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HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
1980 REPORT

At the January meeting the following officers were ELECTED for 1981: Gerry Boyd, Chief; Tom Stull, 1st Asst.; Dick Frasier, 2nd Asst.; Foreman, Art Belden; Property Man, Paul Davis; Sub-Station, Ev. Lee; Asst. P.M., Tim May; Sub-Station, Jim Braisted; Sec-Treas, Edith Smith; Ambulance Captain, Ida May; Co-Capt, Joan Belden; Food Chrm, Ida May, Co-Chrm, Judy Porter; Directors, John Coon, George Denton, Jim Young. APPOINTED Officers are: Chaplain, Ken Tabor; Membership Comm., Joan Belden, Art Belden, Norman Strum; Delegate to LAFA (Lower Adirondack Fire Assn.) Bob Hoyt; Fire Police, Sharon Fitzgerald, George Shoemaker, Georgianne May; Fire Wardens, Gordon May, Bob Hoyt, Gerry Boyd.

Training: New EMT's (Emergency Medical Technician) - Galen Seerup, Pat Lorenz; Recertified EMT's - G. Boyd, I. May, J. Coon, J. Porter. Recertified CPR's (Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation), I. May, J. Coon, J. Belder, J. Porter, C. Coon, G. Boyd; CPR Instr. John Coon; Std. First Aid Instr. John Coon, G. Boyd; Auto Extrication, I. May and G. Boyd. This totals 496 hours training and 2200 miles traveled, all at individual's expense.

There was a total of 28 fire calls 280 man hours. Formal Fire Schools- 214 man hours; Local Dept. training 200 man hours. There were 79 ambulance calls, totalling 3628 miles and 408 man hours.

The chief attended 10 Warren County Chief and Officers meetings, 5 ambulance district meetings in various locations in the county. Picked up donated fire hose from the Massapequa, L.I. Fire Dept.,

has a letter from the IRS stating that the Dept. is listed for one year as a non-profit organization. When the legal processes are completed, a permanent listing will be granted by the IRS.

The NYS Dept. of Health Inspected and certified the Department's ambulance as an EMS (Emergency Medical Service) equipped and staffed vehicle. Five new paging radios purchased, bringing the total to 15 in the department. A new modern EMS radio installed in ambulance. New short back board (for auto extrication) installed.

THE 911 PHONE NUMBER DOES WORK. Please use it. When calling, give the following information. Name; What is needed (Fire, Ambulance, Police); Location (Town Rd, State Rd, near what landmark)

We realize it is an exciting time but the more accurate information the dispatcher receives, the better the service requested can respond with help.

If there is sufficient interest in the town, the Dept. will sponsor a first aid/and/or CPR Training class. Call 6111 or 8858.

The following have recently become members of the Dept.: Jim Braisted, John Breitenbach Sr., Matt Coffin, Doug Cole, Charles Fort, Roland Graser, Joan Jacoby, Walter Jacoby, Ev Lee, David Martucci, Mark Martucci, Dave Mong, Randy Perkins, Pete Plass, Bruce Schwarte, Galen Seerup, Art Steitz... G. Boyd, Chief

SILVER BAY SUB-STATION UP-DATE

We have the following additional information concerning the Hague Volunteer Fire Department Sub-Station at Silver Bay.

1. SEABEES: The volunteer Seabees have completed all necessary
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SILVER BAY SUB-STATION (Cont. from Page 1)

SOUNDINGS

work in the sub-station with the exception of the painting of the exterior, which will be completed by the end of May. Also the landscaping will be done in the spring. ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

The Hague Fire Department greatly appreciates all the volunteer help which the Seabees have given to this project.

2. SUBSTATION: Our equipment and manpower have already been responding to fires. The first one of this year was a chimney fire at 1:30 a.m. New Year's morning.

3. PLEDGES TO DATE: Money received on pledges:
TOTAL TO DATE.. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED \$18,970.13
Expenses incurred and paid \$15,734.58
Balance left in account \$ 3,235.55

To sum up, our original goal was \$25,000. To date, we are within 25% of our goal. If you know of anyone who has not contributed and would like to support this project, please have them contact the Hague Fire Department.

TAX-FREE DONATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO: Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. Hague, NY 12836
Ear-marked Silver Bay Sub-Station
...Ev Lee, Acting Chairman
Sub-Station Committee

NOTE: ALL MONIES RECEIVED AND EXPENDED ON THE SILVER BAY SUB-STATION HAVE BEEN ACCUMULATED THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS. NO TAX DOLLARS HAVE BEEN USED.

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Married - Michelle Ann Gordon of Ticonderoga to Paul Alan Snow of Hague on Dec. 25 in Ticonderoga.

MARTIN FITZGERALD was named the Athlete of the Week for the week of January 19. Choice is made by the TH Basketball coach and the Athletic Director.

JOANNE DUNKLEY made the Dean's List for the past semester at SUNY in Plattsburgh, NY.

A set of haiku written by DOROTHY GOODFELLOW and set to music by Roland Leich, a Pittsburgh composer, will be used in a winter concert by the Colden Quartet, composed of Michael and wife Mary Ann Meade and twin brother Marshall, and Andrew Dabcynski in Kalamazoo, MI.

DING DONG

The bells rang out in Hague. Our three churches sounded out in joyful unison as the 52 hostages were airborne to freedom out of Iran. Time: about 1:00 p.m. on Inauguration Day, as word came through that our freed Americans were taking that first step toward liberty and home. The Van Vliet of Hague Baptist, the Tabors of Wesleyan and Father O'Connor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament consulted by phone and agreed that Hague should express this joy through its concerted church bells. Each tower rang 52 joyful peals. As in Psalm 100, JUBILATE, Make a Joyful Noise Unto The Lord! ...BDeG

THANK YOU

To Evelyn Monroe, Elizabeth Smith, Ursula Montbriand, Virginia Shattuck and Betty Coleman for giving us back issues of the Chronicle. They are much appreciated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Hague Chronicle Staff has received a memo from our able treasurer, Jack Kennedy. We are happy to announce that we are in the black for the year 1980. The average monthly cost for publishing the Chronicle for 1980 was \$171.21.

Contributions were received from 221 readers. This is an increase of one (1) over last year. However, we did not receive a 1980 contribution from 155 persons who had given in the past.

BUT - Thanks a million to all our supporters. Without you, we could not keep afloat.

MARY C. BESTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In the summer of 1971, Miss Mary C. Beste and Mrs. Julius Hendrikson donated \$6,000.00 to be applied toward a scholarship fund to serve the youth of Hague.

A committee of six: Keith DeLarm, Bea Frasier, Ida May, Rudy Meola, Tom Smith and Joe Streeter was formed to formulate by-laws governing this scholarship program and the scholarship became a reality. Since this original committee was formed additional public minded citizens have served, including Frederick Sain, Pat DeLarm, Wilford Hutchinson and David DeErenco. The committee now consists of Rudy Meola, Ida May, Jean McKee, Pat DeLarm and Rev. VanVliet. Following the death of Miss Beste the scholarship was renamed the Mary C. Beste Memorial Scholarship to reflect the role she played in this important undertaking.

The present committee is continuing the fine tradition established by earlier committees as it works to perpetuate these awards for a great many years to come.

Over the past nine years the fund has awarded over \$10,555.00 to the following: Michael Streeter, Angela Bevins, Michael DeLarm, Daniel Olcott, Theresa Davis, Marie Touchton, Mary Bralsted, Bruce DeLarm, Pauline Davis, Ernest Frasier, Mary Beth Fitzgerald, William Smith, Theresa Thibeault, Dennis Trombley, Sally DeLarm, Marie Watts, June Frasier, Robin Warren and Colleen Thibeault...P. Meola

HONORED

A reception honoring two retired NYS highway department workers was held at the firehouse on Jan. 29. Henry Leach, who served for 37 years and Carl Frasier, for 25 years were awarded certificates by Mr. Herbert Steffens from the NYS Dept. of Transportation, in appreciation of their services. **WE ALL WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY RETIREMENT.**

BUD COMMITTEE

At the Jan. 7 meeting of the BUD (Building Use Development) Committee Jack Kennedy and Dottie Henry reported that the Keith DeLarm Memorial Fund Committee had approved the idea of using the existing funds and to raise additional funds to furnish the proposed community room in the former school building with dishes, flatware, tables and chairs. The room would be called the Keith DeLarm Memorial Community Room.

The BUD Committee then discussed the apparent lack of interest in the former school by the community since local support of events sponsored by the BUD Committee in 1980 had been very poorly attended.

The BUD Committee then unanimously moved to recommend to the Hague Town Board that the Board keep the former school building and put it into a condition to close and preserve the structure until a use for the building can be found...AC

HAGUE BOOSTER CLUB

The Hague Booster Club which has been inactive for the past year, will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the disposition of the funds in the treasury. Any Booster Club member who is interested in assisting in this final action of the club is urged to attend.

...Joe McCranels, President

JANUARY 11TH - 3 A.M.

At 3:30 in the morning, minus 23° with the wind howling around the hills and valley of Graphite, the bubbly issue of that Jan. Hague Chronicle seems just so much left-over holiday cheer.

The sobering effect of the car, dead in the driveway brings home but one of the aggravations or dangers of these sub-zero temperatures. Frustration sets in as you listen to the useless whirr of the starter. Then as the helpless giant is towed down the mountain you watch silently conjuring up pictures of emergencies in the night - sickness, etc. - without a car.

After a cup of strong coffee you count your blessings. May you have no greater trouble. Concern for others less fortunate takes over. Are all Hague residents as warm as we? The old, the lonely - are they managing? Workers who in the cold dawn must leave for work?

HEADLINES - One Hundred Laid Off at International Paper - Flu Rampant... Broken water pipes, and perhaps the worst - FIRES - the ever present fear of fires in this bitter cold is the dark side of winter.

UPBEAT once again - Hague's greatest asset is her people. Neighbors lend a hand in any emergency. Our ambulance personnel cheerfully answer any calls for help. Friends and strangers rally round. The Fire Dept. stands alert - ready to help with a fine degree of professionalism.

We can ski or snow-mobile the trails, exclaim over the great beauty of blue sky, snow and mountains, awesome in a pale January sun, nature's way of compensating for our deep freeze. Ice fishing affords pleasure to many hardy souls. All of us can look forward to the Annual Winter Carnival Feb. 21 and 22.

HAPPY FEBRUARY - Brerr for now
...MB

WINTER CARNIVAL

The 15th Annual WINTER CARNIVAL, sponsored jointly by the town and the Fish and Game Club, will be held on Sat. and Sun., Feb. 21 and 22. The following is a schedule of events:

SATURDAY

8 a.m. - 11 a.m. a public breakfast at the Beachside.

10:00 - 12 noon - children's games and activities on the ice in front of Trout House Village under the supervision of John Coon.

12 noon - ? Civil Air Patrol will provide plane rides (Benefit CAP)

1 p.m. Log sawing contest under direction of Walter Waters.

2 p.m. Horseshoe games - Al Perkins

5 p.m. Buffet at the Beachside Benefit Hague Fire Department.

SUNDAY

8 a.m. - 11 a.m. public breakfast at the Beachside

12 noon - Children's activities - John Coon

12 noon - Plane rides - (CAP)

3 p.m. INTERNATIONAL ICE AUGER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Prizes awarded immediately after last event on Sunday at Beachside.

It is interesting to note that no place in the world has challenged Hague to host the Ice Auger Championships!

Y'ALL COME

SPECIAL BULK MAILING REQUEST DENIED

Last month we applied to the U.S. Postal Service for a special bulk-mailing rate, which would have cut our mailing costs considerably. We have been advised that the request was denied since we are neither educational (?) or religious. We will continue to mail locally for 8.4¢. Unfortunately, we hear the postal rates will increase in the near future.

TOWN BOARD NEWS

The regular & organizational meeting of the Hague Town Board was held on Jan. 13. Steve Bevins submitted the only bid for the land-fill logging job of \$6,621. The Board accepted his bid providing he meets all qualifications of the contract specifications. Four resolutions were passed with all amounts stated as not to exceed: Fire & Ambulance \$12,000; Chamber of Commerce, \$1,400; Dog Control, \$125; and Abalene Pest Control \$360.

Dan Belden reported that from April 1980 to the present only 441 gal. of fuel oil has been used at the Town Shed. The cost of the wood burning furnace, overhead fans, & other energy saving measures have already paid for themselves in reduced oil fuel needs.

The Warren Co. summer camp program will be held during July & Aug. at Sacandaga & Speculator for children 9-16 years of age. Supervisor Bolton has the applications.

John Coon was appointed to the Warren Co. Youth Board. He has resigned as Dir. of the Hague Youth Commission, but will continue, on a voluntary basis, to work with the local youth.

Ed Crabbs read the recommendation of the BUD Comm. to keep the former school bldg. and put it into a condition to close & preserve the structure until a use for the bldg. can be found. The Board will act on this matter at a future meeting.

Fred LaPann, chairman of the Hague Planning Board, after review of the Town Land Use Plan by his Board, made 11 recommendations to the Town Board for their deliberation and action to amend said plan. Three of the recommendations are that the Permanent Residential Zones of Forest Bay, Friends Point and Sabbath Day Point are to be rezoned from TR-1 to TR-1R (residential use only). All of the recommendations will be reviewed at a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Feb 10 in the Town Hall.

Supervisor Bolton reported that Herb Steffins, NYS resident engineer for Warren Co. will correct the icing conditions on Rt. 8 in the spring...AC

REGRETS

With a degree of sadness I learned the other day that the BUD (Building Use Development) Committee had decided regretfully not to recommend a use for the former Hague School Building. Their decision was influenced by the apparent indifference among many Hague-born people, *Without their desire there is limited need for a community center now.*

An informal opinion poll in November 1975 showed a desire (211-Yes, 171-No) to have a library/historical room at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. There has been a well-proven need for a place to hold community suppers - mainly by the Fire Dept. The Town Office Building must be used on a year-round basis. It lacks adequate parking; it was rebuilt before the energy shortage; it serves its purpose but it could be more adequate and cheaper to operate. The gym at the former school has been used by Hague youth and others. There are other needs.

Hague may not want or need a community center now. If Hague grows, it may need one in the future. The Town Board has expressed the opinion that the land on which the school building is located is a most valuable town asset. They also believe the land should be retained for future town use regardless of what happens to the school building.

In January 1981 we are at a point midway between October 1973 when our "energy crunch" started and 1990. We use energy more wisely now, but we have made no dramatic breakthroughs. By 1990 we may solve our problems...Jack Henry

SCHOOL BOARD - 1/22/81

The School Board had a very interesting meeting this month. Unfortunately very few parents and citizens ever attend these meetings. Each month as part of the agenda some phase of the school curriculum is presented. At the January meeting Ms. Cynthia Cubley, elementary librarian gave a very informative presentation on the P.A.R.P. (Parents as Reading Partners) which began the week of January 19 in the elementary school. This is a state-wide program which has the largest group of volunteers in New York State - the parents of thousands of children. The parents are requested to spend 15 minutes each day with their child, either reading to him, listening to him read, or just reading silently together. Each day they do this, they check the form which has been sent home and return it each Monday with their signature. Certificates will be awarded to all children successfully meeting the requirements and buttons will be issued half way through the program to spur them on. In June each participating child will receive a certificate and an award. This is a very simple but very worthwhile program. Not only will it benefit the child, but will do much for the parents. For all you parents of elementary students - **PLEASE PARTICIPATE. AT LEAST GIVE IT A TRY.** I guarantee it will give you much pleasure.

In other actions of the Board - an increase of prize money to graduating seniors; Class of 1918 from \$10 to \$15; Gordon Harris from \$15 to \$20 and Beatrice Selleck from \$10 to \$15.

Price of reduced lunches increased from \$.10 to \$.20, effective 2/1/81.

A discussion of the color of the window panels. The decision was between rust and grey. Rust won!

With the increase of the minimum wage, \$5,000 will be added to the wages projected. This was not planned for in the budget.

The Ticonderoga School District received a safety citation certificate for a full year (1979-80) of driving without an accident involving students.

A questionnaire will be sent out during February to residents of the school district. It will be very helpful to the school administration if these are filled out and returned immediately. **LET'S HAVE HAGUE PARTICIPATE 100%...DJH**

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

A grant of up to \$3,800 is available for seriously disabled veterans to purchase an automobile, or some other conveyance. The Federal Govt. will pay for specially adapted equipment required for the disabled veteran to safely operate a car or van. It must be a service-connected loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands or feet or permanent impairment of vision of both eyes to a prescribed degree. Detailed information on this program may be obtained at the local office of the N. State Div. of Veterans' Affairs. All new Veterans should check with their local Veterans' Affairs office to make certain they receive their full entitlement to veterans' benefits.

NEW SYSTEM OF MAILING

We are really going big-time! Early this month Mr. Jacoby, Silver Bay Director, volunteered the use of Silver Bay's computer to help us with our mailing. This will save many hours of time each month spent in keeping the mailing list up to date. It would be very helpful to us if our readers would notify us early in the month of any change of address, whether it be just a summer change, or permanent. We will make an earnest effort to keep up with your wanderings...DJH

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY January meeting was held at the home of Rev. & Mrs. Barton Van Vilet. Mr. Van Vilet's talk, "Reminiscences of a Late Pioneer" described his father as an ingenious Vermont farmer from the turn of the century to the start of WWII. He put up a windmill; buried pipes that never froze carrying water to out-buildings where hand pumps were installed for fire emergency. An ice house 16 ft. square was connected to the refrigerator. He kept a Pope-Hartford car well-tuned; devised and maintained farm machinery. 200 cords of wood were cut each winter for the stoves. When he went to work at an aircraft plant, Mr. V. continued to farm 1/2 acre, raising all the lettuce for Mary Fletcher Hospital, spring through mid-November and strawberries so big that seven could fill a basket! News stories featured Mr. Van Vilet as the man who piped music into his barns and discovered that classical music made for contented cows!

Next meeting - DAYTIME - Wed. Feb. 18 2:00 p.m. at Bernard Clifton's (Keith McKeeman's)

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
CROSS COUNTRY SKIERS

Anyone interested in forming a Cross-Country Ski Club should come to the meeting Friday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 at the Ticonderoga Country Club to be sponsored by Mountainaire Ski Touring. Please come out and support a really great sport and meet new friends. For more information, call 585-7435.

"Almighty God we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy Holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; to entertain a brotherly affection for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. Amen."...George Washington, after his first inauguration, N.Y. City

WEATHER OR NOT 1/27/81

January 1981 is one of record-breaking extremes, with 13 days of below zero degree Fahrenheit. The coldest day at the lake level was -24°F on January 10 and the warmest being 46°F on Jan. 26. Total snowfall was 7.8 inches which is 16 inches below the average for January. February is marked for a warmer and wetter month, so be ready for some snow! Water temperature at the 18 inch level is steady at 35°F.

Enjoy the winter and snow - only 2 1/2 months before planting my peas, so start preparing your garden tools now! Keep warm.

...Eloc Salguod

Degree days to date were 4914 compared to 3771 last year and 4214 average.

Last month, due to frigid fingers, we omitted the most important sentence in our weather report. It follows: "Coldest day recorded was Christmas with a -15° at lake level and -29° at Graphite." Sorry. DJH

To continue our stories of our deep-freeze - it was so cold that when Jim Broderick and Ev Lee tried to mimeograph the January issue of the Chronicle, the machine was FROZEN. Hence the poor copy on pages 7 and 8. (They start at the end and work their way forward!) The machine has now found a warmer home - in the supervisor's office. We hope we won't have any more problems.

Prayer of the modern American:
"Dear God, I pray for patience. And I want it right now!"
...Oren Arnold

Patience is a bitter cup that only the strong can drink.
...Bruce Laingen at West Point Press Conference 1/27/81

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - FEBRUARY

- 2 Ground Hog Day
- 3 Home Bureau-10 am-Church Annex
- 4 Chamber of Commerce - 7:00 pm
Beachside
- 5 Sr. Bus to G.F.
- 5 Vet Adm Rep - 11:30 Town Hall
- 5 Planning Board - 7:30
- 10 Hague Booster Club-7:00 Town Hall
- 10 Public Hearing (to review recom-
mended changes to Hague Town
Plan - 6:30 Town Hall
- 10 Town Board Meeting - 6:30
- 12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY (Born 1809)
- 12 Vet Adm Rep - 11:30 Town Hall
- 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- 16 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
- 16-20 SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- 17 Home Bureau-10:00-Church Annex
- 17 Fish & Game Club - 7:30
Town Hall
- 18 Hague Historical Society - 2:00
at Clifton's - Silver Bay
- 18 ROSH HASHANAH
- 19 Vet Adm Rep - 11:30 Town Hall
- 19 Sr. Bus to G.F.
- 20 1st American in Orbit - 1962
- 22 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY - 1732
- 26 Vet Adm Rep - 11:00 - Town Hall
- 26 Zoning Board of Appeals-8;30
- 25 CHRONICLE DEADLINE

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
 Admit impediments: love is not love,
 Which alters when it alteration finds,
 Or bends with the remover to remove:
 O no! it is an ever-fixed mark,
 That looks on tempests, and is never shaken;
 It is the star to every wandering bark,
 Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.
 Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
 Within his bending sickle's compass come;
 Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
 But bears it out even to the edge of doom.
 If this be error, and upon me proved,
 I never writ, nor no man ever loved.
 Shakespeare's Sonnet CXVI

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