

THOSE GUNS OF FUM

Howard Engler

It is fortunate for all of us, no matter how dull or humdrum our daily assignments may be, that life almost always has a lighter, more humorous touch to it that makes it worth living. Life on the committee boat weekend after weekend, race after race, is a mixture of much activity at the start of the race but then settles down to a long quiet period, often boring, until the boats class by class return to the finish line two or three hours later. Then, once again all on board scurry to their respective duties of logging in the boats as they cross the line - names, numbers and finishing times - with a gun being fired for the first boat across in each class and a horn for every finisher.

During the periods of idle waiting committee members pass the time in various ways, some are constructive like knitting or reading, while others just chatter and review perhaps the misspent previous evening at The Kettles.

One brilliant Sunday in July, the good ship "TinCan" rode at anchor while we waited for the Stars and Thistles, three classes having already finished and on their way back to port. I casually glanced up the lake toward the boats still sailing and beheld the Ticonderoga heading north in our general direction. This seemed a little odd because we were on the west side of the lake and she almost always hugged the east shore of Hague Bay.

I turned to Betty Wotton, one of our crack "secretaries" who log the race results, and said "You know, Betty, I think the "Ti" is heading for our finish line!"

Betty was unbelieving. "Oh, they wouldn't do that. They've never done that before. They always steer clear of the races" she stated matter-of-factly. "Well" I replied "nevertheless, here she comes and we're going to give her a gun as she comes across the line." Betty protested that we could cause trouble for the boats still sailing - a misunderstanding perhaps that we had cancelled the race. I disagreed because it takes two guns for a cancellation and the sailors would consider one gun as just another class finishing.

I told Bruce Hatfield, our utility boatboy, to ready the gun. I yelled "FIRE". BLAM! The large crowd on the big ship cheered wildly

And then it happened! There was suddenly a lot of scurrying around and in the pilot house of the "Ti". The skipper ran out to the rail and to our complete amazement and shock - BLAM! The Ti had returned our fire! The crowd cheered even louder.

I looked at Betty and Jinx Mayer, one of our very capable signal gals. I was red faced and momentarily embarrassed. Two guns had been fired, meaning only one thing - race cancelled! I would have a lot of explaining to do to the "elite" Star and Thistle sailors.

We all looked up the lake - nothing was happening. No one was changing course and heading home. My flawless career had been spared. The boats were so far away and the wind so much against them that they had not heard the shots.

The final chapter to the new version of the Battle of Ticonderoga was written when I returned home. I called the Lake George Steamboat Co. and obtained the name of the captain. I wrote him a note telling him that we were enclosing one of our blue ribbons for finishing

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first in the "Ticonderoga Class". I also wrote a P.S. "We congratulate you on your fine showing today but please do not look for a repetition of our little frolic because in another two weeks we are going to host no less than three regattas and this sort of thing might not be readily understood or appreciated by the more serious type of sailor.

The blue ribbon today rests proudly in a prize location on the Ti's bulletin board for all to see and wonder.

Then came the big meetings of August and once again the guns sounded amply for a whole week. In one of the crucial races of the prestigious Twelfth District Star Regatta four guns echoed around the mountains where one would have been adequate. But no one on board the Tin Can was overly disturbed because it really isn't a normal day unless a half dozen harmless little errors are made. It's well that the sailors know little of what goes on behind the scenes of their mighty contests.

And it's a sad conclusion with which I must finish - out of all the various senior regattas only Star #5946, Hank Rowan, skipper, was able to come through a winner and this was in the Southern Lake George Home and Home Series.

It had to remain for the youngsters, that breeding ground of champions, to uphold the honor of Northern Lake George Yacht Club by winning two regattas; the Royal St. Lawrence Home and Home in a clean sweep with Dave Cartwright and Cathy Cullen coming in first in the senior division and Tracy Leonard and Libby Lawrence nailing down another first in the Junior Section.

The youngsters also made it a near sweep in the National Ten Regionals at The Lake George Club with Cathy Cullen and Lora Smith taking the blue ribbon.

A teenage team of Skipper Rickie Pottier and Jim Cullen, Matt Cartwright and Robin Wotton as crew took a first in the quarter finals of The International Sears Cup but unfortunately had to bow out with a third in the semi-finals.

And now with only two more weekend races, the annual business meeting on Saturday August 27th and the Commodore's Dinner (Awards Night) on Saturday September 3rd, to be completed, the 1977 Sailboat Racing Season of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club draws to a very reluctant close - reluctant, to put it very simply - because a lot of people have had a lot of fun, one way or another, out there on that beautiful blue lake that we all call "Ours".

Correction to "That Lake Full Of Sails": The Sears Team that made it to the finals at Newport Beach, Cal. in 1961 consisted of Skipper Doug Smith, Richie Mayer, Chris Mayer and Bill De Graff, alternate.

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THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN and your Race Committee and your sailors. It is almost impossible to improve on the beauty of our lake but you do it every summer.

TOWN BOARD MET AUG. 9

It was decided to sell three pieces of town property. Bids will be accepted through Oct. 9. Locations:

1. Off Decker Hill Road
2. The Old Highway Building property on West Hague Road.
3. The Old Town Dump site on West Hague Road—formerly Glacier Hill.

Planning Board increased to 7 members. James Broderick and Everett Lee are new members.

Highway committee met with John Velte re reconstruction of a wall on his property. Resolved amicably.

Resolved: Supervisor may enter into agreement with N.Y. St. Health Insurance Agency to use \$2139. of their surplus monies without interest.

Keith DeLara

PARTY TIME (PART II)

## A JOINT ROAST

On July 20, 1977 an ad appeared in the Ticonderoga Sentinel, stating in part: "Local group wants to contact a technically proficient double lamb-butt joiner. College training in subject is preferred but this qualification is not mandatory for an experience-trained expert."

We extend our thanks to Almondine Buttolph, a female from Oquawka, Ill. She worked in a packing house for a long period and was well experienced. Unfortunately her group had to leave their campsite on July 29.

At mid-morning on August 25 Betty Jones, the Southwest Fire Queen, from San Antonio, Texas and Martha Tinker, reigning Southeast Fire Queen from Delray Beach, Fla. met to ignite the stone-lined barbecue pit on Jack Henry's beach.

An hour or so after the roast was started the guests began to arrive and were greeted with frosty draughts courtesy of Harry's American Bar. Following a cocktail hour of suitable proportions, the roast was removed from the spit for a suitable "resting period".

Keyed by the able direction and criticism of Dottie Henry & Martha Tinker, Jack Tinker and Jack Henry sometime master chefs of Hague, finally presented their latest gastronomic creation, a double-butt lamb roast that had been cooked ro-tisserie style, on oarlock bearings.

A source who is usually reliable stated: "Double-butt lambs grow on the eastern slopes of the Green Mountains. Unlike other lambs they have two rear halves with a shaggy bearlike head amidships. Generally the uphill is the shorter half but all four legs are tender and delicious."

Crag Clay-Burn

## MUSICALE

On August 22, Laura Meade entertained royally with a live string quartet in her living room for friends and people of Hague who had not heard them play at Silver Bay

The quartet is comprised of her sons - Michael and Marty, Michael's wife Mary Ann and Andy Dabczynski. They are well known and appreciated in this area. They played a varied selection of chamber music, a Camelot medley and rounded off with a rousing clowning rendition of a Sousa march, winning themselves more ardent fans.

Mrs. Meade also showed several examples of art work by local artisans then served punch and cookies.

The art work included a macramé hanging by Sharon Meola, a lamp encrusted with sea shells by Rev. Bass, a crewel rose by Mrs. Jass and a dot print by David MacIver.

The next evening the Quartet with Pam Preston at the piano received a standing ovation after Vespers at Silver Bay for their performance of a Dvorak Quintet.

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## TOWN GALA

A gala is being planned to honor Keith DeLarm and express our appreciation for his years of service. He is retiring from his post of Town Supervisor in Dec.

The whole town is invited plus some from out of town who have worked with Keith.

Anyone wishing to contribute to a gift for Keith or serve on committees please write Dorothy Henry, Gala Chairman, Hague, N.Y. The Steering Committee will meet after Labor Day.

Other Committees will include Refreshment, Entertainment, Decoration, Publicity, Set-Up, Clean-Up, Parking, Gift Selection etc.

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CANDIDATE FOR TOWN SUPERVISOR

Richard E. Bolton will be unopposed as candidate for Supervisor.

"Dick" is a lifelong resident of Hague and a graduate of the school system. Graduating from Champlain College after serving in the U. S. Navy, he continued his studies at Siena College as a Business Administration major. Returning to Hague after college he served as Town Councilman, Town Justice and Republican Committeeman.

He has also held the offices of Commander—Hague American Legion, Pres.—Warren Co. Conservation Council, Pres—Chamber of Commerce, Pres—Hague Youth Commission and been a member of the Hague Fire Dept. & Ambulance Squad.

For the past 10 years he has served as a Commissioner—appointed by the Governor—on the Lake George Park Commission.

He has also been President of the Hague Fish and Game Club.

He is employed by International Paper Company as Foreman of the Outdoor Misc. Dept. He has been with the company 21 years.

Dick states that his schedule as Foreman is adjustable. He will be available to the town in event of emergency. He has also made arrangements with his superiors to be free to attend County Meetings and other daytime conferences. They have encouraged him in this undertaking.

He plans to hold office hours in the evening and hopes to restore some county and state jobs which were discontinued by attrition. He will keep people well informed at regular intervals via all media.

His grandfather was supervisor for many years and Dick learned from both him and his father to be interested in community affairs and knows many people in state and county government.

PLANNING BOARD-ZONING COMMISSION

The Board is now also the Commission, having been appointed to carry on the work which they had started. They are: Ed Crabbs—Chm., James Broderick, Jack Carney, Everett Lee, Norman Strum, Al Zeese, Wm. Cobb (Liason from Town Board) and Keith DeLarm—Ex-Officio.

They had a busy month as they began to explain to the public what has taken them three years to work through—A Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Town of Hague.

MR CRABBS REPORTS:

AUG 4: Informational Public Hearing. 12 people attended and Crabbs, Lee, Strum, Zeese and DeLarm were present with Bill Davidson, Director of Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board and his Assistant, Leslie Freeman.

Mr DeLarm introduced the Board and Mr Crabbs welcomed the people and read the legal notice of the meeting and its stated purpose.

Bill Davidson gave a summary of the Zoning Ordinance. Bill compared the original A.P. map with the amended Town Map. Leslie summarized the Sanitary Code.

Questions were asked for clarification only and appreciation was expressed for the work that has been done and the conduct of the meeting.

Aug 18: Planning Board Meeting Bill Davidson and Leslie Freeman were again present to go over last minute changes and corrections of the final draft of the Zoning Ordinance.

Three people attended to ask questions about restrictions on the use of their property. These will be discussed further on Aug. 25th at the Public Hearing.

Edward Crabbs, Chm.

FIRST LEGAL PUBLIC HEARING AUG 25

Keith DeLarm, Town Supervisor introduced the Chairman, Ed Crabbs and members of the Flanning Board.

Mr. Crabbs thanked people for coming and introduced Bill Davidson and Ms. Leslie Freeman.

Summarys outlining the Hague Land Use Plan, the Zoning Ordinance and the Sanitary Code were supplied for the participants. 49 property owners were present. Several people had already secured copies of the latest draft of the proposed zoning ordinance.

Mr. Davidson summarized the over all purpose of the Proposed Plan, showed slides of some of our beautiful scenery—which it is designed to protect—and with enlarged sections of before and after maps showed how the Adirondack Park Agency Maps have been amended by request of Hague Planning Board.

Mr. Crabbs then indicated that they would answer questions and hear opinions.

The discussion was lively with touches of wit and sarcasm:

"Smallest lakeshore lot will be 100 Ft?"

"Yes, unless previously broken up."

One question re proposed zoning for a specific piece of property was answered easily then a gentleman who stated he had property in Graphite which had been green on the map (42.7 acre lots minimum) wanted to know what was going to happen to it. He was told they did not know because some Graphite property had been rezoned and he should check his on the map. He said, "You do not know?" Bill Davidson started to reply, saying "No but... and the gentleman said "...You do not know anything. Do you?" and walked out.

This gentleman is advised to return. Someone will help him locate his property on the new map and it is believed that his property may be in an area that was rezoned to 3.2 acre minimum.

Most of the discussion centered on Section 9.040 of Article 9; restrictions in the Hamlet areas; and "Clustering".

Sect 9.040: Any "non-conforming" structure which is more than 90% destroyed must conform to the new ordinance if rebuilt...

It was suggested that the foundation of most structures would amount to 10% of value.

It was pointedout that this would leave many summer home owners with a piece of property on which they could not rebuild and recent fires were cited in which homes have been completely demolished "despite the valiant efforts of the local Fire Department."

Questions were asked about how to get this proposal changed; why it had been added; and shouldn't there be a show of hands to indicate that Mrs. Goodfellow who first posed the question was not the only one who objected.

The discussion moved rapidly. Mr. Crabbs assured us that these objections would be considered.

On August 30, he advised me that "Section 9.040 will be deleted."

(A show of hands or voting is not customary at Public hearings but anyone, too shy to speak, not wanting to be repetitious or unable to attend, may write to either the Planning Board or the Town Board. Letters are tabulated by the Town Supervisor's Office for presentation at the appropriate Board Meeting or Public Hearing.)

The new zoning proposal for the Hamlet areas, which restricts lots to 1/4 acre minimum, was objected to by owners of commercial property.

The discussion became heated and peaked in talk of "how to get rid of the APA".

Mr. Zeese expressed the idea that people should be compensated when they lose the use of their land and someone said "Yes, at \$10,000. per foot!"

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Someone cited "For Sale" signs as an indication that "this town is dying" and someone replied... if this is so "how do you explain the fact that property values are sky-rocketing?"

The need to keep Hague beautiful and prevent the kind of growth which has occurred in other towns was reiterated by several participants and Mr. Crabbs.

It was explained that the reason for the restrictions in the Hague Hamlet Areas was that they are in a flood plain and must conform to Health Department Sanitation Laws.

Asked if people could apply for a variance, Mr. Davidson said yes and pointed out that a local zoning ordinance would transfer decision-making to people with more knowledge of individual situations.

It was suggested that hamlet area boundaries could be extended or expanded in new directions away from the flood plain.

"Clustering" is permitted by the APA e.g. owners of a large piece of land can place several structures close together if the total number of buildings is in ratio to the total amount of property.

Objection was raised to clustering small lots on the lakeshore and leaving back lots empty. This led to discussion of Arcady plans until Jack Carney stated that project comes under APA review. Ed Crabbs added that is because it is a "Class A" project ("involving 75 or more residential lots")

Mrs. Peter Mitchell expressed appreciation for the improved appearance of mid-town. Someone said "You can thank the Federal Government for that." Everyone laughed knowing there was a good deal of local effort involved in that project—getting monies and cleaning up after the floods. Ed Crabbs said he would convey the message to Clifton West who does the flower beds. Tension was eased.

Two people questioned the projected population increase of 2% since today's population is lower now than it was 100 years ago.

Mr. McKeeman asked if the plan would be put to a referendum.

Mr. Crabbs said, "If it becomes necessary, it will be."

After the formal Hearing was closed, people remained to talk with Planning Board Members, Mr. Davidson and Ms. Freeman.

Copies of the full plan and/or the Zoning Ordinance will be sent to those who requested them after the supply ran out.

EXTRA BOARD MEETING

Mr. Ron Cooper & Ray Curran—of APA, Bill Davidson, Leslie Freeman and Ed Crabbs met with Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martucci of Silver Bay Lodge to inspect the property and their proposed plan for expansion and to test the soils. After which, there was a meeting of the Board to consider proposed changes in the zoning ordinance. It was agreed that section 9.040 should be deleted and some other minor changes made in the final draft which will be presented to the public at the NEXT PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ISSUE to be held SEPT 12 at 7:45PM.

It is hoped that there will be another good turn out.

Edward Crabbs, Chm.

PROPERTY OWNERS OF SILVER BAY ASSN. MET Aug. 16, in the evening.

40 people heard Dean Cook, DDS, on CAMA (Citizens for Area Medical Advancement). He appreciated our efforts to strengthen medical resources in Hague-Silver Bay Area.

Mr Glenn reported on activities at Silver Bay Assn. and told of their Cardio-Vascular Program.

New Officers elected:

President - Keith McKeeman

1st V.P. - Everett Lee

2nd V.P. - George Hanna

Rec. Sec - Ann Korst

Cores. Sec. - Dorothy Goodfellow

Treasurer - Ethel Andrus

SBPO Assn. cont

## Committee Reports:

Fire Protection - Gerry Boyd  
 Taxes, Zoning & Environment-A. Zeese  
 Mr. Zeese encouraged all to attend  
 the Zoning board meeting on Aug. 25  
 CPRP Program & Medical Resources-  
 Dr. Hume

Refreshment & Hospitality Com-  
 mittee-Jacqui Badger, Chm were  
 given a vote of thanks.

The membership was urged to exer-  
 cise their vote in the School Elec-  
 tion where eligible.

The usual donations were made with  
 an increase to the Hague Chronicle.  
 Aug. 23: The new officers met at  
 the home of Pres. McKeeman to plan  
 activities for the coming year  
 with the emphasis on membership.

SCHOOL ANNEXATION VOTE

	'71	'74	'76	'77
No	292	288	240	282
YES	194	242	235	183
VOID	---	8	3	1
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Despite efforts to put the ques-  
 tion to a vote quietly and with  
 dignity this year, rumors were  
 rife - with threats of arson and  
 other dire consequences if annexa-  
 tion were passed - until a vote  
 for annexation seemed a vote  
 against intimidation.

Scott Middleton, who wrote the  
 only letter to editor in favor of  
 annexation, received four phone  
 calls with vague promises to "get  
 even" but he was not perturbed,  
 stating that they must have been  
 "people who don't know me".

Scott's chief interest is con-  
 servation. He grew up in Hague,  
 still loves this town and is well  
 informed on everything that  
 happens here.

MRS. GEORGE GRIDLEY expired Aug 16  
 at St. Joseph's Hospital in North  
 Port, Florida.

She is survived by a daughter,  
 Mrs. Kathryn G. Christman of Ti-  
 conderoga and five grandchildren.

People will miss her quiet friend-  
 ly presence at Forest day  
 where she has spent each summer  
 for thirty years.

Donations are being sent to The  
 Heart Fund in her memory.

COLLEEN FULLER in her 16 years, has  
 most often been described as  
 "bright and cheerful". She was  
 scheduled for graduation from the  
 Hague Central School this coming  
 June and was enthusiastic about  
 her career choice in the field of  
 cosmetology although she demon-  
 strated a definite penchant for  
 creative writing.

On Monday, July 18, at 5:30PM  
 the car she was driving failed to  
 negotiate a turn on Split Rock  
 Road, ran up an embankment and  
 over-turned, pinning Colleen un-  
 der it. Efforts, made by Robert &  
 Ralph Denno and the Hague Ambu-  
 lance Squad, to revive her proved  
 futile.

She has left behind a collection  
 of her writings which include pie-  
 ces on Love, Friendship, Honesty,  
 Critical People, Drugs, Suicide,  
 one story in which she describes  
 her own death in a Ski-Doo acci-  
 dent and a poem in which she  
 speaks of her love for her family.  
 These will be treasured by her  
 mother--Mrs. Gladys Fuller, her  
 stepfather--Vern Rockwell, three  
 brothers--Ronnie, Donnie & D.J.  
 and her sister Korinna.

Charles Coleman  
 English Teacher

ANNUAL ARTS FAIR IN THE PARK ON  
 Aug 6 was "one of the best we've  
 had in spite of one heavy down-  
 pour. People clustered together  
 sharing canopies good naturedly  
 and no one mentioned moving  
 to the school as planned.

There were 51 entrants and 37  
 people attended from near and far  
 throughout the Adirondacks.

Dan Jelden and Clifford Decker  
 did a great job in setting the  
 stage--juggling canopies etc."

Adra Seerup, Chm.

### ARCADY IS ALIVE AND WELL

Robert Katzman, Pres. of Hague Development Corp. the new owner-manager of the former "Arcady Country Club"--now the Arcady Bay Estates--states that they plan to subdivide the property into residential lots.

There will be approximately 32 lots--possibly only 20--with lake shore footage ranging from 75 to 225 ft and all are 250 feet deep.

About 40 back lots will be 250 X100 ft. These will all be east of the tennis courts.

140 acres, west of 9N, will remain wild with trails for hiking, snowmobiles & cross country skiing.

Common areas will include:

12 tennis courts-4 of them lighted-and 3 hand ball courts. Basket ball courts will be moved nearer the tennis courts. These will be renovated with professional resurfacing.

The base ball field and beach area will also be renovated. Recreation pier, diving boards and sliding board are to be rebuilt.

The old Recreation Hall will become a community center with a store (items not available locally)

PLEASE CONSIDER our "Unpaid Guardians" on Planning Board are working night and day now but they must eat.

H. Virginia Shattuck, Box 16  
Hague, N.Y. 12836  
(Address Correction Requested)

adult and teen lounges and music for dancing.

All common areas will be landscaped. Architectural approval will be required for all buildings and restrictions on height, set-back and side yards will conform to APA regulations. Community water and sewage systems will be installed.

People will be encouraged to restore old buildings which were well built and suited to their Adirondack setting--particularly the old Victorian house near the gate.

In summary, Mr. K said it will be a four season community. We will employ local people during construction and year round. We hope to make it an asset to the area.

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P.S. Lot size in Hamlets as published in proposed ordinance has been corrected to 12,000 sq ft & 20,000 sq ft for Hamlet I & II. Former designations of  $\frac{1}{2}$  & 1 acre were incorrect. (about  $\frac{1}{2}$  &  $\frac{1}{2}$  is right).

Bulk Rate  
U.S. Postage  
7.5¢ PAID  
Silver Bay, NY  
Permit #3