

HOLIDAY MELODY LINGERS ON:

"A Little Quote"

Here's to Xmas Xmas cheer  
 Don't be unhappy and crying  
 in your beer  
 Here's to Xmas Xmas cheer  
 May the Good Lord above grant you  
 a better New Year.

Harry J. Moore

DEADLINE:

News items for the March issue  
 should be in hand by Feb. 15.

PEOPLE OF HAGUE

Jack Henry

(Part III)

VI. THE DEPRESSION YEARS: 1930-1941  
 Population 741-739

(A) The depression years were years when, of necessity, people had to follow the Old New England custom - "patch it up, wear it out, make it do". Money was scarce. Jobs were few. Some ambitious young men walked to work and worked six 10 hours days at 30 cents an hour. Life was hard but people helped each other and generally managed. They bought little except necessities.

Despite the hardships people developed an inner strength that did not exist in the 20's and does not seem to exist today. Projects such as nearby CCC camps gave young people a sense of value and accomplishment that food stamps and welfare checks don't seem to furnish.

(B) Much was lost physically in those years. The Island Harbor House, The Trout House Casino, The Hillside - to mention a few. Hall's Boatyard was built but it burned.

(c) At the same time some new growth started in Hague: The New Trout House Casino, The Charles Parlin House and Cape Cod Village.

VII. THE WAR YEARS 1942-1946

Population about 740

(A) Hague sent many men into the service. Hague itself was a quiet restful place during the war years, greatly concerned and quietly standing by as it had on those bright July days of 1758 when Abercrombie's army went by, dressed in the full panoply of the British Army on it's 1000 boats.

VIII. THE POST-WAR YEARS: 1946-76

Population: 761-917

"This beauty, forming a setting for a rich and interesting history, is our greatest natural asset, one which does not need to suffer or be spoiled by use. It is a beauty which must be protected and conserved lest future generations shall be able to enjoy it less than we do today."

(Warren Co. History, 1962)

(A) During my early youth Friends Point and Forest Bay were unsettled, lovely pieces of land that belonged to the Cook Estate. For a time, part became Camp Mohican. Camp Chippewa was developed on Friends Point.

(B) Just before the war, Roger's Rock campsite was sold to the state. In 1941 Forest Bay and Friend's Point were subdivided and sold. Both areas are responsible, in large part, for the firm very sound growth of Hague.

Pine Cove was developed by Al Stanley soon after.

Mrs. Austin bought the Carney property at Sabbath Day Point. With Mr. Archibald's help, she made that into still another strong section of Hague. The houses are of moderate size on reasonable lots. The interior land has been bought and preserved as a park. There is little chance

PEOPLE OF HAGUE cont.

that it will become a motel row in the future.

(C) In the last ten years Hague also developed private campsites and played a role in the land boom that swept the country during 1971-73. Fortunately we have no half-finished homes, no large unfilled apartments, no vacant condominiums and, most particularly, no Ton-Da-Lay scattered about our hills.

So perhaps Hague, lying quietly between the mountains and the lake, has seen exciting events come and go. It has seen ways of life change, to be followed by new customs and new means of livelihood. The very physical aspects of the town which were once its handicap have now become its major resources as it shares its heritage and its beauty with thousands who know how to appreciate it.

(This is part three of a three part chronicle, researched by Mr. Henry for The Hague Historical Society. List of resources available on request.)

CAPT. CHARLES HENDERSON, jr.  
USNR (Ret) writes:

"... 'young' Jack Henry's article on people of Hague was particularly interesting. It stimulated partial memories of fifty years ago or more.

Was the Harris store sold directly to Lewis Burgess, and then to John McClanathan?\* I remember as a boy, barefoot of course, the store was right across the road from the Burgess house (present Locust Inn). The store had a single step the length of its porch, a great place to sit and chew penny candy from those fabulous half rounded showcases just inside the door.

We watched the traffic go by, from the T1 road and the Graphite road, on its way to the steamboat landing or up to Silver Bay.

Traffic was mostly horse and wagon or pedestrians. And over across the road, hard by the iron and wood bridge over the brook, was the town monument, only in more recent years removed to the Robert E. Henry Park. I hope my memory is as accurate as my nostalgia for what was there during World War I.

When Mike Fitzgerald and his crew were repointing and repairing stonework on the Baptist Church, were there any watching who saw and remembered its original construction by Pete Barnett? Perhaps someone in the Historical Society has identified all of the Pete Barnett masonry in the area? He was quite a craftsman..."\*

\* The Captain is accurate--Harris to Burgess to McClanathan.

Your editor was not--misspelled Burgess in the December issue.  
\*\* More details of Pete Barnett's life and works later. Meanwhile, all craftsmen please sign your works for posterity.

THE OLD TROUT HOUSE MAKES WAY FOR PROGRESS

The old landmark came down very neatly without wrecking balls or any of the noise, confusion and waste of urban renewal.

It is being replaced by two log cabin chalets. They are being winterized, complete with fire places and each chalet contains two housekeeping units with separate entrances.

The old terrazzo floor was salvaged and now forms the base for a figure skating rink--already in use--and a games court in summer.

The Chalets plus The Lodge, which is also winterized and adjusts to one large group or several small ones, have been added to The Motel and will be known as The Trout House Village Resort under management of Robert and Lynn Patchett.

## OLD TROUT HOUSE cont.

The Patchetts discovered Hague when they came to visit Bob's sister at her "second home" in Bolton Landing. They started with a "second home" in Pine Cove and heard about The Motel while attending a wedding here. This became their year-round home. They purchased The Lodge, got into the winter guest business and when they heard The Trout House was for sale they couldn't resist.

They are doing most of the work themselves. Bob does the demolition, construction and restoration. Lynn does the housekeeping and decorating. They have salvaged old wood, bricks, stones, furniture, equipment.. "everything" and are carefully fitting it all to the Adirondack setting.

They come from Wyckoff, N.J. where they have an insurance business. They have three children: Scott is here with them, Barbara is studying Physical Education at The Un. of Mass. in Boston and Linda, married to G.J. Morgan, MD is living in Lyme, N.H. AND one granddaughter: Amy.

They like living in Hague because of "the lack of hustle and bustle of urban living" and "what God has given us here---it's beautiful". They love their view of the lake and the changing seasons. They find the winter weather exhilarating.

Hague now has three places with accommodation for winter visitors. Marge and Charles Burgey can take up to 28 at The Beachside and John and Carol Warren 20 or more at The Hague Motel.

With the advent of the Northway and improved insulation for homes and clothing, more second homes people are coming for weekends and retiring to their "summer places". Silver Bay Association is having winter conferences and Lake Placid is getting ready for another Olympics. If we keep this direction we may all be in business year-round. Hague is not

just "a nice place to visit", it's a good place to live.

Minnesota reports a recent study found their crime rate drops in winter and "people are more cheerful".

## THE OLD HOUSE

Like a ship the old house  
rides the storm,  
Billowing white, the  
snow piles high;  
The children, nestled in  
bed are warm,  
The wind in the chimney a  
lulabye.  
The timbers creak, the  
nail heads snap,  
The window panes, thick  
laid with frost,  
Are covered with what looks  
like a map  
Of magic forests or a  
world long lost,  
Where dragons and uni-  
corns resort  
In flowers and ferns with  
unknown names.  
Is the ship asail to that  
distant port  
Of Makebelieve and  
childhood games?  
Sail on, old house, in my  
memory,  
Through winter storms, through  
summer seas,  
Through springtime shallows of  
greenery,  
Through autumn mists in a  
western breeze!

Dorothy Goodfellow  
(Silver Bay)

MAJ. ROBERT S. MEADE, USAF (Ret) suffered a fatal heart attack on Dec. 15. He had just finished conducting a Christmas concert by the 7th Grade Orchestra at the Saratoga Junior High School in the auditorium which he designed.

He had been the Chairman of The Music Department of the Saratoga Springs City School District for 25 years.

The Board of Education has named the Senior High School Auditorium for him. The Saratogian editorial was a tribute to his contribution to the schools.

ROBERT S. MEADE cont.

A Robert S. Meade Music Scholarship has been established for Saratoga school children in his honor and contributions are being sent to his wife Laura Meade.

Mrs. Meade will remain in Hague and continue her work with the children of Hague and Saratoga. She goes to Saratoga two days a week where she gives private piano lessons to 20 students and teaches music to all students in Hague Central School and five private pupils during the other three days each week.

She and Bob came here looking for a second home to which they could retire. She likes living in Hague because she enjoys the activities at Silver Bay Association and both winter and summer sports.

The twins, Marshall & Michael, are both teaching and working on their masters degree at The Un. of Conn. where they also play in a string quartet, combining theory and practice.

TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE IS OUR BUSINESS. It is not being imposed on us by an impersonal government agency.

The first draft has been put together by our neighbors and fellow property owners, the Planning Board.

It is now being studied by our Town Board, namely:

W. Keith DeLarm, Supervisor  
Wm. A. Cobb, Councilman  
Aaron M. Middleton, Councilman  
Harvey E. Yaw, Town Justice  
Richard E. Bolton, Town Justice

We can call them, write to them, go to see them and attend the Public Hearing to "have our say".

Our ancestors built their houses close together, as Jack Henry says, "to protect each other from bears, cougars, wolves and sometimes vindictive Indians".

We now consider an agreement to preserve some space in our togetherness.

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The proposed ordinance provides for amendment as our values change.

A Development Administrator would be appointed by the Town Board to administer and enforce these agreements.

A seven man Zoning Board of Appeals, (appointed also) would hear complaints and requests for variance when someone feels unfairly restricted.

The Planning Board would pass on Class B Regional Projects and add their advice when the Board of Appeals has received an application for variance.

The Adirondack Park Agency will retain jurisdiction over Class A Regional Projects, after consultation with our Planning Board, and will continue to interpret restrictions already imposed by state law.

Anything which has already been done or "substantially commenced" before the ordinance is passed would be "non-confirming use" and would be allowed to remain, unless it is discontinued for two years, or can be changed to "equally or less non-confirming use".

Three people, in addition to the members of both boards have secured copies of the proposed ordinance from Edward Crabbs to study it themselves.

Ten people, to date, have expressed their ideas to the Town Board re the kinds of land use they feel should not be permitted.

#### UNPAID GUARDIANS

The Planning Board, all of them as busy & hard working as the rest of us, have been struggling with an almost impossible job for about three years now.

### UNPAID GUARDIANS cont.

They have been trying to establish a plan which would preserve our scenic beauty and pleasant small town atmosphere and, at the same time, protect the rights of property owners to do what they think best on their own land, so long as they do not lower the value of their neighbors' or do permanent damage to the environment or obstruct others in their pursuit of health and happiness etc.

They have trugged over miles of terrain and studied topographic maps checking soil, slope, drainage, vegetation and scenic value, talked to property owners and put it all together for us.

Both Town Board and Planning Board meetings are open to the public and a show of interest would be appreciated:

Planning Board will meet on Feb. 10 & 24, & Mar. 17 at 7:45 PM in the Town Hall.

Town Board will meet Feb. 8 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall

### TOWN BOARD ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING. Jan. 4:

The Post Star of Glens Falls will continue to be the official newspaper for Hague.

Wage scales fixed for the year.

Mileage rate will be fifteen cents per mile.

Records of Account from Supervisor and Justices of the Peace were audited by the board and approved.

Fredericka Sharpe appointed new Custodian of the Town Hall.

Herbert Belknap retired from positions of Dog Warden and Ordinance Enforcing Officer. A replacement is being sought.

#### Reappointments:

Mary Alice Hall - Registrar of vital statistics

Harry White - Chairman of the Board of Assessors

W. Keith DeLarm - Town Budget Officer

Vila Fitzgerald - Town Historian

The new ski tow is now waiting for state inspection.

W. Keith De Larm  
Town Supervisor

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING. JAN. 11:

Mr. David DeFranco reported on the science program

Mr. Charles Coleman was appointed English teacher and Mrs. Christiane Nugent was appointed as language teacher.

Dr. Joseph Verdone was appointed Hearing Officer as provided for in Chapter 853, the law dealing with handicapped children.

Reports were made by the Principal on:

The "open meeting law".

Possible revision of curriculum involving the departmentalization of grades 4, 5 & 6 and the restructuring of the minicourses in the high school.

A resolution, from the Warren County Board of Supervisors, petitioning the Governor and the legislature to re-examine the real estate law which exempts religious, charitable, hospital and educational institutions from real estate taxes.

Letter sent to the Town Board expressing appreciation for making possible the movies presented during Christmas recess.

A provision of H.R. 13367, the law which extends and amends Federal Revenue Sharing, allowing federal revenue sharing funds to be allocated to school districts through the county. A letter has been sent to the Town asking for the procedure to be used in applying for these funds.

School districts depend, for the most part, on real estate taxes as the main source of revenues, while towns receive sales tax revenues and federal sharing revenues in addition to real estate taxes.

NEXT MEETING: Feb. 14 at 7 PM in the Home Economics Room at The Hague Central School.

Rudolph Meola, Principal

### AMBULANCE SQUAD ANNUAL REPORT

For 1975: 80 Runs

3,792 Miles

505 Man Hours

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mrs. Robert (Geneva) Denno has retired after 13 years as Secretary-Treasurer. She was given a pendant watch and an honorary life-time membership.

The position will be filled by Mrs. Edith Smith.

Robert Hoyt, Chief

AN UNCOMMON EVENT

According to police report, at 4:15 AM on Jan. 7, enroute to her home in Putnam Station, Miss Cynthia Bishop, check-out girl at the Ticonderoga P&C store, fell asleep at the wheel and her car went over an embankment where it was not visible from the road, (Route 22). With lacerations to her face and both ankles broken, she walked and crawled to one trailer where there was no response to her knock. She went on to a second trailer, where a man answered the door but told her he did not have a phone and did not help people then closed the door. Cindy continued to a large brick house where Mrs. Bonnie Hill took her in and called the Ticonderoga Emergency Squad. She was rushed to Moses Ludington Hospital where she was admitted at 6:45 AM. Everyone is indignant. That's not supposed to happen here.

LOCAL CHURCH MEMBER ELECTED TO

STATE OFFICE:Eleanor Pearson, resident of Ticonderoga and member of Hague Baptist Church, is President of American Baptist Churches of New York State.

WEATHER NOTES Nov 18 thru Jan 17:

- Nov. 18 Two days of sun. Temps in the 50s.
- Nov. 23 Three days of wind. Snow flurries today.
- Nov. 28 Temps in the 60s.
- 29 About 3 inches wet snow. Traffic moving nicely. Looking like a Christmas card.
- 30 T. 2F at 9 AM
- Dec. 2 More snow. T. 31F--strong wind gusts--T. 0F at 1AM
- 12 T. in the 30s. Felt like spring for 2 days. Lake steaming.
- 13 Here we go again. T. 2F at noon.
- 25 Real snow--about 4 inches.
- 27 Lake suddenly almost frozen over.
- 28 Lake frozen all the way at Fague. Low for Dec: -8F
- Jan 1 Bright orange Cardinal
- 2 Skate sail boat zipping around. Great week end.
- 3 A pair of cardinals, juncos, purple finches join the blue jays & chick-a-dees. First really big snow--12"
- 4 A couple more inches. Grosbeaks are here.
- 6 We are beautiful today. T. about 30. Clear dry and sparkling.
- 17 0F at 6:30 PM. Lake Champlain frozen WCAX says "earliest freeze-over in this century". Flurries expected.

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