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CHRISTMAS IN OUR CHURCHES

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Catholic), Father Stephen T. O'Connor, Pastor; Father John R. O'Connor, Assoc.

December 24 - 5:15 PM, Christmas Eucharist.

There will be NO midnight mass

December 25 - 9:00 AM. Christmas Eucharist

HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH, Barton Van Vliet, Pastor

December 22 - 10:30 AM Christmas worship and Sunday School pageant

December 22 - 7:30 PM Christmas Candlelight Service with Hague Wesleyan Church participating. Rev. Jack Armes will deliver the message. Special music. A birthday cake for Jesus will be served following the service.

December 29 - Christmas party for the Sunday School at the parsonage.

HAGUE WESLEYAN CHURCH - Kenneth Morris, Pastor

December 22 - Sunday School - 10 AM

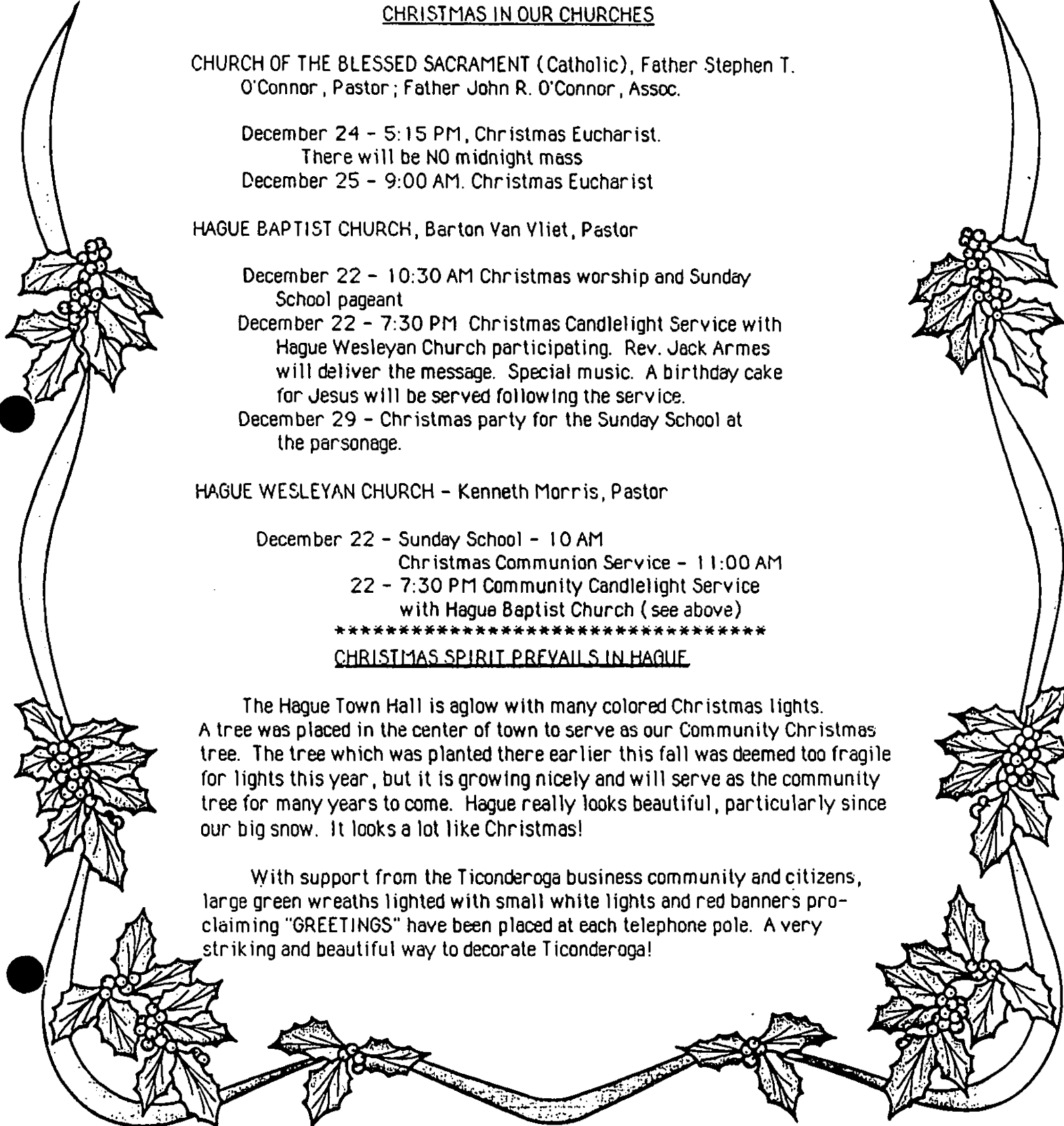
Christmas Communion Service - 11:00 AM

22 - 7:30 PM Community Candlelight Service with Hague Baptist Church (see above)

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PREVAILS IN HAGUE

The Hague Town Hall is aglow with many colored Christmas lights. A tree was placed in the center of town to serve as our Community Christmas tree. The tree which was planted there earlier this fall was deemed too fragile for lights this year, but it is growing nicely and will serve as the community tree for many years to come. Hague really looks beautiful, particularly since our big snow. It looks a lot like Christmas!

With support from the Ticonderoga business community and citizens, large green wreaths lighted with small white lights and red banners proclaiming "GREETINGS" have been placed at each telephone pole. A very striking and beautiful way to decorate Ticonderoga!



HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas party at the home of the Robert Cole's at Silver Bay at 7:30 PM on December 18.

Bring something for "Show and Tell" and see how many people can guess what it is. Also, bring ideas for a discussion of future plans for the society. Any member of the Hague community and their guests are cordially invited to attend.

AMERICAN LEGION

The next regular meeting of Hague Post 1538 American Legion is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 PM, postponed from the usual first Wednesday due to the New Year's holiday. Refreshments will follow the business meeting.

The annual Christmas party for members and guests was held at Clifton's on Saturday, Dec. 14, attended by a record crowd of nearly 40.

Drawing for the basket of cheer will be conducted at the Legion Home on Saturday, Dec. 28 at 8:00 PM, by which time all tickets and receipts should be turned in to Ray Laundree or Bernie Clifton.

Paid membership for 1986 stands at 62, 129% of our official closing figure for 1985, and new memberships are of course still open for all eligible area veterans. BAC

HAGUE FISH AND GAME CLUB

The Hague Fish and Game Club will hold its Christmas party December 20 at the club house at 6 PM.

Every family is asked to bring a covered dish and a present for exchange for members and family.

SNOW QUEEN PAGEANT

Any Hague girl between the ages of 13 and 17 interested in participating in the 1986 pageant for the Winter Carnival Snow Queen, contact Michelle Brunett, 543-88018 or Gordon May, 5433-6234.

They will meet every Monday after school at 4 PM in the dining room of the Beachside.

THE ADIRONDACK PARK AND COUNCIL

The six-million-acre Adirondack Park is the largest park in the contiguous 48 United States, containing within its boundaries the most significant remnant of natural, undisturbed open spaces east of the Mississippi River.

Although the Adirondack Park is within a day's drive of 55 million people and only a few hours from the country's largest city, the human population of the Park remains sparse, with only 125,000 permanent residents. It is notable that more people live in one square mile of Brooklyn, NY than in the entire 9,000+ square miles of the Adirondack Park.

The Park's ownership pattern--60 % private, 40 % public--provides a unique and generally complementary blend of uses and landscapes.

But the most distinctive quality of the Adirondack Park is its diversity--of wildlife and vegetation; of landscapes that encompass mountains, valleys, lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, wetlands, meadows, and unbroken forests; of life zones ranging from open water to alpine; and, of people, from blue collar worker to trapper, logger, farmer, resort operator and wealthy landowner.

The Adirondack Council was formed in 1975. The Council is a coalition of five conservation groups with a combined membership of nearly 750,000 members and 3,500 individual members of its own, dedicated to protecting the wild and scenic character of the Adirondack Park for present and future generations....From "The Adirondack Council Special Report", November 1985.

EMERGENCY GO-HOME DRILL

There will be an emergency go-home drill on Friday, December 20. The schools will be dismissed as follows:

Elementary - Middle School	1:20 PM
High School	1:30 PM

There is no greater gift than to give of yourself. That's what the true spirit of Christmas is all about.

HAGUE TOWN BOARD - 12/18

At the regular Town Board meeting, held on December 18, Supervisor Bolton read a letter from Fred LaPann, Planning Board Chairman, stating that George Maggiola has officially withdrawn his 42 unit condominium plan.

A letter from Attorney M. Coutant, DEC, informed the Board that Commissioner Henry Williams has signed an amended resolution banning anchoring of boats up to 200 ft. from the west shore of Lake George in the Waltonian Island group, (our Ordinance # 13) Emergencies and fishing according to DEC prescribed regulations are the only exceptions. Resolution becomes effective 10 days after publication in Post Star.

Request by Kathy Santaniello, representing Hague Winter Carnival Committee, for approval of town highway crew assistance for preparation and cleanup at event, was granted. Action delayed on request to include liability insurance coverage on town's liability policy (for lower cost to committee) pending further information from town's insurance carrier.

Equalization rate for 1986 is listed as 46.49% per assessed \$1,000 of valuation.

A new slide with safety features for young children has been ordered for the Town Park.

A sewer district is being considered for the Friends Point Association. Preliminary steps by the Warren County Planning Board is being taken to determine feasibility of project. Supervisor Bolton hopes New York State funding will be available for this pilot project.

George Shoemaker resigned as a member of the Board of Assessment Review. With his election as an assessor he cannot hold both positions.

Roger's Rock will have cross-country ski trails set up by Pat Beland, Warren County Trail Supervisor of Parks and Recreation.

A brochure listing all the information necessary to living in Hague and conforming with our town regulations was suggested for new residents. This could be helpful to new and old residents alike. GL

LANDFILL HOURS

The landfill will closed December 24 and 25. It will be open December 26 and 27.

Closed New Year's Day, open Jan. 2 and 3. Regular hours after holiday.

PLANNING BOARD - 12/5/85

A public hearing was held on the minor subdivision proposed by Shirley Smith to amend her 3-lot subdivision to a 4-lot subdivision. All lots meet the minimum lot size required by our zoning code. No one spoke for or against the subdivision. At the regular meeting, immediately following the public hearing, Mrs. Smith's subdivision was approved.

Ed and Edith Kennedy, owners of a lot just south of the home of the late Bernard Bomboy of Friends Point, questioned the Board about the location of a garage that may be on both the Bomboy lot and the Kennedy lot and therefore does not meet the 15 foot side line set-back requirement. The garage was constructed prior to the adoption of the zoning ordinance and the Board decided that it did not come under its jurisdiction even though the deed requires a 15 ft. sideline setback. Mr. LaPann said that the garage is a legal and assessment problem.

A public hearing is scheduled for Jan. 2, 1986 at 7:30 PM for the proposed 4-lot subdivision of property owned by Jack and Bonnie Gudikunst on Dodd and Decker Hill roads.

Mr. Foster reported that at 5:15 this day, a letter was received from Attorney Daniel Smith which stated that his client, George Maggiolo, had withdrawn his application for a 42-unit Town-house development for the Light House Point/By-Water properties....AC

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The seniors held their regular monthly meeting on November 20 and made plans for a Dec. 18 luncheon to be held in the Baptist Church Annex at 12 noon.



WILLY C'S NOV/DEC WEATHER NOTES

The balance of November continued to be generally on the gray side, with more precipitation. Our first measurable snowfall came on the 16th with about 2-1/2 inches. Made to order for the hunters. We had one to two inch snowfalls on the 22nd and 26th with the heaviest snowfall coming Thanksgiving day with 5-1/2 inches, but all of our readers heard about that or at least experienced it. All in all November had 3.75 inches of rain and 11-1/2 inches of snow. Temperatures hit a high of 66 degrees on the 20th and a low of 23 degrees on the 16th. At our weather observatory up in the mountains the coldest reading for November was 12 degrees F. November continued to be windy. We had five days when wind speeds were 30 MPH and above, fourteen days when speeds were 20 MPH or above. The highest speed remained 38 MPH reported to you in last month's issue. Following the Thanksgiving day snowfall temperatures modified and December 1st started the month off with a 1.3 inch rainfall and temperatures getting up into the 40's, both on the 1st and the 2nd. This washed out our November snow, but about 9:30 AM on the 2nd a bonafide rip-roaring cold front, with a large pitch-black frontal cloud, heavy rain, freezing rain, sleet, snow and thunder rolled through the area, pulling in cold arctic air behind it with winds hitting 38 MPH. The temperature that night dropped to 17 degrees.

Snowfall so far this month occurred on the 6th, 11/12th and 13th with 1-1/2 inches, 4 inches and 5 inches respectively. We now have a solid covering of snow which will last until the first major thaw.

Air temperatures have taken a more normal winter pattern with 11 degrees our low on the 14th and 15th of Dec. and 37 degrees the high on the 8th. Our mountain observatory reported 2 degrees above zero Dec. 15th. Tonight temperatures of 10 degrees below zero are predicted in some areas.

Lake water temperature Dec. 16th at 9:15 AM was 42 degrees; air temperature 30 degrees. We are winding down to the shortest days of the year. We have lost another one hour and 20 minutes of daylight from Nov. through Dec. 16th. In terms of afternoons, sunset has been at 4:13 PM

since Dec. 5. It gained a minute to 4:14 PM Dec. 16th, but morning sunrises will continue to be later for a week or so, but by next issue we will be climbing back to longer days. With snow covering the mountains and the lake not yet frozen over, it truly is a spectacular time of the year. The ever changing cloud patterns with flashes of sunlight from different angles with the lake reflecting brilliant blue sky one minute and black clouds the next; with migrating ducks diving for fish as they stop over on their southern trek, Lake George is a beautiful panorama to watch. May their beauty and grandeur enter into your lives this Christmas season and during all of 1986....Willy C

CHANGES CHANGES CHANGES

Have you noticed? December 1985 is the birthday of our new masthead. Remember when we had the contest? We announced the winner several months ago. Our thanks to this beautiful drawing goes to Laurie deBuys Pannell of Athens, GA.

We are indebted to Donald Skahan who so generously printed the mastheads for us.

We are sorry for the delay in getting this issue to you. We were working under extreme difficulties! We hope it is worth waiting for.

We have added another piece of equipment - a MITA DC 313Z - to our current well-equipped office. It has really updated our method of printing. (It does everything but cook!)

Thanks to all our readers for making all this possible. We hope we can continue to serve you better. We need your input so we can continue to live up to our motto - ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT....djh



VIEWPOINT

The Hague Chronicle received the following letter from Mr. & Mrs. Robert MacWilliams, Silver Bay and Sewickley, Pa. We wanted to share it with the rest of our readers.

Our thanks to the citizens of Hague and its town board for their handling of the condominium crisis. As summer residents of Silver Bay, we travel to Hague almost daily and are charmed by the plantings along the Hague Brook, the pride its people take in keeping the village neat and attractive. Thank heavens the condos are not coming!

Also we appreciate Barney Fowler's articles in the Times Union - a constant eloquent plea to save beautiful Lake George from pollution, weeds, and careless motor boat owners who race aimlessly up and down the Lake with no regard for spewing gas into the clean waters or creating a racket on a peaceful summer day.

We're awfully proud to be property owners in such a caring community.

.....Margaret and Bob MacWilliams

The following letter was written by George Weinschenk, Chairman Lake George Association Watershed Zoning Committee:

Editor:

On Thursday, November 17, the Town of Hague took a giant step forward. Hague was faced with a problem that has been plaguing many of the towns surrounding the lake - construction of large-scale condominium developments and quick launch facilities on minimum sized lots in the heart of the hamlet areas.

The people of Hague realized what they had to lose with this type of development. They realized that when the bulldozers showed up their town would never be the same again. They realized it is rare that a developer takes down buildings to plant trees and that negative effects of new development are long-lasting. They realized their beautiful community could be changed beyond recognition and would never again be a show place of paradise.

Battle lines were drawn when plans for a 42 unit project were presented to the Hague Planning Board. The people of Hague chose to do more than hope that the project would go away. They chose to act. Petitions for a moratorium on major developments were produced and signed. Under the leadership of Town Supervisor Richard Bolton, the Town Board responded without hesitation and declared an immediate six-month moratorium on review of projects over 5 units.

The Hague Planning Board was next to deal with the problem. Letters were sent to all public and private agencies having expertise in project planning. For the first time at this stage of review, help came from Bill Lamy and Bill Glass of Department of Environmental Conservation. Also Wayne LaMothe responded for the Warren County Planning Department. Obtaining informed opinions early in the review process is unusual, but the results justify the procedure. Mr. Lamy who is DEC's senior sanitary engineer, explained that the proposed septic system could not support the proposed 42 units. He also responded to a number of questions asked by the Board and the public.

After the developer had described the project, Chairman Fred LaPann asked for comments in support. The Town Hall was filled beyond capacity but not one single person spoke. He then asked for comments in opposition, and the room came alive. In addition, the chairman noted that 110 letters had been received from residents who were opposed to the project.

The Planning Board then took a big step. Realizing the impact a project of such size could have on the area, they called for a full Environmental Impact Study. To my recollection, this is the first time a local town planning board has asked for an EIS soon enough to do the most good.

In the end, the project sponsor recognized that in Hague there still are people around who feel that the beauty of their town is worth fighting for. He bowed to their pressure and publicly offered to withdraw the project. The people of Hague can be proud. They chose to place the beauty of their town above money and were willing to fight to protect what they have. I wish to commend all the people of Hague and the Town leaders. It's gratifying to watch your town pull together. Hague has now become a leader for other towns to look to and learn from in their efforts to control the mounting pressure to develop the Lake George Basin.

L.G.A. NEWS RELEASE

The Lake George Association is sounding an alert that a highly detrimental aquatic weed has invaded the waters of Lake George.

According to Dr. Carol D. Collins, senior scientist with the state Science Service and chair of the LGA's Scientific Advisory Board, sitings of myriophyllum spicatum or eurasian watermilfoil were made at three Lake George locations this fall by Dr. Charles W. Boylen, director of RPI's Fresh Water Institute. The plant is not known to have existed previously in Lake George.

The appearance of eurasian watermilfoil in other American lakes has led to rapid deterioration of water quality. In addition, recreational activity has been severely restricted, especially in near-shore areas where the weed grows in dense beds.

"In other lakes, watermilfoil has taken over to such an extent that navigation of small boats became endangered because the weed causes a depletion of the vital oxygen supply."

Scientists working on Lake George are fearful that similar results will occur here. The water quality monitoring program conducted for the Lake George Association Fund by the Fresh Water Institute indicates there are numerous near-shore habitats favorable for growth of watermilfoil.

"We must have prompt action to eradicate this pernicious weed from Lake George before it becomes uncontrollable," says Mary-Arthur Beebe, executive director of the Lake George Association.

The LGA is asking the state, county and local authorities to give this problem emergency status. The scientific community suggests that the plant's reproductive characteristics necessitate implementation of a comprehensive program featuring immediate elimination of the plant followed by preventive practices for long-term results.

If no action is taken or if action is too slow in coming, scientists advise that the weed can be expected to spread quickly into the main lake. During its first two years watermilfoil grows extensive root tubers which sprout new plants. It also reproduces by fragmentation. In the third year, when the plant produces seed pods, containment and elimination becomes nearly impossible. Conditions conducive to growth include organic rich sediment, clouded water, nutrient enrichment.

Possible control techniques would include abatement of pollution sources, carefully managed weed harvesting, and exclusion of boats from infected areas. Public education and awareness may also enhance effectiveness.

Dr. Boylen spotted beds of eurasian watermil-

foil growing at the stormwater outlet near the Sheriff's Dock in Lake George Village, in Huddle Bay, and in Dunham Bay.

Eurasian watermilfoil was first introduced in the United States in the 1920's. In the past 20 years, the spread of the plant has reached epidemic proportions in North America. Watermilfoil is found in Saratoga Lake, portions of Lake Champlain and in smaller area lakes. Lake George is thought to have avoided infestation until now because of its superior water quality. Recently, however, increased loadings of nutrients from improper wastewater treatment and urban runoff are believed to have created water quality conditions suitable for growth of watermilfoil.

The Lake George Association, Inc. is a non-profit group whose primary purpose is to conserve and protect the natural purity of Lake George and the beauty of its environs.

The Lake George Association Fund, Inc. is a tax exempt organization which conducts scientific and educational programs to protect Lake George.

ICING IN HAGUE FROM 1883

Icing in Hague in the old days normally began at Island Harbor. As soon as the ice in the bay was ten to twelve inches thick we could get a team on. After that we could keep the snow scraped off till the ice was twelve to thirteen inches thick. During this time we got the ice runs in, which was quite a bit of work. The cakes of ice were 14" by 22" and 12" to 14" thick.

The cakes were sawed by hand with an ice saw. 1000 cakes were needed to carry us through the summer. We made the cakes of uniform size by using, for a guide, a rope stretched between two stakes, frozen into the ice.

About 1909 Nate Holman bought an ice plow which was drawn by horses. It would cut the ice to a depth of 7" and we finished with a regular ice saw. There was a gauge on the plow. He would go the length of the field and then, changing the gauge, he would plow across the field. If the ice was 14" or 15" thick they would have to go over it again. When the plowing was done, the first task was to chop out a corner cake so we could get the saws started and cut through what the plows had not.

...Taken from Hague Historical Society records. Written by Walter Clifton. To be continued in a future issue.

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, David Robert Jr. to David and Martha Kircher in Red Bank, NJ on October 2. Grandparents are Robert and Miriam Kircher of Staten Island and Sabbath Day Point, NY.

BORN - A boy, Christopher Hampton, to Janet Vass Sarjeant and Dale Christopher Sarjeant on Nov. 11. Grandparents are Alex and Joan Sarjeant, Arcady Bay Estates.

BORN - A girl, Elizabeth Blackwood, to Lauren and Kenneth Parlin on November 14 in Maplewood, NJ. Grandparents are Joan and Blackwood Parlin, Silver Bay and Anthony and Carol Clifton Turner, Cobleskill.

ENGAGED- Sandra Dorothea Smith, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George E. Smith, Indian Kettles, to Robert Stephen Cehowski of Cohoes. A September 20, 1986 wedding date has been set.

DIED - Joel Crothers, 44, a summer resident of Silver Bay for many years, in Los Angeles on November 6. An actor, he was known to millions of daytime TV viewers as Jack Lee on NBC's Santa Barbara. He had previously been seen for eight years as Myles Cavanaugh on The Edge of Night and had had long-running roles in Somerset, The Secret Storm, and Dark Shadows. In addition he appeared in many other TV series. He is survived by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. George Crothers, Sarasota, FL and a brother.

DIED - Bernard Bomboy, 83, Friends Point, Hague on November 21, 1985 in Plattsburgh. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

DIED - Hilda M. Rich, 72, on November 29 in Glens Falls Hospital. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Arthur (Joan) Belden and two sons.

DIED - Dr. E. F. Von Wettberg (Ted), 80, of Sabbath Day Point and Wilmington, DE, on December 9, 1985. Surviving are his widow Agnes, and sister-in-law, Margaret Broderick, Graphite.

DIED - Howard H. Dunklee, 61, in Moses Luttington Hospital on December 14. Survivors include two sisters and three brothers, Elmer, Jordon and Beverly, all of Hague.

JO ANNE (DUNKLEE) GORE, daughter of Mrs. George Shoemaker, Hague, recently received her Master of Arts degree in interpersonal and intercultural communications from the State University of New York at Albany. She is currently employed in the New York State Department of Law Personnel Office in Albany.

ROBBIE CROSS, son of Mrs. Carol (Clifton) Turner, is a member of the Empire State Youth Orchestra. The orchestra recently played for Governor Cuomo. They have also performed on PBS. Robbie plays the tuba. He is the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Clifton.

SECOND MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

The following students from Hague have been listed on the second marking period honor roll:

- First Honors: JASON PLASS; LANA ROSS
- Second Honors: BONITA BELDEN; NOELLE FORT; JODI FRASIER; ROBERT GAUTREAU; JOHN HAYES; EDWARD MAY; CATHERINE MEOLA; JEFFREY PLASS; KARA REYNOLDS; JANET ROSS; FRANK SERDINSKY; AMBER STULL; BONNIE SWINTON.

The Hague Chronicle staff congratulates these students on their high achievements.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

In cooperation with the Department of Environmental Conservation and Warren County Trails Office, the Town of Hague will be able to offer the Rogers Rock Campsite as a cross country ski area.

The county has provided grooming equipment and the D.E.C. its permission for site use.

This will give our community one more recreational option for its winter tourists and local folks as well.

See you on the trails!...Joe McCranels

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - December and January

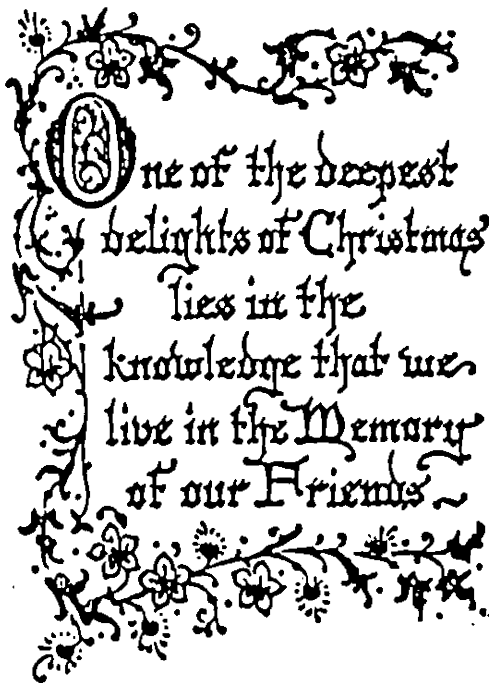
December

- 18 Elementary-Middle Sch. Holiday Concert
7:30 PM - Cafetorium
- 18 Hague Historical Society - At the home
of the Robert Cole's. 7:30 PM
- 19 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 20 Fish and Game Club party - 6 PM
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 26 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 PM
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

VA Representative in Town Hall every Thursday at 11AM

January

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 2 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 2 Planning Board - 7:30 PM
- 7 Home Bureau - 10 AM
- 8 American Legion - 7:30 PM
- 10 CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- 14 Town Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- 16 Carillon Garden Club - 11 AM
- 16 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls



SEASON'S GREETINGS

FROM THE STAFF OF THE HAGUE CHRONICLE

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