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CHRONICLE BEGINS FOURTH YEAR

With this issue we begin our fourth year of publication. We have sincerely tried to be non-political, non-partisan, and factual. Opinions, when expressed, have been clearly labeled as such. There are those who have found fault with some of the things we have said, but the many letters and calls we have received commending us for our efforts, have encouraged us to continue.

The Chronicle is sent free-of-charge to all year-round residents of the Town of Hague and to others who have requested that their names be placed on our mailing list. Copies are currently being mailed to 435 different families.

We could not continue to do this were it not for the financial support we have received from interested citizens and organizations and the time has come when these contributors should be acknowledged publicly. Here, then, are the people who are making continued publication possible:

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The Association of Silver Bay Property Owners contributes a sum sufficient to pay the cost of mailing copies to each of its members. The Citizens Group of Hague has exhausted its treasury in supporting our efforts.

The Silver Bay Association has been most generous in printing the Chronicle at no cost to us. This has made it possible for us to provide you with a readable copy and without which our efforts would be for naught.

We are not an accurate record keeper and it is possible that we have overlooked some of our contributors. For this we are sorry and if you will let us know, a suitable acknowledgment will be made next month. Meanwhile, our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

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ADIRONDACK PARK LAW CHALLENGED

A suit directly challenging the constitutionality of the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan has been filed by the Horizon Adiron-

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dack Corporation which owns a 24,000 acre tract in the northwest corner of the Adirondack Park.

Horizon contends that it purchased the property with the intention of building 10,000 vacation homes on the tract but that under the present law it can build no more than 1,800. This, it contends, amounts to a taking of an interest in its property without compensation. It claims that because of the law, the value of its property has been substantially lowered and that it has suffered damages in the sum of \$36 million.

This will be an interesting case to watch. Whatever the decision, it will affect all of the property in Hague.

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on December 10 with all members except Frank Fitzgerald present.

At the November meeting, some concern was expressed concerning the loss of gasoline which was occurring at the town garage. Some 300 gallons could not be accounted for. An investigation was made later that evening and it was learned that the driver for the oil company had by mistake poured the gasoline into an underground tank which had been abandoned by the State several years ago. The gas was recovered and the town officials are breathing normally again.

Late last year, the town with the assistance of Dan Belden procured and planted a blue spruce tree at the in-

tersection of Routes 8 and 9N. Unfortunately, the tree did not survive. Again, through the generosity of Dan, a new seven-foot blue spruce was planted last month at the same spot. With lights furnished by Joe Streeter and power made available by the American Legion, the tree was lighted during the Christmas season.

A suggestion was made by Town Justice Yaw that next year the summer policeman be kept on the job through the month of October. His records revealed that over the years more "break-ins" occur during the month of October than in any other period and that keeping a policeman on the job might act as a deterrent. Water is shut off and summer cottages are generally closed for the season during the Columbus Day weekend and this probably explains why break-ins occur in October. The Board agreed to consider the proposal when the appointment of the summer policeman comes up in the spring.

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MRS. ETHEL WATTS

Mrs. Ethel M. Watts died Sunday, December 8th at Westmount Infirmary in Glens Falls where she had been a patient since April 1972. She is the widow of Walter G. Watts who died in 1943.

Born January 26th, 1889 in the J. J. Wilson house (now owned by Miss Helen White) she was the oldest child of John M. and Mary P. Shattuck. Until 1972 she had lived exclusively in the immediate area and from 1904 had lived in the stone house at the peak of Watts Hill.

She was the mother of seven children, four of whom survive her. She had been, in her active years, an ardent and knowledgeable gardener, a lover of birds and wildflowers and of books. She was a member of the Mothers Club for many years and served as its president from 1939 to 1941.

A granddaughter has written: "I have so many happy memories of her, her sense of humor, her love of na-

ture, the way she told a story. I'll always treasure the many things I learned from her; the way to skin bullheads, about alligator moss, weather ('today's a weather breeder') and how not to wheelhoe up onion sets."

Survivors include a brother, Jasper Shattuck of Silver Bay, a son, Henry W. Watts, also of Silver Bay; three daughters, Mrs. D. Goodfellow of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. M.E. Auerbach of Albany, N.Y., and Mrs. William Andrus of Silver Bay; and several grandchildren, nieces and a nephew. Private services will be conducted at the convenience of the family. If desired, contributions in her memory may be made to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department for its ambulance service.

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MRS. PORTIA TABLER

Mrs. Portia Tabler died on December 6th at the Moses-Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga after a short illness.

For many years Mrs. Tabler and her late husband owned and operated the Locust Inn in Hague at the intersection of State Routes 9N and 8. About three years ago it was sold to the Viscardi's and Mrs. Tabler moved to a new home on Route 9N immediately north of the Hague-Ticonderoga line.

Burial took place in a family plot in Baltimore, Maryland.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on December 9 with all members except Mrs. Sharon Fitzgerald present.

The request of Mr. Riley for permission to attend the Physical Education Conference at Kiamesha Lake was approved.

A fire inspection has been made by Fire Chief Hoyt and the premises were

found to be free from violations. A few minor recommendations were made and these have been adopted.

A verbal request was made by a parent of one of the basketball players that members of the basketball team be taken home by bus following practice sessions. The request was tabled and will be acted upon at the next meeting.

The new basketball uniforms have arrived. They were modeled for the Board members by members of the team.

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STUDENTS DECORATE POST OFFICE

The sixth grade students of Hague Central School decorated the Hague Post Office as its Christmas art project. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Sharon Meola, art instructor. Christmas scenes were expressed in four wall murals and decorative lanterns made from colored construction paper hung from the lobby ceiling. The decorations remained until the first of the year and provided a pleasant atmosphere during the holidays.

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WHAT IS A COMMUNITY?

Mrs. Martha White, Community Service Chairman of Warren County Home Bureau sends us this definition of a community.

"A body of people having common interests or living in one locality." Then, paraphrasing the late John F. Kennedy, she adds: "We all should have first thoughts on what we can do for our community, rather than what the community can do for us."

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MARCUS MERRILL RETIRES

Marcus V. Merrill, General Manager of the Grand Union Supermarket in Bolton Landing since 1935, retired on December 1. Mr. Merrill was born in Bolton Landing 62 years ago and

although all of his activities have been centered in the town of Bolton, his home actually was on that part of the Padanarum Road which passes through the Town of Hague.

He was a member of the Bolton Landing Fire Department, a past Master of the Warrensburg Masonic Lodge and a former scoutmaster of the Bolton Landing Boy Scout Troop.

The Merrill family includes Mrs. Nora Merrill, two daughters, Mrs. Annette Kennan of Warrensburg and Mrs. Lynne Steves of Bolton Landing and Theodore Merrill, a son, of Glens Falls. The Merrills will continue to live in the area.

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APPOINTED ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Gordon J. Roth has been appointed Associate Director of the Silver Bay Association succeeding Robert Klebe who resigned to become Executive Director of the Central Branch of the St. Louis YMCA. Mr. Roth is a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan and a graduate of George Williams College of Downers Grove, Illinois. For the past eight years he has been the Youth and Camping Director of the Findlay, Ohio YMCA.

Jim, as he prefers to be known, is married to the former Janet McMillen, a graduate of DePauw University and

the University of Michigan. She is a teacher of French and Biology and is pursuing a graduate degree in ornithology.

Mr. Roth's appointment will be effective on January 5.

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LAKE GEORGE BOAT CENSUS

There were 6,867 boats on Lake George on Tuesday, August 28, 1973 and 7,059 on August 20, 1974, an increase of 444, according to a census taken by the Lake George Commission patrolmen. Only those boats readily visible from the lake were counted along with those at marinas which are described as being on "quick-launch".

The count was broken down by types of boats as follows:

	<u>Canoes and Rowb'ts</u>	<u>Sail-boats</u>	<u>Out-boards</u>	<u>Inb'ds and I.O.'s</u>
1973	1,568	1,207	1,914	1,998
1974	1,684	1,374	2,055	1,946

Increase in number of boats was greatest in the area from Sabbath Day Point and north. In 1973 there were 1106 boats in this area while in 1974 there were 1,550, an increase of 444. Canoes and rowboats increased 147 while outboards increased 247.

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