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THE HAGUE CHRONICLE STAFF WISHES A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL OUR READERS. Mig, Alison, Billie, Dottie and Jack - and all our other elves.

CHRISTMAS 1981

That the animals talk at mid-night on Christmas Eve has long been one of the most cherished bits of our folklore. Stories, plays, children's drawings have dwelt on this age old legend through the years.

When we were more of an agrarian society, the connection between the scene at the Manger and talking beasts could be easily understood. Now, with Santas descending into shopping malls from helicopters - computer games lighting up the television screen before Thanksgiving, what do we tell the small children of the wonder surrounding the Great Event that took place in Bethlehem nearly 2000 years ago?

In spite of the commercialism of this most beautiful of holidays, tradition dies hard. The following appeared in one of our leading magazines during the Bicentennial year.

"The good values of our heritage are in vigorous health. Perhaps nowhere is that more apparent than in America's churches, old and new, elaborate and modest. Filled with humanity and good will - garlanded with greenery and candles...our churches during Christmas are indeed in their greatest glory."

So we take heart that in many homes - still - little creches, made with wooden coat hangers, are lovingly assembled. Perhaps the oxen are plastic, the Babe made of some rubber material. Does it matter? The animals in city shelters or kennels gossip about the extra milk-bone they received. An ancient horse, put out to pasture years ago whispers comforting words to a lonely owner. At midnight on Christmas Eve we know Peace on Earth will become a reality - at best Peaceful co-existence...MB

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA

On Sunday, December 20, the cantata, "A Star in the Sky" by Bruce Carleton, will be presented at 7:30 at the Hague Baptist Church. This will be a *COMMUNITY* undertaking. An all volunteer choir will be directed by Linda Azer and accompanied by Beverly Hudak, organist. Soloists are Linda Azer, Kathi Hudak, Rev. Kenneth Taber and Wilford Hutchinson. A children's chorus will sing prior to the presentation of the cantata and a carol sing and candlelight service will follow, ending with a reception in the church annex.

It is still not too late to join the chorus. Rehearsals at 2 p.m. on Sundays at the church. For children, rehearsals will be held at the church on Saturdays, beginning Dec. 5 at 1:00 pm.

SCHOOL BOARD - NOV. 17

Board of Education authorized the refund of school tax to William and Patricia Brennan in the amount of \$2,034.19 as ordered by the State Supreme Court, County of Warren.

(See Town Board news)

It was reported that a cash flow problem exists because the state aid payment is being delayed. An internal audit was set up to pay bills as money is available.

Dr. Verdone announced that he would recommend a 5¢ increase in all lunches, plus 5¢ increase in the price of milk, beginning in January.

A status report on the Middle States Evaluation was given by the chairpersons of the steering committees of the three schools. During this school year the schools are involved in self-evaluation. Next year a committee from Middle States will spend some time in the schools evaluating them. If Ticonderoga is accredited by Middle States, it will be a real advantage to the students, particularly in relation to college acceptance.

Dr. Verdone suggested the December meeting be held at the Middle School. A demonstration of the computers there will be given.

The Board approved the appointment of Valerie May of Hague as Assistant School Census Taker...DJH

LUCKY SEVEN?

Beginning on Friday, November 20, all Hague residents with 543 exchanges now must dial ALL seven digits when placing a call to another phone in the Hague exchange. Hague has been linked to a new electronic communications system. Along with the need to dial 7 numbers for local calls will go the elimination of the need to give your telephone number when placing station-to-station long distance calls...AC

SEASON ATHLETIC PASSES

Season passes for all home boys' basketball games (12) are available in the High School office during school hours, or may be purchased at the first game on December 4. Cost is \$10, a savings of 44% over individual admissions.

Season pass for girls' basketball will be \$4 for six home games, a savings of over 50%. These may be purchased at school office or at first game on January 7.

Senior citizens will be admitted to all Ticonderoga H.S. sponsored events free of charge. Contact Mrs. Belden in Central Administration building during business hours for admission passes...DJH

HAGUE FISH AND GAME CLUB

The Hague Fish and Game Club will hold its Christmas party on December 15 at the club house for members and their families. Each member is asked to bring a dish of their choice for the buffet. Also each person attending should bring a gift for exchange. Those having children should bring a gift suitable for children.

There will be a short meeting and dinner time will be around 6PM. Come and enjoy.

At the November meeting the gun was raffled off and won by Donald Fraser of Albany, NY...GS

ELECTION RESULTS

The winning candidates in the November 3 elections were:  
RICHARD E. BOLTON, Supervisor  
MARYALICE HALL, Town Clerk  
HARVEY YAW, Town Justice  
RICHARD A. FRASIER, Councilman  
AARON M. MIDDLETON, Councilman  
DANIEL BELDEN, Supt. of Highways  
JAMES R. MCKEE, Assessor-2 yrs.  
WILLIAM D. FOSTER, Assessor-4yrs

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*There is no greater gift than to give of yourself. That's what the true spirit of Christmas is all about...Woman's Day*

HONOR ROLL - 1ST QUARTER

The following Hague students are on the Honor Roll for the first quarter at Ticonderoga High School:

FIRST HONORS: Kathi Hudak and Rudolph Meola. 2ND HONORS: Jennifer Belden, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Michael Meola and Timothy Strum. CONGRATULATIONS!

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH: Beginning on December 6, Rev. Van Vliet will tell a continuous story, "The Well of the Star" to the children. This will be concluded on Dec. 27.

HAGUE WESLEYAN CHURCH: A Christmas program including recitations by the children and an original play by the Youth Group will be held at 10:30 a.m. on December 20.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH: Christmas masses will be held at 5:15 on Thursday, December 24 and at 9 AM on Christmas Day.

SHOW AND TELL

The Hague Historical Society will hold its annual SHOW AND TELL at 7:30 on December 16 at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Cole at Silver Bay. Each member or guest is encouraged to bring an item of historical interest to "show and tell".

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FRICASSEED PIGS EARS

Take 3 or 4 pigs ears and boil them very tender. Cut them in small pieces the length of your finger and fry them in butter until they are brown. Put them in a stew pan with a little brown gravy, a lump of butter, a spoonful of vinegar, and a little mustard and salt which is thickened with flour. Slices of heart may be substituted for the pigs ears.

Buffalo ears are difficult to make tender and should be pickled. For Christmas dinner, maybe?..AC

NEW FLAG

Thanks to a concerned friend, a new flag is flying once again on the pole at Hague Blessed Sacrament Church. The previous flag had been stolen some time ago.

THE ART OF THE NATIVITY

On Sunday, December 13, the Carillon Garden Club will hold an open house at the Hancock House in Ticonderoga, between the hours of 12 and 5 PM. Featured will be a display of creches belonging to members of the Garden Club. Music will be provided by THE SPIRIT OF SOUND and members of the High School Chorus under the direction of Nelson Shapiro.

There will be no admission charge. The public is cordially invited to attend this presentation - The Carillon Garden Club's GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY.

WELCOME HOME, JACK!

The CHRONICLE staff is so pleased to announce that our treasurer, Jack Kennedy, is home from the hospital after recovering from his recent heart attack.

If you recently sent a check to the Chronicle, and it is a little slow coming back, we hope you will understand the reason for the delay...AC

PENSION AND ANNUITY INCOME TAX EXCLUSION

In an unprecedented effort to assist senior citizens living on fixed retirement incomes, the Legislature passed a law which will permit people, beginning in tax year 1982, to exclude certain retirement pension and annuity income of up to \$20,000 from the State income tax. This law is expected to save elderly taxpayers between \$55 and \$60 million annually. (Chapter 103 A 4043-A)

WEATHER OR NOT 11/18/81

WIPS RELOCATES.

November has seen a neat average weather pattern return for the end of Fall. Nights have been cool in the 30's with the coldest on Graphite of 10°F and on the lake of 22°F.

The beginning of November brought six days of moderate sun and no rain. This helped to average the below normal temperatures giving a monthly total of 719 heating degree day units and a total for the year of 1575. Precipitation has come in all forms, as rain, sleet, and snow. The first real snow fall came on November 7th with 1-2 in. on the mountain tops. The water temperature is currently 45°F.

Time to bring in the last of the Swiss chard and carrots. Now my attention turns to checking over the woodlot. Fall is a good time to thin out dead and diseased trees or crowded new growth. Do leave a couple dead standing trees (away from the buildings and wires) for the woodpeckers. If you harvest sparingly there should be no need for planting. With our mixed hardwood forest a 4-6 acre lot should be able to supply a family unit using four or five cords forever if properly managed. Care and understanding of one's natural resources make for a long and fruitful life.

Best wishes for the Christmas Season...Eloc Salguod

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Persons interested in a job as a part-time OPERATOR, or part-time LABORER, Please contact Dan Belden at the Highway Garage for an application. An application can also be picked up at the Town Hall. Persons interested must have a NY State Class 3 license.

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A very Merry Christmas filled with happiness and cheer  
And may the Holiday Spirit be with you all through the New Year!

Radio Station WIPS, destroyed by fire in October, has been operating from a trailer loaned to it by International Paper Co. The station's new home will be located on Lake George Ave., Ticonderoga in the building that has been THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY DRY CLEANERS for so many years. The Warner Cooks, owners of the cleaning establishment, will be retiring. With the relocation of WIPS the sound of the train whistle in the background will be a thing of the past...AC

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Santa and his elves will be arriving in Ticonderoga on Saturday, December 5. A parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Ti merchants, will be held at 1:00 starting at the Liberty Monument...DJH

NOISY BOATS

Following up last month's letter from David Soliday about noisy motor boats - Mr. Soliday received a letter from LGA regarding his concerns. The LGA has been wrestling with this issue for some time. At this time there is no regulation concerning this. Anyone who might have a suggestion on how to control this problem, or would like to express his concern, should write to the LGA...DJH

AND SO IT GOES

N.Y. Times, Nov. 3, 1981 Headlines - "High Acidity is Found in Many New York Streams." The Adirondack Council writes us "Helping to combat the devastating effect of acid precipitation is a high priority of the Adirondack Council."

happy holidays

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

In a recent letter from Jerry Solomon, Congressional Representative from our 29th NY District, he writes that he is sponsoring three bills in the House of Representatives to correct ... "the many overbearing and harraassing techniques employed by the IRS..."

"Specifically, these bills would:  
--provide for reimbursement by the IRS for accounting and legal fees incurred by the taxpayer if the private citizen prevails in a court case brought against him by the IRS;

--require a court order to be issued prior to the seizure of any property by the IRS;

--force the IRS to assume the burden of proof rather than the individual taxpayer suspected of error or wrongdoing; and

--provide additional public assistance in tax proceedings, such as the publication of easy to understand materials outlining taxpayers' rights, and the establishment of an Assistant Commissioner to act as an ombudsman within the IRS."

Individuals with opinions on the above may write to Gerald Solomon, Room 323 Cannon Bldg., Washington, DC 20505, or your own representative...AC

NEWS FROM APA

A new high-technology microcomputer was installed last October at the APA's Ray Brook headquarters. The computer will enhance the Agency's capacity to store, retrieve and analyze information vital to the long range planning program for the Adirondack Park.

Called a Geographic Information System (GIS), the computer will be used to store and analyze electronically the vast amounts of natural resource, economic and demographic technical information compiled during the agency's ten-year administration in the park.

TOWN BOARD NEWS

A pre-trial settlement has been negotiated in the suit of William Brennan to have his property tax assessment reduced on his Hague property. His assessment has been reduced and the Town agreed to a payment of \$543.19 to Dr. Brennan.

County taxes will be increasing 105% due to cuts in Federal and State aid, but local taxes will increase by only 17%. Hourly workers are receiving a 50¢ per hour increase but elected officials are receiving the same salaries as in 1981. The main reason for the budget increase is that mandated expenses such as insurance and utilities have all increased.

William Jordon has resigned as dog warden. Applications for the position may be obtained at the Town Hall.

The Town Board decided to table the decision to plant more locust trees in the park until next year.

The two architectural firms hired by International Paper Co. to conduct a feasibility study on converting the former Hague school building into apartments has been completed. IP is now considering these plans, but no decision has been reached at this time...AC

FINAL NOTICE RE: DOCKS

On or before January 1, 1982, your existing dock or wharf must be registered with NYS Dept. of EnCon if you wish to continue to maintain the structure without a permit. A permit will be required to change the dock or wharf size or shape or to make repairs below the mean water line. Each detached structure must be registered separately and boat houses are included. A dock that is not registered will not be certified as pre-existing. There are also new regulations regarding marinas and property owners who rent dock space. Registration forms and additional information can be obtained from NYS Dept of EnCon, Warrensburg, NY 12885...AC

SCHOOL FOLLOW-UP to Father Martin's program on Alcoholism. Dalton Marks, Ticonderoga High School principal says that community, parent and student response to Father Martin's talk was excellent.

Mr. Marks emphasizes that alcoholism (Drug & Tobacco Abuse) is not just a school problem, it is a community problem and a nationwide problem.

The TI school intends to continue to invite prominent speakers - athletes; musicians, business people - and others known and admired by young people. These men and women can describe the negative impact of alcohol, drugs and tobacco in terms of their own lives and careers: the deteriorating effect on the mind, the degrading effect on the personality, the destruction of skills and talent needed in their jobs.

The school also hopes to initiate a program wherein students with a positive attitude to life and to work are trained to counsel their fellow students.

Dates and details will be announced...BDG

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CHORALE CONCERT

Sponsored by the Ticonderoga Festival Guild, Inc., the Champlain Valley Chorale will present the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 6. Also included will be compositions by Britten, Vaughan Williams, Mendelssohn, Wade and others. Under the direction of James Conley, the chorale will be joined by guest soloists Grace Trombley, Linda Hall, Benjamin Davies and Ron Wood. Leslie Laramie is the organist and Joyce Mouradian, harpist, with Lisa Mazotte the accompanist. Advance tickets are now on sale, or they may be purchased at the door. Donations are \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students - children under 12 free.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 - 4:00 PM

FUEL ASSISTANCE

The fuel assistance program for low income families in Warren Co. cannot start until final approval is received from the Federal Govt. and the money arrives from Washington via Albany, to Warren Co.

Aid will be available to single person homes with monthly income of up to \$538; two persons, \$717; three persons \$885; four persons, \$1,056; five persons \$1,229; six persons, \$1,401; seven persons, \$1,574; eight persons, \$1,746; nine persons, \$1,919; and ten persons, \$2,019.

Payments will range from \$140 to \$160 for the winter, depending on income and number of persons in the family.

Warren Co. has been approved for a total of \$241,735. Of this \$25,705 is to cover administrative expenses and \$11,400 for weather related and supply-shortage emergencies...AC

DOCK 'N DINE SUB-DIVISION

Following a public hearing on November 5, the Town Planning Board approved the preliminary plans for the sub-division of the Dock 'N Dine site on Rt. 9N in Hague. This area is zoned as Primary Hamlet and requires a minimum of 6,000 sq. ft. of land per principal building. The proposal has four 60-ft. lake shore lots and five back lots plus a common beach area. A common sewage area containing two 2,000 gallon septic tanks will service the nine homes. Each home will have its own drilled well. The Dock 'N Dine building will be torn down. Gary Koneikowski and Robert Sweet are the developers.

It is interesting to note that only one Hague resident attended the hearing, besides the members of the Planning Board and administrator...AC

SOUNDINGS

BORN - a son, Wyatt Walter, to Kay (Goff) and Walter Wells of Split Rock Road on November 6. Grandmother - Mrs. Margaret Wells.

- a son, David Charlton, to Felisa and John Van Leeuwen on November 10 in Schenectady. Grandparents - Rev. & Mrs. Neil Van Leeuwen of Silver Bay & Scotia.

DIED - Harold K. Chamberlain Sr. a former resident of Sabbath Day Point, in Shreveport La. on November 11.

- Charles C. Parlin, 83, of Silver Bay and New York City on November 15 in NYC. Mr. Parlin was a former president of the World Council of Churches and World Methodist Council. Survivors include his wife Kaye, two sons and a daughter, all summer residents of Hague.

- Mrs. Louise Prentiss, a resident of Split Rock Rd., sister of Mrs. Mabel Smith and aunt of Dolly and Jack Kennedy, Pine Cove, on November 16 in Moses Ludington Hospital.

- Mrs. Gladys (Denno) Monroe, widow of Peter Monroe and former resident of Hague, On November 17.

JUDGE AND MRS. HARVEY YAW, New Hague Road, celebrated their 60TH wedding anniversary on November 27. They have 9 children, 37 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 2 great-greats. OUR CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES.

SCOTT PATCHETT has been named Varsity and JV Wrestling Coach for the coming season at THS.

E-1 BRUCE E. SHARPE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sharpe graduated from Great Lakes Naval Training Center on Oct. 9. He has reported to San Diego, Ca. for 19 weeks of school for Interior Communications.

KATHI HUDAK is one of six Ti Hi School students to be selected for the NYS Music Association Area All State Chorus. After two days of rehearsal, the chorus gave a public performance at Ausable Valley High School on November 21.

LYNN COFFIN recently finished as top gymnast in the State Section Gymnastics Championships. She was first in beam, bars, floor exercises and all-around, to become the outstanding gymnast at the meet. She will compete in the state Intersectional gymnastics championships at Carmel in March. She is a freshman!

ARTHUR BELDEN JR. was awarded honorable mention on the CVAC defensive team for the 1981 football season. He was also named Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 31) on the THS team. Arthur is a sophomore at THS.

JOHN R. HENRY, son of Mr. & Mrs. John T. Henry, was recently elected to membership in The American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers. He was also elected president of the International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineers in Puerto Rico, of which he is a charter member. To prove this all didn't weigh him down, he ran in a marathon in El Junque - 7 miles and 3,000 feet UP in 2 hr. 15 min.

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From our Poet-Editor comes this JINGLE

'Tis Christmas time, 'tis  
Christmas time  
Forget about inflation.  
Deck the halls, ring the  
bells  
The "in word" is ELATION  
...MB

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DECEMBER

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| 3 Veterans' Administrator - 11:30   | 16 El. Middle School Christmas Concert - 7:30                |
| 3 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.  | 16 Hague Historical Society - Home of Dr. & Mrs. Cole - 7:30 |
| 3 Planning Board - 7:30   | 17 Veterans' Administrator - 11:30                           |
| 3 Planetarium Show - THS - 7:30   | 17 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.                                  |
| 4 First Basketball Game - THS   | 17 Zoning Board of Appeals                                   |
| 5 Santa Parade - Ticonderoga-1:00   | 19 One-Act Play - THS - 8:00                                 |
| 6 Handel's Messiah - Champlain Valley Chorale - United Methodist Church - 4:00 PM | 20 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA - 7:30 (See p. 1)             |
| 7 PEARL HARBOR DAY  | 21 HANUKKAH BEGINS   |
| 8 Home Bureau - Wreath Making-10AM  | 24 Chronicle Deadline  |
| 8 Town Board - 6:30   | 24 Town Office Closed  |
| 9 THS Christmas Concert - 8 PM  | 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS   |
| 10 Veterans' Administrator - 11:30  | 30 Social Services Representative 10 - 4.                    |
| 13 The Art of the Nativity - Hancock House 12-5 (See p.3)                         |  |
| 15 Fish & Game Club Party (See p. 2)  |  |
| 15 School Board - 7:30 Middle Sch.  |  |

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THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

*Speak of your caring  
Understand and forgive  
Find beauty in others  
Reach out, be a friend  
LOVE*

*Encourage youth  
See the wisdom in age  
Take pleasure in nature  
Consider your blessings  
LAUGH*

*Remember the forgotten  
Trust yourself and others  
Admit your mistakes  
Be willing to change  
BELIEVE*

*Listen from within  
Make the time  
Strengthen your faith  
Work for your dreams  
HOPE*

...Nancy Steed

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