

1985 HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL

The Hague Winter Carnival Committee has announced that the 1985 carnival will be held on Washington's Birthday Weekend, February 15, 16 and 17. Most events will be held at North Pond on Route 8, except the 10-K Footrace, the Polar Bear Dip and possibly the Cross Country Ski Race. These will be held in the center of town, on or near the lake.

This year's major competitions include the Snowmobile and ATC races, newly sanctioned events, the 10-K Footrace, the Cross-country Ski race, also newly sanctioned, adult tug of war, chain saw competition, snow sculpture contest and the ever popular National Ice Auger and Chisel Competition. There will be a new addition to this list this year, the old-fashioned cross-cut saw competition to be run by Jake Thiebeault.

The Ice Auger and Chisel competition will be incorporating some new rules and regulations this time, to be decided by a newly appointed rules committee.

After dark fun will include the Carnival Queen Dance and Coronation on Friday night, a cocktail party at the Firehouse on Saturday night followed by a dinner dance at the Beachside Restaurant. Miss Dominion of Canada will arrive Friday and will attend most events throughout the weekend.

There will be a Torch Run on Friday afternoon at 3:00 PM. The firemen plan to serve breakfast at the Beachside on both Saturday and Sunday, and there will be beer and food concessions at North Pond. Horse and buggy rides will be given Saturday and Sunday, the Polar Bears will dunk again off Patchett's dock on Saturday, and there will also be a State Police and a model plane exhibition.

Again this year a Carnival ad booklet will be printed and distributed to help defray expenses and provide some prizes and trophies.

The booklet will be circulated free of charge before and during the Carnival. Anyone wishing to take an ad or make a donation to help support this community weekend should contact Clifton Frasier, Dan Belden or Kathy Santaniello.

The Committee needs many volunteers to carry out the above mentioned events, so anyone with some free time is welcome to come to the meetings. Please call Dan, Kathy or Slip for the schedule of up-coming meetings...K. Santaniello

ADIRONDACK QUOTATIONS

"In 1972 the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) was formed to regulate private land use in the park area, touching off a controversy that still rages. The scheme has variously been described as 'the nation's most innovative conservation plan' and 'the biggest land grab since the Bolshevik Revolution.'

"An old guide summed up the lure of the Adirondacks by saying that in such places, you feel as if you have all creation under your feet."

From M.D. Magazine, The Other New York (Adirondacks).

*A poor shepherd boy had no gift
to bring the Holy Child so he
picked holly branches from a bush
and made Him a small crown. When
he presented it to the Babe His
tiny hand reached out and touched
the leaves, pricking His finger on
a sharp thorn. Saddened that his
gift had brought pain to the Child,
the shepherd boy turned to leave.
Mary touched him on the shoulder,
reassuring him that it was indeed a
lovely gift. Whereupon the tiny
drop of blood burst into scarlet
berries and the leaves suddenly
gleamed.*

*Throughout the centuries, holly
has become a traditional decoration
reminding us of the miracle of
Christ's birth.*

TOWN BOARD 12/11/84

The Hague Town Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

At the public hearing the Town Board, acting as the Town Board of Health, passed a motion to issue a variance to Arthur Chalmers, Friends' Point; for a new septic system to replace the original.

Supervisor Bolton reviewed bids. Three bids were received for the fuels required for use in Hague. A motion made and passed to accept the low bid made by Tom Gallo if the figures as quoted included the tax.

There were no bids on bank run gravel and screened sand. Dan Belden will re-advertise.

Communications received and read by Supervisor Bolton included the following:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has indicated it will terminate our participation in their flood insurance program. Hague has been downgraded to a Zone C. We are no longer considered in jeopardy of flooding. Robert Wood, Flood Protection Bureau, ENCon, suggests we continue the program as it now stands. We must have flood plain regulations passed by May 15, 1985. Mr. Wood recommends amending existing regulations and adoption of same for F.P. Regulations. A sample of local law has been presented by ENCon that we can consider for possible future adoption.

W.C. Employment and Training Administration has a grant available that can put the older person who is serious about a job to work full or part time. If you are interested, contact Dick Bolton.

Fred Austin, W.C. Dept. of Public Works authorized the entering of private property by the town when necessary for drainage channels. Board approved motion made by Bolton to accept.

The services of Jack Bain, W.C. Self-Insurance Dept. are available to the town.

Westelcom Communications will be invited to make a presentation to the Board on their telepho~~n~~e proposal.

Committee reports include:

Dec. 26 is date of delivery for the new highway truck:

The stand for our launching fee box has been installed at the town park. Fee box will be available spring '85.

A loss of 9 bulbs on our town Christmas tree first night.

The Senior Citizen bus contract renewed.

The town needs good fill for use at the school property. If any private contractor has such fill and is anxious to get rid of it, Dan Belden suggests they contact Bob Patchett, Trout House Village or Dan Belden at Town Shed.

In unfinished business:

Pat Carney, town attorney has contacted M. Coutant, lawyer for ENCon re: resolution on Waltonian Island boat anchoring.

Clarification of strip cutting problem on Dodd Hill Road. Owner is within his rights. The town can do nothing.

New business:

Special meeting to be called in January to review Employee Guide.

Special end of year meeting will be held on December 28 at 4:30 PM for the purpose of closing the books....G. Lindquist

CHRISTMAS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

During Christmas week it is customary for the folks to "fish for the church." They bring their catch to be sold for the local parish. Quite frequently contributions also make possible a big load of wood for the curate.

UNWANTED PRESENCE

*I don't return gifts, I think it's unkind
But I hope that eventually I'll change my mind.
It leads to a problem I find I deplore:
My attic looks like a department store... Eileen Melia Hession*

ZONING BOARD 11/30/84

A public hearing will be held on December 28 at 7:30 PM to review the variance application by Dan Belden for a non-conforming deck across the front of his house. A motion made by Tom James to recommend a change in the town zoning regulations re: simple building, was approved by the board.

A majority plus one vote approved the variance for Johnson deck at Friends Point. Approved a fence for Lighthouse Point. The board and Dan Smith, attorney for the Van Voorhis' agreed to a 45 day period in which to reach a decision on portion of fence on their property that is non-conforming..GL

PLANNING BOARD 12/6/84

Public hearings were held on the minor sub-division of Mr. & Mrs. George Hawkins and the major sub-division of Mr. George Burford.

At the regular meeting, immediately following the public hearings, the Board approved the Hawkins' 2-lot subdivision. The Board reviewed the Burford 9-lot major subdivision which utilized Section 8.020 of Article 8, Gifts, devises and inheritances. The number of allowable lots was reduced to 8 since there is not enough lake shore to provide the minimum 100' for the proposed 2 lake shore lots.

The fence under construction on the Margaret VanVoorhis property was issued a building permit in May 1983, but with the stipulation that it be built with a 50' setback from the lake. AC

Think it snows less today than in years past? Not according to the U.S. weather records. In fact, the record for most snow in a single year was set from July 1970 to June 1971 at Paradise Ranger Station in Washington. The grand total?... 1027 inches....Snow Almanac

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CHORALE AND ART OF THE NATIVITY

On Sunday, December 9 the public was treated to an unusual production which featured the Champlain Valley Chorale in concert and a display of creches and Christmas arrangements done by members of the Carillon Garden Club.

The United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga was filled to capacity as the beautiful voices rang out with Christmas music. Joyce Mouradian, harpist, Jeris French, violinist and Grace Trombley, organist, played the beautiful Le Sommeil de l'Enfant Jesus.

At the conclusion of the concert, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church, where many and varied creches were on display, as well as original and unique Christmas arrangements. We hope this will become a holiday tradition in Ticonderoga for years to come...djh

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

Carry these items in your car for winter driving:

1. Sand; 2. Salt; 3. Small shovel;
4. Snowbrush; 5. Scraper; 6. Chains; 7. Blanket; 8. Keep adequate gas supply; 9. Flashlight;
10. Proper footwear and outerwear for weather conditions...LM

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Will meet at home of the Bob Coles, Silver Bay at 7:30 PM.12/19. Bring something interesting to show; something old if you have it. December 19 - 7:30 PM

In England's Lake District, on March 31, 1898, there was a "sharp fall of perfectly black snow." No one could explain it then. Or now. Greenland and other places in the Arctic, however, sometimes have red and green snow on the ground, caused by microscopic plants inside the snow itself.

SCROOGE IS ALIVE

HAGUE - that little piece of heaven in the middle of the Adirondacks.

Hague has a reasonably low crime rate and a high friendship rate. However, Hague does have a Scrooge who seems to make an appearance about this time each year, and, unfortunately, this year is no exception. In late November there were several break-ins (one young man apprehended); but the lowest blow of all came when bulbs were snatched from the Hague community tree the first night they were lighted, and wreaths and other decorations taken in town.

Each year the Town Board wrestles with its conscience to decide whether a community tree is practical. I, for one, hate to think of the day when they decide it is not. Is it not possible as citizens of Hague to stop this vandalism and thievery? If we all keep our eyes and ears open, perhaps we can....djh

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Ticonderoga Central School District, in conjunction with the Kiwanis, has scheduled a festive Christmas party for Senior Citizens. All Senior Citizens of the area are invited to the High School Cafeteria on Thursday, December 20 at 1:30 PM.

Entertainment and refreshments have been prepared and a surprise visit from the most famous Senior Citizen of all - from the North Pole.

Any Senior Citizen needing transportation please call 585-6674 before noon on December 20.

Lithuanians cover their Christmas Eve dinner table with layers of straw in memory of the night in Bethlehem. An unconsecrated wafer, symbolizing the love, harmony, and good will of the season, is shared by all the members of the family.

SECOND GRADERS have been studying "Our Senses" in Health classes. They learned sign language and were able to sign and sing the words of "Up, Up and Away" for the Elementary Balloon Festival. Mrs. Sally Downing, who has been blind since birth, visited the classroom and discussed her early education and brought many items that she uses in her daily life. The students were particularly impressed with the braille printer that Mrs. Downing used to send special personal messages to each child.

CHRISTMAS 1984

Let us keep the spiritual and the commercial parts of Christmas in balance. Bishop Howard Hubbard does just that: "The stable, the manger, the barnyard animals and the lowly shepherds of the Nativity scene tell us that the purest form of love has nothing to do with running over our Mastercard limit."
..The Evangelist, Dec. 6 '84 (MB)

THINGS TO DO BEFORE IT SNOWS (AGAIN)

- ..Have the furnace inspected and cleaned yearly.
- ..Make sure there is at least a week's supply of fuel on hand at all times.
- ..Have a good supply of non-perishable foods.
- ..Stock up on candles and extra batteries.
- ..Buy a transistor radio and know where the flashlight is located.
- ..Lay in an extra supply of those medicines which must be taken every day.
- ..Be certain there is a light aluminum shovel handy.
- ..Find a few wool sweaters and long underwear. It's always warmer to dress in layers when going into the snow.
- ..Have rock salt on hand to melt ice and sand or kitty litter to help get the car unstuck.
- ..And when in a remote area, a citizen's band radio can be invaluable.

...Jacobsen Snow Almanac - 1983

*Ring happy bells across the snow
The year is going, let him go.
...Tennyson*

VIEWPOINT

LEGION NEWS

PRIDE and CONFIDENCE - characteristics all parents want for their children. Communities, churches, schools, and organizations all strive to promote them. What pride Hague takes in crowning her SNOW QUEEN and Court for the Winter Carnival! For the girls who participate, they are afforded the special privilege of representing our town...that's pride; that's confidence.

Or is it? Paying to import a Canadian beauty queen seems to suggest very little pride or confidence for our own girls. Let's spend the money here at home investing in Hague's future.

The Hague Winter Carnival takes great strides each year to promote our town and its future. Is the town's future tourism, or its young people?

Doesn't pride, confidence and charity all begin at home?

...From a mother of teen-agers.

Mr. Robert Wotton of Forest Bay and Seminole, FL writes us of a unique get-together of Hague friends on the West Coast. His granddaughter, Donna Wotton, met with twenty-two young people who came from Oregon, California and Texas. "Some people we hadn't seen in ten years - we all find our roots at the Lake", writes Donna. These young people were all Lake George buddies from early childhood.

THERE WILL BE NO HAGUE TOWN COURT SESSIONS FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. NEXT COURT WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 9, 1985.

A new supply of Xerox boxes has arrived at the Town Hall. First come basis - limit 10 to an individual. (Let's get organized!)

The regular meeting of Hague Post 1538 American Legion will be held at the Legion Home on Wednesday, Jan. 2 at 7:30 PM. Adjutant Ray Laudree reports membership for 1985 stands at 39, a 30% increase over the final figures for 1984. The Christmas party, resumed after a lapse of several years was a huge success, enjoyed by nearly 30 members and guests. The holiday raffle was won by Lorna Marx of Willsboro.

The next social event is being planned for Saturday, January 19 to be held at the Legion Home.

All members are urged to attend the meeting on January 2. BAC

THE SECRET OF LOVE IS IN OPENING UP YOUR HEART...

LOVE

is needed by all...	offer it
deepens our faith...	rejoice in it
binds us together...	allow it
gives strength...	draw upon it
surrounds us...	recognize it
brings joy...	embrace it
knows no boundaries...	expand on it
is forgiving...	risk it
bridges differences...	strive for it
grows with giving...	give it

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND IN THE DAYS AHEAD, LET US OPEN UP OUR HEARTS TO LOVE...BNEBL Steed

*The story is old
But fragrantly sweet;
You've heard it before,
But may I repeat?*

*I cherish old friends
My heart holds so dear
At holiday time
Then on through the year.*

*Now, new friends are fine--
Can one compare worth?
But old friends are, well,
The salt of the earth.*

...June Wilson, Poetess

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A son, Scott Bryant, to David and Bobbi (Bryant) Taylor on November 20 in Winston-Salem, NC. Proud grandparents are Bob and Shirley Bryant, Pine Cove Rd.

BORN - A daughter, Tahnee Renee, to Thomas and Michelle (Forgette) Holman on November 22 at Moses Ludington Hospital. Grandmother is Rose St. Andrews. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Forgette, Hague.

BORN - A daughter, Nicole Elizabeth, to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Underwood, Haymarket, VA, on November 30. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. John Breitenbach, Silver Bay and great-grandparents, Dr. & Mrs. Charles Steurer of Silver Bay and Tarrytown, NY.

BORN - A daughter, Satin Mae, to Richard and Tammy (Frasier) Galusha on December 10. Grandparents are Pat Frasier and Jim Galusha and great-grandmother, Mary Alice Hall.

MARRIED - Mary Braisted, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Braisted, Silver Bay, to William Kaler, on October 20 in the Silver Bay Chapel. Reception followed at The Beachside.

MARRIED - Mary Beth Fitzgerald, daughter of Mrs. Irving Fitzgerald and the late Irving Fitzgerald, to Joseph Kaiser in the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Lake George on December 15. Reception followed at The Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls.

DIED - Agnes Hayes Post, 93, of Ballston Spa and for many years a summer resident of Sabbath Day Point. Gardner Finley, nephew, survives.

DIED - Robert Jordon, son of the late Riley and Henrietta Jordon, Hague, in Pleasantville, NY.

DIED - Donald Frasier, 38, son of Carl Frasier, Hague, on December 15 in Troy, NY.

BRIDGET McDONALD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, West Hague Rd. was the 1984-85 DAR Good Citizen Award winner. Bridget was also the winner of the Bausch Lomb Science award.

HAPPY McPARTLIN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McPartlin of Hague and Schenectady, recently performed as Tessie in the Schenectady Light Opera Company's production of "Annie."

KYLE MAY, son of Georgiana May, Hague, was one of four eighth graders selected to present a five-minute lecture, a demonstration of live captive local snakes, a ten-minute movie on the Life of the Blacksnake, and a question and answer period. These students thoroughly enjoyed their special project presentation and are eagerly looking forward to becoming a "teacher for a day" once again.

JOE LAPANN, son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred LaPann, Indian Kettles, was selected for the State Cross Country Meet.

The Ti Hi's gymnastics squad ended the season with twelve wins, three losses. Hague girls, LYNN COFFIN and TONI COLE were selected CVAC all-stars and members of the 1985 state gymnastics team. LYNN COFFIN has established a new Section 7 record as she is the only gymnast to be first all-around champion for five consecutive years.

The dissatisfied sportsman returned his Christmas gift of golf clubs because they weren't up to par.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DECEMBER '84 and JANUARY '85

December

- 19 Elementary-Middle School Holiday Concert - 7:30 PM See p. 1
- 19 Hague Historical Society - 7:30 (p. 4)
- 19 HANUKKAH
- 20 Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 20 Sr. Citizens Party In TI 1:30 PM (see p. 5)
- 24 Town Offices Closed
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS (Offices closed)
- 28 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:00 PM Hearing 7:30 PM see p. 4
- 28 Special Town Board Meeting - end of year - 4:30 PM (see p. 3)

January

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR (Offices closed)
 - *3 Planning Board - 7:00. Public hearing 7:30 PM see p. 4
 - 3 Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
 - 8 Regular meeting of Town Board - 6:30 PM
 - 15 Board of Education - 7:30 PM
 - 15 Fish and Game Club - 7:30 PM.
 - 17 Planetarium Show - 7:30 PM
 - *2 American Legion Meeting - 7:30 PM (p 6)
- Veterans Administration representative is in Town Hall each Thursday at 11:30 AM Beginning Jan. 7, Winter Carnival Committee will meet at 7:30 each Monday.

THE CHRISTMAS GOOSE

The GOOSE and its association with holiday festivities is a rich tradition passed down to us from Germany and Denmark. It was here that the goose became a symbol of the coming winter, the white of its breast bone a sign of snow, the brown of very great cold.

The WREATH comes to us from English tradition...of "decking the halls with boughs of holly." The mere mention of holly brings to mind a picture of Christmas full of country charms....snowy fields, distant bells, warm hearths, and kindly merry making.

The CHRISTMAS GOOSE and WREATH....symbols of a time for togetherness, for sharing and giving with friends.

To all our friends and readers far and near - "We wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS; we wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS; we wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR....The staff of The Hague Chronicle

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