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MOSES-LUDINGTON HOSPITAL UPDATE

Charles Parlin, Jr.

The necessary referendum petition signatures have been obtained in all seven towns specified in the referendum legislation and they will shortly be filed with the respective town clerks.

The seven towns (Ticonderoga, Hague, Putnam, Crown Point, Moriah, Schroon and North Hudson) then will have 30 days within which to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding as to how the financial support for the hospital will be apportioned among the seven towns; and to conduct a public hearing upon the question of providing such financial support. After that comes the published notice of the date of the referendum and the referendum itself.

In the meantime the hospital has organized informational meetings in the various towns. A well-attended informational meeting was held in Hague on May 11. The essential message of the hospital is that if the referendum does not pass the hospital will have to close by the end of this year.

A lively topic of discussion at these meetings is what health care facilities would have to be provided if the hospital closes, and what the cost to the taxpayers will be in that event. Unfortunately, neither Hague nor any of the other towns have done any serious contingency planning. It is clear that the ambulance services of all the towns (including Hague) would have to be greatly upgraded - probably with a paid, highly-trained ambulance squad, because of the ambulance runs much further away than Ti. What would this cost the taxpayers?

What substitute health-care facilities would each town provide? Or would some of the towns establish joint facilities? Would they be 24-hour-a-day facilities with the emergency ward equipment required by state law? Or would they be part-time glorified doctors' offices as provided in Warrensburg, for instance?

None of the towns has priced out these options. None has made any contingency plans, except Schroon which is building a glorified doctor's office without emergency ward facilities at a first-year cost to its taxpayers estimated to be \$350,000.

Clearly time is running out for contingency planning. Those of us on the hospital board of trustees who have studied these questions believe that when the towns begin to seriously study these various alternative levels of health these various alternative levels of health care and their respective costs to the taxpayers, they will conclude that saving Moses-Ludington Hospital through passage of the referendum is the best solution.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

If you are going to file a complaint on your Real Property Assessment this year, please be reminded of the following:

- 1. Your complaint must be filed on or before May 216, 1992 . . . I suggest you have it filed the week prior to May 26. **LAST FILING DATE IS MAY 26.**
- 2. Get all necessary forms and information from the assessor's office in the Hague Community Center on Rt. 8 in the village of Hague. Phone 543-6161.
- 3. You may go in and inspect the tentative assessment role from May 1 - May 26 from 8AM - 5PM Monday through Friday.
- 4. BE SURE your forms are filled out properly. If you are not sure ask someone to help you. Incorrect forms will NOT be processed on Grievance Day.
- 5. Have all your supportable information ready to present: property comparable data, pictures (if necessary), information that will support your view of improper assessment/taxes. Have your information well organized for presentation.
- 6. If you do not file by the end of the week prior to the 26th, you could be subject to a delay. DON'T WAIT until the last minute!
- 7. All Grievances will be taken on a first come/first served basis. There will be a sign in sheet to assist in that process. If you fail to respond to your place on the sign in sheet you will miss your turn and your name must be re-entered on that sheet for a new place.
- 8. Because there should be a large number of grievances this year, we ask that your presentation would be kept as brief as possible.
- 9. The Board of Assessment Review will be meeting on May 26, 1992. The hours will be as follows: 10:00AM - 12:00 noon. . . 2:00PM - 5:00 PM . . . 7:00PM - 9:00 PM. If time does not allow us to process everyone on the 26th, we will continue on the following day.

Please remember that the Board of Assessment Review is made up of Taxpayers of this community. We will be listening to your information and it will all be properly recorded to assist us in making a decision following grievance day. Please help us by being thorough, understanding and courteous. We understand your frustration and do want to work with you in this process. Thank you.

Nelson Waters, Chairman B.O.A.R.

SPAGHETTI DINNER sponsored by the Fire Department to be held Sunday, May 24 in the Hague Twn Center from 5-7PM. Adults \$5.00 -Children, \$3.50
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HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hague Historical Society hosted the Ticonderoga Historical Society on May 15 in the Hague Community Center. Silver Bay resident Ludwig Kasal was the guest speaker. The subject was "Local Marine Archeology."

THE HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the Hague Senior Citizens Club will be held on Tuesday, May 26 at 1:30PM at the Hague Community Center. John Creamo from Statewide Senior Action will be the guest speaker.

Prior to the meeting we will car-pool to the Bolton Landing Meal Site. For this trip you MUST register at the Community Center by phoning 543-6161 BEFORE May 19. (We must let the ladies at the Meal Site know one week in advance of our coming.) We will meet for car assignment at the Community Center parking lot at 11:20AM on May 26.

The Otter Creek boat trip is FULL. Those going on the trip should drive to the Fort Ti ferry landing, leave cars in the boat launch parking area which adjoins the ferry landing site, and travel to Shoreham, VT via foot on the ferry. The charge is 50¢ one way for foot passengers. The Carillon leaves its dock at precisely 9:30AM so it is suggested that you arrive at the ferry landing by 9AM. The ferry has no schedule . . . it goes back and forth all day. Ethel and Emma are making a trial run of the Otter Creek trip on June 6. Anyone interested in joining them (at their own expense) should get in touch with Ethel at 53-6098 SOON. Phone between 7 & 8 AM or 6 & 7 PM and let the phone ring MANY times. A down payment of \$10 is required when the reservation is made (this money is NOT refunded unless the Carillon cancels the trip) and the remainder of the \$20 is paid on the day of the trip. Lunch is on your own - you may picnic or eat at the Red Mill Restaurant.

PLANETARIUM SHOW - MAY 18

Our kinship with an ever changing universe is the essential theme of "Springtime of the Universe" performance at the Ticonderoga Planetarium on Monday, May 18, 1992 at 7:30PM. The program is made possible by a grant from the American Chemical Society with assistance from the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"Springtime of the Universe" is a stirring time-lapse view of the unfolding of the universe from beginning to end. As human beings we and all life trace our ancestry back beyond the formation of the Earth and Sun. We are made of stardust. We are descended from the stars.

The public is welcome to attend. For further information please call David Rutkowski at the Ticonderoga High School, 585-6661.

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LARAC (Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council) will hold its 21st annual June Arts Festival in Glens Falls City Park on June 13 and 14. More than 300 artists and craftspersons from across the country will be exhibiting. In addition there will be almost continuous entertainment. If you haven't attended one of these in the past, don't miss this one!

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To celebrate the 100 th anniversary of the signing of the Legislation that created the Adirondack Park, the U.S. Post Office will have a special cancellation for every post office in the Park. People can bring or mail the addressed and stamped envelopes and/or cards to one or more of the Park's post offices for cancellation that day. Mail requests only will be received up to 30 days after May 20. The cancellation was designed by Steve Horne and features the Centennial logo.

HAGUE AMERICAN LEGION

Hague Post 1538, American Legion, will again this year conduct memorial services for deceased veterans of all of our country's past wars, with services to be conducted on SATURDAY MAY 30, the traditional Memorial Day.

These brief observances will be held at May Memorial Cemetery at 10AM and at Hague Cemetery immediately following.

Newly elected Commander Edward Shattuck and members of Post 1538 invite all Hague residents and visitors to attend one or both of these brief Memorial Day ceremonies dedicated to our departed comrades. Annual picnic will be held on May 25 (Memorial Day) at 4PM at the Legion Home.

FLEA MARKET SCHEDULED

The 18th annual Eastern Star Flea Market and Craft Show welcomes vendors to register for this year's event scheduled on August 15-16 at 10AM on Rt. 3 in Tupper Lake.

Show will include antiques, crafts of all descriptions, miscellaneous flea market items etc. Call 359-2542 or 359-9216 to receive an application.

COMMUNITY CENTER PLANTING

The Carillon Garden Club is once again seeking donations to complete their landscaping project at the Hague Community Center. Any size donation would be greatly appreciated and a gift of \$50.00 or more would place your name, or a name "in memory of" on our plaque which hangs in the lobby.

Unfortunately the harsh cold, snowless winter was particularly hard on some of our shrubs but these will be replaced this spring.

Donations may be mailed to Carillon Garden Club, c/o Penny Bolton, Landscaping Chairman, P.O. Box 800, Hague, NY 12836

On or about May 22, the Hague members of the Carillon Garden Club will be planting annuals in the park, at the Community Center and at the entrances to Hague. This is done each year to help beautify our town.

THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CHORAL

will present its spring concert on Sunday, May 31 at 4PM at the United Methodist Church, Ticonderoga. "Count Your Blessings" is the theme for this production and will include the song of that title as well as other secular and religious offerings. The public is cordially invited to attend this concert. A free will offering will be collected to help purchase music for future concerts.

For anyone who would like information or literature on the Hospice program, please call Ursula Montbriand, 543-6407

Spring, glorious spring has finally arrived in Hague. Even the pesky black flies can't keep us from rejoicing!

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 4/23/92

A public hearing for Brennan (62--1--5) was held at 7PM on April 23 before the ZBA meeting. There was no opposition and later at the regular meeting the area variance was granted.

Preliminary hearings were heard on Becker (72--1-2.22) area variance for rear yard set back to construct a garage and Stallman/Scott (63--1-8.1), area variance for shoreline setback to place a seasonal concession stand. Public hearings were set for May 28th beginning at 7PM. Approval from the Dept. of Health must be presented for the concession stand. . .gl

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING. 4/27/92

A special town board meeting on April 27, '92 opened to a capacity crows.

The focus of this special town board meeting was to make determinations on the two petitions presented to the board at their last meeting held on Tuesday, April 14.

- 1. A petition to fire Harold LaRose, assessor, on a charge of incompetence.
- 2. To postpone the reval for one year, until 1993.

Motions were made to reject both petitions. After lengthy discussions, pro and con, by the attending public, the town attorney and the town board, the motions to reject these petitions were passed; #1 unanimously; #2 - the four board members voted yes, the supervisor voted no.

Three letters were read. Two spoke of their dissatisfaction with their assessments and the third was concerned that her name appeared on the petitions although she had not personally signed them. . . gl

PLANNING BOARD - 5/7/92

Newly appointed Board Chairperson, Ron Pote, opened the public hearings at 7PM with all board members present. No one appeared to speak for or against any of the 5 proposed projects.

At the regular meeting the board took the following actions: 1. approved both the Fitzgerald and Frasier minor 2-lot subdivisions. 2. Recommended that the ZBA grant the required area variance for the Brennan/Welden minor 2-lot subdivision since it will eliminate existing set-back discrepancies and will not cause additional development. 3. Approved Serdinsky plans for an ice-cream/sandwich shop with conditions; a. that DOH approves the use of holding tanks; b. that the parking changes and berm shown on the 5/7/92 revised sketch plan be completed; and c. the applicant shall post signs to insure pedestrian and vehicular safety. 4. Approved the replacement of the Geer's Forest Bay guest house with a new structure since the existing structure is unsound. Basically, same size and location. 5. Mr. Nelson Waters, in a written statement and personally, addressed the concerns that the site review committee had raised about his proposed Mobile Home Park at Rt. 8 and Decker Hill. Ron Pote requested that the Town Board be asked for its opinion concerning the

placement of a Mobile Home Park in this particular location. Board members expressed concern over the aesthetic impact the proposal would have on the community. Mr. Waters stated that he would screen the area with white pine trees and that all mobile homes would have T1-11 wood exteriors and there would be an enclosed area for garbage. 6. A public hearing was scheduled for June 4 for the Stallman/Scott proposal to place a self-contained seasonal food concession stand on the Werner Marine site during the months of July and August. 7. The Dwenger request to construct a 10' x 16' addition to their Arcady Bay home was approved. 8./ The Becker request for an area variance was tabled pending additional information. 9. Alison Craig was appointed Clerk of the Planning Board.

INFORMATIONAL HOSPITAL MEETING

A very thorough background history by Bruce Craig and an even more clearly detailed story of today's facts and figures by Charles Parlin were presented at the Moses-Ludington Hospital informational meeting at the Hague Community Center on May 11.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer period and the comments showed great disparity on the part of the residents who were in attendance.

The Town Board will include the referendum proposal on its agenda at their regular monthly meeting on May 12.

HAGUE TOWN BOARD - 5/12/92

Robert Strout and his associate, Chris Anway, from Clough, Harbour Assoc. gave a presentation on the financial picture as it pertained to the sewer project. As they explained it there are numerous grants and potential funding for the Hague community, all of which have been investigated. The one million dollar grant from a year or so ago for wastewater management within Lake George Basis was divided into two parts: 1. Hague, 2. From Bolton to the southern end. There will be future meetings to keep the community informed as the project progresses.

A problem concerning a buried oil barrel was questioned and an answer promised for the next meeting.

Questions were asked about attempting to have Silver Bay Association share in the landfill closing costs.

In Communicatons and Petitions, several letters were read and resolutions, where necessary, made.

1. Pat Swinton and Janice Smith would like to use the old town hall for Fire Dept. Rummage Sale. However, that building is rented for the summer and can't be used. Approved use of Community Center if available on requested dates.
2. Craig LaCourse asked to be alternate rather than full member of Board of Assessment Review. Granted.
3. Fish and Game would like food shack at beach during 2-day August Bass Tournament. Granted.
4. Sue Spahr, Silver Bay, looks forward to working with community on summer Headstart program.
5. A resolution was passed allowing Dan Belden, Supervisor, to enter into a 3-year agreement with DOT for ice and snow removal. (Cont. on P. 4 - TOWN BOARD)

TOWN BOARD - (Cont. from page 3)

The rabies problem to be addressed at next county meeting.

The supervisor thanked Mike Bailey for the great job he is doing as the Community Center's custodian.

Valerie Lawrence questioned a check made out to the assessor.

SAMMY KAYE'S ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM

On Saturday, May 30, Ticonderoga Festival Guild will present "AN EVENING WITH SAMMY KAYE". The orchestra is conducted by well known trumpet player Roger Thorpe. For those who love to dance, the concert will be presented in cabaret style at the National Guard Armory on Champlain Ave. in Ticonderoga. Sammy Kaye was very popular in the late 30's and 40's during the "Big Band Era" and "Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye" was a popular thing to do.

Thorpe came to Kaye's attention in 1979 and a friendship began that was strong and affectionate until Sammy Kaye's death in 1987.

Sammy Kaye's Orchestra is best known for audience favorites such as "You Made Me Love You", Sugar Blues (a number that Thorpe played on his trumpet when he won a "first" at 15 on the "Ted Mack Amateur Hour", but his most memorable number is "Daddy" by Composer Bobby Troup. Sammy began playing "Daddy" on his Sunday Serenade radio series and before long it made the Hit Parade. It was number one hit for seven of the seventeen weeks in which it was on..

Thorpe has carried all of the Sammy Kaye song book into the repertoire. He is passionate about the Sammy Kaye tradition.

The Ti Festival Guild is proud to have the opportunity to introduce another in its series of Big Band fund raisers, bringing the Sammy Kaye Orchestra with Thorpe for a nostalgic evening of listening and dancing.

Tickets for Sammy Kaye are on sale at the Book Mark in Ticonderoga for \$15.00 each, \$10.00 for students. Dottie Henry has gotten together about 40 people from Hague and will be happy to get tickets for others if they would care to join us at our tables. Give her a call at 543-6633, and join in the fun.

SBA OFFERS DAY OF FREE FACILITY USE

Many of the recreational facilities of the Silver Bay Association will be available free to the public at Program Fair on Sunday, May 24, 2-4 PM.

The entire campus will be open to the public. Facilities for tennis, field sports, canoeing, rowing, horseshoes, shuffleboard, hiking and other activities will be available and hot dogs will be sold.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT ROLL FOR THIRD QUARTER includes the following students from Hague: Grade 6 - Melissa Brunet, Lindsay Frasier, Lauren Mack, Jay Wells. Grade 7 - Jessica Frasier, Sarah Hoffay, Tracy Schlogl. Grade 8 - Allison Johnson, Monica Johnson

The **IMPROVEMENT ROLL** included: Marni May, Grade 7 and Angela Swinton, Grade 8.

WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

For lo the winter is past
The rain is over and gone
The flowers appear on the earth
The time of the singing of birds has come
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

This Biblical verse aptly describes the ambience in Hague these days. 'Til last week it had been a cold, fairly dry spring and then on Friday, May 8 things started to happen. The days warmed, the forsythia and trillium came into bloom and now the leaves are budding out anew on most shrubs and trees. Gardeners have been liming their soil and planting has begun. The May flowers are here and it is all so lovely. The ice left Lake George April 19. That was a little later than usual. Just after the ice left the smelt began to run but only for a couple of days in the Hague brook. We had chilly weather in April and a four-day cold snap starting on the 15th. The nights went down to 30°. However, we did not receive the normal amount of April showers. We had some lightning and thunder at night on April 11 and on the 22nd. Most daytime temperatures were between 40° and 65° in April. May has brought us the beautiful weather, although we had very high winds on May 3. From here on out, with the exception of the black flies, it should be just delightful living in these hills.

HAGUE RECYCLERS TURN OUT FOR MAGAZINE MADNESS MONTH

Hague residents turn out in force on May 5 and 6 to participate in Hague's magazine recycling drive. For two days a Warren County Solid Waste trailer was at the Community Center to accept items ranging from magazines, catalogs and advertising inserts to junk mail and text books.

Hague responded by bringing in excess of six tons (12,000 PLUS pounds) of recyclable material in just two days. This material was delivered to the Warren County MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) for bailing. From there it will be shipped to the Marcal Paper Company for processing into bathroom tissue.

With the success of this program, we will be planning future magazine recycling drives. For future drives, be sure to check the list of acceptable items available at the Community Center. Remember, recycled items can be accepted free of charge. Start saving these items out of your regular trash.

It is hoped that a second magazine recycling drive can be scheduled for later this summer. Keep in touch with friends and neighbors. It may be easier to collect and deliver magazines as a group than individually. The local Scout Troops have offered to conduct pick-up service for senior citizens or others who may not be able to deliver magazines themselves.

Thanks for your participation and watch for upcoming announcements about future drives.

John Breitenbach, Jr. Recycling Coordinator

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My wife and I have been long-time summer residents in Hague and are now property owners in Ti. We share the feeling expressed by so many that a way to save Moses-Ludington must be found. The alternatives to the community are drastic and all bad: loss of nearby emergency health care; increased mortality; loss of existing or potential businesses and residents concerned about health care availability; an erosion of property values; the elimination of a long-standing mainstay of the community . . . The list of negatives goes on and on.

Yet those who express reservations about taxpayers writing a \$10.6 million check have valid questions about (a) why the hospital was allowed to get to this state to begin with; (b) what other options are available; and (c) how the community can be assured that this will never happen again.

The statement by the hospital that a \$10.6 million tax is the only, "final" solution certainly seems premature. It seems to come without adequate explanation, without complete exploration of all options, and without guarantees that any existing administrative problems will be corrected.

My wife and I suggest that Ticonderoga Supervisor Mike Connery report regularly to the community on the status of the task force and the hospital situation, using the Times of Ti. His willingness to question the hospital's "final solution" and lead the task force must surely give him high credibility with the community. If it is true that the hospital can only be saved by such a huge tax burden, the community will want first and foremost to hear it from him and the task force.

We suggest also that the Times of Ti sponsor a series of articles to address questions such as:

- (1) how the hospital came to be in this state and why it was not dealt with earlier;
- (2) what options the existing hospital board has explored and deemed unworkable and why;
- (3) what options the existing hospital board did not explore (such as a cooperative agreement with other medical facilities and why);
- (4) why the earlier estimates of what it would cost to bail out the hospital increased so dramatically in the "final solution";
- (5) what financial role the community's largest employer, the International Paper Company, is prepared to play to salvage the medical mainstay of its workforce;
- (6) how continued top-quality medical care can be assured at Moses-Ludington so that patients will seek elective care there rather than travel to more distant facilities;
- (7) what assurances the hospital can give that future financial problems will be promptly dealt with so that such a crisis will not reoccur;
- (8) why the community should not insist on significant representation on the hospital's board if any P tax money is used to support the hospital; and
- (9) what other communities facing a similar threat (losing their only hospital with none other nearby) have done to solve their problem.

Hopefully, Mr. Connery, The International Paper Company, hospital representatives, and other community leaders will comment on these issues in the Times of Ti.

It is essential that the community "come together" to explore ways to save Moses-Ludington without resorting to a massive tax bailout, if at all possible. Any hidden agendas must be discussed only and dealt with now. (Would International Paper really allow the hospital to fail? Do people in the community correctly - or incorrectly - perceive that International Paper would save the hospital if push came to shove? Will their perception affect their support of a tax?)

If Mr. Connery and the task force find that all options have been explored and that there is no alternative, only then should the community support the hospital's "final solution" - and the community should insist that it be given a significant

role in the future management of the hospital to assure that this never happens again.

Would Mr. Moses have wanted less for all the people of the Ticonderoga area? /s/ Richard D. Wray

CUB SCOUT PACK 21 NEWS

Karen Costello

The first annual Scout Show-Off Day and Space Derby was held at the Community Center on Saturday, May 2. Sixteen of our 21 active Cubs came out to proudly display their imaginations, talents, and concerns for the present and future world. Thanks to the supportive folks of our small town who came to admire them! The Space Derby, a model rocket race, was a big hit. The Scouts and their parents who built the flashy rockets had a cheering audience to watch them fly down the 50-foot course so well designed by our Cubmaster Tim Gautreau and Webelo leader Ralph Denno. After many "heated" match-ups, the gold medal went to Jim Ward of Den #2, the silver to Kevin Stonitsch of Den #3 and the bronze to Kenny Stonitsch of Den #3. Tying for third was Luke Frasier of Den #4, who despite technical problems ran some great races. Honorable mention to Steve LeBarron who also had a strong showing with his model. All the Cubs did a great job on their models and showed true sportsmanship. Thanks to all the parents who helped organize the day and to MacDonalds for the delicious drinks.

The Catholic religious emblem of faith, Parvuli Dei, was awarded to seven 'faithful' Scouts. Wyatt and Tyler Wells, Ken and Kevin Stonitsch, Greg and David Fitzgerald, and Tavish Costello, met with Joan Dillon of Ticonderoga to discuss relationships, values and faith to earn this honorable award, which can be carried with them to Boy Scouts. We thank Joan, who has been very active in Scouting, for helping them.

The Webelos in Den #1, Wyatt Wells, Greg Fitzgerald and Peter Hutchinson have earned the Fitness and Readyman pins. Good work guys!

Den #2 Webelos are still climbing! Readyman was earned by Nate Lawrence, Jim Ward, Thor Gautreau, Tavish Costello and Dave Fitzgerald. Tavish picked up Handyman and Thor added another compass point. Going strong! Dens 1 and 2 are planning a campout on Eagle Lake soon. Watch out black flies!

Thanks for the bottles and cans. Den #4 is collecting at the landfill this month.

Hague Baptist Church women will be holding a food and rummage sale on June 27 in the church annex. Please gather your clean and reputable garments together for them. They will be having a bake and crafts sale on July 17 and a food sale at the Hague Arts Fair on August 1.

On Saturday, July 18 the Church of the Cross (Episcopal) will be holding its annual auction and bazaar from 9AM-4PM on the church grounds on Champlain Ave., Ticonderoga. Housecleaning time reminds us to remember our church event. Jewelry, books, plants, toys, crafts and white elephants are welcome. Baked goods will also be on sale. For pickup of items, call Norvell Meehan, 585-6538, Pat Carney, 585-7265 or Richard Hudak, 585-2737.

HAGUE SUMMER SQUARE DANCE PROGRAM IN PERIL

With Warren County Decentralization Grant monies cut drastically this year to practically nothing, and the Chamber of Commerce struggling under the burden of reprinting both their color brochure and service directory, and the cost of running the information booth at the Park, funding for the '92 Summer Square Dance Program is questionable at this point.

Last summer's "dough-si-dough" donation box enabled us to put on two more square dances at the end of last season's program, but it would seem that it may be time for those who enjoy these activities every summer to decide the future of square dancing in Hague.

Since the program seems to draw large numbers during the summer, the donation box should definitely be continued for visitors who happen to be staying at one of our local accommodations, but should more permanent provisions be made for these summer dances, and perhaps even for a year-round program, since our caller, Mr. Stan Burdick will soon be staying in Silver Bay on a more extended basis? The Chamber of Commerce donation toward the program has been most helpful, and can usually be counted on, but maybe it's time to put the program on more steady ground.

The thought comes to mind that often square dance clubs are formed where members pay annual dues to help pay for callers to put on dances. Would this be a possibility in Hague? Since the next nearest town that features square dances seems to be Putnam, perhaps folks in the Ticonderoga area may even be interested in joining. We usually schedule five or six dances during the summer, which altogether costs about \$600-\$700 for the caller and use of the Community Center. If a club were formed, it might be possible to pay for the summer program with dues monies, and still have enough left to schedule a once-a-month dance during the off-season.

Square dances are fun for such a diverse age group, good exercise, and a folk dance tradition that should be preserved and promoted in our area for local people and visitors as well. However, it would seem too late this year to form a club and collect dues in time to pay for this summer's dances. At this point, the Chamber is suggesting that those who are interested in seeing the program continued this summer send a donation, made out to the Hague Chamber of Commerce, c/o Kathy Santaniello, Silver Bay, NY 12874. Please include your name and address and any input you may have regarding the suggestions outlined above. If a square dance club is formed, your donation will be put toward or considered your membership dues payments. If enough people respond, we'll see you on the dance floor in July!

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ADIRONDACK SHOW TO BE HELD IN TI

The Ticonderoga Heritage Museum is sponsoring an Adirondack Memorabilia Show to be held Saturday, August 1 under the Festival Guild tent on the Community Building lawn in Ticonderoga. It will be held in conjunction with the annual Heritage Day.

This will be one of the first opportunities to bring under one roof antique items from all over the Adirondacks. Such unique items as old books, maps, postcards, souvenirs, examples of art, Adirondack furniture, pottery, and other things relating to the Adirondacks will be displayed.

There will be a fee for commercial vendors only. Those interested in displaying are urged to call the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum, 585-2696. The show will be held from 10AM to 6PM. An admission fee of \$1 for adults will be requested and supervised children younger than age 12 will be admitted at no charge.

NATURE NEWS

Laura Meade

Of the 72 species of birds seen or heard in the Town of Hague within the last month, 18 were notable, either because of early arrival, numbers seen or species seldom known to the average person. These unusual sightings were:

- 4/17 - one Peregrine falcon on ice near Friends Pt.
- 4/19 - eleven Common loons swimming in Lake George at Sabbath Day Point.
- 4/19 - one Hermit thrust at Rt. 9N Silver Bay
- Few days before "ice out" - one Bald eagle sitting on ice near Waltonian Island
- 4/24 - one immature Pine Grosbeak at a feeder, Silver Bay Rd.
- 4/28 - one Ruby-crowned kinglet near Old Mine Rd. (above 9N)
- 4/30 - one Bay-breasted warbler up Lakeshore Terrace
- 5/1 - one Veery in woods above Trout House Village.
- 5/3 - one Ruby-throated hummingbird near New Hague Rd.
- 5/4 - one Rose-breasted grosbeak up Shamrock Hill
- 5/6 - one Woodthrush at Watts Hill, Silver Bay
- 5/7 - two Yellow-throated vireos feeding near Cold Water Canyon.
- 5/8 - one Yellow-bellied sapsucker up Lakeshore Terrace
- 5/8 - one Horned grebe near Waltonian Island
- 5/9 - one Black-throated blue warbler singing up Cold Water Canyon Rd.
- 5/10 - two male Bobolinks at Sabbath Day Pt. Rd
- 5/10 - Cliff swallows making nests at SDP boathouse.

Thanks to all the observers who contribute to the bird records of Hague. Anyone seeing an unusual bird should note date, place and specifics of size, feathers, sound, beak shape and habitat.

Also seen recently was a long-tailed weasel crossing the road near the Fish and Game Club. This mammal is much larger than the short-tailed weasel (ermine) which changes color according to the season, being white in winter and dark in summer. Please let me know of unusual animal sightings.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS IN THE HAGUE MUSEUM include: Medical Encyclopedia, 1908, World Atlas, 1953, Dictionary - all from Henry & Madeline Leach. Several hat pins from Betty Decker & Florence Smith. Pin cushion from Bertha Dunsmore. Lake Champlain tip-ups from Clifton West. Post cards from Mrs. Dominick Viscardi. Two DeLarm Dairy milk bottles from Bertha Dunsmore. A Scythe & Snath from the Roth Cottage (Forest Bay). The scythe is for brush cutting.

GLEANNING program will be held on Tuesday, May 19 from 1-3PM in the Town Center

*If you would reap praise you must sow the seeds,
Gentle words and useful deeds.*

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, Jonathan Frederick, to Mertis (Armes) and Tim Klingler on March 24 in Staten Island, NY. Proud grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Jack Armes, Hague and Mr. & Mrs. Fred Klingler, Staten Island.

BORN - A boy, Andrew John, to Mr. & Mrs. Jack A. Rafferty, Crown Point, on March 29. Proud grandmother is Laurie C. Smith, Overbrook Drive, Hague.

BORN - A girl, Brogan, to Peter and Sonnet Van Patten in Grand Rapids, MI on April 14. This is the fifth grandchild for Martha and Grant Van Patten of Silver Bay and Saratoga Springs.

BORN - A boy, Cutter Lee, to Nancy (Icke) and Tom Diamond on April 29 in Marblehead, MA. Proud grandpa is Bill Icke, Pine Cove Road.

MARRIED - Suzanne Joanna Barth, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John E. Barth, Oak Ridge, NJ and Hague, to John Greig Underwood on April 21 in Sterling, Scotland.

LELA FOOTE, lifelong resident of Hague will celebrate her 98th birthday on May 31. Let's surprise her with a shower of cards. She is the oldest living resident of Hague!

GINGER HENRY-KUENZEL, Riemerling, Germany and Hague, NY, will be working for the German government press office, as a liaison between English-speaking journalists (Americans, British and Canadians) and the German government press office at the G.7 economic summit in Munich in the first part of July.

On May 1 MARTY MEADE, son of Laura Meade and violinist in the Silver Bay Association String Quartet, participated in an invitational music festival competition (Fiesta-Val) as conductor of the Wilton, CT High School Orchestra at Williamsburg, VA. He also trained a Select Orchestra and taught a student to conduct that group which performed difficult music. The Wilton instrumental groups, including two bands, received overall first place trophies in the Instrumental Division and Marty was individually honored as best orchestra conductor.

Forty groups from Eastern Seaboard school districts competed. Wilton, one of the smallest schools, won all major first place trophies.

CORRECTION - In the May issue of *The Hague Chronicle* it should have read that LINDSAY FRASIER won first place in the Love Your Hospital essay contest in the fourth to sixth grades. The editor is sorry for this mistake. A belated congratulations to you, Lindsay

JUNK MAIL JUNKIES ANONYMOUS

For those of you who are afraid to admit that you receive and throw out more junk mail in one year than all the first class mail you've gotten in your whole life, there is help. Instead of resigning yourself to the ever-increasing stream of mail that you never even read,

write to the following companies and ask them to remove your name from all lists they sell, rent, or exchange:

Mail Preference Service, *Direct Marketing Assoc.*, P.O. Box 3861, NY, NY; *TRW Marketing Services*, General Manager, 600 City Parkway West, Orange, CA 92668; *Trans-Mark*, 111 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604; *Equifax Options*, P.O. Box 7440123, Atlanta, GA 30374-0123. Give each of them your complete name and address, names of others who receive mail in your house, and variations of your name (Robert, Bob, etc.) For Equifax Options, also give them your social security # and signature. To stop mail from companies that already have your name, you will need to write to them individually.

NEED HELP? - WANT A JOB?

Every year we try to publish a list of people who would like a summer job to match up with those who need a helper. We already have one to list and will list more in next month's issue. Send your requests to Dorothy J. Henry, Hague Chronicle, Hague, NY 12836.

Young man, aged 15 desires odd jobs during the summer. Experienced in mowing, yard work, child sitting, etc. Will be in residence from July 2 until Labor Day. Please call 543-6633.

LAWN SALE Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, Sunday and possibly Monday, weather permitting. Just north of Northbrook Motel on Route 9N. Telephone 543-6459

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

Pat Swinton and Janice Smith are holding a rummage and bake sale for the benefit of the Fire Department on Sat., Sun., & Mon., June 13, 14 & 15 from 9AM-5PM at the Community Center. Items in GOOD condition may be dropped off between 8AM and 5PM June 8-12.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 7PM at the Hague Community Center.

YOUTH COMMITTEE of the town of Hague will meet on May 26 at 7PM at the Hague Community Center. All interested parents and youth are invited to attend. The committee would appreciate your input as to what you would like for the youth of Hague.

MUSEUM NOTES

Clifton West, Historian

A Ms Sally Daly of Albany requested information on people, homesteads and families who have been a part of the Adirondack Park from 1892 to 1992. I selected two, Cliftons and Holmans. Mother was born in the Haskins House in 1875. Bernard and I are still around. Nathan Holman and wife, Betsy Clark, moved into the Holman farmhouse in 1886. Leila still owns it.

Far as I know, these items have been entered into the Archives of the Adirondack Park Centennial. Ms Daly said the Clifton material would be fine so I researched the Holmans as well. I haven't heard from her since.

This material is from town records and the journal of Stephen Holman. 5/92

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY/JUNE 1992

May

- 19 GLEANING (p6)
- 19 Home Bureau, 10AM, Community Center
- 19 Democratic Party meeting - 7:00PM, Comm. Ctr.
- 20 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 20 Board of Education, 7:30PM, THS Cafeteria
- 24 Spaghetti Dinner, Community Center (p1)
- 25 Memorial Day Observed
- 25 Legion picnic - 4PM - Legion Hall (p2)
- 26 Senior Citizens meeting, 1:30PM, Town Ctr. (p2)
- 26 LG PC Project Rev. Comm, 2PM, Bolton Ctr
- 26 Youth Committee meeting - 7PM Comm. Ctr (p7)
- 27 LGPC meeting, 10AM, Lake George Town Ctr.

- 28 Zoning Board of Appeals, public hearings, 7PM (pp3)
- 30 Memorial Day (Traditional) - Services (p2)
- 30 Sammy Kaye Concert - Ti Armory (p4)
- 31 Champlain Valley Chorale Concert - UM Church (p)

June

- 1 Fire Dept. meeting - 7:30PM
- 3 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 3 American Legion meeting
- 3 Chamber of Commerce, 7:30PM Community Ctr
- 4 Planning Board, Hearings at 7PM (p3)
- 9 Town Board meeting, 6:30PM
- 10 THE HAGUE CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- 14 Flag Day
- 17 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls

I WANDERED LONELY AS A CLOUD

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

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils. . . . *William Wordsworth*

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