

A NEW YEAR'S EDITORIAL

As we start our 13th year HAPPY NEW YEAR to staff and readers. We have already experienced a snow (no school) day to tell us we are into the winter of '85. Once again our band of faithful volunteers work hard to bring us a picture of day to day life in Hague. Dottie Henry, Alison Craig, Billie DeGraff, Georgina Lindquist and Big Broderick are still busy busy. Although she will not take credit, the lion's share of the work is done by the publisher. Her expert typing and layout make the Chronicle come to life the middle of each month.

Special thanks to Jack Kennedy, Treasurer, Penny Bolton, Asst. Treasurer, Ev Lee, Jim Broderick and Wally Allison (mimeo operators) and all those dedicated volunteers who help proof read (Capt. Henderson in the summer and Bernie Clifton in the winter); collate, staple, fold and stamp these papers each month. Too many to mention, but you know who you are and how much we appreciate it.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO HAGUE . . . Big Broderick, Editor

(And a speedy recovery to our editor from all of us in the Chronicle office)

1985 HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL

At this point, the Winter Carnival Committee is working on the details of the Carnival events, which at this time seem endless. More people are beginning to attend the weekly meetings, which is very encouraging. We can use all the volunteers we can recruit. Presently our schedule of events is as follows, and it should be fairly firm:

- On Thursday, Feb. 14 at 8 PM - the Carnival Queen pageant.
- Friday, Feb. 15, 1-3 PM Torch Run; 8-11 PM Youth dance.
- Saturday, Feb. 16, 7-11 AM Firemen's breakfast; 11 AM, snow-mobile races; 11:30-12:30, 10K Foot Race; 12:30-1PM; "Polar Bears" 3-4 PM Tug of War; 6-7 PM, Cocktail Party; 7 PM Carnival Dinner Dance.
- Sunday, Feb. 17 from 7-11 AM Firemen's Breakfast; 11 AM, 10 K X-Country Race; 11-3PM, 3-wheel ATC races; 2-2:30 PM Snow Sculpture Judging; 2:30-3:30 PM, Chainsaw and crosscut saw competition; 3:30-4:30 PM, ice auger and chisel

competition; 5:30, Awards Ceremony.
AND

Miss Dominion of Canada, Horse & Buggy rides, Model Planes, State Police Exhibit, Food and Drink Concessions, Raffles.

Meetings of the Carnival Committee are held weekly on Monday nights at the Town Hall at 7 PM. Anyone with a little spare time is invited to come, help, and air their opinions, especially those who have time to write letters to the Chronicle expressing their views. Why not come in person and do the same. We may bark, but we don't bite!..Kathy Santaniello, Sec.

WEATHER UPDATE 1/13/85

Yo-yo type weather; beautiful sunny, warm days interspersed with sub-freezing ones. Ice now under a small layer of snow. South and north ends of lake frozen. Also Sabbath Day Pt., which froze on the 11th. Impatient fishermen out today. Skaters along shore yesterday. It has been sub-freezing weather for quite a while and the lake should freeze over in Hague any time now. No swimmers lately! ...djh

Jan. 7, 1985

Letter to the Editor, Hague
Chronicle
To Whom It May Concern:

I understand a committee has been formed to suggest new legislation for the Lake George Basin. Further it is my understanding that one of its proposals may be to limit the size and HP of boats using the lake.

To arbitrarily say that a certain length or certain horse power boat is unsafe is totally false. I know of many cases where the so-called mini boats of only approx. 20 HP are very fast, very unsafe and mostly very loud as well.

If wake damage is a concern; an underpowered boat operating at just about planing speed throws a much larger wake than a high power boat going fast. The faster a boat goes the less wake it produces, and finally at wide open throttle produces wakes of only approx. 3 to 6 inches high. I believe there is an existing law on the books stating that an operator is always responsible for damage done by his wake. If not in effect for Lake George, it should be.

Reckless operation of a boat is caused strictly by the operator; and it has nothing to do with the length of the boat nor its horsepower.

We have two major problems on the lake. One is that what is unsafe on a holiday or weekend during the season may be SAFE during the week. This is especially true if you compare the two summer months with the other ten months of the year. Ultra high performance boats or racing boats might be limited in speed during July and August for example. They certainly are not dangerous in the slightest during Sept. when they have the lake for themselves.

The biggest problem is making every operator considerate for his fellow man. Laws cannot be passed to enforce this. If everyone would be considerate of others we

would not have people driving too close to fishermen, going fast in small bays, running boats with loud exhausts, etc.

An example of this is that in this area we have a family who drives an antique gold cup high performance boat at or after dusk without lights of any kind, who also has a small antique hydroplane with an engine without a muffler (which is the loudest boat I have ever heard), and who also discharges a Revolutionary cannon almost daily in the summer with such a large black powder charge in it that it is dangerous to my customers' hearing. This is a perfect example of utter disregard of the rights of your fellow man.

I further understand that we have a problem in that the Lake George Park patrolmen are not peace officers and therefore cannot give anyone a ticket (they warn only). This should be corrected immediately with proper training.

I suggest the following:

1. Enforce existing speed laws (especially in small bays).
2. If there is no existing law on wake damage, pass this soon.
3. Pass and enforce a law limiting the noise level to a certain reasonable decibel reading at 50 ft. (such as is the case with snow vehicles).
4. Do not attempt to limit either the size nor the horsepower of any boat on the lake. This lake is filled with a history of high performance boating which should not be taken away.
5. By education and advertisement launch a drive to make others considerate of their fellow man. Let's practice the GOLDEN RULE.

Very truly yours,
s/o Werner M. Stallmann, Pres.
Werner's Marine, Inc.

*All the filia compliments
All the good wishes
will never replace
Help with the dishes*

HAGUE TOWN BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, Jan. 8, 1985

The following items were approved to remain the same in 1985 as in 1984..Official newspaper, The Glens Falls Post Star. Bank, First National Bank of Glens Falls, Bolton branch. Claims to be verified instead of certified; mileage rate, 20¢ a mile; Board of Elections, \$55 per day; Custodian of Voting Machine, \$60 per day; Board of Assessment Review, \$75 per day. Frank Swinton, Dog Control Officer; Mary Alice Hall, Registrar of Vital Statistics; Chairman of Assessors, Clifton Frasier; Budget Officer, Richard Bolton; Historian, Clifton West; Health Officer, Dr. Michael Shuhler. One change was made. John Silvestri, attorney will replace Pat Carney as Town Attorney. Highway pay rates have increased this year: temporary help from \$4.25 to \$4.50 per hour; operators from \$6.50 to \$6.75 per hour; maintenance, \$5.15 to \$6.00 per hour.

Committee assignments are as follows:
Recreation & Promotion - Patchett & Coffin
Deputy Supervisor-Richard Frasier
Neighborhood Watch-Coffin & Frasier
Highway - Frasier & Braisted
Building & Grounds - Braisted & Frasier
Planning & Zoning-Coffin & Patchett
Senior Citizens - Frasier & Coffin
Town Park - Braisted & Patchett

THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS WERE MADE BY THE BOARD: Town Park Commission, Joan Belden; Planning Board, Evert Lindquist (7 yrs); Zoning Board of Appeals, George Denton (7 yrs); Board of Assessment (5 yrs), George Shoemaker.

Zoning Administrator has not yet been appointed for 1985.

THE REGULAR HAGUE TOWN BOARD MEETING followed immediately and included the Town accomplishments for 1984. Taxes have been reduced by 9.8%; Cable TV installed; School torn down; Town Hall carpeted and

painted; new truck and sander purchased; resurfaced roads; warning and flashing light installed on Rt. 8; New health insurance program; Neighborhood Watch organized; permanent Landfill hours; Land Use Plan changes; Decentralization grant received; purchased new copier; balanced Fire/Ambulance budget; alternate year physicals and eye exams for town employees; exemption for senior citizens raised from \$5,000. to \$6,000; successful Bass Tournament and Winter Carnival.

AIMS IN 1985 - Resolve resources problem. Utilize school property.

IN REGULAR BUSINESS: 3 bids were made for gravel and all 3 were accepted. Depending on factors, Dan Belden can make his choice. Letters read by the supervisor included letter of thanks from the Adirondack Park Review Board for a contribution; Bill Butler, a new electrician in town; and two letters from Arthur Chalmers, Hague resident, the first for our input on boat anchoring resolution and the second for the fine job he feels the zoning administrator is doing for the town of Hague.

Approval by Warren County for our decentralization program; a report by our historian (published elsewhere in this issue); request from the Winter Carnival Committee for an extra \$150 to finance the pageant and dance for the youth; and a letter of resignation from Jack Binley, chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Resignation accepted.

There will be further discussion between the attorneys for Hague and EnCon re: Boat anchoring ordinance. Office of Aging award to Hague of \$1,706. Next month may see a vote on leasing of communication equipment from Westelcom Communications of Westport. Look for new stationery and an update of the Employees' Guide in 1985.

Resolution #1 for 1985 was passed unanimously. Our assessment rolls to be updated by May 1987...GL

ANNUAL REPORT OF HAGUE TOWN
HISTORIAN - Year 1984

I completed copying from the original book of Town meetings, 1822-1880. This was then typed for our records by Bertha Dunsmore, a town employee, and Pamela Vogel, County Historian.

A very interesting record book, minutes of meetings of the Lake George Regatta Association, 1906-1920, was given to the town by Martin Fitzgerald.

Received from Mrs. Vila Fitzgerald a book showing salaries paid teachers in our district schools 1856-1875. Shows where they taught, what terms, winter or summer, and their names.

I loaned the Lake George Museum a zither patented 1894 that belonged to my mother.

A descendant of the Lane family was here in the summer to photograph her father's birthplace and family tombstones. I gave her a picture of her grandfather's birthplace as of 1865. It is still standing.

Found and returned to the town the Hague Book of Excise. This shows who was given permission to operate a tavern or store for a year on payment of \$5.00. Nathaniel Garfield had a tavern in 1815 on the site of the present Beachside. His wife Charlotte ran a store there after her husband's death.

Found and given the town the third book of town meetings 1880-1925. This is a well bound record book. We now have our meetings complete back to the first one in 1807. Very interesting to read.

The original book of Hague genealogies had been on loan to the Ticonderoga historian but is now on file here. It was researched by Gerald Keenan in 1940. Included is a list of all houses then standing and their owners over the years.

Found and returned to the Town Hall the original book of town roads as laid out by the overseers of highways as far back as 1815. Very few of these can be traced now as they are described in surveyors' terms and landmarks then existing.

The Historian was fortunate in having a number of pictures and related materials to send to the children of the former Ida Whitford of Silver Bay. These were used to make a scrapbook on the occasion of the lady's 50th anniversary.

All last winter the Historian was working on the updating of our two cemeteries from burial permits.

The Ticonderoga Historian gave me a listing of burials in Valley View Cemetery. This was taken in 1920 so it needs much work to update it.

Thanks to Pam Vogel, County Historian I had a ride to the fall meeting of the Upper Hudson Historical Federation at Silver Bay.

In a family trunk I found several old pictures of Ticonderoga and Brattleboro, VT. I sent these to historians in their respective towns.

A descendant of Jabez Patchin, who once lived at Sabbath Day Pt., wrote asking for data on his ancestors. Jabez' father was a Revolutionary War veteran and is buried in a local cemetery. Jabez' first wife was a Garfield. I have a book on that family sent to me by descendants in Arizona. Big and Little Jabez Ponds were named by this Patchin.

A local woman gave the town a copy of the county atlas of 1875. This is in very good condition.

Have a Happy New Year
Clifton West, Historian

Ed: The above was the only year end report read by the supervisor at the Jan. organizational meeting of the Town Board. CLIFTON WEST, historian, should be commended for all the time and effort he has put into researching the records for Hague's future...dh

CHRISTMAS IN THE SOUTHWEST

We received the following letter from Peg and Ed Hinck, summer residents of Silver Bay:

"It has been snowing steadily for two days and the top of our patio wall has about a foot and a half of snow. I wish you could all share the beauty of our adobe houses with snow outlining each level. Also, our plaza downtown is bathed in the soft light of hundreds of 'farolitos', outlining each level. Farolitos are candles burning inside paper bags half full of sand. They are to light the path of the Christ Child in His travels throughout the town.

Come to Santa Fe!!"

All government programs have three things in common; a beginning, a middle and no end....Wall St. Journal

VIEWPOINT.

JANUARY 10, 1985. HAGUE, NY

Dear Mother of Teen-Agers:

Giving our Snow Queen a chance to be an international hostess to Miss Canada and contribute to good relations with our neighbors to the North, shows real confidence in our own girls. They deserve it and will justify our trust.

A good investment, you could say, for our queen, her court, our town and even our country.

In our own small way, we are helping President Reagan and Prime Minister Mulroney keep things friendly...A Proud Resident

Ed.: The above refers to a letter written to The Hague Chronicle for its December issue. The Hague Chronicle welcomes comments from its readers. We will not publish anonymous letters but will withhold signatures upon request. The views expressed are the views of the writer.

YOUTH GOVERNMENT AND SILVER BAY

The Silver Bay Association on Dec. 7, 1984 hosted the first annual New York State Youth and Government Issues Conference for the students in District III. 48 young men and women participated in six different issues which they selected. Out of the 25 students from the Ticonderoga High School, 6 were Hague residents. Take time to congratulate Stephanie Fitzgerald, Cheryl Cobb, Bridget McDonald, Toni Cole, Lisa Coffin and Stephen Young on their fine job.

The students will be meeting at Silver Bay on February 1, 1985 for their Pre-Leg Training Conference to train them for the March 15-17, 1985 Albany Model Government Conference.

...Ami Busick, Student Reporter

Dear Sir:

As Friends Point Historian, you will be interested in knowing that the first boat in 1985 in our Lake George area was sighted today at 1:15 PM circling Waltonian Islands. From the shore, natives observed it to be a tan rowboat propelled by two oars, one yellow, the other green, in the purple hands of a red faced sailor, age obscured by distance. At last sighting from the observers' shore, the courageous craft was seen heading north after breaking through ice barriers in the water off Lenni Lenape Island. For your historical records: water temperature was 34 degrees, air was 9 degrees, wind 16 knots. Unfortunately, the observers were too cold to watch the boat out of sight so cannot report on a safe arrival to its destination.

...Observer

SPORTS OUTLOOK

The New Year looks promising for all three of Ticonderoga's boys' basketball teams. On Jan. 5th the Freshmen, JV and Varsity tested their skills against Moriah's best and WGN!...Ami Busick

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME

Girl Scouts and Brownies are selling cookies January 11-27. If you wish to order cookies, please call 543-6060, 543-6402 or 543-8818. This is the only fund-raiser for Girl Scouts, so when one of the Girl Scouts or Brownies calls on you, please be generous. (Note: They freeze well!)

VETERANS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

For veterans who have served during a war in a combat zone - see your VA representative any Thursday in the Town Hall for information on the new law governing property tax exemptions.

HAVE YOU READ YOUR CHRONICLE MAILING LABEL LATELY?

PLANNING BOARD 1/3/85

Two public hearings were held on minor subdivisions proposed by Edna and Richard Fraser and John K. and Florence Carney. No objections were heard on either subdivision and both proposed subdivisions comply with all of Hague's subdivision regulations. At the regular meeting, immediately following the public hearings, both subdivisions were unanimously approved by the Board.

Kenneth Gibbs, contractor, submitted the plans for a septic system on the Pucek property and requested that the stop work order be lifted. The Board concurred that before the stop work order is lifted, the applicant must obtain a building permit, an approved septic permit and Mr. Pucek must pay the \$50.00 fine levied upon him on Sept. 1, 1983 for violation of zoning regulations.

Jay M. Reynolds asked the Board for advice as to the best way to subdivide his Indian Kettles property. His proposed lot would have 200' of lake shore (minimum lake shore is 100'), but would be 21/100th of an acre short of the required 1.1 acre minimum. Mr. Reynolds said that when the State of NY widened Rt. 9N he lost acreage. The Board advised him to either seek a variance or contact D.O.T. to have some of his former land deeded back to him.

Mrs. Dorothy Henry advised the Board that she is subdividing her land into three parcels, utilizing Section 8.020 of Article 8, (gifts, devises & inheritances.)

Tim Costello, Planning Board member and Warren County Building Inspector, informed the Board that a Demolition Permit is required prior to the removal of any structure.

Percuburp (per' kyu berp) - the final gasp a coffee percolator makes to alert you it is ready.

..From Smiglets by Rick Hall & friends

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 12/28/84

A non-conforming deck for Dan Belden's home was approved. It has been sent to APA for their approval.

The Board disapproved 27 feet of the fence erected on the Van Voorhis property, the portion of fence which is in violation of the town code. This portion must be removed.

A hearing on the Dr. Burford property variances will be held on January 24 at 7:30 PM. Regular meeting to convene at 7:00 PM.

NEW SEAT BELT LAW

New York State has passed a law effective January 1, 1985 that requires the use of a seat belt for drivers and passengers traveling New York roads. The fine for non-conformance of this law is \$50.00.

The key word in NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION, of course, is resolution...the firm resolve to rid one's self of a habit and replace it with a good one. The philosophers always have known this-- in every era, in every society, in every religion. For modern man, perhaps no one has said it better than William James in his essays on habit and on psychology: "The hell to be endured hereafter, of which theology tells is no worse than the hell we make for ourselves in this world by habitually fashioning our characters in the wrong way." And, "nothing so fatiguing as the eternal hanging on of an uncompleted task." Or, "There is no more miserable human being than the one in whom nothing is habitual but indecision." William James also urged that we exercise the "faculty of effort" every day. Thus, whatever one's resolution--to give up smoking; to be kind; to be on time; to do one's work well (school-work, office-work, house-work, volunteer work) to do or to be any of the many things we resolve to do or to be in the new year requires the daily effort of making that resolve, renewing it--and sticking to it every day...BDeG

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A son, Thomas Rob, to Mr. & Mrs. Rob Geyer on December 11 1984. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Howard Geyer of Hague and Delmar, NY.

BORN - A daughter, Heather Michele to Darryl and Rose Seerup on December 18 in Illinois. Heather is the granddaughter of Adra Seerup of Silver Bay.

MARRIED - Teresa Lynn Russell, daughter of Mrs. Grace Russell, Ticonderoga, to Jay Paff, son of Mrs. Helen Frasier of Hague, on December 29, 1984 at the Hague Baptist Church.

DIED - Weymer H. Waitt, Jr. of Sabbath Day Pt. and Newtown, CT on December 11, 1984 in Newtown. Surviving are his wife Jane and four children.

DIED - Miriam Wallace, widow of William D. Wallace at her home in Camillus, NY on December 18. Mrs. Wallace was a member of long standing of The Northern Lake George Yacht Club.

DIED - William J. Taylor, 98, grandfather of Michael Coffin, Hague, in Moses Ludington Hospital on January 4.


STEPHEN YOUNG, Sabbath Day Pt. was omitted from the Ti High School's Honors list last month. We apologize!

FRANCIS and DENISE WATERS entertained with their music at a New Year's Eve party at Lord Howe Estates.

PETER McKEE, a native of Hague, will perform as a strolling accordionist at the Lake George Opera Company's fund raiser "Night at La Scala" cocktail party.

HARVEY CHALMERS, son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Chalmers, Friends Point, has received a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Wisconsin.

ANOTHER CONTEST FOR OUR READERS

Last year about this time some of you were able to dissipate the winter ho-hums by entering our slogan contest. You came up with some great ideas and the winner, as you know was HAGUE OF MY . A few bumper stickers have appeared and a T shirt, with the winning slogan. Maybe by summer it may catch on even more.

Now that we are beginning our 13th year of publication it is high time that we have a masthead for our paper. We are counting on you, our readers, to come up with something appropriate for this, your paper.

Measurements must not exceed 7 in. x 1-3/4 in. which are approximately the present measurements used.

Wouldn't it be exciting to see your art work on The Hague Chronicle each month?

All entries should be mailed to The Hague Chronicle, Box 569, Hague, NY 12836. Deadline - Mar. 30, 1985....djh

AMERICAN LEGION

Regular meeting of Hague Post 1538, American Legion, will be held at the Legion home on Wed. Feb. 6 at 7:30 PM. Regular business to be conducted, plus planning for spring and summer activities.

The party tentatively scheduled for late January has been postponed until a later date and will be re-scheduled. Due to a resurgence of patriotism, Post 1538 is planning to again resume the sale of American flags in the near future, so if you are about to purchase one, watch for our announcement...B. Clifton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JANUARY & FEBRUARY

JAN.

- 15 Board of Education - 7:30 PM
- 15 Fish & Game Club - 7:30 PM
- 17 Planetarium Show - THS - 7:30 PM
- 17 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 20 Inauguration Day.
- 21 Martin Luther King Day
- 22 Home Bureau - 10 AM
- 24 Zoning Board - 7 PM, Public Hearing
7:30 PM - see p. 6

FEB

- 2 Ground Hog Day
- 6 American Legion meeting - 7:30 (p. 7)
- 7 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 7 Planning Board - 7:30 PM
- 11 Town Board - 6:30 PM
- 12 Home Bureau - 10 AM
- 12 Abraham Lincoln, 1809
- 14 - 17 HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL (see p 1)
- 18 Washington's Birthday observed

Representative from VA in Town Office every Thursday at 11:30 AM

Winter Carnival Committee meets every Monday at 7 PM at Town Hall.

WINTER

Who's scattering the powder
That's high up to your knees
And makes it walk along the bark
Of now denuded trees?

Who puts a beard that's something weird
On fir and spruce and pine,
But leaves the air as crisp and fair
As heady, sparkling wine?

It always seems that from our dreams,
Regardless of the cost,
Some prankful sprite within the night
Makes merry with the frost.

...Harry de Buys

The Adirondack Guide Boat built by JOHN BREITENBACH, JR., son of Mr. & Mrs. John Breitenbach, Silver Bay is featured as the September picture in the calendar published by Wooden Boat Magazine. The calendar features twelve selected wooden boats.

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