

HAGUE THROUGH THE YEARS

In late July I contacted a few friends to feel out their reactions to the following question.

JUST WHAT CHANGES IN HAGUE THROUGH THE YEARS HAVE PLEASED YOU THE MOST?

Perhaps the question defied a definite answer but to me, the answers were so varied and interesting, I have decided to present one each month for the next three or four months.

CLIFFORD DECKER, born April 26, 1909 on Decker Hill Road is our first contributor. Married to Betty Carpenter at 19 he worked on state roads until his retirement in 1965. The Deckers gracious home on West Hague Road is known to most of us.

"One of the things that has pleased me in bettering the Town was buying the property for the Hague Town Park and Beach. I happened to be on the Town Board at the time and seconded the motion when it was made to buy the property. Also, I was on the committee to buy and plant the first trees and shrubbery for beautification.

"Another thing that has pleased me and bettered the town was the opening of the new school in 1927 and so consolidated our six town schools under one roof.

Respectfully, /s/ C. Decker"

"P.S. Just another comment. I miss the old saw mills and smell of pine and sawdust and the old cider mill that was across the street from my home, where you could get a fresh drink of sweet cider in the Fall." ...M. Broderick

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
SABBATH DAY POINT

Grace Memorial Chapel, located on the shores of Lake George at Sabbath Day Point will mark its 100th anniversary on August 11, 1984. There will be a celebration on Sunday, August 12, 1984, details of which will be published later.

THE CHURCH HAS RECENTLY BEEN DECLARED BOTH A STATE AND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE. In keeping with this status the trustees plan to compile a Church History in connection with the celebration and are looking for information concerning the church and its people. In particular, they are interested in putting together a list of people BAPTIZED or MARRIED in the church. There is much church history to be found in the old minutes, but it is believed that there are many interesting anecdotes never before recorded. Hattie Bartlett is said to have written a Church History which the trustees would very much like to have.

If you have any information concerning Church History, former residents of the area who were participants in church activities, or bits of nostalgia about the Church, please write or call

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PLAQUE DEDICATED

On August 8 friends and Town Board members gathered in the Hague Town Park as Supervisor Dick Bolton unveiled a small plaque in memory of John T. Henry, whose years of dedication to the town of Hague and especially the park are well known. Dottie Henry graciously thanked those present. The plaque is embedded in the large rock near the Chamber of Commerce building...mb

TO THE PEOPLE OF HAGUE

I was very touched on August 8 at the Hague Town Park when Dick Bolton called the Town Board members together to see for the first time the memorial plaque dedicated to my husband, Jack.

My children and I are most appreciative of the outpouring of love which was shown at the time of Jack's death and are especially thankful for those who contributed to this plaque in his memory.

The park has always been very special to Jack and it is a very fitting memorial.

Sincerely, /s/ Dottie Henry

SILVER BAY PROPERTY OWNERS

The Property Owners of Silver Bay will hold its meeting on Thursday, August 18 in Field Memorial Bldg. on the Silver Bay Association campus at 7:00 PM.

The business meeting, including election of the next year's officers will open at 7:00 PM. Our speaker, Supervisor Richard E. Bolton of Hague, will follow with his presentation of the past year and events to come.

The meeting will adjourn at 8:00 PM to the Silver Bay Auditorium for the Hague Fire Dept. fund raising night of "Pinafore".

...Robert M. Cole, President

Francis and Holly Griffin of Gull Bay celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July by entertaining their family including their grandchildren from Springdale Manor. On Sunday the younger generation (four of them) took a hike with their parents up Black Mt. The four kids ran ahead of the adults and got lost in the woods for 9½ hours. The ranger was called to assist in the search. The kids had some pretty scary moments but all turned out well. They learned a very valuable lesson in what not to do when hiking!...djh

CORRECTIONS

Bruce Bevins, son of Mrs. Dorothy Bevins, West Hague, informs us that he spent 28 days in The People's Republic of China, not 11 days as reported in the July Chronicle.

THAT QUILT - MARTHA WHITE and BESSIE YAW.

In our zeal to discover those missing artists who worked on the Bicentennial Quilt, we left out the names of two of Home Bureau's most diligent workers. We have apologized to Martha and Bessie. The six mystery gals must have moved. Case closed...mb

SILVER BAY AWARDED GRANT

The Kresge Foundation of Troy, MI has awarded a Challenge Grant of \$150,000 to the Silver Bay Assoc., it was announced by Charles Lupton, president of the Board of Trustees.

The grant was committed for use toward a planned dining room/kitchen facility to be built by the association, and is a part of a 2.5 million dollar development program. The Silver Bay Assoc. has raised almost \$500,000 toward a one million dollar goal for this project in the overall development program.

TOWN BOARD 8/9/83

PLANNING BOARD 8/4/83

Board members unanimously upheld the policy of prohibiting frisbee and ball throwing in the Hague town beach area. The park is for swimming, sunning and relaxing. It is NOT a playground. The grounds of the park are very soft and rough playing would ruin the area in a few weeks. The former Hague school grounds may be used for play.

Robert Joy, architect for the Silver Bay construction project, presented to the Board the plans for the removal of existing buildings and the proposed design for the new kitchen and dining room facilities. Jim Broderick, Jack Carney and Alison Craig were directed to do a site plan review of the proposed changes.

The Board supported the resolution (4-1) of the Adirondack Freedom Fighters Association, Inc. which was delivered to President Ronald Reagan by Reverend Jerry Falwell (Moral Majority leader) on July 12, 1983. The Resolution "opposes the unconstitutional taking of over 3 million acres of private land in the Adirondacks...petitioned the President of the United States for assistance in restoring the constitutional rights of the citizens of the Adirondacks." (The entire text of the resolution, the covering letters to Town Supervisors and to the President of the United States may be read at the Town Hall).

Martin Thompson, a surveyor representing Beth Nako Allen, requested clarification of zoning district in which his client's property is located.

The Terrace View sub-division was discussed as to lack of building permits for the work presently being done on this property. Mr. LaPann will confer with the owner, Mr. William Garrison to obtain compliance with Hague's rules. Lighthouse Point was also discussed as to the need for strict compliance with setback rules since the lots are so small there is no room for error. The 50' setback from the high water mark of the lake includes roof overhang.

The Board approved an expenditure of \$1,000 to paper all rooms in the Town Hall with the exception of the Assessors' office...ac

A LINCOLN LEGACY IN VERMONT

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 7/28/83

The Hague Historical Society plans a drive to HILDENE at Manchester, VT to see the former estate of Robert Todd Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's son. The house sits atop a high peak overlooking a majestic view of the Green Mountains. On all sides of the house its lawns and gardens descend to a cliff. Below the cliff is a large farm, the whole estate encompassing 500 acres.

The Public Hearing on the Quinonas' request for a variance to erect a 5'2" solid fence on their property with less than a 50' setback from the lake was denied.

Featured also is a fine turn-of-the-century organ which can be heard in live recital or on a "player roll". Admission is \$3.50 per person.

The request of Jay Reynolds to sub-divide his property and sell a lot of less than 1.1 acres was also denied.

The Society welcomes anyone who would be interested to call President Barton Van Vliet at 543-6365 for details about time, date, etc. ...BDG

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

The Town Board at its regular August meeting voted to sell the equipment in the former school building. An insert is included in this issue of THE HAGUE CHRONICLE listing some of this equipment. According to regulations it must be bid on. The Board reserves the right to reject any bid. However, it is willing to listen to any reasonable offer.

If you have any interest in any of this equipment, you may make an appointment with Diane at the Town Hall, 543-6161, and someone will be happy to show it to you.  
....djh

HEART OF SUMMERTIME

written by James J. Kilpatrick in the July-August issue of the magazine, VIRGINIA, TOWN AND COUNTRY, made for delightful reading about the Shenandoah Valley. After reading of nature's great beauty one paragraph caught my attention. I'll file it in my THINGS DON'T CHANGE Dept.

"On Tuesday the Board of Zoning Appeals was hearing an application for a recreational area. The owners of the land want to bring in several hundred campers. Neighboring campers object. In the week of the Fourth, the dispute evokes ancient issues. What do we mean by property rights? What do we mean by the right to pursue happiness? Is there a right to pursue happiness at other's expense? Our little county seat (Rappahannock) was laid out by George Washington himself. Philosophically, we are right back at his beachmarks."

In Hague we are still very, very physically, mentally, and philosophically glad we are HERE...mb

NEXT TIME IT MIGHT BE YOU OR ONE OF YOUR LOVED ONES

Summer residents of the Hague area sometimes don't recognize the problems of our volunteer ambulance and fire crews. All are volunteers who respond from home and work at the tone of a radio call. All must drive their own vehicles to either the fire house or to the scene of the fire or emergency. Many times it is a summer resident who is in need of their help. Sometimes time is of the essence in controlling the fire or in giving emergency first aid to an ill or injured person. If the person has stopped breathing or is bleeding profusely, minutes and seconds are the difference between life and death or permanent damage.

Most responders either have a special light on their personal vehicles, or they have headlights on. When they come up behind you they will be trying to get to their destination as quickly and safely as possible. If you would pull over to the side and let them pass, someone who awaits them with a burning building, an illness or an injury may be eternally grateful to you.

The responder will also be grateful for your help in making his volunteer job safer and more efficient.

Thank you.

COLLEGE NIGHT AT SILVER BAY

High school students, particularly those going into their senior year, are invited to attend College Night at Silver Bay. Approximately 15 colleges will be represented plus literature from many other colleges. Date: Wed. AUGUST 17  
Time: 7 - 8 PM

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*Life by the yard is hard  
But life by the inch is a cinch.  
...Anonymous*

VIEWPOINT

The following letter was received from H. J. Willard, Albany, NY. It is in answer to VIEWPOINT in the July Issue.

"To the Editor: In response to Mrs. Henry's VIEWPOINT of July 1983, I feel inclined to speak for the young people of Hague. It is baffling to me why the same young people applauded by the Chronicle staff for excellence in education and community service are also denied use of their own town park. The Hague Town Park is certainly one of the nicest on the shores of Lake George and should be enjoyed by visitors to our area.

"Mrs. Henry makes many valid points about the use of frisbees, baseballs, etc. at the park. I am in total agreement that the forbidding of these games is in the best interest of all during the day, but to forbid a pleasant evening of softball is being a bit over protective. Who is there at the park to be injured by a frisbee or softball in the evening? Swimming without a lifeguard is forbidden by the NYS Health Dept. And, one can't get much of a tan when the sun is setting on the mountains to the west.

"As to the former school grounds, if Mrs. Henry doesn't want to sit in a lawn chair there to catch some sun, why should our youth want to play ball there? Don't they deserve surroundings just as beautiful?

"Anyone playing ball at the park even in the evening is threatened with a call to the Warren County Sheriff. Are our youth criminals for wanting to use their park? The parents of these youth are taxpayers too, and to deny town people use of the park is an insult. If our young people were responsible enough to present a petition to

the Town Board for permission to play ball at the park, shouldn't the Board of Hague be responsible enough to realize the "kids aren't really asking that much!"

"After all, who's park is it?

"Respectfully, /s/ H. J. Willard"

Ed. Note: If the youth did indeed circulate a petition, they failed to present it to the Town Board. However one young man did appear before the Board with questions about the park. The reasons for not using the park as a playground were reiterated by Supervisor Bolton See Town Board News, (p. 3)

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

to Arnold Goetsch for the shelf he built to house the collection of HAGUE CHRONICLES in the Town Hall. We have a copy of every CHRONICLE since its birth in January 1972. Founded by the late Emil Seerup and edited by Virginia Shattuck after his death, it is now edited and published by a group of volunteers who try to give our readers the news of our favorite town. THE HAGUE CHRONICLE is sent to 33 states, plus Canada, Puerto Rico, West Germany and D.C., a total of about 575 copies.

Bound in bright red binders, THE HAGUE CHRONICLE has been placed at the disposal of the public to look up something particular, or just to browse through.

We are indeed grateful to Arnold for sharing his talents for the benefit of the people of Hague...djh  
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Mr. & Mrs. Edward H. Crabbs, Hague, were guests at the ceremony in which their son Capt. Edward changed command. He is now captain of the USS Nashville, LPD 13 and is sailing in the Caribbean. The change of command took place on June 30 in Hampton Roads, VA.

"DR. TOM" PRESENTED PORTRAIT

Moses Ludington Hospital Administrator Thomas Moffett, unveiled a portrait of Dr. Thomas Cummins on August 3. Dr. Tom, as he is affectionally known, served the community for 50 years prior to his retirement this spring. The portrait, painted by his niece, Jane Malanson, will hang in the main lobby of the hospital.

A scholarship fund has also been established by the Medical Staff in the name of Dr. Thomas F. Cummins. A prize will be awarded to the graduating senior of Ticonderoga High School who stands first in Science. Those who wish to donate to the fund may do so by making check payable to the Moses Ludington Hospital, c/o Dr. James E. McManus, President of the Medical Staff.

CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

On Saturday, August 27 Silver Bay Association will host the Tenth Annual Antique and Classic Boat Rendezvous. The rendezvous is expected to attract over 60 antique boats worth in excess of one million dollars from the eastern United States and Canada.

Featured will be late 1800 Adirondack Guide Boats, Fay Bowens, Chris Crafts, Hackercrafts, Dodges, cruisers, race boats and replicas.

The Antique and Classic Boat Society was founded on Lake George, at a gathering of boatmen on Canoe Island, and it has grown to be a world-wide organization of 2,200 members. The Adirondack Chapter has about 85 members, chiefly in the Lake George and Albany areas, with Jack Binley of Hague as president.

The public is cordially invited to attend this rendezvous and drool over the beautiful display of boats. ...djh

"WINDSURFING" CHAMPIONSHIPS

"Windsurfing", an exciting combination of surfboarding and sail-boating, will provide thrills and chills for participants and spectators alike on Lake George on Sunday, August 21, when the first annual Capital District Windsurfing Championship is held in Diamond Point. About 20 "windsurfers" from the Albany area are expected to take part in the regatta.

There will be three or four races on the lake in front of Brodie's Yankee Yacht Sales, Inc. The public is invited to watch the races from boats or from shore.

TOWN HALL IS GETTING A FACE LIFT

Before long you won't recognize the old building! The Town crew has been painting the lower half of the walls and the trim, and the paper for the upper half has been chosen and ordered.

The exterior of the building will also change color - we'll let that be a surprise! It will make our town hall seem almost like new again...djh

SCHOOL FREE & REDUCED LUNCH POLICY

Application forms will be sent in the mail along with the District calendar. These forms are for families with incomes at or below the amount set by the School Board to apply for free or reduced cost lunches during the coming school year. For further information you may call the principal's office in each school.

MORE SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, Andrew Duncan, to Cecilia and Dennis Vickery, Arcady Bay Estates, on August 1 in Middlebury  
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*Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.  
...George Santayana*

The following is a partial list of items in the former school building, the town shed and landfill. See p. 4 for details.

Kitchen equipment including 3 sinks

- 1 large stainless steel sink
- 1 South Bend commercial stove
- 1 Hobart commercial dishwasher
- 2 large stainless steel counter tops
- 1 Jordon freezer
- 1 Milk Cooler

7 Outdoor wooden benches

2 Pool tables

Work benches

Many wooden doors

Stage curtains, tracks & lights

Gym flooring

Vaulting horse

Many lighting fixtures

Water fountains

Wooden cabinets with glass doors

Book shelves

Blackboards

Bulletin Boards

Classroom sinks

Towel racks

Double doors

New sheet rock

Ski boots, poles, skis & 1" ski lift rope

Electric hot water heater

Sink from Home Ec room

Toilets and other bathroom equipment

Playground equipment including horses, ladder, etc. (Not the dome)

3-Phase electric motor from landfill (30 h.p.)

Panelling

From Town Shed:

Sander

Roller

Other miscellaneous items

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Donielle Marie, to Donald and Penny Bolton on July 7. Donielle is the granddaughter of Doris and Jack Bolton of Hague and Corinth.

BORN - A girl, Rebecca, to Cindy and Tom Heintzelman of Silver Bay and West Virginia. Rebecca is the granddaughter of Rev. & Mrs. David J. Heintzelman of Silver Bay.

BORN - A girl, Ann Louise, on July 27 to Mary and Mark Johnson of the Silver Bay Association.

MARRIED - Sherrae Trudeau, Ticonderoga, and Alvin Frasier, son of Mrs. Ruth Frasier, Hague, in the United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga on August 13.

MARRIED - Donna Cameron, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Cameron, West Hague, to Thomas Charbonneau, Hague Road, Ticonderoga, on August 15 in the Silver Bay Chapel.

DIED - Herbert F. Rising, 91, on June 26 in California. He was the father of Kay Ostapeck, Sabbath Day Point.

DIED - Elaine H. McKee, Graphite Road on July 24. Widow of Ralph McKee, she is survived by sons, James and Peter and daughter, Lana Thrall.

DIED - Harold A. Spring, 67, former resident of Ticonderoga, on July 30 in Plymouth, NC. Mr. Spring was a brother of Mrs. Bernard Clifton, Hague.

DIED - Frederick C. Spreeman, 65, Graphite Road, on August 11 in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Albany. He is survived by wife Irene, Hague, son Lance, a granddaughter and two sisters. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Spreeman served with the rank of Major in the Pacific.

Postmaster PENNY BOLTON was the winner of the A Flight Tournament held recently at the Ticonderoga Golf Club.

LYNN COFFIN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Coffin, Hague, has just returned from competing in the Empire State Games in Syracuse, NY. Lynn placed ninth in the Balance Beams. Results of the other competitions are not known as of this writing.

Lynn is a junior at Ticonderoga High School and is the top performer on the high school Gymnastic Team. She was representing the Adirondack Region in the Empire State Games.

H.M.S. PINAFORE AT SILVER BAY

The EMPS of Silver Bay will present H.M.S. Pinafore on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, August 18, 19 and 20. Curtain time each night - 8:00 PM.

On Thursday night the performance will be for the benefit of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. Tickets may be purchased from members of the Department or at the door for \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 12 and under. On Friday and Saturday nights the performances will be for members of the Silver Bay Association.

The EMPS are well noted for their annual performances and we have no reason to doubt that H.M.S. Pinafore will be an evening to remember...djh

SITE INSPECTION

Planning Board members did an on-site inspection of the proposed Silver Bay project to remove the building presently housing the kitchen facilities and north dining room, and to construct a new kitchen/dining complex. The new facility will be 35 feet from the main building and is expected to reduce the hazard from fire. Demolition is scheduled to begin 9/15 with the new facility operational in summer '84.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

AUGUST

- 17 College Night 7-8 PM - Silver Bay-p.4
- 17 Vote on whether to transfer water & sewer lines now servicing schools. Ti High School - 2 - 8PM
- (18 H.M.S. Pinafore to be presented at
- (19 Silver Day by EMPS - see p. 7
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- 18 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 18 Silver Day Property Owners - see p. 2
- 25 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 PM
- 26 Women's Equality Day

SEPT.

- 1 Planning Board - 7:30 PM
- 1 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 3 U.S. & Britain sign Peace Treaty-1752
- 8 Rosh Hashana - Hebrew New Year
- 11 Grandfolks Day
- 13 Town Board - 6:30 PM
- 13 Primary Election - 12-9 PM
- 13 Return Everything You've Borrowed Day!
- 15 Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- Veterans Administrator is in Town Hall each Thursday at 11 AM

ROAD SIGNS

The theft of numerous road signs in recent weeks is causing a serious safety problem for Hague residents. Road signs serve an important purpose; the signs aid emergency vehicles responding to POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE and POWER calls. Valuable time may be lost if a vehicle responding to a call for help cannot locate the property or individual needing assistance. The Town of Hague can be held liable if signs are not in place, plus the cost to taxpayers to replace stolen signs is \$18.75 per sign. Anyone finding road signs should bring them to the Town Hall or Town Shed. No questions asked...ac

REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES to be held Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 12-9PM at Town Hall. The only contested offices are for Councilman (Vote for 2) LINDA COFFIN, DOROTHY HENRY, and ROBERT PATCHETT, and for Assessor, ALISON CRAIG and DAVID MARTUCCI. (Vote for 1) No Democrat Primaries.

GOOD NEWS!!!

Since last month the Board of Equalization has raised our equalization rate to 50.40. In '82 it was 50.36, so we are on the right track. Ti's school tax rate is \$94.07 and Hague's is \$28.32, an increase for Ti of \$6.63 and for Hague, \$2.15 (per thousand of assessed value)

FLASH--Contrary to our report on page 3, the Assessors' office is also being refurbished!

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