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TOWN BOARD PREPARING 1973 BUDGET

Work on the town budget for the year 1973 is now underway. A tentative budget will be submitted to the Board on or before October 5 and a public hearing has been set tentatively for November 5th. What the Board ultimately decides shall be paid out for town services during the coming year will be reflected in the tax bill which we will be getting in January.

As a guide to what the Town of Hague should pay its public officials and workmen the supervisor's office has prepared a chart comparing the salaries and wages paid in other towns with those currently being paid in Hague. Except for the town of Lake George where salaries and wages are higher than in other towns, the amounts paid in Hague appear to be representative. The weekly pay of highway workers, for example, goes from a low of \$2.00-2.25 at Lake George to a high of \$2.70, the rate paid in Hague. Salaries paid to town supervisors range from \$3,100. to \$4,300. with Hague paying \$3500; salaries of councilmen range from \$700. to \$1400. with Hague paying \$1200; and town justices are paid from \$250. to \$350. with Hague paying \$2,000 to \$3500.

If you feel the town is spending too much for town services or too little ... this is the time to let the Board know.

CHURCH GETS NEW MINISTER

The Rev. L. Carpenter, a recent graduate of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School at Rochester, New York has taken over the ministry at the Hague Baptist Church. Rev. Carpenter, who comes from East Greenwich, Rhode Island, has been preaching several mornings since the end of June. He views upon the church as a multi-denominational community church and feels that it is a bright future.

October 5th has been tentatively set as

The date for Rev. Carpenter's installation as pastor. Hopefully, a close friend, the Rev. Jim Henry of Rochester will be able to officiate. The service will be in the evening and all townspeople will be invited to attend.

Mrs. Carpenter is also from East Greenwich. She headed up the 6-week pre-kindergarten program in Hague this summer with 17 youngsters in attendance. She is a qualified school teacher and hopes to find employment in the area in that capacity.

HAGUE RESIDENTS AWARDED PLAQUES

The chairman of the Lake George Commission, William C. Busch, recently presented framed plaques to a number of Hague residents who were winners in the annual Park Commission Beautification Contest.

Winners from the Sabbath Day Point area were Mrs. Harold Galhaer, Award of Excellence for the most beautiful and well kept, residential and Mrs. C.F. Kreker, award of Excellence for most beautiful and well kept residential, lakeside view. Mrs. Frederick LaPam was the winner of the award of excellence for most improved residence, lakeside view. The LaPam home is on Route 91 in the Indian Kettle area.

For a number of years a group of civic-minded men have planted and tended the flowers along the roadway at the intersection of Route 91 and Route 8. Headed by Clifford Decker, the group has included James Fitzgerald, Tony Falino, Ned Orines and Leo Duell. Last year this group won an award of excellence for roadside beautification and this year Mr. Decker was again presented with the award. The plaques are on display at the town hall.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY VISITS HENNING

Twenty-four members of the Hague Historical Society travelled to Henning, Vermont on Saturday, September 23 for a visit

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to the Bennington Museum. Among other things, the museum is famous for its collection of the works of Grandma Moses who lived to be 101 years old and continued painting right up to her death. There are many other collections in the museum — glassware, silver, pottery, guns, etc.

Among the antiques were things we never knew about before. Of particular interest to a former city dealer was a 'Bee Hunters Tracking Kit'. After a bee has gathered a full supply of nectar from the flowers he has visited, he makes a 'bee-line' for the hive where the honey is made and stored. The 'bee-hunter' or, more properly the 'honey-hunter', tracks the returning bee with the tracking kit which has some sort of telescopic lens and eventually finds the hive and with it the honey. Also of interest was a drop sceptor which had a card explaining "up to 1850 it was considered proper to drink tea from a sceptor". Finally, there was a set of glass pens. As explained to us, these pens, made of solid glass, were dipped in ink and used for writing. Apparently these pens which came between the quill and the steel pens were not around very long.

Bennington is about one hundred miles from Hague. The drive down the New York side and returning through Vermont is in itself worth the trip — especially at this time of the year.

MARY IDELSON MARRIED TO DR. CRISTO

On September 9th, Mary Elizabeth Idelson daughter of Mrs. Margaret and the late Fred Idelson of Forest Bay, was married to Dr. William Cristo, son of Mrs. Guillermo and the late Guillermo Cristo of Wolcott, N. Y. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thomas T. Paris in the Bethesda Episcopal Church in Saratoga Springs. Following the service a reception for members of

the family and friends was held at the Country Gentlemen Restaurant at Saratoga.

The bride was attended by Miss Sheila Mary Matthews. Joseph Allison acted as best man.

The bride came with her parents to Hague in 1953 and attended Hague Central School graduating with the class of 1965. After graduation she attended Russell Sage College and has received a graduate degree in nursing from New York Medical College Graduate school of Nursing. She is a neurosurgical nurse clinician at Metropolitan Hospital in New York. Dr. Cristo is an alumnus of Clarkson College of Technology and received a doctor of medicine degree from New York Medical College. He is a resident in radiology at New York Medical College, Metropolitan Hospital, New York City.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Nassau and are now making their home in Bronxville New York.

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on September 12 with all members present.

The supervisor read a letter from the Public Service Commission asking the board to give consideration to the creation of a public water department if and when the water company now owned and operated by John Carney ceases operations. The matter was tabled pending further word on Mr. Carney's intentions.

The superintendent of highways announced that the resurfacing of town roads as previously authorized has been completed.

Mr. Donno announced that the summer policemen have discontinued effective September 9th. He reported that there had been no serious problems concerning law enforcement with probably fewer complaints this year than in previous years. He also reported that the town police car had travelled a total of 7100 miles during the summer months.

Mr. Cobb reported that he and the supervisor had been giving consideration to the establishment of a town planning board. A

ation was then presented and approved that Messrs. Cobb and Smith would proceed with the establishment of a planning board, that they would draft procedures for the operation of the planning board, and that they would procure more information on the subject.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on October 10th at 7:30 P.M.

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MAY'S CELEBRATE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Harry and Ada May celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a surprise party on September 23 at the May home on Route 8. The party had been arranged for by the couple's daughters; Geneva Demmo, Gladys Barber, Grace May, Georgiana May, Gail Bennett and Ghendolyn Jussmaker.

A total of 37 guests from Hague and Ticonderoga were present. Out-of-town guests included Gladys Maloney of Weyerton, Mr. May's aunt and Dale Bennett and family from Laird, New York. Mr. Bennett is a nephew. Mrs. Gery and Francis and their families were not able to attend.

Buffet supper was served on tables decorated in ruby and silver. The anniversary cake had been prepared by Gladys Barber. The couple received many gifts and congratulatory cards from members of their family and friends on this happy occasion. The Mays have 21 grandchildren.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on September 11th with all members of the board present.

Announcement was made that Messrs. Demmo, May, Fitzgerald, and Heala and Mrs. Francis planned to attend the New York State School Boards Conference in Syracuse on September 29-30.

The principal announced that the school had a current enrollment of 196.

In the school's newsletter of August, parents were advised that rules had been developed to determine which pupils would be entitled to free lunches under the school lunch program. Parents who wanted to qualify, were asked to fill out and re-

turn an application blank which was attached to the letter. Several parents, apparently not satisfied with the rules, appeared at the meeting and the subject of free lunches was spiritedly discussed at considerable length. However, no changes or exceptions to the rules were announced.

The next meeting of the Board will be on October 9.

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CLASS HOLDS ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The Hague Highschool graduating class of 1962 celebrated its tenth anniversary at a dinner-party at Duck and Dine on September 23. Of the ten members of the graduating class, the following attended the party: Bill Ball, presently residing in Saratoga Springs; Mrs. Barbara Demmo Crossan now of Ballston Lake; Mrs. Judy Brock Stock of New Rochelle, and Robert Bevins and Mrs. Judy Lambert Cole who continue to live in Hague. Judy's husband Tom Stock was also present.

The party which had been dressed up during the summer by Roger, Judy and Barbara was voted a huge success and plans for another reunion in 1977 were made.

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STATE, COUNTY AND TOWN ROADS

We have three types of highways in our town. Route 91 is an example of a state highway. The Old-Country-Post Hague Road is a County Road. Examples of town roads are Decker Hill, Dodi Hill, Silver Bay and Sabbath Day Roads. Each level of government is responsible for the construction and maintenance of its own roads. An important item in maintenance is keeping the roads open in winter.

Reciprocal agreements have been made to get the work done more efficiently. For example, the town is paid \$800. per mile by the county for plowing, sanding and salting county roads. The county places the state routes (except throughways) for which it is compensated by the state. The state sands and salts its own roads. The town does the entire job on town roads -- plowing, sanding and salting.

Another reciprocal agreement made this year is that the town is selling the state whatever sand is required for sanding the state routes and the state is selling the

... whenever such is requested ...
The state trucks are up at the sanitary landfill to get sand which will be stockpiled at the town garage.

Town roads may be upgraded to county roads and county roads to state routes under some circumstances. The state may take over a county road, for example, if it is needed as a link between state routes. Under similar circumstances a town road may become a county road. When this occurs, the town is, of course, relieved of the financial burden of maintaining the road.

State aid to towns for road maintenance and construction is available under certain circumstances. The so-called Denovan Plan provides that the state will reimburse the town to the extent of 25% of a maximum of \$4500. a mile for re-surfacing town roads. However, to be entitled to this aid, the town must meet the following specifications: a minimum of 18 feet roadway; a minimum of five foot shoulders; and proper drainage must be provided. For constructing town roads to above specifications, the state will provide 25% of a maximum of \$18,000. a mile.

Hague has never received any aid from the state for re-surfacing or constructing town roads but has been assured that \$1350. in state aid will be obtained next year when additional re-surfacing will be undertaken.

To the uninitiated, the entire system of road construction and maintenance seems to be cumbersome, expensive and replete with duplication. Since the state collects all of the highway use taxes, why should it not be responsible for the construction and maintenance of all highways, be they state

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HOME BUREAU RESUMES

After the long summer vacation, the Methodist Chapter of Home Bureau held its first meeting of the fall schedule on September 26 at which time plans were made for the fall and winter meetings. The first regular meeting of the chapter will be held on October 3 at 10:00 A.M. in the Baptist Church Annex. Meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Plans were also made for participation by the chapter in the Home Bureau Fall Workshop which will be held at Glens Falls on October 24-25.

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OUR MOBILE SOCIETY

A number of families have recently moved from Hague. Those brought to your attention are: The Gillette Bartlett, Jeremiah Denawa, and Peter Connery families and Gert and Archie Harriok have moved to Ticonderoga. Mr. & Mrs. Herman Denny are moving to Port Henry. The Fortune Family has moved to Ogdensburg.

New People are moving in but we do not have their names. To keep our mailing list up-to-date, it would be appreciated if we are advised of recent changes.

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HAGUE WINS SOCCER GAME

Hague now has a 1 - 1 record after defeating Horicon 1 - 0 in a Tierney Conference soccer game last Thursday. The winning goal was scored by Doug Landree.

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