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RECREATIONAL FACILITY SURVEY

The Warren County Recreational Demand Survey of 1975 established that 50% of the Hague residents interviewed believed that tennis courts are the recreational facilities most needed in the town. Bicycle routes and picnic areas were second and third.

Only 37 replies were received to the Chronicle questionnaire; 20 from year-round residents and 17 from "summer" residents. Family members of the respondents totalled 127. While no sound conclusions can be drawn from such a small sampling, it is interesting to note that here too respondents favored tennis courts or other recreational facilities. Here is the tabulation.

Recreation Activity	Respondents		
	Year-round	Summer	-Total
Tennis	15	12	27
Movies	10	10	20
Picnic Areas	10	8	18
Ice Skating	10	7	17
Band Concerts	10	7	17
Basketball	8	9	17
Bicycle	8	7	15
Snowmobile	9	3	12
Motorcycle	3	2	5

On the library/museum questions, the results were as follows:

	MUSEUM		
	Year-round	summer	-Total
Yes	10	5	15
No	8	8	16
	LIBRARY		
Yes	11	8	19
No	7	6	13

As to how much should be spent to

construct a library/museum, comments ranged all the way from \$75,000. to "not one cent". A number felt that taxes were already too high and several suggested that the town should procure one of the properties which are now for sale and which could be used as a town hall, library, museum, etc. and that the grounds could be used for tennis courts, basketball courts, etc.

The questionnaires were mailed to 479 homes; 261 are "summer" residents and 218 are year-round residents. All are property owners and taxpayers. There were not enough replies to statistically establish what a majority of the people want. If the survey proves anything, it is that most people don't care.

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FOURTH ANNUAL ARTS FAIR

The Hague Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the Hague Arts Fair. It will be held on Saturday August 7, 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. Adra Seerup has agreed to again serve as chairman. In case of rain, the fair will be held on Sunday, August 8.

Local artists, craftsmen and hobbyists are invited to exhibit their wares; those dealing with the colonial era are especially invited. Individuals and organizations will be given adequate space in the park but tables or booths will have to be furnished by them. Advance registration is required. This can be done by registering with the Chamber at its booth in the park or by calling Mrs. Seerup at 543-6052.

Articles which are displayed may be offered for sale.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society will celebrate the Bi-Centennial at a special meeting on July 8, 1976 at 7:45 P.M. at the Hague Baptist Church Annex.

The program will be provided by Dr. Harold Gelhaar and will feature a discussion of the Liberty Bell and the Declaration of Independence.

The public is invited.

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PROPERTY OWNERS TO MEET

The Property Owners of Silver Bay will hold a meeting on Saturday, July 10 at 10 AM. As usual the meeting will be held in the meeting room of the Hague Fire Department. Coffee will be served starting at 9:45 A.M.

It is anticipated that a representative of the Boy Scouts will be present to discuss the activities of that group.

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TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

A regular meeting of the Town Board was held on June 8. In the absence of Supervisor DeLarm who had undergone surgery the day before, the Board created the position of Deputy Supervisor and Mr. Seerup was asked to assume that post.

A meeting with the State Auditor who had been examining the Town's books and accounts had been scheduled for this meeting but was postponed until the July meeting which will be held on July 13.

Committee chairmen reported on the condition of the park, activities of the police, planning and zoning, etc. but no specific action was called for and none was taken.

A special meeting was held on June 21 at which time the Board approved a resolution requesting funds from the NY Department of Youth. A total of \$3500 was budgeted for this activity with the State contributing 50%.

The Board also approved application for Federal Revenue Sharing funds for the period July 1 to December 31, 1976 in the amount of \$10,037. The Board allocated \$5000 of these funds for general town services and \$5037 for transportation services.

The employment of a lifeguard and a lifeguard/swimming instructor was approved. The beach was opened on June 26 with a lifeguard on duty daily from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Swimming lessons are being scheduled during morning hours on weekdays beginning on July 6 and ending August 3. Anyone interested should get in touch with Steve Bolton at the beach.

The landfill has again been visited by vandals and damage was done to the garage door. Suggestion was made that the landfill be closed at night and on weekends. This was not adopted but drastic action will be taken by the Board if the vandalism persists.

The Sabbath Day Point road relocation project is being stymied by the Adirondack Park Agency whose approval is required. Additional information requested by the Agency has been supplied.

The Board approved hours of employment for the summer police - Janice Frasier will work 44 hours per week and Frederick Sharpe 24 hours. Both will be on duty Friday and Saturday nights.

The parking lot at the town and beach was scheduled to be black-topped on June 30th.

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GRIEVANCE DAY

SCHOOL NEWS

Mr. James Fitzgerald was elected chairman of the Board of Assessment Review to replace Mr. Seerup who had resigned. Other members of the Board are Mrs. Florence Smith, John Henry, and Samuel R. Frasier.

At its meeting on Grievance Day, June 15, the Board considered a total of five complaints. Three which dealt with errors in lot sizes were acted on favorably. The remaining two were dismissed.

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FRASIER - POLINO WEDDING

Beatrice Frasier and Antonio Polino were joined in marriage on Sunday June 19 at the Seerup home in Silver Bay with Judge Seerup officiating. It was his first. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Spreeman were the witnesses.

The former Mrs. Frasier is the owner and operator of Green Acres by the Brook on Route 8 in Hague and is the current president of the Hague Chamber of Commerce. Polino owns the Hague Village Center at the intersection of Routes 9N and 8.

A honeymoon trip has been postponed until fall. Meanwhile the couple are at home at the Polino residence.

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ESSAY CONTEST

In April we announced that a prize of \$25. would be awarded to the Hague Central School student who, in the opinion of the judges, had written the best poem, essay, story, etc. on any subject relating to Hague or the Hague Central School.

Although the announcement was circulated throughout the school by both Mr. Meola and the teachers, no entries were received. With some regret we have returned the prize money to the unnamed donor.

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The twice defeated Hague Central School budget was revised downward by \$16,600. and presented to the voters on June 16. It was approved by a vote of 186 to 170.

Cuts in the budget were made in a number of areas: nurse services payable to BOCES was reduced by \$40000.; the proposed bus was eliminated with a reduction of \$6,500; the lunch program was reduced by \$2000; and lesser amounts were cut from substitute teachers, operation and maintenance, textbooks, equipment, interscholastic sports, and playground equipment.

Total expenditures in the new budget are \$487,506 as compared with expenditures of \$479,685 provided for in the 1975/76 budget. The amount to be raised by taxes is \$326,926 as compared with last year's taxes of \$340,721, which, however, included the Arcady payment of \$20,736.

Your tax bill will be out in September. The rate will be about \$14.98 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation a reduction of about 63¢ from last year's rate of \$15.61.

In its newsletter of June 7, the School Board announced that it has requested the State Education Department to conduct a long-range financial plan in connection with a possible Hague-Ticonderoga re-organization. The Board indicates that this action was being taken because "much of the information presently circulated relative to a possible reorganization is not based on sound or accurate data". However, the Board makes it clear that it is still opposed to annexation and its request to Albany "in no way implies that the Board's position on re-organization has changed".

In response to the Board's request Superintendent William A. Fritz, the Education Department's field operative for Hague and other schools in the district, called a meeting of State Education Department officials,

local school officials and school board members for June 29. Mr. Fritz is quoted in the Glens Falls newspaper as saying "We'll undertake a modified financial study and that curriculum studies weren't needed because "all that has been hashed out before". If all goes well, Mr. Fritz concluded, the results of the study will be published "within a few days of the meeting".

Because of the press of other matters, the inability of four members of the Board to be present on June 29 and the need for considerable additional information which the school's administrative officer has been requested to gather, the meeting has been postponed to July 21.

Hopefully the study will now go forward as planned.

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Our attention has been called to a number of errors in terminology in last month's article which chronicled the steps taken in the past to consolidate the Hague and Ticonderoga School Districts. In some instances we used the words "consolidate" and "consolidation" when technically we should have used "annex" and "annexation". In our defense, however, we point out that the end result of consolidating two school districts or of having one district annexed by another, is the same. Whether the procedure followed is annexation or consolidation there will be but one

school board overseeing all of the schools within the new district and with school taxes equally apportioned over the entire district.

At the school board meeting June 14 announcement was made that the agreement with the teachers has been signed by both representative of the teachers and the Board.

The elementary awards assembly was held on June 23 and the awards assembly for junior and senior high school students was held the following evening. Fifty-one awards were given to elementary students and fifty-five to junior and senior high schoolers. Limitations of space do not permit listing of the winners.

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MOVIN' ON

Sally DeLarm graduated in May from SUNY at Cobleskill. She received a AAS Degree in Hotel Management-Food Services and in September she will be working in Boston with a hotel company.

Susan DeLarm has terminated her employment as Associate Director of Admissions at William Smith College in Geneva, New York where she graduated in 1974. She plans to enter Suffolk University Law School in Boston next September.

Sally and Susan are daughters of Supervisor and Mrs. William K. DeLarm

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