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A WORD OF APPRECIATION

With this issue, we conclude the second year of publication. It has been a happy and rewarding experience. We have enjoyed meeting many more of the people on our mailing list which now numbers 374. We are grateful for the financial help we have received; it has helped considerably to meet the cost of publishing and mailing. We appreciate the help we have had in gathering the news. But most of all, we are thankful for you, our readers, without whom there would be no newspaper.

Mary Alice Scripture who ran unopposed for Town Clerk, received 315 votes. Aaron Middleton received seven write-in votes.

The terms of Councilman William A. Cobb and Town Justice Charles F. Fitzgerald III, both Republicans, were not up. With the addition of Harvey Yaw and Joseph Streeter, the Board will now consist of four Republicans.

The bond issue was badly beaten with only 27 "yes" votes and 217 "no" votes. All of the other propositions were also roundly defeated. The Republican candidates for state office were supported by a three to one margin.

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THE ELECTION

There were 431 voters who cast their ballots on election day, 53 cast absentee ballots. The total, 492, is about 85% of the number of voters registered.

Most of the local offices were hotly contested with the following results:

Supervisor:

W. Keith DeLarm - 245
Richard E. Bolton - 225

Councilman:

Joseph Streeter 265
Clifton Frasier 145

Town Justice:

Harvey E. Yaw - 227
Robert C. Denno - 209

Assessor (2 Yrs.):

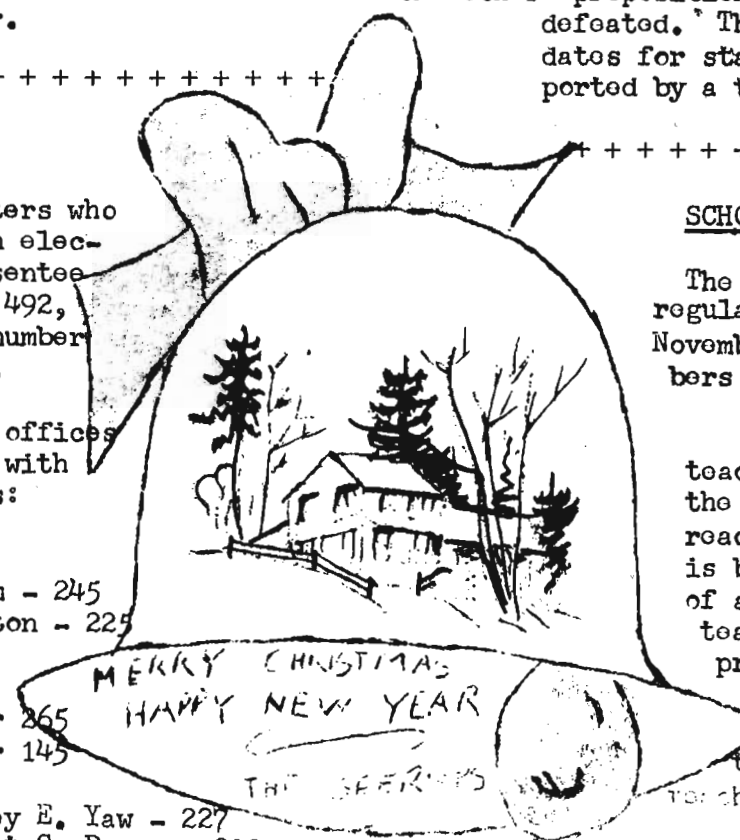
Thomas E. Stull - 222
Jack E. Bolton - 199

Assessor (4 yrs.):

Henry W. Watts - 235
James R. McKee - 195

Highway Supt.:

Daniel D. Belden - 351
Raymond H. Monroe - 86



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The School Board held its regular monthly meeting on November 12th with all members present.

It appears that the teachers have not ratified the agreement recently reached with the Board. It is believed that provision of agreement dealing with teacher evaluation is the problem. The Board decided to take no action pending further information on the teacher's position.

Permission was given to take the eighth graders to Saratoga to observe the Saratoga highschool band. It is believed that this might stimulate more local interest in a local band. Mr. Robert Moade of Hague is the head of the Saratoga School system music department.

In a poll of District 7 which encompasses

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summer resident of Silver Bay, purchasing a home on Terraco Road where he now spends the summer months with his daughter's family, the Russell Babcocks. He resides permanently in a retirement home in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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TOWN BOARD APPROVES 1974 BUDGET

Hague Central School, the Board voted against proposed basket-ball referee fees of almost \$100. for Junior Varsity and Varsity basket-ball games. Of course, if a majority of the schools in the district approve, Hague will be required to pay the established fees.

A public hearing was held on November 8th at which time the Board had under consideration proposed budget for 1974. Only two members of the public were present.

A committee for the handicapped consisting of the principal, the school psychologist, the nurse and the doctor was appointed by the Board. The function of the committee will be to see that needs of handicapped children are adequately met.

Appropriations provided for in the 1974 budget as compared with appropriations made in prior years, are as follows:

	1972	1973	1974
General Fund	\$70,415.	\$89,114.	\$83,110.
Highway	56,439.	61,150.	70,800.
	\$126,854.	\$150,264.	\$153,910.

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TO BE SURE - MAIL EARLY!!!!

The postmaster says: If you want to be sure packages and cards are delivered before Christmas, packages should be mailed before December 3rd and cards by the 8th.

These comparisons are not too significant since they merely compare appropriations made in one year with those made in another. A comparison of actual expenditures would be more meaningful. In 1972 there was a balance of \$30,000. which suggests that expenditures in that year were only \$96,000. The 1974 budget contemplates a balance of \$20,000. from 1973 revenues which suggests that in 1973 expenditures will be no more than \$130,000. Therefore, contemplated expenditures of \$153,264. in 1974 will be \$20,000. over 1973 expenses, unless, of course we end with a \$20,000. balance again at the end of 1974.

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TO CELEBRATE 93rd BIRTHDAY

J. Floyd McTyler, a summer resident of Silver Bay since 1952 and who first came to Silver Bay in 1909, will celebrate his 93rd birthday on December 3rd.

While there are valid reasons for over-budgeting, there are good reasons for not doing so. There is always a temptation to spend for non essentials simply because the money is available. Also, as the budget is presented, it is impossible to determine what items have been over-budgeted.

Mr. McTyler was born on a farm in Georgia in 1880, graduated from Plains, Georgia highschool in 1898 and attended the YMCA College in Chicago where he prepared himself for "Y" service. After forty years with various "Y's" around the country, he retired in 1942. During the next five years he was General Business Manager of United Seaman's Service - the USO for merchant seamen and then spent the next 28 years conducting financial campaigns for YMCA's, churches, colleges and hospitals. He conducted the Silver Bay Association 50 th anniversary campaign in 1952 during which \$250,000. was raised.

The amount to be raised by taxes is \$118,045. which is almost identical with amount raised by taxes last year. The assessed value of Hague properties have increased about \$80,000. which should produce a slight decrease in the rate. The Warren County tax rate for Hague will be 1¢ less than last years rate. Thus, town tax payable in January should be slightly less than last year.

Beginning in 1952 he became a regular

It should also be borne in mind that the town has received upwards of \$30,000. in Federal revenue sharing funds during the past year and one-half most of which has been spent. Neither these revenues nor expenses are accounted for in the general budget.

be held to review the appraisals of any who are dissatisfied. Hearings will be held in the Town of Hague during the week of February 19-24. After the hearings and the completion of the appraisals, detailed record cards showing appraised value of land and buildings and other pertinent facts concerning the specific property, will be sent to the local assessors. The values shown on these cards will be the values used in determining the 1974-75 tax rolls.

Announcement was made that agreement had been reached with the highway employees pursuant to which they would be receiving \$3.10 per hour in 1974. Fringe benefits were also substantially increased.

The County Board of Supervisors has already announced that assessed values will be 75% of the appraised values.

The budget as presented was approved unanimously at the regular meeting of the Board on November 13.

A further review before the Board of Assessment Review may be had after the local assessment rolls have been completed by the local assessors.

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TOWN TO PLOW FOR STATE

HAGUE SCHOLARSHIP FUND - CORRECTION

This winter the Town of Hague will plow State Highway 9N from Tongue Mountain to Ticonderoga, a distance of 17.7 miles and 5.5 miles of Route 8. It will be paid its wage costs plus usual charge for equipment rental. The state will perform necessary sanding.

Our attention was called to statement made last month concerning establishment of the Hague Central School Scholarship Fund in 1971. Mrs. Beste tells us that the fund was inaugurated at the suggestion of the late Mrs. Ethel M. Hendriksen and that she, as well as Mrs. Beste, contributed to the initial grant.

The town has also contracted to plow and sand 1.3 miles of the West Hague Road for Essex County and .3 miles of the New Hague Road for the Town of Ticonderoga for a period of three years. Annual Compensation will be \$1100. from Essex County and \$600. from Ticonderoga subject to upward revision if rate established by Warren County is increased.

It was our first visit with Mrs. Beste who celebrated her 90th birthday last month. Except for failing eyesight, she seems to be in excellent health. She is a tremendous Hague booster.

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RE-APPRAISAL WORK COMPLETED

TOWN BOARD MEETING

In December, 1970, Warren County engaged the services of J.M. Cleminsaw Company of Cleveland, Ohio to determine the full value of each parcel of real estate in the county. Originally the project was scheduled for completion on February 1, 1973 and the appraisals would form the basis for the May 1, 1973 property assessments. However, complications developed and the program is finally scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on November 13 with all members present. In the absence of Aaron Middleton, who was ill, Mr. Demco was appointed acting clerk.

The Board considered the purchase of an automatic sander to cost approximately \$3300. It was agreed that one was needed and authority was given to advertise for bids.

Early in 1974 notices will be mailed to every property owner listing the value computed for his land and building and advising him when and where public hearings will

The Board has been considering a proposal to procure a fir tree, preferably a blue spruce, for planting in the flower bed at the intersection of Routes 9N and 8 which would be lighted at Christmas time. In this

absence of a satisfactory bid, Dan Belden offered to procure one at reasonable cost and see that it was properly planted. In view of the current energy crisis, it is not likely that we will have a lighted tree.

There was continued discussion of the budget which had been presented the previous week after which motion was made to approve the budget as submitted and this was carried unanimously.

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THE PATRICIA GOES TO FLORIDA

The sixty-eight foot cruise boat, Patricia, a familiar sight for many years on Lake George, is en route to St. Petersburg, Florida where it will be known as the Sunshine City. It recently sailed up Lake George to Ticonderoga where it was loaded on a large flat-bed trailer and hauled to Larabee Point on Lake Champlain. From there it will proceed down the Champlain Barge Canal and the inland waterway and across the Florida Peninsula to St. Petersburg. The trip should take three to four weeks.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS

The Hague Historical Society met on November 14 with approximately 25 members present.

Mrs. Jane Lape of the Fort Ticonderoga Association gave an interesting account of Joseph Cook and other members of the cook

family. Joseph Cook was the great-grandson of Samuel Cook, born in 1758 and probably the first of the Cook family to settle in this region. His two sons, William and Warner Cook, made the bricks used to build their homes from a clay bank on William farm. (These are the two brick houses located across from each other on Route near the Valley View Cemetery and now occupied by Al Stanley and Robert Trudeau.)

William Cook was Supervisor of the Town of Hague for 16 years, state assemblyman for two terms and Warren County judge from 1827 to 1852. William Cook had five children including William Cook, Jr. who inherited his fathers real property (Friends Point) in Hague. One of his descendants, Ralph C. Craig lived there until his death last summer.

Mrs. Lape dealt in some detail with Joseph Cook, only child of William Cook Jr. who wrote the early history of Ticonderoga when he was 20 years old. It sold for 50¢. He attended Harvard and also Yale, graduating from the latter. He travelled widely lecturing on many and varied subjects. His home during his later years was also on Route 9N immediately south of the golf course. Known as "Cliff Seat" it stands although badly in need of repair.

Doughnuts and cider were served by the Mrs. Andrus and Montbriand.

The next meeting will be held on December 12. Mr. & Mrs. Seerup will tell about their recent trip to Europe illustrated with 118 colored slides. Everyone is invited.

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