

KEITH DELARM DAY "THE NICEST"

No tinsel and crepe paper affair, our Keith Day party! The Beachside Restaurant, loaned by Marge and Charles Burgey, was decorated by Bill Foster with masses of autumn flowers, local greens, paintings in oil & watercolor by Adra Seerup, woodcuts with oil by Terry Kris and two handsome antique chairs with end table on a red carpet in front of the fireplace.

Bill was ably assisted by Martha & Harry White who, among other things, had to attend a funeral in Schenectady and returned from loaded with flowers to spend the rest of the day setting-up.

The loan of those chairs by Dr. Brennan and that red carpet by Mr. & Mrs. Foster rates a gold star for faith in people.

Keith and Nancey never had a chance to sit in their chairs. 300 people came, mingled happily and went on their way resolved to do this more often.

Finger sandwiches, a tangy punch and cookies garnered from all over town were supervised by Mrs Bernard Clifton (Fran) and served in generous heaps on handsome baskets by two teams of school girls.

Those baskets were loaned by Adra Seerup and Fran astounded everyone by making the fillings and bread come out exactly-even.

Even the P.A. system worked without squeaking. This and the music were managed by Bill Cobb.

Presentations began about three o'clock and included:

An oil painting from one of the Jane Parmlee posters, framed by Jack Henry.

A citation plaque and a lifetime membership in the Sno-Goers Club presented by Clifton Frasier.

Three pewter Adirondack Bicentennial plates engraved with words of appreciation from the people of Hague, were presented by Ed Crabbs and the designer of the plates, Charles Hawley, took a bow.

An Adra Seerup oil on slate of cardinals was presented by the artist in memory of her husband, Emil, who stood in temporarily as Supervisor during Keith's illness and told her at the time that he "would not want that job for anything in the world".

A message of regret that he could not come to the party and an olympic pin were delivered from State Senator Ron Stafford.

A letter of appreciation from Governor Carey was read by Chairman Mrs. Jack (Dottie) Henry.

A donkey pin from the Democratic Party of Hague and an engraved silver bowl and lifetime membership from The Chamber of Commerce were presented by Mrs. Bea Polino.

A Commemorative Book in tooled Italian leather binding, containing before and after pictures showing the changes which have occurred in Hague during Keith's tenure, lists of those who contributed to The Day, letters and poems of appreciation and the guest list signed by all those who came to the party, was presented by Jack Henry.

Dick Bolton, incoming Town Supervisor, expressed appreciation to all the people who had arranged this day of good will and led an enthusiastic round of applause for Dottie Henry who coordinated all the efforts of us happily cooperative citizens.

Then came the high point of the day when Dick presented a flight bag containing a tooth brush & paste

a necktie, socks, handkerchief, shaving cream, a copy of The Wall Street Journal and \$1100 DOLLARS which had been coming in steadily since the plans were announced in September. Keith's constituents are scattered in winter from Palm Beach to Canada and West to Ariz. Nevada and California.

People came from all over Warren County, Ticonderoga, Albany, Tarrytown and Boston.

The other town supervisors and county officials were there.

U. S Congressman Ned Pattison came in person and the people enjoyed meeting him.

The longest-distance phone call came from Harry DeBuys in Alabama.

An old $\frac{1}{2}$ pint DeLarm Dairy cream bottle full of pennies arrived for "Uncle Keith from the small fry".

A large oil on canvas of the view from DeLarm Farm, gift of the painter and former Madison Ave. advertising man, Jack Tinker, who summers on Friends Point, provided an "Aaah, Wow" finale.

FROM KEITH DELARM:

I'd like to try and thank all of you wonderful people who made "my day" the tremendous success that it was.

It was the nicest party that I have ever been fortunate enough to be a part of. Weeks and weeks of work must have gone into the planning of this fantastic affair and

I want you all to know how much I really appreciated this tribute.

Thank you all for the wonderful gifts and after the first of the year Nancy and I hope to take a little trip to a warmer climate. Keith DeLarm day will always be remembered as the most outstanding day of my life.

FROM NANCY: (Mrs. Keith DeLarm)

Keith shows little emotion as a rule but he was deeply touched by this and he is still talking about it. It certainly was a lovely affair. Thank you all for everything.

A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF HAGUE

From the chairman's point of view the party was a great success and well worth the effort and time spent. I can't begin to express my sincere thanks to each and every one of you for the help given. I sincerely believe that everyone who came had a good time and that's what parties are all about.

To those of you who could not make it, I am really sorry. We missed you.

I think the party was a great thing for the people of Hague, for the DeLarms and for me, since it really opened my eyes to the sincerity, generosity and appreciation that Keith's constituents, from near and far, felt for their supervisor and the cooperative spirit of the people of Hague.

As Elaine McKee said at the party, "It just shows that the people Hague are all nice people."

Dorothy J. Henry
SOMEONE NAMED ANON (postmark Hague)
Sums It All Up:

RE KEITH DELARM DAY

With poets rampant in the town
All subjects now are treated thus
From elephants to shortages
And since that's so, we should

remark

That Sunday's fete for Keith DeLarm
Was one that Hague will long recall
With warmth. We thank you all
Whose efforts made it come about--
Especially Keith--if he weren't here
We would have had no cause to cheer!

11/22/77

FOUND

One copper cooky sheet; one round aluminum tray; two flowered plates. All of these items were generously heaped with cookies for the party but since no name was on them, they could not be returned to their rightful owners. Please call Dottie Henry, 6633 to claim. She will be happy to return them promptly.

PUBLIC HEARING
on
PROPOSED TOWN OF HAGUE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BEFORE THE HEARING

THE PLANNING BOARD with two liason members from the Town Board have been urging people to attend their meetings, write or call with questions and complaints; visiting properties and adjusting the plan after each of these visits and after each Public Hearing (this was the 5th) for the past year.

At one point they were out studying the terrain on snowshoes.

They have reported on their work in this newsletter almost every month since their appointment 4 years ago.

THE TOWN BOARD, during the past month, have joined and increased these activities. One Board Member has been going out to visit carrying maps and copies of the proposed ordinance to people who were reportedly upset.

They prepared a special edition of The Chronicle with statements from each member of the Town Board and a minority report from Mr. Zeese of The Planning Board.

They can say with a clear conscience that the Plan has been fitted to the needs of the town. Many people would be less restricted and no one would be more restricted than they are under present APA and Health Department regulations.

A GROUP OF VISITORS, mostly from The North Country and one or two from The Catskills, came to town to help us slay the APA dragons.

They hovered around town for about a week before the hearing holding meetings to tell us about the APA and explain our proposed plan, assuring us "They will change it the next day".

Someone called "your friends and Neighbors" wrote a warning letter with diagrams purported to show us our "land reduced in value to where you can't give it away say nothing about selling it."

They got to the hearing early, participated under all categories whenever they felt we needed help and stayed to the end.

They shouldn't have worried so. The opposition is in very capable hands and APA stories are more common than fish stories.

AT THE HEARING NOV 29

The Hearing was opened by Town Supervisor, Keith DeLarm at 7PM and continued until 12 Midnight. 128 people registered their presence at the door.

Mr. DeLarm laid ground rules for conduct of Hearing as advised by County Attorneys:

Two parts, the first part for answering questions, the second part for hearing statements.

People would be allowed to speak in this order:

- A. Resident property owners
- B. Residents
- C. Non-resident property owners
- D. Bordering municipalities & State Agencies who are parties of interest
- E. Non-residents who do not own property in Hague & are not parties of interest.

Statements to be limited to 2 or 3 minutes.

Speakers to give name, address and state whether they are property owners in Hague.

AT THE HEARING cont:

On hand to answer questions were:

David Krogman, As't County Attorney to rule on legal questions. Chm. Edward Crabbs representing Town Planning Board.

Bill Davidson & Leslie Freeman of Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board.

Ron Cooper for APA related questions.

All members of The Town Board were present: William Cobb, John T. Henry, Aaron Middleton and Harvey Yaw.

Supervisor DeLarm called attention to the materials available, urged people to have confidence in the men who have done the work and opened the meeting to questions.

On basis of questions and statements, the participants seemed to fall into three groups:

1. Those in favor of the proposed plan which is Approved by AdirondackPark Agency and if passed would remove APA jurisdiction over Class B projects (homes, small subdivisions etc.) and place control in the hands of local boards.

2. Those in favor of a local ordinance Not Approved by the APA. This would leave APA with jurisdiction over all projects and add local boards but they feel that the APA will be dismantled if local governments do not pass Approved Plans. Their advice is to wait and continue to work on a local ordinance.

3. Those opposed to all zoning laws and town planning who also hope the APA will be abolished.

[Class A Projects (large subdivisions etc.) remain under APA jurisdiction so long as Article 27 (APA Act) is in effect.]

PROS AND CONS

OPP: = opposed

FOR: = in favor of passing the proposed Town Plan

OPP: It supports the APA.

FOR: It removes more than half of their jurisdiction

OPP: Enforcement will be costly.

FOR: It will be a good investment.

Applications for permits have averaged 4.2 per year in the past five years. Even with increased building this would be a part-time position OR could be combined with duties of an already appointed town official.

Supervisor DeLarm said there is money available in the Contingency Fund. Present estimates are that it would cost less than \$1000.

OPP: No other town has passed an "approved" plan.

FOR: Hague has the advantage of three large property owners who do not plan to develop their land, allowing us more leeway in distributing densities within APA limits.

OPP: They may sue us in future or ask to have their taxes lowered.

FOR: They are either already under the Fisher Act, do not plan to develop their land or cannot under APA & Health Department regulations because of their location.

OPP: It will lower property values on some and therefore on all property.

FOR: It will improve property values and increase demand if prospective buyers are reassured that we have a protective plan to prevent cheap development and crowded conditions.

PROS & CONS cont.

OPP: We need time for more "in-put" from property owners.

FOR: We have had 5 public hearings, 3 legal plus 2 informational, (Aug 4 & 25, Sep 12, Oct 3 & Nov 29)

In addition to legal notices there has been press and radio coverage.

All meetings have been open to the public for 4 years.

It will never be perfect but it allows for variances.

OPP: Once it is passed we are stuck with it.

FOR: It can be amended and provides for variances.

OPP: APA has to be advised when the town grants variances or amends the ordinance.

FOR: They must take us to court each time they object to either and prove we have done something illegal.

OPP: Lake George Park Commission has protective restrictions on Lakeshore property and are enforcing them now.

FOR: Our plan supports the LGPC and goes further toward meeting local needs.

Lakeshore property is only one part of the town.

OPP: It is too long and complicated, 4 books and 500 pages.

FOR: It is a legal document. It has to use legal language.

OPP: Why does it follow APA models so closely?

FOR: It uses APA models and language only when they are compatible with our thinking. It is legal language.

OPP: It is too restrictive.

FOR: No more than APA. It can be amended. Better too restrictive than laissez faire and the kind of growth which has been moving northward.

OPP: It will prevent new business development.

FOR: Mr. Katzman reported that it would hasten his development of Arcady Estates by 6 months or more and the local planning board has found that he can add 10 more units than he had hoped.

Some of his future residents will be moving here from the southern end of the lake.

OPP: Why did APA agree to Hague's plan if it makes so many changes?

FOR: They are reasonable requests. The APA Plan is regional.

Town plans are the mechanism for correcting errors in detail in that plan.

AFTER THE HEARING

While waiting for approval from the Warren County Planning Board, the Town Board will continue to receive and consider letters, calls or visits to the Town Hall.

Arrangements have been made with WCPB to add last minute changes.

It is hoped that they will hear from those who approve the proposed plan as well as those opposed.

Correction Please: Special Issue of The Chronicle in Nov should be dated Nov. 23. The Board members completed their statements on that date. It was mailed the 25th.

FREE LESSONS IN DOWNHILL & CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING are being planned for January at the town Ski-Tow. Some equipment may be there for beginners use. Call Joe McCranels 6051 or watch the papers.

"THE FISHER ACT"

After the Sept. 12 Public Hearing at which John Phillips requested that the Friends Point Asn. land be rezoned to Resource Management since it was under the Fisher Act, I asked him about it. He relayed my request to Mrs. (Claire) Phillips.

Mrs. Phillips wrote:

"The law which is commonly referred to as the "Fisher Act" is officially the Fisher Forest Tax Law (Section 480 of the Real Property Tax Law of New York State). It was amended October 1, 1973, but had been on the books for at least 15 years prior thereto.

No lands may be classified pursuant to the above Section 480 after Sept. 1, 1974. The law was amended that date and Section 480 was replaced by Section 480-A, which resulted in a number of technical changes to the taxation of forest land.

The action of the Friends Point Association (FPA) in qualifying its common land under Section 480 prior to September 1, 1974 gave positive proof of the determination of all FPA members to preserve their common land in a 'forever green' state. One thing was certain this land was not intended for use as future developed building lots, and should therefore not be assessed in that manner. Without the Fisher Act, the FPA common land would have most likely been assessed as land for future development under the Clemshaw Appraisal.

We filed timely, we followed up on the status of our application, we obtained the required timely inspection by Encon and succeeded in obtaining approval of our application.

I am sure all FPA residents are content in the assurance that some 55 acres of forest greenery surrounding their homes will remain just that.

The results were personally rewarding to me having served as Chairman of the Committee appointed by the FPA to follow up the application to its conclusion.

I was grateful to Stan Smith for the valuable experience he provided the committee on woodland matters:"

Claire M. Phillips

It was good of Mrs. Phillips to do this for us. They had planned to retire this year and live at Friends Point - Mrs. P had been comptroller of Arthur Young & Co. an international public accounting firm in N.Y.C., one of "The Big 8" --but on Aug. 1 the Governor of Florida appointed her to a 9 man commission which will be reorganizing the Florida Dept. of Health, Welfare & Rehabilitation and Mr. P was rushing back to Jacksonville to join her.

GROWING UP WILD, by Dorothy Good-Fellow of Silver Bay & Pittsburg, is now available.

Mr. Herbert of The Bookmark in Ti reports it is selling well and he has reordered it.

Those of us who have read it found it "refreshing", "delightful" and recommend it to anyone who loves this "neck of the woods"-- or any other. Billie DeGraff sent a copy of it to her brother whose life style, in the state of Washington, is similar to ours.

It is in paper-back, by Boxwood Press - \$3.95.

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HAGUE CUB SCOUT NEWS

On Oct. 28th at 7:00 the Hague Cub Scouts and their families had a Halloween Party at the Hague Town Hall.

There was judging of the homemade costumes.

The first group was of all the cub scouts.

The winners were: for the funniest, The Vampire, Jeffery Plass; the most original, The Beer Can, Gordon McCoy; the prettiest, The Tin Man, Dan Denton.

The second group was of all the other children.

The winners were: the funniest, The Clown, Jason Plass; the most original, Peter Pan, Christ Swinton; the prettiest, Raggety Ann, Ginger Schwarte.

Silver dollars were given out as prizes.

The judges were Mrs. Agnes Watts, Mr. Robert Hoyt and Mr. Gerry Boyd.

The Cubs made and brought Jack-O-Lanterns. They were lighted and put around for decorations. The Cubs took these home afterward.

The Cubs also made bean bags and soap bottle cats for one of the four games. The other games included a ring toss, a peanut roll and catching swinging apples from a stick.

There were refreshments of cookies and cider. These were all donated by the Cub Scouts' parents.

Also, Mr. Dale Mathews from the Mohawk Council was able to stop in for a few minutes. Others there were: Mr. George Denton, our Cub Scout Master, The Committee Chairwoman Joan Belden also Den Mothers Mrs. Martha Denton & Elinor Sharpe.

There were 75 Cubs and relatives at the party; with a good time had by all.

Elinor Sharpe

A DOUBLE THANK YOU FROM AARON MIDDLETON to "the many people of Hague who supported me at the polls on Election Day" and all who sent me

THREE CHEERS FOR THE TOWN CREW

Would you believe there are only six of them? They maintain the Hague tradition of keeping ahead of the storms while we are snug in our beds:

Commissioner Dan Belden
Jack Dunsmore
Mitchell Frasier
Sam Frasier
Gerald Hutchinson
Walt Waters

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MET AT
"SHORE HAPPY" ON NOV 16

Dr. & Mrs Robert Cole entertained the group at their summer home to facilitate display of jade which accompanied Dr. Cole's discussion of The History Of Jade.

They were much more relaxed about people handling the jade than most museums. The pieces ranged in date of origin from 1400AD - Ming Dynasty to 1800AD - Spanish and were in several colors and exquisite designs.

In addition to history of jade working processes, Bob discussed precautions in buying and registering pieces to prevent theft.

His grandfather was a ship's chandler and during the depression years as Bob watched precious family pieces disappear, he resolved to correct that as soon as he was able. His first opportunity came when he was stationed in the Pacific and he has pursued this avocation ever since.

Mrs. Cole (Bea) had a special arrangement of Arum lillies, Bird of Paradise leaves and Kelp from South Africa done on a hand crafted Ed Chapleau Frame.

DECEMBER MEETING date changed to Dec. 12, Baptist Church Annex.

Dr. Harold Gelhaar will speak on "History and Reminiscences of Sabbath Day Point."

cards get well wishes, phone calls etc. while I was in hospital."

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NOV. 14, 1977

Approval given to elect the contribution method of financing our participation in the unemployment insurance program.

Report from Committee on Handicapped was accepted.

It was decided to hold a referendum on the purchase of a new school bus.

Vote to be held on JAN 11, 1978 from 1 to 8PM with a voter registration to be held on JAN 4 from 1 to 5PM.

Mr. Peter Plass was appointed as Junior Varsity Basketball Coach for 1977-78.

Open House Nov. 22 from 7 to 8:30PM.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Dec. 19 at 7:30PM.

The old jig saw was sold to Ray Laundree.

Mr. Meola reported on 2 hour refresher course for bus drivers; National School Board Convention; and Regents State Aid Proposal for phasing out flat grants and "save-harmless" aid over a 4 year period.

Voting on new Board Member, to replace Mrs. Barbara Belden, is scheduled for Jan 11, 1978.

Leila Foote. Clerk of the Board reports petitions for candidates must be in 30 days before the vote (by Dec. 11) To date, James McKee has been the only applicant.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: DEC 12

The February 1978 meeting was changed to FEB 6 because of mid-winter recess.

FIRST QUARTER HIGH HONORS ROLL
HAGUE CENTRAL SCHOOL

Teresa Davis

Teresa Davis

Kathleen Hudak

Richard Strum

Pamela Smith

Colleen Goetsch

Michael Streeter

from Rudolph Meola

School Prin.

THE LABRADOR PUPPY

Bonnebell, rescued by Friends Point residents, won herself a permanent home in Ti. The last time I saw her she was riding like a little princess in the back seat of her brand new station wagon.

Now the nicest dog I ever knew lives with one of the nicest boys I ever met.

His name is Frank Fowler. He is 12 years old and plans to be a veterinarian. His mother Patricia is in Real Estate and his father, Frank is an airline pilot with American Airlines.

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