

CATHERINE BROCK REMEMBERS

Conclusion.

The suggestion for these little thoughts was: how things may have changed in Hague.

But what about the things that have not changed?

My first venture into this incredibly beautiful area was almost 60 years ago - to Sabbath Day Point, to the Gillett Cottage at the foot of Bloomer Mountain. The cottage is still there and also the boat house and dock - the cribbing of which I helped build.

The gorgeous view south from the Lookout is still the same. The Brodie Cottage and the Falconer House, the original house on the left which was once a camp, are still in use.

Of course the area which once was the wonderful old Sabbath Day Point House is now all built up and very modern - but we must have progress.

Many places between Sabbath Day Point and Silver Bay remain the same and on up to Hague. There are still The Sentinel Pines, changed perhaps but there, and Chipwick and Miss Foote's house and the late Miss Mary Beste's old home.

North out of Hague are those handsome old summer homes and the Watrous House, then the Island Harbor - all have changed ownership many times but all remain reminders of another era.

There are many changes in Hague proper but essentially it remains the same. A haven for many of us, still glorious in its comfortable nest in the foothills with beautiful Lake George enhancing all the charms of a little village.

The Lake itself remains the same, not only giving us the sustenance of its beauty but the sustenance of life itself, for from it we may still quench our thirst.

The total assessed property values of Hague has increased by \$2,124,762 since 1978, according to a report released by Supervisor Bolton.

YEAR	Total Assessed Value	TAX RATE TOWN ONLY	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES
1978	25,122,452	5.46	137,120
1979	25,335,483	6.26	158,534
1980	25,563,460	6.93	177,241
1981	26,102,547	7.24	188,917
1982	26,502,844	7.94	210,488
1983	26,831,416	8.41	225,618
1984	27,247,214	8.85	241,120

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Halloween party under the direction of Aggie Watts, Youth Director, was a big success. Over 60 children and 20 parents attended. A beautiful cake was made by Diane Olsen and photographs were taken by Diane Frasier. The photographs are on display at the Town Hall for those who would like to see them.

Costume prizes were:

Ages 1 - 5

- Funniest - Timmy Watts
- Prettiest - Laura Olsen
- Most Original - Billy Smith and David Jordon

Ages 6 - 12

- Funniest - Chad Dunklee, Kenny Frasier
- Prettiest - Michelle Waters, Michelle Streeter
- Most Original - D. J. Austin, Nife Granger

Any children, aged 12 and up who are interested in attending the Kenny Rogers Concert on December 2, please call Aggie.

The Fish and Game Club has winterized its clubhouse and has generously offered its use to the Youth Commission for its activities. The only cost to the Youth Commission will be for heat.

NEW OFFICIALS COURSE

Richard Bolton, Supervisor, has been selected to teach a course for newly elected officials from Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties at the Lake George Town Hall. The course will consist of three nights, four hours each and Mr. Bolton has been selected to do the final night's presentation. This course is under the auspices of Cornell University and Warren County Extension Service.

H.S. EQUIVALENCY TESTS

Free tests for the N.Y. State High School Equivalency Diploma will be given at Ticonderoga High School on December 7 and 8, 1983, between the hours of 3:45 and 8:00 PM Attendance on both days is required.

To be eligible a person must have been a resident of N.Y. State for one month and be at least 19 years of age on the date of examination. Candidates who are 17 to 19 years of age may be eligible if either, they have been out of school one year on the date of the examination, or their high school class has graduated. Application deadline is November 20, 1983. Please call Mr. Kerr, Guidance Director at THS - 585-7177.

STOLEN BUS FOUND ON TONGUE MT.

A stolen 49-passenger bus owned by Upstate Transit Inc. of Saratoga Springs, went off the left side of Rt. 9N north of Tongue Mt. and burst into flames about 1 a.m. Nov. 12. No one was inside nor anywhere around the bus when it was discovered by a passing motorist. The accident is being investigated by the Warren County deputies and also the Saratoga County Sheriff's Dept., as well as the county's arson squad.

FROM PARADE MAGAZINE

If you are concerned about the nuclear arms stockpiles on this Earth; "write two letters, one to President Ronald Reagan and one to Premier Yuri Andropov. Mail them to this address:

Post Office Box 4281  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163

Parade Magazine will see that both letters are delivered."

(Three days after publication 25,000 letters had been received.)

...MB

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 27 OCT '83

PLANNING BOARD 3 NOV. 1983

Bruce Robinson of Pine Cove requested a variance to construct a 2-car garage that would extend 10 feet onto the Town's road right of way. This was granted due to the steep pitch of the driveway which would not allow a car access in winter months. Dan Belden stated in a letter that the construction of the garage would cause no problem to the Town. The ZBA approved the variance with the condition that the legality of extending onto town right of way be cleared by our town attorney. APA has 30 days to approve, disapprove, or approve with conditions.

Ronald Graser requested a variance to construct a 24' x 38' garage that would be 7 1/2' from the rear property line. 20' is the minimum set-back in primary hamlet. Denied. (Mr. Graser submitted conforming plans to the Planning Board on Nov. 3 which were approved).

The Board reviewed the request of Mr. & Mrs. Deleno Cheskey for a variance to sub-divide a 50' parcel of land into two parcels, one being 50' on the lake, another 50' off the lake. The hardship stated was that the Cheskeys had a buyer who did not want the shore frontage. Since granting this variance would make an already non-conforming lot even more non-conforming, the request was denied.

...Alison Craig

The application of Ronald Graser for a permit to construct a garage at the rear of his Rt. 8 property was granted. The building will be used to repair small engines and to rebuild old cars. A condition was imposed that no more than 3 vehicles intended for renovation be located on the premises at any one time.

After the positive report of the Site Review Committee, the Board approved the application of Stephen Bevins to utilize an existing building at the rear of his house, with some alterations, as a fire-wood processing structure. The APA must review this application.

James Ward's application to construct a show-room on an existing foundation at his 9N property was approved following an inquiry as to the State's right of way. Mr. Ward reduced the porch by one foot so that the building will comply with the required set-back.

The Board set Dec. 2 at 7 PM for the Public Hearing on the application of Malcolm & Luella Grimes for a minor sub-division of their By-Water property. They want to sell the restaurant with 12,335 sq. ft. of land and retain the remainder of 2.301 acres.

A raised or fill septic system site was approved for the John Pucek property just south of the 9N over-look, but no plans for the system have as yet been filed.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held at the Ticonderoga Elementary School on the afternoons of November 17 and 21. The Middle School and High School will hold conferences on the afternoon of Monday, November 21.

There will be an early dismissal on both days, Thursday, Nov. 17 and Monday, Nov. 21. Elementary and Middle School - 1:20 PM; High School - 1:30 PM

A note of appreciation was received by The Hague Chronicle in behalf of the faculty and students of the Ticonderoga Elementary School. As a result of a notice in the Chronicle, several packages of labels from readers who are summer residents were received.

They are now embarking on another collection campaign and would appreciate your cooperation again.

WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE THERE'S A LOT MORE SAID THAN DONE.

OUR HAGUE ATHLETES DO IT AGAIN!!!

The Ticonderoga High School Gymnastics Team had another outstanding season. After 24 wins in a row, over a 2½ year period, the team captured the CVAC title for the fifth year in a row. They also won the Section VII title, which is made up of schools from the whole Northern N.Y. area. Lynn Coffin was the Number 1 gymnast in the league and was backed up by Hague teammates Toni and Tara Cole and Janet Ross. Lynn has won the all around championship in Section VII four years in a row, the first girl ever to achieve this honor! She and Toni Cole have qualified for the state championships to be held in Buffalo in March; Toni on the beam and Lynn all around.

Not to be outdone by the girls, Joe LaPann of Hague also competed in the state cross-country championships. Our congratulations to all of the above on their outstanding performances.

FROM OUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

There have been a few changes in the procedure of plowing and sanding roads for the coming season. The following are the roads that the town will be responsible for plowing and sanding:

9N from County Line to top of Tongue Mt.

All town and county roads:-

Rt. 8 from cemetery to 9N. (The rest of Rt. 8 will be done by the State.)

Town of Ti will do the section of road in Essex County as they did last year...Dan Belden

FREE SAND for anyone who requests it. The town crew will deliver sand for your driveway for the asking. Please call Highway Dept. 543-6500 Monday to Friday from 6 - 2:30 PM...Dan Belden

SILVER BAY COOKBOOK

Our editor recently received a communication from Mrs. Konitz of the Silver Bay Association asking for recipes in the categories of Appetizers, Soups, Salads, Entrees, Casseroles, Breads, Desserts and Beverages. They would appreciate hearing from anyone with their favorite recipes typed on 8½" x 11" paper - one recipe to a page. Put recipe title first with your name to the right of it. List ingredients dividing them evenly between two columns. Then give directions. DEADLINE: Jan. 15, 1984 to Mrs. Clifford F. Konitz  
4 Dennis Road  
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

FROM A FLORIDA READER

"...Would it be appropriate at this time to tell you how much we love Hague and the people who work year round to make it such a glorious restorative for those of us who must live and work elsewhere? ...We look forward all year long to our time at the Lake and the sense of joy that wells up when we first see the sparkling blue water is indescribable. Please keep up the good work, we appreciate all of you."

LOST DOG

A German Shepherd answering to the name of "Prince" wandered from his home on Graphite on Nov. 11. The owners would appreciate any information concerning the dog. Call 543-6107.

LANDFILL HOURS

Are you happy with the present landfill hours? Would you like some changes made? The Town Board will be holding a hearing soon on the proposed changing of the landfill hours. If you have any suggestions, now is the time to make them to either Dan Belden 543-6500 or Dick Bolton, 543-6161. They will also welcome letters.

NOVEMBER THOUGHTS

TOWN BOARD - NOVEMBER

How and why did the word TURKEY become associated with a theatrical flop?

Why is it used to add to a list of nasty-name calling? \*

Why isn't it our national BIRD as once proposed by someone?

I investigated.:

Webster's New Colledgeate, 1970: "turkey, n. 1. either of two large American gallinaceous birds (*Meleagris gallopavo* and *Agricharis ocellata*) of which the first is of wide range in N. America and is domesticated. 2. FAILURE, FLOP."

American College Dictionary: "...and is esteemed for eating." "Turkey, n. country in W. Asia and S.E. Europe, (286928 sq. mi in Asia; 9257 sq mi in Europe)"

Let's do the turkey trot. ("a round dance, danced properly to ragtime, the step being a springy walk with little or no bending of the knees and accompanied by a swinging motion of the body with shoulder movements up and down")

Let's take a Turkish bath as we sip Turkish coffee and nibble on some Turkish delights. Oh, freshen up with a turkish towel after that bath.

Should we not fight for the AMERICAN EAGLE? Should I serve the men some Eagle Tobacco after our Southeastern Europe-Western Asia Eagle dinner? I researched further:

The New Columbia Encyclopedia, '75:

"common name for a large game & poultry bird related to the grouse" "Its name derives from its 'TURK, TURK' call. Turkeys are indigenous to the New World (*Meleagris gal. that is*). American fossils date back 40 MILLION years..."

Perhaps when a play flops it's called a Turkey because it's short-lived like the bird on our national holiday. HAPPY THANKSGIVING...Mig Drederick.

\* "turkey cock, 1. the male of the turkey. 2. a strutting, pompous conceiter person."

The 1984 Town Budget was unanimously passed at the regular meeting on 15 November. The only major deletion from the preliminary budget was an item for \$20,000.00 for police protection. Only four residents attended the Nov. 10 public hearing on the Preliminary Budget and the use of Federal Sharing Revenues. The Board is exploring the possibility of establishing a "Neighborhood Watch" and "Neighborhood Crime Prevention System" to alert police agencies to possible criminal or emergency situations. The majority of Hague taxpayers will see a decrease in the assessment per thousand, but those in the Hague lighting district will have an increase due to the removal of the former Dock and Dine Building, resulting in a decrease of \$37,000 of assessed value in that District.

On Oct. 27 the Board adopted the Community Matrix Health Insurance plan with Blue Cross and dropped the State Plan under the Dept. of Civil Service, thereby keeping the cost of health insurance at the same level, and with the same benefits, as 1983. The State Plan cost would have increased over 17%.

On May 10, 1983, the Town Board began the legal process for owners of burned out buildings to remove the structure. Two owners complied within the time limit specified, one did not. At the Oct. Board meeting a number of citizens complained about the remaining burned out building and Supervisor Dolton said he would check it out with our Town Attorney. Because of a legal technicality another paper must be served on the owner who will then have 30 days to begin removal and 90 days to complete.

The Warren County Assessors Association has proposed that the County standardize and up-date assessments to bring assessments and equalization rates in line with market value.

It was interesting to note that the total property of Hague is greater than the town of Warrensburg.

The Hague Park Commission presented a report on proposed changes in the Town Park Ordinance and regulations governing the park...Alison Craig

YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT WORK IN '84

Although there were so few attending the Budget Hearing a week ago, we felt that you just might be interested in where some of your tax dollars are being spent. At the same time we would like to list our elected officials and our devoted volunteers.

- Town Supervisor - Richard E. Bolton \$5,200
- Town Board Members - Aaron Middleton, Richard Frasier, Robert Patchett, Linda Coffin - \$1,800 each
- Town Clerk - Maryalice Hall - \$4,050
- Director of Finance - Richard E. Bolton \$600
- Town Justice - Harvey E. Yaw - \$3,500
- Tax Collector - Maryalice Hall - \$1,200
- Assessors - Chairman Clifton Frasier, \$2,600; William Foster and David Martucci - \$1,800 each
- Highway Superintendent - Daniel Belden \$16,640

The above are all elected officials.

Non-elected (appointed) paid officials are:

- Town Attorney - Patric Carney - \$3,000
- Dog Control Officer - Frank Swinton \$600
- Registrar - Maryalice Hall - \$100
- Election Inspectors - Frances Clifton, Patricia DeLarm, Bertha Dunsmore, Beatrice Polino - \$55 each time
- Election machine custodians - Henry Leach, Gordon Cameron - \$60 each time
- Assessment Board of Review - Jack Carney Chairman, Frances Clifton, George Shoemaker, Florence Smith, Tom Stull \$75 once a year each
- Youth Commissioner - Agnes Watts - \$2,500
- Historian - Clifton West - \$185
- Zoning Administrator - William Foster \$5,000

The following Boards are made up entirely of volunteers who devote much time and effort to their duties.

- Planning Board - Frederick LaPann, Chairman, Norman Strum, Laura Meade, Alison Craig, James Broderick, Jack Carney, Evert Lindquist

Zoning Board of Appeals - Jack Binley, Chairman, Walter Waters, David Martucci, Thomas James, Raymond Snyder, Edna Frasier, George Denton.

Hague Town Park Commission - Robert Hoyt, Chairman, Earle Phillips, Joan Belden. ...D. Henry

At the November 15 regular meeting of the Town Board, I asked the following questions:

"I have the impression that elected officials are responsible to the voters, and that neither the Town Board nor the Supervisor can require regular reports on the work being performed or can they require elected officials to perform any work. Is my impression correct?" The answer from Supervisor Bolton was, "Yes." "Is this a State, County, or Town law?" "State", from Bolton. "Would it be possible for a supervisor, Board member, Town Clerk, Assessor, or Superintendent of Highways to do absolutely nothing and still receive a regular pay-check for the entire length of the elected term?" Again, "Yes" from Bolton. My last question was, "What means does the average voter have to determine if an elected official has performed his or her duties in a satisfactory manner?" Bolton's reply, "Read the Town Minutes or check with the Chairman of Assessors for information."

The majority of our elected officials devote a great deal of time and thought to their official duties. However, in order for voters to be informed, a quarterly report to the Town Board, voluntarily given, would help voters make informed decisions as to whom should be re-elected. Some already do.

It is the responsibility of the voter to determine if a candidate, seeking re-election, has done a satisfactory job. ...Alison Craig

Equating a college education with financial success only is false motivation for demanding excellency in our schools...MB

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, Colin David, to David and Caroline Babcock Dunn on October 31. Grandparents are the Russell Babcocks, Silver Bay.

BORN - A girl, Melanie Lynn, to Dr. Michael and Vicki Shuhler, Hague, on November 1 in Vt. Medical Center, Burlington, Vt.

ADOPTED: Joee Kang, born June 12, 1983, by Peter and Cheryl Plass of Sabbath Day Point on Nov. 4.

MARRIED - Connie Lynne Crannell and Peter G. Fish of Silver Bay on September 24 in Grace Memorial Chapel, Sabbath Day Point.

DIED - Mrs. Roy Nels Anderson, summer resident of Silver Bay, on August 16. She made her home in Raleigh, NC.

DIED - Harold B. Howe, 84, former Engineering professor at RPI, on Oct. 20 in Troy. He was a summer resident of Forest Bay.

DIED - Thomas Lonergan, Jr., 71, born in Graphite during the days of graphite mining, in Swan Lake, NY on October 24, 1983.

THOMAS J. SNOW, son of Mr. & Mrs. Leaman Snow of Decker Hill Rd. is in the Job Corps in Oneonta. He left Hague in June and would like to hear from his friends.

KATHI HUDAK has been cast in the role of "Buttercup" for the Skidmore production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "HMS Pinafore". This will be presented in late January.

DALTON MARKS, principal of Ticonderoga High School has accepted a position as Bolton's Superintendent of Schools effective Jan. 1, 1984.

JACK CARNEY, Sabbath Day Point, has been appointed to another term on the Board of Assessment Review.

GEORGE DENTON has been appointed to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Richard Bolton Jr. who has resigned.

EVERT C. LINDQUIST has been appointed to serve on The Hague Planning Board to fill the vacancy of David DeFranco, who has resigned.

COME FLY WITH ME TO THE SILVER TEA

At the Hague Baptist Church Annex. November 18, 1983 from 1 - 4 PM. Tea and goodies by the plate PLUS crafts PLUS baked items PLUS reindeer items.

FISH AND GAME CLUB

Regular meeting Thursday Nov. 17 at 6:30 at Clubhouse. Bring a prospective member to the POT LUCK supper.

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We find, to our great surprise, that many Hague residents do not receive The Hague Chronicle. If YOU would like to be put on the mailing list call Mig Broderick at 543-6104. There is no SUBSCRIPTION charge for this volunteer publication, but your generous donations keep us in the black.

...Mig Broderick, 543-6104

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TELEPHONE SERVICE CHANGES

This Nov. 22 is the last day residence telephone users may change the type of service supplied by N.Y. Tel. without paying a service charge of \$46.00.

If you plan to buy (as opposed to leasing) the N.Y. Tel. equipment in your home, do so after Jan. 1 when the cost will be \$20 compared to today's price of \$45.00.

Questions concerning all aspects of telephone service should be directed to 1-800-555-500 (toll free). The phone company has set up a program "Let's Talk", at this number to help the public get all their questions answered about changes in telephone service. If you do nothing, your service will remain the same, but your bills will probably be higher.

...G. Lindquist

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - NOVEMBER and DECEMBER

November

- 17 Fish & Game Club-6:30 (see p. 7)
- 18 Silver Tea I - 4 PM (see p. 7)
- 24 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- 29 Home Bureau
- 29 Zoning Board, - 7:30 PM
- 30 Public Hearing on Zoning Revisions - 7:00 PM
- 13 Home Bureau Christmas Party
- 13 Town Board - 6:30 PM
- 14 Garden Club Christmas Luncheon
- 15 Sr. Cit. Bus to Glens Falls
- 20 Soc. Services - HEAP Program 10 - 3 PM (Fuel Assistance for those under 60)

December

- 1 Planning Board - 7:30 PM; Hearing 7:00 PM (See p. 3)
- 6 Home Bureau - "Greens" Day
- 7 High School Equivalency Exams
- 8 4 - 8 PM (See p. 2)
- 22 Hague Historical Society
- 28 Office of Aging - HEAP Program (Fuel Assistance for those over 60) 1 - 4 PM

ELECTION '83

Supervisor	RICHARD E. BOLTON
Town Clerk	MARYALICE HALL
COUNCILMEN:	ROBERT N. PATCHETT
	LINDA I. COFFIN
Supt. of Highways	DANIEL D. BELDEN
Assessors	CLIFTON FRASIER
	DAVID MARTUCCI

We congratulate the winners and look forward to the very best performance from our elected officials.

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