



# THE HAGUE CHRONICLE

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## ELECTION 1991

A total of 454 voters out of a possible 635 registered, turned out for the election of a new supervisor, town superintendent of highways, two councilmen and town clerk. In addition there were 53 absentee ballots cast.

The results of the Hague election were as follows: Supervisor: Daniel Belden, (R) - 334 plus 52 absentees totalling 386. Richard A. Frasier, Citizens Party - 100 plus 12 absentees totalling 112. Town Clerk - Nancy Trombley (R) unopposed, 304. plus 51 absentees totalling 355. Town Councilman (2) - Karen L. Laundree (D) - 276 plus 34 absentees totalling 310. Martin Fitzgerald (R) - 241 plus 21 absentees totalling 262. Linda Coffin (R) - 240 plus 43 absentees totalling 283 Superintendent of Highways - Richard J. Dunklee (R) - 192 plus 43 absentees totalling 219.

One of the big surprises in the election was the write-in vote for David DeLarm for Superintendent of Highways. There were 183 votes written in for him plus 5 absentees totalling 188.

Our new town officials: Dan Belden, Supervisor; Linda Coffin and Karen Laundree, Councilmen; Nancy Trombley, Town Clerk; and Dick Dunklee, Superintendent of Highways.

Our congratulations to the winners. Let us all get behind them and support them in the difficult tasks that lie ahead... djh

## DO WE NEED IP? YOU BET WE DO!

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has scheduled a Legislative Public Hearing November 19, 1991 at 2PM and again at 7PM at the Ticonderoga Armory regarding the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit (NY 0004413) for International Paper, Ticonderoga Mill.

This hearing is of utmost importance to the area and it is recommended that as many people as can, attend. If you cannot attend, it is recommended that you write a letter of support to Clifford C. Wray Jr., P.O. Box 296, Route 86, Ray Brook, NY 12977.

Any individual may speak at the hearing by registering before the hearing.

**FACTS:** • The Ticonderoga mill has a 99.9% environmental compliance record from 1988 to the present. It is a continuous operation, 24 hours a day, every day, and is continuously monitored to insure effluent quality.

• The Ticonderoga mill was the first facility in the country to install tertiary treatment. The mill has

demonstrated over the years its commitment to the environment and will continue to be a good corporate citizen.

• The Ticonderoga mill spends approximately \$200,000 a month to achieve an effluent quality which far surpasses what is required by EPA, NYSDEC or the State of Vermont. In fact the effluent quality will stand up against any Kraft Pulp and Paper Mill of similar size.

• The mill has an environmental policy which holds people accountable for actions which would impact on the environment. The mill's standard is 100% compliance with all laws and regulations.

• The mill has spent \$71 million on effluent treatment over the years and plans to spend an additional \$31 million in the next 5 years. Additionally, thousands of dollars are being spent on the South Lake, as a result of a settlement with several Vermont property owners. IP established a \$500,000 endowment fund called the South Lake Champlain Trust. Annual interest on the funds is between \$25,000-\$40,000. This is available to study the South Lake.

• The Ti mill employs approximately 850 employees from the surrounding areas and spends approximately \$30 million a year in the state of Vermont and \$60 million in New York State.

• IP contributes less than 1.5% of the total phosphorous contribution to Lake Champlain. The agricultural community contributes 80% of the phosphorous loading present on Lake Champlain. The Ti mill's tertiary treatment is the best available technology for phosphorous removal. Additionally it is important to note that the influent to the wastewater treatment system is phosphorous deficient. Phosphorous is added to the system for the micro-organism biological system.

**The Bottom Line** is that on November 19, it is expected that there will be several busloads of opponents coming to Ticonderoga to speak out against the mill. It is extremely important that DEC sees that the people in the Ticonderoga area do support the IP Ti Mill. It is hoped that everyone who feels that we need the IP mill to stay in Ti come to Ti on the 19th and line the streets to show support. Stickers are being printed showing support. These will be available for people in Hague at the Hague Market and the Community Center. Wear one with pride. **The Times of Ti** printed a poster on the back page of this week's issue. Display it in your car. Write letters. Do anything constructive to show your support. **WE SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE THE MILL!**

### THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Big plans are underway for Hague's third annual Christmas party to be held in the Community Center on Saturday, December 7 from 2 - 6PM. Lots of activities are in store and the plans are to make it at least as successful (if not more so) than the previous two years.

Reminiscing back to December 16, 1989 - do you remember how hectic the last few hours were in getting ready for the party, which formally opened and dedicated our new Community Center. A very big snowstorm dampened our spirits somewhat in the morning, but with the help of our highway crew, the parking lot and the roads were cleared in time. It was a great cooperative effort, chaired by Georgina Lindquist. Carpenters were still working on the lobby an hour before the ribbon cutting! We gave guided tours of the building, which still wasn't quite completed, but we were so proud!! Music and dancing, door prizes, speeches, and of course stacks of cookies and sandwiches and punch. It was truly a gala occasion.

And do you remember last year - 1990? We planned the party for Saturday, December 15. An even bigger snowstorm fell that day and it was postponed to Sunday. However the snow just kept falling and it was decided to postpone it to Monday. The kids all rode the school bus to the Center and a great time was had by all in spite of the postponements.

Now we are all geared up for 1991. DECEMBER 7 is the big day and it is going to be a perfect one! Chairwoman Lindquist is again pulling out all the stops. She has a great committee working with her. Lots of food and punch, door prizes galore, music, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, story telling and much more.

**THIS IS A COMMUNITY FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY** and each of you is invited to attend. Come early - 2PM and stay late - 6PM. There will be something going on all the time. Come say "Merry Christmas" to your neighbors.

Let's have a "Jingle, Jingle, Jangle Jangle, Merry Merry Christmas" this year... djh

### HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The regular meeting of the Hague Senior Citizens Club will be held on Tuesday, November 26th at 1:30PM at the Hague Community Center.

Prior to the meeting we will car pool to the Bolton Landing Meal Site. Those wishing to go should phone the Community Center (543-6161) **BEFORE** November 19th (we have to make advance reservations). Car pooling participants should meet at the Community Center by 11:25AM, November 26.

We need volunteers to help cover Christmas boxes on November 21. If you can give some time to this project please call Marion at 543-6141 or Ethel at 543-6098. Boxes will be filled on December 19 and we need help also on this day. We also need contributions to fill the boxes. Small size items are particularly welcome since these boxes are for elderly individuals. A container will be in the Senior Citizens room at the Community Center for your contributions - food, personal items and items for amusement will be most welcome. Volunteers who can help at these projects will meet at

the Community Center at 10AM on November 21 and December 19.

**REMINDER:** The Senior Citizens Christmas luncheon this year will be held in the Hague Community Center on Tuesday, December 10 at 12 noon. Anyone in the Hague community aged 50+ is cordially invited to attend. Reservations may be made by calling the Community Center (543-6161) before December 3. This will be a covered dish luncheon. Marion Shoemaker and her committee have been very busy getting everything organized. She would appreciate your letting her know what you plan to bring. Please call her at (543-6141) or Claire Best (543-6765).

If you haven't participated in our club, do get started. We have a great group of people involved.

### CUB SCOUT PACK 21 NEWS

Tricia Stonitsch

Jamboree-on-the-Air was happening again this year at Willy Hutchinson's. Nine Cubs and five Webelos participated in the 34th JOTA promoting "peace and friendship through communication." Over the air waves and through Willy's ham radio system the Scouts spoke to two official Scout stations on K2BSA in Dallas, TX and St. Louis MO. They also reached Alabama, Illinois and Minnesota (where there was some discussion about Twins and Braves). Willy (who reached Italy that day!) and the Cubs had a special chance to "reach out and touch" some fellow scouts that day.

**FUNDRAISER NEWS** - Thanks to all who bought items from the Hague Scouts. Sales exceeded \$1800 - and the pack will realize 40% of that amount.

Top salesmen were: 1st - Ryan Lawrence, Den #3, 2nd - Donnie Smith, Den #1, 3rd - Jim Ward, Den #2

All the boys did a great job in selling.  
**Den #1 News - First Year Webelos**

During the month of September the members of Den #1 worked on Outdoorsmen activities. They hiked at the Hague Fish and Game Club, identified trees, learned how to build a fire responsibly and how to cook on the fire. They had a "weenie roast" and lots of fun.

October brought a lot of hard work and discipline when learning to tie knots. When this activity is completed the boys will begin their craftsman activity. Under the leadership of Ralph Denno they hope to build some crafts for Christmas. Adam Williamson achieved his aquanaut badge over the summer months.

Ralph Denno, Leader  
**Den #2 News - 2nd Year Webelos**

Activity pins achieved in October are: Family Member, - Thor Gautreau, Nate Lawrence; Forester, Thor Gautreau, Nate Lawrence, Tavish Costello; Naturalist; Thor Gautreau, Nate Lawrence; Athlete, Jim Ward; Handyman, Jim Ward; Webelos Badge, Tavish Costello; World Conservation Award, Thor Gautreau, Nate Lawrence.

This Den also sold the top amount of over \$500 during the fundraiser. . . . Shelly & Tim Gautreau, Leaders

**Den #3 News - Bears**

The boys have been working on the twelve achievements needed to earn their badges. Those completed so far are: Kenny Stonitsch 8, Kevin Stonitsch 8, Tyler Wells 6, Josh Plass 6, Ryan Lawrence 4, Steven LaBarron 3. We hope to complete these achievements in December and receive Bear badges. Then we will work on Gold and Silver arrowpoints. As part of his achievements toward Bear, Josh Plass has given a scrap book to Den #3 so we can keep the memories to look back on in the future.

Ray Wells and Tricia Stonitsch, Leaders  
Cont. on page 6 CUB SCOUTS

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 10/24**

Four public hearings were held at the October 24, 1991 ZBA meeting starting at 7PM. All four were approved at the regular meeting which followed:

Noordsy (65-1-4.1) Area variance for minor subdivision.

Carney (67-1-5) Minor sub-division

Michael (25-1-8.1) Area variance for subdivision. Sec. 8.020 with conditions.

Katzman (45-2-72) minor subdivision.

At last month's meeting requests by Doran (60-1-33) Area Variance for Residential Addition and Babson (42-1-34) Area Variance for Residential Addition were returned for additional information. This has not been received and both were tabled until the November meeting.

**HAGUE TOWN BUDGET HEARING**

A public hearing on the 1992 Hague Town budget was held on Wednesday, November 6, 1991 at 6:30PM in the Community Center.

Supervisor Bolton opened the meeting with the announcement that those with questions had the floor. A number of questions were asked and answered by the supervisor.

Among the questions asked were those pertaining to assessing, zoning, dog warden, attorney, justice, basketball court, parks, employee benefits, refuse and garbage and Chamber of Commerce.

After a lengthy question and answer period the budget as presented was accepted by the Board. . . gl

**HAGUE PLANNING BOARD - 11/7/91**

Public hearing at 7:04PM on the Noordsy minor 2-lot subdivision of land at Sabbath Day Point. Lots 65-1-4.2 and 65-1-5 each have a residence located on said property. Lot 65-1-4.1 is situated between these two residential lots. The proposed subdivision would convey 1/3 of lot 4.1 to Lot 4.2 and 2/3 of Lot 4.1 to Lot 5. Lot 4.1 would be eliminated and Lots 4.2 and 5 would become more conforming to the Hague Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Board of Appeals granted this area variance at its October meeting. The applicant will be required to contact the APA for a Jurisdictional Inquiry concerning wetlands on these lots. Any new land use or development of any of these lots will be subject to the full permitting process of Hague's zoning regulations. The Planning Board unanimously approved this subdivision at the regular meeting that followed as the elimination of non-conforming lots is consistent with the goals and intent of the Hague Zoning Ordinance.

Also approved at the regular meeting was the Michael's Friends Point 2-lot subdivision under Section 8.020, Gift and Devises. The new vacant lot will conform to the Hague Zoning regulations with a minimum of 1.1 Ac. & 100' of lakeshore; the existing residence will be on a lot with less than 1.1 Ac. but more than 100' of shoreline. Access to the existing residence will be by easement through the new 1.1 Ac. lot.

The following proposals were scheduled for public hearings on December 5 beginning at 7PM:

1. Jack Carney 5-lot major subdivision west side 9N at Sabbath Day Point. 2. Sherwood and Gardner Finley, minor 2-lot subdivision east side 9N north of Sabbath Day Point at 7:10PM. 3. Arcady Commons, Inc., minor 2-lot subdivision of lot 45-2--72 into a 1.1 Ac. building lot and the balance of the land to be conveyed to lot 74 owned by Arcady Bay Homeowners' Association at 7:20PM. . . avc

**TOWN BOARD - 11//12/91**

The Leland Paper Co., Fordion Packaging Co., and Associated Bag Company of Milwaukee were the three companies with sealed bids for disposal bags that are used at the landfill. All were accepted and after a full review by the Board and the Town Attorney, a final decision on which company will be our supplier will be made.

A letter from our assessor, Howard LaRose informs us that all available property data for the town of Hague has been entered into the Warren County Computer system as of Nov. 1, 1991 and that Local Assessment Services in Albany now has the Town of Hague's file (forwarded by Warren County and will generate values for our use by using their mass appraisal system. In addition, by February 1992 predicted values will have been established for all properties and full disclosure notices will be mailed to all property owners.

There will be opportunity for individual property owners to review the findings in Feb. and Mar. of 1992. At 6:30PM on Dec. 9 a final informational meeting will be held.

Should an application now being prepared for reimbursement under Article 15B of the Real Property Tax Law be approved, the town stands to receive \$4,500 and becomes eligible for other reimbursements.

Supervisor Bolton has received all the pertinent information on how to apply for Youth Development-Delinquency Prevention Funds after the possibility of a program for Hague youth was raised at the October meeting. These funds are based on county-wide youth population and are normally not less than \$1600.

In New Business: Clough Harbour & Assoc. in a letter to the supervisor listed in detail the Scope of Services and Fee Estimate for the landfill closure. The contract was approved by unanimous vote by the board. The final date of closure still remains Nov. 28 and already one load has gone to the burn plant. Residents still follow the procedure we now use.

A resolution which states that the town clerk, tax collector and dog control officer will receive a set yearly fee for mileage was approved.

On November 21 Supervisor Bolton, along with the project engineer for the sewer system and others, will be off to Washington, DC to discuss this project with Senators Moynihan, D'Amato and Congressman Solomon, both in groups and singly. We already have 0% financing and with the financing in place and contracts ready to be signed and our environmental impact statement completed, the work should be ready to start in July, 1992.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Hague Wesleyan Church is hosting a Thanksgiving Community "Sharing of the Loaves" at the Hague Community Center on November 27 at 7:30PM.

Come and join us in giving thanks for all our Lord has done for us.

Refreshments will be served following the service.

## NATURE NEWS

Laura Meade

Very often a person hears a bird before he sees it. So when Tim and Michele Gautreau heard a commotion early on the morning on Oct. 31 they thought a few blue jays and starlings were squabbling in their yard. Imagine their surprise when they looked out the window and saw the ground covered with an unfamiliar species of blackbirds. Indeed, there were more than four and twenty! In fact, there were as many as 1,000 birds feeding frantically on beech nuts and ground seeds. The birds not only surrounded the house, but also clung to a steep hillside and some drank from a boiling spring in the valley below. The cacophony was deafening!

After Tim left for work Michele called me at 7:30AM to come over to see the huge flock. By the time I arrived all the birds had disappeared as mysteriously as they had appeared. Not a sound to be heard or a feather to be seen. So I returned home and waited for her to call again if they should reappear.

About 10:30AM she called to say that the birds had congregated in the yard next door, where an unoccupied trailer sat in a clearing. I moved quickly to get there, but they were nowhere to be seen. The mystery deepened. How could so many birds appear and disappear so fast?

After lunch Tammy Best called Michele to say that her 2 1/2 yr old daughter, Janine, was wide-eyed and pointing towards their front yard. Tammy told Michele, "There are black birds everywhere - in the yard, in the trees, across the road! Janine is so excited! Her eyes are as big as saucers."

Once again I drove down the road and this time I caught a glimpse of the birds as they flew in swirling patterns from treetop to treetop, darkening the sky up the Berrymill Pond trail. Focusing my binoculars for a good look, I was able to determine that they were rusty blackbirds, a species that breeds in northern Canada, migrates through NY and PA and winters in southeastern and mid-west states. Their huge migratory flocks are legendary, having been seen by birders in remote areas on many occasions. In past years there have been other instances of sightings of 500 to 1,000 rusty blackbirds having been seen in the Tongue Mt/Sabbath Day Point vicinity.

Michele saw those birds once again on Nov. 1 and then they were off to their winter habitat.

However, on Nov. 4, as if they had learned from the rusty blackbirds where food was delicious and plentiful, an enormous flock of common grackles (probably as many as 1,500) descended on the Gautreau property for a migratory feast. The family

cats and dog are still recovering from the shock. But Michele has enjoyed the sightings and hopes migratory birds will return in future years.

Migration of birds continues to fascinate ornithologists who say, "How do they do it?"

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 1538

The annual Christmas party for the Hague American Legion has been set for Sunday, December 15 from 3PM at the home of Dottie Henry. A committee has been formed and if you have not been contacted, please call either Dottie or Jean Feibusch.

Next meeting of the Post will be held on Wednesday, December 4.

## ART SHOW

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will present in the Hancock House Gallery from November 6 through November 30 the photography of Dale Belden and illustrations of Rosa Shader. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10AM to 4PM.

## MOHICAN COUNCIL HOME BUREAU

Betty Van Sleet

The Mohican Home Bureau will meet at the Hague Community Center on November 19th at 10:00AM. Members, please bring your Christmas items for the veterans and a new stuffed toy for our local EMT's for their little patients.

Our December 3rd meeting will be making Christmas wreaths and a tea cup auction. Fran Clifton will be in charge of the stone soup.

December 17th will be our Christmas party. New members are most welcome.

## HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT

The Hague Volunteer Fire Dept extends its thanks to all of those who made the Columbus Day ham dinner such an outstanding success. Our gratitude goes to those who made posters, those who contributed money for pies (and it is still not too late for this!), those who worked, with special thanks to those who are not members of the Fire Dept but who volunteered their time and energy. We thank the Silver Bay Assoc. and its kitchen staff for their contributions. And we thank those who came and ate. It was a most successful operation, and the HVFD thanks each and every one.

**FOR A FUN FAMILY OUTING**, take your kids for a trip to Cold Water Canyon Tree Farm. There you can choose your own tree, cut it down and drag it to your sleigh, just like "in the olden days!" The tree farm is located off New Hague Road, driveway opposite the end of West Hague Road.

**SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR** - - - Nancy Fogwell called to tell us that she had five out of the six lottery numbers in Florida's big drawing and the sixth number was only three away from the winning one. Better luck next time! (She did win a nice drawing, nonetheless)

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### JUST A REMINDER

Hague has a FOOD PANTRY at the Community Center that is open to anyone with a food emergency. A lost job, fire, sickness with time out from work makes one eligible to come in and receive a few supplies to help tide them over (we usually try for three days).

You can call me, Georgina Lindquist at 543-6095 any time or come in on Wednesday or Friday from 10AM to 12 noon. If I cannot be reached, Bertha or Diane will take a message at 543-6161.

With food available no one need go hungry.

### CLOTHING EXCHANGE

There are people in Hague who are unaware we have what we like to call a clothing exchange in the CARE room of the Community Center. Mostly well-kept 2nd-hand clothing (though we do have some brand new on occasion) that anyone is welcome to rummage through.

There are women's blouses, men's shirts, lovely winter coats, dresses, etc. all available on Wed. and Fri. from 10AM to 12 noon. Just call 543-6095 if you'd like to come in at some other time. . . gl

### ADDITIONS TO HAGUE MUSEUM

- Collection of the correspondence of George Hooper one time superintendent of the Graphite mines.
  - Ledger of the Graphite Office giving names of local miners, and amount earned per load of ore drawn.
  - Ash tray from Sullivans' Store in Witherbee advertising Sullivan's Cigars.  
All from Betty Sullivan
  - Two maps of Hague's School Districts as of 1880 and 1888. Found in the store room and now protected in plastic. These show locations of all district schoolhouses of that time.
  - A history of Battle Hill with an article on the disappearance of the LaDus child. - Dolly Kennedy
  - On loan until next summer, a corn cutter used on the West Farm in the early 20's.
  - A book, dated 1919, given to Leonard Scriptor when a big reception was given members of Company K soon after their return from service in World War I. All Hague's veterans are named in it. - Emily Scriptor
  - Several commencements and a handbook of the school dated 1968-69 - Rudolph Meola
  - A hayknife, a grain flail and a saw which may have been used framing buildings. George Traver found these items at his boyhood home and gave them to the museum.
  - An ice saw used for cutting ice around docks and during the winter's ice harvest. - Dick Bolton
  - Pictures of the John Keenan children when very young - Florence Smith
  - Several albums of pictures from the farm home of Lilla and Clarence Holman - Henry Leach
  - Clarence Holman's ice auger and a set of sinker molds - Henry Leach
- I have a new album started on People and Places. Bring me pictures of family groups and where they

live. These do not have to be ancient. They'll get that way soon enough! ALSO good pictures of the Community Center before and after planting. Maybe one of the foundation alone. I'll try to find one of the former school to chink in somewhere. . . Clifton West, Historian

### THE WRITER'S VOICE AT SILVER BAY

When you were in school would you have had the chance to meet a writer of your day? Not likely. Today, young people in Hague and other area schools have the opportunity to meet writers and hear them read from their works. This is the opportunity THE WRITER'S VOICE, a seminar at Silver Bay has been offering. The aim of the seminar is to encourage young people to read with understanding and to write with clarity and inspiration and to encourage excellence in three fields of writing: Fiction, Non-Fiction and Poetry.

The Writer's Voice continues in the area schools and at Silver Bay by hosting a writing workshop the weekend of November 15-17. On Saturday, November 23 there will be a program of Legendary Songs performed and written by elementary school children from area schools. Tickets for performance are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. For those who desire dinner at Silver Bay, it will be served at 5PM. \$12 for adults, \$6 for students, including performance. Call Barbara Minich at Silver Bay Assoc. 543-8833 for more information.

### A BAD WEEK FOR STAFFERS

We love the Adirondacks and nature and all that stuff BUT REALLY! During this past week a partridge flew through a double window in the kitchen of one of our staff. What a mess! - Glass spread everywhere, in the stove, in the sink, etc. etc. Poor bird broke his neck. Will we have partridge under glass? Not to be outdone another staff member's car was hit by a deer. Must have given the deer an awful headache, by the looks of the side of the car. Ah, the joys of living in the country!

### FALL SPORTS ROSTER

The following Hague students participated in the fall sports program at Ticonderoga High School:

Soccer - Lea Porter; Gymnastics - Elizabeth DeFranco; Cross Country - Tony DeFranco, Allison LaCourse

The following Hague students participated in the Modified Program of the THS Sports Program:

Football - Perry Girard  
Soccer - Brittany Stull

### WINTER WEEKEND

Cornell Coop. Ext. of Warren County will conduct a 4-H Environmental Awareness Winter Weekend for 9-11 year old youth on December 28 and 29 at 4-H Camp Sacandaga. The program is open to ANY Warren County youngster, at a cost of \$5.00. Activities include nature hikes, snowshoeing, ice fishing, woods lore and safety. Participants stay in a heated lodge.

For more information, or to pre-register, contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office, Warrensburg 11/91

## ASSESSMENTS - PART 2

Last month we published Part 1 from an article which appeared in the International Association of Assessing Officers IAAO Update relative to assessments. Following is Part 2:

### What Determines Value

Assessors estimate the fair market value of a property, that is, the price most people would pay for it in its condition as of the assessment date. The best indicator of fair market value is market activity. Buyers and sellers create market value by their transactions. The best evidence of market value is sale price -

However, sale price is not necessarily the same as market value. The assessor carefully examines all sales, qualifies the sales, and adjusts them for special circumstances that might decrease or inflate prices. An owner in a hurry to sell might sell for less. If the seller includes substantial personal property in the sale or provides discounted financing the sale price is likely to be inflated. Although the sales comparison approach is not the only approach used (cost and income approaches are two others), comparable sales are recognized by courts as the best evidence of market value.

Many taxpayers are angered at increases in assessed values because the property has not changed. But physical change is not the only reason for a change in property value. The market is. If a town's major industry leaves, property values collapse. Conversely, as decaying neighborhoods with good housing stock are discovered by young homebuyers, prices gradually rise, and then soar as the neighborhood becomes fashionable. A shortage of detached houses in a desirable neighborhood can send prices to ridiculous levels. In a recession, larger homes may stay on the market for a long time, but two-bedroom homes are in demand, so their prices rise. In a stable neighborhood, with no extraordinary pressure from the market, inflation increases property value. Homebuyers, homesellers, bank appraisers, real estate analysts, and the assessor all pay attention to the same market factors in valuing property.

## HAGUE RAIDERS ARE BACK ?

The Silver Bay General Store recently announced the arrival of their new "Hague Raiders" sweatshirts, made in the traditional Hague High colors of red and gray, with the Indian Chief logo on the front. The school's span of existence is included under the logo: 1927-1979. Not only should these shirts be quite a conversation piece, but \$1 from the sale of each one will go to the Beste Scholarship Fund. Go Raiders! . . . ks

## A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR READERS

After our article last month on how The Hague Chronicle operates, we want to thank you for your responses. We have one more reminder - the date listed on the label is the date on which you last contributed - not when a contribution is due. You will have to judge that for yourself, since it is voluntary.

We have been informed that we could save ourselves some money if we add the four digit number to the zip code. This will be a BIG project. If you want to know what your 4-digit number is (it is different for each individual), you can find out from your post office, or look on your telephone bill. They have already gone to that system. If you have a few minutes, would you inform us of this number? djh

## HAGUE LANDSCAPING CONTINUES

During the last week in October Peter Foster was commissioned to continue the landscaping at the Community Center in front of the large meeting room. This was a part of the original landscaping plan. Because of the generous contributions received for landscaping and with the very generous help from The Carillon Garden Club, the landscaping across the front is nearly finished. The next step will be to finish the other side.

In addition to the landscaping, our local historian (and gardener) Clifton West, has planted a large quantity of spring bulbs among the shrubs. Can't wait until spring! This is not the first time Clifton has contributed flowers and time to add to the beauty of Hague. We owe him a big round of applause!

The Carillon Garden Club has taken the Community Center landscaping as its project for two years and has already contributed \$2,000 and has committed \$2,000 in 1992. Contributions from groups and for memorials and dedications, have made up the balance to date, along with the budgeted amount from the town. Contributions are still being accepted by Penny Bolton for future landscaping. It is indeed a work of art and something in which we can all take a great deal of pride. djh

*Doug Allen, Crown Point, won the 3030 Winchester Rifle, raffled by the Hague Fish and Game Club last month.*

## CUB SCOUTS (Cont. from page 2)

### Den #4 - Bobcats - Wolves

We welcome 7 new "Bobcats" to Pack 21 this year; Simon Williamson, Matt Ward, Kris Stonitsch, Peter Mack, Luke Frasier, Thomas Decker and John Costello have been working hard on feats of skill and learning about our flag. On Nov. 4 they discovered the amazing world of our great Hague volunteer firemen. A ride to the park in the ambulance (just for fun!) demonstration of firehoses and a ride to the firestation made a fantastic afternoon. Thanks to all you brave firefighters. . . Karen Costello and Janet Williamson, Leaders

## HOLIDAY MAGIC

The Champlain Valley Chorale will present its annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 8 at 4PM in the United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga. In conjunction with the concert the Carillon Garden Club will present a Fun Flower Show entitled "These Are a Few Of Our Favorite Things." No admission charge, but a free will offering will be accepted to help defray expenses. Refreshments will be served.

*Usher in the season with music and flowers! 11/91*



## SOUNDINGS

**MARRIED** - Terri Santaniello, daughter of Sal Santaniello, Silver Bay and Lee Dame, Raleigh, NC, to Keith Denig, son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Denig, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY on September 6 in Lake Ronkonkoma. They are making their home in Central Islip, NY.

**MARRIED** - Linda Lemery and Louis Spelman, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Louis Spelman Jr., Silver Bay, on September 28 in the Silver Bay Chapel by Rev. John Armes, Hague. Reception followed at the Spelman homestead.

**MARRIED** - Rev. Michael Scott Bailey, pastor of Hague Wesleyan Church and Carolyn Ruth Raymond, on October 12 in the Ridge Road Wesleyan Church, Glens Falls.

**MARRIED** - Debra Jane Waitt, daughter of Mrs. Weymer H. Waitt, Silver Bay and Naples, FL, and Robert Anthony Ciarlo, son of Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Ciarlo of Waterbury, CT, in a late afternoon wedding at St. Lucy's Church, Waterbury, CT on October 4. Reception was held at the Glenbrook Country Club in Wolcott, CT.

**DIED** - Rollin DeLarm 92, Summit Drive, Hague, on September 28, 1991. Surviving are one son, James, eight grandchildren, one sister, Mona Mattison.. His son, former Hague Supervisor Keith DeLarm, predeceased him.

**DIED** - Charles A. Fort, 71, Silver Bay, on October 15 in the Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT. Surviving are his wife, Jacqueline, Hague's postmaster, daughters Charlene and Noelle, and one sister.

**DIED** - Agnes Brodie Von Wettberg, Wilmington, DE, former summer resident of Sabbath Day Point, on October 20 in Wilmington. She was the widow of E. F. Von Wettberg, Jr. Surviving are a son, Ted von Wettberg III, and daughter, Janet Cowles, five grandchildren and two sisters, Margaret Broderick (former editor of The Hague Chronicle) and Eleanor McKirdy.

**DIED** - Adrian A. Wiltsie, 82, a resident of Hague for the past 17 years, formerly of Glenville, NY on October 26 in Glens Falls Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, daughter Linda Azer, son Glenn, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

**DIED** - Kirby David Wilcox, 91, Ticonderoga on November 9, 1991 in Moses Ludington Hospital. Mr. Wilcox was owner of the Wilcox Funeral Home and Furniture Store, assuming ownership from his father in the early 1930's until 1971.

**TIEAH GAUTREAU**, daughter of Tim and Michelle Gautreau, is one of seventeen members of the Ticonderoga High School chorus who recently successfully auditioned for the NYS School Music Association Sectional All State Chorus. The chorus is

made up of the finest high school singers in Northeastern New York. The All State Chorus will rehearse with a guest conductor for two days culminating in a public performance on November 23 at the Chazy High School.

## THE HIGH'S HONOR ROLL

Hague students listed on the first marking period honor roll at Ticonderoga High School are as follows:

First Honors: ELIZABETH BRUNET, ELIZABETH DeFRANCO, TONY DeFRANCO

Second Honors: TREVA BRASTED, RICHARD COBB, CAROLYN DYKSTRA, TIEAH GAUTREAU, ALISON LaCOURSE, MICHELLE WATERS, VICKIE WATERS.

The Hague Chronicle staff congratulates the above students for their outstanding achievements.

## A REQUEST FROM OUR POSTMASTERS

**PLEASE** let the postmasters know when you are planning to leave Hague (or if you have left). You **MUST** give the Post Office a forwarding address **EACH YEAR**, stating approximately the month you plan to return. This is a new postal regulation. If you hope to receive forwarded mail, you must comply with these regulations

## WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

This fall has been warm and mild temperatures have lingered throughout September and October. The highest temperatures in September were on the 8th, 17th and 18th when the thermometer reached 84°, 85°, and 87°. On September 12 steam was visible on Lake George in the morning which was the first indication that the air was cooler than the water. Late September brought some beautifully apple bright mornings and especially during the week of the 15th many beautiful Monarch butterflies filled our area before beginning their summer migration.

Thunder storms were sparse this year but lightning occurred on the hot humid nights of September 16 and October 3. Fall didn't seem to want to leave. Even the leaves appeared to stay on the trees a little longer.

We had our first frost warning September 20 but lakeside was not affected. West Hague and higher elevations did get a light frost though. Lakeside the frost held off until October 29 and almost immediately after that the temperatures changed dramatically. November has begun with cold temperatures in the 20s and 30s. Today, November 11 we are experiencing rain, sleet, fog and snow. After an extended Indian summer it is shocking to be cast into winter so soon.

Could not close the weather report without mentioning of the spectacular night skies of November 8. Hague was treated to the most spectacular light display I have ever seen. It appeared as though the apex was directly over our community and the wonderful blues, reds, and greens filtered down and around enveloping the heavens like an umbrella. They were constantly changing, proving once again that these are some of the reasons that living in Hague is such a delight!

November

- 15-17 Writer's Voice - see p5
- 19 Home Bureau - 10AM - Community Center
- 19 Fish and Game Club - 7:30PM - Clubhouse
- 20 Senior Citizen Bus Trip to Glens Falls
- 20 School Board meeting - 7:30 - THS Cafeteria
- 21 Carillon Garden Club meeting - 11AM
- 21 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30PM (Note chg. in date)
- 21 Carillon Garden Club meeting
- 23 The Writer's Voice - see p5
- 27 Community "Sharing of the Loaves" - Community Center - 7PM (see p2)
- 28 THANKSGIVING DAY

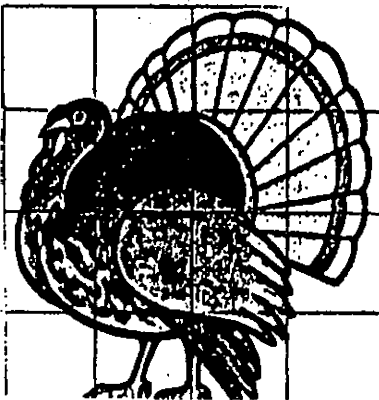
December

- 2 Chanukah
- 3 Home Bureau - 10AM - Town Center
- 4 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 4 Chamber of Commerce - Town Center - 7:30PM
- 4 American Legion - 7:30PM - Legion Home
- 5 Planning Board - Hearings begin at 7 meeting 7:30
- 7 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY - see p2
- 8 Holiday Magic - Champlain Valley Chorale and Carillon Garden Club Flower Show - see p6
- 10 Senior Citizens Christmas lunch - see page 2
- 12 Carillon Garden Club Christmas lunch - Eddie's Rest.
- 14 Firemen's Party - Fish and Game Club
- 15 American Legion Party - see p4
- 17 Home Bureau Christmas party - 12 Noon Town Center
- 17 Fish and Game Club Christmas party

... Between the First Thanksgiving and the First Official Thanksgiving there was an interval of nearly 250 years -- 1621-1863. In the 1800's various states proclaimed their own Thanksgiving, celebrated especially as a day for families to gather - who had been separated throughout the year. In 1846, Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of Gody's Lady started a crusade in her magazine for a national holiday, published recipes for Indian pudding and other fare that must have been on that first menu -- turkey and other fowl, venison - deer, oysters, clams, pumpkin, corn. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln recognized Hale and her persistent readers and proclaimed the last Thursday in November a National Thanksgiving Day. Prayers, reunions and a feast are still part of the Day. The staff of The Hague Chronicle wishes its readers a day worth sharing.

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