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PLANNING BOARD MAKING PROGRESS

At its meeting on December 13, the Planning Board met with Mr. William Davidson, Director of the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board who is in charge of preparing a master-plan for Hague. He exhibited an outline map of the town on which soil conditions, topography, and all buildings in the town have been superimposed. The map has been left with the Planning Board to be checked for accuracy.

In his study of population, Mr. Davidson pointed out that from 1940 to 1960 population increased only 4% but that during the sixties it increased 18%. Population during these years was: 1940 - 739; 1950 - 761; 1960 - 771; and 1970 - 910. The sizeable growth since 1960 can be attributed to the combined effect of the construction of the Northway which has made the area more accessible and by the nationwide trend of migration to accessible rural areas. This is evidenced by the number of people who are converting seasonal residences into year-round homes.

Mr. Davidson accepts the population projection data developed by the N.Y.S. Office of Planning Services as the most accurate. His data projects the growth in population of Hague at 54% from 1970 to 2000 with population at the end of each decade as follows: 1980 - 1060; 1990 - 1214; and 2000 - 1461. Even though the population will have doubled from 1940 to 2000, actual growth in absolute numbers will be relatively small and the town will remain rural with a small population. In 1970 the population density was 14 persons per square mile. Based on the given projection it will be 22.5 in the year 2000. Both are below the 1970 density of 33.6 persons per square mile for the entire Lake Champlain-Lake George Region.

Hague has a highseasonal population. An effort will be made to estimate its size and also what it is likely to be in the foreseeable

future. One estimate is that the seasonal population will be about ten times the year-round population.

The main concern with the type of soil in the area is the ability of the soil to function as septic tank filter fields. The soils limitation map rates soils as "slight" and "severe". The "slight" which is confined to two small areas only have few or no limitations that restrict their use as septic tank filter fields, while the "severe" is meant that the soils have unfavorable soil properties that severely restrict their use as septic tank filter fields. It is apparent that these soil conditions place a severe limitation on sewerage disposal through septic tank filter fields and if there is to be any substantial increase in the number of dwellings, some other sewerage disposal system will have to be provided.

A study made for Warren County in 1969 proposed that a sewerage system be provided for the Lake Champlain area from about 3700 feet south of Sabbath Day Point to about 3000 feet south of Sand Hill Road. Such a system providing collection and treatment facilities was estimated to cost \$929,000. At today's prices it would be at least \$1,161,000. There is no likelihood that this will be given any consideration at least for the foreseeable future since funds from either the state or Federal government are not now available.

Following completion of this phase of the work, some input from property owners will be requested to suggest how the Town of Hague should be developed in the next 10 to 20 years. This may be in the form of a questionnaire to be mailed to all property owners.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The School Board held its regular monthly meeting on December 10 with all members ex-

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cept James Bly present.

It was reported that with the ratification of the agreement by the teachers, negotiations have finally been concluded.

Since her election as Town Clerk, a question has been raised as to whether Mary Alice Scripture can continue to serve as School Treasurer. Although the legal questions have not been fully resolved, Mrs. Scripture submitted her resignation to become effective on December 31. The Board has taken the matter under advisement.

The appointment of Michael Riley as physical education instructor was approved. He will replace Douglas Cash who resigned effective with the close of school for the Christmas holidays. While Mr. Riley will be in charge of all athletic programs, the basketball team will continue to be coached by Mr. Bianci for the remainder of the season.

Mr. Riley, who comes from Lake Luzerne, graduated in June 1973 from Parsons College, Parsons, Iowa after taking some preliminary work at Hudson Valley Junior College. He is married and the Riley's have one child. This will be his first teaching assignment.

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HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

About thirty-five members and guests were present at the Hague Historical Society meeting on December 12. After a short business meeting, Mr. Seerup presented a travelogue of the trip he and Mrs. Seerup took earlier this year on the Swedish-American Line ship, MS Kungsholm. The talk was illustrated with more than a hundred slides.

Accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Teomney of Hague and New York City, the trip started on September 12 from New York City with the first port of call at Queensferry, Scotland, the port city for Edinburgh. After a trip through Sterling Castle in the town of Ster-

ling and a visit to Loch Lommond and Edinburgh, the ship crossed the North Sea to Bergen, Norway, down the coast of Norway to Oslo and then to Gothenburg, Sweden where the ship went into drydock for nine days to undergo normal maintenance. During this period the trip proceeded by train to Stockholm and then by air to Helsinki. After two days in Finland, the party flew to Copenhagen where it rejoined the ship. Amsterdam Holland; LaCoruna, Spain; and Lisbon, Portugal were also visited. A day at the Azores Islands had been planned but because of rough weather, the port could not be entered and the ship continued on to New York. To sum up, it was a delightful trip but there is still no place like the United States, particularly the place called home.

Mr. Seerup, assisted by Mrs. Andrus, served refreshments of plum pudding and wassail.

The next meeting will be held on January 16 at 7:45 P.M. The program will be on old mills and will be in charge of Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cole. The Cole's have invited the society to their new home on Silver Bay Road for the meeting. Transportation will be provided for all those requiring it. call 543 - 9302.

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on December 11 with all members present.

The sander which was authorized at the last meeting was purchased at a cost of about \$3500. It has already been delivered. The truck which was authorized last spring remains undelivered. Last word from the supplier is that it should be available around the first of the year.

Town officials were authorized to attend at town expense the annual meeting of the Association of Towns which will be held in New York City on February 4, 5 and 6.

With the departure of Mr. Douglas Cash who has been the Director of the Town's Youth Program, The Board is taking applications to fill this post.

The Town Health Officer will be asked to look into an unsanitary condition which is

reported to exist in the town. Should the health officer confirm that the condition is dangerous to the health of the community, it is expected that remedial steps will be taken.

The Board will hold its annual meeting on the 8th of January at which time the newly elected officials will be sworn in and appointments made for the coming year.

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CHARLOTTE E. BROCK

Miss Charlotte E. Brock, who first visited the area in the early 1920's, passed away on November 29 at her home in Keamy, New Jersey. Summers were spent with her family at the Sabbath Day Point House until it was torn down. Afterwards, she stayed with her brother, the late Louis R. Brock. She enjoyed a long career as a nurse. She was 74 years of age at the time of her death.

Survivors include three nieces and a nephew: Mrs. Judith Stock of White Plains; Mrs. Carol Bugbee of Carmichael, California; Mrs. Jean Wallace of Chatham, N.J.; and Peter Brock who resides in Belgium.

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SNOWMOBILE TRAIL SYSTEM INAUGURATED

Warren County officially opened 70 miles of snowmobile trails on December 14 with appropriate ceremonies at the Roaring Brook Ranch Resort. The trails are located in the towns of Luzerne, Lake George, Queensbury, and Warrensburg. Also included in the trail system is the Prospect Mountain Veteran's Memorial Highway which is closed to automobile traffic during the winter months.

The trails are the first section of a system of trails that will be expanded next year to the remaining towns with a total of about 200 miles. The trails will also be used for horse-back riding, bicycling, and skiing. Cross country ski trails are on the agenda for next year.

The trails have been made possible by an appropriation of \$99,000. in this year's county budget. Also procured were two trail rangers at a cost of \$16,000. each. The trails will be patrolled by law enforcement officers who have been supplied with six snowmobiles donated by the various snowmo-

bile manufacturers. Only snowmobiles who have registered their machines under the New York State Parks and Recreation Law at a fee of \$5.00 and under the Warren County Parks and Recreation Law at an additional fee of \$5.00 will be permitted on the trails. A map of the trails with other useful information can be obtained by addressing Michael L. Landon, Warren County Recreation Director, Department of Public Works, 261 Main Street, Warrensburg, New York. 12885.

Not to be outdone, the Hague On-Lake George Sno-Goers Club has prepared a system of trails throughout the town of Hague and these will be open and ready for use as soon as there is sufficient snow. The trails are outlined on the enclosed map. Hopefully these trails will be linked up with the county trails next year.

The snowmobile promotion is part of the long range plans of Warren County and the Town of Hague to make the area a year-round resort area. It is also designed to provide areas where snowmobiles can be operated apart from private lands where complaints of substantial damage have been made.

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1973 - IN REVIEW

Hague Chronicle celebrated first anniversary in January, completed second year with December issue...Now being mailed to 374 homes...All regular town and school board meetings reported...

Name of school changed to Hague Central School...James Bly appointed to School Board to fill vacancy resulted from the resignation of Ralph McKee...Elected to a full 5-year term in May...Robert Denno elected president of School Board...Board proposed new heating plant for school at a cost of \$16,000...Approved by voters at annual meeting...Budget calling for expenditures of \$1,000,000 for previous year also approved...School tax rate up \$3.74...

Adirondack Park Agency's private land use and development plan approved...Town Planning Board begins work on a master-plan for the town...Lake George Park Commission undertakes inspection of all sewage systems along the lake...Resurfacing of State Route 9N underway.

David Dunklee drowned on January 14th

When the car in which he was a passenger plunged through the ice on Lake George... John Wilson of Burnt Hills, N.Y. fell to his death while climbing... Frank C. Fitzgerald passed away in March 3... Dr. Roy Anderson, long time summer resident, died in... Raleigh, N.C... Robert E. Henry, Jr., Mrs. Beatrice S. Hayes and Leon G. Wells, also passed away during the summer... Town Supervisor, Thomas F. Smith, died suddenly on August 29...

Father Stephen T. O'Connor celebrated his 25th anniversary as a priest at a mass at The Blessed Sacrament Church on May 20th... The W. Keith DeLarm's celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in October... Miss Mary Beste was 90 in October... Mrs. Kate Rising was 90 in September... Mr. Floyd McTyier celebrated his 93rd birthday in December... The First Annual Hague Arts Fair was held on August 4th... Hague Fish & Game Club sponsored Hague Winter Fun Day on March 11 featuring the World Ice Augur Championship.

W. Keith DeLarm appointed supervisor to succeed Mr. Smith... Elected for a two year term in November... Harvey Yaw and Joseph Streeter successful candidates for Town Justice and councilman respectively... Thomas Stull and Henry Watts elected appraisers... Mrs. Mary Alice Scripture elected Town Clerk... Town received upwards of \$30,000. in Federal revenue sharing funds... Bulk of funds spent for highway equipment...

Completion of Warren County real property appraisals being performed by the Cleminshaw Company was postponed for one year... Final report expected in time for 1974 property assessments... At special meeting of the Town

Board on June 20 board members and the public were briefed on the long pending tax suit instituted by Camp Aready... Suit has not yet come up for trial.

The lake froze over at Silver Bay on the January 6-7 weekend and several days later at Hague... Very little snow fell during the remainder of the winter, but it was cold... This winter was mild until the area was hit by a northeaster on December 17-18 when 8 to 12 inches of snow fell... HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

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1 9 7 4 REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

With new property assessed values expected next month and with hearings scheduled for the week of February 19-24, the question may well be asked - how does this affect me?

To test the new assessed value against the present assessed value, the following formula may be helpful: Obtain the ratio of the present assessed value on your property to the total taxable roll for the Town of Hague. This can be done by dividing \$7,465,498., the taxable 1972 roll for the Town of Hague except specials and not including state lands, into the assessed value of your property. Compare this with the ratio of the 1974 assessed value on your property to the total taxable 1974 roll for the town of Hague. The first figure should reach you through the mails in January; the latter is not yet available but hopefully we will be able to publish it in our next issue. If, then, the ratio in 1974 is higher than the present ratio, your share of the 1974 taxes will be higher than at present; if lower, your share will be less.

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