LOOKING BACK

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HAGUE HIRES SUMMER POLICEWOMAN

The summer policemen's job will be activated over the Memorial Day weekend and continuously through June 15 to Labor Day. Provision has also been made for a back-up policeman who will be available over the same period, particularly on weekends.

At a special meeting of the Town Board on May 10, applications for the positions were reviewed and four candidates were interviewed. Following considerable discussion, Janice M. Frasier was appointed policewoman and Frederick A. Sharpe backup policeman.

Miss Frasier is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Frasier of Hollow Road. She is a lifetime resident of Hague and recently celebrated her 21st birthday. She graduated from Adirondack Community College with an AAS Degree in Police Science last month. While attending school, she was active in Police Cadets, an organization which assists the police force in Glens Falls in such areas as traffic control, teletype operations and street patrol. She worked as a security guard for several telethons at the Queensbury Hotel. She appears to be eminently qualified for the job.





Frederick Sharpe served in the US Navy from 1954 until his retirement in 1974. He has had considerable duty as a military police patrolman and was chief master-at-arms for five years. The latter is similar to chief of police in a civilian community. Following his retirement, he returned to Hague where, during the past fourteen months, he has been employed as a security guard at the town shed. As the back-up policeman, he will be on duty on weekends and on days when the regular policeman is off-duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe and their two sons live in West Hague.

50 years later:

Janice Frasier was born in 1955. She graduated from Hague Central School in 1974. She moved temporarily to Connecticut and took a temporary job with the New Britain police department. She then worked at the New Britain General Hospital, moved back to New York, worked at Albany Med, Glens Falls Hospital, Irongate Family Practice, Hudson Headwaters, the Silver Bay Post Office, and as the Hague Police Officer, until she retired.

She was a straightforward person, who laughed and listened with her whole heart and whose passion was cooking and providing for others. Janice passed away in 2013 and she is dearly missed by family and friends alike.

Frederick Sharpe, born in 1934, graduated from Hague Central School in 1952, which is when he registered for the US Navy. Besides the jobs mentioned in the 1976 article, Fred also worked for the New York State Conservation Department, drove a bus for Hague Central School, was a property caretaker, and a committee member for Hague Boy Scouts Troop 21. (The list may be longer upon further investigation.)

When talking to a past student who rode the school bus Fred drove, we learned that Fred would present each child on his bus with a small envelope that held a silver dollar on the last day of school before Christmas vacation. This sure showed a fondness for children that spoke well of his character. He passed away in 1997.

In the past, Hague would generally have a police officer (or two) in the summer months only. Years ago, they were called "constables" and the local laws were not very stringently followed.

Hague does not presently employ police. Residents and visitors can always call 911 for help from the New York State Police and/or a Warren County Sheriff.

Let's hope Hague will continue to be a "friendly, honesty-based" town!

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