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CHRISTMAS IN OUR CHURCHES

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Catholic), Father Stephen T. O'Connor, Pastor
Father John R. O'Connor, Assoc.

December 24 - 5:15 PM Christmas Eucharist
There will be NO midnight mass
December 25 - 9:00 AM Christmas Eucharist

HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH - Barton Van Vliet, Pastor

December 14 - 10:30 AM - the Sunday School Christmas worship and pageant. Tree
will be trimmed:

December 21 - 10:30 AM - Christmas worship.

7:30 PM - Annual Christmas candlelight service. Special music. Birthday
cake for Jesus will be served following the service.

HAGUE WESLEYAN CHURCH - Kenneth Morris, Pastor

December 21 - 10:00 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Christmas Worship Service

7:00 PM - Sunday School Christmas program

HAGUE DRESSES IN ITS FINEST FOR CHRISTMAS

All you nice people basking in the Florida or Arizona sunshine - or California or Puerto Rico - wherever you are - you don't know what you are missing way up here in the North Country. Hague, thanks to one of its devoted citizens, has a new Christmas tree with many many colored lights. It is really a very cheery sight when one drives through the center of town. It is located along the brook, and is absolutely beautiful. Going up Route 8 we see the Town Hall in all its splendor. We also have a new tree in front of the Chamber of Commerce building which has been decorated with many lights and a beautiful star on top. The Hague Motel has their creche display and many homes have been lighted for the season. Wreaths are in place, snow is on the ground, and except for it being a bit nippy around the edges, it is wonderful. HAPPY HOLIDAYS! .djh

WILLY C'S WEATHER NOTES

As we commented last issue November seemed to be business like about winter, and it was. Our coldest day, lakeside, was 14 1/2 degrees F, 4 degrees F mountaintop, occurring on the 13th. The high temperature for the month was 60 degrees F on the 1st. Top wind speed was 44 1/2 MPH and five of those days above 30 MPH. The winds of November did indeed hold forth. We had 8 1/2 inches of snow during the month, the major portion falling on the 20th and minor amounts on the 7th and 18th. Fortunately we had warm temperatures to melt all the snows of November. We lost 1 hr. and 4 min. of daylight during the month, for a total of 6 hrs. and 13 min. since mid-June. Take heart, dear friends, we are nearing the end of the shorter days cycle. November lived up to its promises.

With that as a backdrop we have now moved into early December with 5" of snow on the 2nd, but warm temperatures have melted most of that. Today, Dec. 8th, is one of those rare late fall days when the lake really cools down. The water temperature is 38 degrees F. The air temperature started out at 20 degrees at 7 AM and was down to 11 degrees, lakeside, 1 degree mountain top by 9:30 AM. The wind has been blowing from the north-northeast at between 25 and 40 MPH with the top gust at 43 MPH. This all serves to stir the lake about in grand fashion, causing it to lose heat in wild abandon. Great clouds of vapor swirl off the lake swiftly bringing the visibility down to zero and then just as swiftly opening up to give brief glimpses of blue sky and mountains beyond. Hoarfrost has been building during the morning hours turning everything crystal white. Trees near the shore have taken on a white flocked appearance glistening and gleaming in the sunlight. A truly magnificent day.

We now leave this pastoral scene to report a major winter storm forecast to hit our area late the evening of December 8th in the form of snow, sleet, freezing rain etc. depending on the track it takes as it leaves the Mississippi Valley and heads toward Hague. For those of you from Hague who read this, you will know what form of precipitation this storm took and how much of whatever, there was. For those outside our area, stay tuned. And so for December we continue to have weather.

To all of our readers, may you enjoy the true spirit of Christmas and have a New Year filled with good health, peace and happiness.

HAGUE FIRE DEPARTMENT

On the first Monday in January the annual elections for officers of the HYFD will take place. There are a total of 21 offices to be filled. These offices include the more widely known positions of Chief, Assistant Chiefs and Ambulance Captains. Other lesser known positions are Station Foreman and Property Man as well as the many clerical positions. All of these offices involve a substantial time commitment that is necessary to keep fire and emergency protection as efficient as possible. Their commitment is well appreciated.

The HYFD would again like to make an appeal to the community for volunteers. The emergency squad has a special need at this time for help. Early in 1987 a State course will be offered in Hague for First Responder's certification. This course qualifies individuals to deal with emergency situations in their initial stages. The First Responder is also a step toward becoming an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), a necessary part of emergency service. Anyone interested in further information about the course, please contact Emergency Squad Captain Ida May, or Assistant Chief Gerry Boyd.

Please help us keep a safe community.

Services rendered in November:

Ambulance 94 man hours
1162 miles
6 runs

Fire Department 55 man hours
3 runs

A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Heap on more wood!
- The wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will
We'll keep our Christmas merry still
...Sir Walter Scott



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HAGUE PLANNING BOARD - 12/4/86

The meeting opened at 7:30 PM with a request from Martin Thompson, licensed surveyor, for the re-approval of a major subdivision of the Waitt property located on Summit Drive, New Hague Road and West Hague Road. This major subdivision had been approved by the Board in November 1984, but the map was not filed in the County Clerk's Office within the 60-day time limit as specified in our zoning code. However, it was noted, that the map had been filed and accepted at the County Clerk's Office after the legal 60 day period since the county does not require compliance with local zoning ordinances. The Board unanimously approved the re-signing of the map so that it could be re-submitted to the County in a timely fashion along with a letter from this Board to have the previously filed map removed from their records so that there would be no legal complications in the future as to the legality of this subdivision.

The Board members requested that Chairman LaPann contact Supervisor Bolton and the Town Board urging their support through the Warren County Board of Supervisors to require the County to verify the legality of maps and deeds prior to acceptance for filing at the County level.

William Morgan again appeared before the Board since the Zoning Board of Appeals cancelled their November meeting due to a snow storm. Mr. Morgan's appearance was considered a variance referral in order to expedite his application. The sketch plan submitted by Mr. Morgan of his property showing the square footage of all buildings shows a big discrepancy as to the square footage shown on the assessor's cards. The zoning ordinance allows only 30% of Mr. Morgan's property to be covered by structures. The Board recommended approval of Mr. Morgan's proposed addition provided that the total square footage did not exceed 33% of the land covered by structure. If the Zoning Board of Appeals concurs with the Planning Board, approval must still be sought from the Warren County Planning Board and A.P.A.

Rolf Ronning, Esq. again appeared before the Board on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Carney requesting a map change in the zoning of the Carney's property known as Snug Harbor Motel as well as their property on the west side of 9N. Mr. LaPann had addressed APA concerning the possibility of a map error designating the lakeshore property as resource conservation rather than TR-1, as is the northern 1/2 of the Carney property, since a brook running through their property had been used as the zoning break rather than their property line. Mr. LaPann felt that a favorable

ruling could be made on the water-front lot, but at the request of the Carneys through Mr. Ronning, the map change request will include the land on the west side of 9N.

Clifton Frasier presented a revised rough sketch plan of his proposed one lot subdivision which alleged that the newly created lot met the 1.1 acre minimum lot size and the lot had road frontage from a logging road. Mr. Frasier was advised that if he could provide the Board with a map prepared and signed by a licensed surveyor of the proposed lot in time to give the required legal notice to property owners within 500 feet of this lot, a public hearing could be scheduled for the January 8, 1987 meeting of the Planning Board.

When all business scheduled to come before the Board had been completed, Mr. LaPann, Planning Board Chairman read the following statement:

"Tonight marks the end of the 10th year of our Land Use Plan. It also marks the 10th year of my chairmanship of this group. In that time, I have met and valued the friendship of many townspersons, including those that have served on this board in the past and of course, those of you who serve presently.

"I also have had the opportunity to work with our excellent Town Supervisor Dick Bolton, The Town Board, and especially, Developmental Administrator Bill Foster.

"Because of these valued friendships, I reluctantly resign from this board EFFECTIVE TONIGHT.

"I want to thank you all for your friendship and cooperation over the years." Fred LaPann

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FISH AND GAME CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Hague Fish and Game Club will hold its annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 16 at the clubhouse at 6 PM. Please bring a covered dish and a gift for exchange. Members and their families are invited. The \$100 money doll raffle will be drawn at

A LITTLE FOLKS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Children ages one through four years in the town of Hague are invited to a "Little Folks" Christmas party on December 22 from 10 AM til noon at the Town Hall. Each child should bring a toy to play with and cookies for refreshments. Mothers or baby sitters must accompany each child.

Let's make this a fun time for Hague's "little folks." If you have any questions, contact Laura Meade, 543-6060.

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FRED LAPANN RESIGNS

To say that Fred LaPann's resignation left the Planning Board members shocked is the understatement of the year! (See P.B. news p3) All members of this Board have counted on Fred's steady hand to guide them through the zoning regulations. As always when decisions are to be made concerning the rights of individuals as to how they may use their own property, tempers sometimes flare, but under Fred's guidance disputes were resolved in a calm and orderly fashion with fairness and adherence to the regulations foremost.

The Town of Hague owes a deep debt of gratitude to Fred LaPann for his dedication to the difficult job of being Chairman of the Planning Board during its first 10 years of existence. Fred not only conducted the regular meetings, but he wrote the minutes, kept the records of the Board, wrote letters, chaired committees to re-work the regulations, conducted public hearings, and met with officials of State agencies to obtain clarification of regulations and administrative procedures. Fred served this community as a volunteer without any remuneration for the hours he spent as Chairman of the Planning Board. The volunteers who remain on the Board will miss Fred's leadership since he has made their job easier, and the Town Board will have a very difficult job appointing a new member to this Board who can fill the void that Fred's resignation has created.

Fred served his community long and well for a decade; his leadership will be missed, but now that he has decided to devote his time to other interests I, for one, say "Thank you Fred for being an excellent chairman of the Hague Planning Board during these past 10 years."...Alison Craig

FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

This is a repeat of last month's notice. Better take advantage of it while the offer is still good.

For a limited time only, the town of Hague will truck your "junk car (s) off your property FREE and you will be able to comply with the town's ordinance which prohibits junk cars. The Town Board intends to enforce its Junk Car Ordinance. A fine will be imposed on anyone having any junk car in their yard. Avoid the fine. Call Diane at Town Hall to get your name on the list and take advantage of this offer.

HAGUE TOWN COURT

NOV. 19 - Curt Jordan was charged with violating minimum speed regulations. Fined \$25 plus \$10 surcharge.

Jennie Lou Decker, Ticonderoga charged with driving an uninspected vehicle and using wrong directional signal. Fined \$50 plus \$10 surcharge.

November 26 - Mike Smith was charged by Brian Jordan and Joseph Denno with taking a carburetor from a car on the Jordan property. Judge Yaw ruled that this obviously was a case of lack of communication and dismissed the case.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

The home of George and Dorothy Travers, Sabbath Day Point, will be the scene of the Hague Senior Citizens Club meeting on December 23 at 1:30 PM. Anyone attending should bring a gift - wrapped tree decoration for exchange. Refreshments will be served and we will have a Christmas singalong - Meet at the Baptist Church parking lot to carpool.

AMERICAN LEGION

Next regular meeting of the Hague Post 1538 American Legion will be held at the Legion Home on Wed. January 7 at 7:30 PM.

Please get your raffle money (Basket of Cheer) in to Ray Laundree before December 28. The winner will be drawn on that date.

TINY TIM'S CHRISTMAS WISH

The Tiny Tim Volunteer Program is asking for donations to make some child's Christmas wish come true. The needs are: toys, games, hats, boots, mittens, gifts for children of all ages, food items and cash. They will also accept applications for recipients until December 17. If you, or somebody you know would benefit from this program, contact Pam Remick, 585-6582, or May Reegan, 585-9889. Donations may be dropped off at the Hague Town Hall, or one of the local churches.

SANITARY LANDFILL WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24 and THURSDAY, DEC. 25. OPEN FRIDAY, DEC. 26. BEGINNING DEC. 27 IT WILL GO BACK TO REGULAR WINTER HOURS. (SAT. TO WED. 9 - 5.

SOUNDINGS

HAGUE TOWN BOARD MEETING - 12/9/86

BORN - A boy, George Ruddle III, to Peggy and Rudd Yan Voorhis, Wevertown and Hague, on November 4.

BORN - A boy, John Phillip, to Eric and Cathy (Sullivan) Carlson on November 18 in Chester, NJ. Grandparents are Betty and John Sullivan, Hague.

BORN - A girl, Caitlin Nicole, to Dr. & Mrs. Donald Ayres (Sally Johnson), on November 24. Grandparents are Shirley and Spear Johnson, Silver Bay.

BORN - A boy, Timothy, to Robert and Betsy (West) Jensen, Saratoga Springs, on December 6. Grandparents are Marguerite and Clifton West, Hague.

DIED - Leonard 'Lindy' Ruth, 60, Ticonderoga on November 18. He was the brother of Ida May, Hague.

DIED - Barney Fowler, 72, long-time feature writer, specializing in articles about the Adirondacks for the Albany Times Union on Dec. 6. The October issue of the Hague Chronicle reprinted one of his last articles.

The exhibit, Storied Shores: Lake George in Legend and History, now at the NY Historical Society in NYC until January 11, 1987 was assembled by one of our readers, Mr. Henry Duffy, Silver Bay and Demarest, NJ.

2ND PERIOD HONOR ROLL

The following students from Hague are listed on the honor roll for the second marking period at Ticonderoga High School:

2nd Honors - BONITA BELDEN, ROBERT GAUTREAU, RENEE LA ROCK, JASON PLASS, JANET ROSS, KARA REYNOLDS, AMBER STULL, BETHANY WELLS.

Congratulations! Keep up the good work!

Don't forget the Hague Volunteer Fire Department when you are making up your gift list. They need the money and it is a great tax deduction for you if you do it before December 31.

You never know when you will be the one to need their services!

On an extremely wet and slippery evening, Mr. William Hennessy, Jr., Project Engineer and Mr. Clyde J. Robbins, Project Manager, from LaBerge Engineering and Consulting Group Ltd, Albany, NY. appeared before the Board. They made a detailed presentation on various ways in which Hague could solve its sewage disposal problem. Since there is now a law in the legislature which prohibits any dumping of sewage into the Lake George Basin, at the present time it is necessary to seek ways of disposal outside the basin. Supervisor Bolton said that he believes this law will be changed in the next session of the legislature, which will help the towns in the basin. Mr. Robbins suggested strongly that a feasibility study would have to be made and also recommended to the Board that they appoint a sewer committee to formulate ideas. Many questions were put before and answered by these gentlemen.

Since there were no bids for sand and only two for fuel oil, the opening of bids has been postponed until more bids are received.

Supervisor Bolton attended the open house of the Cablevision company recently. They have completed the work at Forest Bay and should have cable installed shortly. They also plan to continue with installation in the sections of Hague which still do not have it.

A contract from the Upstate Transit Company for senior citizen transportation was presented to the Board. The cost which is 50% funded by the county will be \$3545.28.

Supervisor Bolton read a letter of resignation from the Planning Board from Fred LaPann. The Board accepted his resignation with regrets. The Board is looking for community minded citizens to offer their services to the town to serve on one of the Boards. The pay is nil, but the satisfaction great. Contact Dick Bolton if you are interested.

Dick Bolton and Martin Fitzgerald met with the Ticonderoga School Board to ask about the ballfield property and the 1 plus acres beside the town shed that belongs to the school district. After consideration, the School Board has agreed to give the property next to the town shed and about four acres (including the ballfield) to the town of Hague.

Since the town is having such a hard time getting sand, they are considering buying property with sand and gravel on it. Anybody interested in selling, contact Dan Belden.

The town of Hague has entered into yearly contracts as follows: with HYFD- \$42,500; American Legion-\$150; Chamber of Commerce-\$1,800; Fish and Game Club-\$500; Dr. Mack, DYM-\$125...djh

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DECEMBER and JANUARY

DECEMBER

- 13 Fire Department Christmas party at The Beachside 6 PM
- 16 School Board Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 17 Elementary-Middle School Holiday Concert - 7:30
- 18 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 18 Vet. Adm. Representative - 11:30 AM
- 18 Zoning Board of Appeals - Public Hearing on Morgan addition - 7:30 PM, followed by meeting
- 22 LITTLE FOLKS Christmas party - Town Hall 10 AM to noon (see p3)

December (Cont)

- 23 Senior Citizens Club - at Travers - 1:30 PM
- 24 - Jan. 5 SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- 25 CHRISTMAS - all offices and landfill closed

JANUARY

- 5 Hague Fire Dept meeting - 7:30 PM (see p2)
- 7 American Legion - Legion Home - 7:30 PM
- 8 Planning Board - 7:30 PM
- 13 Town Board - 6:30 PM
- 15 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 19 Martin Luther King Day - Schools closed

A GIFT OF LOVE

While heedless world is hushed, and spread afar
 O'er field and fen and vale below,
 A brooding gloom, touched with a cold moon glow,
 In echoes of the angels' song, a star
 Is guiding royal sages on their way
 With heart-warmed gifts an Infant King to greet.
 Although proud men in passion's blasting heat
 Had spurned the joys that would allay
 Their restless souls. This little Babe is born
 Unto a broken race of men, to stem
 The ruthless tide of sin with hopes forlorn,
 And quicken with eternal diadem
 The souls that seek with hearts by sorrow torn,
 Love cradled in the crib of Bethlehem.

...Anonymous

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 STAFF
 OF THE
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 WISHES EACH OF YOU A
 MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A 1987
 FULL OF GOOD HEALTH AND
 HAPPINESS

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and all those wonderful people who volunteer their services

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