

IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN!

Hague Town Clerk Valerie Lawrence announces that they are changing the tax bills this year. If you have any questions when you receive your bill, please feel free to call the town office, 543-6161 or at home 543-6120.

THE MAGAZINE TRAILER (for mixed paper, flyers, office paper, etc.) will be at the Transfer Station beginning December 14 through the 18th of December. Next date - Feb. 15-19.

KIDS NIGHT OUT

A special party has been planned for Hague young people on December 27 at the Community Center from 6:30 to 8:30PM. On the program will be games, music, contests and fun for all ages. Children under seven must be accompanied by an adult. Any adults who wish to participate are also welcome.

Leading the fun will be three Burdicks, Stan, Cathie and Sue.

After all the gifts are opened and the toys are tested, come out and enjoy this mid-holiday celebration of fun.

This program is sponsored by the Hague Chamber of Commerce and made possible by a grant from the Warren County Decentralization Committee and the Council on the Arts.

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A reminder that the Hague Memory Tree Program is still under way and that you may send your \$1 donation for each remembrance to light a bulb and list names on the tree. Checks should be made payable to THE HAGUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and sent to the Community Center c/o Imogene Frasier, Hague, NY 12836. A complete list will be in The Hague Chronicle's January Issue.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

THE HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH will hold a half hour worship service on Dec. 18 and then travel to the Hague Wesleyan Church to participate in that church's Christmas program. The annual Ecumenical Community Candlelight Service will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 7PM.

On Christmas Day there will be no Sunday School. Communion will be served at the 10:30 worship service.

THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be holding a Christmas Celebration on Christmas Eve at 7PM. Prayer time and carol singing will be immediately followed by the liturgy of the Eucharist at 7:30PM. The community is invited to participate in the service.

On Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve), Mary, Mother of God, celebration of Feast will be held at the church. No services will be held on Christmas or New Year's Day.

HAGUE WESLEYAN CHURCH will present its Christmas program at the 11:00 AM service on Sunday, Dec. 18. The Hague Baptist Church has been invited to participate in this service.

On the same day (Dec. 18) at 7PM the church will participate in the Ecumenical service at the Hague Baptist Church.

A Communion service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 24 from 6 - 8PM

On Christmas day, there will be no Sunday School. Regular morning worship at 11:00AM.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ANY OF THE ABOVE SERVICES.

CHRISTMAS IS LOVE

THE MASTERSINGERS

This large, responsive and enthusiastic chorus presents its Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec 18 at 7PM in the Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls.

They will offer many traditional and not so traditional versions of Christmas carols. Two larger offerings include the Tchaikofsky Nutcracker Suite, arranged by Simeone and Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of the Carols.

The Mastersingers are under the baton of Thomas Booth whose hands and arrangements are the inspiration of this chorus.

CHRISTMAS AT THE FISH AND GAME CLUB

Hague Fish and Game Club will hold its Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 6PM. If you have not already been contacted, please bring a dish to share and a gift to exchange. Fun! Fun! Fun!

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department had only one call in November - a mutual aid for Ticonderoga; and the ambulance service also had only one call. Ambulance #740 made a run of 23 miles, involving 9 man hours.

Two ambulance volunteers are taking the EMT course in Crown Point.

There will be a Cold Water Course on Jan. 7 and 8 in Lake George.

A course in Essentials of Firemanship will be held in Chilson from the first week in Jan. to the 15th of Feb.

The Ambulance Squad is now a member of the South-eastern Adirondack Emergency Service, with Moriah, Crown Point, Ticonderoga, Putnam and Schroon Lake. Financial Assistance of \$30,000.00 has been supplied by ARES. This has permitted the purchase of 14 new radios for the various ambulance groups, and also an ALS training mannikin. Three representatives of the Hague Emergency Squad will be taking this ALS training. They are Gerry Boyd, Bill Cobb, Damon Geiser and Lu Megow will be an alternate. This fund will also offer two scholarships for ALS training.

All of this training keeps our local emergency volunteers abreast of the information needed when we need them!
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WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

"Women in the Age of Hillary" is the topic for our next meeting to be held on Monday, Jan 9 at 7PM at the Hague Community Center. Shaunna Bennett, English Instructor at Adirondack Community College, will be our speaker. Ms. Bennett will offer "a snapshot of American women in the 1990's with a brief look at their status regarding work, pay, health care and the juggling of multiple roles in a changing society." Thumbnail sketches of works of current women writers, i.e. Camille Poaglia and Susan Saludi, will be presented. Ms. Bennett feels women of today are at another crossroad and questions where they are headed.

This program is geared for women of all ages including young marrieds and young professionals. All our programs are free, and we look forward to welcoming women from Ticonderoga, Putnam and Crown Point as well as Bolton Landing and Glens Falls.

Women Helping Women is a group of women who meet the second Monday of each month, with guest speakers covering topics concerned with women's well being - physical, emotional, social and intellectual. vdb

Ed: This past week we were treated to a most interesting program on women and cardio vascular diseases. If you weren't one of the women present, you really missed a wonderful presentation. Please note that a committee of women has been working hard on getting interesting and informative programs to present to the women of our area. These programs are open to women of all ages in our extended area. We hope that each woman who was at the last program will bring a neighbor or friend to the Jan. 9 meeting at 7:30PM in the Community Center. . .dh

HAGUE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Many folks contributed to making the Christmas party on December 3 a huge success. Many were publicly thanked at the party, and so were the "ladies with the food." Many who donated cookies were not present, so we think it's only fair that all the women who worked behind and at the scene should be mentioned by name.

Cookie donors were Joyce Bothe, Marion Shoemaker, Carol Warren, John and Joanne Brown, Helen and Bob Cole, Kay Barton, Gale Halm, Mitzi Fillare, Cathie Burdick, Dottie Henry, Claire Best, Vivian DenBleyker, Liz Swanson, Betty Heintzelman, Mary Ann Harmon and Dolly Kennedy.

Tablecloths and the punchbowl were lent by Kathy Santaniello and Cathie Burdick. Coffee was made by Ethel Andrus and punch by Marg Del Signore, assisted by Marion Shoemaker.

Thanks to all who so willingly contributed to make the party a success. . . .cab

BIG BAND CHARITY BALL

Saturday, February 11, 1995

6:00PM - Midnight

Ticonderoga Knights of Columbus Hall

\$25/Ticket ---Limit 225 Tickets

Ticket info. call: 585-6728 or 585-3508

Semi-Formal Attire

Live Big Band Music, Silent and Live Auctions

Hors D'Ouevres, Cash Bar

Music by "The Rockefellers" and L.C. Jazz Big Band

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT MOSES LUDINGTON HOSPITAL.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

There was no Zoning Board of Appeals meeting in November.

Correction from the ZBA report in November: The question concerning the parking area at the Van Dermeers property on 9N was left with the Zoning Administrator and DOT.

PLANNING BOARD

At the Planning Board held on Dec. 1, 1994 the following were discussed:

- 1. Christmas Associates (41-1-37) still on hold because of continuing negotiations with Nature Conservancy.
- 2. Steurer-Dix (41-1-31.1) 3-lot subdivision now cut to a 2-lot subdivision. The reduction was approved but there is need for a survey by a qualified surveyor with the establishment of certain procedures. There will be a public hearing at the Jan. 5 meeting if no problems arise.
- 3. Priore (21-1-13) Rt. 8 Campsite. Desires a 2-lot subdivision in order to sell campsite setting at rear of property. Class B project and the APA must be notified. A site review was made in Nov. with these determinations.
 - a. Rear land is land-locked and would need a right-of-way.
 - b. Would rear lot remain a campsite, or become an association?
- 3. An alternate proposal for Kwartier (46-1-45.1) minor subdivision is being considered: There is an interested buyer contingent on approval for a subdivision.

TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board meeting convened at 5:30PM instead of its usual 6:30PM time because of services to be held in Ti at 7:30PM for Robert Hoyt who was instrumental in founding Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. A moment of silence in his memory was held.

Silver Bay becomes more involved with our community with the following proposals:

- 1. Use of Silver Bay as a disaster site should such an occasion arise. Supervisor Belden received approval from the board to write Silver Bay requesting a meeting for further information about Hague's part in their plans.
- 2. They are also planning a Ticonderoga School District Area Interagency with a Jan. 1995 meeting. This group would meet four times a year and discuss any relevant subject. If interested, contact Miss Helen Barton or Mrs. Jane Crammond at 543-8833.
- 3. They are also interested in another attempt to get a head start program going. A survey of needs (numbers, type care needed, special needs, income), will be made in the near future.

In other business:

A 3¢ monthly increase in your cable bill is expected until March 1995 when it will become 5¢.

We are again applying for a park grant (DEC) that we failed to get last year. We are hopeful for better luck in 1995.

The board gave its approval to Laura Meade to request a grant that would enable her to frame flower and bird

prints which were donated by Georgina Lindquist, to beautify the Community Center.

Supervisor Belden and Assessor Bruce Caza will document a complaint sent to the Board of Equalization and Assessment on behalf of Hague's tax payers concerning our tax rate.

Margaret Smith, Warren County Youth Bureau has informed the town that we will receive \$1600 which includes the Silver Bay summer program.

The Jack Carney land purchase is on hold until the January meeting. Two appraisals are needed and the town has only one and is waiting for the other.

Resolution #35 was approved to allow Clough Harbour to prepare report and map the master plan for the proposed sewer system.

Resolution #36 to amend budget using logging money.

A \$900 computer service contract has been approved for Tom James.

County reports: County no longer involved in bike trails. Maintenance too costly. Bike trails can still be used, but no permits will be required and there will be no policing.

Hague has been given a new groomer for the ski trail by the county.

Renewal of snow and ice agreement with County and State.

A committee has been reactivated to review and revise rules and regulations for the Community Center. An organizational meeting will be held on Dec. 21 at 1:30PM.

David Martucci proudly announced that Hague will host the BASS Federation's Eastern Division Tournament, Sep. 24-29, 1995. . . .gl

*To those we love and see each day
To others who are far away
To all good friends who mean so much
With whom it's a joy to keep in touch
MERRY CHRISTMAS - HAPPY NEW YEAR*



SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

MARION SHOEMAKER, West Hague Road, was named Senior Citizen of the Year at the Christmas party on Dec. 2. Marion has been a faithful volunteer in the Fire Department, the Fish and Game Club, and the Senior Citizens Club. Sal Santaniello, who served as Master of Ceremonies for the party, presented Marion with a plaque. Ethel Andrus, a past recipient of the award presented her with flowers. **CONGRATULATIONS MARIONI!**

SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTIONS

Town of Hague property owners who are 65 years of age or over maybe eligible for a reduced tax bill.

Applications and instructions can be obtained from the Assessor's Office and should be filed after receiving your Social Security statement of income (Form SSA-1099) in January. The deadline for filing is March 1, 1995.

THIRD ANNUAL SILVER BAY CHILDREN'S LITERATURE CONTEST

The Writer's Voice of the Silver Bay Assoc. will be offering \$1,000 for the best children's book manuscript set in the Adirondack Mountains. Both illustrated and non-illustrated works will be accepted. The manuscript may not be published and can be no more than 30,000 words. It also must be written for children no older than fifteen.

Founded in 1991, the Writer's Voice of the SBA is a member of the National Writer's Voice Project of the YMCA of the USA. The Project is a network of literary arts centers at select YMCAs across the country. The Writer's Voice of the SBA seeks to assist emerging writers in their artistic and professional development; to support accomplished writers; and to provide public programs which challenge the traditional definition of the literary arts while enriching all sectors of the community.

Persons interested in submitting their children's book must submit three copies of their manuscript with the entry fee of \$25 by March 31, 1995. The awards will be announced in May 1995. For manuscripts to be returned, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Entries should be sent to: The Writer's Voice, Silver Bay Association, Silver Bay, NY 12874. For info. call Sharon Ofner or David Bergh at 518-543-8833.

JUNK VEHICLES CAN AID KIDNEY RESEARCH

If you have a junk car that you would like to get rid of, the National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Car Campaign could be for you. Call the National Kidney Foundation of Northeast New York at 1-800-999-9697 and join the drive against kidney disease. The car doesn't have to be in running condition and you may be eligible for a year end tax break.

The National Kidney Foundation will pick up your car, boat, motorcycle or RV and get that extra mile out of it by turning it into funds for patient service programs and research support. It is the ultimate recycling program.



TOMORROW'S CHILD

A Pregnancy & Parenting Referral and Information Line. Call Toll Free 1-800-640-4558

ELECTION RESULTS ARE FINALLY FINAL!

After much delay in counting the absentee ballots, Rudy Meola, a retired school administrator, was declared the winner by a vote of 243-211 for a seat on the Hague Town Board. He was opposed by Incumbent Jim Braisted. He will serve for a year in the unexpired term of Karen Laundree.



HAGUE WILL HOST MAJOR BASS TOURNAMENT

From Virginia to Maine, 156 championship fishermen from 13 states will gather in Hague next Sep. for the BASS Federation's Eastern Division Tournament.

The week-long event Sep. 24-29 will be headquartered at Silver Bay Assoc./YMCA Conference Center, overlooking the shores of Northern Lake George. Hague already bills itself as Basstown, USA because of the reputation it has among anglers throughout the country. This nationally-sanctioned event is expected to attract hundreds, if not thousands or more fishermen for quite some time to come.

The Eastern Division Tournament rotates among the 13 member states each year.

We're very excited that we're bringing a great deal of national attention to Lake George and Warren County," Hague Chamber of Commerce President Dave Martucci said.

The community and surrounding region will be the topic of numerous magazine and metropolitan newspaper articles, along with coverage on TNN television network. This event has the potential of generating more than \$300,000 in tourism revenue for the Lake George-Warren County area, Martucci said.

BASS National Director Don Corkran said three days of practice will be held Sunday through Tuesday, followed by competition Wednesday through Friday. In addition, many people are expected to visit the area throughout the summer to "pre-fish" Lake George and become familiar with its waters and scenery, earning it the distinction as "Queen of American Lakes."

There are some wonderful little communities that sit on fabulous bodies of water," Corkran declared.

After surveying Hague recently, with leaders of the New York State BASS Federation, he became convinced this setting is just right for a major competition.

One 12-person team will represent each of the division's 13 states, vying for cash prizes and awards. Next, the top fisherman from each state will advance to the Wrangler/BASS National Championship, which has \$50,000 in cash prizes and awards. There are five separate regional divisions across the country, encompassing 46 states and three nations. From the National Championship, five anglers, the top point scorers from each division, will advance to the BASS Masters Classic, considered the granddaddy of all bass tournaments.

The scheduling of the Eastern Division coincides with the Adirondack area's display of colors found during the foliage season.

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Hague has a place in many fishermen's hearts throughout New York. Each June the state BASS Federation kicks off its season here with the year's first tourney, an event that normally draws about 210 entrants.

It's very exciting," stated Federation Vice President Scott Franck. "I understand the economic impacts. Tourism is very important."

During the tournament, day trips will be organized for spouses of fishermen, allowing shopping and sight-seeing opportunities.

On competition days, anglers hit the water at first light and must return in time for a 2:30PM weigh-in. Their high-powered boats travel up to 70 mph, giving them time to travel to all areas of the lake, locating a fishing hotspot before returning to headquarters with a prize catch.

In addition to bass events, Hague is well-known as a year-round outdoorsman's paradise.

NATURE NEWS

Laura Meade

The Black-capped Chickadee is one of the most adored and most watched bird in our area in the winter. We see it often flitting from limb to limb, dashing to a feeder for a sunflower seed, then flying to a nearby branch to crack open the seed. One marvels at its survival in this cold climate. Where does it go at night? How does it tolerate bitter temperatures? Do colonies gather together in a dead tree or other nook to keep warm? Do the birds communicate somehow as to where food can be found? How can one bird compete with large flocks that appear as the winter season approaches?

Recent research has provided some amazing answers to a few of these questions. Not to worry: just when the Black-capped Chickadee needs to sharpen its thinking and to know where food is found and stored, the little creature's brain swells with a burst of memory and spatial concept. And, in order to save space in its tiny head, old brain cells die off as new ones grow. The birds that have copious provision of seeds display less neuronal turnover than their more challenged counterparts. Scientists are now proving that a Black-capped Chickadee's brain really can, under certain circumstances, discard old cells and fashion new ones.

If this bird is capable of such regeneration, what about other species such as mammals, reptiles or fish? To answer that there needs to be much more research as to how one defines a unit of memory. How can memory (or lack of it) be measured? Humans are just beginning to understand the complexities of survival and adaptation by other species.

For instance, a Black-capped Chickadee lives normally about 12 years as compared with a rodent's 18 month span. Therefore, the bird needs enough brain power to get through a dozen difficult seasons but, in order to fly, it must have very little weight so even the weight of the brain has to be minimal.

Scientists have concluded that humans must get along with the neurons they are born with. A person cannot grow new brain cells but can continue to devise new learning connections in the brain.

Without a doubt much more research will "spin off" from this latest "bird brain" discovery! For instance, is brain growth greater in those humans who need or desire more to survive and succeed. It's something to think about when you see that little Chickadee at the feeder.

WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

It seems that I just finished talking about last winter and now it has started all over again. I thought it was writer's block but I guess I simply didn't want to admit it is winter so soon.

The unseasonably warm and comfortably lengthy fall wooed me into a false feeling that the beautiful weather would last a little longer. People will long remember the lovely weather of the fall of 1994 in which we had clear sun-filled days with temperatures in the 50's and 60's which lasted right up until Thanksgiving week. This winter abruptly entered Nov. 23 as thermometers dropped to 10 degrees at night. We experienced messy snow and sleet on Nov. 28 with intermittent squalls for the last three days of Nov. On Dec. 7 we received four inches of snow lake-side and two more inches on Dec. 10. As is December's trademark, the nights leading up to the full moon (which is Dec. 17 this year) have been wonderfully luminescent. The new snow has given the town of Hague a very festive ambience and combined with the local decorations makes Hague look like the picture postcard it is.

CHRISTMAS AT HANCOCK HOUSE

Be sure to visit the Hancock House in Ticonderoga during the holiday season. The Historical Society has gone all out in dressing it up for the season. A display of trees from various individuals and organizations is on display, along with various and sundry holiday decorations. Don't miss it. This house is a delight to see at any time of year, but most especially at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS ALL AROUND THE TOWN

Hague is alldressed up in its winter finery. The Community Center is sheer magic. A ceiling high tree decks the large activity room, along with wreaths, Santas, candles, etc. in almost every available space. Outside the snow glistens on the trees in front of the building and lights twinkle on three of them. A "Letters to Santa" box is on the porch, all lit up for little boys and girls to drop their letters. Meandering down the street toward Rt. 9N, a beautifully lit Christmas tree is in its usual spot near the welcome sign to Hague and another town tree in the park. If one drives around town, all the houses are brightly lighted to welcome Santa to our town. Wreaths adorn doors and mailboxes and one knows immediately that we are truly ready for the wonderful Day. . . dh

New Year's Eve is when you push celebrating into overdrive. So remember, if you're old enough to drink, you're old enough to call for a ride.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB OF HAGUE

Fifty-eight Hague senior citizens enjoyed a delightful luncheon and gift exchange at Eddie's Restaurant on December 9. Special guests (not seniors!) were Supervisor Belden and wife Janice and the town secretaries.

Carol Brown, chairman of the Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for the coming year as follows: Janet Hoffay & Dottie Henry, Co-presidents; Audrey O'Brien, first vice president, Marguerite West, 2nd vice-president and treasurer and Georgina Lindquist, secretary. These officers were duly installed.

The Hague Senior Citizen Club cordially welcomes any Hague resident over the age of 50 to come to its club meetings which are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM in the Community Center. We are an active group and have a lot of fun together. **Next meeting - January 24, 1995, 1:30PM**

Senior citizens were treated to a wonderful Thanksgiving turkey dinner on November 18 at the Ticonderoga Middle School. Almost 300 area seniors attended. The dinner was prepared by the cafeteria workers, served by students and contributed as a gift to the community seniors by Dick Ravelin and family, of the Ticonderoga Market, with donations from his suppliers. **WE REALLY APPRECIATED IT. THANKS LOADS, DICK.**

For Hague seniors, the Silver Bay Association prepared and served an elegant luncheon at the Silver Bay Association. It was prepared by Michelle Brunet (on her vacation time!), and served by members of the staff. **THANKS SBA FOR YOUR EFFORTS. THEY ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

On December 20, the seniors of the entire Ticonderoga area will be treated to a Christmas turkey dinner (a repeat of the Thanksgiving dinner) with the hosts being The Kiwanis Club and served by the Key Club. **THIS IS AN ANNUAL EVENT AND ENJOYED BY ALL WHO ATTEND.**

Now - do you really want to know what the seniors do in Hague in the winter? They eat!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC IS HELD ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. THIS IS OPEN TO ALL HAGUE RESIDENTS. Next screening is on January 18 at 1:00PM.

GLENS FALLS SYMPHONY HOME TOUR

The Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra will sponsor the annual holiday home tour on Sunday, Dec. 18 from noon to 4 PM. Homes to be visited include the colonial revival at 528 Glen St owned by Lawrence & Ann Attanasio, the home of Janice Hazewski and the Chapman Historical Museum on Glen St. Also homes owned by Gary and Susan Higley on Coolidge Ave, Frank and Rita Imbimbo on Bay Rd and David and Sari Erlanger on Ft. Amherst.

Advance sale tickets are now available for \$8 by calling 793-1348, or at the door for \$10.00. Refreshments and music are planned at the Chapman Historical Museum which is the final stop on the tour.

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Just in case you missed it in last month's issue, we have changed our mailing system just a wee bit. The date that now appears on your address label (look at it) is the date that **WE HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**. (Previously we used the date you last contributed). In other words if the date is Jul 95, that means we received a contribution from you in Jul 94. We believe this will be a little easier for us and you. **REMEMBER:** we consider each contribution a one-year contribution unless you state otherwise, since we have no idea how generous some of you people can be! **WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE IT.** Since postal rates are going up soon, this will make our mailing more expensive. Please keep that in mind.

I am certainly not infallible. If your date is wrong, please let me know, so that I can change it in the computer. Please also send any change of addresses (including the add on zip. I have papers come back to me with no forwarding address, and then I am stumped! . . .dh

This is the month we pay tribute to Santa Claus, a man who has done more promising than anyone can, without being a politician.

RAFFLES IN JEOPARDY

A meeting was held on Dec. 12 with the town board and representatives from various community groups. This was in reference to the new Raffle law, which our NY state legislators have seen fit to put into law on Jan 22, 1995. This states, in summary, that raffles may be held only if each raffle is registered with the town, with a registration fee of \$25.00. If the same raffle goes on in another town, it must also be registered there. A percentage of that fee (40%) goes to the town. Each raffle must be reported to the town clerk when it is over. Forms need to be filled in and filed. By the time all this is done, there isn't much left of the money which was collected.

It was discussed in great length and was decided that we would continue the way we have for the past many years. It will have to be policed by the sheriff's department and that is highly unlikely. Each organization which conducts a raffle will be responsible for any legal matters concerning its raffle. It is hoped that the legislators will amend the law to include groups who don't make a killing on their raffles. It was suggested that we write to them and ask them to amend the law by putting a cap (maybe \$2,000 or \$5,000) on the amount that could be made and this would eliminate most of our worries. If you feel strongly about this law, write to Senator John A. DeFrancisco, Rm. 903, LOB, Albany, NY 12247; Assemblyman Joseph Robach, Rm. 643, LOB, Albany, NY 12247, Senator Ron Stafford, PO Box 243, Lake George, NY 12845; Assemblyman James King, 21 Bay St., Glens Falls, NY 12801. **MAKE YOUR VOICE BE HEARD.**

The night of December 24th is when, if you call the North Pole, you get a recorded message saying, "Hi, this is Santa. I'm not in right now, but....."

SOUNDINGS

BORN: A boy, Alexander Garret MacDowell, to Astrid and Richard MacDowell, Emerson, NJ. on Nov 14, 1994. Grandparents are Mac and Mariyn MacDowell, Silver Bay and Tenafly, NJ.

BORN: A boy, William Michael, to Sandy (Barth) and Bob Powell, summer residents of Overbrook Drive, Hague, in Glens Falls on November 29. William is the grandson of Betty and Jack Barth, Hague and Oakridge, NJ and great grandson of Mrs. Bittman Barth, Leavenworth, KS.

BORN: A girl, Jordan Elizabeth on December 9 to Lori (Granger) and Glenn McKee. Grandparents are Mort and Fran Granger, Putnam and Jim and Jean McKee, Hague.

ENGAGED: Kathleen Marie, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hudak, Ticonderoga, to Rev. Bruce Neumann Torrey, son of the Rev. & Mrs. Robert Torrey of New Bern, NC. Kathy is formerly from Hague, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Skidmore College and received her Master's degree at Alfred Univ. where she is now employed as Associate Director of Admissions and Co-ordinator of Graduate Transfer & International Admissions. Rev. Torrey is Rector of the Episcopal Tri-Parish Ministry, Homell, NY. An April 30, 1995 wedding is planned in Homell.

MARRIED: William Christian Geils, son of John and Virginia Geils, Silver Bay, to Nancy Ann Vincent in Greenwich, CT. Guest of honor was Bill's 99-yr old grandmother, Alda Geils, Greenwich, who worked as a waitress at Silver Bay during the summer of 1916.

MARRIED: Dolores G. Ostrander and Edward W. Bell, both of Glens Falls, on Sept 24 at Sabbath Day Point Chapel. The bride is the daughter of the late George and Ada Ostrander

MARRIED: Sylvia Jo Hillyard and Clifton Wyndham Pannell on December 9 in Athens, GA. Mr. Pannell is the son-in-law of Mrs. Harry (Betty) deBuys, Birmingham, AL and Hague, NY.

DIED - Robert M. Hoyt, 82 on December 10 in the Glens Falls Hospital. Mr. Hoyt was instrumental in establishing the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. and getting the state to license it. He was Fire Chief for 32 years and was currently president. He was a life-long member of The Hague Baptist Church. He and his wife Ada, who died in 1993 were proprietors of The Hague Super Market until 1980. He is survived by his sister, Viola Gallant and several nieces and nephews. Contributions in his memory may be made to the HVFD or the Hague Baptist Church.

CAPTAIN CHARLES HENDERSON III relieved Captain Robert Cote as Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital, Newport on Friday, Dec 2, 1994. Capt. Henderson has been decorated with the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Ser-

vice Medal with two stars, Navy Commendation Medal and Navy Achievement Medal. He is the son of the late Capt. Charles Henderson, Jr. who, with his family, was a long-time summer resident of Hague.

THS ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

131 students qualified for perfect attendance awards at Ti High School during the first marking period. They were rewarded with refreshments in the cafeteria during activity period on Nov 4. The program is operated by the Building Leadership Team in cooperation with guidance. There is a strong link between attendance and performance.

HAGUE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN FALL SPORTS

The following Hague students were participants in the fall athletic program at Ti Central School: JV Football - Steve Barnaby; Modified Football - Ken Andrea, Pat Andrea, Thor Gautreau; JV Soccer - Patricia Corliss, Brittany Stull; Modified Soccer - Crissy Lawrence; Varsity Gymnastics, Michelle DeFranco; Modified Gymnastics - Christine Frasier, Eve Trombley; Girls' Cross Country - Monica Johnson, Lauren Mack; Boys' Modified Cross Country - Greg Fitzgerald

ACHIEVEMENT ROLL FOR TI MIDDLE SCHOOL

The following is the achievement roll for the first quarter at Ticonderoga Middle School.
6th Grade: Katie Breitenbach, Anne Johnson, Josh Plass.
7th Grade: Tavish Costello, Peter Hutchinson, Kathryn Rutkowski, Eve Trombley. 8th Grade: Michelle DeFranco, David Fitzgerald, Thor Gautreau, Crissy Lawrence.

THIRD GRADERS STEP BACK IN TIME

Students in the third grade at Ticonderoga Elementary School recently spent a day looking back-all the way back to the 1800's! A day was spent visiting the 1812 Homestead in Willsboro where students dipped candles, split rails for fences, helped a blacksmith, attended lessons in a one room schoolhouse and much more! A hot turkey dinner brought from school was served to the children by parishioners from the Willsboro Methodist Church.

*Put out the lights now!
Look at the Tree, the rough tree dazzled
In oriole plumes of flame,
Tinselled with twinkling frost fire, tasselled
With stars and moon -- the same
That yesterday hid in the spinney and had no fame
Til we put out the lights now.
So feast your eyes now
On mimic star and moon-cold bauble;
World may wither unseen,
But the Christmas tree is a tree of fable --
A phoenix in evergreen,
And the world cannot change or chill what its mysteries mean to
your hearts and eyes now.*

--From "The Christmas Tree" by C. Day Lewis 12/94

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DEC./JAN. '95

December

- 17 Fish & Game Club Christmas party (p2)
- 18 Master Singers - Queensbury Hotel, G.F. 7PM (p2)
- 21 Blood Pressure Clinic - 1-2PM - Town Center
- 21 School Board meeting - 7:30PM - THS Cafeteria
- 21 Committee for Town Center meeting - 1:30PM
- 22 Middle Sch. Talent Show - 8:15AM - Middle Sch. Cafe.
- 22 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM
- 27 Kids Night Out - 6:30-8:30PM - Town Center (p1)
- 28 End of Year Town Board meeting - 6:30PM

January

- 3 Home Bureau - 10AM, Community Building
- 5 Plananing Board - 7PM
- 10 Hague Chronicle Deadline
- 10 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 17 Home Bureau - 10AM, Community Building
- 18 Blood Pressure Clinic - 1-2PM
- 24 Senior Citizens Club - 1:30PM
- February 11 - Big Band Charity Ball (p2)

The Magic of the Mobile

When you move just one piece on a mobile, the other places move in response.

So 't is in life - if you change yourself, those people with whom you are connected will respond to your changes.

We may not be able to change the world, but changes we make in ourselves (what we do and how we act), can make an important difference.

In our families - What if we were unconditionally loving?

In our relationships with others - What if we were more affirming, patient, and forgiving?

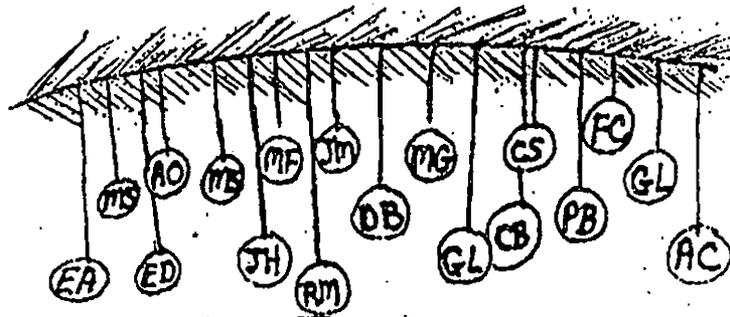
For our environment - What if we used less and reused more?

In our community - What if we gave more of our time and talent?

In our faith - What if we were more trusting in God's grace?

During the holidays and in the year ahead, let us all try to "move our piece of the mobile" to make this world a better place to live. It begins with each one of us.

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