

VIEWPOINT

"ON November 16, 1982, there was a public meeting regarding the funding of a town zoning administrator. This was due to the fact the Lake George, Lake Champlain Regional Planning Board is no longer able to fund this project, after approximately five years of doing so.

Immediately after the public meeting the Town Board held a special meeting to vote on whether the town should take over the funding. I voted against this expense. On the surface it might appear that I was against zoning for Hague, which is not the case. I believe our town needs planning and zoning to fit the needs of the town. Regardless of whether we spend our tax dollars for a zoning administrator or not we will have planning, zoning and sanitation codes through at least three state agencies; namely A.P.A., Environmental Conservation and N.Y. State Dept. of Health.

It is my feeling that these State Agencies should administer and police the laws that were written by the State. This responsibility should not fall on the small town of Hague."

Robert N. Patchett, Councilman

Board Members Bolton, Frasier, Henry, and Middleton voted to retain the position of Developmental Administrator for one more year. Mr. Foster agreed to a reduction of salary from \$8,000 to \$5,000. The Lake George - Lake Champlain Regional Planning Board has agreed to fund \$2,500. and the Town \$2,500. of Foster's salary.

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CASE CLOSED

On December 3, in the Warren County Municipal Center Court Room the case of the Warner Stallman structure was heard. The final decision was that Mr. Stallman is required to move the structure 10 feet from the northerly property line to conform with the Town of Hague Zoning Ordinance which requires a minimum of 10 feet for a side yard.

ac

C*H*R*I*S*T*M*A*S

Cups of cheer and Children laughing
Holly decks the halls and houses
Ring bells, jingle chime the message
Infant birth is celebrated
Snow flakes dance and softly cover
Trees alight and candles gleaming
Mistletoe and Music making
Alleluia
Scrooge is saved. S.C. '82

COOKIE SALE

Jody Cole informs us that the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Crusade gets underway about January 7, '83. Please make the girls feel welcome when they arrive at your door totake your cookie order.

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSE REINDEER?

Have you taken a good look at the N.Y. State Department of Transportation deer crossing signs in Hague, lately? They have all "grown" small, Rudolph like, red noses! HO! HO! HO!

"IT" FINALLY HAPPENED!

There was a nip in the air as the crowd gathered on the top of the hill. Beauty was every where, but that isn't why they came. A year of expectation finally was to bear fruit. A bottom was pushed and the new trash compactor did it's work at the Hague Sanitary Landfill. Thus begins the first step in a cleaner landfill!

Effective Dec. 14, 1982, the Hague Sanitary landfill will be open the following hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 10am to 5pm. Saturday, 8am to 8 pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. The schedule will change during the summer months. ac

NOVEMBER 18 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

DECEMBER 2 PLANNING BOARD

A Public Hearing was held on three requests for variances at 8 pm.

1. Art Steitz's request to add a cantilevered bay window to the rear of his home was granted.

2. Frances Jones' request for a variance to allow her house, under construction, to remain 14 inches closer to the side yard allowance than permitted in the Hague zoning ordinance was granted with conditions, such as, a \$10,000 performance bond be posted, the building be completed externally prior to Sept. 1, 1983 and that a signed contract, with a different builder, be obtained before the stop-work order is rescinded.

Ms. Jones' attorney, Dan Smith, requested that Ms. Jones be allowed to stabilize the building prior to winter since it has major construction defects and could collapse. This was granted.

3. Dr. Serlin's attorney, Robert Stewart, Esq. came before the Board with Dr. Serlin's request for a variance for his deck/dock. (see the Nov. issue of this paper for details). The Warren County Planning Board disapproved of granting the variance. A majority, plus one, of a municipality board is required to over-rule the recommendations of the Warren County Planning Board. The Hague Board reviewed the application and concluded that a variance is not required since 100 feet is deck and the remainder is dock and is under the jurisdiction of EnCon. ac

SOUP LABELS

The Ticonderoga Elementary School is collecting Campbell's soup labels. The labels will be exchanged for audio Visual and/or library reference materials. The collection will continue until February 11, so even if you don't have children in the school you have plenty of time to mail them. Ti's zip is: 12883

E. Gilbert Barker, realtor, representing Robert Stone of Cape Cod Village, presented a proposal to install an alternate septic system on the Stone property. The lot depth is 86 feet, therefore it is impossible to conform to the 100 foot set-back from the brook running at the rear of the lot. The request was denied as an alternate system, namely, a holding tank, is possible and would conform to the Hague Sanitation Code.

EnCon submitted the plans for a two-story boat house and dock proposed for the VanVoorhis property. The total size of the construction would be 39 feet by 57 feet. EnCon was soliciting input from the Town, but the necessary permits would be issued by EnCon. ac

LETTERS KEEP US GOING!

"I really enjoy reading the Hague Chronicle. You and your staff do an excellent job. The Chronicle is the only source of complete information about what is happening in our town! I wonder if most people realize the vast amount of volunteer time that goes into assembling this newspaper! I want to express my appreciation to all of you for a job well done."

Jacqueline L. Fort

CORRECTION

As a result of an article in last months Hague Chronicle, we learned that we erroneously reported that the Town of Hague had not been notified by any NY State agencies that dredging and the installation of culverts were to take place at the VanVoorhis property. Hague's Town Clerk had failed to notify Supervisor Bolton and Planning Administrator Foster that permits had been issued. Thank you Mrs. VanVoorhis for correcting this error. ac

STILL SINGING IN THE RAIN (ACID)
(see Dec. Chronicle '81)

WEATHER OR NOT DEC. 10, 1982

1. Acid Rain is real, 2/3 at least man-made. (A.R. the catchall term for precipitation laced with sulfuric & nitric acid).

2. It should be handled as an immediate problem and NOT something to be dealt with at a relaxed pace over a long term.

3. ACID FOG in Los Angeles is 100% more acid than rain.

When I saw on the evening news that the Los Angeles FOG situation was being compared to a Bathroom Liquid Cleaner. I decided to forgo anymore depressing comments on the issue.

I saw Seasons Greetings to the friends and readers who have added to my files on this vital subject. Ed Crabbs, Ginny Shattuck, Dr. Bob Hume, Dr. E.F. vonWettberg, Jr. (Ted) and Aggie vonWettberg.

Anyone interested could pursue the following:

NYTimes - 11/14 - full page debate by noted atmospheric scientists entitled, "Are Enough Data in Hand to Act Against Acid Rain?" #2 above. Answer - YES.

Page 96, Newsweek, 12/13. "Watch Out For Acid Fog." Findings from Caltec, Chemist Michael Hoffman, featured. He appeared on C.B. S. Evening News, 11/8.

Let's ski away and forget acid snow, etc., etc.

M. Broderick

YOUTH COMMITTEE
CAROLING & CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Tuesday, December 21 at 6 pm; youth from the Hague Youth Program, the Wesleyan Methodist & Hague Baptist Churches will gather at the Baptist Church parking lot to enjoy some seasonal caroling. Following the caroling, all will return to the Baptist Church Annex for snacks and gifts.

Each participant is asked to bring an under one dollar gift. Donations of cookies would be appreciated. Please call Aggie Watts, 543-6598; for more information. MB

Bet you all were wondering if winter would ever get here or not. Why, just last Saturday the fourth it was a summery 68°F with enough sun for a tan. Then it came, slow at first, with only a slight chatter on the window panes. By early morning all was white with a cold Arctic wind blasting against the house. That night the mercury dropped to 8°F with wind of 35 MPH giving a warm wind chill of "-34°F", where-as Old Forge had a -15°F with a wind chill of -60°F. Enoc said, "It were enough to stall and deep freeze a duck in flight." He swears he saw a whole flock drop out of the sky in such a storm before. Well winter is here and the birds have long headed South, at least the smart ones did. Just before the storm I even saw a chipmunk who couldn't decide if it was Spring yet. The current temperatures for the season are still 20% higher than the norm. The water temperature at the 18inch level is now 42°F down 10° from last month.

Time to go out and fetch in the Christmas tree. This year Enoc bet Eban a jug of cider that his tree would be the straightest. After two whole miserable days of trompin through the woods Enoc brought in his tree. While Eban thought he'd be smarter and went to the saw mill and got himself a straight pole with the bark still on and bored holes into which he stuck pine branches. Enoc upon seeing the hoax laughed to himself and gladly gave Eban the jug of cider. Two days went by when the whole town was woken by the screams and shouts as Eban's wife, Jessica chased him clear over the ridge, as all the needles fell during the night onto her shag rug she had just made. Remember to keep the stump of the tree in a basin filled with water away from anything hot, and get rid of when it dries out, as it can be a potential fire hazard. Enoc wishes you all a warm merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Strung up in ornaments!

Eloc Salguod

SCHOOL DISTRICT EQUALIZATION RATES

The following is the major portion of a letter addressed to Richard E. Bolton, Supervisor, Town of Hague, from the State of New York Division of Equalization and Assessment. It is in response to Resolution #15 adopted by the Hague Town Board on October 12, 1982, concerning inequities in the school tax rate.

"...The resolution conveys the impression that the people of Hague attributes recent increases in school taxes to a combination of the consolidation of the school districts and differences in the quality of assessment administration in the two assessing units, and that the situation could be remedied by the establishment of special equalization rates for the portion of the school district which falls in each pursuant to subdivision 2 of section 1314 of the Real Property Tax Law.

"Our analysis indicates that the levy for the school district increased by 13.6% overall between the 1980-81 school year and 1982-83, but that the increase for the Ticonderoga portion was only 8.3% while the increase for the Hague portion was 26.3%. The disproportionately larger increase for the Hague portion is further reflected in the shift in the proportion of the total district levy born by the Hague portion, which increased from 29.4% of the levy in 1980-81 to 32.6% in 1982-83 while the Ticonderoga share of the levy decreased from 70.6% in 1980-81 to 67.4% in 1982-83.

"Our data indicates, however, that the shift of the burden to Hague since 1980-81 is associated with neither of the factors suggested by the resolution, but rather the significant differences in the rate of increase in market value estimated by our recent market value surveys.

"The 1976 & 1978 market value surveys reflect very substantial market value trends on lake-front property in the Town of Hague. This has brought about full value increases averaging in excess of 13% a year over the last four years as a result of the advancing of the full value standard being used in state equalization rates.

"At the same time, no similar large full value increases have resulted for the Town of Ticonderoga. In fact, the rate of full value increase attributed to the advancing of the full value standard has been less than 4% a year.

"...With respect to the request of the Town that independent surveys be conducted pursuant to section 1314, lacking sufficient evidence to demonstrate inequities exist, such extra surveys are not presently feasible. In any event, subdivision 2 of section 1314 generally applies when a portion of an assessing unit in a school district is assessed on the average at a different percentage of full value than the town as a whole. Since the vast majority of the properties in both towns are in the school district, any question of possible inequities should be raised relative to the town as a whole.

"...In the meantime, no further shift will occur in 1983-84 because the full value standard associated with the 1982 state equalization rates will remain the same as in the prior year.

"I hope I have furthered your understanding of the effects of changes in equalization rates on local school levy apportionment..."

The letter was signed by Robert F. Jone Deputy Executive Director for Equalization

I would like to quote another Jones, namely, John Paul..."I have not yet begun to fight." This quote sums up the response of Supervisor Bolton's reaction to the above letter. ac

A CLOSING

We are sad to report that Dorian's in Ticonderoga has gone out of business as of January 15. This store, originally Ti Economy, has been in business in Ti for 50 years, 30 of them under the ownership of Mr. & Mrs. Hans Katzenstein. They will continue to operate their two stores in Saranac Lake. The National Army Store plans to open a store in the former Dorian's.

THIS ONE GOT AWAY

Recently, I embarked on my annual pilgrimage to the happy hunting grounds known as the "southern tier" with my usual high expectations of bagging a deer.

Our party started out on the first day in the pouring rain but that was no deterrent. We were all seasoned hunters used to coping with the elements in our quest for "venzin". As I was slogging along I spied a deer, quickly raised my gun and fired. He was wounded but not down. Upon reaching the spot where he had stood when shot I could see blood on the ground and knew that I would have no trouble tracking him. I felt he was badly wounded and could not go far. After ten minutes or so I felt I was getting close but just then I heard another shot not too far away from me in the direction my deer had headed. When I finally reached the downed deer there was a hunter already gutting him out. When I remarked to him that I had wounded the deer and had been tracking him he said, "Maybe thats so but it's the one that finishes him off that takes him home". In our own hills of Hague we have a different motto but "When in Rome..." However, I did not return home without a deer, but thats another story.

Dick Bolton

THE PERFECT TREE

"A few days before Christmas we went in a body with my father to the woods in search of the perfect tree. We usually chose one no taller than my arms reach, for as the eldest it was my privilege to place a gilt star at the very top. We had a few ornaments kept from year to year and this star was one of them. All the rest were made by us--chains of popcorn, gilded cones, and cotton batting snow. I can still smell the fresh, green odor of spruce in our living room and see the festoons of ground pine draped over the cornices of the windows." with permission from: Growning Up Wild, by: Dorothy (Watts) Goodfellow

A SWIMMING IDEA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER FOURTH, 1982. One of Hague's distinguished SENIOR Citizens noted that the thermometer stood at 68 degrees with the water temperature at 46 degrees. We don't know if he hung his hat from a hickory limb, but we do know, HE WENT IN THE WATER! Says he enjoyed a nice swim in the beautiful waters of Lake George. Perhaps the I Love New York campaign should advertise Hague as year 'round water sports? MB

THEN WAS THEN, BABY, NOW! IS NOW!

DECEMBER NINTH, 1982 and the waters of Lake George no longer beckon swimmers. At 6:30 am the air temperature stood at 34 degrees at a northernly point on our Lake with winds gusting from the northeast at 45 miles per hour, and holding steady at 30 mph. By early afternoon the temperature had plummeted to 14 degrees while the wind continued to howl, causing rapid cooling of the water and sending the vapors swirling toward the shores where they quickly form into cylindrical icicles; beautiful, but definitely, no longer swimming weather! ac

HAGUE AMBULANCE UP-DATE

Many of our readers have already sent in contributions for our new ambulance and to them we say a BIG THANK-YOU! \$13,000 more is needed to complete the payments on our super new ambulance. Let's finish the job in '82 so our ambulance volunteers won't have the added burden of raising money to pay the interest charges.

Send your TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation to: THE HAGUE AMBULANCE FUND, HAGUE, NY 12836...THANKS!

SOUNDINGS

BORN - a daughter, Emily Ernestine to Elizabeth and Robert Underwood. December 5 in Haymarket, VA. Grandparents are John & Jan Breitenbach of Silver Bay.

MARRIED - Peter A. Frasier of Graphite to Jeanette Huck of Bolton Landing, December 4 in the First Methodist Church, Warrensburg.

MARRIED - Gary Bogle of Hague and Fayetteville, N.C. to Kelly Jeanne Pearsoll of Castleton, NY on September 18, at the McCoy home on West Hague Rd. Town Justice Harvey Yaw officiated.

MARRIED - Patricia Reath of NJ & Cape Cod village to William Graves, Jr. of Atico, NJ on September 11. Justice Yaw officiated in the South Ticonderoga Chapel.

DIED - Edna F. Seibert, 76, on Nov. 24 in Lisbon, Ohio. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Ray (Evelyn) Monroe of Graphite.

DIED - S. Richard Frasier, 61, on Dec. 11. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. S. Richard (Elaine) Frasier and his son, Richard A. Frasier.

ANNIVERSARY--Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin of Hague celebrated their 69th anniversary on December 4.

RICHARD STRUM - is statistician of the Varsity Basketball team of Houghton College and enjoys traveling with the team to such places as Indiana and Ottawa, Canada.

JUSTICE RECERTIFIED - Town Justice, Harvey E. Yaw attended the Justice School at Clinton Community College and received Certification.

YOUTH GAME DAYS - Youth director, Agnes Watts has announced that during the winter months, games will be held in the Town Hall on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 pm unless some special Town event is scheduled.

CHAMPS - CONGRATULATIONS!

The 1982 J.V. Football Championship of C.V.A.C. belongs to the Ticonderoga Sentinels. Paul Belden of Hague was a member of this team that finished the season with a 7 - 1 record. They won their final game against a strong Saranac team with a 14 to 7 win. Art Belden & Michael Starmer were members of the Ti varsity team.

HAGUE STUDENTS HONOR ROLL

FIRST HONORS:

Paul Belden, Catherine Meola, Jeffrey Plass, Tonia Cole, Norma Strum, Rudolph Meola, Timothy Strum, Tina Belden, & Jennifer Fitzgerald.

SECOND HONORS:

Elizabeth Monroe, Lana Ross, Mary Smith, Bonnie Swinton, Tammy Yaw, Daniel Belden, Tom Denno, Tracy Stull, Katy Laundree, Jackie Dunsmore, Michael Stormer, Scott Rockwell and Lisa Capone.

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

GYMNASTICS TEAM WINS!!!

Lynn & Lisa Coffin, Toni & Tara Cole, Lana & Janet Ross and Jo McLean traveled to Plattsburg as part of the Ticonderoga gymnastics team and brought home the Champlain Valley Athletic Conference Championship. The team had a perfect season with a 16-0 record. Lynn Coffin is Section VII five event champion. Events are: All Around, Bar, Beam Vaulting & Floor. MB

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO OUR FRIENDS & FELLOW WORKERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC. STAY HEALTHY & HAPPY,..and...don't eat too much CRIST-STOLLÉN MIT PERSIPANFULLUNG!

miggie, dottie, billy, alison & jack

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DECEMBER AND JANUARY

DECEMBER

- 16 Zoning Board - 7:30 P.M.
- 20 Elementary School Parents
Advisory Comm. - 7:30 P.M.
- 21. Youth Christmas Party - 6 P.M.
(see page 4)
- 23. School Vacation Begins at 2:40 P.M.
- 24. Town Office Closed
- 25. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

JANUARY

- 1. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL
- 4. Home Bureau - 10 A.M.
- 6. Senior Citizen Bus To Glens Falls
- 6. Planning Board - 7:30 P.M.
- 11. Town Board Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
- 12.&13 High School Equivalency Tests
- 18. Home Bureau - 10 A.M.
- 18. Fish and Game Club
- 27. Zoning Board - 7:30 P.M.

CAROLS

The Child was manger born
 A humble quiet birth
 Yet on that night so long ago
 A change had come to earth.
 O Little Town Of Bethlehem.

Great kings and serfs bowed down
 Through centuries of strife
 All saints and sinners in their way
 Kept Christmas in their life.
 We Three Kings Of Orient Are.

Turn down the T.V.'s blare
 Gaze Fast this magic night
 Beyond the quady Christmas lights
 The Star's still burning bright.
 Star of Wonder Star of Light
 O Come All Ye Faithful.
 Mig Broderick

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