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## HAGUE SEWER DISTRICT #1 APPROVED

On Oct. 11 a total of 233 Hague residents cast their votes to establish a sewer district in the town of Hague. This represented approximately 90% of the 260 eligible voters. The 191-41 vote was a major victory for Warren County's plan to expand sewers along the shores of Lake George. When the count was released to those present in the town hall, a round of applause and congratulatory handshakes were given to Town Supervisor Dan Belden.

Supervisor Belden was enthusiastic and thanked those present and all others who took the time and made the effort to come to Hague to cast their votes. He stated "The people of Hague knew this was the right step to clean up the sewer problems and protect the lake, and they spoke out very heavy in favor of it."

The project includes a \$1.2 million wastewater treatment plant with a daily average capacity of 79,500 gallons. This will be located on Decker Hill Rd. on town property. Sewer lines and pumps are estimated to cost \$3.3 million.

The federal government has promised to provide up to \$20 million for a Lake George sewer project, which includes Hague, Bolton, Lake George and Queensbury. Hague will be 100% funded for this project. However, the homeowners in the district will pay the cost of hooking into the system. This cost will vary according to location. Operations and maintenance costs are estimated to be \$96,000. The annual cost for a home on an acre or less is expected to be about \$350.

We have had a picture perfect weekend, so the efforts that were made by so many residents were doubly enriched. They should have really enjoyed Hague in all its fall glory.

## HAGUE CHRONICLE GOES ON-LINE

As of this month *The Hague Chronicle* has been connected to the Internet. Our address is:

**Hchague@aol.com**

This is a new and interesting experience for your publisher. If you have E-mail, please let me hear from you. So far I am sitting around like a lonely Maytag repairman waiting for the little box to say "You have mail". I did receive a letter from Stuart Cartwright with several pages of pictures of Hague and surrounding areas that he had found on the internet. Fascinating! The World Wide Web address (URL) used to locate these photos is :

<http://rs6.loc.gov/ammem/detrquery.html>

From this location keywords "Hague" and "Lake George" can be used. I haven't found them yet, but I'm sure you can! I just need some extra help and time!

Now you can send notices to me on E-mail or by FAX. The FAX number for *The Hague Chronicle* is 518-543-6633, the same as the office number.

## RECYCLING STATION HOURS TO BE CHANGED

A public hearing on changing the hours at the recycling station was held prior to the Town Board meeting on Oct. 8. **THE FOLLOWING HOURS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1997:**

- 1/1 - 3/31 - 3 days, Fri, Sat, Sun, 12Noon - 5PM
- 4/1 - 4/30 - 5 days, Tue, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun  
12Noon - 5PM
- 5/1 - 9/10 - 7 days - 12 Noon - 5PM
- 9/11 - 10/31 - 5 days, Tue, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun  
12 Noon - 5PM
- 11/1 - 12/20 - 4 days - Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun,  
12Noon - 5PM

**PLEASE POST THESE CHANGES ON YOUR CALENDAR.**

## IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Annual flu and pneumonia immunization clinics will offer immunity against the A/Texas, A/Nanchang and B/Harbin strains of influenza. There will be a charge of \$8 for the flu vaccine and \$16 for the pneumococcal vaccine. People with Medicare Part B or Medicaid must have their cards with them or they will be charged at the clinic.

Tues. Oct. 22 - Ticond., Lord Howe Estates, 2-6pm  
**Wed. Oct 23 - Hague Comm. Ctr. 1-3PM It would be wise to register by calling 543-6161**

Mon. Nov 4, Port Henry, Lec House, 10AM - 1PM  
Fri. Nov. 8, Schroon Lake senior center, 10AM-1PM  
Fri, Nov 15, Crown Point Sen. Center, 10AM-12noon  
Mon. Nov 18, TI Methodist Church, 10AM-12noon

## ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 5, 1996

6AM - 9PM - Community Center

This is an off year for Hague elections. However, there is one office up for election - the office of Town Clerk. This is due to the tie vote in last year's election and the subsequent appointment of Republican Debbie Manning as clerk for a year. Barbara Belden, Democrat, is running against Debbie Manning for town clerk for one year.

### PROPERTY OWNERS OF SILVER BAY

The final road clean-up for the season has been completed. Those working on Oct. 9 were Nick Bolton, Cathie and Stan Burdick, Gale Halm, Mary Ann and Stu Harmon, Shirley and Spear Johnson and Dean Wikoff.

The Property Owners of Silver Bay have voted to continue the project for an additional two years. Groups which adopt highways commit themselves to four clean-ups per year for two-year periods. The Property Owners pick up trash from a two-mile stretch on Route 9N. . . cab

### TICONDEROGA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL

This organization was developed to incorporate ALL representatives of our Community's groups (including Hague), organizations, and agencies. We will meet four times a year, Oct, Jan, Apr, and June at 9AM.

Please feel free to invite your friends and co-workers. We are as strong as the number of people who are able to attend. They do not need to sign up or call -- just show up at the meeting. Members are encouraged to bring community happenings and information to the table so all can be informed.

The Oct meeting will be held on Oct. 29 at The Thompson-Pell Research Center. Go straight through T1, across Rt. 22 onto the Fort Ticonderoga Rd. It is the brick building on the right. (If you pass the gate entrance to the fort, you have gone too far!)

### WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

On Monday, Oct. 21 Elizabeth Little, Assembly-woman representing our area, will speak at the Community Center on "Women in Politics". Note the change of meeting night, due to the Columbus Day holiday.

On Monday, Nov. 11 the speaker for the evening will be Mary Smith from South Glens Falls, formerly manager of the Service Department of Christopher Chevrolet. Her subject is "What's That Noise, What's That Smell?" Her presentation will be particularly appropriate for women car owners, or drivers. She will be able to speak about car problems in a language that women can relate to. A period of questions and answers will follow her presentation.

We look forward to welcoming women from Ticonderoga, Putnam, Crown Point, Bolton Landing, Glens Falls, Lake George and surrounding areas.

Women Helping Women is a group which meets the second Monday of each month at 7PM at the Hague Community Center with guest speakers covering topics concerned with well-being: physical, emotional, social, and intellectual.

There will be no meeting in December.

### HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society will hold its regular meeting on Oct. 24 at the Community Center. Re-

freshments will be served at 7:30PM and the program, presented at 8PM by guest speaker, Carl Olmstead of Silver Bay. His subject is "Personalization of History" and he will include stories of his many years growing up in Hague. Mr. Olmstead is the nephew of the Sexton sisters, about whom much has been written. He will be able to give first hand accounts of their life on Battle Hill Rd.

The November meeting is scheduled for Nov. 21. Program will be announced at Oct. meeting.

### HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Those seniors who registered to go to the Nutrition Site in Bolton Landing on Oct. 22 are asked to meet at the Community Center at 11:15AM so that drivers and rides can be sorted out.

Our regular meeting will be at the Community Center on Oct. 29th at 1:30PM when we hope to have a report from our delegates on scams and telemarketing. A representative from the State Attorney General's Office will speak on the subject to the Warren County Council of Senior Citizens, and we hope our representatives will be well briefed. We would like to remind you that the Warren County Council of Senior Citizens will meet on Oct. 26 at the Warren County Municipal Center at 10AM and ALL seniors are invited to attend these meetings. On Nov. 17 Dr. Welsh will address the Council on HMO's, and again, all seniors are invited to attend.

### HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Dept. responded to three fire calls in Sep. and used 15 1/2 hours. Thirty-five training hours have been used - these were general purpose training courses.

Bill Cobb had completed a lab instructors course and is now an intern and EMT Paul Pery is now taking te intermediate EMT course which is being offered at International Paper Co.

Fire Chief Dave Hoffay reminds everyone that Oct. is Fire Prevention Month, and wishes to repeat last month's safety hints - clean chimney, check your smoke detector.

The Fire Dept. thanks Silver Bay Assoc., Michelle Pery and her hardworking staff for the marvelous dinner they produced on Columbus Day weekend. It was very well attended, and while we do not yet have the final figures, we were encouraged by the attendance. Thank you, everyone who came and ate. And we thank all the volunteers who set tables and helped with cleanup.

### ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON

Following our annual custom, the HVFD will serve soup and sandwiches and cake on Election Day. The servings will be generous, the prices right. And don't forget, coffee and doughnuts will be served all morning. (Just an old annual event!)

*What you are speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say. . . Emerson*

Two public hearings preceded the regular meeting of the Zoning Board. The first was the matter of the Harrison variance (42-1-40) Rt. 9N between Cape Cod Village and Springdale Manor, requesting a variance to construct a 6ft. high fence along the southern property line. Several residents of both Cape Cod Village and Springdale Manor spoke against such a fence, indicating it would restrict air flow and view. Two letters from residents were also read objecting to said proposal. The Planning Board had recommended denial.

The hearing on the Barth (28-1-12), Rt. 9N near Island Harbor curve, was left open until the next meeting on Oct. 24 to give a neighbor more time to consider the proposal for constructing a deck within 5 ft of the southern property line and within 50 ft of the lake.

During the regular meeting The Zoning Board denied the variance for a 6 ft. fence. (Note that a 4 ft. fence is permissible by the zoning ordinance.)

In the matter of a variance for Vincelette, Springdale Manor, to add some height to their house so they could use the present attic for living space. They would stay within the footprints of the house but would be over the 25% allowable increase. They would also like to enclose a 6' x 13 1/2' patio. The houses are all staggered and therefore the construction would not obstruct any view. A public hearing is scheduled for Oct. 24 meeting.

Gladys Rockwell (34-1-5.21) Decker Hill & Dodd Hill Rds) - Mrs. Rockwell would like to give 3.5 acres of a 13.6 acre lot under Sect. 8.020 of the Zoning Ordinance, Gifts and Devises (minimum lot size 8 acres). She would like to place a mobile home on the property. Since there is not enough property for a sub-division, she was advised by the Planning Board to seek a variance. They also recommended that the two unused campers should be removed and this should be made a condition in granting the variance. Also a culvert in the road should be installed. Public hearing is scheduled for Oct. 24.

Alice Patchett, representing the Trout House Village made a presentation asking for a variance to allow a living space on the patio level of the new building which was built this spring. At the time of granting a variance for this building it was noted that this level was to be used for storage space only. However, they now plan to tear down the small building next to the new one and use that space for living quarters in the new building. This requires a variance since the small building to be demolished is only 300 sq. ft. and they need 804 sq. ft. which would increase the living space in the new building from 3600 sq. ft. to 4164 sq. ft., an increase of 564 sq. ft. A public hearing has been scheduled for Oct. 24.

A public hearing on Oct. 24 has been scheduled for a variance to allow a replacement of boat house on the Larter property at Silver Bay. The present boathouse is 16' high and they would like to increase the height to 22 1/2'. . . djh

The site plan committee reported its findings on the Rockwell (34-1-5.21) project which asked for a variance to place a mobile home (2nd residence) on the property which consists of 13.6 acres in an 8.0 acre zone. There is not enough acreage for a subdivision and the only possible solution is an area variance. They recommended to the ZBA that they address the following concerns: 1) Removal of the two unused campers from the property and 2) a culvert be installed in the ditch along the driveway entrance. (See ZBA) The committee also recommended a denial of the variance to construct a 6' fence, 300 ft. long between the Harrison property and Springdale Manor. The committee also recommended that the variance for Barth (128-1-12), Rt. 9N, be granted since there is no general impact on the immediate area or that of the shoreline. (See ZBA)

Vincelette (43-1-2.8) Springdale Manor requests a variance to enlarge his residence greater than 25% to a pre-existing non-conforming structure within 100 ft of the lake. A site review was scheduled for Oct. 9.

Alice Patchett, representing Trout House Village Resort presented plans for putting a patio unit under the the new building on the property. (Details in ZBA report. . . djh

HAGUE TOWN BOARD

At 6:30PM on Oct 8, a public hearing was held to discuss proposed changes in the landfill hours. Several people made suggestions but the board's proposal was accepted. (See page 1)

Art Belden brought up a matter he thought was important (tho' not relevant to the hours). The use of outside contractors using the town facility without an additional fee. The board took note and this may be up for future discussion.

With the closing of the public hearing and the opening of the regular meeting at 6:30PM came the regular committee reports.

Assessor/Justice: The assessor and committee will investigate the possibility of extra tax revenue from Silver Bay Assoc. i.e. the day care center etc.

The assessor is also looking for an assistant to help during the revaluation. If you are interested, apply to the Personnel committee in Hague by Nov. 1, 1996. At a special Oct 7 budget workshop it was approved to set the rate of \$10 per hour for the Assessor and \$7 per hour for the assistant for work done on the revaluation.

Mr. Meola reported that the justice has had a very busy month.

Buildings and Grounds: Good news: New heating contract assures us the new boiler is working fine and can keep us warm up to 25 below zero. Bad news is: We will need, in about a year, a \$14,000 expansion tank.

Lu Megow will get a connector and cord for phones that will provide phone service when electricity goes out. 10/96

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**Fire Department:** Dry hydrant installed at Sabbath Day Point.

**Highway:** Dick Frasier will check the town trucks.

**Insurance:** According to Mr. Patchett it is time for truck inspection again. An appraisal must be made of all our equipment and the insurance company has agreed to do it. Mr. Meola felt the fidelity bond we have is too high on the town clerk/tax collector. He made a comparison with several other towns and T1 School District and most were well below ours at \$600,000.

**Planning and Zoning:** The town, not the highway superintendent, must make the request for the proposed shed at the sand pit (formerly Carney's).

**Recreation & Promotion:** Patchett mentioned interest in snowmobiling. Lucerne will do the grooming.

**Seniors:** Two letters of appreciation and several phone calls were received in appreciation of the boat trip which the town sponsored. It was a huge success. A new floor has been laid in the senior room. It is a BIG improvement!

**School:** A suggestion was made to invite Joanne Brown, a representative from Hague on the School Board, to attend a board meeting or workshop to bring us up to date and discuss school issues. This met with enthusiasm.

**Town Park & Beautification:** New split rail on north side of park has been proposed. Monies from the use of the ramp for post Labor Day is \$450 to date.

A decision was made to combine the logging money received with the money already in the bank from the sale of E. Monroe's house to help pay for the new Visitor's Center building at the town park. It was agreed to waive the taxes on the Monroe house.

**Youth:** It is hoped we can get more local children in the Silver Bay program next year. There were 45 this year at a cost of \$10 per child per week. The Rotary Club plans to take Hague children for a visit to the Haunted Halloween Fort. Sign up for your children at the Community Center.

**In Unfinished Business:** The 911 plan was approved and a letter of thanks approved for the hard work done by Diane Trudeau and Lu Megow. Three proposals were discussed for the landfill. Mr. Meola will follow up. Received \$50,000 for flood damage.

Two meetings are planned in Oct. re: Budget

Oct. 14 at 4:30PM - Budget workshop

Oct. 24 at 6:30PM. Public hearing on proposed 1997 budget.

STORMWATER ISSUES

A lot has happened since we last reported to *The Hague Chronicle*. The committee has met twice with the Town Board. Apparently the number one issue with the Board is not to create more regulations. It also seems apparent to me that before the Town embarks on pursuing stormwater regulations that they see some effort by the state to clean up our highways, meaning that the sanding, salting and ditching of our highway system appears to be the number one threat of pollution of Lake George within the Town of Hague and possibly the entire Basin. It also

was the only issue that seemed to spark any interest from some of the board members. At the last meeting, Herb Stephens from the State D.O.T., attended to help answer the board's questions. Very few people have responded to our past questionnaires, but those who did, have all (except one) complained that run off from the roads (mainly at intersections of town roads to 9N) continue to cause erosion damage to their property and would like help from the town or someone to resolve these problems. All of these problems could be avoided today because of the technology and information available to us. The State DOT has a new policy in the Adirondack Park to manage highway construction and maintenance which we are seeing if we look for them. Some examples are the work on Tongue Mt. with the stone rip rap in the ditches, the quicker reseeding and mulching of ditches, the work on the bridges and the catch basins to reduce the flow of sediments to the lake. Although equipment to clean them out has been a problem in the past, the LGA, through a grant, has funded the purchase of a truck to clean these structures for all the towns in the Basin to use and this, with the equipment already in place, will help greatly. This is a perfect example of how one group has recognized the importance of the team approach to resolve problems that affect water quality. Stormwater is not the joke that some people think it is; it's a pollution source to this lake that can be controlled. It does not need to be complicated, difficult or expensive to work, just well thought out and well planned to be effective. In the past few years I have seen a change in how the different players (LGPC, LGA, DEC, DOT, Dept of Health, Warren County Water and Soils and the towns and county) have joined together to work in small panel groups to identify problems and achieve solutions that one group alone could never accomplish by itself. This is a giant step forward and one that should be applauded by all.

The LGPC has lead agency status for the basin's stormwater regulations. They are making progress toward their goal of enacting regulations for the entire basin (a task that the State Legislature has mandated) and that would include the Town of Hague. They still have a long way to go and hurdles to jump before the regulations could be enacted, but the handwriting is on the wall; stormwater regulation may only be a matter of time before they start to affect all new development and construction within the Basin.

In closing I would like to ask you a question concerning the Hague Brook and that is: have you noticed any changes in the way the brook has been responding to storms that we have had in the past few years? We would appreciate your comments.

... Skip Hourigan

Stormwater Committee Chairman

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.*

... Prof. Reinhold Niebuhr

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William E. McGarr, Director of the Warren County Veterans' Service Agency, is in Hague every Thursday for counseling.

#### KIWANIS CLUB

For the first time in its seventy year history the local Kiwanis Club has a woman president. Susan D. Rathbun, was installed at the gala Kiwanis installation dinner held at Eddie's Restaurant on Sep 26, 1996 for the Kiwanis fiscal year commencing Oct 1, 1996.

Sue, in addition to being active at Rathbun Jeweler's, has chaired or been president of numerous local organizations, including development, hospital, business, school and arts organizations. During a period of 11 years ending in 1995, she was executive director of PRIDE of Ticonderoga. Among many other positions she is currently on the Board of Trustees of North Country Community College where she has also served as an adjunct member of the faculty.

Hague residents who were inducted as officers were David W. Swanson, 1st Vice President, Elizabeth B. Swanson, secretary and William Glenn and Alan E. Johns as directors.

Fifty-five members strong and growing, the Kiwanis Club is very active in projects for the benefit of the communities it serves.

#### WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulln

This has been a beautiful, bountiful fall, although the apple crop is down due to a late frost last spring. September began at 85° and ended at 62°. The first 13 days were mostly humid and in the 80's. The last two weeks cooled down to a more typical 50 and 60 degrees. Our first frost warning was Sep 23, the day after the autumnal equinox, but the night of Oct 3 was the first actual frost lakeside. A minor snow squall was reported on Oct 9 on Dodd Hill and across the lake at Dresden. Geese have been seen heading south as early as last August (do they know something we don't) but the celestial fowl roadway has been highly trafficked the second week in Oct.

Sep. 26 we were able to view perfectly the last total lunar eclipse of this decade. Sounds exotic but the next one won't occur until the year 2000. It was due to the harvest moon entering the earth's shadow. The red rays from sunrises and sunsets around the globe were refracted and flowed into the earth's shadow, hence the ruddy appearance. We were also treated to a very bright look at Saturn which appeared at the 5 o'clock position to the moon. Speaking of celestial events I hope you have had the time to enjoy these clear Oct. nights. The Milky way with its riot of stars has been spectacular.

After having canned the tomatoes, beans and cucumbers, we picked the last of the peppers and broccoli and turned the garden under and locked the garden gate.

*Every hunting season some accidents occur because both the gun and the hunter were loaded.*

#### NATURE NEWS

Laura Meade

In the fall, when leaves of deciduous trees turn beautiful colors of scarlet, yellow, gold and bronze, residents of Hague become very aware that a large percentage of land here is forested. In summer, leaves are green because they have the substance chlorophyll, which enables them to manufacture food. Other pigments are present in summer also, but those colors are masked by the green and one does not see them. So, as days shorten and temperatures drop, the green color disappears and the bright pigments dominate. Hence Fall Foliage!

In the Town of Hague a variety of maples, oaks, willows, hickories, pines, junipers, fruit trees and shrubs grow in yards, forests, ravines, wetlands, on islands and low-level mountains and along shore lines and roadsides. Some of these are little noticed, but I find three species especially fascinating for different reasons.

The pitch pine, whose seeds in tightly-bound cones, are only germinated by fire, grows on every island in Lake George near Hague. One can identify this species by its three needles in a clump, as compared to the white pine (5) or the red pine (2). My theory is that cones of the pitch pine were thrown into campfires on the islands and then the hot ashes were tossed about. There is a unique stand of seven mature pitch pines on the lawn of Paine Hall at Silver Bay Assoc. Probably someone burned leaves or had a campfire there many years ago.

Along every trail in Hague, there are a few striped maples, also known as moosewood or whistewood. When the temperature warms up in the spring, instead of tapping them for sap, a clever whittler will cut an entire tree, make a 10"-12" section, slide off the bark, cut a slit part way down one side, fix a blowhole, then slide the bark back on and pierce small "finger" holes along the notch. The result when blowing and placing fingers over the holes in various ways is the original "wood wind" instrument. A recorder is a close descendant of this "whistle wood." All flutes, clarinets, saxophones and bagpipes are based on the same principle.

Another interesting species is the catalpa, with its large heart-shaped leaves, umbrella-like profile and long, cigar-shaped bean pods. A catalpa is a "late bloomer." During the third week of June it will have a gorgeous "bouquet" of showy white flowers with purple/yellow centers. Over 75 years ago a row of these were planted in front of the Silver Bay Assoc. Inn, on the lakeside of the roadway. A few others of approximately the same age can be seen around town. At least eight catalpas growing on properties along the West Hague Rd, seem to be descendants from those at Silver Bay. Catalpas are planted in yards as decorative trees and have not taken root in forested areas.

#### HVFD AFGHAN RAFFLE

Joan Belden created an afghan and organized a raffle on it for the benefit of the HVFD building fund. The winner of the afghan was Roert Myers and the raffle generated \$45 for our building fund. Thank you, Joan.

### DOUGLASS INFORMATION ADVANTAGE

Mr & Mrs Paul Douglass, 67 Bobkat Lane, PO Box 2586 Silver Bay, NY 12874, have opened a computer monitor service in their home. The service will telephone anyone who is living alone or in questionable health to confirm his or her well-being. Their goal is to enable people to live in their own homes, functioning at their highest possible level while maintaining their independence.

Also available is Help Alert service. This is a small transmitter worn by homebounds, children and people who are ill. In the event of an emergency, the person simply presses the button and help will be sent immediately. For further information call 543-0032.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FINANCIAL COUNSELING PROGRAM

Help others gain control of their finances and improve your own with effective money management tips and techniques by training to become a volunteer financial counselor.

Cornell Coop. Ext. is currently recruiting volunteers to become Financial Counselors. The new counselor training is free and will be held in Glens Falls on Oct 26 & Nov 2: 9:30AM-12:30PM and Nov. 6: 6:30-8:30PM.

The training sessions will cover how to assess the client's financial situation, reduce expenses, wise use of credit, bankruptcy, and community resources.

For more info. call Cornell Coop. Ext. of Warren County at 623-3291 or 66-4881.

### SENIOR CITIZENS WALKING PROGRAM

The Elementary and Middle Schools will be open from 3:30-5:30PM beginning Tues. Oct 1 for Senior Citizens who want to exercise by walking.

Please enter building through Middle School entrance. Room one will be available for changing to walking shoes and a place to put coats and hats.

If you are interested in this program, please register at the T1 Middle School office at 585-7442. This would be available only during days school is in session.

### ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS WINTER WEEKENDS

- 9-11 yr. olds - Jan 4 & 5, 1997
- 12-13 yr olds - Jan 18 & 19, 1997
- 14-18 yr olds - Feb 1 & 2, 1997

Nature hikes on snowshoes and/or cross country skis, a visit to a deer yard, ice fishing, learning winter woods lore and safety, meeting new friends and old and enjoying the heat of a wood burning stove.

At 4H Camp Sacandaga, Speculator, NY. Participants stay in winterized Seabee Lodge.

Time - 10AM Sat to 3PM Sun.

Cost - A \$10 deposit must be paid at the time partic-

ipants pre-register. \$5.00 of the deposit will be returned to those who participate. No Money will be returned to those who do not participate. Participants bring their own food.

Transportation is parents' responsibility. Contact Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, Warrensburg, NY at 623-3291 or 668-4881. First come, first serve.

### LARAC FALL FESTIVAL Oct. 26 & 27

Queensbury - 97 artists and craftspeople will be exhibiting in the 14th Annual Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC) Fall Festival to be held Oct 26 & 27 at the Queensbury High School, Aviation Road, Queensbury.

The theme for the festival is Autumn and in keeping with the theme Chef Charles Jones will be carving an ice scarecrow on Sunday for display.

The Arts Council is sponsoring a contest for a drawing of a scarecrow which will be the logo of future Fall Festivals. There will also be a coloring contest for children in area schools.

For more info. about the Festival or the contests, call LARAC at 798-1144.

### LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION GRANT

The LGA has received a grant of \$150,000 from the Helen V. Froehlich Foundation. This is the third grant from the foundation making the total contribution over \$378,000.

Part of the grant will be used to stabilize brooks, beaches and shorelines by planting, replacing culverts or installing infiltrators at **Hague Brook**, **Hague Town Dock**, and Roger's Memorial Park. (See p4 Stormwater Issues)

### HELP! HELP!

If there is anyone out there who could give 3 hours twice a month to the Home Delivered Meals Program (sometimes known as Meals on Wheels)? We need one more driver; if you feel that you can contribute some time and mileage, it would be greatly appreciated. Call Marion Shoemaker at 543-6141 or Ethel Andrus at 543-6098. (Best time to reach EA is between 6:30 and 7:00AM and 6PM and let phone ring MANY times). It is interesting and rewarding - sometimes the volunteer driver is the only person the recipient sees during the week. . . ea

### SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET IN HAGUE

In keeping with the School Board's policy to hold some of its meetings in Hague, the November meeting will be held on Wed., Nov. 20 at 7:30PM at the Community Center. If you are interested in the school system and its operations, be sure to attend this meeting, which is held in Hague for those who find Ticonderoga is too far away.

### HAUNTED FORT AT FORT TICONDEROGA

The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George will transport children via school bus from the town of Hague to the haunted fort on Sat., Oct. 26 and will pay their admission.

There are two sessions; one from 6PM to 7:30PM for children of 3rd grade age and younger. This is a non-scary event called "Rip Van Winkle's Special Story."

For children of 4th grade age through age 17, there is a real scary walk through the fort lasting about 20 minutes from 6:00PM to 9:00PM.

For either or both sessions, meet at the Community Center at 5PM on October 26.

The younger children will return around 8:00 to 8:15PM and the older children around 9:30 to 9:45, perhaps earlier if there are fewer older children. You will be told the return time when the number of older children is known.

To sign up, please call 543-6541 or 543-6344 by Oct. 23.

### SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Hague-on-Lake George Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 1996 Hague Senior Citizen of the Year Award. The annual award is presented to a deserving Senior Citizen based on written nominations from members of the Hague community and reviewed by a committee made up of representatives from the Hague Volunteer Fire Department, The Hague-on-Lake George Chamber of Commerce, The Hague Fish and Game Club, the Senior Citizens Club and the Town Supervisor (Co-Chairman of the selection committee). The selection is based on those seniors who have made significant contributions to the Hague Community. The award presentation shall be made at the Community Center during the Community Christmas Party on December 7, 1996.

Past recipients of the prestigious Hague Senior Citizen of the Year Award are: 1990 - Dottie Henry; 1991 - Georgina Lindquist; 1992 - Ethel Andrus; 1993 - Bob Hoyt; 1994 - Marion Shoemaker; 1995 - Marg DelSignore

Any Hague resident may nominate a person by writing a brief narrative on why the individual should be selected as the Senior Citizen of the Year. Please send your nomination to:

Tom James  
Selection Committee Co-Chairman  
86 Lakeshore Drive  
Silver Bay, NY 12836- 9705

Your nomination must be received by November 28, 1996.

*If your garden looks tired and uninteresting late in the growing season, or if you'd just like to experiment with a versatile and low-maintenance garden, try some of the ornamental grasses. (Cornell Coop Ext. Bulletin 64)*

### NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT SILVER BAY CHILD-CARE CENTER

The Silver Bay Community Child Care Center recently introduced three new staff members.

Michelle Cadogan, Diane Martino and Jo Hadley all bring impressive experience with working with children to their roles as care workers.

Michelle Cadogan, a student from Birmingham, England will volunteer at Silver Bay's Child Care Center and Wellness Center through February.

Her participation was arranged by the Multinational Leadership Training Program, an international-youth exchange program based in Reading, Berkshire England.

Cadogan's interests include drama, music (she plays the oboe, piano and guitar and sings), dancing and athletics. She plans to study medicine at the University of London after her internship. She has also served as a volunteer for her church, helping underprivileged children.

Silver Bay invites community members to help introduce Cadogan to this country. She welcomes opportunities to share holidays and cultural events with American families. Contact Andrea McDonald at 543-8833 if you would like to include Cadogan in your family activities.

Jo Hadley, a Ticonderoga native, has been an active substitute teacher at Ticonderoga Central School since she graduated with a degree in education five years ago.

Diane Martino of Hague has a degree in child care and has worked as a physical therapy assistant, care worker and counselor since 1976. Her special skills include the ability to use sign language.

The three join staff members Angela McAlpine and Rene Swinton.

### HELP! HELP!

If there is anyone out there who could give 3 hours twice a month to the Home Delivered Meals Program (sometimes known as Meals on Wheels)? We need one more driver; if you feel that you can contribute some time and mileage, it would be greatly appreciated. Call Marion Shoemaker at 543-6141 or Ethel Andrus at 543-6098. (Best time to reach EA is between 6:30 and 7AM and 6PM; let phone ring MANY times). It is interesting and rewarding - sometimes the volunteer driver is the only person the recipient sees during the week. . . ea

### ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 5, 1996

This is an off year for Hague elections. However, there is one office up for election - the office of Town Clerk. This is due to the tie vote in last year's election and the subsequent appointment of Republican Debbie Manning as clerk for a year. Barbara Belden, Democrat, is running against Debbie Manning for town clerk for one year.



**DEBBIE MANNING, CANDIDATE FOR TOWN CLERK**

I've been a life-long resident of Silver Bay where I currently reside with my husband Mike and our two children, Kaley and Karney.

It has been a very interesting and enjoyable year. I attended various courses and meetings: NYS Town Clerks Assoc. Conference in Saratoga; NYS Archives & Records Admin. "SARA" in Queensbury; Freedom of Information & Open meeting laws at Adirondack Community College in Glens Falls and the Tri County Clerks Assoc. meeting in Chestertown. I found all of these courses very interesting and very helpful.

The Town Clerk and Tax Collector positions have varied duties: tax billing, tax receipts, filing of marriage licenses, minutes for Town Board meetings, dog licenses, et.

I have enjoyed serving my community. The people I have met this year have been very encouraging and very supportive.

Once again I am asking you for your support on Nov. 5, 1996.

Thank you! /s/ Deborah F. Manning

**BARBARA BELDEN, CANDIDATE FOR TOWN CLERK**

I have been a resident of Hague for the past 30 years and have been referred to by the people of Hague as "the nurse", Paul's wife", "Peter and Paul's mom", all of which I still am. However, there is another side to me which includes a B.S.P.A. degree from St. Joseph's ME, with a major in nursing and a minor in financial management.

My financial experience includes Acct. Rec.-Acct. Payable, Account Reconciliation, Disbursements/income. I have been the recording secretary for the Hague Board of Assessment Review, and am currently recording secretary for the Hague Planning Board and ZBA.

I have maintained a record of being accurate and timely, meet quality assurance standards, and am in compliance with Federal, State & County mandates.

I am punctual, reliable and can be flexible in availability in the Town Clerk's office.

**HAGUE - 1965**

The War Between the States was started with the attack on Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861 and ended with the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Courthouse on April 9, 1865. Although the war itself never reached this far north, Hague made its contribution just as did all other northern towns and villages.

According to the federal census of 1860 the population of Hague was 708; in 1870 it was 637. The state census of 1865 listed 659 residents of the town. Of these, 42 men were in the military service. An additional 13 had been in service but had been discharged prior to June 1, 1865 as wounded, etc. Twelve servicemen died from their wounds or disease between April 1861 and June 1865. Among these was Alvin Shattuck, 24, and Orrin Walker, 35, who

are said to have died of starvation presumably in a Confederate prison camp in Salisbury, NC. Six of the deceased were married; all were volunteers and all held the rank of private. Thus, there appears to have been a contribution of 67 men from the town to the northern army.

The population of Hague in 1865 listed 30 persons 65 years of age and older, about 5% of the population. Three were over eighty: Sophia Baker, 81; William Johnson, 86; and Sally Balcom, 86. There were 107 farms with 180 farmers. In addition to the occupations listed in the previous census, the town now claimed two shoemakers, a carriage maker, and a 32 year old man was listed as having no occupation. Average monthly pay (including board) of farm laborers through the summer months was \$40. In 1860 it was \$26. The lumber business flourished during this period with Stephen Hoyt and Samuel Ackerman being most interested.

In the year ending June 1, 1865 only two marriages were performed - Joseph Myatt married Sophia Newton, 14 years of age, and Stanley Bevins took Mary A. Spencer to be his wife. There were five deaths; Lucy Elethorpe, 94, died of "old age"; Uriah Balcom and Truman A. Walker of typhoid fever, and Cynthia Newton of diphtheria.

Of 109 heads of families, 86 were not born in Warren County. The New England states, mostly Vermont, contributed 39; seven had migrated from Ireland, six from Canada, and three came from England. The remainder came from surrounding counties, principally Washington and Essex.

The town boasted of one church, the Union Church Society, which had a capacity of 200 and an average attendance of 30. The church included several denominations, but had no minister.

Supervisors were apparently elected annually with H.H. Harrison serving two terms, and Lewis Burgess, W.A.G. Arthur, and William N.M. Marshall serving one term each between 1860 and 1865.

The census enumerator described the harvest of 1864 in the following paragraph: "Crops of all kinds except potatoes suffered severely from drought last year. Of grass (?) there was only about two thirds the ordinary yield. Wheat, oats and rye were almost a total failure in some parts of the town while in other parts they suffered to the extent of nearly or quite over half. Of corn there was but little, if any, more than half the ordinary yield..."

With the war now over, the enumerator was asked for his opinions on a number of items. 1. How did the war affect debt between individuals? "It has very much diminished the amount of indebtedness." 2. What effect has it had on credit? "People pay as they go." 3. Has it tended to produce prompt payment? "It has." 4. How has it influenced pauperism? "No paupers here!" 6. What changes in social conditions have you observed since 1860? "People generally are in better pecuniary circumstances than they were before the war. Being out of debt and owning the land they occupy, the increase in taxation made necessary by the war can be borne without distress."

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOV. 5**

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DIED - John J. Gunning, 64, president and principle owner of Gunning Insurance Inc., Ticonderoga on Sep. 24, 1996. He is survived by his wife, Betty, two sons and one daughter, Jennie Lou of Hague.

DIED - Ernest A. Robbins, 77, a former resident of Hague, on Sep 30 in NY City. He is survived by his wife, Rena, four sons, three daughters and seven sisters, including Anna Denno and Beatrice Frasier of Hague.

BORN - A boy, Jacob Tyler, to Carol (Dunklee) and Brian Outland on Sep 7, 1996 in Hayward, CA. Grandparents are Dick and Annette Dunklee and great grandmother is Marion Shoemaker.

BORN - A girl, Paige Elizabeth, to Gina (Marchette) and Brian Jeckering on Sep. 30, 1996 in Chagrin Falls, OH. Maternal grandparents (a first!) are Bobbi & Tom Marchette, Silver Bay and Poughkeepsie, NY

JESSICA FRASIER, daughter of Edna and Dick Frasier, Hague has been named a Commended Student in the 1997 National Merit Scholarship Corp. Program. She is one of about 35,000 students nationwide who are being honored for their exceptional academic promise.

TICONDEROGA HIGH SCHOOL's Open House will be held on Oct 23 from 7-9PM.

WE APOLOGIZE

If you received your *Hague Chronicle* last month in something less than "good condition", we are sorry. We do appreciate those of you who took the time to tell us about it and we hope that you have received the replacement copy which we sent out.

This is the problem: The Post Office Dept. has informed us that we cannot use staples because they do not work well in their sophisticated machines. Therefore last month we started using mailing dots to hold the paper together. Evidently some of those did not work too well either, and when they didn't there wasn't anything to hold the four sheets together and thus some people only received the last page, which had their mailing label on.

I have talked with the Albany office of the Postal System and they suggested that we could use staples in the upper left corner to keep the sheets together, as long as we folded them to the inside. So here goes this month - we are changing our system again and are hoping for the best. Please do let us know if you still have any problems. djh

*It's not the years in your life but the life in your years that count!"*

HEATING CONVERSION, RECONSTRUCTION & COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY REFERENDUM

A referendum enabling the school system to undertake the following projects will be held on Nov. 20, 1996 from 1-6PM in the TI High School Lobby and Hague Community Center.

Elementary/Middle School

- Convert heating system and domestic hot water heating from electric heat to oil heat.
- On west side of bldg. provide for reconstruction and paving of the rear play area behind the gym, the parking lot, and the access road to the oil tank and parking lot. Re-grade drainage area beyond new paving to direct water away from school and newly paved area. Provide drive gate to isolate play area from truck access.
- Provide new dumbwaiter and ships ladder for access to storage area above the girls' locker room.

Computer Technology

Elementary School Total \$38,100

- Provide 8 new computers with CCC license for the lab.
- Furniture for 8 computers moved to classrooms
- Network printer
- Flat panel display for an overhead projector

Middle School Total \$24,500

10 computers for the computer lab  
Furniture for 10 classroom computers  
Network server

- Color scanner
- Flat panel display

High School

- 10 computers for the computer labs
- Furniture for 10 classroom computers
- Network server
- Color scanner
- Network printer
- Flat panel display

Software/Staff Development Total \$10,400

To purchase software and to initiate staff training on using technology in the classrooms.

Electrical Wiring Total \$35,000

Network Wiring Total \$40,000

TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURE IS \$1,630,000

Bond Issue - 1996-97

Total Borrowing	-----\$1,630,000
Est. interest over 20 years	-----1,240,000
Total Debt Service	-----2,870,000
State Aid projected (55%)	1,579,000
Net cost of bond issue	-----1,291,000
Net cost per year (20 years)	-----\$ 65,000
Est. energy savings per year	-----65,000
Net cost to taxpayers	-----0-

TOTAL REFERENDUM COMPONENT COSTS

1. El/Mid. Sch. heating conversion	\$ 920,000
2. High school oil tank replacement	75,000
3. High school Lake George Ave parking paving reconstruction	37,570
4. El/Mid. School rear parking/play area paving reconstruction with gate isolating play area	125,810
5. Ships ladder & dumbwaiter	24,820
6. Computer technology upgrade including network and power wiring, computers and software	180,000
Subtotal	\$1,363,200
Engineering fees, clerk of the works, legal service, fiscal service, bond expenses, advertising, office supplies & other incidental costs	266,800
TOTAL BONDING	\$1,630,000

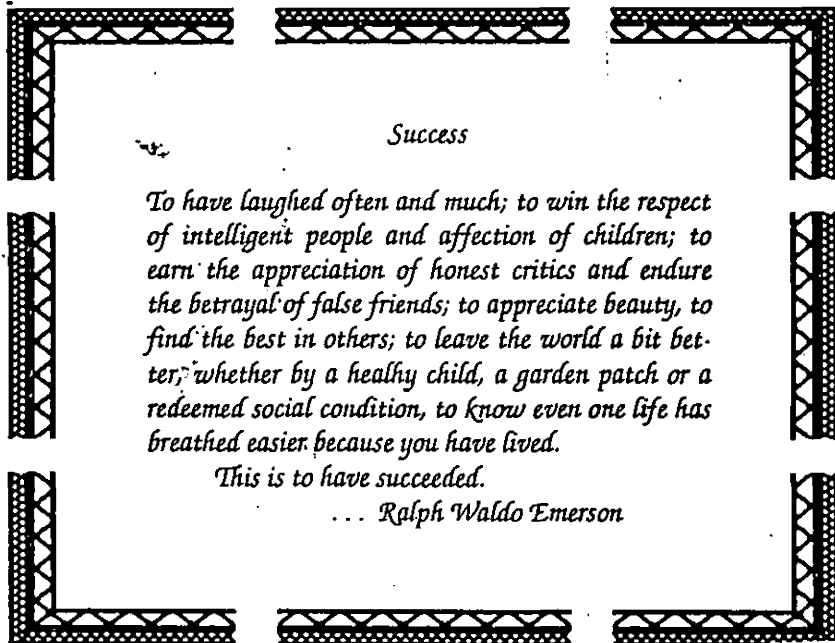
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Oct.

- 23 T1 High School's open house - 7-9PM
- 24,25,26 - Haunted Fort - Fort Ticonderoga
- 24 Public Hearing on proposed 1997 budget
- 24 ZBA meeting - 7:00PM
- 24 Hague Historical Society (p2)
- 29 Senior Citizen meeting - 1:30PM - Community Ctr
- 29 Interagency Council - 9AM Thompson-Pell Research Ctr. (p2)
- 29 Sr. Citizens meeting - 1:30PM (chg. of date)

Nov

- 5 ELECTION 6AM - 9PM (p1)
- 7 Planning Board Meeting - 7PM
- 12 Personal registration for school referendum
- 12 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 15 HAGUE CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- 20 Blood Pressure Clinic - 1-2PM
- 20 Ticonderoga School referendum (see p7)
- 20 Board of Education meeting in Hague - 7:30PM
- 21 Hague Historical Society- 7:30PM



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