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SPRING IN FEBRUARY

FROM THE SUPERVISOR

The weather continues to make the headlines in the North Country, as everywhere. Valentine's Day began a week of sunlit days and moonlit nights. Temperatures in 50's and 60's broke existing records just as our Dec.-Jan. cold spell made it one of the coldest in Weather Bureau history. Snow returned for one full day, Feb. 26, washed away in most areas by heavy rain during the night. (Contrast the Olympics of just one year ago - cold and finally snow) Now watch for the date when the ice goes out!

Re: Flooding and Ice Jams.
On March 3 at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Carlson, State Engineer with the Dept. of Transportation, will meet with Dick Bolton and any concerned Hague-ite at the site of the brook flood - at Rt. 9N and Rt. 8. Also interested is the Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Dick feels some action should be taken on this recurring flood problem in the center of town.

Degree days to date were 5948 compared to 5185 last year and 5591 normal.

Flooding is not new to Hague. In a letter from Bob Henry, visiting at the Island Harbor House, to his mother, he wrote about a flood that reportedly took place in Hague on Sunday, July 10, 1921.

FROM THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Dan Belden wants to extend special thanks to Walt Waters and Curt Jordon for the use of their time and equipment to correct the ice-caused flood on Wed. Feb. 11 at the bridge. Included in Dan's thanks should also be the Warren County Dept. of Public Works.

... "We've had the worst rainstorm anybody can remember up here. It happened Sunday night. We had about 8 inches in as many hours and the lake rose 16". In fact it just stopped rising this morning. (Wed.) Quite a few sections of state road washed out. Two thousand dollars worth of property damage was done in Hague alone and the brook decided it liked the main street better than its bed. Talking with a farmer today he said he understood part of the road over Hague mountain was to be shut off, but he wasn't sure."

The men worked from 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 11 until 6 a.m. Feb. 12. Road 9N was closed at 5 p.m. by order of the Sheriff (a detour was available via Sand Hill Road). 9N was reopened by Belden at 7:30 a.m. the next day, with an o.k. from the Sheriff's Dept.

Ed. Note: Was 1921 the year when Mrs. Fitzgerald's bakery (across the brook from the post office) washed away?

Eleven men were used in the clean-up. The overall cost of this operation for men and equipment was \$1,855.22. The town will be reimbursed for these expenses by the state of N.Y.

The above letter could almost have been written this month. The lake is very high and a number of docks are under water.

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE ON GRASS IN PARK IT IS VERY SOGGY

As we go to press this morning, (3/2/81), it is snowing lightly.

WHY IS THE ICE ON THE TOP?

Reprint from Chronicle of March '73

While ice-fishing the other day, we got to wondering why it is that the ice forms on top of the water. In the summertime, we argued, the water at the top is considerably warmer than the water at the bottom. This being so, why doesn't the water freeze at the bottom of the lake?

We found the answer in an article by Professor Dwight A. Webster of Cornell University which appeared in the magazine of the State of New York Conservation Department several years ago.

The density of water, the professor explained, is greatest at 39.2 degrees F. Water at temperatures above and below this is lighter. The difference in density is not great, but is sufficient to cause water both above and below 39.2 degrees to stay at the surface while the water at 39.2 degrees tends to go toward the bottom. Were it not so, lakes would freeze from the bottom up and remain perpetually ice-locked except for superficial water formed in summer.

The phenomenon begins with the 'spring overturn'. With the advent of the spring thaw, the ice melts and the water on the surface quickly warms to 39 degrees. As the ice breaks up the 39 degree water at the surface blends with the water of similar temperature below the surface and eventually the water stands at 39 degrees from top to bottom with the same density throughout. The wind circulates the entire mass. This is called the 'spring overturn'. As the season advances the surface waters warm above 39 degrees and since this water is lighter in weight, it stays on the surface.

By now it is late spring and the lake enters a system of stratification that will not be broken until autumn. Two well-developed layers are formed, the one on top

of varying thickness, is warm, approximately 70 degrees and the one at the bottom has a temperature range of 39 to 50 degrees. Between the two layers is a band where the temperature is decreasing from 70 to 50 degrees. The thickness of the various layers varies with the depth of the lake, the action of the wind and air temperatures. The upper layer becomes thicker as the season progresses.

With the cooling days and nights of autumn, the lake begins to lose heat. The surface temperatures begin to fall and the cooled water sinks to a common temperature level eventually bringing the water to the same temperature from surface to bottom. As this equates, it is called the 'fall overturn' and when cooling has proceeded to a point where waters fall below 39 degrees, the below 39 degree water tends to stay on the surface. Then with a cool still night when temperatures fall below 32 degrees, the lake skims over with ice. While this may temporarily thaw or be broken up by the wind, the freeze will eventually become thick and the lake becomes ice-bound for the winter. During this period, the coldest water is at the top and the warmest water, at or near 39 degrees, is, as usual, at the bottom. Usually the water grades rapidly from 32 down to 39 degrees so that most of the water volume is at or near the higher temperature.

Now that this has been cleared up, we can get on with our ice-fishing....Emil Seerup

You have only failed when you have failed to try.

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FISH AND GAME CLUB

T-Shirts and Sweat-Shirts saying "NATIONAL ICE AUGER CHAMPIONSHIP, HAGUE, N.Y." are on sale at the town hall or from any member of the Fish and Game Club. We understand they have been sent to California, Texas, Wyoming, and even to West Germany, just to mention a few. It's a great way to get Hague on the map! (Also on sale at Hague Super Market)

Although the Winter Carnival had to be cancelled due to rain - the fund-raising events were very successful. The Fire Dept. made over \$500 on the breakfasts and the buffet dinner at the Beachside. So many people attended the dinner that a few late-comers had to be turned away because of lack of food! Again the Fire Dept. did a superb job. The Girl Scouts cleared \$106 on their food sale which was held on the porch of the Beachside on Sat. A great big thank-you to all those who helped make these events so successful.

WEDDING BELLS

A most unusual wedding was performed by Justice Harvey Yaw on - you guessed it - VALENTINE'S DAY. It was a bright sunny afternoon when four snowmobiles lined up in the town park for the marriage of Sandra Easterbrook and Malcolm Wade, both of Corinth. Not too much snow, but enough to take off on a snowmobile honeymoon!

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Boys and girls, ages 9 to 12 are eligible to play in Little League. Please contact Hague Town Shed and give Bertha Dunsmore names (543-6500)

Manager Doug Hill will be at the Town Board meeting on March 10 to meet with parents as well as board members, to answer any questions.

BESTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOOSTED

On Tuesday, Feb. 10 a meeting was held at the town hall to officially disband the now inactive Hague Booster Club.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to dispose of treasury funds still existing. It was unanimously voted by those members present to transfer remaining funds in the amount of \$512.00 to the Mary C. Beste Memorial Scholarship Fund.

In other action, it was decided to turn over all records and material of historic value to the Hague Historical Society.

Thanking one and all for their generous past support, the Hague Booster Club was then officially disbanded.

GYPSY MOTH

Dick Bolton reports that the funding for GYPSY MOTH aid has been restored. The state will pay 80% and county 20%, as announced last fall. GOOD NEWS!

FROM THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Veterans attending school under the GI Bill need not include their monthly educational assistance checks as income on tax returns.

Other benefits not taxable are federal grants to disabled vets for wheelchair homes or specially equipped motor vehicles, death payments including compensation and pension, burial allowances and proceeds of GI insurance.

VA disability compensation and pension need not be included.

Although the proceeds and dividends on GI insurance are not taxable, the interest earned by dividends left on deposit with the VA is not a benefit and, therefore, is taxable.

For further information, contact Mr. Flore, who is in Hague every Thursday at 11:30 at the town hall.

We received the following letters responding to Jack Henry's article in the Feb. issue.

From Carl and Phyllis Ward - "...Sorry to hear about the BUD Committee surrender! Maybe after the deep freeze, somebody's Imagination will thaw out!..."

From Linda Fish -

"In regards to the comment in your February issue, as made by Jack Henry, of the "Apparent Indifference among many Hague Born People" about the former school building.

If Mr. Henry intended to spark community unity he failed miserably! It only made me more angry and reassured me of his lack of common sense and tact.

You wanted this building Mr. Henry, now you have it! Can't you convince the summer residents to vote for higher taxes to support your folly? You convinced them once that it was cheaper to annex than to restore this old building. I'm sure you can convince them it would be perfect as a Community Center.

We "Hague-Born People" had plenty of desire and hopes for the future of this building, once! If only you had shown the same "degree of sadness" for how this building was vacated the town of Hague would still be the community of Hague. I'm sure what you mean by our lack of interest is our refusal to sink money into a dead horse, it is not now or will it ever be a community center because we are not a growing community only a retirement community! To us this building was and is Henry's Folly! You had great plans for this building and you didn't care how you got it. May you always be this lucky!

I, among others worked for a library since 1974, when we were told a small town like Hague could not support a library. This was long before it became apparent to you that we "Hague born people", us Poor Folks, needed educating. After reading

your comments Mr. Henry I'm wondering what Poor Folks need educating?

TOWN BOARD

The Feb. 10 meeting included a public hearing on proposed changes in the Town Zoning Ordinance. Dave Whiteman, of the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board attended to explain the changes. Enlarged maps of the thickly settled lake shore areas are to be attached to the main map to clarify Zoning Districts and to help in locating individual properties. The proposed rezoning of Forest Bay, Friends Point & Sabbath Day Point from TR-1 to TR-1R would make the zoning conform to restrictions that are already in the property deeds.

The Town Boards of Hague and Brant Lake have approved the hiring of a Planning Administrator to jointly service the Towns of Hague and Horicon.

The Board has appointed Al Sefcik to replace Francis Waters on the Zoning Board of Appeals. His term runs to Dec. 31, 1984. Arthur Y. Steltz was appointed to fill Robert Denno's position. His term runs to Dec. 31, 1985. Waters and Denno resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals for personal reasons.

The use of heating fuel at the Town Shed has been reduced from 6,152 gal. in 1978 to 1,275 in 1980.

Sup. Bolton said that there will be public hearings during the next few months in regard to The Army Corps of Engineers proposal to lower the lake level by 9 inches as a flood safety measure, in connection with ice problems.

Courses in ADVANCED LIFESAVING and WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTION are being offered in Hudson Falls. Contact the Town Hall for details.

Have you read with your child today? Not too late to become a part of the PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS (PARP) PROGRAM.

GALA HOMECOMING

There is going to be a nostalgic homecoming at the Silver-Bay Association June 1 to 3, 1981. It involves the students who attended the Silver Bay Boys' School, along with their families.

Long-time residents of the Hague community will recall the existence of this highly regarded Prep School which was sponsored by the Silver Bay Association during the period between 1918 and 1935. Some current residents attended the school. Others participated in some of the activities.

As a bit of a refresher...

On October 1, 1918, the first class of 23 students were on the scene at Silver Bay attending a brand new Prep School.

The School was organized by Mr. Charles Michener, a leading YMCA figure of the time, and was founded on a \$100,000 fund set up by Mr. and Mrs. Silas B. Paine in memory of their son and only child, Harrington Spear Paine, who died in 1918 at an early age.

Silver Bay had for some time been the scene of the YMCA Summer Institute and the Silver Bay Summer School held in conjunction with Springfield College. The Trustees had been looking for ways to make year-round use of the Association's facilities, and the Paine memorial made it possible for them to bring their dream to reality.

That was more than 62 years ago. The enrollment goal was a maximum of 100 students. By 1920 the quality and scholastic standing were recognized by a number of well-known colleges and universities which accepted graduates of the School without examinations.

The student body never reached the 100 goal set, with enrollment ranging between 65 and 86 boys. In addition, some girls in the area attended some of the classes.

The great depression presented great financial obstacles, and in 1932 the Board of Trustees voted

to close the school. In response to the requests of the dedicated faculty, the closing was put off until January 1935.

The memory of those stimulating school days has lingered on. Suggestions have come from former students visiting Silver Bay that a reunion ought to be planned to bring as many as possible together to renew old friendships and rekindle so many pleasant memories.

JUNE 1 to 3, 1981 WILL FIND A GOODLY NUMBER ASSEMBLED.

The responses from those for whom we were able to secure current addresses have been most enthusiastic. They will be coming from Washington State, California, Arizona, Florida, Maine...and points in between.

Readers of the CHRONICLE who may have information and addresses of former students (and faculty) are invited to share this with the Silver Bay Association.

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONNAIRE

A questionnaire has been sent to all residents of the TI School District. The purpose of the questionnaire is to give the administration some guide lines to help make decisions to improve the communication between parents, students, teachers and community. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO FILL IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FROM THE ASSESSORS' OFFICE

To be eligible for old-age exemption, one must be 65 or older, have an income under \$5000 (including Social Security) and be a resident of the town of Hague. If one meets these qualifications he need pay only 1/2 the assessed real estate tax.

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*Being right half the time
beats being half right all the
time... Malcolm Forbes*

FIRE DEPT. COIN CARDS will be picked up during the second week in March. Those who did not receive a card may make their donations directly to the Fire Dept.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
March 6, 1981

Church Women United is recognized as the official sponsor of this celebration in the United States by the International Committee for the World Day of Prayer. All Hague women are invited to join with Ticonderoga, Putnam, and Crown Point women for this important event. A service will be held in the United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga at 10:00 a.m. Coffee will be served.

MY FACE IS RED

Thanks to a friend in Ticonderoga, I was reminded that ROSH HASHANAH was in September, not on Feb. 18, as in our Feb. calendar. I'll have to admit that I "lifted" the date from a small calendar, published in Va. As a matter of record, I wrote to the printer, who answered with regrets for the mistake they made. I add my apologies...DJH

WARNING

It seems that a con game is being played in this area. Men who claim to be representatives of Niagara Mohawk prey particularly on the elderly and those living alone. One asks to be shown the meter or some possible trouble spot in one part of the house, while his cohort pockets silver, gold, jewelry, etc. In another part. BEWARE!! EVERY NIAGARA MOHAWK REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD SHOW AN IDENTIFICATION CARD WITH HIS PHOTOGRAPH. If he doesn't - DON'T LET HIM IN!

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1-800-225-0717

HISTORIC LANDMARK

At its annual meeting in Albany, The Silver Bay Association received a certificate stating:

"This is to certify that Silver Bay Association Complex - Silver Bay, Warren County in recognition of its Historical and Architectural significance and to encourage its preservation was listed on the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES by the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR."

President Charles Lupton of the Silver Bay Board of Trustees accepted the certificate from Ms. Cheryl Gold of the N.Y. State Historic Preservation Office.

Mr. Lupton noted that Silver Bay is pleased to be a part of this recognition. The Association will endeavor to preserve and protect its unique architectural facilities, as well as its unique heritage of service to religious and educational organizations who continue to use the site.

This is the first such designation in the Town of Hague (We think)

WINNERS

The Fish and Game Club raffled a basket of cheer and a (\$100) money doll on Sunday, March 1.

The winner of the basket was Art Belden, Sr. and the doll, Chester Huck from Bolton.

ANYONE FOR A SWIM?

On a cold Feb. 3 George Traver decided to go ice-fishing. Unfortunately he never got to the fishing hole - he went through the ice instead. Fortunately he was able to get himself out. All he says is "Brrrr". On the same day Bill Morgan and a friend started across the lake in his truck when it went through just off shore. They both got out o.k. too and Dick Frasier retrieved the truck with his tow truck.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

February meeting was held at home of Irene Coveney. Mig Broderick presented a poignant account of the two generals, Montcalm & Wolfe; their exploits in the French and Indian Wars and their death on the Plains of Abraham, Quebec in 1759. At the time Wolfe was only 32; Montcalm only 47. Mrs. Broderick reminded us of the identification each man has with American colonial history and especially with Lake George. Montcalm was in command at the capture of Ft. William Henry. But he was depressed at the savagery of his Indian allies, who, drunken with brandy, massacred the English prisoners. Montcalm was also victor in the defeat of Abercromby's Highlanders at Ft. Carillon (later Ft. Ticonderoga). In Canada, despite inadequate supplies and an uncooperative governor, Montcalm had managed to defend Quebec. But Wolfe worked out another stratagem and the French lost. It was the beginning of British ascendancy and the fall of New France-- which Voltaire had described as "a few acres of snow"! Mrs. Broderick also referred to a French courtier, Bigot, banished to New France for corruption at home. But his "official theft" continued there where every jobholder had to insure his job by payment to Bigot; by extension his name may also have come to suggest "bigotry". Fran Clifton and Jack Henry will speak on the Civil War in March.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Rudolph Meola, Richard Strum, Timothy Strum and Lynn Wheelock for attaining high honors for the second quarter in TI High School. Also to William Amick, Elizabeth Bolton, Stephen Bevins, Bernadette Denno, Lori Fish, Colleen Goetsch, Kathi Hudak, Michael Meola and Maureen O'Hara, for attaining second honors.

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Gretchen James, to Linda & Jim Morgan in Hanover, N.H. on Feb. 3. Maternal grandparents are Lynn & Bob Patchett.

- a girl, Caryl Ida, to Robin and Tim May on Feb. 21.

- a girl to Michelle (Gordon) and Paul Snow in Ticonderoga.

MARRIED - Debra Randall, granddaughter of Betty & Clifford Decker, to Frank Barnes III on Jan. 10 in Rhinebeck.

DIED - John R. Martin of Glenville and Hague, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Martin (Indian Kettles) on Feb. 6.

- Harvey H. Moses, a long time resident of Sabbath Day Point, at the age of 82 on Feb. 12 in Tucson, Ar.

- Ted Ruth, former resident of Hague and brother of Ida May, in Tampa, Fl. on Feb. 24

- Chaille, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rooney of Sabbath Day Point and Scarsdale on Feb. 25 at the age of 21.

GRADUATED - Airman Julie A. Frasier, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Frasier, from USAF Aircraft electrical repair course at Chanute Air Force Base. Graduates of the course earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force. Julie is now at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

DEAN'S LIST status was attained by Nancy Kowalski at Albany State in Albany, for the past semester.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MARCH

- 3 Home Bureau - 10:00
- 4 Ash Wednesday - Beginning of Lent
- 5 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 5 Vets Administrator - 11:30
- 5 Planning Board - 7:30
- 6 World Day of Prayer - United Methodist Church - Ticonderoga - 10:00
- 7 Evening of Cabaret - EMA Club
6:30 - Potter Scholarship Fund
- 10 Town Board - 6:30
- 12 Vets Administrator - 11:30
- 13 Friday the 13th (AGAIN!)
- 13 Cinderella - TI Elementary Chorus
7:00 - Cafetorium
- 15 Andrew Johnson's Birthday
- 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY - GOOD LUCK!
- 17 Home Bureau - 10:00
- 17 Fish & Game Club - 7:30 - Town Hall
- 18 Hague Historical Society - at home
of Bea & Bob Cole - 2:00
- 19 Carillon Garden Club - Hancock
House - 11:00
- 19 Vets Administrator - 11:30
- 19 Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 19 Red Cross Bloodmobile, sponsored
by Key Club - THS Gym - 11-5
- 19 8th Grade Parents Night - 7:00
- 20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING - HURRAH!
- 21 Musical - The Mouse that Roared
THS Drama Dept. - 8:00
- 22 Musical - Ditto - 2:00
- 25 Planetarium Show - THS - 7:30
- 26 Vets Administrator - 11:30
- 26 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30
- 26 Pops Concert - THS - 8:30
- 25 CHRONICLE DEADLINE

THREE OUT OF FOUR

Basketball..the number one topic of conversation in Hague and TI all this week. Three out of four CVAC championships for the Sentinels was the almost perfect culmination of a long and arduous league season, ending with Division II and overall CVAC victories for the TI Jayvees, and a Division II championship and a second place finish overall for the Varsity five, the result of a heartbreaking 46-44 loss to Div. I Plattsburgh at the PSUC Fieldhouse.

Varsity playoffs opened at Memorial Hall in Plattsburgh and the Sentinels came through with a tough low scoring 37-34 win over MAI. Bill Brennan, a Hague summer resident, led TI with

11 points and Marty Fitzgerald added 5. In the championship game Brennan again was high with 16 points, and in addition to an excellent floor game, Fitzgerald put in 6 counters.

The little Sentinels defeated Division I Saranac 48-47 with Art Belden contributing 8 points and 13 rebounds and advanced to the championship game, in which they defeated Plattsburgh 42-41 on two last minute foul shots by Belden, who also pulled down 10 rebounds despite an ankle injury.

The Sentinels open Sectional play against Moriah on March 4 at 7:00 PM at Crown Point.

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