

"SMALL TOWN CLOSENESS STILL ALIVE"

That is what Aggie Watts wrote to the Chronicle after the Watts' mobile home was completely destroyed by fire the evening of December 30. Fire Chief Tom Stull reported that the home was completely engulfed in flames when the Fire Department answered the alarm.

Aggie writes, "Anyone who says that small town closeness is dying has never lived in Hague. We awoke at Ted's mother's realizing that we had lost all our worldly possessions and, although very thankful we - all five of us - were safe, we had deep feelings of despair and desolation.

"However, the town of Hague came through again to renew our faith in mankind. Visitors, friends and even people we had never met came and offered help, carrying food, clothing, household items and money. A 'johnny on the spot' friend had alerted the Red Cross. The three local churches took up special collections the following Sunday. Delicious meals were prepared for us.

"P.S. Children will be happy to know that the boys' E.T. dolls were also visiting grandma that evening." ...A. Watts

WEATHER OR NOT - 1/13/83

When Enoc wished all a warm and merry Christmas, he ment it. Now I ain't sayin he has some mystical powers, but I sure am gonna keep a close eye on him.

So far this winter is running a close first for the warmest and least amount of snow of any winter ever recorded up here. December was the second warmest on record. Christmas Day was 60° F compared with 1981 a 34° F and 1980 a -20° F. New Year's Day was a cool 44° F hitting 50° F on the fifth. Today the temperature fell all the way down to 22° F at the lake with no snow on the ground and an 8 MPH wind out of the Northwest. Heating Degree Day Units this season are 2763 compared to 3404 of 1981-82, 18% warmer than the norm. Total snow has been 5.2 inches and at the stake on Mt. Mansfield in Vt. it is 8 inches compared to 70 inches last year. The temperature of the lake at the 18 in.

level is 39° F, still nice for a quick dip. The lake level is very low, which might mean dry reservoirs come summer. If the lake stays open for another three weeks due to the longer days coming and 64% possible sun being the norm for February, it just might not totally freeze. Wind may play an important role also, even if the temperature does drop. All lakes in the region are still considered dangerous.

My kale in the garden is still sprouting and tastes just fine. Perhaps I should plant my snow peas.

Well, enjoy the weather and save that wood and fuel oil, as two months of winter are still left.

Heading north in search of snow!  
Eloc Salguod  
Correction: Last month's coldest temperature was -8° F.

NEW SUB-DIVISION PROPOSED

The January 6 Planning Board was presented with another proposal for a sub-division in Hague. Terrace View (Cabins) Inc. (adjacent to Dodd Hill Road on Rt. 9N) and owned by Maria Proietti of City Island, NY is being purchased by William Garrison of Hague and Locust, NJ. Mr. Garrison and his attorney, James R. Murdock, Jr. of Ticonderoga, appeared before the Board with a proposal to sub-divide the approximately 6 acres of Terrace View into 13 parcels with 13 homes. This option is a possibility under Article 9, section 9.020 of the Town of Hague Zoning Ordinance which states: "Conversion of Certain Existing Uses. Those structures existing on the effective date of this ordinance that are associated with resort hotels, rental cottages and group camps should be allowed to be converted from their previous use to individual single family residence use, notwithstanding the fact that such structures, as converted do not conform to the provisions of this ordinance or the shoreline restrictions." The Board suggested that Mr. Garrison present a preliminary plat plan indicating the septic and water plans and limiting the number of structures to 9.

HAGUE TOWN BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING -- JANUARY 11, 1983

The following items will remain the same in 1983 as in 1982. Official Newspaper, The Glens Falls Post Star. Bank, First National Bank of Glens Falls. Bolton Branch; claims to be verified instead of certified; mileage rate, 20¢ per mile; Board of Elections, \$55 per day for each of four inspectors. Custodian of Voting, \$60 per day for each of two custodians. Board of Assessment Review \$75 per day for each

of five members. Frank Swinton, Dog Control Officer with a \$500 annual salary; Registrar of Vital Statistics, Mary Hall with a \$100 annual salary; Chairman of Assessors, Clifton Frasier with an annual salary of \$2,600; Budget Officer, Richard Bolton with an annual salary of \$600, plus secretarial services of \$2,100, an increase of \$200 over '82; Historian, Clifton West, with an annual salary of \$185; and Town Attorney, Pat Carney, who is paid on an hourly fee basis, with \$2,500 allocated in the 1983 Budget. Dr. Michael Shuhler has been appointed as Health Officer, a new position, without a salary.

Highway pay rates have been increased from 1982 in the following amounts: Temporary Help, from \$4 per hour to \$4.25; Laborer, from \$4.40 to \$4.90 and Regular from \$5.75 to \$6.25.

Supervisor Bolton stated that Hague employees receive the best pay and benefits of any Town in the County (Warren.)

Councilmen, who are elected, receive \$1800 per year salary. Their committee assignments are as follows:

- Recreation & Promotion - Patchett & Henry
- Police - Middleton & Frasier
- Planning & Zoning - Henry & Middleton
- Highway - Frasier & Patchett
- Bldg. & Grounds - Patchett & Frasier
- Town Park & Beautification - Henry and Middleton
- Senior Citizens - Middleton & Frasier
- Property - Henry & Frasier
- School - Patchett & Frasier
- Revision Comm. (Land-Use Plan) - Patchett & Henry

THE BOARD MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS: Town Park Commission, 3 years, Robert Hoyt; Planning Board, 7 years, Alison Craig; Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 years, Ray Snyder and 2 years, Rick Bolton

TOWN BOARD (Cont.)

to fill the vacancy created by the death of Al Sefcik. The above meet monthly and serve without pay.

Florence Smith was reappointed to another 5-year term on the Board of Assessment Review and Frances Clifton was appointed to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the vacancy created by the death of S. Richard Frasier. Her term runs until 1985.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Supervisor Bolton reviewed the accomplishments of the Town in 1982. Among items mentioned were: the first BASS Tournament for the Town; first Town Compactor paid for by a Federal grant; a 30% cut in insurance costs; the establishment of a police satellite station in Hague during the summer months; new park equipment; purchase of a new sander and truck at a cost of over \$65,000 for cash, and the first woman elected to the Town Board.

GOALS FOR '83 include: an adjustment in the school tax rate, improved assessing procedure, bring Cable TV to Hague; do something with the former school, and establish a permit system for the use of the land-fill.

Jack Carney addressed the Board in regard to assessments in Hague. He felt that the Assessors were not doing a good job since many properties are not fully assessed and that a lot of rehabilitation has been done on many houses and they have not been re-assessed. He felt that because assessors work only on items that require a building permit many improvements are not assessed...AC

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Man is created by thought. What he thinks, so he becomes. Man sows a thought and reaps an action...Boston Marathoner Rodgers.

TOWN BOARD PASSES ECONOMIC RESOLUTIONS ON 12-29-82

- #18 - Authorizing contract between the Town of Hague & Fish and Game Club. Not to exceed \$300.
- #19 - Between Town of Hague & Abalene Pest Control Services. Not to exceed \$360.
- #20 - Between Town of Hague & James A. Mack, VMD. Not to exceed \$125.
- #21 - Between Town of Hague & Hague Chamber of Commerce. Not to exceed \$1400.
- #22 - Between Town of Hague & Hague Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. Not to exceed \$20,000.
- #23 - Between Town of Hague & Hague American Legion Post #1538. Not to exceed \$100.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Girl Scout cookies are now on sale until January 22. The support of this fund raising activity for the Girl Scouts enables not only each individual troop to benefit but also helps support the Adirondack Council which makes books, equipment, camps and various other programs such as gymnastics, roller skating, etc. available to girls all over our area.

We appreciate everyone's support so that through the Scouts, girls can grow in interests and citizenship. In an area of limited activities for young people, we feel this is very important.

If you have not been contacted by an area Girl Scout during the sale, please call Jody Cole, 543-6627, Sharon Fitzgerald, 543-6648 or Laura Meade 543-6060. We will have some cookies available after the January 22 date, if you wish to order more...Jody Cole

LOCAL LAW #1

1983 NEW AMBULANCE FUND

Proposed Local Law #1 which was tabled at the December 15, 1982 meeting of the Town Board was passed at the January 11, 1983 meeting after Town Attorney Patrick Carney explained the full meaning of the law. The law basically provides "for the repair or removal of buildings in business, industrial and residential sections that from any cause, may nor shall hereafter become dangerous or unsafe for the public."

The purpose of this law is: "Unsafe buildings pose a threat to life and property in the town of Hague. Buildings and structures may become unsafe by reason of damage by fire, the elements, age or general deterioration. Vacant buildings not properly secured at doorways and windows also serve as an attractive nuisance for young children who may be injured therein, as well as a point of congregation by vagrants and transients. A dilapidated building may also serve as a place of rodent infestation thereby creating a health menace to the community. It is the purpose of this local law to provide for the safety, health, protection and general welfare of persons and property in the town of Hague by requiring such unsafe buildings to be repaired or demolished and removed."

This ordinance shall take effect ten days after publication in the official newspaper of the town.

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All things are possible once enough human beings realize that the whole of the human future is at stake....Norman Cousins

By this time all residents in the area should have received a letter concerning the 1983 fund drive for the new ambulance. It is hoped much consideration will be given towards a donation.

Altogether, a total of 869 letters were mailed and in this effort I wish to acknowledge those who assisted me, many of whom are not members of the department. Many thanks go to the Silver Bay Assoc. for providing the paper and machinery to print, fold and seal these letters and to the following people who wrote special letters: Dot Henry, Ed Crabbs, Ethel Andrus, Penny Bolton and Billie DeGraff. Thanks also go to Joan Gelden, Jan and John Breitenbach, Joan Jacoby, Ethel Andrus and Flo Lee for addressing envelopes, sealing and stamping of same.

I am pleased to report that 84% of the goal has been achieved. As in most fund drives, the last 10% is the toughest, so we need everyone who has not helped as yet to give us the dollars that will put this great community effort over the top...Ev Lee, Chrmn. Fund Drive.

Ed. Just checked with the treasurer of the Fire Dept. She informed me that of the original goal of \$36,000, \$31,232 has been raised to date, leaving a balance of \$4,768.00. FANTASTIC!!! djh

SANITARY LANDFILL

For those who might have missed the December issue we would like to republish the hours of the Hague Sanitary Landfill.  
Tuesday through Saturday:  
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Sunday and Monday - closed

Please observe these hours and do not leave trash at the gate.  
...DJH

A LETTER FROM OUR CONGRESSMAN

In answer to a letter written by one of our staff members expressing disapproval of the pay raise Congress gave itself, Congressman Gerald Solomon replies in part as follows:

"... I couldn't agree with you more, and I voted against this pay raise as I have in the past.

"During the recent 'lame duck' session, pay raises for Congressmen once again became an issue. Earlier in 1982, Congress passed legislation allowing a 27% pay raise to take effect automatically on December 17. In order to prevent this from happening, I voted to reduce this raise from 27% to 15% and then I voted to eliminate it altogether... I opposed this pay raise because it sets a terrible precedent when the rest of the nation is suffering from economic problems the Congress helped create and everyone is being asked to tighten their belts.

"... You can count on my continuing efforts to block any attempt by the Congress to enrich itself at the expense of the trust of the American people who elected us."

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

This is the theme of the 1983 Art Potter Scholarship Dinner Show to be held March 5 at the E.M.A. in Ticonderoga....djh

VIEWPOINT

One of our readers suggests that we have a department called "FOLLOW-UP". We can understand her dilemma. We try to do just that, democracy moves slowly and we do not get immediate solutions to our problems. We get answers. "we are working on that", "it has to be tabled for a while". We endeavor to print conclusions. Supervisor Bolton's quarterly letter goes to town residents only, but he has advised us that he would be happy to answer any questions to non year-round readers...mb

A GREAT BIG THANK-YOU

To RUTH ROBBINS, who so generously donated her time and efforts to the typing of the December issue. We are all most appreciative...djh

RELIEVE THE WINTER HO-HUMS

Take a course. The Cooperative Extension Assoc. is offering an Introduction to Microwave Cooking Workshop on Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Hudson Falls Extension Headquarters. Fee \$2.00. Call 518-623-3291 for information.

ALSO - Many interesting courses are being offered in the Adult Education Program in Ti. Call 585-7437, Dom Mucci for information.

BESIDES - more courses are being offered by NCCC at the Community Bldg. in Ti. Some of these are daytime courses. No charge for senior citizens (60+). Call 585-4454 for information.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE

Mrs. Elwin Monroe was most pleasantly surprised on January 2 when she received an overseas telephone call from her brother, John, who lives in Wales, England. She had not spoken with him since Jan. 1946, nor had she received any mail from him or her family since that time. Mrs. Monroe left her native home in June 1946. Her brother David and his wife visited her eight years ago. Other than that, Mrs. Monroe has not had any personal contact with her family...ac

A READER WRITES

Peg Hinck, a resident of Silver Bay and Santa Fe, NM, read with interest our article on the foreign students at THS. Many students end their visit in the States with a trip to other parts of the country. If these students plan such a trip, Mrs. Hinck would be happy to welcome them in her home in Santa Fe. We hope something can be worked out...djh

HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL

Dan Belden, Chairman, and Clifton Frasier, Co-Chairman, are holding meetings each Monday evening in the Town Hall to make plans for the 17th annual Hague Winter Carnival to be held February 26 and 27. They would like (and need) volunteers. The carnival is being sponsored jointly by the Hague Fish and Game Club and the Snowgoers Club. Many events are being planned. We will report in more detail in our February issue..djh

A little bit of country, a little bit of rock, featuring the Terrina Russel Band, at the Beachside on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. FOR EVERYONE FROM 1 to 101 years of age. Admission \$2 per person. Sponsored by the Hague Winter Carnival Committee.

VALENTINE BAKE SALE

The Moses Ludington Hospital Auxiliary is holding a bake sale on Friday, Feb. 11 in the hospital lobby from 11 a.m. until all is sold. Your participation is most cordially invited and appreciated both in supplying goodies and buying. The auxiliary is also raffling a clown doll, tickets for which may be purchased from auxiliary members...djh

FUEL ASSISTANCE

A Social Services representative will be in the Hague Town Hall on February 1 and February 15 from 10 - 12 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m. For anyone needing fuel assistance, be sure to call Diane at the Town Hall 543-6161 prior to your coming to see the representative. There are certain documents that must be presented...djh

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CHRONICLE DEADLINE is now the 10th of each month. Please try to get information to us by this date.

Our staff researcher has come up with the following information:

Since 1908 the Lake has frozen over 39 times prior to Jan. 17. In 1919 it did not freeze. The latest date the lake froze over was on Feb. 29, 1932; the earliest ice-out date was on March 27, 1913; the latest, May 2 in 1940 and 1971. In 1982 the ice went out on April 20. At this writing, (Jan. 15), the lake is not frozen.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Mr. Carey Erickson is the second of several artists-in-residence in the Ti school. Mr. Erickson holds an MFA in dance from the Calif. Institute of the Arts and a BFA in theatre from the University of Illinois. He will be working with students K-12 through the physical education departments for 25 days. This program is made possible through a grant from the IP Foundation...djh

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The December "Show and Tell" and Christmas party of the Hague Historical Society was held at the home of the Robert Coles. A discussion was held on the form and printing of the History of Hague. It was decided that it was imperative that we have a safe place for a display of artifacts collected so far.

Members brought interesting items to show - old ice skates, ice tongs, powder horn, shaving mug and many other memorabilia. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Cole.

Next meeting will be held April 20 at the Hague Baptist Church Annex. Subject - Sextons, Boatbuilders of Hague...mb

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I finally got it all together but I forgot where I put it.

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A daughter, Shannon, to Tony and Sherry Sobel in St. Charles, Mo. on Dec. 15. Grandmother, Lillian Sobel, is a Hague resident.

BORN - A girl, Catherine Meehan, to John and Susan (Michael) Rogers on December 22 in Pittsfield, Ma. Grandparents, Gray and Petey Michael of Friends Point.

MARRIED - John ("Pop") Signer of Graphite and Albany and Billie Touchstone Hardaway of Homer, La. on January 15 in Albany.

DIED - George R. VanVoorhis, Jr., 62, on December 14 in Wevertown. He was the father of Rudd VanVoorhis of Hague & Wevertown.

DIED - Catherine M. Stull, manager of Cape Cod Village for the past 25 years, on December 23 in Glens Falls Hospital. She is survived by sons Tom and Fred and daughter Carol (Mrs. Fred LaPann.)

DIED - Alexander Sefsik, on Dec. 26. Mr. Sefsik was a member of the Hague Zoning Board. He is survived by his wife Lee, Split Rock Road.

DIED - J. Stanford Smith, 68, of Greenwich, Ct. and Friends Point, on January 6 in Boston. He is survived by wife Elaine, four children and seven grandchildren.

DIED - Charlotte Culver Swinton, 88, on January 6. She was a resident of Pottersville and grandmother of Sue (Mrs. James) Cooke. Hague.

DIED - Caroline Ruth, 80, on Jan. 8 in Moses Ludington Hospital. She is survived by her husband and nine children, 49 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren. She was the mother of Ida May of Hague.

BETH BOLTON, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Bolton was on the Dean's List for the first quarter at Canton A & C.

DAVID MARTUCCI, son of Mr. & Mrs. R. P. Martucci was on the Dean's List for the first quarter at Adirondack Community College.

GRACE MEMORIAL UNION CHAPEL, Sabbath Day Point, has been listed as subject property on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

LYNN COFFIN, 15 year old gymnast from Hague; competed in the United States Gymnastic Federation in Buffalo January 15 and 16. She competed in all compulsory and optional events. Results are not available at this time.

WINTER SPORTS ROSTER

The following THS students from Hague are participating in the sports program this winter:

Freshman Basketball - Gilbert Cox, Dan Denton, Pat Fish

JV Basketball - Jay Jordan

VARSITY Basketball - Tim Denno, Art Belden

Wrestling - Tom Denno

Scorekeeper - Lisa Capone

Varsity Cheerleading - Pam Dunklee

JV Cheerleading - Cathy Meola, Mary Jo McLean

Girls Varsity Basketball - Tina Belden, Katy Laundree

Bowling - Rudy Meola, Tim Strum

The staff congratulates all these young athletes and wishes them a very successful season...djh

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JANUARY and FEBRUARY

JAN.

- 18 Home Bureau - 10:00 a.m.
- 18 School Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Planetarium Show - THS - 7:30
- 20 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 27 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30
- 1 Social Serv. Rep - see p. 6
- 3 Planning Board - 7:30 P.M.
- 10 HAGUE CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- 12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
- 14 VALENTINE'S DAY

FEB.

- 1 Home Bureau - 10:00 a.m.
  - 15 Soc. Serv. Rep. - See p. 6
  - 15 Home Bureau - 10:00 AM
  - 14 - 18 SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- EVERY TUESDAY at 11:00 the Veterans' Admin. representative - Town Hall.

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A WINTER WALK BETWEEN THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW

A soft day in late December, the lake's calm blue quiet reflecting the same deep sky: now and then the sometime slice of sharp white, fluffing to feather--the streak of jet stream, visual "echo" of a plane flying by on high, aural echo, too, in its zoom sound hurtling ahead. At water's edge and at islands' rim green sculptures of pine show still verdant--as if winter were not coming. But, all around us at Island Harbor and at the farthest tip of Friends Point, rusty oak leaves remind us that Fall is finished. These tough leaves, like the red-tipped bushes and the wild, golden grasses, give color to the dormant land. Next night wild winds and winter cold have stirred the lake. As it dies down, we walk again: a thin rim of ice has formed, the crackling crust we liked to step upon when we were children to hear its crush beneath our boots--we called "galoshes". Erv (who truly "reads" nature) knows that noon-time sun--tho' it sits far south--will melt this surface glaze. Summer folk visiting everywhere in Hague, not skiing, but climbing little hills and mountains, as if on a fall hike!

On Jan. 10 Erv takes the thermometer from the lake; it reads 37°F at the shallow dock. Saturday, the first fine snow, at seven a.m. and seeming to stay fixed fast in white cocoons to bark of trees and branches. Last year at this time deep ice pushed down to form our winter walk on the lake and across to islands. Soon, once more? ...B.DeG.

FLASH FLASH - 1/16/83 - 19 inches of snow since yesterday morning.  
More in the forecast for tomorrow! It's really white!

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