one who has. But it appears to be a problem that calls for free and open discussion and we think it is the responsibility of the Board to bring this about. The problems should be identified, openly discussed and then solutions can be reached which will be of greatest benefit to the school children, teachers and employees of the school district, the taxpayers, and the community in general.

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