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TONGUE MT. ROAD WASHED OUT

On the morning of Wednesday, October 24, a section of road collapsed when the runoff from torrential rains (2+ inches) followed by the collapse of a beaver dam near the top of the mountain caused a 1/4 mile, 3 feet deep washout of the highway. Those who viewed the damage compared it to the devastation left by an earthquake. Officials were forced to close the road to all traffic, from the Rt. 11 (River Bank Rd) to Hague. Only traffic from Hague to Sabbath Day Pt. was using that portion of the road. All other traffic was routed over Rt 8, which made it rather hectic, since Rt. 8 is still under construction. About 300-400 ft of the River Bank Rd. was also washed out but was quickly repaired by the county crew and was open Wednesday afternoon.

The work has now been completed and the road was opened to traffic at 5PM on November 2. The highway reconstruction crews working on Rts 9N and 8 went to work on the mountain and the road was opened to traffic again at 5PM on November 2.

Bolton Supervisor Frank Dagles stated that the torrential rains were not the only reason for the road collapse. He said that all the state land up there is full of beaver dams and debris, and the state never cleans the brook out. Clearing out the deadfall would help prevent future flooding, although it wouldn't prevent it completely.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT DEFEATED

Due to a resounding "NO" vote from the voters in the north country, and support from down-staters, the \$1.975 Environmental Bond Act went down to defeat. Although the state bombarded the media with their attempts to convince the people, there were enough opponents to get their message across, in spite of the lack of funds.

Voters in the Adirondack Park rejected the bond act by an 8 1/2 to 1 ratio. Election officials in the Adirondacks reported that voter turnout was higher than usual for an off year election. NYC residents voted 3-1 in favor, but only 36% of registered voters cast their ballots. A total of more than 2.6 million votes were cast in NYS. The bond act failed by 65,000 votes.

The state in anticipating the approval of the bond act, had already set aside \$205 million in this year's budget to move ahead on the most urgent projects.

Many voters seemed to think that the act would have passed had it not included such goals as \$201 million to maintain and upgrade state recreational and environmental facilities like Gore Mountain Ski Area and a golf course, etc. Supporters said that rejection of the act would leave small communities having to fund their own land-fill closures and sewage disposal systems. This in turn would mean huge local tax increases.

HAGUE TO HAVE SOLE ASSESSOR

In Hague a proposal on the ballot to have the town go to a sole assessor instead of three elected ones was passed in a vote of 179 for and 122 against. This new action will go into effect on January 1, 1990.

Applicants must be NYS certified professional assessors. Resume must be submitted to the Supervisor at the town hall by December 3

TOWN OF HAGUE RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Town Recycling program will be taking on a new face over the next few months. As part of the state mandated land-fill closure, which becomes effective as of April 1, 1991, disposal of household garbage and trash will take on a slightly different character.

The obvious change will be our new recycling building and transfer station. This is to be located on the left hand side of the access road in the location of the cover borrow pits. This building will serve as the central location for all recycling and trash transfer activities. All items other than regular garbage will be handled from this location. Here they will be prepared for transfer either as recycled products or will be sent to an interim central landfill. Eventually, all non-recyclable items will be transferred from here to the county burning plant in Hudson Falls.

At this time regular household garbage will be disposed in the compactor. When feasible, the compactor will be relocated next to the recycling building as part of the mandated closure. This will remove it from the vicinity of the closed landfill area and make use of the trash facilities more convenient.

Many people have asked about the possibility of an area for composting leaves and yard wastes. This is definitely part of the overall solid waste program for the Town of Hague. This will consist primarily of a compost pile for leaves and yard trimmings and a second pile for larger, woody materials such as branches. These will be chipped and can be reused for bed cover etc.

Please help this program work. The program as designed will achieve several things. First to comply with state requirements for landfill closure and insure a clean environment. Second, to keep the high costs of solid waste disposal to a minimum and third, to make trash disposal as simple as possible for everyone.

During this transition phase, use of the transfer station and recycling program may be confusing. If you are unsure how to dispose of any particular item, please check with the attendants. For additional information, please contact John Breitenbach, Jr. at the Community Center: 543-6161

.. JB Jr.

DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES THAT COULD BE BEYOND OUR CONTROL (BUT AREN'T) THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE HAGUE CHRONICLE WILL BE PUBLISHED ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 11. ALL COPY SHOULD BE IN BY DECEMBER 6. . . Editor

WANTED

Clifton West, town historian wants to thank those who answered his requests for items last month. He now has a couple more requests. He would like pictures (and names) of championship basketball teams, particularly the last few years; also pictures of cheerleaders, names and years.

He would also like the names of any Hague graduates who have entered professional fields.

Clifton has asked that he receive this information immediately, if possible.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will again present a Holiday Festival of Trees opening Sunday, November 18 at Hancock House, Moses Circle, Ticonderoga. A Merchants' Fashion Show will be featured at 2PM on that day.

An art show of winter scenes by area artists will be open in the Gallery, extending until after New Year's.

We are indeed fortunate to have this fine gallery in the town of Ticonderoga. The entire Hancock House is certainly worth your time to see and enjoy, and will be particularly attractive during the holiday season.

It is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10AM to 4PM. Come, enjoy!

"LAKE GEORGE BOATS" NOW ON SALE

Lake George author Betty Buckell has published her third book, which will be on sale on November 19 at Radio Shack/Bookmark in Ticonderoga. Mrs. Buckell's book, "Lake George Boats" gives the history and pictures of excursion boats, as well as private launches dating back to the beginning of this century.

Recently Mrs. Buckell was the guest speaker for the Hague Historical Society in which she gave a sneak preview of her book. On November 18 The Lake George Historical Association is hosting a book signing at their headquarters on Canada Street in Lake George (the former court house). She has previously authored "No Dog Days at Huletts" and "Old Lake George Hotels."

DOES YOUR FLAG NEED REPLACING?

There is nothing more beautiful than to see Old Glory, brightly waving in the breeze. We Americans are pretty patriotic for the most part. However, there are occasional flags that are "tattered and torn" or just plain faded. We just can't take them to the landfill, but the American Legion offers us the option of burning them in a patriotic ceremony. Contact any member of the Legion and they will be happy to take care of it. At the same time you may want to order a new flag from the Legion. Let's fly our flags with pride!

CUB SCOUT PACK 21 NEWS

On Saturday, October 20, scouts from Dens 1, 2 and 3 gathered at the ham radio shack of Willy Hutchinson to participate in an international event, "Jamboree on the Air." The boys learned about ham radio operation and communicated with scouts and friends from Winston-Salem, NC, somewhere in Michigan, Liverpool, Nova Scotia and St. John's, Newfoundland. Willy was able to pick up the world headquarters for JOTA in Geneva, Switzerland and the national office in Texas. It was a "Big 10-4" day! Thanks, Willy!

The next Saturday, October 27, the Cubs and their families enjoyed an old-fashioned Halloween party at the Community Center. They bobbed for apples, visited Tejah's Haunted Corner

(great job!), tossed bean bags in the jack-o-lantern and had fun with a noisy ghost story. Cheri Smith was the lucky winner at the Great Pumpkin. The costumes were great! (And who was that masked man at the wall?)

Den #3 have all earned their Bobcat badges! Congratulations to Ryan Lawrence, Stephen LeBarron, Josh Plass, Kenny Stonitsch, Kevin Stonitsch and Tyler Wells. In Den #2 David Fitzgerald achieved Bear rank with a gold and 2 silver arrow points. Thor Gautreau earned a gold and a silver on his Bear rank.

Den #1 has another Wolf Scout, Donnie Smith! He also earned a gold arrow point. Tavish Costello has added 2 silver arrow points to his Wolf. Good work, guys!

Many kind Hague residents have been contributing bottles and cans to Pack 21 in the collection box at the landfill. Thank you all and keep 'em coming! The Scouts will soon be selling first aid kits for your home, office or car. Please support us and keep yourself safe by purchasing these worthwhile items. . . KC

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the Hague Senior Citizens Club will be held on Tuesday, November 27 at 1PM (PLEASE NOTE: 1PM) at the Community Center. We will hear reports from the nominating committee, the Christmas party committee and the Christmas Basket committee. Following the business meeting Elaine Pickard, a representative from Niagara Mohawk will speak to us.

The Christmas party will be Friday, December 7 at Eddie's Restaurant at 12 Noon. Donations, to help defray the cost of the meal will be \$5.00. Because reservations must be made, please sign up for this party no later than Nov. 29. You may reserve a place by phoning 543-6161.

FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Representatives from the HEAP program (fuel assistance) will be at the Town Hall on Wednesday, November 28 from 10 - 12 Noon.

It is necessary that you have documentation of income to participate in this program.

HOLIDAY PARADE SCHEDULED FOR TI

On Saturday, November 24 the merchants of Ticonderoga will be sponsoring its annual Christmas parade and lighting of the Memory Tree. The parade is expected to get underway at 12 noon and featured this year will be a living Nativity. The parade organizers are looking for people to participate in this event - groups or individuals. The parade will pause at Champlain Valley Savings and Loan for the lighting of the Memory Tree and then on to the Community Building lawn where the community tree will be lighted. From there they will go to the Corner Alliance Church where there will be a brief Nativity pageant.

And of course - not to be forgotten - SANTA CLAUS will be a very big part of the parade and wherever he goes, Mrs. Claus tags along. Special guests will be Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Davy and Donald Duck, Pinocchio, Burl and Ernie Simpson, Popeye and Olive Oyl, Garfield, Frostie and Champlain Valley's own Champ.

Santa will be in Toyland, in the window of The Fabric Shop after the parade. He is scheduled to be there at the following times: Nov. 28 from 2-4; Dec. 1 from 1-3; Dec. 8 from 1-3; Dec. 15 from 1-3 and Dec. 22 from 1-3.

So gather up your kids and head into Ti on November 24 for the big celebration!

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 10/25/90

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 11/13/90

At the ZBA meeting held on October 25, 1990 a motion was made by Ron Pote to define the structure on the Michael's property at Friends Point as a dock. All members present approved the motion and a public hearing for a variance was set for November 15, 1990 at 7PM.

The question of building rights transfer was tabled so that John Silvestri, town attorney, could interpret the regulation for the ZBA. . . GL

PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING

We learned at the preliminary budget meeting held on Tuesday, October 30, 1990 that revenues for 1990 were down by \$35,000 and 1991 is the year we tighten our financial belt.

With dock/marina mortgage, earnings, interest, taxes and help from APA down in 1991 General Expenses will drop by 6%, and Highway by 5%. In spite of this, our town tax rate will only increase 2.73%. There have been salary increases for town employees but no increase has been given to any board members. This preliminary budget was adopted by the board and will be presented to the public at its regular board meeting held on Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30PM.

Mention was made of the vandalism at our town park on Halloween. Such destruction is intolerable and is being investigated.

A letter was read by a Mrs. Jenkins of Minerva, complimenting our town on the new town center and wanting information for the town of Minerva for a possible building of their own. A copy of the entire letter can be read on page 4 of this issue, with Dick's answer.

After John Breitenbach, Jr., Recycling Co-ordinator, brought everyone up to date on corrected numbers for the recycling building at the landfill, the board approved the coo-ordinator's contracting for a slab, erecting a buidling and electricity . Inside finishing will be done at a later date. . . GL

HAGUE PLANNING BOARD - 11/1/90

A public hearing was scheduled for 12/6/90 at 7PM for the proposed lot line change between the Gosselink and Sharp properties located at the northern entrance to Silver Bay. No new lot will be created.

A site visit was scheduled for the David Soliday property located on the east side of NYS Rt. 9N. Mr. Soliday is proposing to subdivide his 2.85 acre parcel into 2 lots. Minimum lot size for his zoning district is 1.1 acre.

Inza Jordan's proposal to subdivide 9.5 acres from her 21.48 acres and give it to her daughter under Section 8.020 gifts and devises, was approved. Minimum lot size for this zoning district is 8 acres.

Howard Davis' proposal to give his wife a 9,500 sq. ft. lot was approved under Section 8.020.

The Planning Board scheduled the first of a series of workshops for Board Members on November 29 at 7PM at the Community Center. The purpose of the workshops will be to improve Board members' knowledge of existing zoning rules and regulations and the required procedures that must be adhered to when approving, approving with conditions or denying applications. The public is invited to observe these workshops.

*Were thanks with every gift expressed,
Each day would be Thanksgiving;
Were gratitude its very best,
Each life would be thanksgiving.
. . . Chauncey R. Piety*

Dorothy Henry was given the privilege of the floor at the November 13, 1990 Town Board meeting. She was interested in the matter of one of the present assessors going to school in December at the town's expense, when the voters approved one town assesor (yet to be hired) starting on January 1, 1991. Also, she mentioned a January 1, 1991 law mandating low flush toilets (see p 7)

A letter from DPW's Fred Austin informed Supervisor Bolton that individual communities must be responsible for solid waste recycling collection stations and that these must be opened for use by February 28, 1991. Of the ten items required, John Breitenbach, Jr informed the Board that several are already in place and the others will be falling in place sometime in January. It was suggested the Recycling Committee meet to set regulations for trash disposal.

Highway inventory of \$393,000, listing equipment, was presented to the Board.

Hague is still on the '91 funding list for the 3 million dollar grant for sewer plant. Whether this will be economically worthwhile still must be decided.

In January a review of the Committee Center costs and usage for its first year will be undertaken.

A motion to authorize Dan Belden, Highway Superintendent to buy a sander for a purchase price under \$5,000 was passed unanimously.

Regarding the vandalism at the park on Halloween, the Sheriff's Department apprehended the culprits (a couple of local youths) and it was decided that they should clean up the mess they made and repaint the doors. Such vandalism will not be tolerated in the town of Hague.

The town budget was presented with few changes which upped the town tax rate to 2.89% from that of the preliminary budget of 2.73%. Compared to other towns this is a very small increase in a depressed year. The Board approved adoption of the budget unanimously.

Three resolutions were adopted.

Resolution #20: Renewal of contract with Warren County for ice and snow removal.

Resolution #21: To adopt the budget as presented, November 13, 1990.

Resolution #22: To transfer funds to balance account.

Supervisor Bolton was authorized to negotiate for a three-year leasing contract for a new copier.

The one-assessor to be hired must be certified and state approved. See page 7 for further details. . . GL

STATE ED. APPROVES RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Dr. Robert L. Collins, Superintendent of Schools, Ticonderoga, has announced that the State Education Department has given full approval to the reconstruction project. On December 12 the Community Facilities Study Committee will meet to discuss teh status of the project and the work schedule.

After the review of the approval, bids were advertised. Bid openings will be on November 30, 1990, and shortly thereafter Mr. Fonzo, Clerk of the Works, will interview the low bidders to insure that they are "responsible bidders."

On December 17 at 7:30PM in the High School Cafeteria, the architect will make a presentation to the Board of Education at a special meeting, concerning the recommended contractors. Dr. Collins hopes that the Board will be prepared to award bids at the December 19, 1990 Board of Education meeting. Construction should start as early as February.

TURN THE ADIRONDACKS BACK TO THE CHIPMUNKS

If a group called PAW (Protect Adirondack Wilderness) in Queens, NY get their way, we won't have any need to have planning boards within the Blue Line. PAW is proposing that ALL development in the Adirondacks be eliminated and that the 130,000 permanent residents be put to work returning the 6 million acres into a wilderness! SUGGESTION: As a pilot project, Queens, being smaller and considered by many to be a jungle, could put its residents to work to return Queens to wilderness. NOTE: (Land classified as WILDERNESS prohibits the use of ALL motorized equipment.) AC

A LETTER TO SUPERVISOR BOLTON from Bill and Mary (Flynn) Jenkins, Blarney Castle on Irishtown Rd, Olmstedville, NY, dated Oct. 26 reads as follows:

"As I was writing to Stan Burdick tonight - the Square Dance caller from Ohio and Silver Bay, who called the weekly square dances at Hague last summer, I could not help but think of the good times and fun we had each week.

"Your Community Center is beautiful - the nicest, I believe, in the area.

"We desperately need a hall or Community Center in the town of Minerva! People admit there is a need and talk about it, but nobody seems to do anything about it. I would like to approach the Town Board on the subject but feel I should have information (first hand) to present to them.

" Perhaps you could and would answer a few of my questions. I am curious and interested. We congratulate you, the Town Board and all others who are responsible for such a fine building and your summer program.

" 1. Who drew up the plans, and who built it? Was it a local contractor? Was there volunteer labor?

"2. Approximately what did it cost? Was a portion of it paid for by a grant?

" 3. What rooms are there besides the hall where we danced?

" 4. Is there a kitchen, chairs, tables, etc. to accommodate dinners, etc.?

" 5. Can the hall be used by individuals or just civic or church groups?

"6. What is the fee charged?

" Answers to these questions would be most helpful and who knows - some day we "Minervaites" may boast of a fantastic Community Center, similar to Hague's.

" A prompt reply will be greatly appreciated."

Editor's Note: This letter was read at the October Town Board meeting. Dick Bolton said he would give us a copy of the reply. I'm sure some of these questions were also in the minds of our local residents.

November 5, 1990

"Dear Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins:

"Thank you for your complimentary letter of Oct. 26, regarding our Community Center. We are also equally as proud of our Center and it has already served us better than we had anticipated.

" I will answer your questions as they were outlined in your letter.

"1. Lincoln Logs of Chestertown, NY drew up the plans after our locally appointed Building Committee decided on the size of the rooms and what they were to be used for. Frank Collins Construction Company of Glens Falls was the principal contractor with the Town Board members acting as "Clerk of the Works." 90% of the inside painting was done with volunteer labor. There were also many other items that were associated with the building that were donated, etc: Furniture in the lobby, a truck to pick up the furnace and daily monitoring of the building activities. The size of the building is 149' x 58'.

"2. The actual cost of the building was \$407,857.00 with no grant dollars.

"3. Other offices and besides the main room are: The Supervisor's Office, Town Clerk, Assessors, Zoning Administrator, Historian, Care, Records, Vault, Secretaries Office, Reception area, Justice , Courtroom, and a full basement which we plan to use for Boy Scout meetings and other organization meetings.

"4. There is a full kitchen which includes a range, pizza oven, grill, dishwasher, deep freeze and refrigerator which accommodate any local organizations' needs. The Fire Department uses the kitchen facilities for many of its fund raising activities. We purchased chairs and tables to accommodate a crowd of 500 people.

"5. The facilities at the Community Center may be used by any local group free of charge. The group using the facility must clean after using and restore to its original condition. There have been many monetary donations by local organizations. For outside organizations the fee is \$50.00.

"If I can be of further assistance or if your group would like to tour our facility, please contact me."

Sincerely, Richard E. Bolton, Supervisor

SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Just a reminder that on Saturday, December 15 at 4PM we will hold our second annual Christmas party in the Community Center. Everyone in town is invited and we hope will attend. We have planned a program geared to young and old. Refreshments will be served, Santa will be here and our beautiful Christmas tree will be lighted. There will be door prizes.

We will be happy to accept food donations (cookies & finger sandwiches) and money donations from those who may wish to do so. For food donations, contact Fran Clifton, 543-6501; for other donations, Georgina Lindquist at 543-6095 or the Community Center 543-6161. If you plan to make a donation, please contact us before December 10. . . GL

SURPLUS FOOD

On Monday, December 3 there will be a surplus food distribution for SENIORS ONLY (60+) from 10AM to 1PM on a first come, first served basis. This will be held at the Community Center building.

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WINTER HAS ARRIVED!!

Despite the large amount of rain we experienced in the past month, we have also encountered some of the most beautiful classic fall days too, complete with clear air, blue skies and warm sun.

The higher than normal temperatures lasted well into October and even November with Friday, October 12 reaching 82° and Saturday, November 3 being 78°. The first frost never happened until the night of Friday, October 19.

Even though the warmth lingered, we began to observe the struggle between fall and winter with the approach of bouts of extremely high winds, particularly during the third week of October and as recent as last Tuesday, November 6. Coinciding with the winds, large flocks of Canadian geese and other migratory birds were observed in formation headed south. Viewing the large flocks of birds is always exciting, but having them leave creates a pang of sorrow from within.

The Hunters' Full Moon occurred on Friday, November 2. Halloween through November 4 brought beautiful true Indian Summer days with Saturday, November 3 peaking at 78°.

Rain, light winds and partial sun have dominated the week of November 5, and on Thursday morning the first traces of snow appeared on my car window! . . . Mary Lou Doulin

Ed. Note: The first major snowfall of the season fell Saturday night - after Mary Lou had turned in her copy. It had rained buckets all day Saturday and turned to snow about 4PM. Sunday was sunny but very cold - too cold to melt the snow which was covering ice. Snowed again a couple inches on Sunday night and as I sit here typing away on Monday it looks like a blizzard out my window - very, very windy!

OOPS! - OUR ERROR

We made a mistake in the telephone number of Katy Koenig last month. Katy is looking for fellow bridge players. Her number is 543-6419 She is waiting to hear from you.

U.P.S IN TICONDEROGA

Did you know that UPS has established an office in Ticonderoga? It is located at 100 Chalmplain Ave., South, under the NORSTAR Bank. This is certainly a very welcome addition to the business community. Along with UPS service, Ti Travel and Officenter offers Secretarial Services including Word Processing/typing, Mailing Lists, Telephone Lists - Labels, Spreadsheet and Database.

Their Communication Services include Facsimile, Telex/TWX, and Photo Copies. There is a notary public on hand and laminating is available.

Ti Travel, an integral part of the business, can take care of all your travel needs. Stop in and get acquainted. Owners are Art Norton and Barbara Reid.

AMERICAN LEGION

The annual American Legion Christmas party will be held at Trout House Village. Please contact Dottie Henry or Audrey O'Brien to let them know what goodies you plan to bring. (Otherwise, they will contact you!)

"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government when the majority of the people discover they can vote themselves largesse (generous benefits) from the public treasury." Scottish economist, Alexander Fraser Tyler, 1776. Tyler also said that the average lifespan of a democracy is 200 years.

HAGUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORS
SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

In early spring of 1990, the president of Hague's Senior Citizen Club approached the Chamber to consider establishing an annual award to an outstanding Hague senior citizen. Accordingly, the Hague Chamber of Commerce unanimously approved the sponsorship of the Hague Senior Citizen of the Year Award to recognize outstanding community participation and contributions of the town's older citizens.

A Selection Committee, made up of representatives from several Hague organizations, and chaired by the Hague Chamber of Commerce and co-chaired by the Hague Town Supervisor, shall meet in mid-November of each year to review the nominations and to make the annual selection.

The following organizations shall be asked to provide representation on The Senior Citizen of the Year Award Selection Committee:

- The Hague Chamber of Commerce
- The Hague Senior Citizens Club
- The Hague Fish and Game Club
- The Hague Fire Department

The selection committee shall:

- select their meeting time and place.
- establish procedures to publicize the event.
- review selections and vote on the candidates.
- select an appropriate time and location for the award ceremony

The name of the award winner shall be kept in secret until presentation.

The type of award shall be an engraved plaque.

Any long term Hague senior citizen shall be eligible for nomination for the Annual Hague Chamber of Commerce Senior Citizen of the Year Award.

Any year round Hague resident may nominate a candidate for the Hague Senior Citizen of the Year Award. Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Selection Committee. The written submission shall include the nominee's name, address, a brief biography, and the reasons why the candidate should be considered as the recipient of the Hague Senior Citizen of the Year. All nominations must be signed by the originator and mailed to:

- Hague Chamber of Commerce
- Attn: Selection Committee
- Hague, NY 12836

Nominations must be postmarked no later than November 23, 1990.

CHAMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

will be held on Wednesday, December 12 at Trout House Village for all Hague Chamber of Commerce members. Cocktails will be served at 6PM and dinner at 7PM.

NEW MOTEL IN TICONDEROGA

With much fanfare and advanced publicity, the 759th Super 8 Motel held its grand opening on November 8, to which the entire community was invited. The motel opened for business in mid-September. Located just behind McDonald's Restaurant, it boasts 39 rooms, with either king or two double beds. A conference room which would hold approximately 40 people will be available for a small fee. Cribs are free and rollaway beds are available for an additional fee. Hot coffee, tea or hot chocolate are offered in the A.M. along with the morning newspaper. Vending machines are located on the first floor at the end of the hall. Two rooms are equipped for handicapped. VIP and AARP 10% discounts are available.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library is a group of book-lovers from all communities which depend on and use the Black Watch Memorial Library in Ticonderoga. Everyone is invited to join the Friends to help them in the library aims: to increase and encourage delight in reading; to make a wide range of books available to readers not only at our own Black Watch Library, but through inter library loans. This system offers us the opportunity to borrow titles from member libraries with larger resources. Friends of the Library also has been instrumental in helping to secure a series of evening speakers this season. Next program in the series is November 28 at 7:30PM in the library when Robert Buckeye, curator of the Middlebury College Library will discuss Rope of Gold. All readers and lovers of books are urged to remember The Friends of the Library (Black Watch Memorial) when making Christmas checks. Individual memberships are only \$5.00. These may be sent to Kate or Stan Vickers, Black Point Rd., Ticonderoga, NY 12883.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

World Community Day Service was conducted on November 9 at The Church of the Blessed Sacrament where Father Rich Broderick spoke the Welcome. Rachel Baichelder at the organ and the Rev. Deadra Johns pastor of the Putnam United Presbyterian Church led the hymns. Margaret MacIntyre emphasized the theme of WFJ (Women for Justice) by describing the roll of five strong women from the Bible. Their deeds and courage have come down in Bible stories to illustrate the power of women standing for justice against any odds. Several readers chose Scripture readings that also emphasized the theme of Peace and of Justice. Margaret MacIntyre introduced a young woman, Kim Nguyen, who with her family fled North Vietnam when the Communists were seizing power. She described the flight of her father, mother, sisters and brothers by boat and their subsequent arrival in this country, settling in Philadelphia. Kim already had a knowledge of English but had sought out Literacy Volunteers in order to improve her pronunciation. Recently she has come to live in Ticonderoga with her husband who is employed by IP. In answer to questions she stressed the emphasis that the Vietnamese placed on the importance of education and on close family life. This particularly includes reverence for one's parents with a deep sense of responsibility for them as they come into old and dependent age. Without exception, the women listening were reminded of how once both of these were an integral part of American life and standards. All agreed that it is difficult and depressing to see these values eroding and that it is urgent to find ways to rekindle them.

Church Women United is a branch of both national and international Church Women United. The new president of the local branch will be Ursula Montbriand of Hague.

MEMORY TREE

A memory tree will be placed in the lobby of the Community Center. Lights, costing \$1.00 each will be lit in memory of, or in appreciation of those whom we would like to honor. Your donation (with name) may be sent to Imogene Frasier, Hague, or to the Community Center.

PLANETARIUM SHOW

On December 4 David Rutkowski, Planetarium Director will present the Star of Bethlehem Show. Doors open at 7PM. Show begins at 7:30PM. No Admission Charge. The planetarium is located in the Ticonderoga High School.

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CHORALE AND CARILLON GARDEN CLUB JOIN TALENTS

On Sunday, December 9 at 4PM, the Ticonderoga area residents will be in for a treat, when they hear The Champlain Valley Chorale present its annual Christmas concert. Under the baton of Rachel Batchelder and accompanied on the piano by Beverly Hudak and on the organ by Grace Trombley, the chorus will be singing such old favorites as "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas", "Adeste Fideles", a medley of familiar carols and Handel's "Hallelujah." The chorus will also be singing "The Shepherd's Chorus" from Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors." This will include special soloists and a dance interlude. Included in the program will be the First United Methodist Church Handbell Choir, a children's chorus and special music by Harpist Joyce Mouradian.

And as though that wasn't enough, The Carillon Garden Club will have special displays of wreaths and Christmas table decorations in the social hall after the concert, where delightful refreshments will be served.

For a very enjoyable early evening (or late afternoon), come and see for yourself what these two talented groups can do when they get together. Time - 4PM. Place - United Methodist Church, Ticonderoga. A free will offering will be accepted.

... DJH

FYI

The Lake George Park Commission is in the process of collecting data to revise an overall storm water plan for the town of Hague. The young lady you see driving a car with the official NYS insignia, is Loreita Thomas.

She can be reached for further information at the offices of the LGPC, 668-9347.

SAND AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS

Dan Belden, Highway Supervisor has announced that he will be able to deliver sand to seniors in Hague before Thanksgiving.. Seniors must supply their own barrels (or containers). This is a service the Highway Department offers every year, but is only available until Thanksgiving. Please call the Town Office, 543-6161 if you need this service.

VETERANS AFFAIRS'

The State's Alternative Real Property Tax Exemption -- enacted in 1984 as a benefit with a 10-year expiration date -- is now permanent.

Under the State's Alternate Property Tax Exemption Law, veterans (and spouses) may be eligible for up to a maximum 75% exemption on taxes levied against their primary residence in communities that enacted the statute.

The law provides for a 15% exemption for wartime service, another 10% for combat duty, and an additional exemption equal to half of any service-connected disability rating.

For information contact the VA representative who is in the Town Center every Thursday at 11:30AM.

YOU KNOW IT'S FALL WHEN

Your neighbor, the one who irons her husband's underwear and makes her own potato chips, lets you know that she's already finished her Christmas shopping. . . . and

The dog is the only one sleeping out in the children's tent at night.

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Kelly Ilise, to David and Sue Marshall, in Falls Church, VA on October 17, 1990. Proud grandparents are Bob and Sally Marshall, Pine Cove and Schenectady, NY (Dataw Island, SC after Dec. 1)

BORN - A girl, Emily Ann, to Glenn and Robin (Wotton) Fa-raone in Jacksonville, FL on October 17, 1990. Maternal grand-parents are Betty and Bob Wotton, Forest Bay, Hague and Lar-go, FL.

BORN - A girl, Mara Michelle, to Meg (Laundree) and Thomas Haskell, New Hague Road, on October 17. Proud grandparents are Ray and Mary Laundree, Hague.

BORN - A boy, Aaron George, to Valerie (May) and Peter Law-rence, New Hague Road, on November 9. Grandparents are George and Ida May, Hague.

BORN - A girl, Elizabeth Ann, to Michael and Mary Ann Meade, Mahopac, NY. Elizabeth has three older brothers and a very proud grandma, Laura Meade, Hague.

MAUREEN DENNO, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Denno, Hague, has been accepted for admission at Champlain College, Burlington, VT, where she will major in early childhood educa-tion.

WILLIAM E. BODNAR, III, has graduated from Technical Training at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas and will be sta-tioned in Ramstein, Germany for four years. He is the grandson of William and Lillian Bodnar, Pine Cove Rd, Hague.

TICONDEROGA HIGH SCHOOL
HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students have been listed on the first marking period honor roll for Ticonderoga High School:

First Honors: TREVA BRAISTED, ELIZABETH DEFRANCO, TONY DEFRANCO, CAROLYN DYKSTRA
Second Honors: LISA COBB, RICHARD COBB, ALISON LACOURSE, RACHEL MARTINO, JENNI OWENS, MI-CHELLE WATERS, VICKIE WATERS.

Our congratulations to all of you. Keep up the good work!

FALL SPORTS ROSTER

The following Hague students have been participating in the fall sports program at Ticonderoga High School.:

Varsity Football: DANIEL DORSETT
Varsity Cross Country: TONY DEFRANCO
Varsity Gymnastics: LIZ DEFRANCO
Varsity Soccer: Lea Porter

HAGUE FIRE DEPARTMENT

5 calls
72 1/2 man hours

Through a grant from the International Paper Company Foundation, the Hague Fire Department received \$500 which will help the Fire Department with an additional portable water pump. The pump will be used to supply water to the depart-ment's vehicle at fire scenes. The grant was awarded based on the recommendations of the Ticonderoga mill volunteers of In-ternational Fund Committee. Art Belden, a mill employee and 36-year volunteer with the HFD submitted the application.

COLD WATER CANYON TREE FARM

The Cold Water Canyon Christmas Tree Farm, owned and operated by Dick and Rena Dyksira, are open for those who like to choose and cut their own Christmas tree. The driveway to the farm is located at the end of West Hague Road, where it in-tersects with New Hague Road. For information, call 543-6535.

OLDEST AMERICAN BATTLESHIP FOUND
UNDER LAKE

Thanks to Chronicle reader Gerald Foster, we have a clip-ping from The Sunday Star-Ledger, Oct. 7, 1990 - Newark, NJ.: While combing the bottom of Lake George with a sonar one day last summer, a research team spotted what one historian has called the oldest American-made battleship remains ever discov-ered.

You will not be able to find out just where this is located because Joseph Zarzynski and his Lake George Bateaux and Ra-deau Research Team only go to the spot in the very early morn-ing or very late at night. They make decoy runs to other parts of the lake, just in case someone might be watching.

The ship is called a radeau, used by the British during their pre-Revolutionary War battles with the French for control of the American colonies. New York State has been asked to protect the radeau and to declare the underwater ship graveyard a na-tional historic site.

It is unlikely that the ship will ever be raised, since it would be a multimillion dollar job with no guarantee of success.

Except for some fishing line snagged on the ship and two cannon ports that have fallen off, the ship seems to be none the worse for two centuries of wear.

The worst fears of the researchers are for somebody to drop an anchor on it, or for someone to vandalize it. The ship should help enlighten researchers about the naval campaign.

LOW FLUSH TOILETS ARE NOW A THING OF
THE PRESENT

In a recent interview with Jack Reynolds, proprietor of Indi-an Kettles Restaurant, he expressed his concern for the tremen-dous volume of water we Americans consume. Much of this water is needlessly flushed down our toilets.

Until last spring Jack had not heard about water saving toi-lets but a local plumber informed him that they would save an incredible amount of water in his restaurant so Jack had three installed in the restrooms there and one in his home. He said "THEY REALLY WORK!"

Since toilets place a major demand on water supply and sewage systems - accounting for an estimated 40% of residential water usage - it's easy to see how ULF (ultra-low-flush) toilets offer an effective and attractive opportunity for owner/developers, contractors, builders and homeowners. ULF toilets are designed to cut the water consumption of conventional toi-lets by 60-70 percent. Water supply demand is substantially reduced and existing sewage facilities are not being pushed be-yond their capacities. Similar advantages are offered for water well and septic system applications.

All the above points will be moot, when the NYS plumbing fixtures law goes into effect in 1991. It requires that all toilets sold or installed in the state starting in 1991 be the water-conserving type, using no more than 1.6 gallons per flush.

The new toilets will mean long-term savings for consumers and local governments as well as increased flexibility in water resource management. Since they cost in the neighborhood of \$250-\$300, they pay for themselves in a short time (particularly if you have a holding tank!) . . . DJH

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1990

November

- 17 Flea Market & Bake Sale - Masonic Hall, 10AM-2PM- Eastern Star
- 17 Church of the Cross Christmas Bazaar - 9AM. Lunch 11:30-1PM
- 20 Fish & Game Club - 7:30PM - Clubhouse
- 20 Board of Education meeting-7:30PM - HS Cafeteria
- 22 THANKSGIVING - All Town Offices closed
- 24 Christmas parade in Ticonderoga - 12 Noon (p2)
- 25 Holiday Fashion Show - 2PM . Festival of Trees and Winter Scenes Art Show at Hancock House. 10AM-4PM (p2)
- 28 HEAP - fuel assistance program - 10AM-12Noon (p2)

December

- 3 Surplus Food - SENIORS ONLY - 10AM-1PM (p2)
- 3 Fire Department meeting - 7:30PM
- 4 Planetarium Show - THS (p2)
- 5 Chamber of Commerce meeting, 7:30PM - Community Ctr.
- 5 American Legion Meeting - 7:30PM
- 6 THE HAGUE CHRONICLE DEADLINE (p1)
- 6 Planning Board - 7PM Public hearing, 7:30PM meeting (p3)
- 7 Senior Citizens luncheon - 12 Noon (p2)
- 8 American Legion party - Trout House Village (p5)
- 8 Fire Department Christmas party - Fish & Game Clubhouse
- 9 Champlain Valley Chorale concert & Garden Club exhibit (p6)
- 11 High School winter concert - 7:30PM
- 11 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM

AUTUMN

On every tree the landscape o'er
 On every shrub and herb,
 The artist, Autumn, casts a charm
 Of colour scheme superb.

Her brush is dipped in golden hues,
 In carmine tint and brown;
 A wand she waves, then smiling views
 The re-created town.

A carnival of colours bright
 In every park and street,
 And leafy carpets of delight
 Beneath her royal feet.

Long may her sunset hues remain
 Their beauty give delight
 Ah! soon! too soon! the cloak must fall,
 Her funeral robe of white.
 ... John Homester

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