

ELECTION DAY 1984

The following is excerpted from our supervisor's letter dated Oct. 9. We think this is a unique way of pointing out the importance of voting. We would like to pass it along to those who do not receive his newsletter.

"Please vote on election day, November 6th. Polls will be open from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. If you need a ride, call the Town Hall, 543-6161. If you have decided not to vote this year because 'one vote doesn't make a difference', consider the following:

- ...One vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.
- ...One vote caused Charles I of England to be beheaded.
- ...One vote gave America the English language instead of German.
- ...One vote saved President Andrew Jackson in his impeachment trial.
- ...One vote brought Texas into the Union
- ...One vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.
- ...One vote gave Adolf Hitler leadership of the Nazi party.
- ...One vote per precinct elected John F. Kennedy president.

Still think one vote doesn't count?" ...Today's Supervisor 12/82

AN HOUR WITH THE DECKERS

To discover homemaking raised to a very fine art, to view a warm gracious house that could be featured in Better Homes and Gardens, one needs to spend but one hour in the modest home of Betty and Clifford Decker in West Hague.

Although Zella Elizabeth (Betty) Decker was born in Summit, NJ, her parents, Zella and Harold Carpenter were Hague residents. The family returned to Hague when Betty was six years old. Clifford's mother was Mary Leach. The Deckers just celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary and have lived in the same house for 52 years. Dick Tobin built their house. There is nothing old-fashioned about it except the aroma of fresh baked pies and the sight of lovely quilts and sewing pieces in Betty's workroom. The couple has one daughter, Carolyn, a teacher in Rhinebeck. Although not widely travelled, trips to Rhinebeck are an almost monthly occasion in good weather to see the

family, especially the two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren Clifford worked on Highways all his working life before his retirement in 1965. He retired as foreman for NY Dept. of Transportation.

Betty is still very active in the Episcopal Church of the Cross and the Mohican Chapter of Home Bureau. Gardening, knitting, and quilting keep her busy and that she is an excellent cook goes without saying. Clifford has fine vegetable and flower gardens and keeps his grounds in tip top shape. He can entertain you with bits of Hague history. When asked what she likes to do most now, Betty answered "visit with friends and reminisce. These friends will tell you that she is always in good humor. She is willing to help in any way, or just listen. Ask her any favor, the reply invariably is "Glad to do it, don't worry."

A visit with the Deckers is a delightful hour in Hague...MB

GELHAARS ACTIVE IN COPE

On September 20, 1984 the following article appeared in the Glens Falls Post Star. We thought our readers would be especially interested. It was written by Kathleen Kathe, staff writer.

Dr. Harold Gelhaar and his wife, Florence, are planning to go back to the "I Can Cope - Learning to Live with Cancer" series starting Sept. 27.

"We made some nice friends there," he said.

The Gelhaars attend the programs to provide help for others. "It's an exchange," Mrs. Gelhaar said. "We go to learn and to give," she explained.

Dr. Gelhaar was a dentist at Sabbath Day Point on Lake George until about a year ago when his illness made it necessary to sell the house and move to Glens Falls to be closer to doctors and the Glens Falls Hospital.

After working 62 years as a dentist, he said he misses his patients. "I always had a very genuine feeling for my patients...they are friends," he said.

Dr. Gelhaar practiced in Montclair, NJ before moving to Sabbath Day Point 20 years ago.

He and his wife enjoy life and believe a sense of humor is essential in dealing with illness. Dr. Gelhaar underwent surgery for cancer of the colon two years ago. He had a colostomy and when his surgeon visited him a few hours later in the intensive care unit of the hospital, the cheerful dentist said he was ready with a personal humorous poem describing the doctor's part in the procedure.

A thoughtful man, he said his illness has provided him with plenty of time to think and to count his blessings. There are people who have worse problems," he said. A colostomy is "something you can live with," he explained.

The Cope programs offer cancer patients a chance for free and open

discussion, according to the couple. "We can talk about the experience," Mrs. Gelhaar said. There was a time when no one talked about cancer she said. "Thank goodness people talk now," she added.

At home services, such as home nursing programs, are important; Dr. Gelhaar said. "It's hard to learn how to take care of yourself after surgery," he said. The series offered by the Cope program, sponsored by the Warren County Unit of the American Cancer Society, includes a list of community resources that can be of help to cancer patients and their families.

Mrs. Gelhaar wants to learn more about dealing with Medicare and Medicaid. She likes the meetings and said it is important for family members to accompany the patient to the sessions. "There is something for everyone in each session," she said. Although she might not be interested in the same point another participant thinks is important, she said she always gets something out of the meetings.

The sessions are held in the Pruyn room of the First Presbyterian Church from 7:30 to 8:30 PM Thursday evenings. An elevator is available for those who have trouble with stairs and the meetings are very informal, Mrs. Gelhaar said. She said the programs are well organized and the coordinators, Cathy Tata, RN, and Ruth Fish, RN, are very conscientious.

Dr. Robert Evans will chair the first session Sept. 27. It will explore the importance of the patient's attitude in the illness.

VOTING MACHINE

The voting machine will be on display for the voters of the town of Hague for the purpose of inspection by the voters, and also for the instruction and operation of the machine by any voters who so wish for such.

Tuesday, October 30th, November 2 and 2 from 1 - 3 PM.

...Custodian of Voting Machine

VIEWPOINT

UP UP AND AWAY

The following letter, dated Sept. 14, 1984 is self-explanatory.

Gentlemen:

On September 2nd I was on the "Moonlight Madness" cruise on Lake George. About one hour into the cruise the restrooms were getting quite crowded and the men started relieving themselves over the side of the boat. People were also throwing cigarette butts and drink cups over the side into the water. I was appalled at how many people had such little regard for this beautiful, clean lake and would pollute it. This is our drinking water and it should be kept clean of waste and garbage.

If this is to continue, I feel that the "Moonlight Madness" cruise should not be allowed to take place. We must all do our part in preserving one of the last lakes that is still clean enough to drink from.

Sincerely,
(Name withheld upon request)

Do you have something on your mind that you would like to share? Write to VIEWPOINT, c/o The Hague Chronicle. All letters must be signed, but names may be withheld upon request. The staff of the Chronicle reserves the right to edit or refrain from publishing, if deemed advisable.

HOME BUREAU

The Mohican Chapter Home Bureau announces the following schedule:
October 16 - Macrame pumpkin
" 30 Broom Hilda
November 6 Make Up Day. Lunch at Fire Hall.
" 20 Craft Preview
Meetings are called to order at 10:00 A.M. at the Hague Baptist Church Annex.

Election Year Complaint - What this country needs is someone who knows what this country needs.

Surely a first for Hague was the September 21st flight of a big, bright red balloon across the lake. This voyage was made by Scott Kelley of Silver Bay and Bethlehem, PA. Scott, with Bill Morgan as guest, left the front porch of family cottage at 9:30 AM. As many friends and neighbors took many pictures and wished him well. The flight across the lake and over the 2600 ft. mountain took two hours and ten minutes, ending at the edge of Lake Champlain. They were followed by Jan Van Sickle using Morgan's boat "just in case".

The flight ended at South Bay on Lake Champlain, near Whitehall. They were met by Bob Sparks, owner of the craft, and Ann Marie Zummo, in a pickup truck.

Scott Kelley is a commercial licensed balloon pilot. Both he and his wife Carrie took part in the Adirondack Balloon Festival accompanied by nine year old daughter Jessica. Sponsor was R. G. Landry, Glens Falls.

Mrs. Clair Kelley wrote: "To all you mountain climbers. Had you ever thought of an easier way (?) to conquer the high and majestic Adirondacks!"

FLU SHOTS
Warren County Health Services will hold influenza vaccination clinic at the Hague Town Hall on October 19 (Friday) from 11 AM until noon.

Individuals should be 60 or over or be sufferers of long-term heart or lung problems, kidney disease, cystic fibrosis, diabetes or severe asthma.

This is a free service provided by the Health Services.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Joseph P. Fiore will be available for counseling each Thursday in the Town Hall at 11:30 AM, with the exception of Thursday, October 18.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS
9/25/84

At a special meeting of the Town Board the first public hearing for Federal Revenue Sharing was held.

It was decided by vote not to apply for Grant #9 which would have provided for half the cost of two tennis courts.

The proposed boat ordinance for Friends Point will be sent to Neil Kelleher for further review before his forwarding it to Commissioner Williams, ENCON.

Mary Alice Hall, clerk, will receive a copy of Highway Dept. inventory from Dan Belden.

Dick Bolton, supervisor, authorized the purchase of a new liner for wood boiler.

10/9/84

George Shoemaker introduced John Silvestri, attorney, who has moved to Hague from Valley Stream, L.I. He plans to open a practice in town. He resides on Rt. 8.

David Martucci, in a prepared statement, protested the \$1,500 increase proposed for the Zoning Administrator.

Application for HUD small communities grant was denied. Will be resubmitted.

A request made by Glen Shattuck for an exchange of land at the end of Shattuck/Robbins Rd. He hopes this would eliminate the use of his property by vehicles as an access to trails. Dan Belden will study further.

Stairs will be built by the Town Crew at the American Legion Hall.

Retaining wall on Holman Hill under construction.

10/11/84

A correction of the Sept. 11 minutes was requested by Linda Coffin. Correction to read: Recreational Grant: To be used solely for recreational purposes.

Harvey Yaw, Town Justice reports totals for July, Aug., Sept. M.V. (6); Criminal (2); Conservation (4); Small claims (1); L.G. Patrol (1); Dog Cases (1). Money sent to Audit & Control, \$1,607.00.

A copy of the preliminary budget may be seen at the town hall during business hours.

Under Federal Revenue Sharing a new voting machine is to be purchased that can also be used by the handicapped. Salary increases for Park attendants, raising them to \$4.50 per hour. Money has been included for park equipment. Total preliminary budget is \$30,070.00. Government, \$20,070. Unexpended balance, \$10,000.

"Preliminary budget figures for 1985 indicate there will be no increase in taxes," said Supervisor Bolton. There will be increases in salaries for councilmen, secretaries, tax collector, chairman of assessors, town clerk, custodian of elections, Registrar of Vital Statistics, highway superintendent, zoning administrator and landfill worker. Since the preliminary budget was completed, David Martucci proposed an increase of \$100 for Assessors William Foster & David Martucci. This will be taken into consideration by the Board.

A 25¢ hourly raise will be received by highway workers.

The total amount to be raised by taxes is tentatively \$268,422. The budget will be presented to the public at Town Board meeting on November 13.

'TIS WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL

Our weather has been divine, superb, fantastic, grand, magnificent, etc. etc. Except for a couple rainy days and one hard frost, one might think it is spring again. The fall foliage has passed its peak, but it has been spectacular. Ah, to be able to capture the magnificence of it all on canvas! But alas! we know it must end, so we keep busy getting ready for the long, cold winter ahead. Hope you all have a happy one.

FOLLOW-UP - LAKE PURITY

Last month we reported that on Sept. 4 the Fresh Water Institute found an extremely high fecal coliform count (65,000 per 100 ml.) in a brook in the Silver Bay area.

Since that count was above 200, NY State Departments of Health & Environmental Conservation were notified by the Lake George Assoc. of a potential "Hot-spot". (Fecal coliform count is attributable to human and may include some animal sources).

The alleged cause of this pollution according to the owner, was a disconnected electrical plug for a septic system pump. Subsequent tests by the F.W.I. on Sept. 17 gave a count of 1,800 and on Sept. 28 of 1,250 which indicates a continuing source of contamination since the use of this facility has been greatly reduced since Labor Day. The complete F.W.I. report, sent to all towns on the lake, is posted at the Town Hall.

The LGA has no enforcement powers, but it is continuing its efforts to have this situation corrected by the appropriate NYS enforcement agencies this fall. On a year round basis, the LGA works in the NY State Legislature in connection with legislation that has or might have an effect on Lake George and its environs.

...ac

PLANNING BOARD - 4 OCT. '84

Conceptual conditional approval of an 8 lot sub-division of land owned by Weymer H. Waitt, Jr. was granted. Prior to final approval, a mylar of the sub-division must be presented to this Board and signed by the Clerk.

The sketch plan of lots owned by O'Brien & Becker in the Nottingham Hills sub-division was granted conceptual approval. The three existing lots would become two lots, thereby making these non-conforming lots less non-conforming and would reduce the number of

homes that could be built from three to two. The mylar of the plan is to be submitted at the Nov. meeting for final approval.

The proposed plans for a septic system on the Quinones lot was forwarded to the APA because the lot size is under 20,000 sq. ft. and less than 200 feet from the lake which requires approval for an alternative system.

The Board approved commercial use of the Shakeshaft property on Rt. 8 with the stipulation that no on street parking be allowed.

John & Cynthia Coon were given approval to operate a beauty parlor on their property provided all State licensing requirements are met.

DOT denied permission to Mr. Butkus and Dr. Cole for construction that would utilize State highway right of ways.

A letter from Michael White of EnCon was read. He stated that his department grants permits for wharfs, or any construction in the water and that Boat Houses are the jurisdiction of the Town...ac

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED.

Meeting on November 2 at the Putnam Presbyterian Church. Coffee hour will be held at 10 AM. Topic for the day is World Community, "A Place Called Home".

The next regular meeting of Hague Post 1538, AMERICAN LEGION, will be held at the Legion Home on Wed. Nov. 7 at 7:30 PM. All members, ex-members and prospective members are urged to attend. There will be a steak roast at Laundree's beach house on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 21, to which all of the above are invited. Reservations requested. Those interested in membership contact Bernle Clifton, Commander, or Ray Laundree, Adjutant.

ELECTION DAY FIREMEN'S LUNCH. Follow up your vote with a delicious lunch and social hour at the firehall. Donuts and coffee will be served throughout the morning. Firemen's Columbus Day dinner was a huge success. Proceeds will be used to buy a radio for Hague's emergency vehicle

OUR SUPERVISOR WRITES

SCHOOL BOARD - 9/18/84.

In his newsletter of October 9 Supervisor Bolton informs us that if the preliminary budget stands, it looks as though the Town will not have a tax increase in Town property taxes for the next fiscal year. "The Town Board has enacted some practical management practices, and we are able to reflect this in our Town budget", says Bolton.

Supervisor Bolton also stated that he would like to lay to rest a few rumors which have been circulating.

"1. I am not a candidate for Sheriff of Warren County. I enjoy my job serving the people of the Town of Hague and do not aspire to any position other than that of Town Supervisor.

"2. I have not instructed the Warren County Sheriff's Department to not make arrests at the Town Park. This is the furthest from the truth. I have a lot of pride in our Town Park and strongly support the Park ordinance and enforcement of them.

"3. I did not report a local inn proprietor to the police on a gambling charge. How a person runs his business is the sole responsibility of that person."

NEW SILVER BAY DIRECTOR

Ambery Butcher has been named executive director of the Silver Bay Association, according to an announcement by Charles Lupton, president.

Mr. Butcher will replace Walter I. Jacoby, who has become senior vice president of the YMCA of Greater New York.

Election is the time of year when candidates run for public office, and America becomes the land of promise

Bob Dedrick gave a presentation on the summer enrichment program. There were 315 students enrolled with an average daily attendance of 216. Students were bussed to Silver Bay every other day to participate in the program there. Many courses were offered - arts and crafts, natural science, hodge-podge, kitchen fun, music lessons, computers, etc. The school library was open daily for the use of the students and all participated in the Arts Trek II programs which were sponsored by the Ticonderoga Festival Guild.

Each year more children participate in the summer enrichment program and it is deemed a huge success.

GOLDEN KEY

Senior citizens have free access to all school sports events, music concerts and dramatic performances. Recognizing the contributions that senior citizens have made to the progress of our community, the Board of Education adopted a policy that allows Senior Citizens (over 60 years of age) free admission to basically all school events.

Golden Key admission cards are available in the Superintendent's office on Amherst Ave. between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM. For further information you may call 585-6674.

COUNTY PREPARING WINTER CALENDAR

The Winter Activities Calendar for Warren County is currently being prepared by the Department of Tourism. Any events or activities sponsored by any group in the County should be forwarded to the Tourism Department with dates and detailed particulars. Deadline is Oct. 19.

A political moderate is one who makes enemies right and left.

...Farmers' Almanac

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, to Adrian and Lisa (Capone) Mars on September 16 in Glens Falls. Grandparents are Joan & Kurt Andreassen, Friends Point.

BORN - A girl, Melina Marie, to Mario and Christine (Stull) St. Pierre on October 8 in Ticonderoga. Grandparents are Tom and Jill Stull, Hague; great grandparents, Florence Lambert, Hague, and Beach Lambert, Silver Bay. It is interesting to note that Mindy is the 14th girl (no boys!) born into the Lambert family. Three Lambert daughters, 10 granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

MARRIED - Debbie Bly, daughter of Shirley S. Smith, Hague, to Michael Hicks of Fair Haven, NY, in Oswego, NY on September 29.

DIED - Morris W. Bevins, 87, a long time resident of West Hague, in Melbourne, FL on Sept. 24. Surviving are his wife Barbara (Thatcher) and several nieces and nephews.

DIED - Betty H. Barrett, a resident of Schuylerville, on Oct. 2 in Glens Falls Hospital. She is survived by her daughter, Beverly Hudak, Hague.

DIED - Frank Cruz, 96, father of Evelyn Bass, Hague, in Southington, CT on October 2.

A country editor once noted that a small town is a place where people know all the news before the newspaper comes out, but they take the paper anyway to see whether the editor got the stories the way they heard them.

...Charles W. Bailey

(Did we?)

HAGUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING TOWN HALL - 7:30 PM - 10/16/84
Nominating Committee to be appointed.

JUNIOR MISS PAGEANT

The annual Junior Miss Pageant will be held in the Ticonderoga High School Auditorium on Saturday, November 3 at 7:30 PM. 22 girls from Ticonderoga, Hague, Crown Point and Putnam will participate. Hague is proud to have four entries in this year's pageant: Lynne Coffin, Lisa Coffin, Toni Cole and Mary Jo McLean.

During the intermission a fashion show will be held, with fashions being furnished by Cooke and Sacco and National Army Store in Ticonderoga. 22 Ti juniors will be participating as models. Models from Hague are Tara Cole, Noelle Fort, Lana Ross, Bonnie Swinton and Tammy Yaw.

The public is cordially invited and urged to attend, to support these girls in their efforts...djh

FALL SPORTS ROSTER

The following Hague students are participating in the fall sports program at the Ticonderoga H.S.:
Gymnastics: LYNN COFFIN, TARA COLE, TONI, COLE, JANET ROSS
Girls Soccer: TAMMY YAW
Boys Soccer: DANNY BELDEN, DOUG OLCOTT, JEFF PLASS
Cross Country: JOE LAPANN
Varsity Football: PAUL BELDEN
JV Football: STEVE YOUNG
Varsity Cheerleading: LANA ROSS

Our congratulations to these team members and we wish them GOOD LUCK. If we have inadvertently missed anyone, please let us know. ...Lisa Coffin

ICE CAPADES

On November 11 in Montreal. Bill Hogle's bus will be leaving Ticonderoga early in the morning for a matinee performance. Tickets are \$17, which includes transportation and performance. Please call Marion Shoemaker for further information. 543-6141

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Oct.

- 16 Home Bureau - 10 AM - See p. 3
- 16 Chamber of Commerce - 7:30-Town Hall
- 17 Board of Education - 7:30 PM
- 18 Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 19 Flu Clinic-Town Hall-11-12AM-See p3
- 23 Public Hearing on Land Use Plan amendments - 6:30 PM Town Hall
- 25 VA Administrator - 11:30 AM
- 25 Zoning Board - 7:30 PM
- 25 G.O.P. Rally-Elks Club,Glens Falls
- 30 Home Bureau - see p. 3
- 31 **BEWARE OF THE LITTLE WITCHES & GOBLINS**

Nov

- 1 *Planning Bd 7:30 PM*
Sr Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 6 ELECTION DAY Polls open 6AM-9PM
- 6 Home Bureau - see p 3
- 8 Veterans Adminis. - 11:30 AM
- 12 VETERANS DAY OBSERVED - No school
- 13 Town Board - 6:30 PM Final hearing on budget
- 14 Planetarium Show - 7:30 PM
- 15 Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 20 Home Bureau - see p 3
- Nov. 3 - Jr. Miss Pageant - 7:30 PM p.7

Nov. 6 - ELECTION DAY LUNCH AT FIREHOUSE. COFFEE & DONUTS IN MORNING.

GOD'S WORLD

O World, I cannot hold thee close enough!
 Thy winds, thy wide grey skies!
 Thy mists, that roll and rise!
 Thy woods this autumn day, that ache and sag
 And all but cry with colour! That gaunt crag
 To crush! To lift the lean of that black bluff!
 World, World, I cannot get thee close enough!
Edna St. Vincent Millay
 (first verse)

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