

CORRECTIONS:

October misprint in Inza Jordan's letter: "sold seed" should read "old seed", meaning previous generation, grandparents or pioneers --present generation or the young married group is "the young crop".

November omission: The item about the Ticonderoga airport was from an article in The Times Of Tl. Thank you Mike Connery.

PEOPLE OF HAGUE

Jack Henry

(From Oct. Historical Society Meeting)

"With apologies to Wm. Chapman White, I would like to preface my remarks with a modified quotation.

'There's two kinds of Hague natives. There's them as was born here and stayed on. Then there's them as came here when they were growed up; it usually takes them about six months to become natives.'

'Hague', which is only a geographical definition has always existed but it did not become Hague until so defined by New York State on Apr. 6, 1808. It was first part of Bolton, became separate in 1807 as Rochester then became Hague the following year.

I. Indians and Armies:
(prior to 1760 - no permanent population)

Before 1760 Indians, French & British armies were the only people in this area. They made several parts of the town well known historically and we see evidence of them today.

Sabbath Day Point was always one of the more prominent stopping points because it was half way between Ticonderoga and Lake George Village. The views were open from each end and you could see a long distance. Also, there were a lot of deer in that area - probably an ancient Indian hunting ground.

Several places were noted as Indian camping places:

(A) Sabbath Day Point or Sabbataire Point?

At that time, Indians converted by the French and baptized "St. Juan Baptiste" went by the name Sabbataires. It seems possible to me that those Indians gave it the name Sabbataire Point.

(B) Friends Point - So named by two Indian groups who learned just before they started to fight that they were not enemies but friends.

(C) Piney Point in Oneida Bay was an Indian camping ground. It was the site where the flint chipping stone - now in front of the Silver Bay Library - was found.

(D) Viewpoint & Sentinel Pines beaches are not mentioned in any historical document but so many pieces of worked flint have been found there, up around The Island Harbor House and many places in the back woods it seems Indians must have fought and hunted widely over this area. Many arrowheads, flints from rifle locks and some shard have been found at Viewpoint in the last two years.

II. The First Settlers: 1760-1830
Population 0-721

The first settlers came into the area after the end of the French & Indian War, during the period from 1760 to 1830. The population rose from 0 to 721, which isn't too far from our present day population.

PEOPLE OF HAGUE cont.

(A) Samuel Adams built the road from Bolton to Sabbath Day Point and, in return, was granted 500 acres of land in 1767.

Adams built a house on what was reputed to be an old Indian long-house foundation. During the revolution, Adams moved to Ticonderoga. We don't know who lived in the house after Adams left but according to Mrs. Adolphus Sheldon, it was the only house on the point in 1797.

(B) Lt. Col. Robert Cochrane, James Caldwell and Robert McClallen, all of the 2nd New York Regiment were granted 40,000 acres in 1769 at 12 1/2¢ an acre in depreciated currency. They sold out to a Mr. Ellice from London in 1793..

(C) Silver Bay (after 1783)

After the revolutionary war, three Mohicans from Barnstable, Conn. who had served under Israel Putnam during the revolution, settled in Silver Bay. Jonathan (Daunt), Moses Paul and Samson built a house where the Silver Bay concrete walk meets the road.

Moses Paul married a beautiful Indian girl. They moved out west to be with Indians. On their return she stated that she preferred the Indian life to life with civilized people.

Samson left and was later tried for murder in Conn. and executed.

Daunt barely eked out a living doing chores at Silver Bay.

(D) Jabes Patchin, a loner who preferred fishing to work, first built his house and grew his crops at Jabes Pond. About 1800 Jabes moved down to the shore and built his house where the old south wing, of what is now The Silver Bay Hotel, stood.

Seneca Prouty bought Jabes house, raised it and built a first floor under it to open his hotel.

Prouty sold to John J. Wilson in 1885. James and John Braisted were born there in 1887.

Silas Paine stayed at the Wilson house in 1897. In 1899 he bought it and soon dedicated its future to the YMCA.

(E) "New York Fever"

After the revolution the people of the New England States, many of whom had seen Lake George during the war, were gripped with "New York Fever" as the '49ers were gripped with gold fever.

Those first families: Balcoms, Risings, Holmans, Bevins, Ackeman, Hayes, Dodds, Waistes, Hayfords and Fitzgeralds - many of them familiar names today - learned that New York was selling land.

They came from N.H., Conn., Vt. and Mass. Some came by way of Deal's Ferry (now Fort Ti) in 1816 and earlier. Others came over the mountains from Clemons and rafted over to Sabbath Day Point where they clustered to protect each other from bears, cougars, wolves and sometimes vindictive Indians.

While the present village of Hague offered little in the way of farmland, it did offer a source of water power. Most families settled and developed farms in West Hague, in New Hague and out along Trout Brook. Next was a settlement over in Battle Hill, where people found their way only by marked trees over to West Hague.

(F) The First Businesses were:

1. The Tavern, where Burgey's Hotel now stands. It was first owned by Nathaniel Garfield Sr. It burned in 1863 when owned by William Gilligan.

2. The First store was built by Charles Harris. Lewis Burgers later owned it.

3. Sabrina Norcutt built the first blacksmith shop in West Hague.

4. Andrew Bevins ran the lime kiln and saw mill.

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(G) The first church built was **Presbyterian. One of the first** deacons was a self-centered man who had little to recommend him but he was proud of being a deacon. He asked a friend what people in Winchester would say then they heard. Friend replied, "That Hague is mighty short of timber."

(This is part one of a three part article, researched by Mr. Henry for The Hague Historical Society. List of sources available on request.

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NOVEMBER HISTORICAL SOCIETY meeting will be held as usual on the third Wednesday (17th) of the month.

Ursula Montbriand will discuss Steamboats on Lake George.

MOHICAN CHAPTER OF HOME BUREAU

Mrs. Clifford (Betty) Decker is now chairman, replacing Mrs. Francis Hogan who has moved to Vermont.

The patchwork quilt made by the members has been on display at the John Hancock Building in Ticonderoga, The Penfield Museum in Mineville, The Champlain Valley Bank in T1, and The Hague Arts Fair. It is at rest in a member's home in T1 waiting for the next request.

Each patch is signed by the member who created it.

The Hague chapter continues to meet enthusiastically every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at The Hague Baptist Church Annex.

EVERYONE IS READING Mr. Wilford Ross's book, Graphite - a charming presentation of the days when Graphite Mine was booming.

It was privately printed and is available at Mr. Ross's home, 144 Summit Drive (straight north from the Landfill) for \$8.83.

In case Mr. Ross is alone, customers should allow him plenty of time to get to the door.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Nov. 8, 1975

"Mr. Laundree reviewed the Industrial Arts program.

Board passed resolution not to grant business investment exemption as per section 485-b.

Policy on senior privilege was reviewed.

15 students and 5 parents asked the Board to consider their feeling that Mr. Riley should be given tenure, when the decision is made.

Mrs. Bevin's request that her children be dropped off at their house was taken under advisement. Linda Fish will be in charge of cheerleaders with Laura Riley assisting.

Request by Town Board for use of school in event of emergency was granted.

Mrs. Shirley Smith submitted her resignation as Board member effective Nov. 5. The Board accepted it with regrets and commended Mrs. Smith for her unselfish and devoted service to the school board and the children of our community.

(The Board will appoint someone to replace Mrs. Smith until school Board Election is held in May.)

The Spanish class will attend a program by a Spanish dancing company at Hudson Falls, Nov. 15.

Barry Jordan and Randy Frazier were voted to Marcy League Soccer All Star Team. Mike Fish was voted Honorable Mention.

Results of Questionnaire:

(mailed in Oct. to about 250 box-holders in Hague and Silver Bay)

1. I would like to see the school remain independant, as it exists now. Yes 53 No 0

2. I would like to see students in grades 7-12 sent to Ticonderoga High School on a tuition basis. Yes 8 No 0

3. I would like to see the Hague Board of Education actively seek the merger of Hague Central School with Ticonderoga Central School. Yes 0 No 0

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Questionnaire cont.

4. I would like to see Hague Central School annexed to Ticonderoga Central School. Yes 12 No 0

5. Other Suggestions:

None

Signature (Optional)

Approximately half of the 73 questionnaires returned were unsigned.

The Board of Education hopes that more responses will be forthcoming.

Next meeting: Dec. 13, 7:00 P.M.
Rudolph Meola, Principal
60DAY EXTENSION GRANTED FOR dredging operation. The mouth of the brook is now open and "LARGE" trout have been cited under the bridge in mid-town. One gentleman saw one about two feet long.
PARKING LOT AT PUBLIC BEACH now has new black top.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

At a Special Meeting on Nov. 4, the budget was passed.

It is expected that taxes will be increased by about 75 cents per thousand because:

County Sale tax monies will be reduced to \$19,200. this year.

(It was \$46,000. last year.)

Hospitalization rates for town employees has been increased.

Insurance costs for trucks and tractors increased.

5% pay increase to employees and elected officials.

Legal costs from two lawsuits.

At the Regular Monthly Meeting, on Nov. 9:

Dick Bolton was appointed Town Justice Of The Peace through Dec.

31, 1977, to replace Mr. Seerup.

Alan Perkins reappointed Director of Town Youth Commission.

\$125. allocated to purchase three movies to be shown at school during X-mas vacation under Mr. Meola's supervision.

A resolution was passed in support of resolution by Ticonderoga's Town Board protesting the moving of their telephone business office to Glens Falls.

This move would add three more to the unemployed lists and the Ticonderoga Board feels, would make it impossible for people to secure personal assistance with requests for information and complaints regarding bills and service as they do now. They asked our Town Board to support them.

Purchase of new snow plough-dump truck approved.

Purchase of new tractor postponed.

Special Meeting will be held Nov. 18, 7:00 P.M. Bids will be opened at that time for fuel oil, kerosene, gravel and a tail gate sander.

This will be followed by a Planning Board Meeting at 7:45 P.M. on the same evening.

W. Keith DeLarm
Town Supervisor

MAJOR THOMAS ROBBINS, son of Mrs. Edna Robbins, well known resident of Hague, and his wife Eleanor were killed in auto accident on Sun. Oct. 31 while enroute from their home in Florida, where Thomas was stationed in the Air Force, to visit their son Paul in college.

He was 45 and Eleanor was 42 years of age.

They are survived by six children: Steven, in the Air Force, Michele Brunet, who has been residing in Albany with her husband, also in the Air Force, Paul and three teenagers - Susan, Michael and Thomas.

Edna is at present in Florida with Michele and the other grandchildren.

Mrs. Florence Smith will have their new address when their plans are finalized.

STOPPING PLACE FOR TOURING MOTOR HOMES

They say "Mac Grimes is putting in a trailer court!"

Malcolm Grimes Jr. says:

He plans to take only large motor homes which have self-contained sewage systems.

He will install a 2000 gallon sealed dumping station. This will be pumped out once a week and the contents taken to the town landfill where it is disposed of in a special area separate from other refuse.

Mr. Grimes will supply water and lights and plans to put in a dock on the point, grass and lights all the way to the lakeshore with picnic tables and fireplaces.

He will be able to accommodate 18 of said homes and will only accept those who wish to stay overnight or a couple days, catering to tourists - "no tents".

If this venture is successful, he will remodel the restaurant next year.

(This is an increasingly popular form of vacation and a reportedly lucrative business. Let us hope that those who follow Mr. Grimes will be equally conscientious and have plenty of trees.)

PUBLIC HEARING

Since Hague has been declared a "hamlet", when Mr. Grimes applies to the town board for a permit to install a motor homes court, his neighbors within a radius of 500 feet will be notified of his intentions and a public hearing will be announced in The Post Star & Times of Glens Falls.

At the hearing, the town board will listen to the plan, as presented by Mr. Grimes and to any reasons for or against the plan presented by other residents BY MAIL OR IN PERSON. The board will then decide whether to issue the permit.

Mr. Keith DeLarm, Town Supervisor, reports that such public hearings are usually poorly attended.

TWODAY CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS of thirteen Adirondack counties was held at Lake Placid in late October.

Roger Tubby, Deputy Commissioner for The Department of Parks and Recreation, has been appointed Governor's Consultant On The Economics Of The Adirondacks because of concern over our high unemployment rate. Mr. Tubby, former resident of Saranac Lake is well known in this area.

He presided over the conference which was sponsored by the Adirondack Park Association and attended by representatives from local and regional Planning Boards; Adirondack Park Agency; Chambers of Commerce; other members of the business community and government officials.

Conference was divided into workshops, each headed by a panel of experts: Fish & Game Management; Agriculture; Arts & Crafts; Media; Education; Transportation; Forest Products; Tourism & Recreation; Real Estate, Banking & Insurance.

Bill Davidson, Director of The Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board, reports conference was well attended, congenial and productive.

The most popular recommendation was that all resources be pooled to improve our weak image and let a wider audience know about our facilities for tourists, recreation, second homes and winter sports.

Looking toward The Olympics, to be held at Lake Placid in 1980, it was felt that we should organize all efforts for a stronger impact.

Mr. Davidson will be working with Adirondack Park Association's Economic Council for economic development which is compatible with the environment. Mr. Tubby will report results of conference to the Governor.

GARDEN CLUB BAZAAR, Ticonderoga Library, Dec. 3, 10 AM to 4 PM
Gorgeous wreaths, Tea at 2 and other things. Mrs. H.R. Gelhaar

MOSES LUDINGTON HOSPITAL in Ticonderoga is a private corporation.

In order to raise money for the new hospital which is needed to meet state requirements, the hospital board must submit their plans to H.E.W., which in turn recommends to F.H.A. that a mortgage be insured. The board then secures a loan from private mortgage bankers at a lower rate of interest.

The first application to H.E.W. was rejected as requiring too large a loan for the size of the hospital and predictable revenues, (six million dollars).

At this point rumor spread thru all media that The Moses Ludington Hospital "might have to close its doors."

A group of citizens have organized and incorporated under the name "Committee For Area Medical Advancement" with Karen Norton as president. Their purpose is to raise money and recruit doctors for this area. Official paid membership (\$1. per yr.) now numbers about fifty.

Some members of the CAMA group have joined the Hospital Auxiliary and the group plans to send representatives to future meetings of hospital and H.E.W.

There has been poor communication and friction between the CAMA group and the hospital but there are signs now that they may resolve their differences and

the hospital will have that much more "support from the community".

It is expected that the second application will be approved by H.E.W. and insurance by F.H.A. recommended for a smaller mortgage (4-5 million).

The hospital board is preparing a presentation for the near future which will inform the whole community of their present status and plans for the future.

WEATHER NOTES

Oct. 7: Geese are honking south this week and the trees are putting on the best show in town--like a Chagall palette. People going on picnics.

Oct. 11: First frost. Most of the boats put up now.

Oct. 26: First snow! Last rose. Still lots of color. Temp. 40F.

Nov. 5: First snow blow!

Nov. 17: Snow flurries every day past two weeks. Temp down to 11F! Sun came back yesterday.

Bushels of acorns--means a hard winter ahead.

On the other hand, the onions were "thin-skinned"--that means a mild winter ahead.

LOUIS SPELMAN, Sr. expired Nov. 23 in Calif. Memorial Service at the Hague Baptist Church, Dec 4, 2PM.

Mail Earlier this year because of UPS strike:

Parcels before Dec. 3

Cards before Dec. 10

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