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FORWARD IN 1984

As we start our 12th year we will continue to bring our readers an interesting publication. We - Dottie Henry, Mig Broderick, Allison Craig and Billie DeGraff - have worked hard to bring a picture of day to day life in Hague. Georgina Lindquist has joined our staff to cover Town Board news.

name and address - we would withhold it from the paper if you wish.

HAGUE - we cannot emphasize the fact often enough - is a very nice place to live.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Mig Broderick, Editor

If you wish something published in The Hague Chronicle we must ask for identification if we don't know you personally. Although we cannot guarantee publication of your viewpoint or news item, we reserve the right to know your

P.S. Our thanks and special Happy New Year to Jack Kennedy, Treas., Penny Bolton, Asst. Treas., Ev Lee and Jim Broderick (mimeo operators) and all those dedicated volunteers who help proof read, collate, staple, fold and stamp these papers each month.

HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL

The Hague Winter Carnival Committee has announced that this year's Carnival is scheduled for Washington's Birthday weekend, February 17 - 20, 1984. Ice conditions permitting, most events will be held on the lake in front of the Public Beach.

This year's schedule includes snowmobile races, the 10-K cross-country ski race, chainsaw competition, and the ever popular NATIONAL ICE AUGER competition.

Three new events are also planned, including snow sculpture and adult tug of war contests and three-wheel bike races. On Friday night the 17th, there will be a youth dance and coronation of the Carnival Queen and King at the Beachside Restaurant. Saturday night's entertainment will include a dinner dance, also at the Beachside. A firemen's breakfast is also planned. Refreshments will be available from the concession stand Saturday & Sunday, sleigh rides will provide extra entertainment for spectators. A more detailed schedule will be available for next month's edition of The Hague Chronicle.

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 to help support the Carnival should contact Dan Belden, Clifton Frasier or Kathy Santaniello.

.... Kathy Santaniello

ICE CARVING CONTEST

The Hague Winter Carnival Committee wishes to announce an Ice Carving Contest. The theme is "Great Expectations". All you need to enter is call Michelle Brunet, 543-8818 by January 31, 1984. Rules are simple:

- 1. Carvings can be on the Public Beach, Beachside Cabins or in your own yard.
 - 2. No dye, only natural food color and no molds.
 - 3. Minimum size - 2' by 2'
Maximum size - 6' by 6'
- Prizes are: 1st - \$25.00
2nd 15.00
3rd 10.00

Prizes will be awarded on Feb. 19, 1984...Michelle Brunet

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME AGAIN

Girl Scouts of Troop 256 under the leadership of Laura Meade and Sharon Busick are now taking orders for their Girl Scout cookies. Orders will be taken from Jan. 13 - 29 for March 10 delivery. Please call 543-6402 if you have not been contacted.

S. O. S.

The American Cancer Society is badly in need of someone who will chair the annual drive in the town of Hague. Will you be the one? Please call Lettie Saheim, 696-3955 (Lake Luzerne), county chairman, or contact the society at their office on Glen St. in Glens Falls.

ACID RAIN (Continued!)

Unbelievable as it may seem, several congressmen have told the National Air Coalition that THERE IS NOT ENOUGH Grassroots support for action on Clean Air Act in this Congress... Action Alert of Adirondack Council

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR WINTER CARNIVAL

The youth of Hague, under the direction of Aggie Watts are planning many activities to coincide with the Hague Winter Carnival.

On February 17 (Friday), there will be a formal dance at the Beachside for those in the 14 - 17 age group. A Winter Carnival Queen will be chosen as well as Winter Carnival King. Gift certificates will be presented to each. Included in the court will be two runners-up. The dance will be held from 8 PM to 12 PM. \$1.00 per person; \$1.50 per couple. Guests are welcome.

For all ages, there will be a "Best Snowman" contest. Prizes will be given to participants in different age groups.

On Saturday organized games will be held on the site of the carnival. Prizes will be awarded.

On Sunday a skating or sliding party is being planned from 1 - 3 PM. For further information on any of these activities, call Aggie Watts, 543-6598.

Rehearsals for the Coronation pageant will be held each Monday at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

TOURISM

Doris Herwig, Warren County Dept of Tourism, will speak on the Warren County Tourism Budget on Tuesday, January 17. Time will be 7 PM at the Ramada Inn in Lake George. Those interested in how their tourism dollars are spent should be interested in attending this session.

BOOK SALE

Friends of the Library will hold its annual old and used book sale at the Crandall Library in Glens Falls on Jan. 20 and 21 from 9 AM to 5 PM.

There is a spirit, and a need, and a man at the beginning of every great human advance....Coretta Scott King

TOWN BOARD - DECEMBER 13, 1983

WATCH THAT ICE!

There was a large attendance at the Town Board meeting on Dec. 13. A public hearing on changing the landfill hours was held prior to the regular meeting. Hours listed elsewhere in this paper were established. It was decided to open the landfill for two hours on Sun., Dec. 18 to accommodate those that couldn't get there on the 17th.

Supervisor Dick Bolton stressed the need for and his interest in expanding and developing the community action Head Start program for prekindergartners, ages 3-5.

For those interested in Cable TV; a Dec. 12th notice "Filing of application for certification of confirmation to provide cable to commence within 1 year" was posted.

Our winter carnival is well under way according to a report by its chairman, Dan Belden.

Up to now there has been no real response from the state about our problems on Rt. 8. The supervisor explained the procedure he plans to take for further action. (See Town Board Jan. meeting)

Again there were reports by Bob Patchett of vandalism at the school.

A letter was read from the residents of Pine Orchard and Spring Rock Roads concerning the development of recreational facilities in the town of Hague.

Report from Town Park Commission consisting of Bob Hoyt, Joan Belden and Earle Phillips was presented for them by Dorothy Henry.

...G. Lindquist

PAPER DRIVE

There will be a paper drive as a means of making money for youth activities in Hague. Please save your black and white papers (no colored ads or inserts please) and call Aggie Watts if you want them picked up. (543-6598) Or you may leave them at the Town Hall on Wednesdays.

The following table was prepared by the American Pulpwood Assoc. and gives the strength of increasing thicknesses of clear, blue ice on lakes and ponds. This is the solid ice that forms during days and nights of low temperatures.

<u>Ice Thickness in Inches</u>	<u>Permissible Load (Clear, Blue Ice)</u>
2	One person on foot
3	Group in single file
7½	Passenger car (2 T gr.)
8	Light truck (2½ T gr.)
10	Med. truck (3½ T. gr)
12	Heavy truck (7-8 T gr)
15	10 Tons
20	25 Tons
25	45 Tons
30	70 Tons
36	110 Tons

"Table is for clear, blue ice on lakes. Reduce strength values 15% for clear, blue river ice. Slush ice has only one-half the strength of blue ice. This table does not apply for parked loads."

...Yankee Magazine, Dec. 1983

PLANNING BOARD 5 JANUARY 1984

James Broderick, chairman of the Site Plan Review Committee, reported that there were no objections to James Ward's proposed additions to his boat storage sheds located on Rt. 8. The Board approved the new additions.

The Board reviewed the proposed minor sub-division of Margaret Wells' property on Split Rock Road and set the date for the public hearing for February 2 at 7 PM. No variance has been requested since it meets the 1.1 acreage and 100' road frontage requirements in a TR-1 zone.

Development Administrator, William Foster, reported that the NYS Health Dept. has required Lake Shore Hills Development owners to provide a 2nd source of water before the Health Dept. will grant approval of the development.

Alison Craig was appointed clerk of the Board to replace Laura Meade.

HAGUE TOWN BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - JANUARY 10, '84

The following items remain the same as 1983: Official newspaper, Glens Falls Post Star; The First National Bank of Glens Falls, Bolton Branch; claims to be verified, not certified; mileage rate, 20¢ a mile. All salaries to remain the same except for the hourly employees. Changes were made in the highway pay rates. Rates for temporaries remains \$4.25 per hr. Laborers - from \$4.90 to \$5.15 per hr. and Regulars from \$6.25 to \$6.50 per hr.

Dr. Shuhler was appointed Health Officer without remuneration.

Committee assignments follow. (1st name indicates chairman)

Deputy Supervisor - Frasier; Neighborhood Watch (newly organized) - Coffin and Patchett; Highway - Frasier and Middleton; Recreation and Promotion - Patchett and Coffin; Building and Grounds - Middleton and Frasier; Planning and Zoning - Coffin and Patchett; Senior Citizens - Frasier and Middleton; School - Patchett and Coffin; Town Park - Middleton and Frasier

The following appointments were made by the Board: The Zoning Board of Appeals (7 yrs.) Everett Lee to fill the vacancy of Walt Waters; Planning Board (2 years) Tim Costello, to fill the vacancy of Laura Meade.

Supervisor Bolton announced that we are financially in good shape, under budget, and with a tax decrease for tax payers outside the street light district (13¢) and a tax increase (16¢) for those within the light district.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 1983 - The list reviewed by Supervisor Bolton was too extensive to list here. Some items mentioned: Local law to outlaw unsafe or burned out buildings; Zoning changes reviewed and sent to A.P.A. for approval; Fire and Ambulance squad financially stable; School Auction; Town Hall refurbished; \$650 decentralization grant from county; Preliminary plans for resurfacing and repaving road from Tongue Mt. to Sabbath Day Pt. and area on Bolton side of mountain.

A few objectives for 1984: Follow through on road repairs as listed above; Generate more money for the town; Repair septic system at park; Rewrite Town Park Ordinance; Work on brush in front of the school.

Regular Board meeting following the organizational meeting. Resolution #1, 1984 was passed. Owner of an unsafe building has been officially notified and must repair or remove same. In the event the town has to do the work (after 90 days) the owner will be assessed accordingly.

Bob Patchett announced that the Hague signs for Exit 24 and 25 on the Northway should arrive in Warren County in Feb.

The resolution concerning warning signs on Route 8 at Graphite has been endorsed by Warren County Traffic Safety Board. Both Boards are urging the state Dept. of Transportation to improve the warning devices on this road. It next goes to the Regional traffic engineer, with a letter asking the state to investigate the situation.

Supervisor Bolton said that a count is being taken at the Land Fill to determine usage. It was noted that on the one Sunday since the change in hours, no one used the landfill.

New Business: At town expense, the hourly town employees will receive eye exams in odd years and physicals in even years.

At the February meeting the Board will review the resolution to limit anchoring off the shore of Friends Point.

At the County Organizational meeting, Supervisor Bolton was appointed to many committees, a number of which he chairs.

...G. Lindquist

FOURTH QUARTER REPORT FROM HARVEY YAW, TOWN JUSTICE, was as follows:

MV Cases	14
Criminal Cases	5
Small Claims Court	2
Conservation Cases	5
Dog Cases	1

Money sent to Audit Control for October, November and December - \$1,347.00

FOR OUR NEWER READERS

We have had a large number of new readers added to our mailing list in recent months and we would like to inform them as to how our newspaper "operates". First, you probably already know that The Hague Chronicle, founded by Emil Seerup is now beginning its 12th year of publication. Our staff consists of a small group of dedicated volunteers and the paper is completely dependent on contributions. (All contributions are tax deductible.) We emphasize that no monies are received through town taxes.

It is interesting to note that The Hague Chronicle has a mailing list of about 600. Approximately 350 of these are out of town and are mailed via first class mail to 34 states, (including Hawaii), plus Canada, Puerto Rico and West Germany. Another 250 are mailed locally to Hague, Silver Bay and Ticonderoga.

The present staff has been working on The Hague Chronicle since June 1979 taking over from a very dedicated editor-publisher, (one-woman show), Virginia Shattuck, who wanted to "retire". She was a very hard act to follow! We have gone from 21 contributors in 1976 to 274 in 1983 (down 50 from 1982). 40 of the 274 benefactors also made gifts of the Chronicle to friends and family.

We are indebted to Silver Bay Association for running our mailing labels through their computer. If you will check your label you will note that the second line shows either the month in which you last made a contribution (not necessarily the current year), or a G, meaning you have a friend who is giving it to you as a gift. If nothing appears, and you have contributed, we would appreciate a note or call so that we might correct this. We try to keep this up to date, but we do slip occasionally!

The Hague Chronicle staff welcomes comments, criticisms, and news items by the 10th of the month. They must be accompanied by your name and address, but upon request, we will not publish a signature. We publish "ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS..." about the 15th of each month. DJH

3RD & LAST REPORT ON TOWN BUDGET

In November we listed the salaries of Hague's elected and appointed officials, plus the names of those who serve as unpaid volunteers on various Town Boards. December covered the cost of Town services... This final report will cover fringe benefits and revenues to the Town other than property taxes.

Under General Appropriations the total cost of fringe benefits is \$38,350; \$18,600 is for health insurance. This figure would have been \$24,600 if the Town had not changed its insuring method this past fall. The benefits covered are: retirement, social security, workmen's compensation, unemployment, disability and health insurance and medicare. Under Highway Appropriations the same basic benefits are covered for a total cost of \$39,900, bring the TOTAL cost for benefits to \$78,250.

The total appropriations for 1984 come to \$476,160. \$272,500 of this amount is raised through property taxes with the balance coming from the following sources: The Highway Dept. anticipates revenues of \$44,000 for services to other Governments, \$5,500 in interest and earnings, \$12,000 from State Aid Consolidated Highways, plus \$5,000 in unexpended balance. Federal Revenue Sharing funds total \$20,240. General Revenues estimate \$96,500 from the following sources: \$65,000 from non-property tax distribution by the County, \$8,000 in interest & earnings, \$10,000 per capita (from NYS), \$5,000 mortgage tax & \$8,500 miscellaneous. There is an unexpended balance of \$20,000. The total anticipated increase in expenditures for 1984 over 1983 is \$20,752....AC

FROM OUR HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

As of January 1, 1984 the Highway Dept. is responsible for the landfill. We had a public hearing and the hours were set up by the town, but they still persist in dumping garbage outside the gate when it is closed. Anyone breaking rules and regulations of the dump will be reported to the Sheriff's Dept. and legal action will be taken.

I would like to respond to last month's Chronicle "Your Money Where Does it Go?" regarding the highway budget figures.

A large percent of the highway budget is for wages and benefits for the employees of the highway department including all extras that must be hired during winter months to meet safety standards of 2 persons per vehicle that are out keeping the roads passable.

The balance of funds budgeted are to purchase fuel, (gas, diesel) oil, parts, tools and repairs to town equipments. All equipment must be kept in good repair and operational to maintain a standard condition for our local highways.

Now, to point out to the people who do not realize what else this highway dept. does in contrast to other departments here are a few examples:

Who takes care of the ball-field for the Youth program? Not Ticonderoga that's right the highway dept.

All salaries for the upkeep of the cemeteries out of highway budget.

The highway dept. also has the responsibility of checking on and keeping open the parking lot at the school as well as doing all necessary repairs.

Ninety five percent of all repairs done at the Town Hall as well as outside work are done by Elwin Monroe and the Highway Dept. Six months of the year the highway dept. pays the wages of this employee.

The work for the Auction held at school, that was so successful, was done by the highway dept. Almost 2 weeks were spent on this when we should have been doing highway work.

In the summer we pick up all refuse from the Beach and from the barrels around town and the refuse from the Town Hall all year long. It is the highway dept. that helps set up for the Arts Fair and other town functions that require much manpower.

As you read this you can see the Highway Dept. deserve some credit because we do much more than maintain the Town roads as well as parts of Rt. 8 and 9N.

I have been receiving many phone calls concerning the condition of Rt. 8. The Town of Hague just plows and sands from the cemetery to Rt. 9N.

The State of N.Y. plows and sands from North Pond to the cemetery, so if you have any questions concerning Rt. 8 please contact DOT in Warrensburg at 623-3511 or if I can be of assistance please contact me at the Highway Garage 543-6500 or at my home 543-6504.

/s/ Daniel Belden

Ed. Note: Thanks again to the Highway Dept we survived the "big storm". Working day and night, they plowed and sanded and "dug" us out.

HAGUE LANDFILL WINTER SCHEDULE

Effective January 1, 1984	
Monday	8 AM - 4 PM
Tuesday	8 AM - 4 PM
Wednesday	8 AM - 4 PM
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	9 AM - 5 PM

Did YOU see Lake George on National TV on Tuesday, Jan 3? Andy Rooney refused to identify it after saying it is the lake he knows best.

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Rebecca Warren, to Peggy and Rudd Van Voorhis of Hague and Weyertown, on December 11 in Glens Falls Hospital.

BORN - A boy, Lucas Richard, to Edna and Dick Frasier in Glens Falls Hospital on December 13. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Frasier, and Mrs. S. Richard Frasier. Great-grandmother, Clara Plantadosa, all of Hague.

BORN - A boy, Stephen James, to Kathy and Jim Rancourt on December 23 in Glens Falls Hospital.

BORN - A girl, Becky Lynn, to Mark and Korinna (Rockwell) Di Bernardo on Jan. 1 in Moses Ludington Hospital. Becky, the hospital's first baby of the New Year, weighing in at a whopping 10 lb. 11 oz., is the granddaughter of Gladys and Vernie Rockwell, great-granddaughter of Inza and Ernest Jordon, and great-great-granddaughter of Riley Jordon, all residents of Hague.

BORN - A boy, Justin William Edson, to Jennifer Belden and Bill Edson. Justin's grandparents are Janice and Dan Belden; great-grandmother, Mrs. James Belden and great-great-grandmother, Lula Gifford, all residents of Hague. Justin was born on January 5 at Moses Ludington Hospital.

DIED - Flora R. Cameron, 91, in Westmount infirmary on December 10. She was the mother of Gordon Cameron of Hague.

DIED - Irving Fitzgerald, 70, on December 17 at Moses Ludington Hospital. He was a life-long resident of Hague. His wife, Jane, three children and three grandchildren survive.

DIED - Grace Blowers, 87, on December 18 in Moses Ludington Hospital. She was the mother of Marion Frasier, Hague.

DIED - Gertrude Lewis, 92, on December 28 at the Moses Ludington Hospital. Born in Hague, she was the sister of Rollin DeLarm, Hague.

JOE LaPANN was a member of the CVAC cross country team, representing THS.

ARTHUR BELDEN, JR. won honorable mention on the CVAC football team for 1983. He also made the all-star basketball team during the Christmas tournament held at THS. The varsity team won this tournament.

DANNY DENTON was a member of the CVAC championship JV football from Ticonderoga. He was also chosen for the JV all-star JV team in the Christmas Basketball Tournament.

KATY LAUNDREE is a member of the 1984 Ti Hi's Girls' Varsity Basketball Team. STEPHANIE FITZGERALD is a member of the JV team.

STEVE McCRANELS, Silver Bay, and a student at ACC, has been appointed as an instructor at the West Mountain Ski School.

RENAGI RENAGI LOHIA, Ambassador from Papua, New Guinea to the U.S. & U.N. was a holiday guest of the William D. Floors (Sabbath Day Pt.)

*I think that I shall never see,
A sadder looking Christmas tree,
Than one whose boughs were once
alight,
Now only partly gleam at night.*

*Stripped by whom we cannot say,
The guilty ones have had their way.
Perhaps in Christmases to be,
There should no longer be a tree.
/s/ B.A.D.*

Jan.

- 17 Home Bureau - 10 AM
- 17 School Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- 19 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 23 Winter Carnival Comm. - 7:00
- 26 Zoning Board - 7:30 PM
- 30 Winter Carnival Comm. 7:00 PM

Veterans' Administrator is in the Town Hall each Tuesday at 11:30 AM.

Feb.

- 2 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 2 Planning Board - 7:30 PM
- 6 Winter Carnival Comm. 7:00 PM
- 10 CHRONICLE Deadline
- 13 - 17 SCHOOL VACATION
- 13 Winter Carnival Comm. 7:00 PM
- 14 Town Board - 6:30 PM
- 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- 16 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 17 - 19 HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL

WINTER IS HERE AND LAKE FREEZES!

Winter officially began on Dec. 22 with the first major snow storm arriving the same day. It was a white and COLD Christmas Day with Graphite reporting MINUS 22 degrees.

The level of the Lake has dropped approximately a foot since our mid-December issue which should make permanent dock owners happy.

On January 8 glass-thin ice formed along the shore; the following day a north wind drove it onto the shore. The moving and breaking thin ice sounded like many musical bells ringing. That night a flock of geese could be heard as they flew south through the silently falling snow. The next day Dave Martucci reported seeing hundreds of geese in the still open water off Slim Pt., near Silver Bay.

Snow all day on the 10th. The next two days zero temperatures and 10 to 15 MPH winds, with gusts to 25 from the North. Icy-mist swirled from the lake obscuring the view and covering shoreline vegetation with delicate white blanket. The sky was a brilliant blue. Parts of the lake were now frozen and ice fishermen were seen on the lake near Sabbath Day Point on the 12th. From Hague Bay north, the water was still open, but one could see ice crystals forming as the lake gradually became smaller and the chop of the waves broke further and further from the natural shore line.

The morning of the 13th, as dawn broke, a huge white field appeared where only the day before there had been steaming water. The lake was almost completely frozen, only the bay in front of Glenburnie beckoned the heavy swimmer...AC

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