

HAGUE AMBULANCE

As reported in the October issue, Hague's ambulance is now a reality. The following are pertinent facts regarding the ambulance and the funding of same. We thank Mr. Walter Jacoby for passing on these facts to us:

1. Cost of new ambulance - \$36,000.
2. Money raised to date - \$20,500; Of this, approximately \$7500 has been raised since Oct. 1, 1982. A grant of \$5500 was received from the Glens Falls Foundation.
3. Much of the money raised to date has been raised by Hague residents through bake sales, dinners, raffles and memorial contributions.
4. Town of Hague supports operating expenses of Fire Dept. (including ambulance). All capital money must be raised by the Fire Dept. Fire protection and ambulance operations received \$15,000 from the town in 1982. They will receive \$20,000 in 1983.
5. Summer residents expect - and receive services.
6. Town population increases 5 times during summer. Ambulance had 23 runs in July, none in February 1982.
7. One only appreciates effectiveness of an ambulance when a loved one needs immediate medical attention and transport.
8. Approximately forty families who receive The Chronicle will need this service in 1983.

The new ambulance is a very much needed piece of equipment. It would save a great deal of money (in interest payments) if this debt could be paid off immediately.

During this Thanksgiving season, won't you give an extra "thank-you" to the Ambulance Squad in appreciation for their dedication and devotion to our community?...djh

ELECTION '82 - HAGUE

All candidates, running with Republican endorsement, won a plurality in Hague. The only candidates for local office were Raymond H. Laundree and Dorothy J. Henry. They were running for a one year term as councilman to fill the vacancy created by the death of John T. Henry on May 1.

Immediately following the closing of the polls the count from the voting machine was read. Mr. Laundree received 179 and Mrs. Henry 176. Absentee ballots were then counted. 15 were cast for Mr. Laundree and 21 for Mrs. Henry, giving Mrs. Henry 197 and Mr. Laundree 194. The losing party requested a recount either later that night or early in the morning of the 3rd. This was done at the Municipal Center in Lake George by the Warren County Board of Elections on Friday, Nov. 5 at 10 AM with both candidates present.

The voting machine was unlocked and all figures for all candidates were checked against the figures reported by the Hague election officials; no errors were found. Absentee ballots were then recounted. Five additional absentee ballots, mailed prior to Nov. 2, but received after Election Day, were opened and counted. No errors were found. 3 absentee ballots were for Mrs. Henry, 2 for Mr. Laundree. No ballots were challenged. The official figures for the election were: 196 for Mr. Laundree; 200 for Mrs. Henry. Mrs. Henry was declared the winner...ac

PURE WATERS

Excerpt from an article by Dr. C. Guy Suits, retired research scientist, who lives on Lake George and is a trustee of the L.G.A. Fund. This report on the first two years of water sampling project appeared in the Post Star Nov. 3, 1982. It has been abridged for publication.

"First two years of the Lake George monitoring program at the R.P.I. Fresh Water Institute, Bolton Landing, decided that Smith's Brook (a serious bacteria polluted area) would be a good place to battle shore pollution and had the full cooperation of the Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC). After extensive tests, the area of pollution input was narrowed down to a probable source, which was discussed with the owner of the nearest property. The gentleman was very cooperative and agreed to undertake an exploratory excavation in the neighborhood of his septic system, where a broken pipe was found. Repair of this pipe ended the Smith Brook pollution problem."

Ed. On a less positive note a new problem was discovered, the WETLANDS PHOSPHOROUS input to the Lake. However, we can remain optimistic that with this group of Scientific Watchdogs, the waters of our "national treasure" will remain pure. Our dollars ARE working for us...MB

DEFINITIONS FROM HAGUE ZONING BOOK

"STRUCTURE means any object constructed, installed or placed on land to facilitate land use and development or subdivision of land, such as buildings, sheds, single family dwellings, mobile homes, signs, tanks, fences and poles & any fixtures, additions & alterations thereto."

"SUBDIVISION OF LAND or SUBDIVISION means any division of land into two or more lots, parcels or sites, whether adjoining or not, for the purpose of sale, lease, license or any form of separate ownership or occupancy (including any grading, road construction, installation of utilities or other improvements or any other land use and development preparatory or incidental to any such division by any other person or by any group of persons acting in concert as part of a common scheme or plan. Subdivision of land shall include any map, plat or other plan of the

division of land, whether or not previously filed. Subdivision of land shall not include the lease of land for hunting and fishing and other open space recreation use."

"EXCAVATION means any extraction from the land of more than twenty (20) cubic yards of sand, gravel, clay, shale, rock, topsoil or other natural mineral deposits."

"LAND USE OR DEVELOPMENT or USE means any construction or other activity which materially changes the use or appearance of land or a structure or the intensity of the use of land on a structure. Land use and development shall not include any landscaping or grading which is not intended to be used in connection with another land use, or ordinary repairs or maintenance or interior alterations to existing structures or use."

There are 68 such definitions in the Town of Hague Zoning Ordinance.

One term used on page 54, section 8.020 is not defined. It reads, "The mere division of land resulting from bona fide gift, devise or inheritance by and from NATURAL PERSONS shall not be subject to review by the Hague Planning Board." For all of you who never knew, but were afraid to ask; "a natural person, in law, is any private person as distinguished from a corporation." Webster's unabridged Dictionary, 2nd edition, 1966.

Before you turn over the ground for a garden you had better read one more definition: "AGRICULTURAL USE means any management of any land for agriculture: raising of cows, horses, pigs, poultry, and other livestock; horticulture or orchards; including the sale of products grown or raised directly on such land; and including the construction, alteration or maintenance of fences, agricultural roads, agricultural drainage systems and farm ponds." "Agricultural Uses" are permitted in the areas zoned Resource Conservation which requires a minimum lot size of 40.0 acres...AC

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A FAT PAY RAISE FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, worth 27%. Members don't have to vote for it - it's automatic unless they vote to KILL it.

ONLY PROTESTS FROM THE PUBLIC will stop this. Write your congressman and senator if you object.

AN HISTORIC EVENT?

On Thursday, November 18, the new Hague Compactor will be initiated. The button will be pushed at 10 o'clock. Bring your trash and join in the fun at the Sanitary Landfill from 10 to 12 AM on the 18th. Dan Kane, County Planner, Dan Belden and the Town Board will be on hand for the celebration. Sandwiches and coffee will be served...djh

TOWN BOARD MEETING 11/9/82

Supervisor Bolton reported that the dredging of the Lake, the installation of large culverts, and the use of the dredged material to cover the culverts at the Van Voorhis property, south of the village, is being done with permits issued by various NY State agencies. The Town had not been notified by any of these agencies that this work was contemplated. Work was halted by local officials when it was observed that the equipment in the Lake was leaking oil. When an oil spill boom was installed, work resumed.

Alison Craig inquired into the Board's position regarding the continuation of a Developmental Administrator for Hague since funding for this position ends on 11/15/82. Bolton said that there are no funds for this position in the Hague budget and since the Administrator is responsible for the enforcement of APA rules, the APA should fund this position. Fred LaPann, Chairman of the Hague Planning Board, expressed strong support for the retention of the Developmental Administrator.

A letter was read from Doris Herwig, Warren Co. Bureau of Tourism, stating that the Bass Federation would like to have their kick-off tournament in Hague in 1983. Tentative dates to be either June 18 & 19 or June 25 & 26.

At the request of Bob Patchett, Sup. Bolton wrote to EnCon and the LGA to determine the cause of the extremely low level of the Lake this fall. Replies stated that a mistake was made in June of drawing

the lake too low. Gates were closed in mid-July. Lack of rain, use and evaporation caused the drop in the level of the lake.

Dan Belden, Highway superintendent, stated that his department's responsibility concerning school closing is to inform the superintendent of schools of road conditions in Hague. The school superintendent then decides if schools are to be closed or opening delayed.

At the December 14 meeting of the Town Board a Public Hearing will be held on Local Law #1. This law deals with the removal of dangerous buildings by the Town and the owner being billed for the cost. The complete text will be published in the Times of Ti and the Glens Falls Post Star...AC

ASSESSMENTS

According to Supervisor Bolton the assessed value of all properties in Hague increased \$409,000 in 1982. For each \$100,000 of added property value the tax rate drops 3¢, says Bolton. The 1982 budget allocated \$7,775 for assessors and the Assessment Board of Review...AC

HAGUE YOUTH FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

The Hague Baptist Church is holding after school activities for grades 1 through 6 each Thursday. Activities include games, crafts, story-telling, singing, and friendship. Dismissal will be 5 PM. All children are invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CRUSADERS

The Wesleyan Church, under the direction of Pastor Bruce, will be sponsoring a CYC group on Mondays after school. This is open to all children in grades 1 through 6. In addition to devotions and fellowship, the children will be working toward awards. Dismissal - 5 PM.

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*Real friends are those who, when you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel that you've done a permanent job...Anonymous*

AND EVERYBODY'S HAPPY

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A rather quiet All Hallows' Eve was experienced in Hague this year. Perhaps the many fine, carefully planned parties could account for that. We heard of parties in school and churches. The Hague Youth Commission, under the able leadership of Aggie Watts, reported two successful ventures held at the Fish and Game Club. 56 young children from one to twelve had their party from 6 - 7:30 PM. Then at 8 PM the 45 older ones frolicked as Disco Doc entertained until 11:00 PM. Refreshments were provided by parents and friends and a small fee was charged for Disco Doc's music. I was invited and was sorry I couldn't make it. Maybe next year. (I won't need a mask to scare you, kids!)...MB

On October 20, 62 people met at the Hague Baptist Church to view the video tape of Hague titled "Our Small Town", produced by Laurie Nelson, Marquis Walsh and Betty Schenck. The tape discussed three topics: History of Hague during the turn of the century to present days; Industry and its impact on the economy; and the future of Hague built upon the strength of the people and its serene setting. A discussion took place following the showing. All were extremely pleased with the production and were able to see their town presented in a clear and positive way. Currently the society is trying to find the possibility of obtaining the right to copy. The video tape will be shown during the summer or through special request to the Hague Hist. Soc.

MORE FUN FOR OUR YOUTH

On Saturday, October 23 the youth had a special treat bestowed upon them. Mr. William Hogle who operates a bus service in Ticonderoga was given a number of tickets to the Shriner's Circus in Glens Falls. He immediately called Aggie and offered them to her for the Hague children. Transportation to Glens Falls was included. Mr. Hogle made the statement that the children of Hague were a particularly well-behaved group. Isn't that good to hear? ...djh

The next meeting will be on Wed. Dec. 15, 7:30 PM at the Cole's residence on Silver Bay Rd. The annual Christmas party will feature a show and tell of old or unusual items by members and a brief report on the History of Hague to be published by the Society. The Christmas party will be the final meeting until April...Doug Cole, V.P.

LOGGERS TAKE NOTE

State law requires loggers and landowners to obtain permits from the Adirondack Park Agency for clearcutting in the park.

Landowners and loggers should write or call the agency regarding any planned clearcut and the agency will advise whether or not the cut will require a permit.

To obtain advice or permit applications, call Gregory Hill, Assistant Director of Operations at (800) 342-9566 or (518) 891-4050, or write: P.O. Box 99 Ray Brook, NY 12977.

C.P.R. COURSE

Gary Boyd has announced that he will conduct a course in CPR on Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20. The course will begin at 7:30 PM on Friday night and continue at 9:00 AM Sat. It will be held at the Fire Hall. John Coon and Doug Cole will assist. This course is open to anyone who is interested in becoming a CPR. The Fire Department would be happy to have more CPR's...djh

SAND BARRELS AVAILABLE

Barrels of sand are now available for the asking. Call the Town Shed at 543-6500.

VIEWPOINT

THE END OF AN ERA

One of our readers writes to us as follows:

"We read the October Chronicle with more than usual interest, primarily because of the VIEWPOINT editorial in September. Congratulations to the Town Board for asking for a review by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment. Let's hope they will take a look. They cannot fail to see the inequity of the Ticonderoga-Hague school tax - can they?"

"Ten years ago we purchased property in Hague. Our taxes this year on the same property, without any changes, are almost ten times higher than in '72. We love the Adirondacks; Hague is a lovely town; Lake George is beautiful, but we are getting a strange feeling now that the welcome mat has been pulled in and somebody has their hand in our pockets. I can imagine we are not alone with this feeling.

"It is hard to believe that a town with the rich heritage for colonial independence and pride of Ticonderoga can be so short-sighted. Do they really expect International Paper Co. and the town of Hague to pick up two-thirds of their school bill? Suppose I.P. Co. decides to move to a more congenial atmosphere, and Hague taxpayers decide they have had it. These are two possibilities not that far out.

"Please ask "AC", who wrote the Town Board Resolution for The CHRONICLE, to put those big \$'s in his computer and tell us how it comes out per student in Ticonderoga and Hague, and another set of figures in case I.P. Co. wins their suit. I'm sure most of Hague parents already know these figures, but we are from the South (southern Conn.) and get our Hague news from The CHRONICLE, in which we trust."

Ed. Note - Thanks for those kind words. It may take us a little while but we will try to come up with the figures requested...djh

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*In this busy old world,  
Let us never appear  
To neglect or forget those  
We hold most dear.*

...Author Unknown

Publisher Greg Norman announced that the TICONDEROGA SENTINEL had published its last issue on Oct. 27. The SENTINEL was first published on Feb. 7, 1874 and was in the hands of the Tefft family from 1888 until 1970.

In 1970 Mike and Nancy Connery founded THE TIMES OF TI which gave the SENTINEL some competition. In speaking of the demise of the SENTINEL, Mike writes, "It was the TICONDEROGA SENTINEL that put my snowbound, cafeteria supper amid the N.Y. City derilicks (stét) on their front page. There were a lot of us so-called writers who got a beginning with the TICONDEROGA SENTINEL and the N.Y. City story that pro- duce within me the feeling, "Hey I can write!" ...djh

WEATHER OR NOT 11/9/82

Summer lingers on not only in the mind but in the record books. On November 3 the temperature hit 74°F, marking the twelfth consecutive day above 60°F. Heating degree day units for the season are only 722, nearly 20% above average temperature. Old Enoc and Eban still seem to blame the strange weather on politics. Why just the other day Eban got so steamed since Enoc didn't show up to help stack the wood, that he went for a swim. Well, I would not recommend too long a swim, as the water temperature is now 52°F at the 18 inch level. The lake level is extremely low measuring 2.84 feet, usually 3.3 feet this time of year. Thus anyone with uninsulated pipes should take precautions by either adding an insulating covering or draining. The snows will come soon, so now is the time to prepare your garden. Throw any decomposed humus onto the garden and till before the ground freezes. Those of you trying to obtain rich soil should save your leaves and grass cuttings. After mixing a little dirt into your humus pile, soak well with water. The leaves will break down faster. Next year turn your pile over. After two years or less you should have your own black gold. Well, time to go and pick a few more ripe tomatoes, then pull the old dock out and hang up the swim trunks.

Starving for the "Big Feast"!

Eloc Salguod

"TO KNOW SOMEONE HERE OR THERE WITH WHOM YOU CAN FEEL THERE IS UNDERSTANDING IN SPITE OF DISTANCES OR THOUGHTS UNEXPRESSED... THAT CAN MAKE OF THIS EARTH A GARDEN."

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ZONING & PLANNING BOARDS

A minor sub-division of the Dan Belden property was granted to sell that portion containing the former Mary C. Beste residence with 1.3 acres.

The placement of patio blocks on sand and bound by 6 inch by 6 inch beams, next to the Springdale Manor home of the VanLeeuwens, was judged to be land-scaping and therefore does not require a variance. However, no additions of any type, including railings, shall be added.

Dr. Serlin's attorney, Robert Stewart, Esq., described to the Planning Board a proposal to make Dr. Serlin's deck/dock conform to Hague's shoreline regulation which states, "The minimum setback of all principal buildings and accessory structures in excess of 100 square feet, other than docks or boat-houses; from the mean high water mark shall be 50 feet in the Hamlet areas and Town Residential areas..." One of the three 3 feet x 40 feet piers was removed to make the dock conform to EnCon's configuration requirements which specify that all wharfs must be in either a straight, T, L, U or F - shape. This reduced the dock square footage from 1076 sq. ft. to 956 sq. ft. EnCon permits dock area to have a maximum of 700 sq. ft. Hague allows a maximum of 100 sq. ft. of structure within the 50 ft. set-back from the mean high water mark. The rear portion of the deck would be reduced in size to bring the total deck/dock area to a total size of approximately 800 sq. ft. All Planning Board members, except Alison Craig, voted for the proposed alteration.

A Public Hearing will be held on Nov. 18 to hear Art Steitz' request for a variance to construct an 8 ft by 4 ft addition to the rear of his home. A variance is required as the house is non-conforming because it is closer than 50 ft. to the Hague brook.

Dan Smith, attorney for Ms. Frances Jones, requested a variance to allow his client's house, which is under construction, to remain 14 inches closer to Mrs. Bass's property line than allowed due to an alleged error by her contractor. The Planning Board unanimously voted to recommend to the Zoning Board that the variance be approved, providing numerous conditions be imposed, such as, the posting of an insurance performance bond, construction of retaining walls on the east and west property lines, completion of grading, landscaping and the exterior of the house completed.

...AC

BUDGET HEARING

The Public Hearing on the 1983 proposed Hague Budget was held on Nov. 3. The total increased amount to be raised by taxes in 1983 is \$19,430. This is a 5.4% increase over the '82 budget.

Wages and mandated costs are the primary cause of the increase. Hourly workers will receive a 50¢ per hour increase. Blue Cross/Blue Shield rates have risen 20%. Any employee hired after Jan. 1, 1983 will receive medical coverage, but all dependents wanting medical coverage must pay their own premium. In 1983 the cost to the Town for each employee covered by medical insurance will exceed \$1,800.

Just prior to the closing of the Public Hearing on the Budget, 1982, Democratic candidate for Councilman, Ray Laudree, said that he was filing a formal complaint with the County Board of Elections. Mr. Laudree alleged that violations of election laws occurred in Hague on Election Day, Nov. 2, 1982...AC

BORN - A son, Joshua Thomas, to Lee Ann (Fisher) and Ernest Dickson on Oct. 3 in Fairbanks, Alaska. Grandparents - Tom and Jerry Fisher, Friends Point.

BORN - A son, John Alan, to Alan and Carolyn McKeeman, on Oct. 12 at Port Jefferson, NY. Grandparents are Keith & Evelyn McKeeman, Silver Bay.

MARRIED - Debra Jordon, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Jordon, formerly of Hague, to John Ott on August 28 in Pensacola, Fl.

MARRIED - George Morgan Traver, Jr. son of Mr. & Mrs. George Traver, Sabbath Day Pt., to Patricia Snow Alden, in Staatsburg, NY on Sep. 5.

MARRIED - Scott MacDowell, son of Marilyn & Mac MacDowell, Silver Bay, to Catherine Connors on Sep. 26 in Upper Saddle River, NJ.

MARRIED - Marjorie, daughter of Mr & Mrs. William Hibberd, Forest Bay, to Mr. Warren G. Swim, on Oct. 23 in Underhill Center, Vt.

DIED - Mrs. Morris E. (Ruth Watts) Auerbach in Albany on Oct. 18. She was the daughter of the late Capt. & Mrs. Walter Watts, Silver Bay. Surviving are two sisters and a brother of Silver Bay.

DIED - Mrs. Clifford (Cora) Jackman on Oct. 25 in Madison, NY at the age of 88. The Jackmans served the pastorate of Hague Baptist Church 1954-1960.

DIED - Oliver N. Smith, 92, life-long summer resident of Hague (Streeter Hill), at his home on Long Island on Nov. 1.

DIED - Mrs. Kenneth (Margaret) Foster, a long-time summer resident of Silver Bay, on Nov. 6 in Berea, Oh.

KATHI HUDAK, a freshman at Skidmore College, is one of three new members of the 7-member singing group "Accents". This

group recently performed at Parents' Weekend. Kathi is a 1982 graduate of Ticonderoga High School and the daughter of Beverly and Dick Hudak of Graphite.

MICHAEL MEOLA, a senior at THS and son of Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Meola, Hague, has received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. He ranked in the top 5% of the National Merit Scholarship competition.

In the list of students from Hague participating in the fall sports program at THS, we failed to mention that JOE LAPANN is a member of the Cross-Country team.

#### GYMNASTICS AT THS

Hague has every right to be proud of the seven girls who participate on the Gymnastics team at Ticonderoga High School. There are three sets of sisters on this team: Lynn & Lisa Coffin; Toni & Tara Cole; Lana & Janet Ross and Mary Jo McLean. The team has captured the CVAC title again this year and at this writing they are competing in the Sectionals in Plattsburgh.

These girls are dedicated athletes and they perform with an artistry that is hard to beat. Our congratulations to this team on their performances and especially to our girls from Hague who are such an important part...djh

#### ART OF THE NATIVITY

The Carillon Garden Club's second annual "Gift to the Community" will be held on December 12 from 1-5 PM at the Hancock House in Ticonderoga. A wide variety of creches will be on display and the event has been expanded to include Hanukkah. Light refreshments will be served and The Spirit of Sound will provide entertainment during the afternoon.

...DJH

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

NOVEMBER

- 16 Board of Education - 7:30 PM
- 16 Fish & Game Club - 7:30 PM
- 17 Hospital Auxiliary Fair - 2-7 PM
- 18 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 18 Carillon Garden Club - 11:00 AM
- 18 Zoning Board - 7:30 PM
- 19 Hague Baptist Church Silver Tea 1-4 PM
- 23 Home Bureau - 10 AM
- 23 Planetarium Show - THS - 7:30 PM
- 25 TURKEY DAY
- 30 WINSTON CHURCHILL'S BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

- 2 Planning Board - 7:30 PM
- 6 Supt. Conf. Day - NO SCHOOL
- 7 Planetarium Show - 7:00 PM
- 7 Home Bureau - 10 AM - Greens
- 11 HANUKKAH
- 12 Art of the Nativity - Hancock House 1-5 PM
- 14 Home Bureau Christmas party
- 15 Elementary Middle School Holiday Concert - 7:30 PM
- 15 Garden Club Christmas luncheon
- 15 Hague Historical Society - 7:30 PM at the Coles
- 16 High School Christmas Concert 8 PM

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HAGUE BAPTIST SILVER TEA

The annual Silver Tea and fair will be held in the Hague Baptist Church Annex on Friday, November 19 from 1-4 PM. This will include a tea table, crafts, Christmas decorations, gifts, white reindeer and a bake table. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

HOLIDAY FAIR

The Moses Ludington Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a holiday fair on Wednesday, November 17. The lobby of the hospital will take on a festive air from 2 - 7 PM. Tea, coffee and cookies will be served. There will also be a crafts table and bake sale. Proceeds will be used to buy equipment for the hospital.

A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TO YOU ALL

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