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MOSES LUDINGTON HOSPITAL UPDATE

Since last month's edition, things have been happening so fast that we are hard put to keep up with the progress.

Because the referendum was defeated by three of the towns involved - Schroon Lake, North Hudson and Mohria, it was necessary for the remaining towns to pass a public law allowing the remaining four towns to budget monies for the amount agreed to in the referendum. Hague held its public hearing and passed the local law on August 25 (see next column). Crown Point rejected the law at its public hearing and Ticonderoga and Putnam both passed theirs. Now we are down to three towns, or a total of \$799,500. Crown Point immediately began a fund raising campaign to raise at least their proposed amount through donations instead of taxes.

A steering committee has been appointed, made up of representatives of the hospital board, town boards involved and others with expertise in special areas.

Coopers & Lybrand, an accounting firm from Syracuse, has been retained to do a financial projection to present to HUD. This was funded through a grant from Department of Health.

Senator Stafford has a proposal before the Office of Budget for a \$500,000 member item for the hospital.

On September 23 a delegation representing the hospital and town boards will meet with HUD in Albany at which time Coopers and Lybrand will present their report. If HUD accepts this plan, things should start proceeding rapidly.

James Shoemaker, the present CEO of the Hospital Campus tendered his resignation on September 14. He felt that this would be in the best interests of the hospital. He will continue as interim nursing home administrator, until a new campus CEO has been selected. In the interim it is hoped that Mr. William Philion, who acted as interim director for a period of time before the nursing home and hospital came under one campus, will come back to take charge while a search committee looks into obtaining another CEO.

Negotiations with HUD are under way to reduce the long term debt.

If HUD accepts the plan as outlined by Coopers and Lybrand, fund raising to support the hospital will be forthcoming.

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT THE HAM SUPPER SPONSORED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 10 AT 5PM AT SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held in the Community Center at 6:30PM on August 25. The purpose of the hearing was to give the town board some direction as to whether to pass a local law to enable them to enter into a contract with the hospital to provide services to the town of Hague.

After hearing all the pros and cons from the audience, the Board proposed a resolution to pass Local Law #1 to permit the Board to enter into contract negotiations with the hospital to provide services for the people of Hague, in an amount not to exceed \$104,000 which was the amount agreed to in the referendum. Vote was unanimous in favor of the resolution.

SCHOOL TAXES AGAIN AN ISSUE

One of the big questions in Hague is "Where are the school tax bills?" Not that everyone is so anxious to pay them, but they are already overdue. There is a reason. A special school board meeting was called to set the school tax rate, but it was cancelled because it was felt that more time was needed to study the equalization rate which is set by the state. Dr. Collins, school superintendent, has been trying to get additional funding to help with the equalization rate, which as it stands would substantially increase the school tax rate. Taxpayers in Hague have been paying 44% of the amount collected and have only 10% of the student population.

A school tax committee in Hague has been working on the problem and had asked to set up a joint meeting the Ticonderoga and Hague Town Boards. The Ticonderoga Town Board cancelled that meeting because if the taxes were lowered in Hague, it would mean they would be raised in Ticonderoga. By law, the town boards could file a complaint over the situation, but the school district cannot.

Dr. Collins and School Business Manager William Butler met with State Board of Equalization and Assessment Director William Crotti recently to try to work out the situation. Dr. Collins stated that the information being used by the state board may not be up-to-date enough and is slated to encompass two years at once instead of a year at a time.

The Ticonderoga School Board is to be commended for their actions on behalf of the town of Hague. They are working with the state to overcome the situation which has seemed to grow steadily worse.

The cancelled meeting to set the equalization rate will probably be set for next month. Hold onto your money. The bills WILL come!

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUMMAGE SALE

A special thanks to those who have led and those who have helped Ida May for many years, and this year Pat Swinton and Janice Smith, for their lead. There are many others, often unseen, all of whom have put in countless tedious hours.

Rummage sales help many in various ways. This year's good leftovers went to Florida to aid those ravaged by Hurricane Andrew.

Again, sincere thanks to all.

Lu Megow, President, HVFD

HUNTERS CERTIFICATION COURSE

In New York State all first-time hunters must complete a certification course before they can acquire a hunting license. Since 1949 over two million students have been trained by certified, volunteer instructors.

A course will be conducted in two sessions on October 3, 9AM - 4PM and Oct. 4, 12AM - 5PM at the Chestertown Conservation Club, Knapp Hill Road, Chestertown. Participants must pre-register by contacting the Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Program at 623-3291 or 668-4881.

TIME TO SHAPE UP!

The aerobic classes under the direction of Marie Collins are into their fall schedule as of September 9. Not too late to join up, though. Classes will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11-12AM and from 12-2PM at the Community Center. The first class is for those more robust souls and the second one is for those of us who need to stretch (and have fun!). You can sign up for two or three sessions per week. It's not too late to join class already in progress.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS

The Hague Historical Society enters its 1992 fall season with a flourish. On Saturday, September 26 members will gather at the Hague Community Center to leave on the annual fall trip at 9AM. We will carpool and pick up the Ticonderoga contingent at 9:20AM in the Grand Union parking lot. From there the caravan will tour to the Skenesborough Museum in Whitehall for its exhibit of canal history and birthplace of the United States Navy. It has been completely revamped and enlarged in the last two years.

Next stop will be in Granville at the Pember Museum which is noted for its natural history exhibits and its renowned bird collection. A lunch stop will be made in Whitehall or Granville.

The final destination is the Chapman Museum in Glens Falls and its Victorian furnished home and new museum wing which is the home of the largest Seneca Ray Stoddard collection of his excellent local and Adirondack photos of the turn of the century.

A charge of \$5.00 per member will be made to cover entrance fees and other costs.

Our Thursday October 15 meeting will be held at The Hague Community Center; social hour 7:30PM and

meeting at 8:00PM with a presentation on post cards and their history by two editors of the recently published book "Silver Bay Association, a Pictorial History 1900-1935." A copy of this limited edition will be presented to Chfton West, town historian, as this program begins.

The two editors, Mary Sharp and Jules Halm, will continue with the history of post cards and such topics as the dating and historical significance of post cards, post card publishers and photographers. Post cards of Hague and the turn of the century will be used to illustrate their program.

All are invited to both events. Those going on the September 26 trip are asked to sign up at the Community Center by September 18 for the necessary luncheon facility count. Tel. 543-6161.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

A bus trip to the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mt. Lake is planned for Monday, September 21st. This trip is open to all Hague Seniors (60+) whether year-round or seasonal. Please be at the Community Center in Hague at 8:15AM for an 8:30 departure. Price of admission is \$7.00 and must be paid BEFORE the bus leaves. Please have the exact change ready. Register for this trip by phoning 543-6161 BEFORE September 17.

Bus leaves at 8:30AM SHARP. There is a cafeteria on the museum grounds, or you may bring a picnic lunch. Please let secretary at Community Center know which you plan to do, since we have to make arrangements with the cafeteria. . . ewa

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual ham dinner at the Silver Bay Association on October 10th at 5:30PM. Be an "Early Bird" for this popular event.

Joyce Monroe, Food Chairman, wishes to thank all the volunteers who turned out early for the Bass Fishermen's breakfasts. Financial details of the event are still not available, but will be reported on in the next issue of THE HAGUE CHRONICLE.

Janice Smith and Pat Swinton thank all of the rummage sale workers. Approximately \$700 was earned for the Department, thanks to the hard work of several willing hands. . . ewa

FORT CARILLON BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

The first meeting of the 1992-93 season for the Fort Carillon Chapter of BPW will be Monday, September 21, 1992 at the Olde School House Restaurant, Ticonderoga. The featured speaker will be Ellie Collins, Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist from the Fitzpatrick Cancer Center of the Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital in Plattsburgh. Ms. Collins will be presenting slides and speaking about breast cancer and other health care issues for women.

BPW meets monthly on the third Monday of the month for an evening of conversation, questions and networking. The meeting is open to all business men and women. (Cont. on page 6 BPW) 9/92

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The ZBA opened its August 27 meeting with a public hearing at 7PM for Jim Young (65-3-9.1). He was requesting a lot line change. No one spoke for or against the project.

When the regular meeting was called to order at 7:30PM Mr. Young's case was reviewed and with a small modification on the proposal the request was granted. Planning Board will review in September.

Spencer (11-1-100) - a side lot setback for a residential addition to accommodate a new bathroom. A public hearing has been set for 7PM on September 24.

Howard (20-1-13.1) front and back setback for a concession stand. This will be placed on Nelson Waters' property next to cemetery. It will be seasonal. Will be presented to the Planning Board in September.

These are both area variances. . . gl

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board met on September 3 at 7:30PM and the first item on the agenda was a minor subdivision lot line adjustment. The board was informed a variance had been granted by the ZBA at its August 24 meeting. A public hearing has been set for Oct. 1 at 7PM.

A Type II site plan review for a mobile home park for Nelson Waters (20-1-13.1) was discussed and the need for additional information was expressed.

Steitz (20-1-7) for a 2-lot minor subdivision. Again additional information was requested.

Kneuppel (34-3-7;8;9) minor subdivision to create 2 lots from three, was tabled.

Jim Ward, Jr. (19-1-4) requested a Type II site plan review. Plans marine storage. Assurances by Mr. Ward were given that the buildings will not be seen from Rt. 8 and used only for boat storage.

Howard (20-1-13.1) Request for Type II site plan review. This is a concession stand request and will be seasonal.

Spencer (11-1-10) Residential addition. ZBA approved August 24. A motion was made and approved by the board for this addition. ZBA will receive this information. . . gl

TOWN BOARD

An excellent presentation was made to the audience about the landfill reclamation program, at the regular Town Board meeting on September 8, 1992. Hague is one of several towns to be designated for this program and to receive a grant to help in the project.

Communications and Petitions - In the name of the Chamber of Commerce, Sal Santaniello presented a \$50 donation to the town as thanks for their help in making our second BASS Tournament of the season a success.

A petition was received from the Lake Shore Terrace residents requesting an investigation into a problem at Ward's Marina. It concerns lateness of restaurant's closing, noise late at night, parking, etc. Zoning was mentioned.

The Home Bureau suggests a community bulletin board and arrow directing traffic to the Community

Center be placed at the intersection of Rt 8 and Rt. 9N. Tabled because of construction.

Nelson Waters asked that his letter to the supervisor concerning a possible conflict of interest on the part of a member of the Planning Board, be read. In a reply, Ron Pote, chairman of the Planning Board expressed his opinion as to why this particular member was a person of knowledge and a helpful member with great expertise.

Reports of Special Committees:

Sewer Planning: meeting on September 22.

Community Center: Honeywell review - a few changes made.

Finance: Working on '93 budget.

Cable TV: If all works out a possible one-mile extension on Rt. 8 and 1 1/2 miles on West Hague Rd.

Youth: Sept. 15, 2nd organizational meeting. Multi-use basketball/tennis court being built on Center property

Storm Water Management: Proposal to Clough Harbour. JGPC engineering.

Regular Committee Reports:

Senior Citizens: trip on September 21st to Adirondack Museum

School Tax Investigating Committee: Rudy Meola said Ti Town Board refuses to meet with the Hague Board and the issue is stalled. He wondered if our board would be interested in the option of litigation. Also suggested was lobbying the legislature. Hague's Board will meet with the committee sometime in the near future.

Unfinished Business:

A thank you note from Dick Guyer for the use of tables and chairs from the Community Center included a \$150 donation. Thank you, Mr. Guyer.

Board will review the new Honeywell contract.

Mr. Caza, assessor, will receive \$125 to attend a Fall Assessors' Conference. Three towns are sharing the costs. . . gl

NEW PLASTICS RECYCLING GUIDELINES

John Breitenbach, Recycling Coordinator

Changing requirements in the marketplace where Hague's recyclable pastics are sold has forced Warren County Department of Solid Waste to re-write its recycling guidelines. These guidelines will need to be followed at the Hague Transfer Station as well.

In addition to #1 PETE and #2 HDPE, we can now accept vinyl bottles. These can be identified by their blue tinted or clear appearance and the #3 V recycling number stamped on the bottom.

The collection of #1 PETE, #2 HDPE and #3 V must now be restricted to bottles and jugs with a neck that is narrower than the containers base. For example plastic milk and water jugs, detergent bottles, vegetable oil bottles and soda bottles are all in acceptable forms. Yogurt containers, margarine tubs or cottage cheese containers are not in acceptable forms.

NO CONTAINERS WITH AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS (OILS, ADDITIVES, CLEANERS, ETC.) ARE ACCEPTABLE REGARDLESS OF THE TYPE OF CONTAINER.

This change is due to the different manner in which these containers are molded. A market no longer exists for the second type of wide mouthed containers and therefore we can no longer accept them. (Cont. on p 4)

RECYCLING (Cont. from page 3)

These items should be disposed of with your regular kitchen and household waste in proper bags and deposited in the garbage compactor.

Should a market reopen for these items we will once again include them on our list.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation in Hague's recycling efforts.

NEW ASSESSOR

A short meeting was held on Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30PM to introduce our new assessor, Bruce Caza. Mr. Caza spoke about his job in Hague and how he will approach it. His office hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 - 8PM and alternate Saturdays, starting after Columbus Day, by appointment only. . . gl

FOOD PANTRY

If you are leaving Hague for the winter and have some leftover groceries you don't want to keep over the winter - think about donating them to the food pantry in Hague's Community Center.

Any items, canned, packaged, or frozen can be left with the secretaries or contact me, Georgina Lindquist, at 543-6095.

This food pantry is used for emergency relief for those in need.

Thank you. . . . gl

LANDFILL RECLAMATION

John Breitenbach, Jr.

On September 2, 1992 Governor Mario M. Cuomo announced that ten municipalities across the state will investigate the possibility of reclaiming their landfills under a research program sponsored by the State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

The towns selected by the Energy Authority include Hague, Horicon and Chester from Warren County as well as towns from five other counties statewide.

"We are pleased the State can help these communities take advantage of the energy, environmental and economic benefits offered by landfill reclamation," Governor Cuomo said.

Landfill reclamation is the process of excavating a landfill using conventional surface mining and soil separation techniques to reclaim resources including land and soil, recyclables and potential energy products.

Landfill closure, which can cost up to \$150,000 an acre, involves capping the landfill with clay or synthetic materials, planting vegetation to prevent erosion and retain moisture in the soil, installing landfill gas control measures and groundwater monitoring wells, and monitoring and maintaining the closed area for more than 30 years.

If Hague's feasibility study indicates that a demonstration project at the landfill could result in a refinement or improvement of landfill reclamation techniques, the Energy Authority may award a contract for the actual reclamation of a portion of the landfill.

In addition, if a study indicates that a landfill is suitable for reclamation, it also may be eligible to receive

funding for the reclamation work under the State Department of Environmental Conservation's Landfill Closure State Assistance Program as an alternative to conventional closure.

Hague's proposal to investigate the reclamation of an entire landfill was accepted due to its unique approach and data collected from a preliminary feasibility study conducted at the site in early 1992. The project will be funded with \$63,000.00 from the Energy Authority and through Town efforts and equipment.

The Town has worked closely with a team of landfill experts and specialists involved with landfill reclamation. Gene Salerno and E. J. Knopf of Schillinger, Salerno and Boyd, who are at the forefront of landfill reclamation procedures and techniques and Chris LaPlant and Steve LeFevre of Clough, Harbour, and Associates, the Town's landfill engineers, have greatly helped in Hague's investigation into landfill reclamation as an alternative to conventional closure.

Work on the project will take place some time in late October or early November 1992.

THE WRITER'S VOICE

The Writer's Voice of the Silver Bay Association, a YMCA conference center seeks to create a permanent literary arts center in the Adirondack region of New York State to encourage and facilitate literary programming for the general public, school children, seniors, and special interest groups. For more information contact The Silver Bay Association, 543-8833.

On September 17 David Unger, poet and translator, co-founder and Administrative Director of the Latin American Writer's Institute, Inc. in NYC, will discuss the role of translation in literature.

On September 24 Douglas Glover, novelist and short story author, whose books have been described as funny, engaging, and nery will be the presenter.

On October 10 Sandra Maria Esteves, a Puerto Rican/Dominican Latina who was born and raised in the Bronx, is a poet and author of three volumes of poetry.

Tickets for the presentations are \$3 for adults, \$2 for college students with current I.D. Students in grades 1-12 are admitted free of charge.

WRITE ON! is a student writing program which provides student writers with exercises in small group settings. Workshops continue through Sat. afternoon. Saturday evening students will be given the opportunity to read their own work in an informal reading. Program fee: \$20.00

ADULT WORKSHOPS - October 2-4 Children's Literature. Try your hand at writing a book for young readers. Tuition: \$135/Commuter: \$94.

Information on any of the above programs is available by calling The Silver Bay Association, 543-8833.

The summer came and went (I think). It was definitely not one for fun and games in the water. The center of Hague was a complete mess the whole summer. We hope to have an article on this project in next month's issue. The people along Rt. 9N and Rt 8 will certainly be happy when it is over!

HAGUE YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Hague Youth Committee invites parents and children to be at an organizational workshop for the fall and winter programs to be held on Tuesday, September 15 at 7PM at the Community Center. Please try to attend, as this program depends on parental participation!

The committee welcomes two new members, Debbie Girard and Debbie Breitenbach; we look forward to their ideas.

Some money was raised for the youth fund during the month of August through bottle and can collection at the landfill and Community Center. Thank you to the contributors and the collectors.

At the time of this writing, work on a multi-use court area is under way at the Community Center. Basketball and tennis areas are in the plans. . . Karen Costello

CUB SCOUT PACK 21 NEWS

Karen Costello

It's fall, and the Cubs will fall back into scouting activities soon. Three Webelos and their fearless leaders, the Gautreaus, stuck together for some fun summer activities. After some roadside clean-up duties and writing to a terminally ill child to help with a world record, Thor Gautreau, Nate Lawrence, and Tavish Costello took advantage of their good fortune of growing up in the Adirondacks. They flew high off a rope swing and swam in our beautiful Lake George.

A trip to Swede's Pond turned into a "sticky situation" and it took some Cub and leader strength to get out. But it was fun!

A pack meeting will be planned for early fall to help organize dens and pack activities. Anyone interested in helping with the Scouts and/or being a leader, please call Karen Costello at 543-6590. Boys who are 7 years old or in first grade are eligible to join this year.

Thank you for your very generous contributions at the landfill this summer (bottles and cans, that is). And thanks to those families who did their share of collecting.

NATURE NEWS

Laura Meade

An important publication for "birders" in New York State is The Kingbird magazine which is printed quarterly by the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs. Observers from ten regions of the state send bird reports to regional editors who analyze and edit facts and who write a comprehensive review of sightings. These articles are printed in The Kingbird.

The Town of Hague is in Region 8 which comprises Warren, Washington, Saratoga, Fulton, Schenectady, Montgomery, Schoharie, Montgomery, Albany, Greene, Rensselaer and Columbia Counties, so that it is a large area with many experts providing bird reports. The articles prepared by Alan Mapes, Region 8 editor, include rarities seen during a season, comments about the weather and detailed information regarding specific species seen, dates and places of observations and

names of those contributing to the report. Data is organized according to the listing established by the American Ornithological Union (A.O.U.) and filed with the editor within 15 days after the close of each seasonal period.

Information gathered by myself or provided to me by observers in Hague is sent regularly to the Region 8 editor.

The Federation of New York State Bird Clubs hosts a yearly conference when research papers are presented and a variety of ornithological programs are given. This year Roger Ttry Peterson, world-famous bird expert and a native of Jamestown, NY will be the featured speaker at the 45th annual meeting to be held September 25-27 at the campus of SUNY, Oneonta. Anyone interested in more information about the Federation may contact me at 543-6060.

During the summer of '92 birds most commonly reported in Hague were ring-billed gulls, ruby-throated hummingbirds (at feeders), crows, ovenbirds (mostly heard, seldom seen) and robins. Unusual species were osprey, bald eagle, mute swan, eastern screech owl, whip-poor-will, great crested flycatcher and solitary vi-reo.

SAILS AND STEAM IN THE MOUNTAINS

Spanning nearly 400 years, Sails and Steam in the Mountains by Russell Bellico is the first new comprehensive history of Lake George and Lake Champlain published in thirty years.

Dr. Bellico is a summer resident of Hague and a professor of economic history at Westfield State College in MA. He has spent over twenty years photographing shipwrecks of both lakes.

The lakes, intertwined by history and geography, rank as two of the most significant water routes in the settlement of North America. The book provides a fresh and thorough treatment of the naval and land engagements of the French and Indian War, the American Revolution, and the War of 1812 as well as providing a broad chronicle of the canal and steamboat eras.

Original diaries and journals of the soldiers who participated in the military campaigns at the lake have added a first-hand dimension to the narrative.

The book deals comprehensively with the French and Indian War, including the 1755 "Battle of Lake George", and archeological discoveries of war vessels are covered extensively, including the recent discovery of the 1758

radeau Land Tortoise.

The canal boat and steamboat eras on Lake Champlain and the steamboat and tour boat days on Lake George are also discussed.

Sails and Steam in the Mountains: A Maritime History of Lake George and Lake Champlain is available in quality paperback and hardcover. This book is on sale at Radio Shack-Bookmark in Ticonderoga

SAILS AND STEAM IN THE MOUNTAINS



THROUGH THE EYES OF WISDOM

Tieah Gautreau

I held his slightly trembling hand in mine and looked into the softest, kindest blue eyes I have ever seen. They were tired and cloudy with age, but I found within them a strength, compassion, and warmth that took me totally, yet pleasantly by surprise. At 96 years of age Willard was the most enchanting and friendly individual I had ever met. His eagerness to help and his encouraging words of advice reached out and gently touched me, leaving me to reflect upon myself and the importance of my future.

My decision to visit the nursing home as part of an independent project for school was a result of my interest in human behavior and the belief that many elderly people possess an infinite amount of knowledge and understanding. I have been fortunate in my lifetime to have known such people, both relatives and friends who have given me a perceptiveness of my own and the desire to live life honestly, never losing sight of the endless opportunities and possibilities that life holds. When I mentioned to Willard my plans to attend college after high school, a sense of urgency filled his voice, "Go to college, go to college!" he agreed. A graduate of Ticonderoga High School himself, he expressed his concern for a good education and his disappointment with young people who enter the world with no direction or ambition in their lives. I began to realize that even with 78 years between us, Willard and I shared a lot of common values. He advised me to let no road pass by untraveled and to learn from the diversity of my surroundings. Willard is known as "Old Grampa" to those who have befriended him and who have taken the time to listen, discovering that they can learn not only about him, but about themselves and the world in which they live as well.

I also had the pleasure to meet and talk to another resident of the home, an 88 year old lady who at first appeared to be totally opposite from Willard. Anna was spry and outspoken with a touch of sarcastic humor that made me smile in spite of her bitter remarks. When I asked Anna if she liked living there she replied with a laugh, "We didn't come here to live. You're not living here, you're existing." Having endured a heart attack and five operations, Anna believes that she is not missing anything and that "when you live long, it's not a bowl of cherries." For Anna it hasn't been, but she understands that "some people do have a good borrowed time" and enjoy their lives more that she let herself. Yet for all of the bitterness in her words, Anna does possess a warm heart and as she called me back to her side to talk with me some more, a tiny sparkle of mischief and laughter was in her eyes. I knew that she herself was a treasure of lifelong experiences and knowledge, if only she let herself be.

Willard and Anna have learned how to cope with their roles in society, each in their own way, and although there lies a large separation in our ages, I have seen through their eyes and through their words a little bit of everyone and a little bit of myself. When I asked Willard if he was happy with life he said, "I have a hundred friends and that's better than a million." Yes, Willard, you are lucky, but I am even luckier to have met and

found such a friend as you.

Ed: Miss Gautreau is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Gautrea, Hague. She is in her freshman year at Utica College of Syracuse Univ. and plans to major in journalism and psychology.

BPW (Cont. from page 2)

Conversation begins at 6PM and dinner at 6:30. New guests are always welcome. Anyone interested in attending should contact Angela Sammis, BPW president at 585-3509.

CHAMBER NEWS

On the weekend of Aug. 28 the Chamber and Town of Hague hosted the NJ Bass Federation's Team Qualifier Tournament. This was the first time the Chamber has ever undertaken a project of this sort during the summer season, which proved to be more of a challenge than had been expected. However, after hurdling several minor problems, the weekend went on rather smoothly. The fishermen seemed very happy with the picturesque setting and friendly people they met, and rather amazed and a bit intimidated by the lake clarity and the challenge it posed to catching fish. Many had never been here before, and expressed more than a passing interest in returning to the area another time, either on their own or for another tournament. The Chamber extends thanks to the Martucci's for their part in organizing the Tournament, to the Town Board for its support and assistance, especially for the extra hours put in by the park attendants and their fine job of traffic control during the launch and return, and the Chamber members who helped serve at the spaghetti dinner. If this project is ever undertaken again, everyone now has a better idea of how to handle all the details of a summer tournament.

On Sept. 24 the Hague Chamber will host the Warren County Council of Chambers' dinner at Northern Lake George Resort. All Hague members will be called regarding attendance and menu.

The Chamber would also like to thank Supervisor Dan Belden for his part in gaining 200 extra dollars from the W.C. Decentralization Program to help pay for this year's summer entertainment. This is a great help.

We would like to remind everyone again not to forget to send in your nominations for this year's Senior Citizen of the Year Award. For more information, please contact Tom James, 543-6924. Also, the Memory Tree Program will be started again in November. More details will be available next month.

At our Sept. meeting the problem of getting information circulated in Town was discussed, and the possibility of the Chamber's publishing a weekly newsletter in the summer was proposed. Although we are all very grateful for the excellent job Dottie Henry and her staff do in putting out the monthly *Chronicle* we feel that a short flyer, something on the plan of the "Silver Bay Breeze," or even shorter, would be a great boon to both the local people and the tourists. Things such as land-fill hours, helpful telephone numbers, notices of organizations' events, etc. could be included. More on this later. . .

Have a nice, slower-paced September. . .ks

SOUNDINGS

DIED - Herman F. Fish, 51, Summit Drive, Hague, on August 26, 1992 at Moses Ludington Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Linda (Jordan), two sons and two daughters, 11 grandchildren and his mother Mildred Fish, Glens Falls. Also surviving are two brothers and three sisters.

DIED - Grace Marie (Mrs. Robert J.) Neville, Hackensack, NJ and a summer resident of Cape Cod Village, Hague, on September 3 in Hackensack. Surviving are two sons and two daughters.

KATHERINE PATERSON AWARDED MEDAL

Katherine Womeldorf Paterson, a resident of Arcady Bay Estates and a 1962 graduate of Union's Master of Religious Education program and author of many well-known children's books, was awarded the Union Medal at Commencement on May 22. Ms Paterson has published eighteen books, including ten novels for children and has twice won the National Book Award. She has also been awarded the Newberry Medal, the Christopher Medal, the Regina Medal and the New England Book Award.

WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

The summer of '92 has been a very cool summer, indeed one of the coolest on record. In fact, Lake George never really warmed up. August only had two days when the thermometer reached 90° and most of the days were between 65° and 79°. West Hague even had a light frost in July!

The lingering effects of Hurricane Andrew brought extreme haze, heat and humidity on August 27 and 28. It seemed to pass our area on the night of the 28th and by Saturday things were cooler, along with a breeze which continued for three days. September 3 brought us the heaviest rain of the summer, as it lasted throughout the day. One week later we had more heat and humidity which broke after the second thunder shower of the season. The first week back to school is usually hot and this year it was 9° warmer than normal. The clear days brought us blue skies, goldenrod, waves of purple asters and the first thoughts of apple pie. The sounds of crickets and katydids abound.

The full harvest moon was on Friday, the 11th and it was beautiful. If you looked at it between 7:30 and 9:00PM you would have seen the images of birds migrating.

HAGUE EMERGENCY SQUAD

The Hague Emergency Squad has had a very busy summer. In August alone they made 21 calls for 1,278 miles and 175 patient hours!

The squad members are continually furthering their education. Recently five members completed an 8-hour course in Bolton Landing on the use of defibrillators. They are now known as EMTDs. They include Jeni Owens, Doug Sperling, Lonnie Fennimore, Chris

Kuzianik and Gerry Boyd.

We have ten medically trained people for ambulance duty. Percentage wise, this is probably the best trained squad in the area. We ALL owe them a heartfelt THANK YOU for their devotion to the squad and their caring to the patients who use the ambulance.

THE SHOESTRING JOURNAL

That is the name of the latest publication to be mailed from Ticonderoga. The first copy of the "Journal" was issued in June 1992 as a trial and beginning in September The Shoestring Journal is an established newsletter. Pamela Smith, editor and publisher, seems to have a good thing going. A monthly 8-page newsletter, it shows people how to save money, where to shop for best buys, recipes, ideas from readers and other related matters. In the September issue, for instance, a page is devoted to comparison shopping between Brandon Discount Foods in Brandon, VT and other stores. There is also the "I WANNA" CLASSIFIEDS. This is a free service for subscribers only. A subscription to this interesting journal is \$12 per year. Send check with name and address to The Shoestring Journal, P.O. Box 165, Ticonderoga, NY 12883.

The Smiths also run a print shop in their home under the name of AD PRINT. They will be happy to do your printing for you. Call 585-7710 for further information.

THE HALES GALLERY

The Hales Gallery, 22 Warren St., Glens Falls, NY is a small art gallery worth visiting. From September 8 through October 2, the recent works of Robert Moylan will be featured. Working in a gouache medium, Moylan will exhibit nearly 30 of his most recent paintings, which concentrates his subjects on upstate farm lands, Adirondack mountain vistas and views of the Erie Canal and Hudson River in Cohoes and Waterford. Gallery hours are Tues-Fri 10AM - 5:30PM, Sat. 10AM - 3PM.

COMPULSORY RABIES SHOTS

Due to the potential threat to domestic animals of rabies infection, the Warren County Board of Supervisors requests that the Commissioner of Health of the State of New York certifies that such a condition does exist and requests that all cats and dogs in Warren County, six months of age or over, be vaccinated in order to prevent rabies. Such vaccinations and vaccination clinics shall be conducted under the direction of the Director of the Warren County Health Services Department

GLEANING

Gleaning will take place on the 22nd of September from 1-3PM and on October 5 from 2-4PM.

LANDFILL is now closed on Wednesdays. Open from 12 - 5PM other six days.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1992

SEPTEMBER

- 16 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 16 School Board meeting - 7:30PM, THS Cafeteria
- 21 Seniors bus trip to Adirondack Museum (see p2)
- 21 BPW meeting - p. 2
- 22 Beginning of Autumn
- 22 Gleaning - 1-3PM
- 24 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:00PM, Public Hearing, 7:30PM meeting, Community Ctr
- 24 Chamber hosts WC Council - page 6
- 26 Hague Historical Society trip - see page 2.
- 28 Rosh Hashonah

OCTOBER

- 1 Planning Board, 7:00PM , Public Hearing , 7:30PM - meeting, Community Ctr.
- 5 Gleaning - 2-4PM
- 5 HVFD - 7:30PM - Fire Hall
- 7 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 7 American Legion meeting
- 7 Chamber of Commerce meeting
- 10 Firemen's Ham Dinner at Silver Bay Assoc. (p2)
- 12 Columbus Day
- 13 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 17 Garden Club trip to Yaddo Gardens

Autumn Night

The moon is as complacent as a frog.
 She sits in the sky like a blind white stone,
 And does not even see Love
 As she caresses his face with her contemptuous light
 She reaches her long white shivering fingers
 Into the bowels of men.
 Her tender superfluous probing into all that pollutes
 Is like the immodesty of the mad.
 She is a mad woman holding up her dress
 So that her white belly shines.

Haughty,
 Impregnable,
 Ridiculous,
 Silent and white as a debauched queen,
 Her ecstasy is that of a cold and sensual child.
 She is Death enjoying Life,
 Innocently
 Lasciviously
 ... Evelyn Scott (1893-)

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