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TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Ten years ago this month, In January 1972, Emil Seerup, a retired resident of Silver Bay had the foresight to publish the first issue of THE HAGUE CHRONICLE. It was his original intent to mail a copy of THE HAGUE CHRONICLE to all Hague and Silver Bay residents.

He started the December 1973 issue with "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."

In 1982 we could say the same thing that he said so well. This month we are sending copies to 254 local residents, including Ticonderoga. We also send 275 copies to 32 states, including Hawaii, and in addition, to the District of Columbia, Canada, Hong-Kong and Puerto Rico - a total of 529 copies.

Mr. Seerup ran a one-man operation, with help from his wife, Adra. He published a 4-page paper each month on his own Ditto machine. Different colors of paper were used over the years, canary yellow, white, pink, green and buff, depending on what was available. Our present staff decided on canary yellow. (We think it shows up well in the mail!) In February 1973 another page (two sides) was added, making THE HAGUE CHRONICLE generally a 6-page paper.

On October 1, 1976 Mr. Seerup died. The "torch was passed" to Virginia Shattuck. She increased the size of the publication to eight pages in November 1977, and also increased the mailing list. Virginia had suddenly become reporter, editor, and publisher, and we still never cease to marvel at her accomplishments.

In June 1979 the present staff took over the publication. We have made a few innovations, such as adding the calendar on p. 8 in November 1979 and a SOUNDINGS column in July 1980. Thanks to two generous donors, we have our own mimeograph machine and a file cabinet, both located in the Town Hall. Until then Silver Bay Association had given us permission to use their mimeograph. We are always open for suggestions on how to improve our publication. We have a committee of four who write, edit, publish, attend meetings, and play like roving reporters, etc. Jack Kennedy, our treasurer, takes care of all our finances. He records your contributions and sends the information to us. We attach a thank-you note to your next CHRONICLE, recording the month on the mailing label. If for any reason this doesn't happen to you, please let us know. We are indebted to a group of volunteers who come to the Town Hall once a month to help us fold, staple, label and stamp, and to two (and sometimes three) wonderful men who volunteer their time mimeographing. To the Silver Bay Association and the girls who operate the computer, we say "Thank-You" for the mailing labels you so expertly turn out for us each month.

Just as Emil and Virginia so ably devoted their time and efforts, we RESOLVE, as THE HAGUE CHRONICLE's eleventh year begins, to strive for constant improvement. We wish for all our readers a VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Mig, Alison, Billie, Dottie & Jack K.

LAKE GEORGE RESEARCH NEWS

is a summary of projects and issues in the Lake George watershed. It is hoped that this newsletter can be distributed on a regular basis to inform the general public of research developments and other items of interest.

"Recent studies have revealed a disparity of water quality between the North and South basins. Reduced transparency and increased algae production are evident in the more developed Southern basin. Increased sediment deposition at stream mouths and cases of elevated bacterial counts also have raised concern. The source, impact and control of contributors to these problems are the subject of current research." DEC, 12/81

We shall endeavor to keep you updated on this vital program.

If you have any questions, write to: Michael P. White, Public Participation Officer, Lake George Nationwide Urban Runoff Program, NYS DEC, 50 Wolf Rd., Albany, NY 12233-0001

MAILING METHODS REVIEWED

In our October 1981 issue we wrote a column on our latest mailing methods. In case you are a new reader, or just missed that one - we are reviewing it briefly.

On your mailing label you will note the name of a month appears under your name. This is the month in which you made your last contribution (not necessarily 1981!) On those labels on which a "G" appears, it means somebody loves you enough to ask us to send The Chronicle to you as a gift. If neither month nor a "G" appears, we just don't have any record of hearing from you. Please check your label and advise us if a correction should be made. We aren't infallible! We plan to have our financial statement for 1981 ready for the next issue. If you have any questions, please ask us...DJH

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 12/17/81

The Board approved an increase in school lunch prices, effective Jan. 4, 1982 of 5¢ and a 5¢ increase in the price of milk. This affects students in all three schools.

In another action, Alice Patchett of Hague was appointed Girls' JV Basketball Coach.

It was pointed out that the early dismissals are to give teachers time to work on Middle States evaluation. This ultimately benefits the students.

The program presentation was about Computer Assisted Instruction and Computer Literacy. Both Dave DeFranco and Wilford Hutchinson (of Hague) gave brief presentations of the ways they are using micro-computers in their science and math classes. They find their students are very enthusiastic about working with computers and the learning process has been speeded up. The Elementary School has one micro computer and the Middle School has three. Eight new terminals are expected to be installed between Jan. 15 and Feb. 1. There is already a Sat. morning computer program and one after school. When the new terminals are added, it is expected they will be used evenings and weekends. It is possible that a course may be offered to interested individuals this spring. Board members and others were given the chance to "plug in" and 1 for one have decided to learn more. It was an excellent presentation.

The public is missing the boat by not attending these Board meetings. They are very interesting...DJH

BASKET OF CHEER

The Hague Fire Department's Basket of Cheer raffle was won by Mrs. Robert Martucci, Split Rock Rd.

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Write on your hearts that every day is the best day of the year.

...Ralph Waldo Emerson

LACHUTE HYDROELECTRIC

The LaChute River is being considered as a source of hydroelectric power by the NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation. At a public meeting on 12/16/81, DEC project manager George Stahler stated that the prescribed high and low levels for Lake George between June 1 and Dec. 1, as established in 1957, would remain the same and that the lake level would not be drawn lower than the present low level.

DEC would be making the LaChute the first state operation in the production of hydroelectric power. The cost, if the project was completed today would be between 12 and 14 million dollars, but the actual cost at the time of completion would be 25 million. The loss of tax revenue to the Town of Ticonderoga is estimated at \$300,000 annually, since state projects are tax exempt.

Don Hamer, representative for the Long Lake Energy Corp. of 330 Madison Ave., NYC, stated that his company has completed a year long study on possible hydroelectric sites in NY State and that LaChute would be the third most profitable one in the state. L.L.E.C.'s only business is small hydro power plants and they are in business to make a profit. They would be able to sell state tax free bonds and they are eligible for a federal tax subsidy of 21%.

Hamer said that the L.L.E.C. has agreed for the DEC to continue control of the lake level, that they would accept the water as delivered by the DEC and that the flow would be sufficient to operate a profitable business. Beginning with the year 1985, the first year the project would be producing power, they would pay \$229,000 in property taxes.

Approximately 50 people attended this meeting. It is expected that additional meetings will be held in the coming months concerning the possibility of the development of hydroelectric power from the LaChute...AC

ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY

At the annual meeting of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Jack Binley of Pine Cove was elected to his 8th term as

Treasurer. Barbara Smith of Morristown, NJ and Hague, editor of the Society's newsletter "The Rusty Rudder", was elected to the Board of Directors. Her husband, Bill, continues as Vice President. The Society, with 1,600 members world wide, hold its meeting at the 65,000 acre resort Le Chateau Montebello, Montebello, Quebec. The Manotick, Ontario Chapter of ACBS hosted the meeting...JB

CARILLON GARDEN CLUB

An installation of officers was held at the Christmas luncheon on December 18. The following were installed for a 2-year term: President, Denise Huestis; 1st V.P., Mercedes Rogozenski; 2nd V.P., Lena Iuliano; Rec. Sec., Flora Farrell; Corr. Sec., Shirley Smith and Treas., Edna Maslott. There will be no meetings in Jan. and Feb. Next meeting-Mar 18 at the United Methodist Church, Ticonderoga.

NEW DRUNK DRIVING LAWS

Effective Nov. 28, 1981 NY State has greatly increased the penalties against those who drink and drive. A person convicted of driving with ability impaired by alcohol faces a fine of \$250 and a possible 15 day jail sentence and 90-day suspension of license for a first offense. Repeated offenses cause the fine, jail sentence and suspension of license to increase.

Conviction of driving while intoxicated could result in a fine of between \$350 and \$500 and possible imprisonment for up to one year, possible 3 years probation and a minimum 6 months revocation of license.

New legislation prohibits courts from granting unconditional discharges on drunk driving convictions or granting a conditional discharge without imposing the fine called for in the law.

Under Hague's Open Container Ordinance, sec. 2, an open bottle or open container in any vehicle shall be presumptive evidence that the same is in possession of all occupants thereof, and all are in violation...AC

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Troops 110 and 256 of Hague will take orders for cookies between January 8 and 24. Deliveries will be made in March. Local chairman of campaign is Jody Cole, 543-6627.

WEATHER OR NOT 12/17/81

Happy New Year all! This Christmas was warm and white, with a total of 19-20 inches of snow. On the 23rd we received 1/4 in. of rain. Frost has gone down near 14 inches by the lake. Christmas Day saw the temperature of 34°F compared to -20°F last year, with a wind chill of -50°F. With snow on the ground, the frost line will not come near the record depth of the last two winters. The average temperature at the lake has been 34°F with the coldest on Dec. 21 at 8°F at the lake and -6°F on Graphite Mountain. Currently the lake is 38°F and the air temperature of 34°F with more snow falling.

Now that the days are again getting longer and hunting season is over, I decided to go for a hike. On went the raccoon coat, feltlined boots and a nice warm wool hat, and out the door I went. Well, everyone knows bears hibernate in the winter, except no one ever told the bears. Sure as shootin', after getting up on the far side of Jabes Pond, I get the funny feeling that thar is somethin' following me. So I spin around fast to come face to face with a good size black bear. Well ya see me being in a raccoon coat, this he bear thought I might be a nice mate. I reckon this to be a poor judgement; I made like a bobcat and found me a tall spiny spruce tree. When I finally believe he's gone I'll come down. Until then, I hope your New Year doesn't find you treed!

Likewise from the Great White North
Eloc Salguod

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Liberty has never come from government...The history of liberty is the history of the limitation of governmental power, not the increase of it...Woodrow Wilson

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY held its holiday meeting at the home of Bea and Bob Cole. Rev. Van Vliet noted that Evelyn Zeese had donated early copies of SILVER BAY BREEZE. He called on Doug Cole to discuss the projected history of Hague, a book which will draw on previous reports by members, plus additional research. People who have Hague memorabilia are urged to make lists so that a record is kept of where items may be borrowed for a museum or loan exhibit.

Clifton West listed his own partial catalogue which includes hotel and home laundry tools, books, clocks, genealogies, pre-1900 Harper's. Bob Cole said that he and son Doug are willing to photograph items, including copies of photos that are fading. Doug pointed out that when he last saw the "Sexton" book many pages were crumbling; that this book should be professionally repaired and maintained. Mr. West said that a "History of Warren Co." dated 1885, is being reproduced at \$35. It was agreed that the HHS should purchase a copy.

It was suggested that Ethel Andrus be invited to summarize Silver Bay Breeze lore. Flo Lee proposed that the next "trip" be made through Clifton West's museum.

In the tradition of the Christmas meeting members brought items to show or identify, e.g. a cabbage slicer, probably used to make cole slaw in an early hotel, a small wine decanter retrieved by Roland Dame while snorkeling off the old Hague Dock and a thin wooden "busk" once used to stiffen a dress bodice...BDG

SNOWMOBILE LICENSES

New York State law requires that boys and girls between the ages of ten and sixteen must be certified by the New York State Department of Parks and Recreation, to operate a snowmobile.

For further information, contact Cooperative Extension 4-H Program 17 Hudson St., Warrensburg, NY. Phone 623-3291 or 668-4881

A HAGUE INVENTION

On Wednesday, December 16, 1981, I visited Jim DeLarm to see the unique woodburning furnace that he designed, built and installed in his home, high among the hills above Hague. That Wednesday was chilly on the mountain, about 28°F. The house was almost too warm. His wife, Pat, kept the door open. Three pieces of damp maple burned quietly and slowly in the furnace firebox.

Those who heard Jim's story about wood planes at the October 1980 meeting of the Historical Society will remember the wooden forms and the 60 pound casting that he showed us then. Those were some of the basic parts needed to build the furnace. Today he has 65 separate varnished, wooden forms and 65 castings that are now bolted together over asbestos gaskets to form the furnace. They vary in size from the bronze "J" in J. DeLarm up through the bronze "Fire Eagle" to the grates, the 12 - 60 pound fire box castings, and the grate handle that moves with the gentle pressure of a finger.

The furnace had been fired for only two weeks when I saw it. Those who burn much wood have learned to abhor creosote in chimneys and the 3,000 degree fires that can roar through a creosoted chimney, like a tormented tornado. When I looked in the firebox and up the chimney, both seemed whistle-clean, without creosote.

As I walked up the stairs from the cellar I looked back. Two thoughts struck my mind. One, the polished brass and bronze, the black 1/4 inch steel shell, the beautifully soldered joints of the piping reminded me of the shining beauty of the Horicon's engine room in its heyday. The other thought reminded me of many Hague people. Their forebears, anxious to obtain their own land, arrived to clear their farms, to combat the rigors of the Adirondack wilderness, to become entranced by and addicted to the beauty of this area. They came, they saw, they persisted, and they stayed.

Before my visit the state boiler inspector had spent about two hours examining the boiler. With its proper design, heavy construction, and four safety valves, two on the furnace and one on each boiler, the inspector was clearly impressed. Now Jim is waiting for his patent to be approved...JTHenry

HAGUE TOWN NEWS

Errors in computing 1982 county and local taxes have been discovered and prove to be beneficial to Hague taxpayers.

County taxes will remain the same as last year: \$1.03 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Town taxes will go from \$7.24 to \$7.94 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, an 8% increase. A reduction in the number of lights in the Street Lighting District have reduced the assessment per \$1,000 from \$2.74 to \$2.45 and the Fire District tax rate will increase from 47¢ to 57¢ per \$1,000.

A new state-mandated law will go into effect Jan. 1, 1984 which requires either a building or fire code in each town, with a proper enforcement officer established. This is one more example of how state mandates increase local taxes. A major effort will be made in 1982 to assure that all property in the town of Hague is properly assessed.

Roland Dame has been appointed Dog Control Officer to replace William Jordon who resigned.

Warren Co. will receive \$104,630 in the Home Energy Assistance Program this winter. Interested applicants for this aid should contact the supervisor's office for forms and information.

The installation of a steel arch on the Fly Brook Rd. on the south side of Tongue Mt. has been completed

HAGUE FISH AND GAME CLUB

Hague's annual WINTER CARNIVAL sponsored by the Fish and Game Club will be held on Sat and Sun Feb 27 and 28. Details next month.

The Jan., Feb., and March meetings of the club will be held at Town Hall

Officers for the coming year are: President, George Shoemaker; V.P. Wally Conlon; Sec., Louella Grimes; Treas., Maryalice Hall.

WINNERS OF THE DECEMBER 50/50 CLUB were: Helen Frasier - \$25; Howard Dunklee, \$15; Marion Frasier, \$10.

FROM OUR PARK ATTENDANT

I am constantly being told by so many people who do not live here in Hague that we are indeed very fortunate to have a well planned and run park. People who travel all over all parts of our country say that they think it's just about the nicest place to visit - our park and town. We offer so much for a small town. Many who once come, always return again just for the comfort and relaxation that our park provides.

Hearing things like this being said about our town and park really makes me proud to live here in Hague and be a part of our town and work as the park attendant. After all, Hague is home to a lot of tourists, as well as we who are very fortunate to be its citizens. Let's all work together to make Hague a better place to live. As the saying goes, - Good, Better, Best - never let it rest until the good is better and the better, best.

I want to personally thank all those who were asked and gave to the Park Fence Fund. Enough money was raised to buy a new galvanized 4-foot high fence, fence posts, and cement enough to anchor the posts firmly in the ground. It has been put up and it is a neat looking fence and should last a long time.

I really appreciate the very fine response I got when I asked people to help me finance this worthy project for our town park. It adds so much to the beauty of our park.

Again, I thank you all so much,
Curly Monroe, Park Attendant

LAKE GEORGE IN TOP TEN

In 1974 Snow Sports Magazine made an award to Warren County, stating that Warren County's 165-mile snowmobile trail system was one of the six best systems in the U.S.

A nationwide readership survey conducted by SNOWMOBILE Magazine revealed that Lake George, NY is one of the top ten vacation areas in the snowbelt. This Wisconsin based magazine published the results of the survey in its December issue after compiling reader responses from 33 states and Canada.

A SCROOGE IN OUR MIDST

Thanks to the efforts of Dan Belden and his crew, Hague had its usual beautiful Christmas tree in the middle of town. A live tree, planted in 1979, it continues to grow and glows in all directions. The town can certainly be proud of its very tasteful decorations.

BUT - soon after the tree was lighted, the bulbs began to disappear. Some bulbs were just unscrewed and smashed - others disappeared completely. After a bit of "undercover" work, the bulb snatchers were reprimanded and the tree continued to twinkle merrily during the long nights, bringing much joy to the travelers through Hague.

THEN - Scrooge struck again. During the community candlelight service on December 20 at the Hague Baptist Church, thefts occurred in at least three cars parked in the church lot. Kind of puts a damper on one's holiday spirit, doesn't it?

...DJH

ATAC

The ATAC (Area Toxic Abuse Committee) met in the IP mill conference room on December 21. Plans were made to follow up Father Martin's Oct. 29 lectures during January. This will be done through the showing of two of Father Martin's films in the Middle School and High School. These films will also be made available to any group in the Ticonderoga area (including Hague, of course) for showing at their meetings. It is hoped that area residents will make a point of viewing these films so that a line of communication can be established between parents, students and others...DJH

HAGUE BOYS STAR IN TOURNAMENTS

At the Flynn Memorial Basketball Tournament in Plattsburgh during the holidays, Ti's JV team placed second. Arthur Belden was named for the all-star team.

At Ti Hi's Invitational Tournament, Arthur was named JV MVP and Bill Brennan, Varsity MVP. Congratulations to both!

SOUNDINGS

DIED - Maude Leach, at the age of 103 in Moses Ludington Hospital on December 17. She had been a resident of the ML Nursing Home for many years. Two nephews, Clifford Decker and Henry Leach, and a niece, Marguerite West, all of Hague, survive.

ANNIVERSARY - Mr. & Mrs. Frank Martin of Indian Kettles, celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on Dec. 3 at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Wiltsie, with whom they live.

MRS. JOHN A. (DOLORES) GRANITO, Hague summer resident and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harry White, was recently elected president of the Association of Mathematics Teachers of NY State. She is presently associate professor in the School of General Studies and Professional Education at SUNY Binghamton.

JOHN R. HENRY, native of Hague, was made Director of Engineering at Alcon Laboratories in Humacao, P.R. on December 4.

HAGUE BROOK

This past summer 40 feet of railroad tie cribbing was constructed along Hague Brook to prevent an eroding stream bank from sliding into the brook. The railroad ties were donated to the town.

Another exposed bank downstream was grubbed, raked and seeded with grasses. Approximately 900 ft. of the brook was cleaned of old logs, metal, glass and other materials.

Participating in the stream improvement projects were the Town of Hague, CETA employees, Youth Conservation Corps, Greater Adirondack Resource Conservation and Development Council, Soil Conservation Service and the Soil and Water Conservation District.

SNO-GOERS ANNOUNCE WINTER EVENTS

Snowmobile races will be held in Hague on Sat. & Sun. Feb. 20 & 21. Races will include all classes 50 mile oval, 10 laps and also drag racing.

Concession stands will be open on both days and a buffet dinner served at the Beachside Hotel on Sat. from 5:00 until all are served. Dinner sponsored by the Sno-Goer's Club of Hague. For more information write Box 271 Hague or Phone 543-6525...CFrasler

WINTER SPORTS IN TI HIGH SCHOOL

The following Hague students are participating in the winter sports program:

- BOYS' VARSITY BB - Bill Brennan
- BOYS' JV BB - Arthur Belden, Tim Denno, Scott Rockwell, Terry Brennan
- BOYS FR. BB - Danny Belden, Jay Jordon, Joel Jordon

WRESTLING - Donnie Fuller, Tommy Denno

GIRLS' VARSITY BB - Tina Belden

GIRLS' JV BB - Katie Laundree

VARSITY CHEERLEADER - Kathi Hudak, Co-Capt

JV CHEERLEADER - Pam Dunklee, Co-Capt.

ZONING LAWS

Sub-division is a subject frequently brought before the Hague Zoning Board. Article 8, section 8.020 Gifts, Devises and inheritances should help clarify one exception to the regulations:

"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. New land use or development on lots, parcels or sites conveyed by individuals who on the date of April 1973 when the Adirondack Park Law became effective own such land, to members of their immediate families by bona fide gift, devise, or inheritance, shall be exempt from the overall intensity guidelines and the minimum lot size criteria specified in Section 4.050 for the purpose of constructing one single family dwelling or mobile home on any such lot, parcel or site. All other permit requirements and restrictions of this ordinance still apply.

TI HI'S VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM IS RANKED 11TH IN NYS. CONGRATULATIONS!

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 5 Home Bureau - 10:00
- 7 Veterans' Administrator-11:30
- 7 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 7 Planning Board
- 12 Town Board - 6:30
- 14 Veterans' Administrator-11:30
- 17 Ben Franklin's Birthday - 1706
- 19 Home Bureau - 10:00
- 19 Fish & Game Club-Town Hall-7:30
- 19 School Board - THS - 7:30
- 21 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 25 CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- 28 Veterans' Administrator-11:30
- 28 Zoning Board - 7:30
- 28 Planetarium Show - THS - 7:30

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

A little less impatient with those we deem too slow;
 A little less of arrogance because of all we know;
 A little more humility, seeing our worth is slight;
 We are such trivial candles compared to stars at night!
 A little more forgiving and swifter to be kind;
 A little more desirous the word of praise to find;
 The word of praise to utter and make a heart rejoice;
 A little bit more careful to speak with gentle voice;
 A little more true eagerness to understand each other,
 A little more real striving to help a shipwrecked brother;
 A little more high courage for each task that must be done;
 These be our resolutions -- and God help us, every one!

...Anonymous (Contributed by E. H. Crabbs)

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT by sending your pledge or contribution to the Moses Lud-
 ington Hospital Capital Fund Drive. The hospital is a vital part of our community
 and desperately needs your support, so please send your pledge or contribution as
 soon as possible. Let's make Hague a 100% community.

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