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THE MANY FACETS OF EMIL SEERUP

From The Ticonderoga Sentinel:

Emil Seerup, Hague Town Justice died suddenly Friday, Oct. 1, at his home in Silver Bay, N.Y. He was 69 years of age.

A native of Chicago, Mr. Seerup was a graduate of the University of Illinois and served as an attorney for the Railway Express Air Division in their Chicago office for several years. He later served in various capacities for the company and eventually became vice-president of Railway Express.

He and his family lived in the Long Island area for 27 years and from 1955 to 1970 rented a Silver Bay lakeside residence which they later purchased.

He retired in 1970 and he and his wife, Adra, winterized their home and became year round residents of the Adirondack community.

...he became very active in Hague town affairs attending town and school board meetings. Realizing the need for better communication among the residents of that area, he started a small newspaper, at his own expense, in 1971. The paper was called The Hague Chronicle and he arranged for printing by the Silver Bay Association as their contribution to the town.

The Chronicle, a monthly publication, was an informative and interesting little paper concerning Hague and Silver Bay residents

and events as well as feature stories of local personalities.

His main objective was to acquaint the townspeople of Hague and Silver Bay with local affairs. He had many friends in the area. He later received contributions from various residents toward expenses incurred for publishing the popular paper.

Last fall he was elected to the post of Town Justice for the Town of Hague, sharing justice court responsibilities with incumbent Justice Harvey Yaw, Sr.

He served on the Hague Town Board prior to his election, was a member of the Board of Directors of the Ticonderoga Golf Corporation and also served as treasurer of a bowling league.

Beside his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. James (Maren) Holm of Hawthorne, N.Y., two sons, Darryl of Chicago and Galen of Silver Bay; six grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Ann Bask of Chicago, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services, largely attended, were conducted at the Hague Baptist Church Sunday afternoon with the Rev. Clifton Bohannon officiating.

From The Memorial Service:

"We meet as a community to recognize and honor the life of public service which Emil Seerup lived...

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We will not be able to give adequate honor to his long lifetime of service, even for that during the few years of retirement at Silver Bay. I think of The Hague Chronicle especially. The hours of effort he gave to this each month provided the factual information that leaders and voters needed to make plans for our town.

The biblical text for our personal thoughts might be the words of King David concerning Abner's death:

'DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT A PRINCE
AND A GREAT MAN HAS FALLEN
THIS DAY IN ISRAEL?'

II Samuel 3:38

Three things make a person great:

Experience--a hundred thousand problems solved, rightly and wrongly, in a lifetime of personal growth.

Participation--not content to be a mere spectator on the sidelines but involved in the struggle itself.

Expectation--hope, being drawn toward the future, with faith always, not drifting aimlessly or looking longingly into the past.

If these words in anyway describe greatness, then we are justified in describing Emil Seerup as 'a prince and a great man'. With faith in the future, accepting the lessons of the past, he continued to cope heroically with the day to day

problems of human existence and our community life.

Rev. Clifton R. Bohanan
Hague Baptist Church

From The Town Planning Board:

When former Hague Town Supervisor, Thomas T. Smith, attempted to revive interest in a town planning board, back in Sept. of 1972, he had some pretty well formed ideas of whom he wanted to serve on that board.

When Mr. Charles Riekert, Adm. Warren Co. Planning Board, met with the Town Board, on Jan. 16, 1973, Emil Seerup was among those present, as he was at most of the meetings held monthly or oftener from April 30, 1973 to this last month.

Frequently, Emil would come directly to a meeting, which might last until 10 or 10:30 P.M., from some other activity, leaving his dinner until he returned home.

During the meeting it was his keen searching legal mind that brought out most of the questions on both sides of an issue. He never hesitated to play the 'devil's advocate', and we all benefited by his astuteness.

His memory for factual detail always astounded me. I never saw him take notes on the proceedings, yet, when he reported on the meetings in The Chronicle, they were always accurately portrayed.

As time went on and things seemed to be making slow headway in the Planning Board, he did cut down on the coverage which, to me, emphasized his honesty in not trying to make more of it than was due. It also showed his respect for brevity. In all our dealings, I never knew him to be long-winded or unnecessarily repetitious on any subject.

However, he loved to hear a good

(Planning Board cont.)

story and never begrudged time spent after meetings talking with members of the Board or visiting-planners. He always seemed to glean something of value from these sessions. He had a great curiosity and loved to get at the "why" of things.

Though his legal talents were an enormous asset in his position as Justice of the Peace on the Town Board, it was a disappointment when he had to resign from the Planning Board to accept that post last Jan. Our present town supervisor, Keith DeLarm, recognized his value to the Planning Board and placed him as liaison member along with Bill Cobb.

We will miss Emil in this town in so many ways. He had a fresh outlook on life and always a cheerful approach. It is hard to believe his age. He so thoroughly enjoyed life and was definitely young at heart, but then, as has been said before.. 'the good die young whenever they die'.

E. Hamilton Crabbs, Chm.

From The Town Board

"The sudden passing of Emil Seerup was a shock to The Town Board of Hague and I feel that I would be remiss if I did not try to express, in some small way, our great feeling of loss.

Emil was a very unselfish, hard working and dedicated member of our Board. He was always willing to do more than his share. When he was appointed to a committee or given a special assignment, I was always confident that the job would be carried out to its complete fulfillment. Never once was I disappointed by Emil Seerup.

He served as chairman of the Recreation and Promotion Committee

and was a member of the Highway Committee, Planning and Zoning Committee, and the Town Park and Beautification Committee. He was a former chairman of The Board of Assessment review and a former member of The Town Planning Board where he still served as Liaison Member from the Town Board.

Emil, as an attorney, was very able in carrying out his duties as Town Justice. Again, he had a deep interest in this elected position and was always trying to learn more about his job and how to administer justice as fairly and judiciously as possible.

The loss of Emil Seerup is going to be long remembered and it seems unfair that his passing occurred at a time when he seemed to be in the prime of life and was giving so much of himself to the community."

William K. DeLarm
Town Supervisor

A resolution of respect and appreciation was passed unanimously by The Board and will be forwarded to Mrs. Seerup and her family.

Board Of Directors, Ticonderoga Golf Corporation:

"He was a very active member of the board, did an excellent job in negotiating a contract between The Golf Corporation and the operators of the Ticonderoga Country Club, Inc. and, in addition, he was an enthusiastic golfer. He played here just last week."

Tom Gallo, Pres.

He played in all kinds of weather without a cart. In 1935 he became a member of 'The Hole-In-One Club' of the Chicago District Golf Association, while playing at the Timber Trails Golf Club. This September he made 71 on the Ticonderoga course.

The Historical Society and The
Silver Bay Property Owners
Association:

..In the late spring of 1969
Emil Retired from the vice presi-
dency of R.E.A. and came, with his
wife Adra, to Silver Bay to live
year round...and live he did, en-
joying to the fullest the active
life he chose to pursue here.

Emil was busy every minute, not
only with improving his own prop-
erty, but plunging with zest into
nearly every community activity.
He attended town and school meet-
ings endlessly and with insight.

He joined the newly formed Prop-
erty Owners Association and served
as its president for two years.
About the same time, he was fill-
ing the same position in The Hague
Historical Society.

This reporter can recall that as
a fledgling Historical Society
member he was sent forth to soli-
cit advertisements for a small
book being printed and promoted by
the society. His reaction was that
he had enjoyed it because he had
'met people'.

He played golf, bowled, skated,
ice-fished, gardened, and made
maple syrup...To many of the sum-
mer residents 'Emil's Paper' was
their only link with the town for
8 or 9 months of the year...

We are most truly bereft."
Ethel Andrus, A Friend

From Other Friends, In Letters To
Mrs. Seerup:

Canada:

"He gave of himself without stint
and his wisdom and his judgement
were unsurpassed in our little
community of Silver Bay."

Minnesota:

"We can't imagine not having his
Chronicle which we waited for each
month to keep in touch with things
and people back east."

Colorado:

"I especially enjoyed Uncle Emil's
humor and his half serious lawyer-
type arguments. I had been think-
ing of good lines to use the next
time we met."

New York City

"We Sarjeant children have fond
memories of Mr. Seerup - like his
hitting golf balls into the lake
for Dale and Galen.

Delhi, N.Y.:

"..grateful to both you and Emil
for all the kindness you have shown
for looking out for our property,
for the numerous times you have
rescued people and equipment, tied
up boats, etc.

And So Say All of Us:

"Our one regret is that we didn't
know Emil better and for a longer
period of time. We had looked for-
ward to seeing more of you both."

Dorothy Henry

"We sure do hope you will stay in
Hague."

Lynn & Bob Patchett

Wider Horizons:

As you stand in Emil's study and
glance around the walls at 12 or
more certificates from almost
every airline in the country,
from Kiwanis clubs and other
groups - not just 'The 100,000
Mile Club', which indicates the
extent of his travels, but expres-
sions of appreciation for his
'civic leadership', support to
the development of aeronautics"
and 'patriotism' - and look at the
pictures of him smiling and chat-
ting with Chet Huntley, just as he
did with the people of our town,
you realize that he was doing here
what he had been doing all over
the country.

After all those red carpets, we
offered him autumn leaves and ice
under the snow and he raked and
shoveled with the rest of us.

From Mrs. Emil Seerup:

Mrs. Seerup asked us to express her appreciation for all the many kindnesses extended to her at this time.

She reports that memorial gifts are being received by The New York State Home Bureaus Scholarship Fund, The Heart Fund, The Hague Baptist Church, and the Silver Bay Association.

Mr. Seerup's name will be added to the memory plaque in the fire house since receipt of a gift to the Ambulance Squad from the Adirondack Mixed Couples League in his memory.

FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIRS

We now have new cement sidewalks which will wear longer and dip politely when they cross people's driveways.

The brook has been dredged out, new retaining walls are complete and the banks are being seeded and mulched. The obstructing delta at the mouth of the brook, the beach area and the boat slip are also being dredged. Capacity under the bridge has been doubled.

Soil removed in this operation is being used to fill in eroded areas left by the flood and in the landfill at the town dump.

Federal monies were secured by The Town Board through government programs for disaster areas. Work was to have been completed by Oct. 20. Legal delays made it necessary to request an extension of time. The request has been recommended for approval at the state level and no difficulties are expected at the Federal level.

\$316,379.68 has been received as advance payment for the work and approval granted for up to 40,000 dollars for highway repairs.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Annual audit report from Telling and Potter, P.C. accepted.

Mr. Gordon Durlough reported on the mathematics program.

Mr. George May chosen as representative to Essex County School Boards Association Executive Comm.

Board authorized two teachers to attend professional conferences, Mr. DeFranco in November and Mr. Strumm in April.

Board did not accept the principal's recommendation to grant tenure to Mr. Michael Riley.

Board authorized a spectator bus to out-of-town games if at least 15 students sign up.

Mr. Neola reported on tests to be administered in Oct: N.E.D.T. to grades 7 & 8: Basic Competency in Civics and Citizenship, Science and Health, and Writing Skills and PSAT/NMSQT to Juniors.

One boy is working after school under the Manpower Program.

"Coffee House Program" Oct. 16, conducted by Mrs. Meade and Miss Lord.

Silver Bay Association donated the coffee sold at the last soccer game.

Mrs. Brannock and Mr. DeFranco are teaching remedial mathematics.

Biology class to visit Jabes Pond.

Mrs. Verna Bevins letter regarding transportation for her children was discussed. The Board decided not to alter the present bus route because it would add 1 1/2 miles.

The problem of repairing the bus parking lot wall will be studied for later action.

Next meeting November 8.

Mr. Rudolph Neola

TICONDEROGA AIRPORT OPEN - *Unofficially*

The Ticonderoga Municipal Airport is now open to private planes with 4100 feet of new blacktop on the runway. Until the wind sock is installed, the I.P.P. smoke stacks make a reliable wind gage.

Pat Carney states, "It's already being rated as one of the best and most scenic."

PHONE NUMBER FOR WEATHER AND TOURIST INFORMATION

We can now dial 585-6230 for instant weather report.

This public service is supported

by The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce, advertisements from area businesses and Radio Station WIPS.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE CORP

The October dinner was well attended and netted about 400 dollars.

The weather data is up-dated three times daily and they plan to add news of seasonal sports and recreational events and tourist information.

Since Jan. 1, the ambulance has made 60 runs = 3200 miles. Fire Chief, Bob Hoyt is beginning his 30th year on the job.

PLANNING BOARD

Met twice in October, Edward Crabbs, Chm. says, With hard work and a bit of luck, we might look forward to having our Master Plan completed and approved by mid-summer of 1977.

MRS. RICHARD TOBIN

Marge to her many friends, expired Monday A.M. October 18 at her home in Silver Bay after a long illness.

Zoning ordinance also nearing completion. Patterned after one in use in town of Ausable.

She was active in church affairs, an enthusiastic gardener and when she was confined to a wheelchair after losing her leg she began oil painting. She specialized in landscapes.

NEW EDITOR

Now that Mr. Seerup has shown the way and with the help of all the kind and interested people in this town, I hope we can keep The Hague Chronicle in circulation. Please call, write or 'stop by' with news items, suggestions, or criticisms etc.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND FREE LUNCH

Daily at 12 noon in Ticonderoga at the First United Methodist Church.

H. Virginia Shattuck
Holman Hill
543-9151

Between 10:30 A.M. and 1 P.M. is the best time to call in your reservation for the next day's luncheon. Call 585-7632.

THANKS TO ALL writers and reporters with sincere apologies for every beautiful word we had to cut. And a special thanks to Adra Seerup, Jim & Janet Lafferty, Bill & Ethel Andrus, and The Silver Bay Association.

Get out of your rocking chair and bring a friend! You have to admit that you are over 60 but the food is good.

Riders or volunteer drivers may call Bert Crabbs at 6496 or Ada Hoyt at 6038.

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