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FORMER HAGUE SCHOOL BUILDING STATUS REPORT

Finding adequate housing for the numerous management trainees assigned to the International Paper Mill at Ticonderoga has been an on-going problem.

In June '80 we published a letter from the Personnel Office of IP asking for assistance in locating housing for these recent college graduates. In June '81, IP asked the Hague Town Board if IP could conduct an architectural study of the former Hague School building to determine if it could be structurally and economically converted into apartments. With the Board's permission, IP hired two architectural firms (Jim Cullen of Schenectady and Bob Joy of Glens Falls) to do feasibility studies of the building.

These studies were completed in October of 1981, but because economic conditions had deteriorated since the inception of the study, IP could not consider any economic participation in the development of housing.

At the request of Town Supervisor Dick Bolton, the Manager of Industrial Relations for the TI Mill, Jim Rancourt, addressed the Board at the February meeting. Architects Cullen and Joy also attended to present their findings and plans.

Cullen and Joy agreed that the building is structurally sound and should be viewed as an asset to the community and that conversion to apartments is economically feasible. Joy's plans contained 4 two-bedroom and 8 one-bedroom apartments utilizing the upper 50% of the building; the lower level would contain health club facilities and other rental space. The estimated cost of his proposal was \$520,000.

Cullen proposed three plans; 2 contained 12 apartments and the third had 17. His estimated costs ranged from \$656,000 to \$871,000.

Dick Bolton pointed out that IP had paid for the two feasibility studies and, on behalf of the Town, he thanked IP for this information.

Jim Rancourt commented that IP has a strong desire to see additional housing become a reality. IP would be happy to share the information acquired with developers or individuals who are interested in converting the former school building into apartments, or a similar project in the area....AC

FEBRUARY TOWN BOARD NEWS

Supervisor Bolton reported that Hague is financially operating in the black. "Niceties, not necessities" have been eliminated. The Town has no expense for debt service and actually earns income on interest from savings.

Dick Bolton announced that he has been named chairman of the newly formed County Board of Supervisors County Officers committee. The purpose of this committee is to evaluate the performances of department heads to determine the percentage of pay

increase per individual. Bolton feels that by switching to management by objectives, job performance will improve.

As a result of the January meeting with Austin Smith, Town Attorney Pat Carney is preparing proceedings challenging the formula used by the State Board of Equalization to determine the equalization rates for the towns of Hague & Ticonderoga. The Hague Town Board contends that the miles of lake shore properties in Ticonderoga are actually greater than the miles used by the state in figuring the equalization formula...AC

A FORMER STAFFER WRITES

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS - 2/23/82

Richard Strum, a freshman at Houghton College writes the following on his Impressions during his first year:

"The first question people ask is 'What's your favorite thing about college? Is it Math, Science, Lit, the Profs?' Actually, the best thing about college life is learning to live as a community in Shenawana Dorm. Friends are the most important thing here. I've made a variety of friends from Mike Day, a freshman from Conklin, NY and a member of the U.S. Ski Assoc., to my roommate Glenn McKnight from Ontario, Canada who pulled a 4.0 last semester. Some other friends I've made are Belinda, a cheerleader, Andy, a Biology major, Steve, a guy who sleeps through a lot of classes, Julie a French major, and Dave, a loyal Steeler fan from Pittsburgh.

The typical room seldom has a bed made. The desk is cluttered with books, letters, and leftover pizza from the night before. If you are lucky, you may be able to find the floor beneath the dirty clothes and shoes.

The thing most looked forward to is Friday afternoon. Ahh! Two days freedom from class, but there's always work to be done.

Life at college isn't simple, but it certainly isn't all work and no play either!"...Rich Strum

Ed.: Richard does not mention his 3.13 first semester average. He was a valuable member of the Chronicle staff during the difficult months of transition.

...MB

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

George Kauffman's three-act comedy, set in the 1920's will be presented by the TI HI Drama Dept. on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20 at 8:00 PM in the auditorium. The play is being directed by William Sola, assisted by Anne Dreimiller and Debbie Breitenbach. Bill Ter Steege from Hague is in the cast and Kathi Hudak is assisting with the lighting. Should be a fun evening...DH

You don't prevent litter on the landscape by teaching ecology in college. You prevent it by teaching manners at home, or lacking a home, in Kindergarten.

Taxpayers of the District will be pleased to hear that the energy savings measures taken in the schools during the past year are paying off. Grant Fleming, Supt. of Buildings & Grounds, reported that the fuel consumption for the high school is much lower (per degree day) this year than last.

Fifteen members of the senior class won N.Y. State Regents Scholarship awards. Another member won a N.Y. State Regents Professional Education in Nursing Scholarship Award.

Wilford Hutchinson of Hague was one of three teachers appointed as an after school computer advisor. Rudolph Meola was appointed as Internal Auditor.

In order to keep the cafeteria within its budget, the staff has been reduced by 17 hours per day.

The program presentation was "Summary and Analysis of Standardized Testing Program", by Mr. Kerr, Director of Pupil Personnel Services.

In June 1981 there were 160 candidates for diplomas, 142 of whom received local diplomas and 42, Regents diplomas.

As a result of the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Tests), Ticonderoga High School shows average verbal score of 465 compared to national score of 424. In Math, TI averages 510 compared to 466, national average.

In June 1981, 719 Regents tests were given -- 592 passed, for an average of 82.2% as compared with the state average of 82.7%. In the Regents Competency Tests, TI was well above the state average...DH

WORKSHOP ON PARENT EDUCATION

The first of a series of workshops on Family Life Parent Education will be held in the TI Elementary Resource Center on March 11 at 7:30 pm. To be conducted by Mrs. Betty Farone, a former school psychologist, the workshop will focus on various methods used to provide parents with skills needed to help them to communicate with their children. All parents are urged to attend..DH

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE LAW

On April 1, 1982 the strongest child restraint law in the nation will take effect in N.Y. State. This law provides that no person shall operate a New York State registered passenger motor vehicle unless each child under 5 years of age is properly restrained in a federally approved child restraint seat.

The penalty for violating this law is a civil fine of not more than \$25.00.

The basic intent of the new law is to increase child restraint usage.

The court process and local law enforcement will be the key to its success and a seminar has been developed to explore the aspects of the new law.

The seminar will be held at Plattsburgh, NY on March 30 at Police Headquarters, City Hall. ...Harvey Yaw, Town Justice

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY BENEFIT

On March 24 at 7:30 pm in the hospital's cafeteria, the Moses Ludington Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor a Stanley Home Products party. Just in time for spring housecleaning Stanley will demonstrate many old and new products. Orders will be taken and the Auxiliary will benefit. Everyone is cordially invited and urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The Auxiliary has recently contributed \$8,070.00 to the hospital for the purchase of a colonoscope, which has already been put to use.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Louise Riecke, the Auxiliary continues to raise money in various ways to support the hospital...DH

LENTEN STUDY OFFERED

The Tt Clergy Assoc. is offering two courses of Lenten Study during March. These will run on five consecutive Wednesdays, beginning March 3 at the First United Methodist Church in Ti from 7:30 to 9 pm, followed by a fellowship time. Rev. Van Vliet from Hague Baptist Church will be participating. Public is invited.

WEATHER OR NOT

This February has seen only 18 inches of snowfall, but with the cold weather there is still plenty of snow left. The sun has been out close to 60% of the time, giving us 1023 heating degree day units for Feb. and a total of 5468 for the season. In all, this month is 5% above last year and 2% above normal. The lake at the 18" level is holding at 35°F. Coldest temperature for the month was -12°F and the warmest was 43°F at the lake. Currently it is 14°F and 100% sunshine, with 2-3 inches of snow predicted for the weekend. Just right for the Hague Winter Carnival.

Now is the time to take stock of your seeds for planting and order more if needed. Make sure they are stored in a dry, cool place, as moisture and heat will start germination.

Well, that's all from here. Come out and enjoy the winter sun if cabin fever is too strong!

Regards, Eloc Salguod

NUMBER PLE-EZ

Have you noticed anything unusual on your last month's telephone bill? If you've made any long distance calls, getting busy signals or no answer, you may have been billed for these calls at the rate of a one-minute call. District Manager Don Foley said that a malfunction in the DMS-100 computer, used to record toll calls, was responsible. The telephone company has rectified its mistakes and credit will appear on the Feb. 25 bills.

VANDALISM

The Resource Center at Ti Hi looked like a cyclone had struck. Books, plants, films, chairs, etc. were tossed around. The computer (not the main one) looked a mess. On further investigation, it turned out to be about \$200 worth of damage and much aggravation. The computer had ink eradicator dumped all over its keys. In the final analysis, it could have been worse. We hope it won't happen again...DH

SNO-GOERS THANKS

Clifton Frasier, president of the Sno-Goers, on behalf of the Club, wishes to thank all the people who helped with the snowmobile races on the ice and the dinner at the Beachside. A special thanks to the participating snowmobilers!

A.P.A. FIELD SERVICES

Area residents and developers will have the opportunity to discuss potential projects with agency staff members without having to go to Ray Brook during field visits planned for March through October. Adirondack residents may apply for permits or ask questions about agency services at these field visits.

TICONDEROGA COMMUNITY BUILDING

March 8	3pm - 8pm
May 11	10am - 4pm
July 8	3pm - 8pm
Sept 10	10am - 4pm

CHESTERTOWN TOWN HALL

Apr 5	3pm - 8pm
May 14	3pm - 8pm
July 12	10am - 4pm
Aug 9	10am - 4pm
Oct 4	3pm - 8pm

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. Inc. will receive sealed bids for the sale of one 1946 Chevrolet pumper - rated at 500 G.P.M. The bids will be opened March 22, 1982 at 7:30 PM at a special meeting of the Hague Fire Department.

The Fire Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted.

The truck can be seen at the Hague Fire Department sub-station located on Rte. 9N, Silver Bay, N.Y. For any other information, contact Chief Tom Stull at 543-6154...Hague Fire Dept.

Edith Smith, Secy.

TAX EXEMPTION FORMS AVAILABLE

Tax exemption forms are available from the Assessor's Office in the Town Hall. These forms may be obtained by members of the clergy or a citizen, 65 years of age or older.

To qualify for exemption one must be a permanent resident of the Town. One of the property owners must be 65 years of age by May 1. Income must not exceed \$5,000 a year, including Social Security, disability, retirement benefits, interest and dividends.

The exemption allows a 50 percent reduction on school, town and county taxes.

The deadline for completed forms is May 1.

For further information contact Clifton Frasier, chairman of the Board of Assessors, at the Town Hall, or call 543-6161...CF

L.G.A. NEWS

The Lake George Association will hold a day-long symposium on March 13 at the Georgian Motel in Lake George, beginning at 9 a.m. "The primary focus of this year's symposium will be water quality and the indicators of change. To be included will be the reviews of water monitoring programs which assessed the bacteriological and nutrient loadings of the lake."...LGA News Release. If interested, contact Mary-Arthur Beebe, L.G.A. (668-2880).

We hope to have results of this symposium in the April CHRONICLE.

CHEESE PROGRAM

On March 2 a representative from the Office of the Aging will be in the Town Hall from 1 - 2 pm to distribute surplus cheese. There will be 35 lbs. of cheese in 5lb blocks available for distribution. In order to qualify, one must be aged 60 or over, earning less than \$467 per month for one person - \$150 for each additional person. In addition one must be a recipient of S.S.I., or eligible for home heating program, or eligible for food stamps.

FROM CONGRESSMAN JERRY SOLOMON

RE: THE SPECIAL LIMIT OF TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR THE WASHINGTON D.C. LIVING EXPENSES OF CONGRESSMEN.

"This removal of the special limit was attached to a totally different bill, H.R. 5159, which was originally intended to reform the Black Lung Disability Fund to provide for its long term financial stability. I voted in favor of H.R. 5159 in its original form-- without the tax break amendments.

When the bill came before the House again, this time with the special amendments, I voted against it. Unfortunately, the bill passed by a vote of 363-47.

"This issue is not over yet as far as I'm concerned. At a time when the American people are being asked to tighten their belts to get our economy back on the right track, I don't think Congress should be giving itself tax breaks. That is why I am one of the major sponsors of a bill to repeal these congressional tax breaks. This bill (H.R. 5341) was introduced on the very first day of this session of Congress."...Jerry Solomon

Hundreds of taxpayers have written Congress to protest this minimum of \$19,000 of undocumented deductions for legislators. Have YOU?

On Feb. 16, in spite of opposition from Tip O'Neill and Howard Baker, the IRS has discontinued the practice of preparing tax forms for legislators; only the handicapped and illiterate will receive this service...AC

ZONING VARIATION WORKSHOP

The Warren County Planning Dept. sponsored a workshop in Zoning Variances on February 22 from 7-10:30 PM at the Municipal Center in Glens Falls. The purpose of the workshop was to define the roles and responsibilities of the Zoning Administrator, Planning Board, and the Zoning Board of Appeals, and to improve decision making techniques.

Those attending from Hague were Art Steltz, Mr. & Mrs. Al Sefsik, Ray Snyder, Tom James, Jack Henry, Bill Foster and Alison Craig...AC

GOOD NEWS FOR MOSES LUDINGTON

On February 26 Mr. M. T. MacDonald, president of Moses Ludington Hospital, announced the approval and the receipt of funds from a supplemental mortgage.

The hospital has received \$1,867,100 from this supplemental mortgage. These funds will correct the underfinancing that occurred on the original mortgage.

It was pointed out that as long as the patient census stays high MLH will be on a firm financial footing. Approval from Health and Human Services came with the stipulation that 10 conditional requirements be met by the board. Among the conditions were that prior and existing liens held by State Bank of Albany and Essex County Savings Bank be paid in full, that 60 acres of land designated for senior citizen apartments be returned to the hospital and that the hospital must take action against the Moses Ludington Nursing Home for approximately \$700,000 in back debts owed the hospital...DH

HAGUE IS COMPLIMENTED

In the Feb. 23 issue of The TIMES OF TI, Mike Connery writes about the Capital Fund Drive. In an interview with Carol Ferguson, coordinator, Mike writes;... "During the brief conversation highlighted was the community of HAGUE, 'And I'm picking them out specifically, they've done a heck of a job.' Dennis Hens is the announced chairman, Ferguson noted, 'There's no question he's had a lot of help.' With all the specifics at her fingertips, she points down at Hague -- 149 contributions with the dollar amount tilting the scale at \$64,422.37".

Ed. - PLEASE don't let the flattery stop us from our goal of 100% participation in the Capital Fund Drive...DH

NITE AT THE COPA

To benefit the Art Potter Scholarship Fund, A NITE AT THE COPA will be held at the EMA building on March 6. Cocktails at 6pm; dinner at 7pm and entertainment (lots of great talent) at 8 pm. Tickets are limited and are now on sale at Rathbun's or the Ti Chamber of Commerce. Reservations are a must.

CARILLON GARDEN CLUB

The Carillon Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the year on March 18 at 11 am at the United Methodist Church. Bring a box lunch for exchange. Program booklets for the year will be distributed at this meeting...DH

HAGUE HONOR STUDENTS

Dear Honor Students:

And all of you in school who have worked hard and shown improvement in all phases of school life - the staff of the CHRONICLE is your cheering section - your ZOO - we have no fancy costumes or pyramids but our cheers go up from Puerto Rico to California when we hear of your successes. The basketball team gets well deserved headlines - but don't feel neglected. Your silent Zoo may number in the thousands!

...The Hague Chronicle Staff

The following students from Hague have attained the second quarter honor roll status at Ti High School.

- First Honors: Jennifer Belden
- Kathi Hudak
- Rudolph Meola
- Timothy Strum
- Second Honors: Jackie Dunsmore
- Lori Fish
- Jennifer Fitzgerald
- Lynn Wheelock

YOUTH COMMISSION

Hague's new Youth Director, Agnes Watts, has called an organizational meeting of the Youth Commission for Friday, March 5 from 6-8PM at the Town Hall. Plans will be made for activities for the coming months. Agnes urges all youths, parents and friends of youth to attend.

BASKETBALL MANIA

The CVAC title was clinched on Feb. 23 when the Sentinels defeated Saranac, the Div. 1 champions. With the brilliant coaching of "Bud" Bressett and the leadership of Bill Brennan (a Hague summer resident), the team won by a score of 48-36. The next game for the Sentinels will be March 2 when they will play Ausable Valley for the Class C Sectional semi-finals.

Although Bill has been the leading scorer for the Sentinels, it has been a real team effort. The whole school, including the highly spirited "ZOO" has been behind the team. The spirit reaches out to the whole area. Those of us who can't get to all the games are glued to Channel 5 during the 11 o'clock News on Tuesdays and Fridays to get the report of the Sentinels' victories. The team was once defeated by South Glens Falls by a one-point margin, but on their return visit won. The Sentinels have lost only one other game during the season, and have won all the home games. THE SENTINELS ARE NOW RATED NUMBER 14 IN THE STATE, with a 22 and 2 record.

The Chronicle staff congratulates Coach Bressett and his very fine team of young men for their excellent performance and their fine sportsmanship. We hope to have good results to report to you next month. Good luck to you all. And to the "ZOO", we say, "Keep cheering; it really helps!..DH

BON APPETIT!

University of California entomologist, Dr. Doug Whitman, thinks insects are the answer to our dwindling resources. He says, "They are the most successful surviving creatures on earth. If you can't beat 'em, eat 'em." He does, at his feast of "Les Insectes", a nine-course bugfest...ac

Who has seen the wind? Neither you nor I. But when the trees bow down their heads, The wind is passing by...Proverb

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Lindsay Marie to Rose and Daryl Seerup in Chicago on January 31. Mrs. Emil Seerup of Silver Bay, grandmother.

- A boy, William Tavish, to Karen (Matthews) and Tim Costello, West Hague, in Middlebury on January 23.

KAREN KOWALSKY, daughter of Mr & Mrs. Gus Getta, has been named to the Dean's List at SUNY, Oneonta for the first semester. Karen is a freshman.

KATHI HUDAK, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hudak, won first place in the recent American Legion Oratorical Contest at TI HI. MICHELLE MIDDLETON, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Scott Middleton, Ticonderoga and granddaughter of the Aaron Middletons of Hague, was second place winner. KATHI also won second place at the county level in Westport.

APPOINTMENTS - Mrs. Edward (Agnes) Watts, as Youth Director of Hague.

- Tom Stull to serve on the Board of Assessment Review, replacing Stephen Davis who has retired.

DR. DEBORAH MICHAEL-LECKEY, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Graham Michael of Friends Point, is a radiologist on the staff of the Philadelphia Presbyterian Hospital. She is a member of the team involved with the care of the young man who suffered frost bite and extreme gangrene recently when his group was lost for several days while skiing in the White Mts.

*Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money and power and influence.
...Henry Chester*

HAPPINESS IS---

Her name has appeared in past CHRONICLES. She was interviewed by Ernie Tetrault of WRGB TV, Schenectady, in connection with the school annexation. She started helping others when she was eleven years old and still does, with a high degree of professionalism. She is OH MOM to six handsome youngsters, aged 22 to 11. At the Highway Dept. Town Shed, she is the Office Angel - SECRETARY as well as the object of much friendly teasing. When she comes into the Post Office any morning you are reminded of the song, "You Light Up My Life."

We are, as you may have guessed, describing BERTHA FRASIER DUNSMORE.

Bert was born in Warrensburg - oldest of nine children of Mary and Clifford Frasier. The family moved to Hague when Bert was four years old. We know - we've heard - she helped her parents with these younger brothers and sisters. Oh how she loved each little one, she has confided. Surely these many years later the Frasier kids realize how their older sister helped them along the way. A very good student, she graduated from Hague High School in 1958.

Still the hard worker, she finds time to be an avid reader. Her favorite poet is Rod McKuen. She reads everything.

icy roads or smooth, Bert leaves her Graphite home at 6:30 am for her job. When kudos were handed out last month, she could claim a few. We have heard since that Bert worked overtime, as she prepared food for the road crew during those January storms. How her good humor and hearty laugh must cheer her place of work, whether she is substituting at the Town Hall as secretary, or sitting for young and old, or just visiting on a dull winter's day.

At any gathering or private party large or small, the hostess can rest assured that the affair will be a smashing success if Bert is there to help.

We, in Hague, are very fond of Bert. She has been a good neighbor, a willing worker and a BEST FRIEND to many. MR

INSTANT POVERTY: A daughter or son in college.

- 2 Home Bureau - 10am
- 2 Representative from Office of the Aging-1-2pm Town Hall-See p4
- 4 Veterans' Administrator-11:30am
- 4 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 4 Planning Board - 7:30pm
- ** 5 Youth meeting with Agnes Watts 6pm - Town Hall. See p6
- 6 Nite at the Copa - See p5
- 9 Town Board - 6:30 pm
- 1 Veterans' Administrator-11:30am
- 1 Family Life Workshop-Ti Elemen. Sch. - 7:30pm - See p2
- 3 L.G.A. Symposium-9am - See p4
- 5 Andrew Jackson - 1767
- 6 Board of Education - 7:30pm - THS
- 6 Fish & Game Club-7:30pm-Town H.
- 7 St. Patrick's Day - GOOD LUCK!
- 8 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 8 Veterans' Administrator-11:30am
- 18 Carillon Garden Club - See p6
- 19 3-act play - You Can't Take It With You-THS 8pm - See p2
- 20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING (At Last)
- 24 Planetarium Show-7:30pm-THS
- 24 Hospital Auxiliary Benefit - 7:30pm See p3
- 25 Veterans Administrator-11:30am
- 25 Zoning Board of Appeals-7:30pm
- 25 Pops Concert - 8:00 pm THS
- 25 CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- 31 Social Services Representative 1 - 4 pm - Town Hall

APRIL

- 1 Sr. Citizens' Bus to G.F.
- 1 ALL FOOLS' DAY
- 1 Veterans' Administrator-11:30am
- 1 Planning Board - 7:30 pm

**March 5 - Church Women United - World Day of Prayer - St. Mary's - 10:00 am

ST. PATRICK'S DAY STORY - MILTOWN MALBAY

About the first week in July you can meet young people of all Ireland and Europe and America and Australia dressed in blue jeans, finding their way to a small rambling village in West County Clare. All know that this village, Miltown Malbay, is the unwritten FOLK MUSIC CAPITAL of all Ireland. Every year they go there to make music and talk and learn to make pipes and fiddles at the Willie Clancy Summer School.

This successful two week school has no barriers of religion, politics, or nationality. Simply a love of traditional Folk Music. Here one hears all the loveliest tunes, sad songs traditional of Ireland.

It is a pity that there is perhaps (to many) a sadness over this little island. The WILLIE CLANCY SUMMER SCHOOL in this West Clare village is an experience. Miltown Malbay is, however, an Ireland without tears. A beautiful oasis in a world of crisis...Ireland of the

Welcomes by Donald Foley ...mb

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