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1972-73 SCHOOL TAXES DOWN

At a special meeting of the School Board on August 23, a tax rate of \$32.07 per \$1000. of assessed valuation was fixed. This is a reduction of 49¢ from last year. The assessed valuation of property in the school district is \$7,855,469. an increase of \$85,900. over last year.

Although expenditures are expected to be up about \$13,500. over last year, the reduction in the rate was made possible by a larger than anticipated balance carried over from last year. As earlier reported, the balance anticipated in the budget as \$30,500. turned out to be \$73,171. Of this windfall of almost \$33,000., \$15,000. has been applied to the tax reduction; the remainder has apparently been retained for contingencies.

Your tax bill should reach you shortly after September 1 and is payable without penalty during the month of September.

PROPERTY OWNERS OF SILVER BAY MEET

The annual meeting of the property owners of Silver Bay was held on Saturday August 12 at the Hague fire-house. Approximately 50 members attended.

In recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department a donation of \$200. to be paid from the Association's treasury was approved. A donation of \$25. was made to the Hague Public Library and a similar donation was made to the Hague Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

Officers to serve until August 1973 were elected, as follows:

- President - Conrad Zimmer
- 1st Vice President - Gerry Boyd
- 2nd Vice President - A. Deanna
- Recording Secretary - Jacqui Badger

Corresponding Secretary - Evelyn Zeese
Treasurer - Ethel Andrus

The membership expressed a desire to have the Hague Chronicle mailed to the home of every member during the coming year. Mr. Seerup agreed to do this. A contribution of \$100 was voted by members of the association to assist in defraying the cost of publication.

All property owners in the area served by the Silver Bay Post office are eligible for membership. Dues are \$3.00 per family per year, payable as of July 1.

TOURS THROUGH MILL NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC

Conducted tours through the international Paper Company's new mill at Ticonderoga are available to the public on Wednesday afternoons between 1 and 3. Seen on the tour are the two paper machines which operate at speeds of 1500 and 2000 feet respectively per minute. Warehousing and finishing operations are also seen on the tour. The area where whodchips, paper making chemicals and steam are combined in a pressure cooker to dissolve the wood fiber is not open to the public. Children under 12 are not permitted on the tours.

MUSIC MAN BENEFITS FIRE DEPARTMENT

The employees and staff of the Silver Bay Association performed the Meredith Wilson musical plan, Music Man, on Thursday August 17 for the benefit of the Hague Fire Department. Tickets were sold at \$2.00 for adult and \$1.00 for children. Receipts for the performance totalled \$350 all of which has been turned over to the Fire Department.

This is the third year in which the Association has staged a benefit performance for the Fire Department.

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SUPERVISOR SMITH MARRIES

Town Supervisor, Thomas F. Smith was married on August 19th to Miss Edith Shattuck at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Hague. Following the wedding service, the couple entertained members of their families and friends at luncheon at the Open Hearth Steak House in Silver Bay. Later the couple left on a two-week honeymoon trip.

The bride, a native of Putnam, has been living in New York City where she was employed at Stouffers. Mr. Smith retired as principal of the Hague Central School several years ago and was elected town supervisor last November. The couple will make their home in Hague.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board was held on August 14th with all members present except Ralph McKee.

The Board approved the appointment of David DeFranco as science teacher. Mr. DeFranco received his B.S. in Science from the State University at Plattsburgh. Previously he had graduated from Smithtown Long Island Highschool. For the past two years he has taught in the Brentwood Long Island Public Schools. He is married and will make his home in Hague.

With the removal of the Fortune family to Ogdensburg, New York where the Rev. Fortune will serve the Methodist Church as pastor, Mrs. Fortune tendered her resignation as the second grade teacher. Mrs. Lois Strumm was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Strumm has taught in the Hague Central School part-time for a number of years. She received her B.S. in Education

from Houghton College.

We incorrectly reported last month that Mrs. Macaulay had been appointed part-time science teacher. Actually she will be the part-time language teacher. She received her B.S. in French from Mercyhurst College and also studied at the university of Fribourg in Switzerland and at Hoffstra University in New York. She has taught French for several years in North Babylon, Long Island public schools. Mrs. Macaulay and her husband are the owners of the Open Hearth Steak House on Route 9 in Silver Bay.

Also added to the teaching staff is Mrs. Mary Kays who will be the school guidance counsellor two days each week and Mrs. Donna Haanen who will be speech therapist. They have been made available to Hague through the Board of Co-operative Educational Services.

The gymnasium floor which was installed last winter was determined to be defective. It has now been ripped out by the contractor and a new floor is being laid. Hopefully it can be sanded and finished before school re-opens.

The carpeting which was installed last year in the new open-classroom has also turned out to be defective. It is being replaced by the contractor. In the same room the custodians have installed new accoustical ceilings - also in the kindergarten and first grade room.

The Board approved a proposal to have the school roof repaired at a cost of \$2075. The work will consist of installing new flashing throughout which should make the roof water-tight for many years to come.

The Board considered proposals (1) to lower existing drain from school building to cathbasin in order to eliminate danger from flooding; (2) turn trailer around 90 degrees from its present location so that it will parallel east side of school; and (3) construct an eight foot walk from exit of school at northeast corner to front of school (sidewalk will be between trailer and school). Proposal Number 1 was approved and the remaining proposals were tabled pending completion of proposal 1. The trailer is being used as library and teacher's room.

The library is now open.

The next meeting of the Board will be on September 11.

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board was held on August 8 with all members present.

After consultation with the chairman of the Board of Assessors, the supervisor suggested that consideration be given to the property tax exemption for the aged which is permitted by state law. No action was taken but the supervisor stated that the matter would be acted upon before the assessment rolls for 1973 are prepared.

The supervisor advised that a meeting will be held with the Adirondack Park Agency concerning the development of the Agency's recommendation for the use of private lands in the Adirondack Park area. He also stated that to the extent local governments have adopted ordinances affecting the use of private lands, the Park Agency will probably take no action. This implies that the two areas in Silver Bay already zoned by town ordinances for residential purposes only, will not be affected by any action which the Agency may take.

Mr. Matthews, president of the Sabbath Day Point Association, was present and pleaded the case for improved roads in the Sabbath Day area. He was advised that when a determination has been made either by survey or otherwise as to exactly where the beach road should be, preliminary work will be undertaken with the expectation that in 1973 the road would be black-topped and that meanwhile some repairs would be made to other Sabbath Day roads.

The Board authorized the appointment of A. Reale of Ticonderoga to do the resurfacing of parts of the Silver Bay, Decker Hill and Dodd Hill Roads at a cost of \$5355.00. The work will commence on September 5 and will take about three days to complete. The Board was of the opinion that it would be less expensive to have Reale do the job than to attempt to do the work with equipment rented from the County.

Furthermore there is no assurance that the county equipment would be available until the middle of September or possibly even later.

Overlooked in our last month's report was the appointment of Herbert Balknap to the post of Sanitary inspector. He is also constable and has the additional duty of ordinance enforcement officer.

By Board resolution a petty cash fund of \$50. was established.

The Board authorized the use of the town hall for the Youth Commission on two evenings a week during the fall and winter months. The commission will provide tables and equipment for playing pool and ping-pong.

The police committee reported that the summer policemen had issued some 12 to 14 traffic tickets. The town car was involved in a minor accident. Repairs will be taken care of by insurance.

The supervisor reported that the county is embarking on a project having as its goal the removal of junk cars from the landscape. The county proposes to contract for removal of the cars by a contractor who will crush them and take them away. This will be done with the permission of the owner except that cars abandoned for 30 days or more will be collected without permission from the owner.

The next meeting will be held on September 12.

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BOND ISSUE FACT BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

This November every New York State voter will have an opportunity to vote for or against the Environmental Quality Bond issue. To assist voters in understanding the major provisions so they can make an intelligent decision, the Department of Environmental Conservation has prepared a 60 page booklet which can be obtained upon request by writing: "Fact Book", Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Road Albany, New York 12201. The booklet covers such topics as:

That is a bond issue -- the financing of long range capital construction through bond finance.

Legislative Background -- events leading up to bipartisan approval of the bond issue proposition by the legislature earlier this year following public hearings.

Pure Waters Program -- an accounting of the 1965 Pure Waters bond issue, the outlook for Federal assistance, and specific plans for utilizing the \$660 million provided under the 1972 proposal.

Solid Waste Management Programs -- a discussion of the growing problems in this area and programs to start localities recycling solid wastes, utilizing \$175 million from the bond issue.

Clean Air Programs -- plans for abating air pollution from public schools, hospitals, municipal incinerators, and other public owned facilities, at a cost of \$150 millions.

Land Resources Programs -- the proposal to utilize \$175 millions to acquire forest preserve lands, wetlands, park land, and unique lands that could otherwise be lost forever.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO VISIT MUSEUM

The September meeting of the Hague Historical Society will be a trip to the Bennington, Vermont museum on a Saturday yet to be selected by vote of the membership. If you would like to join the group call Mr. Clifton West for particulars.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT ---

Gregarious George, the sea monster fashioned from a cedar log as a hoarf over half a century ago and who lived in retirement in the Virgin Islands for a number of years, was returned to the region last year and is now on display at the Lake George Association headquarters in Lake George Village.

One reason for the scarcity of pheasants during the hunting season is the mowing machine. During the peak of our pheasant population in the late 30's, mowing was not started until about the fourth of July. By this time about 80 percent of their nests had hatched. It has since been found that June hay is much better for cattle. Mowing now usually starts during the first week in June when fewer than 20 percent of their nests have hatched. Not all pheasants nest in hayfields - but many do.

New York's hunter safety record last year reached a new low with only 100 accidents, only three of which were fatal. Reading backward from 1970 the number of fatal accidents in New York were 6, 8, 9, 11, and 13. This record takes on additional luster when one recalls that during the same period license sales have increased.

That the state's largest telescope is now under construction on a 200 acre site in Dilton Landing.

That Lake George is actually some 305 feet higher than sea level. It runs north to Ticonderoga where it gradually empties into Lake Champlain at a drop which surpasses that of Niagara Falls.

