



# THE HAGUE CHRONICLE

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## REMINISCING

It is hard for me to believe that THE HAGUE CHRONICLE is entering its 18th year of publication! It was in January 1972 that Emil Seerup, of Silver Bay, published these words - "The town of Hague needs a newspaper", and then he went out and did something about it. Until his death on October 1, 1976, Emil was the publisher, editor, collator, etc. etc. (He did get help from his wife, Adra). Sometimes the newspaper was only one or two pages (both sides) and other times it was up to four. Despite the quantity, the quality was always there.

Without skipping a beat, Virginia Shattuck stepped in, and again it was pretty much a one-woman operation. She had some help in collating and mailing from time to time, but basically she did it all herself, until June 1979 when she retired. She was instrumental in getting a small group together to follow in her footsteps, which wasn't easy!

Since the June 1979 issue, The Hague Chronicle has been staffed by basically the same dedicated volunteers. Imagine, for 9 1/2 years the nucleus has remained the same. Yes, we get a great deal of help from other sources. We have experts in the field of stapling, others whose expertise is in folding, and still others in licking stamps. We appreciate them all. (If you would like to be one of those who gets together once a month to do the above, give Mig Broderick a call and she will put you on her list.)

The staff is open to suggestions of what you would like to see printed. We do cover all the town meetings, and many others besides. We are always looking for ways to improve our paper.

As publisher, I do want to let you readers know who the volunteers are that make up the staff of The Hague Chronicle, and also to tell them how much I appreciate all the help and cooperation they give to me.

Editor - Mig Broderick; Treasurer - Jack Kennedy, and Penny Bolton; Correspondents - Alison Craig, Billie DeGraff and Georgina Lindquist. ....Dottie Henry, Publisher

Note: We are deeply indebted to our weather person, Anonymous "Willy C", who faithfully gets the weather news to me each month. We have had many favorable comments about this column and decided that we would give it front-page attention this month!

## WILLY C'S DEC 88/IAN 89 WEATHER NOTES

If one were to make a general characterization of winter this season he would say, it has been open, thus far, and temperatures have been near normal, but 9% colder than last year which was about 9% above normal. Given those facts we tend to think it has been quite a bit colder. One aside that should appeal to the non snow lovers as well as the snow lovers is that the Green Mountain ski areas in Vermont have had very satisfactory natural snow falls this season, particularly the northern areas. The Adirondacks, as is normal, have not fared as well.

Last Dec. we left you with cold temperatures on the 10th. The 11th and 12th got considerably colder, -12° and -19°. Mt. Top, 12 noon on the 11th was -22°. On the 16th it got back down to a -10° Mt. Top, -1/2° lakeside, but in between we had a 40° day. Then after the 16th temperatures really moderated. Our high for the month was 50 1/2° on the 21st and it was back up in the 40's the 24th and Christmas Day. The greatest snowfall lakeside was 2 1/2 inches on the 13th. We had 1/2 in. and 1 in. falls scattered about and .54 inches of rain on the 28th, so any snow that did fall melted or washed away in the warm weather. Our Mt. Top observatory has had greater amounts, but there too it has not really amounted to much. Highest wind gust in Dec. was 36 MPH on the 26th. We lost another 13 minutes of daylight for the month. Take heart good friends, from now on we will be gaining at both ends of the day.

January produced 1/2" of snow on the 2d and some cold temperatures on the 4th, 5th and 6th -18°, -16°, -3° Mt. Top, -2°, -2°, +4° lakeside. The windchill lakeside at 12 noon on the 4th was

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COMMUNITY HAM DINNER, FEBRUARY 10 FROM 5 - 7PM  
HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH ANNEX

WillyC -Cont. from pl

-36°. It really looked like the lake was getting set to freeze over because following those days we had some nights with little or no wind, but mother nature is capricious in her ways and just when it appeared we would get there the wind picked up, the temperatures rose, voila! no ice. The lake has frozen over from Silver Bay south to the Narrows, but with the temperature going back up and some strong winds, that could also be in jeopardy. The water temperature on Jan. 10 at 2PM was 36 1/2°, the air temperature 30°. Today, Jan. 12, we have had sleet, freezing rain and rain. Have heard all manner of horror stories of icy surfaces to our south, so once again we have been spared the impact of severe difficult conditions. The ground remains bare and the lake liquid. Stay tuned to see what the next installment will bring.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SQUAD

During the month of December the Ambulance Squad made 5 runs totaling 170 miles and 43 personnel hours.

1988 Totals

- 148 Runs (includes 11 mutual aid)
- 5,371 Miles
- 1,049 Patient Hours
- 131 Mutual Aid Hours

The Hague Fire Dept. Ambulance Squad recently received a donation of a pair of MAST TROUSERS from the state of N.Y. The trousers are for use on critical trauma patients and play an extremely important role in the care provided to these patients while in route to a medical facility.

Ambulance personnel are seeking persons within the community who have an interest in first Aid and Patient Care. Presently, the squad has seven active patient handlers caring for the Hague/Silver Bay communities on a year-round basis 24 hours per day. If the roster of patient care handlers could be increased it would lessen the load of those presently serving the community in this capacity. Please do not hesitate to become involved even if you only have limited time to offer. Your help in any way would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns about your possible involvement as a member of the Ambulance Squad, please do not hesitate to contact any of the following: Mr. John Breitenbach, 543-6483, Mr. Gerry Boyd, 543-6111 or Mrs. Carroll LaPann 543-6349.

An EMT course will start again this month. Both day and evening classes will be offered at

the county municipal center. These classes are sponsored by the State of New York Dept. of Health Emergency Care System. Mrs. Margery Jesseman, Silver Bay, has enrolled in the evening program. It would be very nice if others could join Margery in this worthwhile training.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will have a covered dish luncheon at the Hague Baptist Church Annex at noon on Tuesday, January 24, 1989. Come, and bring your special covered dish or salad with you. Entree, beverage and dessert will be provided. Meet your new officers, and get involved with other Senior Citizens. There are NO dues, although a collection is taken up at each meeting to help defray minor expenses. New members and new ideas are welcome.

The officers for 1989 are:

- Ethel Andrus - President
- Dorothy Henry - 1st Vice President and Corresponding secretary
- Al Van Sleet - 2nd Vice President and Program Chairman
- Marguerite West - Treasurer
- Betty Van Sleet - Secretary
- Blanche Hanna - Sunshine Committee

THREE CHEERS FOR HAGUE'S VOLUNTEERS

It seems appropriate at the beginning of a new year to inform our readers again of the volunteers who serve on various committees in Hague. The Town of Hague is indebted to these dedicated workers:

PLANNING BOARD: Karen Laundree, Chairman; Tim Costello; Alison Craig; Evert Lindquist; Bruce Robinson; Kathy Santaniello; Norman Strum

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Michelle Brunet, Chairman; Daniel Belden; George Denton; Richard Feibusch; Frank Fowler; Edna Frasier; David Martucci. George Denton recently resigned and has been replaced by Ron Pote.

COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD: Dick Frasier, Chairman; John Evans; Georgina Lindquist, Donald Ward, Carl Janzen and all members of the Town Board. Also working with them are Henry Karmazin on Plumbing and Heating and Art Steitz on electrical.

SCHOOL TAX COMMITTEE: Michelle Gautreau, Chairman; Estelle Anderson; Alison Craig; Dorothy Henry.

TOWN PARK COMMISSION: Robert Hoyt; Robert Denno; Joan Belden

CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS: Craig LaCourse, Laura Meade, Scott Patchett, Dennis Trombley 1/89

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

Three town board meetings have been held since you received the last issue of The Hague Chronicle.

A low extra items were included in the end of year, "close the books" meeting held on December 28, 1988.

The first of these concerned the only bid received for concrete work at the Community Centre location. It was rejected as too high (\$47,000 less \$10,000 if vault is deleted) will re-advertise.

Bids for gravel, sand and oil were accepted.

APA awarded \$5,000 grant for Hague planning assistance.

The following resolutions were presented and carried:

Res. \*30: Reduced speed limit on Silver Bay Road from 55 MPH to 20 MPH.

Res. \*31: Accepted kitchen items from D. Darrin for use in the Community Centre.

Res. \*32: Accepted Elwin B. Monroe's property for \$1.00. The Monroes will continue to live on property during their lifetime. Money from sale of property will be used to maintain Town Park in their memory.

Res. \*33-34-35-36-37 & 38 authorized contracts between Hague & American Legion, Fire Dept., Chamber of Commerce, James Mack, V.M.D., Winter Carnival, transfer of money from contingency fund.

Account records of Town Clerk, Town Justice and Supervisor's Clerk accepted, subject to official audit by N.Y.S. Dept. of Audit and Control under Town Law, Sec. \*105.

Res. \*39 - Carried unanimously for Supervisor to enter into cooperation agreement with Warren County for administration of a HUD Community Development Block Grant for home improvement, of \$362,700.

At the organizational meeting January 3, 1989, Dick Bolton, Supervisor gave Frank Carney the opportunity to ask the town board's help in getting the land classification for certain properties corrected. APA rejected an earlier request. APA to be contacted by Bolton.

A report of the past year's accomplishments reminded us of, among others, 1. A \$10,000 grant to complete a sanitary survey. 2. Bidding for insurance reduced our payments by 30%. 3. Park changes.

1989 goals include continued effort by school tax committee for reduction and the building of the Community Centre.

The list of appointments was perused and accepted.

Permission was granted Supervisor Bolton to be the town delegate at the Association of Towns meeting to be held February 19th to 22nd.

A new committee, CARE, has been formed. Georgina Lindquist, chairman.

The third and last meeting on January 10, 1989 was very interesting. A presentation was made by Richard Hathaway, Director of Ti Youth Commission, concerning the inclusion of Hague youth in the ski program. His request basically was for funds and later in the meeting \$300 was allocated. An evaluation of this program will be presented at a later date.

Of great interest to all Hague residents was the presentation by Steve LeFevre, senior geologist at Clough, Harbour Assoc. regarding the closing of our landfill, as mandated by the state for 1991. About 5 acres of land are included and will cost about \$95,000 an acre. It's an involved process including wells and water tests from these wells. The first phase should be completed by mid-summer. We should all realize our landfill must be closed and alternate sources for disposal of garbage found. We have started recycling in Hague and cannot stress our alternatives (such as trash burning plants, re-cycling) enough.

Bids should be finalized for the Community Centre by mid-winter according to Dick Frasier, Chairman.

George Denton resigned from ZBA to be replaced by Ron Pote, who will fill the vacancy until December 31, 1991.

A separate polling place for Hague voters in school elections is being researched, according to a letter from Dr. Collins, school supervisor.

Permission was granted the Winter Carnival Committee to add a rider on Town insurance policy to cover liability for carnival events, except those motorized. Approval given for use of park for sculpture contest and use of highway equipment and crew.

R. Feibusch addressed the board on the following topics (heard from town residents)

1. Placing junk cars out of sight of road.
2. When a garage is built, an addition or a conversion to apartment or for other use, should not be allowed.
3. Permit issuance not checked later to see if work conforms, allowing violations without penalty. ...G.L.

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*Life must be lived forwards, but can only be understood backwards...Soren Kierkegaard*

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 12/15/88

The only item on the agenda for the ZBA meeting for December 15, 1988 was the public hearing for variance No. 10-88. The first decision on this variance made at the November meeting was being disputed by Mitchell Frasier, in this, a re-hearing.

After discussion and with no opposition the board approved (with conditions) an amended set-back reduction variance for a porch 30' by 6', covered, but not to be enclosed at any future time and the entrance not to infringe on the Warren County right of way...G. L.

PLANNING BOARD - 1/5/89

Concerning Bob Katzman's proposed 3-lot subdivision in Arcady Bay Estates of Section 45, Block 02, Lot #72, the location of the recreation hall and boat docks, the Board unanimously voted to delay any action until Mr. Katzman provides the Board with a copy of the Prospectus for Arcady Bay Estates.

A second site review of property owned by Richard and Alberta Krueger, Sec. 08, Block 01, lots 15 and 16 was scheduled for Jan. 13, 1989 to determine if the topography and location of Trout Brook would provide sufficient ground area for the construction of a home and the installation of a septic system and still maintain the required set-backs from the brook for proposed parcel #2. The wetland maps did not show the existance of wetlands on this property.

Upon receipt of the surveyor's map of property owned by Clifton Frasier, Sec. 41, Block 01, Lot 3.1, the site plan review committee will schedule a second visit to the property to look at the proposed new lot and to review the roads and accesses to lots.

A letter will be sent to Mr. Ray Laudree concerning the need for a variance concerning his proposed lot lines. The site review committee felt that the proposed line was suitable considering the topography of the land.

Jim Braisted submitted an application to convert an existing structure on his property in Silver Bay to a liquor store. (Sec. 48, Block 01, Lot 29.2). A site review was scheduled.

Robert Patchett requested a lot line change to eliminate the lot line that presently exists between the original "Lodge", and the Scott Patchett's residence to the north. (Presently both structures are connected and the entire structure is known as "The Lodge", with the lot line bisecting the building.) Mr. Patchett proposed a new lot line to the west of the

structure. There would be no increase in the number of lots (2), only an alteration in the configuration of the two lots. The Board approved the line change. Mr. Robert Patchett's survey map of the proposed lot line change also showed a new lot in the north west corner of the property with an existing residence. Mr. Patchett said that he had given this lot to his son, Scott, under the zoning regulation rules in Article 8, Sec. 8.020, Gifts, Devices and Inheritance. The Board scheduled a site review of this lot to determine if the requirements of sec. 8.020 had been satisfied.

The Board was asked for conceptual approval to add a one-family residence on the Springdale Manor Motel lot, or to add a second story to the existing motel. Both were denied on the grounds that the lot is already non-conforming and any expansion would be limited to 25% of the present square footage of the existing structure.

Jim Ward presented the board members with a written statement concerning his records of development on his lakeside property. Since this information had not been presented by the Friday prior to the next scheduled meeting of this board, discussion was tabled until the February meeting.

COMMUNITY HAM DINNER

The ladies of the Hague Baptist Church are sponsoring a community ham dinner on Friday, February 10 from 5 - 7PM. This has always been a popular mid-winter event - helps get rid of the blahs! \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 for children from 6 - 12 and 5 and under free.

Snow date will be Saturday, February 11.

BIBLE WALK THROUGH

Walk through the Bible with Bob Fortier in three short, interesting sessions; beginning Jan. 30 at 7PM at the Hague Baptist Church Annex and continuing on Feb. 6 and 13 at the same time. The public is invited to participate in this interesting event.

FOLK DANCING

International Folk Dance Group will meet at the Community Center Building, Corner Rt. 8 at Wevertown every Friday from 7-9PM during the months of January, February and March.

For specific information call Evelyn Green, Northcreek 1-251-3772

The Fire Department asks us to remind you to check your chimneys for creosote buildup.

1989 HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL

The 1989 Hague Winter Carnival is set for Thursday - Sunday, February 16 - 19.

Because the Beachside Restaurant will not be available for use this year, alternate sites have had to be arranged for several Carnival functions usually held there. The Fish and Game Club has made their clubhouse available for the Princess Pageant. Friday night's youth activities, the Carnival buffet and the awards ceremony. The firemen's breakfast will be held at the Firehall on Saturday and Sunday.

The schedule of events remains essentially the same, except for these changes: The chainsaw competition has been moved from Sunday afternoon to Saturday at 1:30PM. There will be non-sanctioned snowmobile races on Saturday and the ATV races will be held on Sunday only. A volleyball competition is being organized for Saturday.

Presently, the Denton ad circular is being prepared, and anyone who would like to support the Carnival can still purchase ad space until January 18.

And, as ever, help is always needed to make the Carnival "go". Carnival meetings are held every Monday night at 7PM, usually at the Firehouse, if anyone would like to lend a hand.

Until February...THINK SNOW

**DON'T FORGET THE NEW LANDFILL HOURS WENT INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1. NOW OPEN 12 NOON TO 5PM SUNDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY. CLOSED MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS**

FROM OUR ASSEMBLYMAN, NEIL KELLEHER

In his winter newsletter Assemblyman Kelleher has suggested the following ways we can reduce waste in our homes:

Never deispose of compostable materials, leaves, lawn clippings, vegetable materials, etc. in plastic bags.

Return radioactive smoke-alarms to manufacturer for disposal.

Refuse non-biodegradable plastic bags at the grocery store. Use paper bags, cardboard boxes, or better yet reusable cloth/string bags.

Use rechargeable batteries. Non-rechargeable batteries are toxic and should not be landfilled or burned.

Return used motor oil to your gas station.

Pass on used furniture appliances and clothing to the Salvation Army or your favorite charity. Check with your town office for recent fire victims.

Avoid chemical fertilizers, weed killers, pesticides and insecticides. Whatever we put into our soil, air and water comes back to us.

Avoid all styrofoam products. They contain ozone-depleting chemicals.

Use trash cans instead of plastic bags for garbage pickup.

Buy beverages in recyclable containers such as glass and aluminum.

Buy reusable storage containers.

Offer used items through the classified ads.

Offer leftover paint to theater groups or schools. Allow latex to dry for disposal. Keep oil paints closed for disposal.

Write or phone the Department of Environmental Conservation asking for the establishment of a "Toxics Collection Day" in your area. (Better yet, call your supervisor)

Avoid using plastic bags in the supermarket produce section. Ask about pesticides used on the produce you buy.

SCHOOL BOARD - 12/21/88

Bob Palandrani of Snug Harbor Marina addressed the Board with the proposal to start a marine program in the school. It would provide approximately 220 job opportunities.

Mr. Ted Lyons reported that the fire inspector stated that the procedure for evacuating the buildings, etc. was better than most schools.

Dr. Collins, Superintendent of Schools reported that the district cannot hire independent tax assessors. The town assessment rolls must be used.

More research is needed concerning the establishment of separate election districts. (Hague has asked to have a polling place in Hague.) The cost to do this might prove to be prohibitive.

Re: options that Hague might pursue to solve our school tax problem. - 1. file a complaint with the State Board of Equalization and Assessment on the town's equalization rate. No complaint has been filed since 1982. 2. Sue the Town of Ticonderoga for damages as a result of alleged poor assessment practices in the Town of Ticonderoga. 3. Encourage both towns to do a reassessment. It is projected that the Town of Ticonderoga will be reassessed and be at full value in 1990. The Town of Hague has not updated assessments since 1974.

Ed. Mr. Bolton has informed me that this has been done but not yet put into place.

THE NATURE OF THINGS

People are not the only ones who come to Hague for a vacation! Large and small swimming birds spend time relaxing and feeding in Hague Bay as they fly from northern breeding areas to their southern mid-winter habitats. After these adult birds have raised a family, they take "time off" with their offspring, at beautiful Lake George, usually staying two or three weeks during the time span from Nov. 15 until the lake freezes over. They encounter few people on the lake at this time and the area has a wildness which is preferred by these species.

Among the first to arrive are the dagger-billed, black and white Common Loons, who announce their presence by an eerie, haunting call. As many as fourteen have been noted in Forest Bay, but that was most unusual, as they are usually in pairs, with perhaps an immature chick tagging along. One can see a Loon dive for at least a minute as it searches for fish underwater.

The slender-necked, small-headed, dark and light Horned Grebe can be seen paddling and diving at a distance of 100 yards off the town boat dock. A pair commonly frequents that area in early winter and early spring.

The honking of a V-shaped flock of Canada Geese is often heard in the fall as they head from north to south, following a migration flyway over water. Sometimes these large birds with the black heads, white "chin-straps" and long necks, get tired and they land on the water in a close-formed group, giving a bizarre impression to the casual observer who might think a Lake George "monster" has appeared.

Over thirty Bufflehead have been seen diving for small aquatic animals and plants in Hague Bay, just south of the town boat slip in recent weeks. These small ducks have differences in plumage for the male and female, with the male being mostly white with a large white patch on an otherwise dark head and dark feathers on its back, while the female is dusky gray-white overall, with a small white patch on a dark head.

Six to eight Hooded Mergansers have graced the waters in front of Trout House Village in recent weeks. Notable in this species is the vertical fan-shaped white crest (which can be raised or lowered) on the head of the male. The female is recognized by its merganser-type silhouette, spike bill, and dusky, rufous color with a tawny, short feathered crest.

Near Friends Point, more rarely seen, are the Common Goldeneye, which have a prominent golden eye as their name suggests.

These 20 inch diving ducks also are differently plumed as to male and female. The male has a deep green-glossed head, with a round white spot before the eye and looks mostly white otherwise, except for a few black feathers on its back. The female is gray with a white collar, dark brown head and white wing patches.

Clustering at the mouth of Hague Brook, a large flock of Mallards have been seen, trying to keep warm and nourished. Many of these are summer residents who like it here so much, they don't want to leave. Recognized by the uncrested glossy-green head, white neck ring, grayish chestnut breast, yellow bill, white tail, violet-blue spectrum and orange feet, the drake Mallard differs from the hen, which is mottled brown with a whitish tail. Mallards feed on plants by dabbling.

The most interesting sighting of "vacationing" birds has been that of a single Bald Eagle, seen along the north shore of Friends Point, on December 4 and December 30, 1988.

The mature bird perched in a tree, as if it were searching the waters for a fish to catch. On Christmas Day, 1987 a Bald Eagle was seen in the same location, actually catching a fish and flying off with the fish in its clutches. A Bald Eagle is a very large bird, with an eight-foot wing span, a white head and tail, dark body feathers and a massive yellow bill. It is the national bird of the United States and one of the most exciting birds to observe in the wild...Laura Meade

MEMORY TREE ADDITIONS

The following names were added to the Memory Tree in the Town Hall since our last publication: LeRoy Balcom; Edna Balcom; Owen Balcom; Leona Balcom; Bertha Bolton; Hanford Bolton; Amy Fitzgerald; George Fitzgerald; Eric Fitzgerald; Emil Seerup; Charlie Smith; Walter Werschky.

The Memory tree was quite successful. Mrs. Mitchell Frasier reports that 207 bulbs were lit on the tree in the town hall. \$337 was collected and after returning \$59.01 to the Chamber of Commerce for expenses, \$277.99 was contributed to the Hague Fire Department Ambulance Fund. Mrs. Frasier thanks those people who helped make the Memory Tree a success.

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*Write on your hearts that every day is the best day of the year...Ralph Waldo Emerson*

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, John "Luke", to Susan(Michael) and John Rogers, Devon, PA on December 16. Happy grandparents are Petey and Gray Michael, Friends Point.

BORN - A girl, Kathryn Leigh, to Lisa (Tobin) and Terry Bolton on Christmas Day in FL. A very happy Christmas was celebrated by Penny and Dick Bolton, Hague, and Ernie and Teresa Tobin, Ticonderoga, grandparents.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN - OR NEVER KNEW

Again, we would like to call to your attention the procedure we use for keeping our mailing list up to date. On every label, the first line is a date i.e. Jan 89. This is the month in which you made your last contribution. If we have not heard from you during that month, we circle the date in red as a very gentle reminder. If that doesn't get a response, we include a note in the next issue which we hope will come to your attention. If we still don't hear from you, we reluctantly delete your name from our mailing list. This is a last resort, since we don't want you to miss one single bit of news, but it is a necessary evil since we have to keep ourselves solvent. If the date is incorrect, we would appreciate your letting us know.

We do remind you that this is strictly a volunteer staffed paper and the contributions are all voluntary also.

We want to thank all our readers for their very generous contributions. Although we have no payroll to meet, we do have costly equipment to maintain and mailing has gotten to be very expensive. However, we operate in the black and with 100% participation from our readers, we will continue to do so.

Please note: PENNY BOLTON has taken over the treasurer's duties. Contributions should be sent to her directly, c/o The Hague Chronicle.

I would also appreciate a note from those who change their addresses. It is very hard to keep track of such a mobile population...D. Henry, Publisher

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Friday evening, January 6, the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. held its first drill of the new year, under the supervision of Training Officer John Breitenbach, Jr. at the Silver Bay Association waterfront. With temperatures hovering between 5° and 10°, a hole was chopped in the ice for the suction line. Soon the four participating trucks were covered with a

thick coating of ice from the blowing spray of the hoses. Both men and machines were pushed to North Country winter levels. All members present worked under extremely difficult conditions exhibiting a dedication to the safety and welfare of the Hague community. The benefits of all the drills were proven on January 4 when the department was called to fight a trailer fire on Sunset Hill. Assistant Fire Chief Martin Fitzgerald reported the structure was fully involved when he first arrived on the scene. The fire was fought with the company's two pumpers with its two tankers shuttling water from the Hague boat dock and dumping into a portable pond at the scene. The firemen were on duty over five hours in sub freezing temperature and returned to the station with the satisfaction of a job well done.

The antique car will be displayed at the Aviation Mall on January 28 and 29 to help raise money for the new truck. If you are in the area, please stop in and say hello.

The new fire truck is due to be delivered on or about January 25.

At the January 2 meeting of the HVFD, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President - John Breitenbach, Sr.; Vice President, Sal Santaniello; Secretary, Diane Frasier; Treasurer, Edith Smith; Fire Chief, Paul Davis; 1st Asst., James Young, Sr.; 2nd Asst., Martin Fitzgerald, Sr.; 3rd Asst., John Breitenbach, Jr.; Foreman, Martin Fitzgerald, Jr.; Custodian, Hague, David Snow; Property Man, Hague, Jon Trudeau; Asst. Property Man, Hague, James Belden; Ambulance Captain, Gerry Boyd; Ambulance Co-captain, Craig LaCourse; Food Chairman, Marilyn Priore; Asst Food Chr., Debbie Davis; Sub-station Property Man, Reg Rand; Asst Property Man, Sub-station, Chuck Fort; Custodian, Sub-station, Dave Hoffay; Drill/Training Instructor, John Breitenbach, Jr.

3 Board members elected to serve through 1991 are George Hanna, Craig Lacourse and John Breitenbach, Sr. Other board members are John Coon, Norman Strum, James Young, Sr. and Tom Stull.

Marilyn Priore, Food Chairman reminds all those who are assisting with the Winter Carnival breakfast on Feb. 18 and 19 will meet on January 18 at 7:30PM in the firehall.

Drills on Fridays from 6:30-8PM with radios and sirens.

Membership dues are now due. If not paid by April, your name will be removed from the rolls.

Balance now needed for the new truck is \$123,000.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JANUARY and FEBRUARY 1989

January

- 17 Home Bureau - 10:30 - Baptist Church Annex
- 17 Fish and Game Club - 7:30 - Clubhouse
- 18 School Board Meeting - 7:30PM - THS
- 19 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 24 Senior Citizens Club - Covered Dish lunch -  
Baptist Church Annex - 12 Noon. (p2)
- 25 Planetarium program - THS
- 26 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30PM

February

- 1 Chamber of Commerce - 7:30PM - Town Hall
- 1 American Legion - 7:30PM - Legion Home
- 2 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 2 Planning Board - 7:30PM - Town Hall
- 6 Fire Department - 7:30PM - Firehall
- 10 Ham Dinner - 5 - 7PM - Hague Baptist Church-p4
- 14 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM - Town Hall
- 16 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 16 - 19 HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL

A representative of the Veterans' Administration will be in Town Hall each Thursday at 11:30AM. Call first.

The Lake

Although it is covered with ice,  
the Lake still remains  
I can recall the hot summer days,  
when were thankful for the cooling rains.  
It's winter now,  
summer's long gone.  
When you wake up,  
you find frost, not dew on your lawn.  
Those once green trees,  
are now lifeless and bare.  
A single step outside,  
gives you a chill from the cool winter air.

We will long for the camp,  
and those long summer days,  
When we played outside,  
and soaked up the rays.  
The camp is now deserted  
and inside we must play,  
For outside it is bitter cold,  
all throughout the day.  
It seems an eternite,  
for summer to return.  
But until those days return to us,  
an unfrozen Lake we will yearn.

Brenda Kay Shattuck, Shenendahawa, 7th Grade  
Clifton Park, NY  
November 14, 1988

Thanks to Brenda's grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Ed Shattuck, Ticonderoga and Forest Bay for sharing this poem with us.

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