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## OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

In 1950 there were 80 persons in Hague 65 years of age and older. In 1960 this had increased to 101 and in 1970 to 133. This group of senior citizens constituted 10.5% of total population in 1950; 13.1% in 1960; and 14.6% in 1970.

While the 65 and older age group's percentage of total population increased 4.1% during the 20 year period, 1950-1970, other age groups fared as follows: under 15 decreased .3%; 15-24 increased 2.2%; 25-54 decreased 3.6% and 55-64 decreased 2.3%. From these statistics it is apparent that our senior citizens are a significant part of the population of Hague and that it is growing faster than any other age group.

The sum of \$2500. has been appropriated by the Town for its youth program this year. This entails the services of a director and provides for many activities of interest to our young people - swimming, basketball, baseball, soccer, etc. etc. The Town Hall has been made available for ping pong and other indoor games.

This is a good program and there is no suggestion here that the program should be eliminated or even curtailed. But what about our senior citizens? Why not a program for this segment of our population?

Many of our senior citizens live alone; many live only with his or her spouse. A need exists for companionship, for recreation, for group activities to break the winter monotony when outdoor physical recreation is not possible.

A number of activities suggest themselves - card parties, bingo, or just sitting around visiting with neighbors are possible starters. Even chess and checkers might prove interesting. For more involvement there is square dancing, handicrafts, even adult education courses. Any activity

or program that would get people involved should be explored. What we have in mind is not a once-a-month affair but activities several afternoons or evenings a week.

If you feel we should have a program designed for our senior citizens, drop me a line. Should such a program be sponsored by the town or the school district? Any suggestions or suggestions you care to make would be welcome. In our next issue we will report on your replies.

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## RE-EVALUATION COMPLETED

Real property in the Town of Hague has been appraised by the Cleminshaw Company at \$24,341,453. Since the Warren County Board of Supervisors previously announced that the assessed value would be 75% of the appraised value, the Cleminshaw Company has arrived at an assessed value of \$18,256,000.

Presently the assessed value of the same property is \$8,664,118. The new assessed value, therefore, will be 2.108 times greater than the present assessed value.

During the early part of February you will receive advice as to the new assessed value of your property. If it is 2.108 times greater than the present assessed value, your share of town and school taxes should be approximately the same as it is now; if it is more than 2.108 times greater, your share will be greater; if it is less than 2.108 times greater, your share will be less.

Hearings have been scheduled for the week of February 19-24 at which protests will be heard. In addition to Cleminshaw Company representatives, members of Hague's local board of assessors will also be present.

Following the hearings, property record cards will be turned over to the local assessors. These cards will contain a descrip-

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tion of the property including a sketch of the buildings and all the detail about size, number of stories, type of basement, heating facilities, etc. From these cards the assessors will prepare the 1974-75 assessment rolls. The tentative roll should be completed by June 1, 1974. Thereafter, complaint can be made to the Board of Assessment Review which will hear grievances on the third Tuesday in June.

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WILBUR MCFEELY

Wilbur McFeely, long time summer resident of Silver Bay, passed away on January 21 in Princeton Medical Center. Mr. McFeely, who had been vice-president of Riegel Paper and Riegel Textile Corporations, had retired in 1973. He was a former chairman of the National Board of the YMCA and a past president of the Silver Bay Association.

The McFeely home in Silver Bay is the former J. Urice place, Twin Oaks, on Route 9N at the intersection with the Silver Bay Road. The family resides in Jamesburg, N.J.

Mr. McFeely is survived by his wife, the former Vanetta E. Rickards; a daughter, Mrs. Dore Hunter; a son, William T. and five grandchildren.

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TICONDEROGA TO GET AIRPORT

Announcement was recently made that Ticonderoga will soon be getting a new airport. This will be a pilot project for the State of New York because no Federal funds are expected to be involved either in its planning or building.

State funds of about \$190,000. have been released for the proposed airport. Total cost will be around \$250,000. The Town of Ticonderoga will contribute land and some services.

The new airport will replace one taken for the new paper mill and will be located on Shanahan Road between Middle Road and Shore Airport Road. No time has been set for commencement of actual construction.

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USE YOUR BOX NUMBER

Hague Postmaster, Penny Bolton and Silver Bay Postmaster, Ethel Andrus urge all rural and star route postal customers to use box numbers as part of their return addresses to assure faster, more efficient mail deliveries from correspondents.

"The box number is as important to rural and star route addresses as the house number is to city addresses", they said. "Unless rural or star route address contains both the box number and the route number it is an incomplete address and is subject to return to the sender", they warned.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS

Seventeen members and guests braved heavy snowfall and below zero temperature to attend the meeting of the Hague Historical Society at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Cole on January 16.

Dr. Cole was in charge of the program and presented a movie of Phillipsburg Manor which was built in the early 1700's on the Pocantico River near the Hudson in what is now North Tarrytown. The stone house and grist mill, which have been restored as a part of the Sleepy Hollow Restorations, were the headquarters of the Philipse family. Frederick Philipse, a Dutchman, and later his son Adolph, managed Phillipsburg's 90,000 acres. The flour and meal from their mill and biscuits from their ovens were shipped down the Hudson and then to world-wide ports.

Unfortunately the Philipse family backed the British in the American Revolution and at the end of the war their lands were confiscated and sold at public auction.

Mr. West described some of the saw and grist mills which had been located along Hague Brook. Stones from one of the grist mills still exist somewhere on the Waters property on Dodd Hill Road.



Refreshments provided by Mrs. Covony and the Coles were, as usual, excellent. The next meeting will be held at the Hague Baptist Church on February 20th. Mr. West will be in charge of the program. His subject will be the history of West Hague School District No. 3.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A special meeting of the School Board was called for December 19th at which the resignation of Mrs. Mary Alice Scripture as School Treasurer was accepted. Named to succeed her was Mrs. Ruth Robbins, secretary to Mr. Meola, the school principal and administrator.

Except for the approval of routine bills there were no matters which came before the Board at its January meeting.

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REV. W.H. ROGERS

The Rev. W.R. Rogers who had served as pastor in many churches in New York State and in the Philadelphia area, died in Florida after a short illness. He had served the Hague Baptist Church for several years until his retirement in 1971. From 1952 to 1962 he had been pastor of the Scotia Baptist Church.

Rev. Rogers was born in Norristown, Pa. and made his home at the time of his death in Round Lake. He is survived by his wife the former Elizabeth Hollis; a son William A.; two daughters, Mrs. Jean Mortan of South Glens Falls and Mrs. Dianne Lytle of Round Lake; and seven grandchildren.

Rev. Rogers was laid to rest in Maple Shade Cemetery, Scotia.

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THE WEATHER

As of interest to our summer residents we give you this summary of the weather.

Until the first of the year, temperatures were above normal but during the early part of January, there were some bitterly cold days, our thermometer registering sixteen below zero on one occasion. The "January

Thaw" came in on schedule with rain and warm temperatures during the week of January 21. It is a beautiful sunshine filled day as this is being written (January 26).

We have had snow on the ground since Christmas with enough for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. The lake froze over at Silver Bay on the January 12 - 13 weekend and at Hague about five days later. The ice fishing has been good, although fishermen have been staying pretty close to shore. Ice skating at Hague was observed yesterday. No snowmobiles or other vehicles have been observed on the lake.

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MRS. EVA FRECHE STALLMANN

Mrs. Eva Freche Stallman, mother of Werner Stallman of Werner's Marine at Silver Bay, died suddenly of a heart attack at her home in Bridgeton, N.J. During the summer months she was a familiar figure at the marina with her husband, Dr. Otto Stallman. She was 73 years of age.

Mrs. Stallman was born in India, the daughter of a Lutheran missionary. She was an active member of the Lutheran church and a Sunday School teacher for many years. Burial was at Overlook Cemetery, Bridgeton.

In addition to her husband and Werner, Mrs. Stallman is survived by a daughter, Mrs. William A. Macchi of Blackwood, N.J.; a son Reinhold of St. Louis; five grandchildren and two brothers.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

In the process of changing the oil cloth cover on a table which came with the house when it was purchased ten years ago, we found that pages from the New York Times of June 15 and 23, 1915, had been used for padding. Although yellowed with age, the copy is generally legible.

The price of the Daily Times was 1¢ and even in those days it carried the slogan, "All The News That's Fit To Print". World War I had started about a year earlier and much of the news dealt with the progress of the war. It was two years before the U.S. entered the war; a time when there seemed to be an effort to maintain neutrality. A box



on the front page announced that in the next Sunday's Times a German author would relate his experiences as a war prisoner in Siberia.

A German, writing to a friend in Concord, N.H. is quoted on the editorial pages as saying: "And then you also write, 'We all hope for the end of the war. America needs only to be neutral, and then the end is in sight. This 'neutral' America which prays for peace and furnishes shells, looks calmly on while England does everything possible to deliver to a most frightful death by starvation, 70,000,000 men, women, and innocent children. And this same 'neutral' America foams with rage when we then in our necessity sink the steamship Lusitania, which had on board 5600 cases of ammunition and other war supplies. Are not our soldiers who were to be killed with those bullets worth just as much as the 1200 passengers who had even been warned by us?"

There were political scandals even in those days. The Democratic National Committeeman, the mayor and 127 other men were indicted for election frauds in Indianapolis and as might be expected a spokesman for the indicted officials proclaimed their innocence and asserted they had committed no crime.

Joe Jackson, who has been driving for one of the great milk companies for five years, was quoted as saying that "automobiles will never supplant horses for milk delivery. Automobiles will never be worth anything in our business," he said, "and I can explain. Automobiles haven't any sense and it takes horse sense and man sense to deliver milk."

The advertisements make one homesick for the good old days. The Lackawanna Railroad announces an \$11.00 fare from New York City to Niagara Falls and return. Macy advertised men's suits that were \$14.75 and \$16.75 at the low price of \$11.75. And men's gray mohair dusters were "a crackerjack coat for \$3.96." Arnold Constable and Co. advertised women's hosiery "soft, fine lustrous mercerized silk lisle; summer weight; in black, white and tan, per pair, formerly 38¢ now 28¢." And women's fashion suits - fine ribbed pure white gauze; seamless at side; tight or lace trimmed knee, formerly \$1.00 now 55¢. Studebaker was offering demonstrating cars, as good as they were the day they left the factory. Originally selling for \$1385. now being offered at a greatly reduced price. Electric starting and light-

ing systems for Ford cars were advertised at \$65.00. "Ideal for the women folk who drive."

In the real estate section, annual apartment rentals are about the equivalent of today's monthly rents. At 86th and Madison, 2 apartments were advertised at \$35. to \$45. a month; 6 rooms and bath were \$30. to \$35. a month. Houses, seven rooms and bath, in nearby suburbs, were for sale at \$5200. One house with eleven rooms and two baths was offered at \$8500. But - applicants for the job of hospital superintendent were being sought at a salary of \$2100. a year.

In the vacation section, Hotel Marion at Lake George was described as the "summer playground of the cultured and the refined. Fine motor roads; delightful air; the regatta and water sports; golf; ninety per cent young people. Trip by automobile is easy, enjoyable and inexpensive."

For amusements there was Grand Central Palace. It advertised "First time in New York, pictures in daylight and brilliant night illumination. Three complete theaters on one floor, admission 10¢." The Ziegfeld Follies was playing at the New Amsterdam and the Birth of a Nation was showing on 42nd Street. The bill at the Palace was headlined by Irene and Vernon Castle.

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BABY SHOWERS

A baby shower for Mrs. Frances Hogan of Ticonderoga was the feature of the Home Bureau meeting on January 22. Mrs. DeFranco who had already had her baby, was presented with money gifts in a piggy bank. The next meeting will be on February 5th.

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board held its organizational meeting on January 8th with all members except Joseph Streeter present.

New members of the Board, the Town Clerk and the new members of the Board of Assessors were sworn in and signed the prescribed oath.

The following committees of the Board were appointed by the supervisor, the first



named being designated chairman:

- Building and Grounds - Fitzgerald and Streeter.
- Planning - Cobb and Fitzgerald.
- Highway - Cobb and Fitzgerald.
- Police - Fitzgerald and Yaw.
- Town Park and Beautification - Yaw, Cobb and Streeter.

The Town Park Commission is made up of the members of the Town Park Committee and three citizens elected by the Town Board. Present members are Earl Phillips, Robert Hoyt, and James Fitzgerald. It was noted that James Fitzgerald's term had expired and he was thereupon re-elected for an additional term of three years.

James Fitzgerald's term as a member of the Board of Assessment Review had expired and he was re-elected for an additional term of five years.

Robert Hoyt had tendered his resignation as a member of the Town Planning Board. His resignation was accepted and Robert Donno was elected to fill out the remaining two years of his term. Dr. Harold Gelhaar's term had expired and he was re-elected to serve an additional term of five years.

The following appointments were made by the Board:

- Custodian of the Town Hall - Mrs. Shirley Bly.
- Registrar of Vital Statistics - Mrs. Mary Alice Scripture.
- Dog Warden, Constable, Ordinance Enforcement Officer, and Sanitation Inspector - Herbert Bolknap.
- Town Attorney - Dominick Viscardi.
- Bank - First National Bank of Glens Falls at Bolton Landing.
- Official Newspaper - Post Star and Times of Glens Falls.

Meeting night will continue to be the second Tuesday of the month Beginning at 7:30.

Pay rates were established as follows:  
Highway - \$3.10 per hour for fulltime employees, \$2.50 per hour for temporary help; auto mechanic, \$3.50 an hour. Members of the Board of Assessment Review - \$35.00 for each day the Board sits. Board of Elections \$40.00 for each day served. Custodian of voting machine, \$45.00 for each day served. The town will pay 13¢ a mile when officials

travel on town business in own car.

The supervisor announced that at the close of 1973 there was a balance of \$26,075. in the general fund and about \$1000. in the highway fund. This is more than twice the amount of the balance anticipated when the 1974 budget was adopted.

The superintendent of highways announced that the supplier advised that the new truck is "on the way".

The school administrator and a member of the school board will meet with the Board on matters of mutual interest. No details of what will be discussed has been revealed.

Michael Riley who recently came to Hague as physical education instructor was appointed director of the Hague Youth Program.

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GASOLINE THIEVES - A WARNING!

Last summer there were a number of complaints about gasoline being stolen from boats. With the current gasoline shortage, this type of petty thievery will increase. As a matter of fact, someone siphoned about 12 gallons of gasoline from my car on the evening of January 12th while parked in Hague.

According to Newsweek (December 17) there are a variety of ailments contracted by people who siphon gasoline from automobile tanks. In a recent week, fourteen new cases of gasoline swallowing were reported in New York City alone.

Says Newsweek: "Anyone who tries to siphon gasoline by sucking it through a simple rubber tube, is taking a tremendous risk. Four ounces of gasoline, if swallowed can be fatal but even smaller amounts can cause unpleasant and frequently dangerous symptoms: headache, nausea, vomiting, prolonged belching, nerve damage, vertigo, visual disturbances, mental confusion, loss of co-ordination, convulsions, and respiratory depression.

"If the siphonor should vomit after swallowing gasoline, he is likely to inhale some of it, and this can lead to chemical pneumonia. Unlike bacterial pneumonia, the chemical variety does not respond to antibiotics. Victims run a severe risk that



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their lungs will abruptly stop functioning due to the effect of gasoline on the central nervous system; they therefore require constant medical attention."

ting tape. Permission has been received from owners of private lands over which the trails operate.

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SNOWMOBILERS MEET

The Hague-on-Lake George Sno-Goers Club held its regular monthly meeting on January 2 at Jordon's "Sno-Pappy" on Battle Hill road. Keith DeLarm, president of the club, resided. Other officers of the club include Mrs. Inza Jordon, Secretary and Martin Fitzgerald, Treasurer. Mr. Tom Smith of Brookwood Park Campsites, Route 9N, Ticonderoga, is in charge of publicity and Clifford 'Slip' Frasier is in charge of trails.

The club has paid for the trail markers and for a substantial quantity of advertising folders. It is in need of additional financial support and plans are under way for running food sales and raffles. New members are also being sought with dues of \$5.00 per family per year.

Mr. DeLarm reported that the county now has about 80 miles of usable snowmobile trails and that since the arrival of adequate snow, they are all in use. The county had anticipated that there would be about 5,000 snowmobiles registered but the gasoline shortage and lack of snow has cut down materially on registrations. At mid-month only about 600 registrations had been issued but many more snowmobiles are being operated on the trails and the county is now beginning to enforce its regulations. Hopefully the county trails will reach Hague by next winter.

Mrs. Inza Jordon has been instructing children between 10 and 16 years of age in snowmobile operation. Following instruction over a period of about 18 hours, the state will issue an operator's license which is required for all persons 16 years and younger. Instruction includes starting with pull cord, changing belts and spark plugs, and hooking snowmobile trailer to trailer hitch on car. In addition there is substantial instruction in driving to satisfy safe driving requirements.

Trail captains were appointed at the meeting, as follows: Mike Donsmore, Howard Daniels, Brian Thatcher, James Charkien and Colonel Fuller. These people will be available to take groups out on the trails and to do general trail policing.

The Hague trails now extend over 50 miles and are all in use. Trails are being marked with aluminum signs at the start and finish and at intersections. Between markers trees along the trails will be marked with reflectors.

Following the meeting there was a snowmobile ride with about 19 snowmobiles participating. The next meeting will be held on February 9 at 1 P.M. Following the meeting there will be a snowmobile ride over many of the trails. You don't have to be a member to use the trails, but the club needs your help both financial and otherwise.