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YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM CONTINUED

The Town Board has announced that the Youth Recreation Program which was inaugurated last year will be continued for another year beginning July 1. The program will be under the direction of Douglas Cash the school athletic director. Included in the summer program will be the following:

- SWIMMING - daily at the town beach with instruction available.
- SUMMER BASKETBALL - Tuesday nights from 7 to 10.
- YOUTH BASEBALL - Saturdays from 9 to 12 and Monday evenings from 5 to 8.
- SOCCER - Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8.
- RECREATION - Friday afternoons from 2 to 5.

The summer program will get under way on July 10 and will continue to September 1, a period of eight weeks.

The winter program will consist of the following:

- Six bus trips to ski areas. The school has agreed to supply the bus.
- MINI LEAGUE BASKETBALL - Saturdays 9 to 12.
- One activity per week, 7 to 9 P. M., on selected evenings.
- The winter program will begin on Oct. 1 and will continue through April.

A youth employment office will also be maintained. Persons who can use the services of the young people are asked to make their needs known and youths desiring work are asked to register at the recreation office.

Children of summer residents and visitors are invited to participate in these programs.

REAL PROPERTY TAXES

The Board of Assessors completed the 1972-73 assessment roll on May 1 and all parties whose assessed values have been changed from the previous year have been notified. If you did not receive any notification, you will be paying town and school taxes during the next year on the same assessed valuation as in the current year.

Grievance Day was held on June 20 with the newly created Board of Assessment Review sitting from 4 to 8 P.M. to hear and determine the complaints of property owners. Only three complaints were filed, two claiming that properties were being assessed for amounts higher than comparable properties and one claiming that an error in the tax map led to an erroneous assessment. The Board denied the first two complaints and when the assessors acknowledged that the tax map was in fact in error and they had been so advised, the third complaint was acted on favorably.

Cleminshaw Company representatives who are making the county-wide appraisals on which assessed valuations for the 1973-74 tax year will be based, have been active in the Hague area this past month. All properties are being measured, including buildings and docks and for perhaps the first time, building interiors are being examined. Such items as age, type of construction, number of rooms, type of heating, and whether or not there is a cellar are being recorded and will be taken into consideration in arriving at the value of a building. Land values will be determined on the basis of location, use, and size. Appraisals for the entire county are scheduled to be completed by December, 1972.

Louis R. Brock died Sunday, June 18 after a long illness. He was 63 years old.

Lou, as he was affectionately known, was born in Kearney, New Jersey and received his early schooling at Newark Academy. Later he attended Princeton and Purdue Universities. He was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean Conflict having been discharged from the service as a Captain after serving a total of 39 months. Following his military service he established the Brock Tractor Company in Buffalo where he remained for a number of years before coming to the Hague area in the early '50s where he entered the construction business under the name of Hague Contracting Company. Later he operated the Morlago Marina on Lake George in Ticonderoga. In 1968 he moved the business to Hague where he maintained his base for the past 18 years but illness overtook him and his plans for the new marina did not materialize.

Lou was a member of the Hague School Board for three years during the early '60s and was town justice from 1969 to 1972. He also taught mechanical engineering for one year in the Warrensburg Highschool.

When Lou was a youngster, his parents were summer residents at Sabbath Day point and ever since, he has been a part of the community. He and his wife Catherine, who survives him, were married in 1938 and have one daughter, Mrs. Judith R. Stock, a graduate of Hague Highschool, now residing in New Rochelle, N.Y.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, July 8 at 4 P.M. at the Grace Memorial Chapel at Sabbath Day of which Lou was a trustee. The Rev. Kermit Castellanos of Beverly Hills, California will officiate.

HAGUE TO GET SILVER POLICEMAN

The Town Board has appointed Mr. Ted Woods to be town policeman for the summer months. Mr. Woods is the owner and operator of an attractive lakeside summer resort on Route 91 known as Herwood Shores. He and his wife have resided there for the past eight years.

Mr. Woods is a Washington County...

lice work. As an innovation this year, Mr. Woods will be assisted by Terry Gallant and Calvin Cross of Ticonderoga who have had some police training.

The hours during which Mr. Woods or his assistants will work has not been determined nor have other details of their work been announced. They will be provided uniforms but no decision has been reached as to what, if any, compensation the assistants will receive. The town policeman will be on duty from June 26 to September 8th.

SILVER BAY PROPERTY OWNERS TO MEET JULY 8

The Property Owners of Silver Bay (formerly known as the Silver Bay Property Owners Association) will hold its bi-annual meeting at the Hague fire-house on July 8 at 10 A.M. Coffee and Doughnuts will be served beginning at 9:30. All Silver Bay property owners are invited to attend.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society held its regular meeting on June 21 at the Baptist Church annex. The program featured two films from Williamsburg, Virginia - "The Cooper's Craft" and "Basketmaking". All officers were re-elected for another year - Clifton West, Pres.; Ethel Andrus, Vice-Pres.; and Catherine Brock, Secty-Treas. Delicious refreshments were served by the Mrs. Mentriand, Zoese and Andrus.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

There appears to be some dissatisfaction on the part of the Board with the construction work which was to have been completed some time ago. The Board president had addressed a letter to the architects Barker and Henry, telling them that unless the work was completed in a satisfactory manner by June 12, the Board would undertake to have the work performed by others and charge the cost back to Barker and Henry.

The Association of Teachers asked the Board to adopt a resolution in the interest of safety to the children to require that supervision be present at all times when students are in the shop, chemistry laboratory, using the physical education equipment, or, in fact, in any school facility. The Board adopted such a resolution and the Teachers Association was so notified.

Mr. August Getta was appointed custodian to succeed Mr. Clifton West who retired at the end of June. Mr. Getta resides on Route 8 a short distance west of the falls where he has been remodeling and rebuilding his home. He came here with his family about a year ago from New Jersey. He will be paid \$6000. annually.

Mr. Seerup's letter to Mr. McKee which was published in the May issue of the Chronicle was read to the Board. When members were asked to comment, Mr. Connery stated that the Board was considering having the discussion of the budget and vote on the budget at the night meeting and the election of the Board member the following day with the polls open about eight hours. He indicated that there might be some problems with this arrangement but the matter is still being considered. Mr. Connery also stated that the Board did not believe it could or should sponsor an open meeting at which the Board member candidates could appear and answer questions as to their policies, qualifications, etc. He thought the idea was probably a good one but such a meeting should be sponsored by some civic group rather than by the School Board. Mr. Seerup agreed and will undertake to find a group within the town to sponsor such a meeting.

With respect to Mr. Seerup's suggestion that budget items be compared with actual expenditures of the previous year rather than with last year's budget, Mr. Connery pointed out that work on the budget begins in March and that it would be difficult to get year-end cost figures that early. However, the Board recognizes the desirability of making these comparisons and will see what can be done. Mr. Connery felt that the Board could at least explain substantial variations between actual amounts expended and amount budgeted. In other words, when presenting the present budget, the Board should have explained what items in the last budget were unspent and which pro-

On the matter of voting the Board was adamant that only those persons who had registered in person would be permitted to vote even though this would result in the disenfranchisement of persons otherwise qualified to vote. Further, the Board has no thought of holding any additional registration days except as required by law, not more than 14 days nor less than 5 days preceding any election. If there is no matter requiring approval of the voters before the next annual meeting, it would appear that registration will again be on a date in April.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 10.

CITIZENS GROUP OF HAGUE TO MEET JULY 20

The Citizens Group of Hague will hold its annual meeting at the Hague Town Hall on July 20 at 8 P.M. Officers for the coming year will be elected. All citizens are invited.

CLIFTON WEST HONORED

More than fifty friends and associates of Clifton West, who had earlier announced his retirement after more than 32 years as school custodian, attended a dinner in his honor at the school cafeteria on June 20. Baked chicken with all the trimmings prepared by the cafeteria staff was served by the girls from the highschool.

Joe Streeter acted as toastmaster. Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Chester, principals under whom Mr. West had served for many years, were fulsome in their praise of his service to the school and the community. Mrs. James Fitzgerald, Town Historian, recalled a number of events of the past with which Mr. West and the school were associated. A quartette of highschool girls, Mary Samscott, Judy Haffay, Mary Beasted, and Jane Frasier sang an original composition - "We Love You Sorry".

Mr. Meala presented a color television set to Mr. West as a gift from his friends and associates and Mr. Landree presented a gift of fishing tackle from the school staff. Following the presentations Mr. West related a number of humorous events which occurred during his years at the

school.

Mrs. Hansbatt, the language teacher who is also retiring, was presented a bouquet of flowers by Mr. Ralph Hokey, president of the School Board.

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THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on June 13th with all members of the Board present.

There was considerable discussion about town ordinances and how they should be enforced, particularly ordinances which require building permits and approval of sewerage disposal plans. Although at one time there were many building projects underway for which no permits had been issued, the clerk advised that there are currently no known violations. The supervisor suggested that there should be an inspector appointed by the town to see that persons building or about to build do have permits and that other ordinances are complied with and to report violations to one of the town justices for necessary action. The matter was tabled pending the preparation of a suitable resolution.

The question of plowing the Hague portion of the Wardsboro Road came up for discussion following the reading of a letter from Mr. Merrill asking to be reimbursed for plowing which he found it necessary to perform on his own account. The Board decided to take no action.

The buoys and buoy line to be used to rope off the swimming area at the town beach have been ordered and will be installed shortly. The line will extend about 1400 feet.

Officials of the State Highway Department have advised the supervisor that at

the request of the town the speed limit at the intersection of 9th and 8 will be reduced to 30 MPH. Signs to that effect will be erected 3/8 of a mile from the intersection in all directions.

Advertisements for bids for the new town truck have been placed. The bids will be opened at 7:30 P.M. on June 29.

The Committee on Roads has decided to resurface portions of Decker Hill and Dodd Hill Roads and the road through the Silver Bay Association grounds north from the store to junction with Route 9th. Some repairs will also be made to the Forest Bay Road. Work is also scheduled for the road at Sabbath Day Point but this cannot be undertaken until a survey can be made and assurances received that the road has actually become a town road.

The Board authorized the purchase of five new benches to be used at the Town Beach.

The Board will meet with its insurance counsel on June 29 to get a clear understanding of some of the town liability problems.

The Board approved a continuation of the Youth Recreation Program for another year beginning July 1. The cost is estimated at \$2254. with the state paying one-half.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on July 11 at 7:30 P.M.

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LAKE GEORGE CLEANUP DAY - JULY 22

The Lake George Association has announced that the second annual Lake George Cleanup Day has been planned for July 22. All local civic groups have been asked to participate. While emphasis will be placed on cleaning up the lake and lake shore, all persons have been asked to pick up litter along the roads and highways.

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