

CHRISTMAS IN OUR CHURCHES

HAGUE WESLEYAN CHURCH, Bruce Stetser, Pastor
 December 17 - special party for adults beginning at 6 PM
 December 18 - Special Christmas Program beginning at 10 A.M.
 December 18 - Open House at the parsonage, 3-5 PM
 December 24 - Candlelight service at 7:30 PM in Hague Baptist Church, both churches participating. Birthday cake for Jesus in the annex following service.
 December 25 - Sunday School - 10 AM
 Christmas Worship Service - 11 AM

HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH, Barton Van Vliet, Pastor
 December 24 - at 7:30 PM Christmas Candlelight Service with Hague Wesleyan Church participating. Service will be followed by a serving of Jesus' birth-cake and fellowship hour in the annex.
 December 25 - Christmas Sunday Service of Celebration (children included) - 10:30 AM

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Catholic), Father Stephen T. O'Connor, Pastor; Father John F. O'Connor, Assoc.
 December 24 - at 5:15 PM, Christmas Eucharist
 There will be NO midnight mass
 December 25 - 9:00 AM, Christmas Eucharist

FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL - T.H.S.

The following students from Hague have achieved honors during the first quarter at Ticonderoga H.S:

First Honors - ROBERT GAUTREAU

Second Honors - LISA CAPONE, CHERYL COBB, LYNN COFFIN, JENNIFER FITZGERALD, STEPHANIE FITZGERALD, CATHERINE LAUNDREE, CATHERINE MEOLA, RUDOLPH MEOLA, LANA ROSS, VICTORIA SCHOLTEN, TIMOTHY STRUM.

The staff of The Hague Chronicle congratulates these students on their achievements.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The High School Christmas Concert will be held on December 14 at 8 PM in the High School auditorium.

Elementary-Middle School concert will be held on December 19 at 7:30 PM in Cafetorium.

*To those we love and see each day
 To others who are far away
 To all good friends who mean so much
 With whom it's a joy to keep in touch*

MERRY CHRISTMAS - HAPPY NEW YEAR

ACID RAIN

"It is difficult, if not impossible, to be 'Environmentally Aware' and at the same time unemployed!"

This is what George D. Davis, Executive Director of the Adirondack Council ended his presentation, Acid Rain Testimony to the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Health and Environment in New York City on December 1.

The Adirondack Council was one of the few groups specifically invited to present testimony by the committee.

As to the proposed legislation to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions - Davis endorsed this major step forward. As to installation of scrubbers - "while this may not entirely eliminate fuel switching as a less costly measure, it is the only feasible method to PROTECT JOBS by avoiding massive shifts."

In throwing support for this bill H.R. 3400, something positive is being done by the Adirondack region to protect an area "a mixture of state and private land ---larger than the state of Vermont" from this world wide problem from the effects of Acid Rain...From Adirondack Council - Acid Rain Testimony.

HIGH WATER, AGAIN!

Last fall Lake George had vast stretches of beaches and bare rock that hadn't been seen in years. This December, the level is Spring-time High! Record breaking rainfall during November is the cause. It must be remembered that it takes 24 hours to drop the water level 1 inch when all the gates at the dam are open; yet a moderately heavy storm may raise the level 4 to 5 inches in only a few hours. More rain is forecast...A. Craig

A FRIEND is a present you give yourself.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Season tickets are on sale at the High School for both Boys' and Girls' Basketball games. Tickets for the boys' games are \$6.00 and for the girls' \$5.00. These are for regular season home games only.

Senior citizens may apply for a card which entitles them to free admission to home games.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

First ever college basketball game at Ticonderoga will be held December 14 at 5:30 P.M. with North Country Community College playing Green Mountain Junior College.

T.H.S. DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

The Apollo of Bellac on Friday, December 16 at 8 PM in the high school auditorium. Admission \$1.00

Viki Scholton, Sabbath Day Point Junior, will have a role in this production.

UNWANTED PRESENCE

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

FISH AND GAME CLUB

December 20 (Tuesday) at 6:30 PM will mark the occasion of the annual Christmas party at the Fish and Game Clubhouse. Bring a covered dish and small gift for exchange.

The Fish and Game Club will maintain a skating rink near the clubhouse. Aggie Watts, Youth Director, says her young people are really looking forward to skating. They appreciate the boost from the Fish and Game Club.

YOUR MONEY - WHERE DOES IT GO?

Before December ends, all Hague property owners will receive their property tax notice notifying them of their share of the expenses of running our Town. Last month, we listed the salaries paid to our elected and appointed officials. Other expenses are:

The cost of operating the Town Parks, marina and docks, is budgeted at \$9,125 with anticipated revenues of \$2,000 from fees. The Youth Program's budget is \$5,150, but \$2,500 is reimbursed by the state. Celebrations cost \$400 (\$300 to the Fish and Game Club for the Winter Carnival and \$100 to the American Legion for cemetery flags and markers). Under Planning, \$550; \$150 for advertising (legal notices) and supplies, less \$50 from fees and \$400 to the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board.

Refuse and garbage costs \$22,500 for salaries, lights, phone, compactor repairs, fuel for tractor and building. Cemetery equipment, repairs and supplies cost \$350. Our Aging program which provides bussing twice a month to Glens Falls, runs \$3,000 with 1/2 of this reimbursed by the county. Publicity costs \$1,500; \$1,400 of this goes to the Hague Chamber of Commerce and \$100 for Christmas decorations and lights.

Fire and Ambulance service, manned by volunteers, has a 1984 appropriation of \$25,000, less estimated revenues of \$300, leaving \$24,700 to be raised by local taxes.

Keeping our roads repaired and plowed is the biggest expenditure to our town. The amount to be raised by local taxes for the Highway Dept. is \$171,000, an increase of \$30,470 over 1983. The total highway appropriation for 1984 is \$237,500; \$61,500 in revenues, and \$5,000 in unexpended balance.

Taxes for those not in the Lighting District will see a 13¢ per \$1,000 DECREASE in their tax bill while those IN the lighting district will have an INCREASE of 16¢ per \$1,000 due to the removal of the Dock and Dine Restaurant, resulting in a \$37,000 decrease in assessments... Alison Craig

REMINDER

A Social Services representative will be at the Town Hall on December 20 from 10 AM to 3 PM for those persons under the age of 60 who qualify for fuel assistance. Call the Town Hall for information on what to bring.

On December 28 the Office of the Aging representative will be in the Town Hall to counsel persons over age 60 who need fuel assistance and can qualify for same. Hours are 1 - 4 PM. Call Town Hall for information on what to bring.

DRIVER SAFETY EDUCATION

On December 14 the Ticonderoga Central School District will offer a 3-hour pre-licensing driver safety course. This will fulfill the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles regulation for those who are applying for their N.Y. State driver's license. The class will meet Room 304, Ticonderoga High School from 6:30 - 9:30 PM.

WINTER CARNIVAL

The Hague Winter Carnival Committee is holding meetings on Dec. 16th & 22nd and January 9 - Town H. 7 P.M. The carnival is scheduled for Feb. 17-19. The committee would appreciate any volunteers to help them with this project.

Christmas time: when people want their past forgotten and their presents remembered.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PLANNING BOARD 12/1/83

The fall meeting was held on Thurs., Oct. 20 at the Hague Baptist Church annex. President Barton Van Vliet announced that Laura Meade was ill and would be unable to present her program, ADIRONDACK FLOWERS. He thanked Bob Cole for filling in "at the 11th hours" with an interesting history of the Silver Bay School, a fine boys' prep school during the years 1922 till its close during the Depression. Cole gave a vivid presentation with accompanying old photos, plus various addenda from some of the listeners who were able to add personal reminiscences of that era. Members look forward to Laura Meade's recovery and to her program, ADIRONDACK FLOWERS, a talk and slide show of high reputation which already has garnered praise and compliments wherever she has presented it. It is possible that it will be postponed until a May or June meeting when summer members may also have the delight of hearing it.

The Christmas meeting of the Hague Historical Society will be held on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Silver Bay home of Bea and Bob Cole. Christmas cookies and punch are served to members sitting in a circle around the giant tree and bright hearth. This is traditionally a "show and tell time", humorous and informative, as members show old memorabilia and discuss each item's history - its age, its use and how and where it was acquired. B. DeG.

CHRISTMAS POEM by EMILY DICKINSON

What inn is this
 Where for the night
 Peculiar Traveller comes?
 Who is the Landlord?
 Where the maids?
 Behold, what curious rooms!
 No ruddy fires on the hearth--
 No brimming Tankards flow--
 Necromancer! Landlord!
 Who are these below? (circa 1859)

A Public Hearing was held on the minor sub-division proposed by Luella and Malcolm Grimes to separate By-Water Cabins from By-Water Restaurant. The property, located on Rt. 9N @ Rt. 8 is in primary Hamlet which requires a minimum lot size of 6,000 sq. ft. The restaurant would have 12,335 sq. ft. with 2.301 acres in the remaining portion. There were no opinions expressed, either in writing or in person, from the public on this proposed sub-division.

At the regular meeting immediately following the Public Hearing, the Board unanimously approved the minor sub-division, as proposed by the Grimes.

Mr. James Ward has requested a permit to construct additional boat storage sheds at his Rt. 8 location. This requires a Type II Site Plan Review by the Board members before a permit may be issued.

Mr. William Foster presented plans for an alternate (Wisconsin mound) septic system for his Sabbath Day Point property. The Board moved to approve and to send his plans to A.P.A. for a final decision.

The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Laura Meade from the Board, due to illness.

There was no Zoning Board of Appeals meeting in November.

In Medieval England, the finest tree in the forest was selected to be the Yule Log. When it was kindled, the festivities began. The Log was kept burning for twelve days in keeping with the light and warmth of the season. Part of the Log, called the Brand, was saved to kindle the new Yule Log for the following year. Thanks to Lynn & Bob Patchett for sharing this with us.

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A son, Richard III, to Maureen & Richard J. Stormer, Jr. on Nov. 2 in Moses Ludington Hospital. Grandparents are Carol and Richard Stormer, Sr. and great-grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Yaw.

BORN - A son, John Brendan, to Karen and Tim Costello, Hague, on November 23 in Middlebury, VT.

DIED - Elizabeth Lamb Perry, 43, daughter of the late Gilbert & Ethel Lamb, Hague, on Nov. 16 in Ticonderoga.

DIED - Thomas C. Bender, 79, on November 20 in Sayville, L.I. Mr. Bender was a Silver Bay summer resident for many years.

DIED - Mary A. Foote, widow of Charles Foote, Hague, in St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, on December 7.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TOWN PLAN

For many months a committee has been working on revisions to the Hague Zoning Ordinance. Members on the committee are: Town Board - Dorothy Henry, Bob Patchett; Zoning Board of Appeals - Rick Bolton, Ray Snyder; Planning Board - Jack Carney-Fred LaPann (who also served as chairman).

A public hearing on the proposed revisions was held on 30 Nov. 1983 with seven members of the public attending.

Revisions submitted to A.P.A. for approval deal with the sanitary code, zoning ordinance, sub-division regulations and with lots that are in two or more zoning districts.

The complete text of the proposed revisions is on file at the Hague Town Hall...AC

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

The following Hague students are participating in the winter sports program at THS:

- Varsity Basketball - ARTHUR BELDEN
- JV Basketball - DAN DENTON, PAT FISH, DOUG OLCOTT
- Freshman Basketball - JAMES BELDEN, GORDON McCOY

- Varsity Cheerleader - LANA ROSS
- JV Cheerleaders - CHERYL COBB, TARA COLE, CATHY MEOLA, Captain, JANET ROSS, TERRI SANTANIELLO

ARTHUR BELDEN, a member of the 1983 THS Football Team, was selected for the CVAC All-Stars second team.

NON-DRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Effective June 13, 1983, this law empowers the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to issue, upon request, a non-operating driver's license to persons over 18 years of age for purposes of identification.

HOLIDAY TIPS FOR ENTERTAINING

1. Potted plants can suffer nicotine poisoning. Big party givers, take care!
2. Whether you are a senior citizen or a newly-wed, you can increase your guests' joy by (sneaky) a pot of boiling water liberally laced with cinnamon or nutmeg. It will send forth such a hospitable aroma that your friends will feel sure you have been cooking up a storm.
3. No holiday decoration, to me, surpasses that light in the window, electric of course - age old symbol of home for the holidays etc.
4. Answer to your children lacking a Cabbage Patch doll (hysteria).

Teach them to play and sing this on their new little xylophone or piano or some musical instrument I'm sure Santa has brought:

Away in a manger
 No crib for His bed
 The little Lord Jesus
 Lay down His sweet head

...MB

SCHOOL BOARD

There will be a special meeting of The Ticonderoga Board of Education on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:15 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 PM. The public is always welcome to attend any Board of Education meeting.

IRS auditor to Santa Claus: "You can't really expect me to believe you spent \$20 billion dollars on gifts last year!"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DECEMBER and JANUARY

DECEMBER

- 13 Home Bureau Christmas Luncheon
- 13 Town Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- 14 Garden Club Christmas Luncheon
- 14 Special School Board meeting-7:15
- 14 H. S. Christmas Concert (See p 1)
- 15 Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 16 Winter Carnival Comm - 7:00
- 19 Elementary-Middle School Concert
(See p. 1)
- 20 Social Services Rep. for HEAP
(See p. 3)

- 20 School Board Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 20 Fish & Game Club (See p 2)
- 22 Hague Historical Soc. (See p 4)
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 28 Office of Aging Rep. (See p 3)
- 22 Winter Carnival Committee

JANUARY

- 3 Home Bureau
- 9 Winter Carnival Comm. - 7:00
- 10 HAGUE CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- 16 Winter Carnival Comm. - 7:00 PM
- 17 Home Bureau

TAKE THE TIME - MAKE THE TIME

- To love someone more and better*
- To count your blessings*
- To reach out to someone*
- To forgive yourself and begin again*
- To listen, really listen*
- To say "thank you" over and over again*
- To forget what should be forgotten*
- To remember what should be remembered*
- To forgive another before the argument starts*
- To do nothing, and enjoy that, too*
- To touch another in your own way*
- To look for the rainbows after the storms*
- To experience the power of faith and prayer*
- To try something new*

TIME IS BOTH PRECIOUS AND FLEETING. DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, TAKE THE TIME AND MAKE THE TIME TO DO WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

This is our wish to you - A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROFITABLE NEW YEAR, wherever you may be
...The Hague Chronicle Staff

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