

# Mattituck Parade Honors Fireman Keogh

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No water or electric services are supplied to the island, which is about 1.5 miles long and seven-tenths miles wide.

The Town of Southold Property Record Card list the acreage of the island as 433.94 "by survey," and the

From John Mackay's property on the shorefront in New Suffolk, near the intersection of First and Jackson Sts., Robin's Island, densely wooded, is visible a half mile away.

for the undeveloped island as did Penny. However, a high Southold Town official said last week that John W. Mackay, the owner of the island, has been seeking to sell the land for between \$5 and \$6 million since he bought it in 1967.

Southold Town records show that Mackay paid the previous owner, Joseph Krupski, \$425,000 for the island.

Mackay refused to comment on the negotiations, except to emphasize that they are being conducted in private.

The island is about one-half mile out in the bay from New Suffolk, where Mackay owns two small parcels of land on the water totaling three-fourths of an acre. The island itself was last assessed for taxes purposes in 1967, when its value was found to be \$229,600, with improvements. The total value of the two parcels at New Suffolk, which are known as deal

The sun shone in Mattituck on Sunday, crowds lined the street, bands played, baton twirlers whirled and every North Fork fire department brought out its marching men and fine shining equipment to honor John Keogh, New York State Fireman of the Year. Mattituck Fire Department enjoyed the remarkable distinction of producing the state Fireman of the Year for the second time in as many years and grateful Mattituck residents turned out to celebrate a fine man and a fine department.

Fire companies from as far away as Westhampton Beach, Manorville and Wading River added their machinery, men and sirens to the parade. A 1928 Seagraves fire truck made an appearance in the Mattituck company. The tournament team is in the process of refurbishing the truck for the Bicentennial year.

Following the parade, county, local and fire department dignitaries awaited their turns to compliment Mr. Keogh and present gifts and proclamations.

Mattituck Fire Chief Charles Tyler presented Mr. Keogh with a department plaque commemorating the honor. The Ladies Auxiliary made the gift of a silver mug.

County Executive John Klein was the next in line with County congratulations and a citation. "We want to extend appreciation and respect to the Volunteer of the Year," he said. "It was a remarkable achievement (winning twice in two years), but what worries me is that the department will have to hurry up to win the honors in 1975. I don't know what you have in mind."

Southold Town Supervisor Albert Martocchia thanked Mr. Keogh and expressed pride in the Mattituck Department and turned over the Southold presentations to Justice Martin Suter, who is a volunteer fireman.

"We waited a long time to win one Fireman of the Year award. I didn't expect to see another so soon," said the Justice, while presenting Mr. Keogh with a framed town proclamation.

First District County Legislator Norton Daniels was on hand to offer his appreciation and that of the Suffolk County Legislature. A letter of appreciation was read from Governor Hugh Carey. Mr. Keogh also heard from Congressman Otis Pike and State Assemblyman Perry Duryea.

The most eloquent speech of the day came from John Keogh himself, whose wife and three sons sat at his side. "This celebration is far beyond what one man deserves. I want the community to know that my brother firemen represent a part of the community which is willing to help anybody at any time," Mr. Keogh said. "Just say the word and we'll be there."

The day's excitement included another special event for the Mattituck vamps. Chief Tyler was presented with a set of keys to a 1976 Ford LTD, the new chief's car. This is the first time the department has owned an official car.

Before the speeches ended and the crowd went on to enjoy plentiful refreshments, Mattituck Fireman Len Llewelyn presented 18 trophies to the winners of a local students poster contest. The Fire Prevention poster contest was held to mark Fire Prevention Week, which began on Monday, October 6. The winning posters are displayed on the Fire House walls.

Winners included:

First Grade: First, second, and third prize are listed in order in each grade:

First grade: Tim Tabi, Jo Ann McNulty, and Elizabeth Schmidt.

Second grade: David Tuthill, Darrel Strickland and Brad Barker.

Third Grade: Tommy Deans, Tracy Granger, and Kristina Williams.

Fourth Grade: Mary Murphy, Paul Warren, and Joan Wanat.

Fifth grade: Pam Coleman, Lisa Tuthill, and Lydia Lundstedt.

Sixth Grade: Michelle Robinson, Eugene Klein Smith and Dianne Duins.

Congratulations were offered to all of the boys and girls for a job well done.

Last Sunday's parade to honor Mr. John Keogh, our Mattituck and N.Y. State Fireman of the Year, was a lovely affair. Helping to make the parade enjoyable was the Senior Band, under the direction of George Lester. The snappy good sounds we all heard indicate a lot of hard band rehearsals since school opened. Congratulations, everyone. Oct 9 1975

Was your Uncle Fred in Uncle Sam's Army? Maybe you can borrow his uniform for your costume for the Bicentennial Costume Dance being sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary in Southold on November 8. Any costume of the day from 1776-1976 is proper for this affair. The Geoff Hawks Trio will provide the music to dance by and the Auxiliary will provide the buffet for your dining pleasure. During the evening sweepstake prizes will be sold. Tickets are \$6.50 a person and may be purchased by dialing 734-5355, 298-5899, 765-2630.

Mattituck Adult Education courses are beginning already. In case you missed the schedule in last week's issue, there will be men's physical education, basic wood-working, and macrame on Tuesday nights, introduction to photography, guitar I, guitar II, basic woodworking and bar metal and auto repair on Wednesday nights, physical education, and stenciling will be off nights. There must be registered to keep the school if you do desire to join.

On Saturday evening, October 25, the members of the Presbyterian Church will hold a one dish dinner in honor of Reverend and Mrs. Warren Jones, their missionary from North Carolina. Joe Langer prepared a delicious scallop dinner for the Brotherhood on Monday evening. George Patterson, Secretary



NOVEMBER WEDDINGS - Mrs. Mamie Funn of Mattituck takes great pleasure in announcing the engagement of her daughter, Gloria, to G. Russell Patterson, Westhampton Beach. They are planning a November 9 wedding and will make their home in Westhampton Beach. Mr. Patterson is a candidate in the Southampton Town November 4 election.

SLEDJESKI-KRUPSKI - Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Krupski, of Bridge Lane, Cutchogue, take pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Irene Bernadette, to Leo Anthony Sledjeski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Sledjeski, of North Road, Greenport. Miss Krupski is a 1973 graduate of SUNY at Cobleskill where she received an A.A.S. degree in Secretarial Science and is presently employed by the Law firm of Wickham and Lark, P.C., Mattituck. Mr. Sledjeski received his B.E.E. from Villanova University in 1971 and his M.S. degree in Ocean Engineering from M.I.T. He is presently employed as a Staff Scientist with Bolt, Beranek and Newman Inc., Cambridge, Mass. The wedding date has been set for June 6, 1976.

# Norris Zoning Upheld

The ruling of Judge Lipetz in a 20-page decision made public Tuesday, which dismissed the lawsuit against Bruce Norris, owner of the tract located off New Suffolk Avenue, Mattituck and Southold Town dominated the Town Board meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Supreme Court Justice Gordon M. Lipetz, six months after holding a trial, ruled the Southold Town Board had followed its updated zoning ordinance and Comprehensive Development Plan, when it re-zoned 38 acres of a 73-acre tract in Mattituck from residential agricultural to multiple dwelling use last year.

The Judge held a four-day trial last April on the complaints of area residents, who claimed the rezoning from one-acre residential and agricultural use to light multiple residents use, was "spot-zoning," and was against the town's zoning laws and comprehensive plan. Plaintiffs in the case were George Brooks, Mr. and Mrs.

William Dove, John Simchick, Jr., Lawrence Reeve, Mrs. Frank Whitrock, and Mr. and Mrs. George Lascelle, all of whom live close to the re-zoned property.

The attorneys for the plaintiffs, William Esseks and Charles Cuddy, contended the condominiums would reduce surrounding property values. Pierre G. Lundberg, counsel to the town, defended the re-zoning, and had professional witnesses testify there would be no reduction in property values or environmental damage.

Judge Lipetz in his ruling, noted the town board rezoning and approval of the multiple dwelling project was contingent upon installation of the water and sewage facilities, rejected the "spot-zoning" contention.

At the September meeting of the Mattituck Historical Society, William B. Sterling of Sterling Nurseries spoke on shade trees. Recent developments of hybrids have made some trees more desirable, some because of their resistance to disease, other because of resistance to pests. In the discussion that followed, Mr. Sterling answered many questions not only about trees but also shrubs. All of his information covered not only choices but care. Refreshments were served by the Johnsons, the Pims, and Mrs. Herbert Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gildersleeve returned Friday from a three weeks visit upstate, via New England for the fall foliage, then to Plattsburgh, N.Y., where they spent most of their outing with relatives. Return was made on Route 3, a scenic ride from Keeseville to Tupper Lake, thence downstate to Binghamton and across.

## MR. AND MRS. DAVID HAAS

On July 26, Susan M. Dinizio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dinizio of Southold, became the bride of David F. Haas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Haas of Mattituck. Father Raymond Nugent, a friend of the families, performed the double ring ceremony at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Mattituck.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white dotted swiss gown with a matching headpiece and carried a bouquet of white

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor accompanied by Mrs. Amelia Taylor enjoyed the fall foliage in New England recently. They visited relatives in Vermont and Connecticut before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. John DiVello flew to Florida last weekend to help celebrate his parents 49th wedding anniversary. Also Mr. DiVello's brother flew down from California. The two brothers have not met in seven years.

At the meeting on October 27, the Mattituck Historical Society will have as a speaker Gene Giannone of the Mattituck Coin Shoppe. To illustrate his talk, Mr. Giannone will have displays such as are used at coin shows. For those people who have coins about which they would like information, Mr. Giannone will be happy to supply it. However, at the time of the meeting, he would not wish to have collections but rather individual coins. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the Old School House basement. The public is cordially invited.

A bridal shower was given Miss Carol Becker last Wednesday at the Southold Legion Hall. About 60 people attended and Miss Becker was the recipient of many lovely gifts. The shower was given by the matron of honor, Barbara Oliver, and bridesmaids Mrs. Michelle Becker, Joann Ship and Lois Klos. Miss Becker will be married to Raymond Sparling November 22.

Kerry Tuthill, Dot Sledjeski, Noreen Bowman and Bonnie Bowman have just returned from an 8 day trip touring Mexico City, Taxco, Cuernavaca and Acapulco. Among the sights were the Pyramids, Folklorico Ballet, bull fights and the divers of Acapulco. All report having a great time.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sledjeski have just returned from a beautiful 8 day vacation on the island of St. Marten, N.A., in the Caribbean.

roses, stephanotis, daisies, and miniature carnations. She was attended by her sister, Christine Dinizio, as maid of honor, the groom's cousin, Laura Stelzer, Joanne Hartmann and Jane Hartmann.

Mark Haas, brother of the groom was best man, Edward Stelzer, cousin of the groom, Peter Doherty and Doug Trojanowski were ushers.

Following a reception at the Mattituck Manor the couple left for a honeymoon in the Poconos. They are residing in Mattituck.

## 50 Years Ago

October 23, 1925  
The Southold Town Board met at Southold Community Hall, Southold, Friday, October 6th. Present, Supervisor Tuthill, Town Clerk Hallock, Justices Griffin, Terry, Hawkins and Robinson, Supt. of Highways Fleet, and Counsel Terry. The meeting was called to take action by the Board on the application of Allan Tobey and Alexander S. Williams to close the lower part of Pine Neck Road, leading to the Old Channel, and giving in its place a three-rod road from Pine Neck Road to Jockey Creek, running along the easterly line of land of Silas A. H. Dayton, this road to be built without expense to the town.

According to plans already formulated, in about thirty days an up-to-date steam laundry will be established in Greenport by Henry Dicks and Alex Paulos.

Harold Hallock has purchased the residence of James H. Young, on Bay Avenue. He has sold his farm on the Middle Road and expects to move to the village soon. Mr. Young is to build a new house for his own occupancy on Wickham Avenue.

Through the kindness of Nat. S. Tuthill and Carl Bisch, Mattituck followers of the Senators and Pirates kept well in touch with the World's Series games by radio, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Tuthill entertained every day with their radio, and after each game served sandwiches and coffee to their guests. Mr. Besch's radio attracted many fans, and on the day of the final game his apparatus was set out on the sidewalk in front of this store, while a big crowd collected.

The Earth Science Club would like to thank all those in the community who helped with their projects. The paper drive was a success, with 14,700 pounds of paper picked up by the ninth graders. On November 7 with the help of Miss Linda Nine, the students recycled 137 pounds of aluminum, which represents over 3,000 cans. Finally, a word of thanks to all those who attended the Fashion Show last Friday evening and to Mr. Frank Murphy who donated the beautiful potted shrubs.

## Mattituck Fire Probed

At the request of Fire Chief Charles Tyler of the Mattituck Fire Department, Southold police on Sunday called in Seventh Squad arson detectives to investigate a fire that practically destroyed a bungalow in Hideaway Estates owned by Dr. Albert Hammond.

Chief Tyler said there was no tangible evidence of arson at the fire, which broke out in an open space under the bungalow in Dr. Hammond's absence, and that he decided to ask for an investigation because the Mattituck Fire Department is not equipped to go into such investigation on its own.

by Bonnie Gordon

The Mattituck department store operated by W.T. Grant Co. will close its doors in four to six weeks, in an effort by the company to consolidate its strength in the face of bankruptcy. The store's manager, William Diller, said his main interest during the coming month will be placing his employees in other nearby Grant stores.

"There are many people here who have been with the store for ten to twelve years. Some were transferred here from other places," Mr. Diller said. "I hope to find new places for those who are willing to drive."

Mr. Diller has been managing the Mattituck store since Thanksgiving, when he was transferred himself from another Grant location. In January he moved his family to Cutchogue.

"I'm sorry this has happened," he said. "There just weren't enough people in the area to support the store."

Mattituck is one of four Long Island locations which Grant is closing before the end of December. The shops in Freeport, Bar Harbor and Massapequa Park will also close. The four stores employ 189 persons.

Grant will reduce its national chain from 1,074 units to 873 and its employees from more than 62,000 to about 53,000. Almost all stores west of the Mississippi River will close their doors. Two hundred and one stores will close by the end of the year.

This will be the second major closing of doors by a national chain store in the Mattituck area in a year. The Village Bohack store closed in midwinter.

Other businessmen within the Mattituck Shopping Center, where Grant is located, have expressed the feeling that their businesses will not be adversely affected. The manager of the Buy-Rite Liquor Store said the major problem will be in-convenience for local residents. It will mean a trip to other Grant locations in Greenport or Riverhead.

Two wedding anniversaries have been celebrated in Mattituck and we wish to add our congratulations.

On Saturday, October 11, Mr. and Mrs. John Keogh looked back on 28 happy years of married life.

On Tuesday, October 14, Mr. and Mrs. David Tuthill celebrated 14 years of married bliss.

Our sympathies to relatives and friends of Bill Habermann. Bill, a citizen of Mattituck and Greenport for many years passed away on Friday, October 10. We also extend sympathy to the relatives and friends of Mattituck's fisherman, Henry Paul Francis, Sr., of Factory Avenue. Almost daily one could see Mr. Francis on the Grand Avenue bridge casting out a line, or one could find him wherever the fish were biting.

Southold is distinguished Southold, Fontmore!

# Town Elections

## Ray Dean

## Leads The GOP Ticket

Incumbent Southold Republican Supervisor Albert Martocchia easily won reelection over his Democratic opponent William Pell, III, receiving a total of 4,864 votes (4,333 on the GOP line and 531 on the Conservative line), while Pell got a total of 3,479 votes.

Republicans won all the way in Southold, according to unofficial returns compiled by the Board of Elections. Town Clerk Judith Boken won out over Democrat Paul V. Murphy with 5,487 votes (4,906 on the Republican line and 581 Conservative). Murphy received 3,030 votes.

Tax Receiver George Mellas was reelected as he received 5,396 votes (4,860 Republican and 536 Conservative) over Democrat Harold W. Avent, who got 3,203 votes.

And Southold's popular Highway Superintendent Raymond C. Dean led the GOP ticket, receiving 5,359 votes. Democratic Spencer Terry received 3,301 votes (2,780 Democrat and 521 Conservative).

Town Justice Martin Suter with 4,737 votes (4,323 Republican and 414 Conservative) defeated Morton Phillips who got 3,883 votes.

Councilman James Homan also won reelection with 4,552 votes (4,093 Democratic, 459 Conservative) defeating William Grigonis, who received 3,745 votes.

Republican-Conservative Assessor candidate Henry Moisa won election with 5,244 votes (4,739 Republican and 505 Conservative) over Democrat Caroline Mooney, who had 3,136

## Harry Tuthill

Harry H. Tuthill, 90, died on November 1, 1975, at his home on Schoolhouse Creek in New Suffolk after a brief illness. He was born in New Suffolk on May 9, 1885. His parents were Harrison and Rhoda Tuthill. He was educated in local schools, Mechanic Institute in Rochester, N.Y., and Cornell University.

Mr. Tuthill was a retired marine contractor but still operated his marina at Schoolhouse Creek. In the nineteen thirties he dredged and created Schoolhouse Creek which is well known as a safe harbor. He was a Presbyterian, Mason, Republican and a member of the Goodfellows.

He is survived by one son, Lawrence of Greenport; two daughters; J. Katharine of Middle Island and Marjorie of New Suffolk; and five grandchildren: Lawrence, Jr., Theresa, Nora, Bridget and Megan. Mr. Tuthill was the husband of the late Julia Maney Tuthill, and the father of the late Henry H. Tuthill, former supervisor of Southold Town, and the late Mary Tuthill.

Funeral services were conducted on November 2 at the Cutchogue Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Kermit Jones, followed by interment in the Cutchogue Cemetery. Pall bearers were Fritz Kohn, William Heaney, Bernard Heaney, Donald Aanestad, Michael Norkelun, and Joseph Widrstky. Arrangements were made by Horton's Funeral Home.

Later in the day, a memorial liturgy was celebrated at Mr. Tuthill's home on the edge of the creek overlooking Peconic Bay. The Rev. Vincent M. Novak S.J., Dean of the School of Religion and Religious Education of Fordham University, officiated.

The annual Variety Show is scheduled for November 21 and 22 at the Mattituck High School at 8:15 p.m. The theme this year is music through the ages and its effect on man, under the title of "New Music, Sweet Music." This historical musical is filled with much light comedy and brings out a real variety of music. Tickets can be bought from any junior or senior student.

## Keogh And Charkow Honored

For the past two consecutive years the Mattituck Volunteer Fire Department has been honored with having one of its members chosen as the New York State Volunteer Fireman of the Year. In 1973 Harry Charkow was honored with this award for his act of bravery in rescuing a boy from the burning wreckage of his father's vehicle, and in 1974 John Keogh received this honor for rescuing a young man perilously trapped on a high voltage tower.

The New York State Volunteer Fireman of the Year Award is given to the one volunteer fireman in the State of New York, who has, in the opinion of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, performed a deed which is above and beyond the call of duty.

In the 103 year existence of this award this is the only time that any volunteer fire department has ever had two of its members honored with this award, not to mention the unparalleled fact that the Mattituck Volunteer Fire Department has been honored this great honor for two

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Catherine Klenk of Seaford, L.I., sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. She wore a floor length brown dress with V-neck, long chiffon sleeves, and carried a bouquet of fall colored mums. Cari Rubin, daughter of the bride, was the flower girl. She wore a floor length gown in light tan, with high neck, V-shaped ruffled bodice, with a ruffle around the bottom of the skirt, and short puffed sleeves. She carried a nosegay bouquet of fall mums.

Robert Hildesheim of Coram was his brother's best man. David Hildesheim, son of the groom, was the ring bearer, and Scott Rubin, son of the bride, was the usher.

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Frances Mickaliger and Bert Mileska of Mattituck, Betty Helinski and Emily Berkoski of Cutchogue, and Lillian Mikiciuk of Jamesport.

The Rosary was recited at DeFried Funeral Home in Mattituck on Tuesday evening, November 4. Mass of the Resurrection was said at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on Wednesday, November 5. Interment took place in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Mr. Mills is a patient at the Riverhead Nursing Home, and is 92 years young.

The 1975 French Club of the Mattituck-Cutchogue School held Le Tour de Mattituck last Monday. Le Tour is modeled after the original which takes place in France every year. Le Tour de France to the French is like the World Series to Americans. In France it is a bicycle race that lasts for three weeks. Le Tour de Mattituck lasted about 45 minutes, starting at the school, traveling five miles and returning to the school. There were 30 contestants and the winners were: first prize, Eric Zwinkler; second prize, Matthew Rao, and third prize, Gordon Haas.

In addition to the activities of the French Club they journeyed to Hauppauge last Wednesday and attended the play "Le Petit Prince" by Saint-Exupery, and saw the film "The Red Balloon" which won an Academy Award and is one of the most famous films of all times.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Phillips became the proud grandparents of a baby girl, Jessica, weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces, born on October 29 to Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips at St. Peters Hospital in Albany.

# "Poppa Nick" Succumbs

Nicholas P. Meras, a resident of Riverhead since 1919 and dean of its active Main Street businessmen, died late November 12 in Central Suffolk Hospital after a long period of failing health. He would have been 88 years of age December 6.

Mr. Meras, affectionately known as "Poppa Nick" to virtually all Riverheaders and many of their neighbors, was proprietor of the Star Confectionery which dates back to 1911 and is said to be the County Seat's oldest store in continuous operation at the same location.

Because of his unfailing good humor and many acts of concern and kindness, Mr. Meras became something of a folk figure as the years passed. In 1968, he was accorded a unique tribute when the Riverhead Town Board proclaimed June 11th as "Nick Meras Day". The proclamation noted that he "has endeared himself to all who have had daily contact with him for so many years."

Born in Sparta, Greece, Mr. Meras fought in the Greek army against the Turks. Mustered out of service because of injuries, he came to the United States to work with his uncle, Anthony Meras, at the East Main Street confectionery and restaurant, became a partner in 1922 and took over the business upon the uncle's retirement in 1933. He lived at 208 East Avenue.

He is survived by his wife, Marina, also a native of Sparta, who came to this country in 1923 and became Mrs. Meras the following year; a daughter, Mrs. Mathilda Delehanity of East Hampton, and two sons, Peter N. and Anthony N. Meras, both of Riverhead and both in the family business. There are also three brothers, Theodore of Hempstead and Alex and John of Athens, Greece, and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at St. John Greek Orthodox Church in Blue Point, followed by interment in the Riverhead Cemetery. The Greek "makaria", a gathering of friends and neighbors to honor the deceased and to express sympathy to the bereaved family, took place Saturday evening at the Riverhead Holiday Inn where the traditional fish, cheese, olives and wine were served.

At the meeting of the Mattituck Historical Society on November 24 at 8 pm in the Old School House on the museum grounds, there will be a film from Brookhaven National Laboratory on Atomic Medicine. This film is one that was produced by CBS News for its series "The 21st Century", a review of important applications of nuclear energy in medicine, such as radioisotopes, gamma ray camera to search for brain tumors, radiation powered pacemaker for the heart. There will be someone from Brookhaven to answer questions at the close of the film. This is also the annual meeting of the Society with election of officers. The public is cordially invited.

## MRS. CAROLINE COOPER

Mrs. Caroline M. Cooper, 62, of Bergen Avenue, Mattituck, the daughter of Arthur and Lillian Pettit McDermott, died November 13, 1975 at the Eastern Long Island Hospital. She was born in Valley Stream, N.Y., on August 4, 1913.

Mrs. Cooper was a member of the Mattituck Presbyterian Church, secretary of the Mattituck Historical Society and a past president of the Mattituck Presbyterian Church Women's Association. Surviving are her husband, David Cooper; her mother, Lillian McDermott of Goshen, N.Y.; three sons, David Cooper, Jr., of Mastic, Douglas and Donald of Mattituck; two daughters, Carol Keil of Huntington and Ruth Ann Bartra, Mattituck; three brothers, Charles McDermott, Gladstone, N.J., Marvin of Miami, Fla., and Frank of Iran; 17 grandchildren also survive.

Services were held at the Mattituck Presbyterian Church November 15. Interment was in the Cutchogue Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## ARMITAGE MORRISON

Armitage Morrison, 89, of Peconic Bay Boulevard, Mattituck, died November 16, 1975, at the Eastern Long Island Hospital, Greenvale. He was the son of William and Hannah Brown Morrison.

Born in Flushing, N.Y., on November 13, 1886, he retired in 1946 as an officer of the United States Trust Company of New York. He lived in Carmel, N.Y., Staten Island, N.Y., Brooklyn, N.Y., and Ridgewood, N.J., before moving to Mattituck in 1951. His father, Reverend William Morrison, was a Baptist minister.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Emily Wilson Morrison; five sons, Dr. Donald W. Morrison, Manchester, Conn., Roy A. of Glen Rock, N.J., Douglas J. of Los Angeles, Calif., Gordon C. of Franklin Lakes, N.J., and Hugh M. of Ridgewood, N.J. Fifteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held at the DeFries Funeral Home, Inc., Mattituck, on Wednesday, November 17, with Reverend Frederick Hummel officiating. Interment was private at the Green Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mattituck Presbyterian Church or the ELI Hospital, Greenvale.

A 41 year old Mattituck man was arrested for drunk driving November 13 afternoon after his 1975 dump truck hit a pedestrian. Southold Town Police said David Tutbill, of Deep Hole Drive, driving his truck east on New Suffolk Avenue about 4:55 p.m., struck William Topping, 17, also of Deep Hole Road. Topping was treated and released at Central Suffolk Hospital. Tutbill was held overnight for arraignment in Southold Justice Court.

Litigation over the downzoning of the Norris property, Mattituck, has cost Southold Town \$12,500 according to figures released by Supervisor Albert Martocchia at Tuesday's town board meeting.

"We were taken to court and we won," said Martocchia. An appeal is expected to follow the decisions, which came earlier this month and caused Ed Allen, Mattituck, of Tuesday's audience to grumble about "paying lawyer's fees for both sides." Pierre Lundberg represented Southold Town.

# Decision On Norris To Be Appealed

The six plaintiffs who lost their suit against Southold Town in the downzoning of 38 acres of Bruce Norris property in Mattituck will appeal the decision.

"There is more interest in the case now than there was in the beginning," said Eugene Daneri, who was one of the leaders of the group protesting the Town Board approval of the housing development proposed by Mr. Norris for his 78-acre property. They are bringing in money to finance the litigation and have banded together as The Committee Against the Norris Downzoning Opinion or CAN-DO, the acronym which they will have printed on bumper stickers and which Mr. Daneri says he hopes to see on at least half of all the cars in town before long.

He criticized the ruling of Supreme Court Justice Gordon Lipetz that the town's decision to rezone 38 acres of the Norris property from A-agricultural to M-light multiple, "neither is unreasonable nor arbitrary." The judge had found the proposed development individual homes and condominiums might enhance the general welfare of the community since it would bring a sewage treatment plant and a public water supply.

"What amazes me," said Mr. Daneri, "is that he ignored the opinion of Professor Welker completely." John R. Welker, associate professor of marine ecology at Southampton College, had warned that Marrantooka Lake will become a "sewage lagoon" with a multifamily complex built nearby. He said the condominium would draw so much water that the level of the lake would fall, the nitrate concentration would increase, causing algae and scum to flourish and eventually suffocate natural marine organisms. "Physically, chemically and biologically the lake would become a sewage lagoon", was his opinion.

He testified in the taxpayers suit brought last May by six neighbors of Mr. Norris: Aline Dove, Laurence Reeve, George Brooks, George and Katherine Lascelle, John Simicich Jr., and Frank Whitrock.

Judge Lipetz in October ruled in favor of the Town Board, declaring that "the modest increase in density would be in conformity with the comprehensive plan and the proposed development will promote the general welfare."

"This is going against the wishes of most of the people in town," said Mr. Daneri, "If they get away with this, who knows what they will do next?"

Last Monday the parents and students of the Mattituck-Cutchogue H.S. attended a meeting to hear the president of Gala Tours International discuss the upcoming trip to France and Switzerland. Travel fever reached a peak when details of the itinerary foods and customs were discussed. Everybody agreed it will be a very real learning experience. Please support these ambitious, hard working and fun-raising youngsters.

## BERT MILLS

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the DeFries Funeral Home at Mattituck for Bert M. Mills, a life long resident of Mattituck and one of its oldest citizens. Mr. Mills, 92, died Wednesday, November 19, in the Riverhead Nursing Home where he had been a patient the past two and one-half years.

He was born in Mattituck on February 5, 1883, a son of Jolin and Elsie Fransen Mills. As a boy, he attended the 44 West Mattituck Schoolhouse, which was rescued from oblivion by the Mattituck Historical Society a few years ago and is now situated, restored and refurbished on the society's grounds.

For some 35 years, Mr. Mills worked with Frank Richard, builder and developer of Sali Lake Village in Mattituck. He also was employed as an estate gardener. He was widely known as a farmer and driver of carriage horses and his services were in demand by horse breeders and dealers. He retired earlier years in 1959 when, in formal attire crowned by a high silk hat, he drove a buggy behind a high stepping pacer in the "Dr. Jones Day" parade honoring the beloved Mattituck physician.

Mr. Mills is survived by his wife, the former Mary Estelle Scott to whom he was married on November 2, 1921; a brother, George Mills, of Washington, D.C.; a sister, Mrs. Clara Holmes of Mattituck, and several nephews and nieces.

The services on Sunday were conducted by the Reverend Bessie McCain, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mattituck, the burial following at the DeFries Cemetery.

Miss Patti Rudolph reports that on Saturday, November 15, the Mattituck Marshmallow 4-H Club went to the Bronx Zoo and had a day-long good time. Mrs. Pat Finger and Mrs. Nancy Rudolph were the club leaders accompanying Patti, Jill Rudolph, Jeanne Finger, Tracey Doubrava, Wendy Corwin, Sharon Tutbill, Susan Brauner and Cathy Hansen.

THE OFFICERS of the new Mattituck-Cutchogue Little League are Henry Tyler, President; Phil Proferes, Secretary-Treasurer; Sid Beebe, Vice President, and Pete Sabat, Business Agent. Their immediate concern is to raise the estimated \$2,000 that the league will need for the 1976 season.

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# Robin's Is. Cabbage Replacing Cauliflower As Crop

The Southold Town Planning Board last week got its first glimpse of plans for the development of Robin's Island. Then, a few minutes later, it was told those plans might never be realized. *Nov 23, 1975*

Jack Driscoll, one of three partners who have contracted to buy the island in Peconic Bay, confirmed for the board what has been rumored around Southold for a week: that the partners' financial backer has slipped away.

"If we don't come up with \$2.3-million by Dec. 26," Driscoll said, "there won't be any development on that island."

Contacted by telephone the following day, Driscoll said that John Otto, the Detroit Lakes, Minn. financier who was to back the trio, is now "out of the picture."

He also said the total price of the island was not \$2.3-million, but he would not elaborate. The present owner of the island, he said, John W. Macke, is "extremely sensitive" about releasing details of the deal.

However, he did say that unless the partners find a new backer by next month, the deal with Macke will be off.

Even if the trio does get the backing to buy the island, the rough sketch the board received last week was slightly less impressive than the future for the island envisioned while negotiations with Macke were proceeding.

## Albertson Heads Savings Bank Board

*Nov 27, 1975*  
John H. Rose, president and chief executive officer of Southold Savings Bank, announced that Lester M. Albertson was elected as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at a recent board meeting. He replaced Ernest G. Radford, who retired in October of this year.

Mr. Albertson was elected a trustee in November of 1959 and has served on numerous committees with distinction. He brings to this position a wealth of administrative background, having served as Supervisor of Southold Town and presently is the Clerk of Suffolk County.

A Long Island Rail Road locomotive struck a car at a Mattituck grade crossing last Friday afternoon, but fortunately there were no injuries. *Nov 27, 1975*

Police said a car leaving a filling station on Sound Avenue, driven by Janet A. Jazombek, 29, of Sound Avenue, crossed the road and as it was going over the tracks was struck by an eastbound shunting locomotive on which the engineer was Donald E. Matthews of Longbeach Avenue, Freeport.

While Miss Jazombek was unhurt, her car was considerably damaged and had to be towed away.

In another crash during the weekend that departed from the usual, a car operated by David N. Cervone of 75 Gillette Drive, East Marion, while proceeding along Sound Avenue in Mattituck on Saturday, struck a deer crossing the road, according to a police report. The report did not say whether the deer was killed or how badly the Cervone vehicle fared in the encounter. *12/7/75*

### HOLIDAY CONCERTS *12/4/75*

The Music Department of the Mattituck-Cutchogue School District will present holiday concerts on December 10 and 17 in the high school auditorium at 7:30 pm. The December 10 program will feature the Elementary School Band, the Jr. High Chorus and the High School Stage Band. The instrumental groups will be directed by George Lester and the chorus by Miss Carol Rabson. The second concert, on Wednesday, December 17, will be presented by the Jr. High Band, the Elementary Chorus and the High School Band. The public is cordially invited to both programs.

*12/10/75*  
by Bonnie Gordon

The cauliflower is all gone from the North Fork this week, an early cut-out for the crop, but cabbage harvesting is still in full swing. Warm weather pushed the season to an early finish and there are no more commercial cauliflowers left to harvest. The cutting ended before the last week of November.

The cabbage season was also affected by the unseasonable warmth, though less severely. The harvest is expected to end within two weeks, though it often lasts until the end of December. "They are simply all cut out," said Robert V. Roosa, general manager of the Long Island Cauliflower Association, which also deals in cabbages and a few Brussel sprouts.

Cabbage planting has become increasingly popular on the North Fork in recent years, according to Mr. Roosa of Riverhead. The cabbage crop is better suited to the machine age than either cauliflower or Brussel sprouts. Both of the latter require more careful hand labor and both have suffered a steep decrease in planting since the 1950's.

Long Island once held 5,000 acres of cauliflower plantings in the fall, while today it holds only about 1,200. The flowers must be hand-tied after they bloom, but before harvest, to protect the white color which is popular at market.

The acreage estimate on Brussel sprouts is not as easily determined. Mr. Roosa said only eight or ten growers in the East grow them commercially. The sprouts crop suffers from the fact they must be hand-picked. Mechanical harvesting and growing has not been developed for these crops.

Commercial cabbages are harvested mechanically and they also enjoy a much longer growing season. North Fork growers often plant a spring crop which can be harvested in July. Sometimes this crop overlaps with the fall crop which is usually ready for harvest beginning in September. The cabbages do not tend to come in all at one time, as cauliflowers do. They are not as susceptible to long warm periods such as the Indian Summer residents of the Island enjoyed this fall. The warm spell brought the cauliflowers to harvest too quickly and all at once.

According to Mr. Roosa 40 to 50 thousand crates of cauliflower could not be harvested due to unmarketable quality. The farmers could not get it out of the fields quickly

enough and it became discolored and spotted. A ride on Sound Avenue illustrates this problem clearly. Several whole fields of cauliflower stand unpicked and browning.

Mr. Roosa pointed out, however, far greater damage would have come from a hot spell earlier in the fall. Many farmers avoided the problems of warm weather because they planted early and were ready to harvest before the hot spell and in coincidence with it.

Mr. Roosa predicts cabbage will continue to replace cauliflower planting on the North Fork, because of its obvious advantage. But, he is quick to point out some of the cabbage problems.

Because cabbages are easier to grow, they are cultivated throughout the United States. The competition for harvest-time and prices is much greater because of this.

on an acre of cauliflower. Cabbage was selling last week for \$3.50 a crate, a good price for the crop. However it must be pointed out that cabbages can be planted closer in the field and an acre produces between 600 and 700 crates.

Mr. Roosa reports the cabbage harvest is beginning to dwindle this week. He said about fifty growers will be harvesting through this week, but by next week the number will be far less.

Cauliflower is a crop which requires more specific conditions, mainly a mild yet cool climate during maturation. Presently only New York, Florida and California grow cauliflower commercially, while every state has cabbage. In recent years California has overtaken New York as the largest cauliflower producer.

The competition, of course, affects the price. This season cauliflower is selling for \$5 a crate. There are about 450 crates grown

Mattituck, N.Y.

To the Editor: *Nov 16, 1975*

A recent feature article in the Suffolk Times "Cabbage Replacing Cauliflower As A Crop", recalls that cabbage was at one time an important crop, at least in the Mattituck area. But it was not raised so much as for food, as for seed. Dr. Craven's History of Mattituck mentions that the soil and climate were found "exceptionally well suited to the production of cabbage seed, which affords a profitable crop." It is gratifying to know the good old salad and sauerkraut product is making a glorious comeback, but it is hoped that the cauliflower, a favorite delicacy, will never become a thing of the past as a crop, as Brussels sprouts almost have.

Donald Gildersleeve

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tuthill, Sr., on their 55th wedding anniversary last Thursday. Mrs. Tuthill was in ELI Hospital at the time where a big anniversary cake and ice cream were served to the family. Mrs. Tuthill came home from the hospital on Friday, fell and broke her hip. *Nov 27, 1975*

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woodward, Jr., and three children of Winslow, Indiana, visited last week with his grandmother, Mrs. William Woodward, and also his father, Arthur Woodward, on Wickham Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward are both missionaries working with the Navajo Indians in Indiana.

Mrs. Carleton Dickerson, "Liz" was given a clam-bake birthday party by her children and grandchildren at the Pequash Club last Sunday.

The Mattituck Chamber of Commerce held their regular dinner at the Old Mill Inn on November 21. The newly elected officers are: president, Henry Drumm; vice president, Dale Bergen; recording secretary, Robert Shaw; corresponding secretary, Dan Fogarty, and treasurer, Mrs. Edward Slaga. The committee selected for Christmas decorations in the village consists of Frank Murphy and Mrs. John DiVello. They wish it to be known that due to the high cost of trees, etc., they would be glad for any donations to help defray expenses. Direct any donations to the C. of C., Mattituck, N.Y. They are also asking for Christmas tree ornaments. Any questions will be answered by Mrs. DiVello by calling 298-5928. *Nov 27, 1975*

PATTERSON-FUNN

Miss Gloria M. Funn, daughter of Mrs. Mamie Funn and the late Elliott Funn of Mattituck, became the bride of J. Russell Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman L. Patterson, Sr., of Westhampton Beach, on Sunday, November 9 at the Unity Baptist Church in Mattituck.

The Rev. Bassie McCain performed the double-ring ceremony. Miss Stella Evans was the soloist, accompanied by Morley Gholson on the organ.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Elliott, wore a gown of polyester knit with skirt gathered to lined midriff with stand-up collar and collar-ruffle and long set-in sleeves. Arlene Mayo, friend of the bride, made the gown. The bride carried a fall arrangement of mums.

Matron of honor, Mrs. Octavia Carter, sister of the bride, from Jamaica, wore an old-fashioned gown with granny sleeves and carried fall color daisies to match her

burgundy-colored gown. Miss Shirley Trent of Riverhead was the bridesmaid and wore a gown similar to the matron of honor's, but in blue. She also carried fall-colored daisies matching her dress.

O'Donnell Hooks of Washington, D.C., was the best man. Sherman L. Patterson of Bay Shore was the usher.

A reception followed for 250 people, after which the couple left for a week in Florida and a week-long cruise throughout the Bahamas.

Mrs. Patterson, a graduate of Mattituck High School, is employed by Hazeltine Corp of Riverhead.

Mr. Patterson, a recent candidate for the Southampton Town receiver of taxes, is the manager of Sherman's Cocktail Lounge in Westhampton Beach.

The couple is residing on Hazelwood Avenue, in Westhampton Beach.

MRS. EDITH MAHONEY

Mrs. Edith P. Mahoney, 95, died suddenly Friday, November 28. Born in Laurel, and a lifelong resident there, she was known to many as 'Aunt Deedie'. She was the daughter of George E. and Sarah Penny of Laurel.

Surviving is a niece, Edythbelle Vail of Uncasville, Conn.; two nephews, George Everett Vail, of Groton, Conn., and Fred H. Boucher, Jr., of Laurel.

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Fred Hummel of the Mattituck Presbyterian Church at the DeFriest Funeral Home December 1. Interment immediately followed in Laurel Cemetery.

Wesley L. Shields, was recently elected Town Justice for the Town of Poland, Chautaugua County, New York. Mr. Shields has been long active in politics, having served as field aide to N.Y. Senator Charles Goodell and 38th Congressional Representative James Hastings. He is married to the former Judy Cichanowicz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Cichanowicz of Mattituck.

At the regular meeting of the American Legion last Sunday evening the following officers were elected: John DiVello, Commander; Phillip Fenderson, First Vice-Commander; William Johnson, Second Vice-Commander, and Leonard Archer, Third Vice Commander; Joseph W. Petrauskas, Service Officer; Ralph Tuthill, Sr., Historian; George Yeorges, Chaplain, and Leon Milowski, Finance Officer. Guests attending and serving as installation officers were Suffolk County Commander, Ray Flannigan, and Fourth Division Commander, "Skete" Holigan. Refreshments were served.

Bomb Threat

The students at Mattituck-Cutchogue High School were evacuated from their classes temporarily last Thursday morning after an anonymous phone call saying that a bomb had been planted in the building.

Three members of the Southold Police Department searched the premises after the call, attributed to a male youth, and the students returned to their classes after no trace of a bomb could be found.

MRS. G. ELLIOT GOLDSMITH

Mrs. G. Elliot Goldsmith, nee Marguerite Wickham, died at her home, Lake Hills, Marratooka Road, Mattituck, December 10, 1975 after an illness of several months.

Born in Mattituck, June 2, 1891, daughter of Charles W. and Annie S.R. Wickham of Marratooka Farm, she grew up there, then received her R.N. after graduating from the Nassau Hospital Training School for Nurses in Mineola in 1913. In 1917 she and George Elliot Goldsmith of New Suffolk were married and for nearly 37 years lived in Floral Park, Nassau County, L.I., where Mrs. Goldsmith was a very active member and leader in many church, charitable and cultural organizations, and did relief nursing during the 1944-46 war time nurse shortage.

Having spent family summers in Mattituck, the Goldsmiths returned to build a retirement home overlooking Marratooka Lake in 1955. Following her husband's death in 1957, Mrs. Goldsmith steadily resumed her service activities including many in the Presbyterian Church, the Eastern Long Island Hospital of Greenport, the Friends of the Mattituck Free Library and the Mattituck Historical Association, and continued her lifelong hobby of wide-ranging travel.

Predeceased also by her younger daughter, Phoebe Eileen Ross, in 1970, she is survived by one daughter, Sheila A. Wirsing, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Private services will be held at the graveside. Contributions in her name to one of your own or her favorite causes will be of comfort to the family.

JOHN MOISA

John Moisa, 90, of Marcy Avenue, Riverhead, died December 7, 1975, at the Central Suffolk Hospital, Riverhead. A retired farmer, he was born September 6, 1885.

Surviving are his wife, Apolnya; three sons, William of Riverhead, Edward and Joseph of Mattituck; four daughters, Helen Filla and Julia Lamaka, both of Mattituck, Sophie Tyte and Jennie Sabat, Riverhead; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

A Recitation of the Rosary was held December 9 at the Danowski Funeral Home. Mass was offered December 10 at St. Isidore's Church, Riverhead. Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Cutchogue.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Cancer Society, Central Suffolk Hospital or the Polish Alliance will be appreciated.

Investigating Suicide

Southold Town Police and Seventh Squad Detectives are investigating the apparent suicide of a Mattituck-Cutchogue School teacher.

Police said James J. Cain, 30, of Hickory Road, Southold, apparently shot himself in the head with a .22 calibre automatic pistol, some time Monday. Cain, in addition to his teaching duties was basketball coach for the high school's junior varsity team, according to detectives.

Detectives said his body was discovered in his bed, at about 5:10 p.m. Monday by his wife, Cathleen, when she returned home from her job at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital, East Patchogue.

Reportedly, she found a note on the bedroom door, warning her not to look inside, but to call police. Authorities said Cain, who taught in the district since September, after teaching in York, Alabama, was despondent. The body was removed to the County Morgue.

Mrs. Mildred Long, Chairlady of the Senior Citizens Christmas "Crafts" year 1975, who sponsored the Fair at the Strawberry Festival in June and the Christmas Fair on November 29 for the benefit of the E.L.I. Hospital, reports they have been a great success. On June 19 the Mattituck Senior Citizens presented \$300 to the hospital, and at their Christmas party at Drossos Restaurant they will give a check of \$1,000 to a member of the board who will be at the party to receive it. Total gifts to the E.L.I. Hospital come to \$1,300 for the year of 1975. The members and committee wish to thank all those who made all this possible, including committee, stores, radio stations, papers and all purchasers.

Invite your friends and join the folks at the North Fork Baptist Church on December 21 at 7:30 p.m. for the Christmas Cantata, "Night of Miracles", to be presented by the 27-voice choir. The musical program is under the direction of Mrs. Banning of Wading River and will feature the solo voices of Carol Alexander, Ron Busch and Alvin Burlingame. The cantata was written by John W. Peterson. The North Fork Baptist Church choir will also perform at the East Marion Baptist Church on Friday, December 29, at 8 p.m. and at Sound Shore Community Church on Sunday, December 28, at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following each performance.

Mattituck's annual community carol sing will be on the lawn of the Presbyterian Church on December 22 at 7 p.m. At 7:30 Santa will be visiting Mattituck to see every boy and girl who has come to the song time that Monday evening.

Dear ol' Mattituck again looks like Christmas with the streets beautifully lined with lighted Christmas trees. We owe thanks for this beauty to the Chamber of Commerce and those who have donated the decorations to be used. It looks great.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Caroline Grosserbacher. She was nicely surprised by a wedding shower last Wednesday by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fire Department. Her wedding day is December 27. Caroline will marry Robert Filkil of Dallas, Texas, in the Mattituck Presbyterian Church.

Overturns Going to Fire

On his way to respond to an alarm of fire, Richard E. Olmsted of Meddy Avenue, Mattituck, lost control of his car on Route 25 in Laurel late Friday night when it skidded on the slippery road, sheared off a telephone pole, collided with trees and shrubs as it slid down an embankment and turned over on its side. Mr. Olmsted was uninjured, according to the police report, but his car was a total loss.

Nancy Gail Tuthill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin B. Tuthill of Mattituck, was united in marriage with Mark Andrew Quinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Quinn of Gray, Maine, on Saturday, October 18, at the Mattituck Presbyterian Church. The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Frederick E. Hummel, pastor of the church. Mrs. James Dean, aunt of the bride was the soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of "Chiffonette debut" and imported Alencon lace with a Mandarin Vee neckline and empire waist. The long bell sleeves had scalloped lace cuffs and the skirt was a circular A-line, flowing into a full chapel train.

The bride wore a three-tiered fingertip veil bordered by Alencon lace, held in place with a matching lace cap. She carried a cascade of white roses and carnations.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Cathy Tuthill. She wore a burgundy gown with matching floor-length cape and attached hood, trimmed with marabou.

The bridesmaids were Deborah Dean of Cutchogue, cousin of the bride; Colette Quinn of Gray, Main, sister of the bridegroom; Susan Arnold and Susan

The E. Suffolk Christian Womens Club will have their monthly luncheon at Mattituck Manor on January 7 at 11:30 a.m. Reservations must be in by the Friday, January 2. This is important, as the committee has to have as close a correct count as possible. Those mothers bringing preschool children, please make reservations for the little ones to come to the nursery available at the Presbyterian Church. This month's luncheon's special feature is "All about Beef" by Jack Harrison, to help us buy and prepare beef more wisely. The Speaker is Sam Smoochler a Hebrew Christian who is also a manager of national sales and marketing. Mr. Smoochler is an interesting speaker. The music will be by Thomas Stalone.

The Junior High Art classes of Mattituck-Cutchogue School, under the direction of Mrs. Joan Smith are working on a magnificent display of their recent projects, which you will be able to see if you visit the Mattituck Free Library sometime this week or next. Some of the fine products you will see are pottery and macrame' including plant hangers and jewelry. Many of the students have completed lovely projects which they have designated as Christmas presents for their Moms and Dads.

On Tuesday, about midnight, our fire companies were called to a fire in a men's labor camp behind the Agway building on Sound Avenue Road. A number of men were sleeping when the fire broke out, but no one was injured, thanks to our ever efficient firemen.

And on Friday evening, they were called to a car fire on the corner of Love Lane and the Dual Highway.

HELLENIC ENTERTAINMENT was provided by students of the Greek Orthodox church of the Transfiguration of Christ Hellenic Cultural School. Above, Michele and Elaine Epidy recite a Greek poem, Ta Xpiorovyeva. Other entertainment included singing and dancing to Greek folk music. Students of the school study culture and language with Coordinator Catherine Tsounis and assistant Dawn Spanos each Saturday afternoon. The Christmas program drew a large audience to the social Hall of the Mattituck church on Saturday, December 20. Refreshments and a warm and happy crowd attracted the attention of a special visitor, Mr. Claas, who came bearing gifts for all the children present.

A VISIT TO THE PUBLISHER was enjoyed by Mattituck-Cutchogue High School yearbook staffers. They spent December 12 and 13 in State College, Pennsylvania, touring Jostens American Yearbook Co., where their yearbook is published. Students who enjoyed the trip included David Gross, Roger Yoerges, Bill Harrison, Suzette Witschi, Marie Tolosa and Debbie Corwin, standing before the plant. Not shown is yearbook staff advisor Mike Cortese, who also guided the trip.

Farnbach, both of Mattituck. Their gowns were identical to that of the maid of honor in forest green and rust, and they carried old-fashioned bouquets of fall flowers.

The best man was Paul Mileska of Mattituck. The ushers were Edmond and Matthew Quinn, brothers of the bridegroom, Richard Phillips of Mattituck, and Kent Tuthill of Fort Pierce, Fla., cousin of the bride.

The bride is a 1972 graduate of Mattituck High School. She also graduated from Chamberlayne Junior College in Boston, Massachusetts, and from Albany Business College in Albany, N.Y. She is presently employed as an executive secretary with Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample, Inc. advertising agency in New York City.

The bridegroom is a 1971 graduate of Mattituck High School. He graduated from Alfred State College and is presently employed as a senior technical representative for the Xerox Corporation in Tarrytown, N.Y.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, after which the couple left for a honeymoon in Bermuda. They are presently residing in Peekskill, N.Y.

## Charles Roemer Succumbs

Charles V. Roemer, the "Mr. Lion" of the Riverhead Lions Club, died Monday morning in his home at 420 Ostrander Avenue, Riverhead. Mr. Roemer, although blind since 1957, was one of the mainstays of the Lions annual spring variety shows and this past year directed the May Lions Club show. He was 68.

Roemer came to Riverhead in the early 1940's with the Long Island Railroad from his childhood home in Astoria and in 1952 became a valued employee of Perkin's Men's Store on East Main Street, Riverhead. He retired in January 1972. Although completely blind by 1957, Roemer, a 27 year member of the Riverhead Lions Club, remained active in the service organization and was well known for his songs in the club show each May.

In addition to holding every office in the Lions Club, he was an active Riverhead fireman for many years and became an exempt fireman in 1957, later serving as president of the Exempt Firemen's Association. He was also a senior warden of the Grace Episcopal Church and was president of the Riverhead Community Center for the Blind.

He is survived by four sisters and a brother, all living in Nassau and Queens. Funeral Services, under the direction of Leonard Funeral Home, are tentatively planned for Friday in the Grace Episcopal Church.

Each year the F. and M. Schaeffer Brewing Co. pays tribute to the Fireman of the Year. This year Norman Riley, Sr. has been chosen for 1975 Fireman of the Year. The Fire Chief, Charles Tyler and two assistants selected Mr. Riley of Mattituck who has been with our fire companies for 25 years. Born in Brooklyn in 1927 and moved to Mattituck in 1944, he served in the Navy for four years and a graduate of Erasmus High School in Brooklyn. He married Jane Bergen of Mattituck in 1949 and joined our firemen in 1950. He has two children, Norman Jr., a teacher in the Mattituck-Cutchogue school district, and a daughter, Deborah at Lady Cliff, New York State College. Mr. Riley is a member of the Peconic Bay Power Squadron, the Riverhead Yacht Club, the Mattituck Gun Club, East End Corvette Club, and the East End Surf Club. He is self employed under the name of A. Riley and Son. He served two terms in Engine Co. No. 1. These ceremonies in his honor will take place in Patchogue at some time in January.

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor spent the holiday weekend with Mrs. Taylor's sister, Miss Angeline McCaffery in Odenton, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCaffery of Washington, North Carolina were guests of his sister at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. David Whipple and children, Kris, Wendy and Kerry spent Thanksgiving with his brother, Mr. Richard Whipple in New York, also taking in the Macy Parade.

## Crash Takes Life

A 70 year old man was killed Monday night in Laurel when his car, headed west on the Main Road, skidded across the slippery highway, slammed into a utility pole and then struck a tree.

Southold Town Police and Seventh Squad detectives investigated the 7 p.m. crash that took the life of Cyrus Roscoe Strickland of Laurel Lane, Laurel.

Strickland was rushed to Central Suffolk Hospital where he was pronounced dead of multiple injuries at about 7:38 p.m.

A Carol Sing for the whole town and other towns will be held on the lawn of the Presbyterian Church Monday evening, December 22. At 7:30 Santa will be there too. There will be candies and refreshments in the church parlors. Ray Nine is chairman of this event and Roger Yoerges will be at the organ. We are indebted to our community organizations, such as churches, firemen, Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, etc. Let's all join in, and be sure it becomes an annual event.

A Christmas Cantata will be sung at the North Fork Baptist Church by the 27 member choir of that church December 21 at 7:30 P.M. Soloists will be Carol Alexander, Albin Burlingame and Ron Busch. This performance will be presented also at the East Marion Baptist Church at 8 P.M. on December 19, and at the Sound Beach Community Church, December 28.

Charles O. Bergen, 68, of Sound Avenue, Mattituck, died December 23, 1975, at the Eastern Long Island Hospital, Greenport. Born on June 29, 1907, the son of Thomas and Fanny Bergen, he was a life time resident of Mattituck.

Surviving are his wife, Bertha Raynor Bergen; a daughter, Marjorie Baunach; five brothers, Ralph Bergen, Mattituck, William of New Jersey, John of Riverhead, Fred, Pennsylvania, and Bob of Delaware; five sisters, Iola Cox, Mattituck, Josephine Coleman, Gladys Lane, Elizabeth Vail, all of Riverhead, and Emma Homan, Washington; three grandchildren, Randolph, Cindy and Sandra, also several nieces and nephews.

Anxious to avoid a repetition of the circumstances which early last Sunday morning left Sheree Dickerson, 20, of New Suffolk Lane, Cutchogue, badly injured and without medical care or comfort in her badly wrecked car for more than four hours, Southold Police Chief Carl Cataldo has appealed for the public's cooperation in preventing another such train of events as brought on the Cutchogue woman's harrowing ordeal.

With a triple thigh fracture, crushed ankle and other injuries and in severe shock, Ms. Dickerson lay from 4 a.m. until after daybreak before a passing motorist glimpsed the wrecked some 45 feet from the road and summoned police and medical help.

When the car left Main Road, near Cardinal Drive, Mattituck, ran across a lawn and through a wooden fence into a back yard and then struck a tree, residents in the vicinity were awakened by the 4 a.m. crash. Those who bothered to investigate could find no signs of anything untoward along the highway. One resident who went outside to see what might have happened also could find nothing, although his home was quite close to the scene of the crash.

## Accident Signs Missing

Chief Cataldo said he was satisfied, after he had looked over the crash scene by approaching it by car from each side of the road, that it was so concealed from the main highway, passing cruiser cars or private motorists could easily have failed to see the wrecked car in the dark.

Police theorize that Ms. Dickerson made no outcry because she was unconscious. The impact extinguished the car's lights and silenced its horn. There were no brake marks to indicate a car had skidded off the road at that location.

Chief Cataldo said that in his years as chief the department has handled 3,000 accidents and this is the first time such a delay has occurred. He recalled that not long ago a resident called headquarters to report hearing indications of a crash. On that occasion a police squad scoured the neighborhood for an hour and found nothing.

But Chief Cataldo said, it is better to be safe than sorry. He urged anyone hearing sounds leading to the suspicion that an accident may have happened to notify police without fail, so that there will be no chance someone is left lying injured and in urgent need of medical attention.

Ms. Dickerson was reported still in critical condition on Tuesday at Central Suffolk Hospital, where she is being treated in the intensive care unit.

MRS. RALPH W. TUTHILL, SR.

Mrs. Laura F. Tuthill, a resident of Mattituck for more than 55 years, died Friday, December 26, in the Eastern Long Island Hospital at Greenport after a long illness. She was the wife of former Judge Ralph W. Tuthill, Sr. Jan 1, 1978

Mrs. Tuthill was born in New Suffolk, February 17, 1898, a daughter of John and Carrie Moore Fanning, both descendants of founding families. She was graduated from Mattituck High School in 1915 as a member of its first senior class, and two years later, completed a teacher training course then conducted at Greenport. She taught for three years at the Sound Avenue and New Suffolk elementary schools.

Mrs. Tuthill was a lifelong member of the Cutchogue Presbyterian Church, served as an elder and deacon of the church and was a member and secretary of its Victory Society. She was a member and corresponding secretary of the Mattituck Historical Society and had been treasurer of the American Legion Auxiliary in Mattituck. During her husband's 20 year period of service as a Justice of the Peace and member of the Southold Town Board, Mrs. Tuthill acted as her husband's unofficial and unpaid secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Tuthill observed their 50th wedding anniversary on November 20, 1970.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lois M. Herr of Carbondale, Ill., and Mrs. Shirley J. Bean of Adelphi, Md.; two sons, Ralph W. Tuthill, Jr., of Mattituck, and Dean F. Tuthill of Adelphi, Md.; a brother, Russell M. Fanning of Deland, Fla.; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The late Marjorie K. Pigott was a sister.

A devoted wife and mother, as exemplified by the fact she never failed to write a weekly letter to each of her children when they were away from home, she also was a concerned neighbor and a good friend to all who knew her. She was very community minded and when she and her husband retired several years ago and sold their farm, they donated to the local park district the area which is now Wolf Pit Lake Park.

Largely attended funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church in Cutchogue, followed by interment in the Cutchogue Cemetery. Reverend Kermit Jones, pastor of the church, officiated. The family had requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Eastern Long Island Hospital or the Mattituck Historical Society.

We learn that Mr. and Mrs. David Whipple have moved to their new home in Erie, Pa. They lived with Mrs. Whipple's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor of Laurel. The George Taylors went to Erie for the holidays to visit them and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whipple. Jan 8, 1978

THE BICENTENNIAL BALL on New Year's Eve was attended by 314 guests at the Mattituck Manor. The magic hour of midnight brought down clouds of balloons as partygoers paraded around the room singing, "God Bless America". Waiting for "76" are, left to right, Otis and Hope Burt, Laura Morris, Bruno and Ann Tarabocchia and Bob Morris. Jan 6, 1978

# Town Hall

by Ronnie Wacker

"There comes a time when you have to take the bull by the horns..."

And this is it, said Supervisor Albert Martocchia for the Southold Town Board, which has been trying to get Southold Town residents to vote money for a Town Hall for the last ten years.

Without holding any further vote the Board is hiring an architect to design a town hall at the Town Clerk's office, Main Road in Southold. Jan 2, 1978

"We've been spending our money fighting ourselves," said Mr. Martocchia. Over the last ten years, he reminded the audience, four votes have been held, two while County Clerk Lester Albertson was Supervisor and another two in Supervisor Martocchia's regime. They all produced nothing. Then last fall Southold School District voted against selling Peconic School to the town for a town hall.

Justice Louis Demarest estimated that the four votes have cost the town about \$50,000 for legal notices, inspectors, and such.

While 90 percent of the people in the town agree on the need for a Town Hall, said Mr. Martocchia, nobody can agree on where to put it. People in Mattituck don't want it in Greenport. People in Greenport don't want it in Mattituck—or Southold.

"We honestly feel we've been through the mill on this," he said, "Now we've got to be sensible."

What the Town Board plans to do, said the Supervisor, is thoroughly legal. In the other cases it had to go to a town referendum because it didn't have the money for the town hall it planned. This time it has the money—about \$500,000 in federal revenue-sharing funds—and will buy as much building as it can get for \$400,000.

The architects, Wiedersum Associates, have prepared preliminary sketches. At the meeting the Board agreed to go into contract with them for design of a Town Hall at the Town Clerk's office. It will be of fireproof wood construction in keeping with the architecture of the area.

## At Last--A Town Hall

Some years ago we sat on a committee appointed by the Southold Town Board to make recommendations about the need for a town hall. The committee of 18 from all parts of the Town decided unanimously after much study that there was a real need for such a central headquarters. This week, the Town Board decided to go ahead and build a Town Hall. It is not where the committee recommended, or when the committee recommended, but at least it is a Town Hall.

The fact that it will be located on the Main Street of Southold hamlet with less than enough space for parking, without public sewer or water, and in an area that will be overcrowded in another 10 years is not the fault of the Board but of the voters. They would not have it on the North Road of Southold hamlet, nor in Greenport, nor in Peconic. This is the working of democracy and at least we shall have what is an obvious need for the Town. It is perhaps the right time to recall the old statement printed in many barrooms: "Don't shoot the piano player, he's doing the best he can."

Vincent Stupiello of Hicksville reported on Sunday that his summer place on Naugles Drive, Mattituck, had been entered sometime during the preceding week and two end tables and a table lamp, valued altogether at \$100 had been stolen.

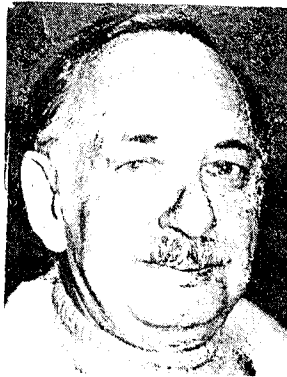
In December Mattituck High School received a similar bomb warning, with no trace of an explosive being found after police instituted a search there. In that case the school was evacuated by means of a fire drill while the bomb search was going on.

QUESTION: Are you going to make a New Year's resolution?

THE PLACE: Southold



WALTER COUTTS, luncheonette owner, Southold: "I have no vices and so have none to give up." Jan 1, 1978



ALBERT ESKIN, business owner Southold: "I have all the vices and I'm not giving any of them up." Jan 1, 1978



DOUGLAS STEARNS

Douglas G. Stearns, son of Robert D. Stearns, Lt. C. (Ret.) and Mrs. Stearns of Mattituck, was notified in a letter by his sponsor, Congressman Otis Pike that he is being nominated as an alternate to the United States Air Force Academy. Congressman Pike said this is possible because of the excellent mark Douglas obtained on the designation examination and his general all-around qualifications. Jan 2, 1978

Besides being an honor student throughout high school and a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years, Douglas has played soccer on J.V. and varsity for four years; was an active member of the varsity track team as well as a representative to Boys' State. He is serving his senior class as elected president.

Southold Town Police report the arrest of Jeanette Olmstead, 29, of Westphalia Road, Mattituck, at 4:15 a.m. January 4 for driving while intoxicated on Route 27 in Mattituck. She was held briefly at police headquarters in Peconic, then released for an appearance yesterday in Southold Justice Court. Jan 2, 1978

Sunday's snowstorm caused a rash of accidents in Southold, although fortunately few of them resulted in injuries. The crashes included two which occurred in a five-minute period on Route 25 and Love Lane in Mattituck. Jan 15, 1978

Ice under a snow cover on Route 25 in Laurel was blamed for a crash Sunday at 2 p.m. Police said a car driven by Felix W. Bialeski, 23, of Westview Drive, Mattituck, skidded on the ice, left the road and struck a tree. Mr. Bialeski was taken to Central Suffolk Hospital for treatment of head and arm injuries.

# Girl, Three, Dies In Laurel Fire

Three-year-old Mae Gerard died Monday in a midnight fire that swept her home, a 200-year-old, two-story frame house on the Main Road in Laurel, with almost the same speed as if it had been caused by an explosion. Her parents, a sister and a brother were injured escaping from the blaze, which Mattituck firemen fought in 12-degree temperatures.

Three of her brothers jumped from the window of their second-story bedroom to escape the flames.

Her father, Harry Gerard, 56, her mother, Bertha Gerard, 41, a sister, Donna, seven, and a brother, Eddy, eleven, were treated at Central Suffolk Hospital in Riverhead for injuries received in the outbreak. The mother is reported in critical condition with second degree burns of the face, arms and upper body. Donna has second degree burns of the face and arms. and Mr. Gerard was treated for second degree burns of the face, arms and hands, sustained when he endeavored to rescue the members of his family from the burning building. Eddy was treated for smoke inhalation and exposure and released.

Mattituck firemen, 70 strong and ac-

companied by four pumpers and a utility truck, responded to an alarm at 11:20 p.m. They reported finding the house a blazing inferno, and while they were able to control the flames within 15 minutes, it took them three hours to finally conquer the stubborn

suspected as the cause.

As Southold police reconstructed the events of the tragedy, Mr. Gerard was watching an 11 o'clock television newscast when his wife emerged from the first-floor bedroom, in which they sleep with their

## HELP NEEDED

Contributions to the "Gerard Family Fund" may be sent to the "Friends of the School" in care of Hope S. Burt at the Mattituck-Cutchogue School for deposit in an account opened for the family at the North Fork Bank and Trust Company in Mattituck or they may be dropped off at the North Fork's Greenport branch or given to CAST treasurer Thelma Richter.

Clothes or linens may also be left at CAST headquarters, A.M.E. Zion Church, Third

Street, Greenport. The family's sizes are: the seven year old girl: size 6 to 7; shoe size 13; two boys: slack size 8 to 10; shirt 12 and shoe 4 1/2; two older boys, slack size 18, medium shirt; 6 1/2 size shoe; mother, slack size 18; shirt 38 to 40; shoe 7 1/2 to 8; father, slack size 31 long; medium shirt; and 8 1/2 narrow shoe.

Anyone wishing further information about the family's needs is asked to call "Mary" at 298-8640.

blaze, which had worked its way into every nook and cranny of the old wooden home.

Mattituck Fire Chief Charles Tyler attributed the rapid spread of the flames to the wooden paneling in the first-floor master bedroom in which the fire was originated. He said cigarette smoking in bed was

youngest child, Mae, and informed him the room was on fire.

Mr. Gerard grabbed a pail of water, police said, and attempted to douse the flames. He tried a second pail of water but was unable to put out the blaze.

After suffering burns in an unsuccessful

attempt to save his youngest child, he ran to the Main Road and tried to stop passing motorists in his search for aid. He finally was able to stop the twelfth car, he said. By that time a neighbor who had heard outcries saw smoke and flames alerted Southold Police, who summoned the Mattituck Fire Department.

Mr. Gerard managed to drag his wife from the burning house after she had fallen to the floor, apparently overcome by smoke, and he also was able to get out his second, Donna.

The oldest of the Gerard children, Tommy, 18, was not at home when the fire broke out. The other sons are Michael, 14, and Brian, ten.

The Cutchogue Fire Department stood by in case its services were needed.

The Gerard boys were sheltered for the rest of the night at the home of friends, the Strickland family on Laurel Avenue.

On Tuesday, plans were being made to house them temporarily until they can find a new residence, and to provide them with funds, clothing and furniture to replace the belongings that were consumed in the fire.

The boys were taken Tuesday into the home of Dr. Donald Wirth.

# Greenport's Klipp Mansion Appears Doomed

by Ronnie Wacker

Numbers of the village's newer merchants he noted, have shown appreciation

for the old buildings, by renovating them to serve their businesses, with the result a

"creditable" addition to the community.

One of Greenport's oldest and most stately mansions may soon disappear. Nobody wants to see it happen but nobody knows exactly how to prevent it.

The handsome Klipp house, which has looked over Main Street since the 1830's, is to be torn down to make way for a modern Greenport branch of the North Fork Bank and Trust Company.

"Only the force of public opinion can save it," said the village mayor, Joseph Townsend, who brought it up at Monday's meeting of the Board of Trustees. He had learned about it that day when one of the contractors hired by the bank had asked if he might use village property for temporary storage of the wreckage.

"I had a visceral reaction to it," said the mayor. "I think it is an unfortunate occurrence bordering on disservice to the village."

He said he had been hoping that the bank's architects, Wiedersum Associates, might find some way to use the house for the new building the bank needs to take care of business that it says has doubled over the last ten years. It opened the branch next door to the Klipp house in 1954.

The mayor pointed out that Greenport is in a unique position. "It is one of those few communities that have managed to maintain so many of their old Victorian structures."

When asked about the possibility of rehabilitating the century-and-a-half old building, Irving L. Price, chairman of the bank's Board of Directors, said that an ad in today's Suffolk Times contains "all we want to say." It is on page seven.

Mayor Townsend's father, Joseph Townsend Sr., who is also a director of the bank, said the architects had considered renovation of the building for modern use but had rejected it as not suitable.

Until last summer the house had been the home of the Klipp family for more than 60 years, since Frederick Klipp, captain of a fishing smack, bought it from the Ireland family in the early 1900's. He later retired from the sea and opened a cigar store on Front Street where he rolled cigars by hand.

He and his wife, Lena, raised their six daughters and one son in the spacious 18-room house. Three daughters are living, Lena, who will be 93 soon, Anna, 88, and May, 77. After sale of the house last summer, May, 77, joined her sisters, Anna and Lena at the Eastern Suffolk Nursing Home.

Lena's son, Frederick Gardiner, district clerk of Greenport High School, said he was saddened to learn of the impending razing of the old house. He had hoped the bank might donate it to the Village Historical Society, he said.

As for saving it now, he said, "You would have to light a lot of candles to perform that miracle."

ITS DAYS ARE NUMBERED: the graceful and sturdy Klipp house stands next to the present Greenport branch of the North Fork Bank and Trust Company on Main Street. The bank is planning to raze the nearly 150-year-old building to replace it with a modern brick and clapboard structure to house the business that has doubled in the last ten years.



## Bashed In Window

Jan 22, 1976  
Around 3:00 last Friday morning someone took a highway stake and broke it in a bedroom window at the Peconic Bay Boulevard, Mattituck, residence of Joseph C. Gordon. Large pieces of glass were scattered over the bed of his one year old daughter but she was not seriously injured.

The perpetrator was seen driving away in a small yellow vehicle headed in the direction of Riverhead. Riverhead Police are assisting in the investigation.

Last Friday night, Sherwood Anderson of Peconic Bay Boulevard, Mattituck, reported a wooden stake removed from the highway had been thrown through a large bedroom window at his home.

The missile landed large pieces of broken glass in a bed occupied by his eleven-year-old daughter, who fortunately was not hurt. Riverhead police assisted Southold officers in searching for a small yellow vehicle which Mr. Anderson reported had been seen speeding away from the scene toward Riverhead. Mr. Anderson reported the damage to the large window amounted to \$200. Jan 22, 1976

Bicentennial events are moving along since January 1. On January 1 many from all over the North Fork participated in a special service to the Lord in the Southold Presbyterian Church. Also there was a flag-raising ceremony at Founders Landing Park. Here in Mattituck, a special historical display is for your enjoyment in the window at the Raynor-Suter Hardware store. This display was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gildersleeve. Jan 22, 1976

# Plan To Raze Klipp House Raises Storm

Jan 22 1976  
by Ronnie Wacker

Villagers and others concerned about the future of the Klipp House in Greenport have written and telephoned the mayor, the North Fork Bank and Trust Company and the Suffolk Times to express their hope that the 150-year-old home on Main Street can be saved.

The bank has announced plans to tear down the former sea captain's home and replace it with a new building of colonial design. Bank representatives and architects presented preliminary site development plans to the Village Planning Board last week, after which Chairman Jon Richmond said the Board would study three questions: 1. whether or not the property could be developed leaving the Klipp house in its present position; 2. whether the bank itself could utilize the house; and 3. the feasibility of moving the building.

Mr. Richmond, who has also received letters pleading for the preservation of the historic site, said, "Naturally the Board is concerned with the impending loss of another landmark house. We would like to see it preserved, but we also recognize the economics of the situation." The Board would be pleased, he said, to cooperate with any effort by responsible individual or organization to save the stately Victorian home.

When asked whether bank officials proposed to talk further about their decision on the old house in light of public sentiment, Irving L. Price, chairman of the Board of Directors, said alternatives have been explored and that he is not prepared to discuss it in the newspaper.

Several letters stressed the fact that the bank chose this year of the Bicentennial celebration to tear down a building that dates back to the 1830's.

One letter picked up the remark of Frederick Gardiner, district clerk of Greenport School and son of one of the Klipp daughters who until recently lived in the 18-room home. He had said it would take a lot of candles to perform the miracle needed to save the house.

Ruth Walker, writing from Hicksville, called on residents to join the crusade to save the Klipp mansion which is a part of Greenport's life...

"Light a candle in your window. Let it be known you join the crusaders in saving, not just a house, but a home with a heart that throbs for every living soul."

If gloomy winter weather has gotten through to you, come to the Mattituck Free Library and be cheered by the beautiful display of rug hooking done by women from the Home Bureau. Mrs. Audrey Meinhardt is their teacher and she can be proud of their craftsmanship.

Mrs. Meinhardt said the largest and most complicated piece of work was executed by a woman 79 years of age.

Pictures, chairseats, doorstops and rugs are but a few of the works on display for the next two weeks and may be seen any time that the library is open, 46 hours a week, including three hours on Sunday.

Louise O'Neill, Dorothy Aune, Ruth Hoechner, Audrey Meinhardt, Edith Adams, Winnie Wittmer, Florence Thomson and Helen Nash are the contributing artists.

Mr. Irving L. Price  
North Fork Bank and Trust Company  
Mattituck, New York  
Jun 22 1976

Dear Sir:  
Before you remove the Klipp house forever from us, would you please consider that it is probably the most excellent example of Victorian residential architecture left on the North Fork.

Its symmetry and detail are a joy. It stands in the very heart of a community that is working hard to revitalize its' rich heritage.

It seems to me shortsighted of you, to give, in this Bicentennial year, to Greenport and its' future citizens, a drive-in window and more pavement in place of an irreplaceable building of such artistic and historical merit. It is disservice in every sense.

May I commend to your attention the Octagon House in Mattituck, and the law offices of the incumbent Supervisor of Riverhead as two local examples of proper commercial use of prime architecture on prime land.

I trust you will reconsider this drastic move.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Joan R. Smith  
Mattituck, New York

## Preserve Klipp House

Editor:  
Jun 22 1976

Arthur Avedon and his Bicentennial committee for fireworks can rest easy! I am about to save everyone a great deal of money. Southold Town's folk can just gather round me and watch me turn red, white and blue, throwing off sparks everytime I think of the proposed razing of the Klipp house. The display is guaranteed to last longer than the usual 4th of July fireworks display.

I suggest that "in this Bicentennial year", to quote the North Fork Bank advertisement, another look be taken at this beautiful irreplaceable piece of Greenport's heritage. These lovely old buildings are precisely the reason why Greenport is experiencing a rebirth. There are many homes and businesses purchased, restored and now happily occupied by people new to the community within the last ten years of which the bank speaks

It was the buildings which attracted this new blood and new money which in turn caused the North Fork Bank to consider expansion. Preserve the buildings, preserve the heritage and business will be even better.

Hopefully,  
Helga Michel

## Mattituck Grocer Faces Bribery

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Takir Can Deniz, a Mattituck grocer, was in trouble for allegedly selling beer to minors on the night of October 24, 1975. But after his trial Friday afternoon in Southold Town Justice Court, he faced what police say is real trouble.

Deniz, 50, of Sound Avenue, Mattituck, who operates the Village Dairy on Pike Street, Mattituck, was charged with bribery for allegedly offering one teenager \$500 to change his testimony.

And, according to Seventh Squad detectives, he'll soon face grand jury action on numerous felony charges, including perjury and tampering with a witness, in addition to the bribery count.

Southold Town Justice Martin Suter tried Deniz on the charge of selling beer to minors and reserved decision. Then he arraigned Deniz on the bribery charge, releasing him on \$100 bail.

According to Detectives Robert Reichart and Kevin Harty, Deniz sold beer to several teenagers last October 24. Henry Cielecka, 16, of Stillwater Ave., Cutchogue, was stopped, two six packs were grabbed and Deniz was charged.

Detectives said Deniz passed the word to Cielecka that he would pay him \$500 if he would change his testimony, sign a statement he used another but older teenager's identification card, Cielecka told his parents, and then he went back to Deniz - with a recording device hidden in his clothing. Cielecka printed his signature on the statement and recorded the bribe offer, detectives said.

Police say he also offered money to other minors to deny they purchased beer from him. Police began the investigation after receiving complaints that Deniz had been selling beer to teenagers under the legal age of 18.

## Restaurant Reverts To Mitchell Family

Friday morning, during a public sale, Mitchell's Restaurant and property on Front Street, Greenport, reverted to the Mitchell family with a successful bid of \$200,000 by Richie Mitchell.

Two other bidders made offers. Mascony coming in with a bid of \$100,000 and a Mattituck woman offering \$55,000 a bid she later described as something she knew would not be taken seriously.

Harry and Pauline Mitchell, according to their attorney handling the foreclosure sale, Emil DePetris, hold a considerable mortgage on the property so there is not actual transfer of funds. The mortgage is allegedly over half a million dollars.

Advine Realty, who bought the property from Mitchell, was on the verge of closing Mitchell's when they won a reprieve about six months ago. Apparently unable to affect satisfactory maintenance of the business

and property, they had entered into some arrangement with Mascony Transport and Ferry Line who were interested in using the westerly portion of the Mitchell pier for their ferry service to New England. Mascony was also interested in an alley leading into the property from Front Street and the former Ford building which had been bought by Harry Mitchell before he sold to Advine. Mascony reportedly has the right to knock down a building housing a freezer in order to use the property as a terminal.

Richie Mitchell has been reported as working in the Mitchell buildings now, with the intent of reopening the famed eating place under the Mitchell family.

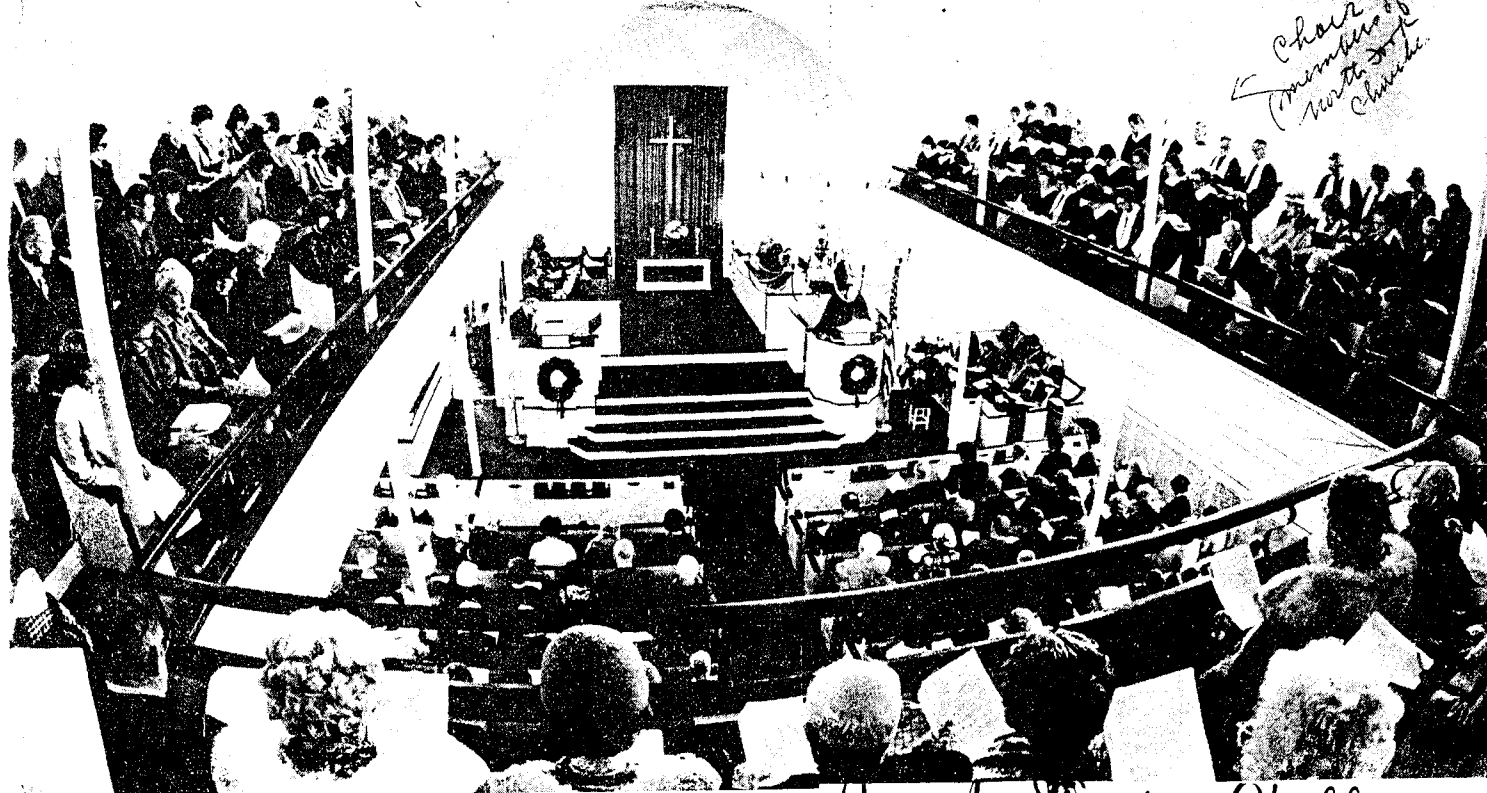
A number of interested persons, including Brett Lynch of Cross Island Ferry and an assortment of area attorneys, were present at the public sale.



BICENTENNIAL  
SOUTHOLD PRESS

Jan 7, 1976

Choir  
Members of  
North Fork  
Church



Southold Presbyterian Church

# Southold Raises Flag On Bicentennial Year

Jan 5, 1976

...AND THE TOWNSFOLK GATHERED both to worship and to salute.

The Southold Presbyterian Church, above, was the setting for the New Year's Day interdenominational ecumenical service that started with an historically costumed processional and proceeded through the brief words of many neighboring men of the cloth. The dignity of the scene inside the church was captured with a fisheye lens.

At Founders Landing the crowd reassembled, photo left, as members of the Southold American Legion, Les Hart, left and Russell Mann, right, raised the flag that will stay aloft there by day and by night throughout 1976.

A three-round salute was fired by the Legionnaires, photo below, as Ken Hollowell led the Southold High School band in a final salute to the beginning of the Bicentennial Year in Southold.

Pictures taken at the New Year's Eve Bicentennial Ball are in the centerfold of this section. photos by Scott Harris



# In An Oyster Shell

Jan 6, 1976 by Barbara Dorman

You know how stories get around... Just take a good long New Year's weekend when everyone from Mattituck to Orient is cross pollinated at sixteen different parties and anyone can find out what really happened in Southold Town.

We just couldn't believe the story about the absentminded professor, a cat, and the Mattituck library. Yet it's true. We've interviewed everybody but the cat, and this is what happened.

Alice Rosenfeld and Joanne Brooks were just tending the stacks at the Mattituck Library the other day when the telephone jangled the studious quiet.

A Queen's College professor was calling SOS from New York City. Absentmindedly, he'd left the cat in, and the kitty litter out. He's a relatively new resident, with a home at Marratooka Point, and he felt the only ones he could call were his friends at the Library.

"I forgot to put the kitty litter inside," he told Mrs. Rosenfeld. "Could someone please go over to my house and put it inside the door?"

This aroused everyone from their books and after a little neighborly discussion and Stanley Parkin allowed as how he knew where the professor lives and would drive Mrs. Rosenfeld there.

Over they went, with the final words of the professor ringing in their ears:

"Please, when you put the kitty litter in, Don't Let The Cat Out."

We're not letting the cat out of the bag in telling the story. As Alice Rosenfeld said, recalling the time one visitor asked that she rummage through the 200 cookbooks in the Mattituck bookcases to find a recipe for kosher pickles, "We try to be a friendly library, and get all sorts of requests."

What other wonderful place but the North Fork could such a neighborly thing happen?

We must admit that we enjoyed Bill Albertson's retort as he heard the story at one of the weekend parties.

"Why didn't the professor call on us?" asked this North Fork Bank and Trust Company executive, "after all we're a full service bank."



The following about pastors of the North Fork Church are from Suffolk Times. They have been collected since 1971 with the idea of keeping them all together in scrap books. Other articles (names) will be found in recent issues. P.S.

The farmhouse of the Elmer Ruland spread, Main Road, Mattituck. The farm is currently operated by three generations of Rulands.

Photo by Peter Stevens

**Three Generations On Farm**  
Jan 22, 1976.  
The Ruland farm at Mattituck is unique in that three generations of the Ruland family have been involved in its operation at the same time, although Elmer D. Ruland, Sr., now 96 years of age, no longer takes an active part. Elmer D. Ruland, Jr., is semi-retired but still works with his son, William, the present owner and operator.

In the pleasant Cutchogue homestead (circa 1825) of John and Anne Wickham is a deed dated 1698 recording the acquisition of the property by the Wickhams. This is in presently with the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines. John Wickham, a champion of the farm preservation effort and an outstanding spokesman for agriculture, has long been a leader in farm organizations on both the county and state levels, as well as an energetic civic and church worker. Currently, he is president of the NYS Good Roads Association, vice president of the NYS Cooperative Fruit Testing Association and chairman of the Southold Town Planning Board. Mrs. Wickham has been deeply involved in the SC Mental Health Association and the League of Women Voters, to name a few of her many interests.

Located east of Mattituck Village, at the intersection of Mill Lane and Route 25, the farm dates back to 1736 when it was purchased by Barnabas Wines, 4th. It remained in the Wines family until 1913, when Elmer, Sr., purchased it from his uncle, James Wines. It was enlarged in the 1920's with the purchase of abutting acreage from Harriet Lupton. In those days, the Rulands grew considerable asparagus for the Hudson Canning Company.

The present farm operation utilizes 85 acres, 65 of which were in potatoes this past year. Four acres were planted in cauliflower, cabbage and other vegetables and 10 acres were used to produce hay and grain for retail sale at the farm, chiefly to riding stables. Some grain went to feed the farm's flock of chickens and to make home-ground flour. Bill Ruland trucked the bulk of his cauliflower and cabbage to the Hunts Point Market in the Bronx where the Ruland reputation for packing good quality produce is well known.

Bill, who is 27, is a deacon of the Mattituck Presbyterian Church and a leader of its Youth Group. He also serves on the ASCS Committee and is active in Cooperative Extension and the Farm Bureau. He and his wife, Linda, who is the farm's book-keeper, have a 2 year old daughter, Anna Lynn.



*Nov. 9, 1972*  
**New Pastor For Sacred Heart Parish**

The Rev. Denis J. O'Brien, previously St. Edward the Confessor since October 1970. Previously he served at St. John the Evangelist parish, Riverhead and the Holy Family parish, Hicksville. In 1961 he was named assistant director of the diocesan Catholic Youth Organization. He was appointed director in 1962. In 1964 Father Henry was named to the diocesan Commission for Interracial Affairs, and in 1968 he became a member of the Nassau County Youth Board. Ordained in June 1952, Father Henry holds a BA degree from St. Francis College, Brooklyn. The appointment was made by Bishop Walter Kellenberg of the Rockville Centre diocese, effective November 4th and the installation is to be November 10th at 7:30 P.M. Father Henry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry, are now living in Cutchogue.

# Our Men of the Church

by Robert Winternitz

Nov 23, 1972

Something is happening at the Universalist Church in Southold. Young people, including high school and junior high students, are beginning to come to Sunday services. The reason is not far to seek. It is Brian S. Kopke, the 27 year old minister with the bushy beard, who took over on July 1.

Do not, however, get the idea that his message is for the young only. He may be a bit too liberal as well as too contemporary for the tastes of some senior citizens, but the old timers are responding more and more to his message and taking an increasingly active part in his programs, like discussion groups to analyze provocative books and a series of meetings to discuss the relation of religious belief to society today. The new man in the pulpit is also beginning to get laymen to take over Sunday service once a month, after an initial lukewarm reception.

This young man of the church was born in Newton, Mass. in 1945 and went to Colby College, Maine, where he was graduated in geology in 1967. Then came a period when he was torn between geology and theology, working with things or working with people. He applied to various universities with graduate schools strong in geology and to a number of divinity schools. When Harvard Divinity School accepted him he snapped at the chance because he had always wanted to go to the university on the banks of the Charles, entering in the fall of 1967, just in time for the violent student demonstrations of the next spring. Kopke realizes now that it was the demonstrations that made an activist of him, but they also made the folly of the radical movement abundantly clear. He could, however, not have been exclusively involved in troubled thoughts because he was married the same year to the former Joanna Conathan, a Massachusetts girl with a B.A. from Mt. Holyoke. She took her master's degree the first year of their marriage and is currently

teaching retarded children for BOCES in Riverhead.

Graduating in 1970, Kopke decided to get a little unchurchly experience before taking over a parish. So he taught grades 6, 7, and 8 in Duxbury, Mass. for two years and found it a most rewarding experience. First, he was exposed to the most advanced pedagogical methods: team teaching, open class rooms, extensive use of audio-visual equipment. Then, most important of all, he discovered that the kids had more to offer than generally credited. As director of religious education for the local Unitarian Universalist Church he became immersed in counseling and got into drug problems. One lesson learned that has stayed with him is that all too often parents ask, "Where did we go wrong? What mistake did we make?" instead of asking, "What shall we do next?"

The new man at the Universalist Church has continued his counseling but more than that has brought young people into the congregation by his fresh approach and by encouraging them to work out their own programs, such as the guitar group. At the same time, it must be carried in mind that Brian Kopke is far from the familiar type of wide eyed liberal. In fact, he is decidedly cool, calm and collected. One of his friends calls him a conservative radical. He can always see the other side, as was brought out recently at a meeting, which he organized, on the migrant labor situation, where films were shown depicting some of the plights of the migrants. At the same time a representative of the Farm Bureau was invited to take part and to show a film illustrating the farmer's point of view.

Underlying this young minister's point of view is an intense conviction that it is the individual that counts. In a recent sermon he drew attention to the chandelier in front of the pulpit and asked the congregation to

note that no two people saw that chandelier from the same angle with the same degree of light even those sitting side by side; and if this was true of such a simple thing, how much more profoundly true was it of the

different views individuals have of complicated and controversial political, social and religious subjects. The important thing is how much you care and share and love.



Kopke

photo by Scott E.



Rev. John P. Henry

photo by Scott E.

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by Robert Winternitz

Nov 23, 1972

If Rev. John P. Henry, the new priest at Sacred Heart in Cutchogue who was installed November 10, were to don a \$275 Hickey Freeman suit and walk into the Bankers Club on lower Broadway, everybody would take him for an executive of the upper management echelon, such is his air of smartness, decision and authority. He can turn on the charm too. But Pastor Henry has never been in business, never wanted to be. As far back as his earliest memories reach, the church has been his one and only goal.

The same single-mindedness is shown in his commitment to the North Fork. The seed was probably planted while he was still a student at St. Francis College, Brooklyn, when he spent the summer vacation of 1945 as counselor at Camp Malloy. At any rate after graduating in 1948, he entered the Diocesan Seminary in Huntington and never left the Island.

Ordination came in 1952, followed by seven years as assistant at St. John the Evangelist in Riverhead. Referring to those Riverhead years the other day, Pastor Henry said, "Our roots go in where we are first assigned after ordination, and when we leave they don't pull out." With this attitude it is not surprising to learn that soon after his installation he told his new parishioners, "I've come here to work, and I've come here to stay." Of course, the fact that his father and mother live on Pequash Avenue makes it all the merrier.

During the Riverhead chapter of Father John Henry's career, he served as chaplain of the Suffolk County Jail and civilian chaplain at the Westhampton Air Force Base until 1959, when he was called to a church in Hicksville with a parish that was a Levittown community. This assignment turned out to be a quickie. In 1961 he was off again, but this time it turned out to be a stay of ten challenging and productive years.

The job was to direct the Catholic Youth Organization of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese. It was his first experience in an executive capacity and first exposure to social work as such. The deeper he delved into the problems involved, the more he felt his lack of professional training. Hence in 1966 he enrolled at Fordham

University in the School for Social Service, taking his master's degree in two years while continuing to run the C.Y.O. For his practical training he worked one year at Kings County Hospital in the alcoholic division and one year at N.Y. Medical College in the department of community psychiatry. This was not all. In 1967 he went on the Nassau County Youth Board and in 1968 Lee Dennison put him on the Suffolk County Youth Board as well. Another important assignment was on the Diocesan Commission for Interracial Affairs.

This man of the church is no one to "let George do it". He was at the confrontation in Selma, Alabama, in 1965; and here is what he had to say on the subject, as reported by "The Long Island Catholic":—

"The tragedy of brutality in Selma demanded a protest which I knew I had to make. My decision to go to Selma was based on my obligations as an individual Christian as well as a priest. If I believe that all men are equal, in the eyes of God...that all men, no matter what their background, personality, culture or color, have an immortal soul...that all are united in Christ — then I could not transfer my obligations to anyone else, but had to commit myself."

"I didn't go to Selma as a wide-eyed crusader. I went because I knew that I had to protest as Christ would protest...because I am a Christian and a priest. My protest didn't begin nor end in Selma, nor was it made against someone. It was made against an attitude and a false conviction of the racial superiority of one person as a person over another person."

"Although I protested in Selma, this was not only directed against the events there, but also against the racial injustices found right here in communities on Long Island."

That's the way the new rector of Sacred Heart socks it to you. But don't get the idea that he is without a lighter side. First, he's a jolly, outgoing man. Second, he has a lot of interests and hobbies: swimming, stamp collecting, fishing, surf casting, not to mention an addiction to golf when time permits. Last summer, however, he was able to get to the links only three times. We say, "Better luck next summer, Father Henry, and may your stamp collection grow".

# Our Men of the Church

"How to Become a Pastor the Hard Way." That should be the title of the autobiography of Rev. Percy Tann of Southold's Shiloh Baptist Church, in case he ever should write one. It was one tough break after another: poverty, illness, operations, the depression, no college, not even high school; but nothing ever threw a damper on his basic optimism, enthusiasm and faith.

Here's how it all happened. Born in South

most of his spare hours in church or church activities, joined the First Baptist Church of Bridgehampton upon arrival and did so much for this church that he was ordained a deacon there in 1938. As such he took care of the communion table, the pastor's table and taught Sunday School. For the next 7 years he worked 10 hours a day, finally getting up to \$50 a week, and mowed lawns after work. He managed to feed his wife and the two children by his moonlighting and buy a house in Bridgehampton on his pay.

All the while, however, his church work was what he lived for. Recognition came in 1944, when he was called to the ministry. This licenses a man to preach but not to fulfill all the functions that go along with ordination.

In 1945 a lucky break came through the efforts of the pastor of his church. Tann was accepted as a student at Lynchburg (Virginia) Seminary in spite of the fact that he had no college credits and had not even gone to high school. You can imagine the financial sacrifice. The main burden of the support of the children fell on Mrs. Tann although Tann worked on the potato farm during vacation. His worst setback occurred in the autumn of 1946, when he fell and severely injured his back. He returned to the seminary after a month but his condition grew steadily worse, so that he had to quit in March 1947 to undergo spinal fusion in Southampton Hospital. At that point Tann decided to accept an offer of the deacons of the Cutchogue Baptists to become minister of their church and preached his first sermon there only six weeks after the operation, still in such bad shape that he had to hang onto the pulpit to keep from toppling over. He never was able to complete the course at Seminary but was ordained by a council of pastors on October 29, 1947.

The pay at Cutchogue was \$15 a week, so Rev. Tann went into the dry cleaning business with a truck, which he had acquired. He would pick up and deliver clothes to be cleaned and pressed and pay the dry cleaning establishment 65 cents out of every dollar he collected. The business was so successful that he resolved to go back to school, resigned from the Cutchogue church in October, 1951, sold his house in Bridgehampton and bought his present home in Riverhead. However, a call to take over the pulpit in Shiloh Baptist Church in Southold was something he could not deny; and he has been there ever since. In the intervening 20 years, the pastor at Shiloh has brought the congregation from 13 members to over 100 and increased Sunday School enrollment from 4 to 35. Meanwhile the whole church building has been practically rebuilt.

At the same time, this indomitable man got out of the dry cleaning business in 1955 and started to work at the County Court House as elevator operator and general handy man. He's still on the job there,



Rev. Percy D. Tann, Pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church

Hampton County, Virginia, back in 1908, young Percy Tann grew up on his father's farm. His schooling stopped at the seventh grade. Next it was nothing but work, work, work for his father until he was incapacitated by a siege of sickness (which was never diagnosed) from his 17th to 19th year. When he recovered, he became a sharecropper on his father's farm. Along came the great depression; and in 1931 when the hard pressed youth found that all he could get for a 100 pound bag of peanuts was 75 cents, he called it off.

A friend drove him to Bridgehampton, where 23 year old Percy Tann got himself a job on a potato farm. There was another passenger in the car, a girl by the name of Gracie T. Banks. Little did he know that they were to be married in a couple of months and settle down in a little house on the farm where he was to work for \$45 a month. Even when the young bride brought in \$3 a week which she earned as a maid, you wouldn't exactly call the couple members of the affluent society.

The young farm hand, who had been converted at the age of eleven and had spent



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# Our Men of the Church



A series of profiles of the religious leaders of the North Fork

Visitors at the Methodist Church in Southold are not a little surprised and charmed to see the minister step down from his pulpit to join and lead the choir. If they knew the first soprano is also his wife, the occasion would be even more heart warming. Of course all this is no surprise at all to the people around here, who have heard Ben and Maureen Burns sing in concert, opera, musical shows and sing fests. As recently as August 8 they gave a concert of folk music sponsored by the ecumenical youth group of Mattituck.

Ask any musician and he will tell you in no uncertain terms that the Burnses are not only first rate performers but sound musicians as well. They have sung with Robert Shaw and Mrs. Burns has been on tour with the Whittemore and Lowe choral group. There is, however, a serious side to their involvement in music closely allied to the Rev. Burns' calling. They sing for the sick and the aged; they concertize in hospitals and before veterans. It is almost a ministry of music.

Ben Burns is a very youthful 41 years of age. It's hard to think of him as father of three kids, starting off with 19 year old Beverly. Incidentally, Mrs.

Burns could almost pass for Beverly's older sister. Ben was born in San Jose, California, but his parents moved to the Canal Zone in 1949, when the boy was 19 years old. There young Ben finished high school and one year of junior college. He also worked for a mission group in Panama City, where the frightful poverty made him realize the tremendous need for medical service. So he went to Dakota Wesleyan as a pre-med till he came to the conclusion that the world's ills were not primarily physical but spiritual. Then he converted to a general course and upon graduation went to Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Discussing his motivation in making the switch, Mr. Burns said, "The important thing is not what you decide to do but why you decide to do it."

It had been his intention to go back to California when he got through at the seminary, but he met Maureen Connolly, a Smithtown girl; and that was the end of California in his life, though he still has a soft spot for his native state. His first church was in Commack and he has been in Suffolk County ever since, coming to Southold from Woodbury in June 1961. The decade in the Methodist Church has been fruitful indeed. The Church has grown substantially both in size and influence under Burns' ministry, though he still insists that the greatest problem of our churches is to communicate faith to people.

Ben Burns has become a familiar figure not only in his village but all over the North Fork. Yet his activities are not entirely restricted to this area. For example, he has been serving as Chaplain in the Air Force Reserve for the last 14 years, an extra curricula activity to which he attaches considerable importance; first, because of the large number of young men going into the service and second, from a practical dollars and cents point of view he feels that the citizen soldier is the cheapest part of our national defense setup.

His manner is anything but pontifical, both in the pulpit and social relationships. Though decidedly responsive and outgoing, he is at the same time never loud and he never shoots from the hip. Ask him a serious question and there is very likely to be a longish pause before an answer is forthcoming. When the Rev. Burns has finally delivered himself of an opinion you will find that it is well thought out and documented in detail. Another interesting thing about the man is that he tends to shy away from generalities preferring to get down to specifics and individual cases as soon as possible.

As a minister, Ben Burns spends a large part of his waking hours in an endeavor to help people. Here he points out that a lot of people are in trouble who don't know that they are. For example, a couple whose disagreements and/or antagonisms finally end in divorce

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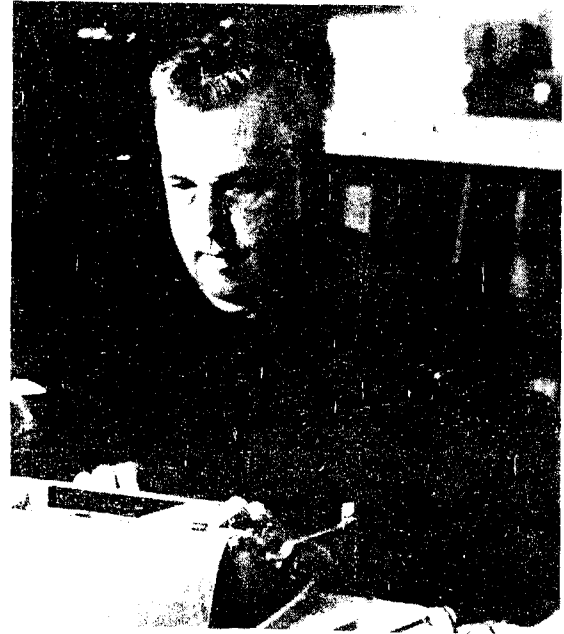
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A series of profiles of the religious leaders of the North East.

One thing you can certainly say about the Rev. Charles R. Baker, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer in Mattituck, and his view on the apocalyptic. "We are our reporter that we should be first in this series of profiles. I'm not sure if this is alphabetical, he flashed his quick smile and shot back. "Oh

was a student at college level. Baker was promoted to a minor station early on. By the time he had been in the degree for years and had done he was one of the top executives with a substantial and successful business career behind him. Incidentally, when he decided to enter the ministry, he had to take a cut



The Rev. Charles R. Baker, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer in Mattituck

yes, I know all about it. That's how I always drew K.P. in the Army." Father Baker was already married and had a child when he became a U.S. Infantryman in 1943. He saw plenty of action before being captured by the Germans in November, 1944. The period of captivity lasted until May, 1945. But we're jumping the gun. A great deal had happened before he got into the service. Charles Baker was a depression baby, the fifth of eight children in a family that lived in Brentwood and the first of the youngsters to finish High School. This he did by grabbing whatever after-school and weekend jobs that he could dig up. College, however, was out of the question. It was necessary to pitch in and help support the family. So he went to work for Republic Aviation but continued his education, and for many years

from a salary of \$20,000 which he had been drawing down at the big aviation company to \$3,000. He must be a dedicated man indeed to relinquish all the goodies that money can buy. The call to the Church is not something that came late Baker wanted to be a priest from the time he was a very young man, but it was an ambition he had to sit on for many long years. The normal way to become a priest in the Episcopal Church is to study in a Seminary. Again this was not feasible economically. Fortunately the Episcopalian hierarchy provides a tutoring system with tutors assigned by the Bishop to meet the needs of the individual. It is a pretty formidable undertaking for a married man with a job and growing family in off hours to do all the work done by Seminary students in three years' of residence. Hence, it was not until 1954 that Charles Baker was ordained to

the Deaconate and 1955 that he was ordained to the priesthood. Like other new priests, he started as a curate and did not get his own parish until 1956. He came to Mattituck in 1968 and soon made his presence and personality felt, not only in his own parish but also throughout the community. He has been a spark plug of the ecumenical movement. This has involved working with the other churches of Mattituck and, in the case of the ecumenical nursery school, with churches outside the village. His hearty, outgoing manner and extensive business experience have stood him in good stead, and he gets into everything where there's a chance to help out, like the Narcotics Guidance Council, on which he is very active. Father Baker is primarily interested in working with three main groups: (1) the very young, who sometimes have almost traumatic experiences plunging into the main street of today's life (2) the very old, who have had all they can take of the "slings and arrows" and (3) the sick. Sometimes, says Father Baker, it's hard to work with the sick for the simple reason that they don't tell you they're going to the hospital or are laid up at home. His sermons are highly individualized. At first he wrote them out, but a friend told him he wasn't being himself. Today Father Baker thinks it all out, but doesn't write it down. He does not consider himself as preaching at all, but rather as talking to himself and analyzing his problems with members of the congregation tuning in on him. That is why he does not talk from the pulpit, but paces up and down in front of his people. This refusal to be confined reflects itself in Baker's definition of heaven as "complete freedom... a state of being with no limitations." You never have any doubt what's on his mind. He never pulls any punches. He is a stalwart champion of Youth and will not buy any part of the cliché that today's young are no good. Sure there are rotten apples in every age group, every trade, every race, he is ready to admit; but by and large he insists the new generation is strong, smart, idealistic and with a strong compulsion not to accept the evils of the world lying down. Today this many-sided man is a lusty 49 years of age. He lives in the parish house on Mary's Road and Route 27 with his wife, the former Edythe Lorraine Taylor, also of Brentwood, and two of their daughters, an 18 year old just graduated from High School and an 8 year old. There is also a daughter married to a clergyman who is the mother of two children. When she was a teen-ager, Father Baker was still in his thirties. Now he looks forward to being in his sixties when his youngest daughter reaches teen-age.

How does a man who was born in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1906; lived there till 1920 and spent all his working life but the last 6 years in the Middle East, get to be minister of the Congregational Church in Orient village? In the case of Dr. Harry Dorman, who has just taken over, the first seeds were probably sown when he visited Orient as a boy with his father, a doctor and dean of the American University medical school in Beirut.

came a professorship in the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, where he gave courses in Theology and the Bible. During his last 9 years abroad he was executive secretary for the Near East Council of Churches. His responsibilities covered 13 countries in that area and North Africa. He found time in 1940 to get married to Virginia Whitney of Worcester, Massachusetts, who had been studying singing under

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in the intervening years the new Congregational minister has been a teacher, missionary, college dean, linguist, traveler, archaeologist, writer and Middle East expert. How's that for openers?

Louise Homer, the great contralto of the old Met. Instead of the professional career for which she was preparing, Mrs. Dorman became the mother of five children, whose ages today run from 18 to 28.

His education, however, after early schooling in Lebanon, took place in the United States. He entered Andover at the age of 14, graduating two years later with the class of 1922. Next came Harvard, where young Dorman got both his A.B. and A.M. with the class of 1926. After that he entered Union Theological Seminary but did not follow the usual procedure. Instead he broke away to teach in Beirut for three years and spend a fourth year doing archaeological research in Iraq in the ancient city of Seleucia, about 15 or 20 miles from Baghdad. Returning to the seminary, he took his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1933 and continued during 1934 doing work towards his doctorate. In 1934 Dorman left the U.S.A. to be gone most of 30 years as missionary for the Presbyterian Church in the Middle East. It must be borne in mind that he was not going out into the great unknown among strange people, but with a fluent command of Arabic and French and first hand knowledge of the people and their customs acquired during his boyhood in Beirut. His first post was at Tripoli in Lebanon; the next at Aleppo in Syria, where he served as Dean of a college jointly sponsored by the Congregational and Presbyterian churches. Then

With all this going on Harry Dorman managed to squeeze in the necessary hours to take his Ph.D. in Columbia in 1946. Six years ago Dr. Dorman returned to America to become Director of the Middle East and Europe Department of the National Council of Churches to coordinate and direct operations of men on the firing line where he had been active so long, until he retired last January at age 65. It will be extremely interesting to observe his impact on Orient Village. Dr. Dorman approaches his ministry with the strong conviction that the church should stop looking backward to see where it has been and start scanning the horizon for new directions. Thirty or forty years ago, he points out, people had a background of knowledge of the Bible. Today all too many are living off their religious heritage without assuming any responsibility to make the church a powerful motivating force in our everyday lives. William Worthington of Soundview Avenue, Mattituck, was east-bound on Route 25 in Laurel just after midnight on Tuesday morning when he went into a skid. The incident was caused by the wet pavement and although he went in to a telephone pole there were no reported injuries. He was, however, ticketed for driving with a revoked license. / 24 70

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Rev. Clarence E. Burton

When you meet the Rev. Clarence E. Burton your first impression is one of solidity and strength. Then you notice that his serious expression is at the same time open and friendly. The warmth of his personality is enhanced by the mellow Virginia accent which he has not lost during 20 odd years of residence on the North Fork.

Pastor Burton's entire life from early youth has centered around the church. He was born on April 28, 1896, in Powhatan, Virginia in the heart of the Bible belt that runs along the Valley of the James River. His parents were Robert Benjamin Burton and Matilda Nicholas Burton. His father too was a minister. In fact, the boy was to succeed his father as pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church in 1932.

In the meantime there were many hardships to be endured and obstacles to be overcome. Poor health made it inadvisable for young Clarence to attend school. It must also be borne in mind that slavery had been abolished only 30 years before he was born. Indeed, the first seven years of his father's life were spent under bondage. It was a member of the family that owned the plantation where the Burtons had been slaves, one James Wilkerson, a confederate veteran who had fought under General James P. Hill who taught the boy to read and write

That was all the tutelage he ever had. From there on in he was self taught. The one book that he studied most and that has dominated his whole life was of course the Bible. There were, however, important educational influences that should be mentioned. Because the Burton home was near Richmond, seat of Union University, Professors from there often visited his father's house. Every now and then one of them would take an interest in the lad and come up with advice and suggestions. Pastor Burton looks back on their encouragement as a very lucky break for him.

Ordination did not come until 1932, the year he succeeded his father at Antioch. The experiences of his early years in the ministry are something entirely beyond people whose knowledge of churches is confined to contemporary conditions in the Northeast. For example, there weren't enough preachers to go around in Virginia in the thirties. The young Rev. Burton had to officiate in as many as four different churches in four different towns.

In July, 1935, he was married to Abbie Haston, a local girl who had been baptized by his father. Incidentally, one of Miss Haston's sisters married one of her husband's brothers; and one of her brothers married one of his sisters. Figure that one out.

The same year brought a call to another Virginia town with the quaint name of Gootchland where he took over the pulpit at the Cornerstone Baptist Church. Instead of resigning from the Antioch church as any one in this part of the country would expect, he served both and continued in this dual capacity until 1948, when he resigned from Antioch. It's tough enough to run one church, but can you imagine being responsible for two year in and year out? In addition the young pastor continued to run over to neighboring towns to bring the gospel to churches without a minister.

Soon after resigning from Antioch, Pastor Burton went to the First Baptist Church of St. James in Shiloh, still in Virginia; but his tenure there was brief. With three growing daughters, the Burtons became increasingly concerned about the unprogressive character of their little rural community and the appalling lack of opportunities in the South.

Beginning in 1948 Clarence Burton had been coming up to Mattituck in the Summer to speak at revival meetings in the Unity Baptist Church at the invitation of the late Rev. Willis Hobson. In 1951, this led to call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Cutchogue, where he has been the man in the pulpit ever since. The years have been kind to him and Mrs. Burton, although a serious operation threw him for a loss last year. Fortunately, he's doing very well again. All three of his girls have graduated from local schools and gone on to bigger and better things.

To be shepherd of a black congregation like the one in Cutchogue has problems that do not occur to white people. First of all, they are fresh out of sugar daddies. There just is no rich man to pull the church out of a financial hole. Then your congregation tends to become diffuse. Conditions among blacks are not as settled as among whites. They are more likely to drift away to get work when local jobs dry up. But often they hold on to their Church.

While the congregation is small and scattered and poor, their spiritual life is rich. There is a warmth and emotional intensity to the services which tell the story. And they have their own way of doing things which is rather interesting. For example, plans are already being formulated for a Thanksgiving rally. The Church will be decorated with all the fruits and vegetables harvested in this area. P.S. - And each family will bring \$25. That is certainly a tangible way to thank the Lord for His blessings.

Pastor Burton is a man free from hangups, at least as far as you can tell. He looks at the whole picture. "In spite of the war and racial troubles," he said the otherday, "conditions are far better than when I was a boy."

REV. BURNS  
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must have passed through a long period when their relationship was in trouble before they realized the gravity of the situation. Furthermore, he contends that strictly speaking you cannot help people directly at all. You can only help them to help themselves. This involves a risk to the helper as well as those being helped.

With young people it is particularly important to stimulate self help. Note that the most successful young people's activities are those which they dream up and activate from start to finish. An impressive case in point is the resounding success of the current production of "The Music Man" by Youth on Stage.

The musicianship of Mr. and Mrs. Burns as might be expected is a great help in bridging the generation gap, especially with today's music-oriented kids; but Ben Burns is sold even on the unmusical ones. He has great hope for them, calls them a great bunch. Also Burns points out that the younger generation is up against some problems that were not nearly as tough a few years back; for example, the necessity of adjustment to a much more rapidly changing and confusing world than the one preceding generations encountered. His chief concern is whether today's kids will be able to reconcile their idealism with the responsibilities they will be shouldering tomorrow and hopes they won't be looking for some instant remedy to correct situations that have taken far longer than they have been on earth to come to a head.

The Mattituck-Cutchogue Board of Education, at its regular January 15 meeting, was gratified to learn of two reports from the Supervisor of Elementary Education and the Supervisor of Secondary Education of the State Department of Education, which commented favorably on almost every aspect of the schools' operations, as observed during visits of state officials last October. Exceptions were that "definite and immediate action should be taken to provide additional secondary school facilities for which there is present and increasing need" and that consideration should be given to providing additional classrooms for the elementary school, probably by addition to the Cutchogue East building. Jan 24, 1977

The board had an opportunity to discuss multifarious responsibilities of the athletic director with Frank Grabowski, who took over the job this year. The M-C District has an extensive athletic program which is currently resulting in a strain on space and facilities. The schools field teams in soccer, basketball, baseball, track, cross-country, field hockey, volley ball, wrestling, golf, tennis, and bowling. In some sports there are varsity, junior varsity, and junior high school teams, and both boys' and girls' teams for a total of more than 25, not including intramural competition in flag football, and gymnastics in the elementary schools.



# Our Men of the Church



A series of profiles of the religious leaders of the North Fork

The Rev. E. Frederick Hummel, who became pastor of the Mattituck Presbyterian Church August 16, weighed only a little more than 3½ pounds when he was born May 28, 1935 on the 23rd floor of the New York Hospital. How's that for statistics? Today he weighs more than 200 pounds above his starting weight, what with those wide shoulders, big frame and 6 ft. 1 in. height.

There is nothing like that in Eastern Suffolk County, to be sure, but in a village like Mattituck you have a group of senior citizens with a brand new set of retirement problems. Of course it depends on the individual. Some oldsters have all kinds of interests and activities, but others are in trouble. Rev. Hummel mentioned one retired industrialist who stared out of the



The Rev. E. Frederick Hummel, pastor of the Mattituck Presbyterian Church.

Photo by Sid Jones

Though one of the youngest as well as newest ministers on the North Fork he has not let the general preoccupation with youth blind him to the fact that older people have problems too. In Babylon, where he was pastor of the Reformed Church for six years before moving to Mattituck, he became concerned with business men commuting to New York, observing that this grueling ordeal just about ruined many men. When they came home all they wanted was isolation and sanctuary. Result was that their children suffered; as did the church and the community.

window and drank coffee all day. Of course, retirement should not mean an ending, but the beginning of a new life style.

Leave it to Rev. Hummel to come up with something practical. He has a down to earth, pragmatic approach common to those who have gone out into the world for a couple of years before going to college. In his case it was four years after high school as a flight engineer in the U. S. Naval Air Force. Upon returning to civilian life in 1957, young Hummel went to work for Grumman in Bethpage as engineering trainee and soon

after married Ellen Dorothea Gruber, a girl with whom he sang in the junior choir when they were kids. He was working with the Reformed Church in Sunnyside, Queens, his home town when the minister asked him to preach. That pressed the button that rang the bell. Soon as he could manage, he entered N.Y.U. and graduated with a B.S. in religious education in the record time of 2½ years in 1960. Next came three years at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, oldest divinity school in the United States, during the course of which he worked as student assistant pastor in four different churches. The last was the Flatbush Reformed Church, where he became associate pastor upon taking his degree in divinity. Here he started his long and fruitful work with young people, first setting up an ecumenical youth fellowship, then becoming director of the 67th Precinct Youth Council and getting into narcotic problems in a tough integrated neighborhood. He began to work with older people too and became involved with adult study courses as Dean of the Flatbush Leadership School.

In 1965 Rev. Hummel was called to St. Paul's in Babylon, where he was pastor until he came to Mattituck. There he continued the work he started in Flatbush, becoming chairman of the narcotics guidance council, which included ten other councils of nearby communities. On the side he conducted a moral leadership program for the Civil Air Patrol, served as chaplain of the fire department, as well as fireman and rescuer. He also originated a radio program on WGLI devoted to narcotic problems, lectured on the subject in public schools, etc. Meanwhile he had been studying at the Alfred Adler Institute of Psychotherapy since 1963, and he is scheduled to receive his certificate as a psychotherapist this year. This amounts to a pretty formidable extra-curricular activity - almost a career in itself.

The new minister in Mattituck has a pungent way of putting things, like in a recent sermon on "The Great Intentions" when he looked at his congregation long and hard and asked how many were playing the "not me" game. It's the other fellow who'll get hooked with cigarettes or liquor or narcotics or drive 15 miles over the speed limit and end up in the Eastern Long Island Hospital or in a casket, but "not me."

In the same sermon he pointed out that if mankind really wanted peace we could have ended war "10 wars ago." You've heard the same thought expressed before, but rarely with such a sting.

## MARTIN—BARKER

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schellinger Barker of Mattituck announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen to James Carey Martin, son of Mrs. Edward Charles Martin of New Milford, Conn.

Mr. Martin is majoring in business at Boston College and is presently employed at Nazareth Child Care Center in Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Miss Barker will receive her B.A. in sociology from Boston College this May. A June Wedding is being planned.

## VICTOR E. GARSCH

Victor E. Garsch, 77, of Captain Kidd Drive, Mattituck, died January 26, 1976, at the Eastern Long Island Hospital, Greenport. He was born in New Jersey, September 6, 1898, the son of Nellie and Frank Garsch.

A retired self-employed sales representative, Mr. Garsch was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

Surviving are his wife, Ella P. Garsch, two daughters, Elisabeth M. Prabulos and Ellen M. McKenna, a step-son, Henry F. Praus; two sisters, Irene A. Rogers and Cornelia Garsch, and a sister-in-law, Mary L. Rudden; two nieces and 12 step-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral services will be held today, January 29, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with Reverend John Henry officiating. Interment will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Talking recently with Joan Domajeski, we learned that the Mattituck Home Bureau will be having its regular monthly business meeting on February 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mattituck-Cutchogue School cafeteria. A special program on police protection is planned for that meeting with Chief Carl Cataldo as the guest speaker. Everyone is invited to this meeting. You do not have to be a member of the Home Bureau group. Preliminaries will be given on salad making, which is to be the next project taught. So, why not plan on coming to this meeting, where you will meet your friends, learn about self-protection and enjoy delicious refreshments at the close.

Greenport Mayor Joseph Townsend Jr. has prepared some alternatives to the controversial plans for tearing down the 145-year-old Klipp House in the village to put up a new bank building.

Presenting the proposals "as a stockholder" of the North Fork Bank and Trust Company, Mr. Townsend has written to the Board of Directors to offer his suggestions for preserving the building while the bank gets the new offices it needs.

In addition, the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities notes in a letter to the editor that back in 1969 in its publication, Preservation Notes, it pointed out the possibilities "for an imaginative entrepreneur" to convert the old Ireland-Klipp house for office or professional use.

The M-C board approved the appointment of Michael Huey as physical education teacher for the elementary grades, replacing James Cain, whose tragic death during the holiday period was a cause for deep regret.

# Our Men of the Church



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The name of the game is rejoice. Rev. Kermit H. Jones, Presbyterian minister in Cutchogue, points out that in Paul's Epistles nothing sticks out like that one word, "rejoice," even holy communion is not somber for him but rather a service of thanksgiving; and the com-

boy went to William Penn Charter School, a Quaker School in the city of brotherly love, but switched to Stony Brook (College Prep) School, in his senior year, graduating in 1928. Then came Lafayette College, Class of 1932, followed by Princeton Theological Seminary, 1935.



The Rev. Kermit H. Jones, pastor of the Cutchogue Presbyterian Church. Photo by Sid Jones

munion hymn sung at his church is "Joy to the World," one generally associated with the Christmas Season.

Precedents mean very little in this man's league. On a hot summer day he doesn't hesitate to preach in his shirt sleeves and the utmost concession he will make to formality is to don a pulpit robe.

Kermit Jones is another one of those individuals for whom the North Fork has magnetic attraction. It all probably started when he spent summer vacations as a boy with his parents in Stony Brook. His father was a minister in Philadelphia, where Kermit was born in 1911. The

Asked when he first considered the ministry, Rev. Jones replied, "It would be more accurate to ask when did I not consider the ministry. Except for some misgivings as to my fitness while in college and first year seminary. I was always headed in that direction."

We may not realize it, but ministers have to look for a job just like everybody else. Here's where our man was in luck. The Presbyterian pastorate in Greenport was open, and the youth got the job, starting in May of 1935.

Three years later he took time off to go to Chicago to marry a girl by the name of Helen Mc-

Cune, daughter of missionaries, born in Korea. Driving back to Long Island after a honeymoon in Wisconsin, they returned just in time to be blown in by the hurricane of 1938. So many trees were down on Route 25 that they had to detour to the North Road. Sort of a rough introduction for a young bride, you must agree. The result of their union has been a family of two girls and two boys, whose ages today range from 24 to 31.

In 1940 there came a call from one of the Presbyterian churches in Brooklyn, but the call of a chaplain with what was then the Army Air Corps got him into the service from 1943 to 1946. Half his time was spent in Central Africa with the Air Transport Command.

Upon mustering out, Rev. Jones took over a pastorate in Philadelphia, where he remained for 14 years until 1960, followed by four years in Levittown. After almost two decades in crowded places, the pull of a smaller congregation in the area he loved most, proved irresistible; and when an opportunity in Cutchogue opened up in 1964, he grabbed it.

His seven years here have been just what the doctor ordered for this incurable optimist. The cordial relations with other denominations, particularly the Roman Catholic Church, have proved a great gratification. In fact, Rev. Jones considers preaching a Lenten sermon at Our Lady of Ostrabrama one of the high spots of his career.

Another great thing has been the opportunity to do something for the senior citizens in his congregation. This man of the church feels that older people have often been by-passed and have been getting what was left over after the spiritual needs of young people and children have been met. Rev. Jones is dedicated to the proposition that everybody has his value in the scheme of things. The old have something to say to the young and vice versa.

Of course it isn't easy, but what is? In this connection, Rev. Jones comes up with an enlightening quotation from 2 Corinthians, chapter 4: "We are handicapped on all sides, but never frustrated; we are puzzled but never in despair; we may be knocked down but we are never knocked out."

Another rewarding part of his ministry is radio work: his 15 minute sermons on WLNG, where he has a chance to reach out to those who never go to church.

Richard Krupski has been placed on the Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island. Richard is the son of Helen and Vincent Krupski of Oregon. He is majoring in chemistry. Richard is known in Mattituck for his excellence in high school basketball, baseball and soccer. FEB 17, 1976

Brian Monsell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert K. Monsell, Jr., Mattituck, and a freshman at Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tenn., has been cited by the college for outstanding academic achievement during the fall 1975 quarter. Monsell, a graduate of Mattituck-Cutchogue High School, was named to the Tusculum College Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must attain a "B-plus" (3.25) average in an academic quarter while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours.

David and Elizabeth Parrish, with their son Eddie and wife Marie, just returned from the Grand Bahamas after a brief vacation. Elizabeth tells us the water was never so blue, sand so white, and everything was just so beautiful. The Parrishes sound as if they had a great big wonderful time.

After a one-week delay because of weather conditions the spirit was not dampened of those 70 who attended the progressive dinner, dropping in on various assigned nine homes for a course of their meal. The North Fork Baptist Church members and friends enjoyed an evening of fun, food and fellowship on Saturday, January 31. The food was international in nature, Polynesian, Israeli and Italian, with an American dessert of apple pie and ice cream and coffee. After the entertaining evening it was closed with a brief devotional talk by Mr. Kuhn, a high school principal near Freeport. FEB 5, 1976

The Presbyterian Church Brotherhood met at the church parlor last Monday evening.

Mrs. Herbert Reeve had the misfortune to fall and break her hip last week and is recuperating in the hospital. FEB 5, 1976

The Women's Association of the Presbyterian Church held their regular meeting last Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Following a short business meeting a devotional service and program was directed by Circle 4. Mrs. Doris Delahanty and Mrs. Alice Addy sang two delightful duets. Refreshments were served by Circle 1.

A rash of flu has hit Mattituck-Cutchogue schools, keeping 30 percent of the students and more than a dozen teachers out of class Tuesday, February 10. Feb 12, 1976

District principal, Roger Burns, concerned about the situation, asked the Suffolk County Health Services Department whether it would be advisable to close schools. Dr. Mahouz Zaki, county director of public health, advised against it, saying it was better to keep students in classes. Doing that, according to a school spokesman, would keep students possibly coming down with flu away from increased contact with the community.



A marooned school bus on Riley Avenue, Riverhead, had to be plowed out last Thursday. The snow and ice brought a flood of weather related accidents to Eastern Suffolk.

# Our Men of the Church



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Dec. 9, 1977

Rev. Denis J. O'Brien, pastor of Sacred Heart in Cutchogue and Our Lady of Good Counsel, the mission church in Mattituck, can do many things, but he can't do anything about that twinkle in his eye. It's always there. With both parents from Ireland, what

O'Brien, "made it to Sing Sing and sat on that famous piece of period furniture that puts an end to a sentence."

Growing up with a brother and four sisters, young Denis never found time a drag. Three of the girls, incidentally, became

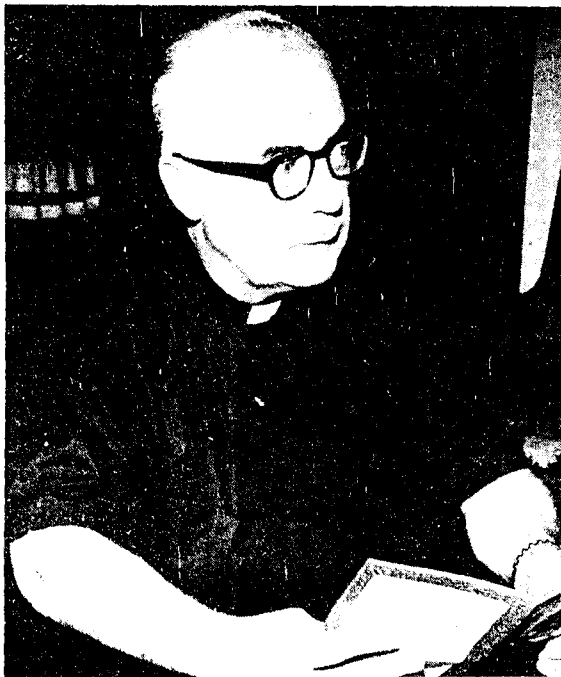
maculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. It was 1939 and things were grim. The pay was \$16 an hour for a 52 hour week until a promotion to the book department brought a raise to \$18. So in spite of all our problems you have to admit that kids working in Liggett's today are sure better off.

It was a rugged period for other reasons too. Young O'Brien's father died in August of that year, today he has the consolation that his mother is still living. She is 87 years old.

Ordination came in April 11, 1944. The first assignment as assistant pastor was to the old home parish of Sacred Heart in Brooklyn. Then in 1951 the young priest was transferred to St. Martha's in Uniondale, where he remained until 1967, the year he came to Cutchogue as the youngest pastor in the diocese.

There's a lot more to running this kind of parish than meets the eye. Rev. O'Brien is responsible for a good sized operation. First, there are the two churches. Then there is the Sacred Heart School, of which Sister Anita is principal, with its 190 pupils, 8 teachers, and 3 auxiliary teachers. Finally, there is the cemetery on Depot Lane, which most people assume incorrectly to be connected with Ostrabrama but which is actually a part of Sacred Heart. In other words, the priest in charge is running a sort of mini-conglomerate with many of the same problems and headaches you get in business and some that you don't get.

Along with his dry sense of humor Father O'Brien draws on an apparently unlimited supply of confidence and optimism. The Jesus movement is a big step in the right direction. Conducting services in English after long centuries of Latin and praying together have made the Mass more meaningful. The ugly side of today's life doesn't faze him one bit. The world has gone through worse, he points out. "We've done it before and we'll do it again." Then the humorist in him takes over with a parting shot: "We learn only one thing from history and that is we don't learn anything from history."



The Rev. Denis J. O'Brien, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Cutchogue and Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mattituck.

do you expect?

He was born in Brooklyn July 13, 1918 and attended parochial school there. It was one of those no-holds barred tough neighborhoods where you fought your way to school and back. "More than one of the boys" says Father

Sisters of Mercy, and one of them, Sister Vergilius, teaches at Mercy High School in Riverhead.

The young hopeful went to college at St. Francis in Brooklyn but worked for a year in Liggett's Drug Store in the Grand Central Station before entering Im-

# Snow Causes Many Problems

Jan 29, 1976

What news can one write this week except snow, ice and postponements, cars buried in snow banks and trains stalled in what used to be known as "The Cut". Cold weather and drifting snow also caused the closing of the Mattituck-Cutchogue Schools on both Thursday and Friday, Jan 26/76

Southold Town experienced a rash of snow related accidents last week including one that involved Carol Terry of Main Road, Peconic, and Jeanne Corwin of Greenport. Terry was waiting for a break in traffic before turning left onto Route 25 from Peconic Lane in Peconic last Friday morning. Corwin was on Peconic Lane behind her and when she went to apply her brakes she began to skid on the icy road and collided into the rear of the Terry vehicle. There were no reported injuries.

A collision occurred at the Southold Town Dump Thursday afternoon between David Puritan, East Marion, and Frederick Baumack. Puritan was leaving the area and Baumack was entering but their vision was blocked by the high snow banks and a collision ensued. Five year old Eric Baumack suffered lacerations of the chin and was treated for it. Jan 26, 1976

Rocco Gallitelli, Greenport, and Patricia Parks, also of Greenport, had an unexpected meeting Thursday night when the Gallitelli car, which was eastbound on Route 25 in Greenport, collided with the Parks car due to the icy roads. Nadine Monique, a passenger in the Parks vehicle, was taken to E.L.I hospital for treatment of knee injuries.

A Long Island Railroad train crew and the two passengers who were aboard had to be removed from a westbound train at 4:30 Thursday afternoon on Bridge Lane in Cutchogue due to snow drifts that were blocking the tracks.

Sharon Bolling, Elizabeth, N.J., got her car stuck in the snow on Route 27 in Cutchogue Thursday afternoon.

Motorists on Southold's roads faced unplowed snow late Wednesday afternoon, but much worse was in store for them Thursday. Exceptionally high winds carried snow across roads, blinding the view for drivers and depositing hazardous snowdrifts which clogged the highways Thursday evening and Friday morning. Low temperatures through Sunday caused slick and icy pavements. On Monday rising temperatures engulfed the roads in fog. Rain on Monday and Tuesday, winding down to drizzles on Wednesday, created flooding conditions on the highways.

Mrs. Rosenfeld, director of the Mattituck Library, would like everyone to be aware of the latest exhibit now on display. You are sure to enjoy the many fine paintings of Dolly Bell which are now on loan to our library for your viewing. Also included in this exhibit are paintings done by some of Dolly Bell's students, namely Helen Kurth, Agnes Motherssele and others. Jan 5, 1976

## Library To Honor Catherine Phillips

Jan 29, 1976

The annual meeting of the Mattituck Free Library will be unique this year because the board of trustees will be dedicating a bronze plaque honoring Mrs. Catherine K. Phillips, a former librarian who served the library so faithfully for 37 years. The plaque has been installed to the right of the swinging doors as one enters the building.

Mrs. Phillips retired in 1963 at the age of 72 and continued to be active in library affairs long after. She was a conscientious librarian who was cited by the board of regents for her efforts

in building up the non-fiction collection. The library was her way of life to the degree that retirement just never occurred to her, and when her daughter asked her when she was going to think about retiring to write her short stories, she was afraid that she might have a mysterious disease that her family was not telling her about.

We invite both the family and friends of Mrs. Catherine K. Phillips to attend. The meeting will be held on Monday, February 2, at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

# Our Men of the Church



Dec. 30, 1971

A series of profiles of the religious leaders of the North Fork

What about a man who has three sons and then goes out and takes on two foster sons? This you know about him for sure: he must love life and love people. And that's as good an introduction as any to Rev. Alexander Sime, pastor of the oldest house of worship on the North Fork, the First Presbyterian Church of Southold, founded in 1640.

He studied nights and finally went to Davidson College, graduating from there in 1943 and from Princeton Theological Seminary two years later. While in Seminary he married the former Genie Elliott. Their three sons are now aged 25, 23, and 21; their foster sons 10 and 8. Their no. 1 boy has already presented them with two grandchildren. One of the luckiest things that



Rev. Alexander Sime, pastor of The First Presbyterian Church, Southold.

photo by Sidney Jones

Furthermore, he can take it as well as dish it out. Born in 1920 in Atlanta, Georgia, in a family of considerable affluence, he was impoverished almost over night like so many others by the depression; but it didn't throw his father to have his profitable insurance business dry up nor did it get any of the rest of the family down.

They moved to New York in 1934. Young Alex Sime graduated from high school in 1936 and then worked for an insurance company as an underwriter for five years. So he's another one of the local clergy who can point to substantial business experience.

can happen to you is to work under a great man, and here is where Sime was lucky, indeed. After his first assignment as pastor of a church in Bloomfield, New Jersey from 1945 to 1947, he became assistant to the famed Dr. John Bonnell at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church for three years, and was indoctrinated into a new world. Dr. Bonnell was one of the pioneers in the pastoral counseling movement and worked closely with leading pyschologists and psychiatrists. His church was also involved in the first religious TV show on C.B.S.

From 1950 to 1956 Rev. Sime

served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church on Throg's Neck and from 1956 to 1970 of the First Presbyterian in Baldwin, a large church with a staff of twenty-one working either full time or part time to help him.

Before coming to Southold last year, he was moderator of the Presbytery, vice moderator of the Synod of New York, Chaplain of the Fire Department in Baldwin - and this by no means exhausts the list of his outside jobs. Asked why he came to Southold, Sime put it simply: "Well, they seemed to want me. And I wanted them." There were two other considerations: (1) that he felt overdue for a move and (2) that he wanted to get away from the managerial details of a big operation and back to the kind of personal pastoral work that is possible only in a smaller congregation.

So he landed in this community in September 1970 resolved to dedicate himself particularly to helping people find that inner security which enables them to stand up to other people and to life as a whole with joyous confidence. And he points out that even in pleasant places like the North Fork someone every now and then falls apart at the seams. Only the inner emotional security that faith brings will enable the troubled and distressed to pull themselves up by their own boot straps.

Rev. Sime has this concept of the ministry very much in mind not only in his capacity as pastor but also in his role of chairman of the candidates committee that is responsible for the selection, training and examination of young men entering the Presbyterian ministry. He regards as a very good omen the fact that there are today more young men studying for the ministry than ever before in the history of the church, a fact that should be more widely publicized when so many oldsters view so many youngsters with misgiving if not alarm.

# Fierce Storm

Oct 5, 1976 by

Bonnie Gordon and Ronnie Wacker

Groundhog's Day on the North Fork was marked with shadows and much worse, bad omens for a long winter. The blizzard-type storm which struck with lightning speed on Monday morning brought blinding gale-driven snow, the lowest tides in the known history of Southold, and power shortages which drove the town government to plan a major emergency operation which went luckily unused.

The electrical power went out on most of the North Fork at about 7 a.m., according to LILCO representatives and a lot of rather cold firsthand witnesses. Southold Supervisor Albert Martocchia said he was in contact with LILCO all day, calling every half hour to check on progress.

"At about 1:30 p.m. it started to look serious. LILCO couldn't seem to find their problem," said the Supervisor. "I began calling the schools and asking them to keep their heat up." All North Fork schools cancelled classes on Monday, but the Supervisor began to think they would make the ideal shelter for residents caught with no heat in very low temperatures. The Supervisor planned to shelter people from the cold in Orient, Southold, Mattituck and Greenport Schools and the Greenport American Legion Hall. Though Orient and Southold schools are heated by electricity, both have emergency portable generators. The Supervisor received help from the Civil Defense in his planning and located cots and blankets which would be sent on command from the New York State Armory in Riverhead and the Riverhead Fire Department. The Salvation Army agreed to supply emergency food as necessary.

"Nett" of the Bob-N-Nett Dress Shop reports a most enjoyable three week vacation in the Virgin Islands. Bert Mileska very capably took over the shop.



A TASTEFULLY PLANNED LUNCHEON was served to the Christian Women's Club at their monthly meeting at Mattituck Manor last Wednesday. And the entertainment was just as varied, with remarks by Sam Smoochler, a Hebrew Christian, through the music of Maureen and Ben Burns, to a helpful discussion about meat by Jack, the butcher at Greenport's I.G.A. store. Enjoying their luncheon are, left to right, Madeline Spielmann, Alice Gildersleeve, Benna Helgesen, and Doris Mott.

# Our Men of the Church

Feb 4, 1971



A series of profiles of the religious leaders of the North Fork

In 1967, the year before Donald T. Hamblin came to the Methodist pulpits in Greenport and Orient, he decided to take a sabbatical year. He stayed in his mother's house near Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. And what do you suppose he did? Well, for one thing he helped paint houses. For another he worked in a local department store selling men's wear. And he also did some substitute teaching. Why not the usual studying and writing like most ministers and professors on leave? He wanted to find out how men make a living. This may be a better idea than some might think for the simple reason that men in the pulpit or on the lecture

ferent churches. Of course, he functioned under the supervision of a professor in the seminary but it must have been some job for a kid.

After graduation and ordination there followed assignments in a half a dozen churches, one of which, namely in Windsor, Connecticut, deserves special comment because it involved Hamblin with a lot of young people for a period of 10 years. The town is in the heart of Tobacco Valley and scores of youngsters from the South would come up every year to harvest the tobacco crop, with the result that his summer congregation was 90 percent teen age or early



The Rev. Donald T. Hamblin, pastor of the Greenport and Orient Methodist churches. photo by Sidney Jones

platform are pretty much shielded from such pressures of the working world as tough competitors, demanding customers and exacting bosses.

Rev. Hamblin is the kind of man who flies by the seat of his pants. When he decided on the ministry just before his senior year in high school, he had not even planned to go to college; but he had already organized and played on the first baseball team in his school's history. Before entering Lafayette in 1935 at the age of 17 he had put in a year at the Perkiomen School. After graduating he went to Drew University Theological School in Madison, New Jersey. Weekends he commuted 65-70 miles in a beat up old Chevrolet to Analomink, Pennsylvania, to take over a student pastorate on a circuit that included four dif-

ferent churches.

Another revealing experience was in Massapequa, where Rev. Hamblin's associate pastor was a black man named McQuay Kiah. Rev. Kiah is now chaplain of the Holly Patterson Home for the aged in Nassau County. The close association of these two young men of the church of different races strongly reinforced Hamblin's dedication to social action ministry.

Pastor Hamblin is not one to answer hard questions with glib generalities. He cites chapter, book and verse. Talking about the generation gap recently, he pointed out how this can be the result of excluding youngsters from conversations, activities and family pleasures even though unintentionally or thoughtlessly. It is the big task of the parents, as it is of the church to provide the

right climate or atmosphere in which youngsters can find themselves and learn and grow. The young are our future, and it is only by helping them that we can live a Christian life.

This is anything but simple and easy. For example, in Sunday schools you cannot teach the same things in the same way in all grades. At the Kindergarten level it is best to approach the Bible as a book of nice stories, interesting stories, even fun stories. As the child progresses, Jesus as hero becomes alive and finally begins to stand for ideals of social justice and world freedom.

Speaking of getting the generations together, Donald Hamblin specially mentioned a show put on at the Greenport Methodist Church a few months ago. They called it HAPPY GAP; the performers ranged from the age of 12 to 79; and it was a real eye opener. There was a barber shop quartet, there were spirituals and to show that young people have something to say there was a rock group that came up with a song of their own, both lyrics and music, called the Word.

Hamblin is among other things a real theater buff and was one of the performers in last year's revival of the Man of La Mancha by the North Fork Community Theater.

Something more is needed than merely getting the generations together to put on a music fest. These are not ordinary times. In fact, our Methodist minister feels that in addition to the problems and tensions of most localities in this country, our North Fork has had to adjust in a very short time from a farming country to the complexities of something very much like exurbia. Wouldn't it be a good idea, therefore, for young people to get away from their special kind of rat race and go somewhere for an all day retreat, staying over night and communing with themselves and with the kind of older people who are willing to educate themselves and open their minds to the young. Problems can't be brushed under the rug. They must be explored in depth.

You like spaghetti and meatballs, circle Saturday, February 28, on your calendar of events. The Mattituck-Cutchogue High School Band members are sponsoring their second annual spaghetti dinner on that night in the school cafeteria. More details to follow next week. These students of George Lester are working hard to earn money to defray expenses on their exchange concert with the Hamburg, Pa., Central School. The trip is scheduled for April 1, 2, 3. Coming up on March 12 is an Adult Dance, with music provided by the High School Stage Band. Feb 12, 76

Last Friday night was seniors' night at Mattituck-Cutchogue School. Before a large crowd Mr. Grabowski honored the following senior soccer players: Tom Arnold, David Monsell, Dogan Deniz, Ed Zuhoski and Doug Stearns. The varsity basketball coach, J. Christy, was introduced with a rousing cheer for him and his senior players, namely, Tom Miteska, and Rick Polecki. The senior varsity cheerleader coach, Mrs. Schiller, then introduced her senior cheerleaders who are Chrissie Siejka, and Joann Harris, co-captains, Marilyn Tuthill and Marianne Orłowski. Feb 12, 1976

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has accused the Mattituck Park District of violating its Tidal Wetlands Act by digging out sand below the high water mark without a permit.

The District was ordered by DEC regional counsel Andrew Orensky at a pre-hearing conference Monday to post a \$50,000 surety bond as insurance against repetition of the violation. Feb 12, 1976

Mining and carting away thousands of cubic yards of sand and gravel may have contributed to erosion of residents' beach-front property to the west of the town beach at Mattituck Inlet, as they maintain, Mr. Orensky said. Also he suggested to the residents along Sound Beach Drive, 10 or 12 of whom appeared at the meeting in Stony Brook, that their property may be affected by what remains of the old Levon jetties at Jamesport.

The state agency had acted in response to the residents complaints that their land was eroding as a result of illegal action by the Mattituck Park District.

Conservation officer David Hurley investigated and found the district contractor, Leander "June" Glover digging below the high water mark last December, he reported.

The district, composed of three Mattituck residents, Robert Bergen, Lawrence Reeve and Frank Murphy, applied for a permit shortly after that.

In addition to posting a bond, Mr. Orensky ordered the district to register its mining operation under the mining reclamation statute. Registration will be required to get a permit once the implementation of the statute is completed, said the DEC counsel.

Residents gave various estimates of erosion losses suffered at their property along Sound Beach Drive.

Gabriel Kousouros retired restaurateur who owns and operates the Hut on the North Road, said he believes he has lost at least 100 feet from his 600 foot deep by 150 foot beach frontage on Long Island Sound since he bought the land in 1950.

Other owners of houses valued from \$50,000 to \$100,000 in the area say they have lost from 10 feet to 100 feet.

Donald Witscheiben of New Jersey who, with his family summers at the home he bought on Sound Beach Drive three years ago, says he hasn't measured exactly the amount of property loss but that it "has been quite a bit."

Navy Utilitiesman Second Class Michael J. Hanko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie E. Hanko of Westphalia Road, Mattituck, returned to Gulfport, Miss., with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 after eight months of extended operations in Puerto Rico. A 1970 graduate of Mattituck High School, he joined the Navy in January, 1971. Feb 19, 1976

Otto Dohm of New York City recently fell in New York and is now recuperating with his niece, Mrs. Halsey Goldsmith of 240 Freeman Road, for an indefinite time. In November, Otto celebrated his 90th birthday and had been working for the New York Post until his recent fall. He is now retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Leone Milowski were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Hess of Middle Village and Mattituck. They all went to Chinatown last Sunday and observed the celebration of the Chinese New Year at a restaurant owned by Mr. Hess' brother-in-law.

# Our Men of the Church



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Feb 3, 1972

Have you ever heard of a priest who lived in a tree house? Well, meet Father Joseph J. Tennant, pastor of Our Lady of the Isle on Shelter Island. To be sure, his tree house isn't the kind kids build or the type favored by aborigines in the Amazon. It's the parsonage adjacent to his church on top of the heights, built so that the second story living room nestles among upper branches of huge oaks. Father Tennant has enhanced the effect with

transferred to the Seminary in Huntington and in 1928 switched to Rome, where he was ordained in 1931 and took his doctorate the following year.

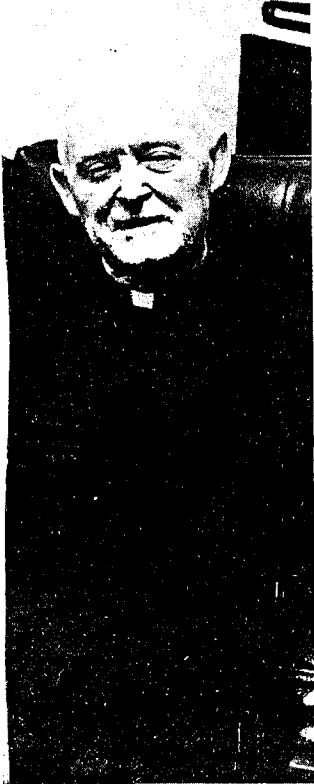
The American College there is a formidable institution. In Joseph Tennant's day 40 nations were represented in the student body. All lectures were in Latin. Try that on your piano some day.

In 1938 Father Tennant returned to Brooklyn to teach in the Prep Seminary, but the next year found him back in Rome for graduate work at the Biblical Institute. The courses there sound nothing short of terrifying to an American layman. Students voted to decide what language the professor should use in his lectures, which were generally in Latin, Italian or German. One Professor who taught Hebrew assigned a textbook he had written in French but lectured in Latin. If that doesn't boggle you nothing will.

The Italian period came to an end in 1936, followed by five years of teaching the Sacred Scripture in the Immaculate Conception Seminary at Huntington. When the United States declared war against Germany on December 8, 1941, the date of Father Tennant's 10th anniversary in holy orders, he decided to become a Naval Chaplain and was made Vice Chancellor of the Military Ordinariate in charge of all Roman Catholic chaplains in our armed forces. After the war he was assigned to the national office of the Propagation of Faith as coordinator of all activities. This entailed traveling all over the county as well as trips to Rome. Then in 1950 Bishop Sheen came in as head of the organization and Father Tennant took over as his secretary.

Finally in 1956 he decided he wanted to work in a church. In spite of important teaching assignments and executive jobs on a national scale and 25 years in the priesthood, he had no experience whatsoever in parish work. It was necessary, therefore, to start from the bottom as Assistant Pastor in Massapequa Park. Two years later a transfer came to take over as Pastor at Greenport, then in 1961 a call to Riverhead, where he remained until he moved to Shelter Island in 1969.

The pastorate and the whole life on the Island have been a delight to our veteran of the church. Of course there are local problems peculiar to this out of the world spot. For example, while there are from 700 to 800 families in the congregation at the height of the season, the permanent hard core of year round parishioners is only about 175 family units. Father Tennant just keeps plugging away at what he does best with his extensive cultural background: bringing a better understanding of the scriptures to the people of his parish.



The Rev. Joseph J. Tennant, pastor of Our Lady of the Isle on Shelter Island.

upholstery that complements the coloring outside. There he sits when not engaged in pastoral duties or cooking his own meals, indulging in his favorite indoor sport: reading Latin poetry.

Father Tennant celebrated his 40th anniversary as a priest on December 8, the oldest active Roman Catholic clergyman on the East End. He was born in Brooklyn in 1908 of Scotch-English parentage with a dash of Irish, attended the Diocesan Preparatory Seminary in his home town,

## NFBT Offers Klipp House Alternatives

Feb 19, 1976

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The North Fork Bank and Trust Company put the future of the Klipp Homestead, Main Street, Greenport, squarely before the community, offering it for sale for \$1 with the proviso of complete removal by April 12, 1976.

In addition to the removal to another site, the bank is in agreement to sell the building and the land on which it is situated for \$75,000, with an additional \$75,000 backup to assure complete exterior restoration. This offer is conditioned by a deadline for an April 12, 1976 contract.

The third possibility is an exchange of property, giving Greenport Village total properties of present NFBT and the Klipp parcel for the same size plot on the east end of the Village parking lot directly across the street. April 12, 1976, remains the deadline with the bank spokesmen stating if none of the outlined procedures for acquisition are met by that date, demolition will commence immediately.

relatively open area with only a split-rail fence to delineate park boundaries and the fact that enforcement of the sticker regulation would presumably be borne by the Greenport Police Department, who already have jurisdiction over the parking and vehicular traffic around the beach-park facility.

Based on these details, the Planning Board expressed opposition to beach stickers. Now it remains for the Greenport Village Board of Trustees to determine whether or not they will go with the recommendation of the Planning Board.

## High Band Seeks Funds

Feb 19, 1976

The fund-raisers of the Mattituck-Cutchogue High School Band have been hard at work this year, raising money to finance their second annual band trip. This year they are planning to visit a high school in the Amish country of Pennsylvania, where they will perform at a joint concert with the Amish School Band.

The first of the band's projects, a concert by pianist Ana Maria Trenchi de Bottazzi, was a huge success. Held on February 8, the concert not only provided the band with needed funds, but also presented the community with some fine musical talent.

The biggest event on the band's calendar is an upcoming spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 28. Running from 6 to 8:30 p.m., the dinner will include spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian bread, cole slaw, punch, coffee and assorted cakes. This year, like last, the dinners will be served in the Mattituck-Cutchogue High School cafeteria. Prices for tickets are: adults, \$2.50, and children, \$1.50.

Topping off this year's fund-raising program will be an adult dance on March 12 at the High School. Music will be provided by the High School Stage Band and refreshments will be served. Again the band expects good attendance, in the light of last year's success.



# Our Men of the Church



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When Greek meets Greek they don't necessarily start a restaurant. Sometimes they start a church, like the Church of the Transfiguration of Christ on Broadwater Road in Mattituck. What a job the local Hellenic community has done! The facts came out in an interview with the priest of this little parish, Father Timotheos Tenedios, who speaks Greek and Turkish but no English, through his interpreter,

They became the dreaded Janizaries and were turned loose to ravage the country of their birth. History has it that mothers would throw their tiny boys down mountain gorges rather than let them fall prey to the kidnapers.

In spite of all these horrors you might think the situation would have simmered down by now. Not so. In 1923 some of the Greek Islands were turned over to Turkey,

dition and moved to Peconic, where his son, Stylianos, is a resident. An operation was finally performed at Brookhaven on January 6, 1972 with conspicuous success. You'd never believe what the man has gone through to look at him now.

The parish into which this man of the Church has moved involves 60 families spread from Riverhead to Orient. This little nucleus swells to 250 families during the vacation months, all told they own an estimated \$2,500,000 worth of real estate. For years services were conducted by priests from New York in people's houses and on their lawns, until Father Baker, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, offered the use of his church building to the homeless Greek parish. Ground was broken for the new structure on Broadwater Road two and a half years ago. Today with its gold dome and striking location the little church is a landmark.

After all the mud that has been thrown at America, it does one's heart good to hear what this distinguished priest and his interpreter have to say about the U.S.A.

"There couldn't be a more beautiful country than this." "The people are the greatest." Etc. etc. One superlative after another. When reminded of the alarming growth of criminals and drug addicts, they resorted to the old analogy of the rotten apples in the very best of barrels. They went further and insisted that the superiority of our citizens not only created the affluent society but through our foreign aid brought never before prosperity to many other countries and peoples through the world.

## Grants Is Ordered To Liquidate In 60 Days

The final word came at 5 p.m. Thursday: W. T. Grant, two years ago the country's third largest variety chain store, had been ordered by a federal judge to liquidate within 60 days.

At 6 p.m., February 12, the huge Grant store in Riverhead Plaza on Route 58 closed its doors on the last regular business day it will ever have. The store will open once more, long enough to liquidate all remaining stock at discount prices; 150 employees were abruptly out of work.

By Friday morning, perplexed shoppers pressed noses against Grant's windows. Inside, two stock clerks were busy clearing display cases, stopping occasionally to make "we're closed" hand signals to the faces at the windows. The vast parking lot in front of the store was virtually empty.

The store's Bradford Restaurant remained open. "We'll keep it open until we run out of food," said Operations Manager John Werthessen. He and some half dozen former employees sat at tables as waitresses served final rounds of coffee and danish. Everyone seemed

shell shocked.

"We expected it to happen," said Werthessen, "but not this soon."

Werthessen traced a steady three-year decline in sales, attributing it to lack of merchandise and increasing difficulty getting new stock. He said the store's credit department had been steadily losing money because of trouble collecting. The chain's credit policy, he reflected, was too lenient. That and an ambitious expansion policy coinciding with a period of persistent recession and inflation had, in his opinion, sealed Grant's fate.

Beginning in 1966, Grant stores began stocking appliances and furniture as part of expansion. The venture was not successful. Appliance Department Manager George Clark noted appliances were sold at low margin with liberal credit. The appliances, he said, were generally not top quality. He regretted that customers who had recently purchased appliances would lose their warranties because of the closing.



The Rev. Timotheos Tenedios, pastor of the Church of the Transfiguration of Christ in Mattituck. photo by Sidney Jones.

Augé Panagopoulos of Greenport.

The setting was the dining room of Father Tenedios' home on Henry's Lane in Peconic over a cup of aromatic coffee and wonderful Greek pastries provided by his genial wife. Wherever you looked you saw charming replicas of statues and other evidences of classical culture.

It soon became apparent that you cannot understand the Greek Orthodox Church and the almost fanatic devotion and nationalism of the people who brought it to the North Fork without going back in history to the occupation of Greece by the Ottoman Empire from 1453 to 1821. During the intervening four centuries the Turks tried every trick in the book to destroy the Greek language, church and identity. They even kidnapped male children between the ages of 2 and 4, told them their father was the Sultan and their mother was Turkish, and trained them for military service.

"When President Wilson was looking in the opposite direction," as Mr. Panagopoulos put it. One of the Islands was Imvros, where the North Fork's Greek Orthodox priest was born in 1908. While he was going to the Gymnasium, as the elite preparatory school there is called, and later to the Seminary in Salonika, he experienced the full force of a renewed drive by Turkey to crush everything Greek, particularly the Church, which sparked the resistance to the oppressor.

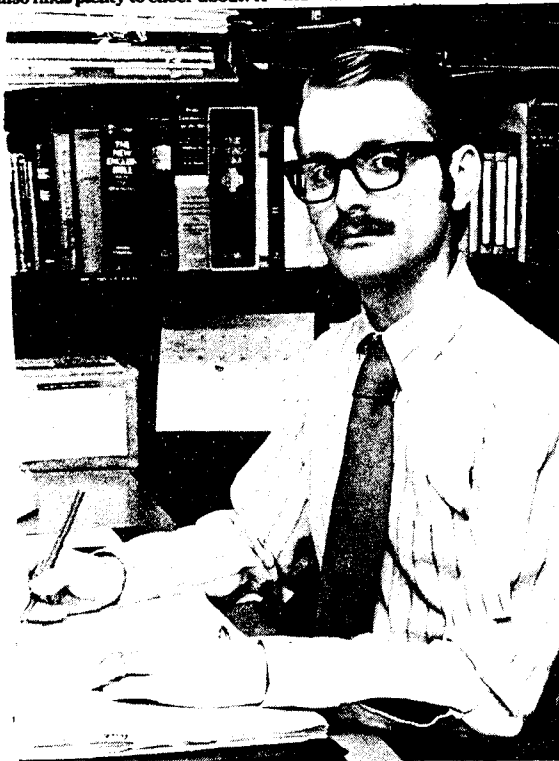
Young Tenedios was married in 1932, ordained in 1938 and moved to Istanbul, the seat of the Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church, in 1950. Here he remained as priest in the parish of Aghios Stephanos until he and his wife left for America in 1967. After a short stopover in New York City, the Archbishop sent Father Tenedios to a parish in Texas, and next to Virginia. Here he developed a serious heart con-

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Pastor George Summers of Mattituck's Advent Lutheran Church is strictly a product of this day - this very hour. He believes in today too, is glad he's here today. Sure, he's aware of the trials, tribulations and even the terrors of the times, but he also finds plenty to cheer about. A witnessing community of serving people. The minister should not be the only one to visit the sick and the shut-ins. That's why this pastor prints the names of individuals who should be visited in the Advent Announcer. This is the church bulletin, one of his innovations because he



The Rev. George Summers, pastor of the Mattituck Advent Lutheran Church.

Photo by Sidney Jones

quote from the 33 psalm that hangs on the wall of his study reflects his attitude: "Sing a new song. Let all the earth shout for joy." And that, he points out, was written 3000 years ago. So what's his new song? Stop thinking of the church as a huge edifice with stained glass windows, where you listen to a monologue by a man in a black suit and robe with his collar on backwards. To George Summers the minister is not the authority, but the leader; and the church is first of all corporate. It should be

believes in publicity. Next the church should be ecumenical. Here the young pastor (who won't be 30 until 1973) points to two heartening developments: The Mattituck Youth Group and the nursery school. The latter, for example, is the joint project of six churches in Mattituck and Cutchogue, each represented on the board by its minister and a layman. Result: pre-kindergarten kids need no longer live in isolation, deprived of the companionship they need—something no single church or

Jeffrey Doubrava, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doubrava of Ole Jule Lane, Mattituck, is one of 150 high school scholars from throughout the United States who has been invited to compete in this year's Outstanding Freshman Scholar Competition to be held February 27 and 28 at Rochester (NY) Institute of Technology (RIT). Two RIT, full-tuition scholarships, each valued at \$10,600 will be awarded as a result of the competition.

even two churches could accomplish. Finally, today's church should sound off with a call to action loud and clear. Here our very young man of the church has shown the community what he means as one of the leaders in getting after the Long Island Railroad to do something about the lethal grade crossings in this area. He's still plugging away in spite of lack of cooperation and inertia on the part of people who should be in the forefront of the scrap.

Here's a quick rundown of Summers' background: born in Brooklyn, 1943; graduated from the College of the City of New York, class of 1965; graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in 1968; ordained the same year; married the same year to the former Miss Lynn Stuckert; appointed assistant pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church in Franklin Square also the same year. He served there until March, 1970, when he moved to Mattituck.

You ought to see the pastor's office. He made every stick of furniture in it himself except the desk chair. He built the desk, drawers and all; and because the office is so tiny, he stuck the visitor's seat right into the desk with storage space under the seat. He carpentered a window seat, again with storage space underneath in which the mimeograph machine is squirreled away. He constructed the cases and shelves and cupboards and wall coverings. He even made himself an addressograph machine. The layout is such that seated at the desk one can reach almost everything needed for the job: books, records, files, papers, switches and gadgets. You name it; the pastor will hand it to you.

How did Summers get that way? It started at the age of eleven, when his father died. He was just old enough to do a few simple things with hammer and brush; and as an only son found plenty to do to help mother. Then in college he got exposed to office systems and management by working in the registrar's office during vacations and between college and seminary. So he's a kind of do-it-yourself efficiency expert on the side.

## M. JAMES HENDRY

M. James Hendry, 83, of 632 Roanoke Ave., Riverhead, died at the Riverhead Nursing Home on February 21, 1976. *Feb 26, 1976*

Mr. Hendry, retired district representative for the Sun Oil Co., had previously been vice president and general manager of the Peconic Oil Corp; past chairman of the New York Petroleum Industries Co.; past president and honorary member of the Riverhead Rotary Club; past president of the Riverhead Civic Club; past president of Suffolk County Republican Club; past chairman of Court of Awards Boy Scouts of America; a 50 year member of Riverhead Lodge No. 645 F&AM; member of Riverhead Post No. 273 American Legion; Early Flyers Club of WW I in which he served as a First Lieutenant; Society of the Automotive Engineers and Riverhead Methodist Church of which he was a member of the official board. Mr. Hendry graduated from the University of Wisconsin and Armour Institute.

He is survived by his wife, Adell (Howell) Hendry; one son, James B. of Bethesda, Md.; a daughter, Mrs. W. Scott (Dorothy) Gerring of Brimfield, Mass.; a brother, W.D. Hendry of Waynsville, N.C.; two sisters, Miss Bessie M. Hendry of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Florence Klenze of Park Ridge, Ill., and six grandchildren.

A Masonic Service was held February 23 with funeral services February 24 at the Reginal H. Tuthill Funeral Home, Reverend Frederick M. Moore officiating. Interment followed in the Riverhead Cemetery.

## ALBERT BIGGS

Albert L. Biggs, 87, of Green Street, South Jamesport, died at the Central Suffolk Hospital February 18, 1976. *Feb 20, 1976*

Mr. Biggs is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ethel Capria, South Jamesport, Mrs. Marjorie Vicsik of Patchogue and Mrs. Charlotte Michells of Riverhead; 12 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

The Jamesport and Mattituck Fire Departments in which Mr. Biggs was a charter member, held memorial services February 20, at the Reginald H. Tuthill Funeral Home, Riverhead. Funeral services were held at the First Parish Church of Jamesport, on February 21, with Reverend Paul Martz officiating. Interment followed in the Jamesport Cemetery. Members of the fire department acted as casket bearers.

## Dinner To Benefit School Band

Members of the Mattituck-Cutchogue High School Band have been busy this past week selling tickets and making preparations for their fund-raising spaghetti dinner to be held Saturday, February 28 in the High School cafeteria. Patricia Zanieski, student chairman, expects that 600 dinners will be served. Parents of band members and students from the band will be in charge of cooking and serving the dinner, which will consist of spaghetti with meat sauce, cole slaw, bread, beverage and assorted desserts. Tickets are priced at \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. Serving time is from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Like last year, proceeds from the dinner

will go toward expenses for the band's trip to Hamburg, Penna. This will be an exchange program, as the Hamburg band will visit Mattituck in May.

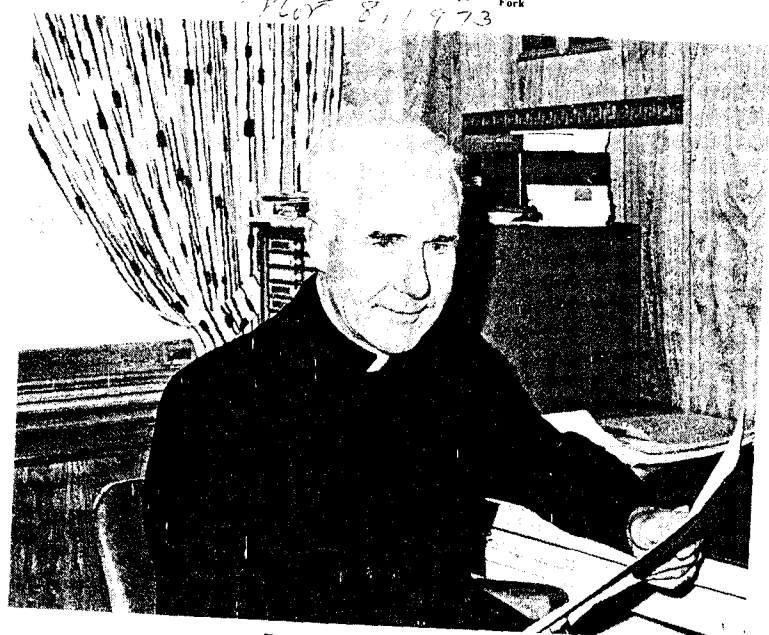
If you enjoy dancing to the big band sound, then plan on attending a gala dance on Friday, March 12, in the auditorium of the Mattituck-Cutchogue High School. The music will be by the High School Stage Band, which will play many of the popular songs from the 40's 50's and 60's. Refreshments, entertainment and a dance contest will be part of the evening's festivities which will begin at 8 p.m. and end at 11 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$3.50 per couple and are being sold by band members.

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Rev. William H. Flaherty

photo by Scott Harris

by Robert Winternitz

The new priest in town, Rev. William H. Flaherty, who took over as Pastor of St. Patrick's in Southold on September 30, feels like a man who has just come home free. Since December 9, 1967 circumstances in his last parish at St. Hugh of Lincoln in Huntington Station have forced him to be much more of a businessman than a priest. With a parish population of 4,200 families, depressed conditions, at the lower levels, inflation, and a 24-room parochial school Father Flaherty found that his chief concern had to be where the next buck was coming from. In spite of three assistant priests he was bogged down by the responsibilities of business management, especially fund raising. More than a couple of times the burning question was to dig up some quick cash to meet the payroll.

Like everything else, however, the pastorate in Huntington had its compensations. St. Hugh of Lincoln sparked many activities in its bailiwick. Almost every night in the week three or four groups would meet in the church, they still do. Father Flaherty got immersed in a variety of basic social and civic problems. He became a member of the Diocesan Commission for Interracial Affairs, served on the Board of Directors of Huntington Freedom House, was on the Community Stabilization Commission and got into housing. He is still a member of the Suffolk County Crime Control Commission. Then there were Diocesan jobs too, like on the priests' pension board and the priests' personnel assignment board. When questioned whether he had assigned himself to this cozy spot in Southold, our man of the church merely noted wryly that there are 16 priests on the board.

It was a "long, long trail a winding" from his birthplace in Brooklyn to the North Fork. His was a church-oriented family where the priest played an important part in the life of the household. So young Bill Flaherty wanted to take orders as far back as he can remember. He went to Cathedral College in Brooklyn and then to St. John's Seminary and the Theological seminary at Niagara University.

After ordination in 1933 he was assistant priest at St. Raymond's Church in East Rockaway till 1939, St. Patrick's in Huntington till 1941 and the Blessed Sacrament Church in Bayside till he was commissioned a chaplain in what was then the Army Air Corps in 1943. Captain Flaherty stayed in the service four years, spending the last year in Germany, where he picked up a pretty fair smattering of the language. Out of uniform in 1947 he was back in a priest's cassock in 1947 temporarily in Kings Park and then the same year at Saint Anthony's in Oceanside. A year later found him at Nativity Church in Brooklyn. Commenting on his frequent moves the other day he said in his seriocomic way, "I decided early in the game there was going to be no little obscure one-inch obituary for me. I was going to give the obit writer something to write about".

Having joined the National Guard, he was called to active service in 1950 for the Korean War. His tour of duty lasted until 1952 and included an assignment in Japan. The years with the military have meant much to Father Flaherty. In fact he stayed in the National Guard until his 20 years were up, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. It is his firm conviction that the service had a great deal to do to promote ecumenism. Clergymen of different denominations were all the same in uniform. A catholic priest made chaplain might report to a superior chaplain who was a Lutheran. So they really got to know each other.

After Korea came eight years as pastor at St. Philip and James at St. James, five years at St. Rosalie in Hampton Bays and two years at Our Lady of Lords in Malverne. This brings us to 1967 and to the last pastorate at Huntington Station before coming to Southold. It was indeed a long, long trail.

An easy outgoing manner and typically Hibernian readiness with a quip is merely the surface coating of an intense and fervent personality. You've never seen a man stand straighter. That's the way he talks too—dead on to the point. No long-winded sermons for him. This man lays it all right on the line.

## Mr. Arbuthnot's Expertise

The cliché was the butt of much of Frank Sullivan's humor, and to convey his jeperies he invented Mr. Arbuthnot, an expert on the timeworn word and phrase. Following is one example of Mr. Arbuthnot's talents, freely excerpted from Mr. Sullivan's "The Busy Cliché Expert," from "A Pearl in Every Oyster," (Little, Brown & Company, 1928; reprinted by Grosset & Dunlap, 1962):

Q. Mr. Arbuthnot, as an expert on the use of the cliché, you are a pretty busy man, aren't you?

A. Mr. Todd, you never spoke a truer word. Half the time I don't know whether I'm coming or going. Why, taking care of my livestock is a man's size job in itself.

Q. Your livestock?

A. Yes, At least once every day I have to beard the lion, keep the wolf from the door, let the cat out of the bag, take the bull by the horns, count my chickens before they are hatched, shoe the wild mare, and see that the horse isn't put behind the cart or stolen before I lock the barn door.

Q. Well, I should think the chores you mentioned would be exercise enough for any man, Mr. Arbuthnot.

A. Oh, that isn't my exercise. That's my work.

Q. What do you do for exercise?

A. I play the game. And hang up records. I sail a little.

Q. A skiff?

A. No, under false colors. I box some, too, hitting below the belt, and I go in for dancing.

Q. What do you dance?

A. Attendance. I am also pretty good at putting my shoulder to the wheel, sticking to my guns, pulling up stakes, and champing at the bit.

Q. What else do you do, Mr. Arbuthnot?

A. Well, let me see. I take into account, I go far enough, I look for support, and I deem it a privilege. I put in an appearance, I get the upper hand of. I bring the matter up, and I let the matter drop.

Q. Mr. Arb—

A. No, hear me out, Mr. Todd. You asked for it. I take to task, I knuckle down, I buck up, level criticism, I venture to predict, I inject a serious note—that reminds me, do you realize why I am not wearing any pearls?

Q. Why not?

A. Swine got 'em. I steal marches, I beg the question, I stand my ground, I turn over a new leaf. When I'm not playing second fiddle, I'm off to Newcastle with coals, or burying the hatchet, or attending to my oil business.

Q. You are in the oil business?

A. Well, rather the troubled-water business. I pour every Tuesday from four to six.

Q. But, Mr. Arbuthnot, in spite of your versatility, there remains one thing you cannot do.

A. I admit it freely. I cannot make head or tail. But I can stew in my own juice. You must grant me that.

And I can shake a leg, and take a firm grip on myself. That's not doing so badly for a cliché expert, Mr. Todd.

Q. I should say not, Mr. Arbuthnot, I'd certainly like to see you sometime when you are doing all those things together.

A. You mean at one and the same time. Well, rest assured, I can do them. I speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

The Chamber of Commerce met for dinner at the Mattituck Manor last Monday evening. The newly elected officers were installed by Judge Martin Suter. They include: president, Henry Drum; vice president, Dale Bergen; secretary, Daniel Fogarty; and corresponding secretary, Robert Shaw. The gavel was presented to the new president by the former secretary - Charles Frazee. A number of discussions were presented such as the reopening of the Love Lane dock; installation of a traffic light on the intersection of Route 27A and Wickham Avenue; the Norris condominium and possible straightening of various turns on the local Main Road.

Mary Mamone, second vice president, conducted the Mattituck Senior Citizens meeting due to the president and first vice president vacationing in Florida, and she did a terrific job. The revised trip to Williamsburg, Va., had been set up to include the following: leave the Mattituck Legion Hall by 8 a.m. and stops at Valley Forge, Pa., Moorestown, N.J., Fredericksburg, Va., historic Williamsburg, newly completed Busch Gardens, sightseeing in Philadelphia and home. Should be a beautiful tour, which will take five days and four nights.

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Father Alfred J. Markiewicz

photo by Mike Richter

The new priest in town, Father Alfred J. Markiewicz, has hardly had a chance to catch his breath since taking over as pastor of Saint Patrick's in Southold on June 20. He preaches his first sermon four days later. Subject:

"June is the month of love, joy and happiness". That afternoon he decided to attend graduation exercises at Southold High School as a quick way to get an impression of the young in the community. He sat in the last row

to be as inconspicuous as possible, but that did not protect him from being tapped on the shoulder and informed that the Minister who was supposed to deliver the Invocation had not shown up and would he substitute. Since the academic procession had already been delayed ten minutes, he had exactly two minutes to prepare.

Fr. Markiewicz was Brooklyn born (1928), bred and schooled. His father came over from Poland and got into the sugar refining business. Young Alfred went to Boys High from 1942 to 1946, when he entered St. Francis College in the Borough Hall area, finishing in three years. During his school and college days he played baseball and basketball and was on the track team, which may have something to do with his excellent posture and physical vigor today.

In 1949 the young man left

Brooklyn to enter the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, where he was ordained in 1953. The next move was eastward to St. Isidore's in Riverhead. Here our man of the church was known as Father Al. Here he served as curate until 1961, when he was switched by the Bishop from parish work to teaching in Uniondale (near Hempstead) at St. Pius X Prep Seminary, an assignment that was destined to lead to many involvements. St. Pius is a college preparatory school for boys who are thinking of entering the priesthood. First Fr. Markiewicz taught Latin and theology. He was also athletic director (a natural), coordinating all sports in the school. Next the young teacher made an important decision: to take a master's degree in guidance at St. John's University in Jamaica. The result was that he became Guidance Director and Assistant Principal at his school, in which capacity he went through the hard years of 1967 to 1969 when youth started to go on a rampage all over the U.S.A. To be sure, this was not the case at St. Pius with a student body of prospective seminarians, but the stresses and strains of the outside world were affecting everybody and everything. Therefore Father Markiewicz comes to the R.C. parish in Southold with long and varied experience under all kinds of conditions as counselor and guide of young people in matters spiritual, scholastic and secular—not to mention athletic.

Interestingly enough, the pastor of St. Patrick's has also been very much concerned with the special problems of senior citizens working since 1961 once or twice a week at the St. Joseph Guest House in Huntington. This should stand him in good stead here with our great and growing population of retirees.

So how does Father Markiewicz feel about things in this neck of the woods? Very optimistic. The parish is still small enough so that the Pastor can get to know his parishioners and work with them. He thinks of himself as a man of God, a man of the church and a man of the community. He is happy about the ecumenical attitude of the local clergy and the ever increasing number of people everywhere who believe that what the world needs is a return to Christ and that we must all return together.

And how does the country around the North Fork impress him? "It's all so beautiful and green and peaceful—especially after years in a city place like Uniondale." May be it takes a new priest in town to remind us of the good things in life that are ours to enjoy—for free.

Intruders entered five temporarily vacant summer homes in Southold and with one exception stole household contents, owners or caretakers of the invaded properties reported to police last week.

Other criminal cases investigated by Southold police during the week included theft of two large boxes of mechanics tools and a ten-ton hydraulic lift from premises of the Murphy Garden Center on Route 25 in Mattituck, and the wholesale theft of four large, inoperative trucks which the owner, Ed Bokina of Route 25, Mattituck, had kept stored on farmland east of Aldrich Lane in Laurel. He was using the trucks for spare parts as needed for other vehicles.

The owner of the garden center, Frank Murphy, told police the missing tools, in boxes two feet long, and eleven by eleven inches, and the hydraulic jack represented a total value of \$500. The theft was reported Monday. Police found no signs of a break into the building in which the tools had been stored.

Mattituck Railroad Station was jam-packed last Saturday morning as parents waved good-bye to their children who took part in the annual train excursion to New York City. Most of these were school children going on teacher-arranged tours, but there were many other youngsters going with family members to see the 1976 Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus. Luckily, the weather was in everyone's favor this year, and judging by the noise and excitement on the return trip, everyone must have enjoyed the day in the "Big Apple."

About 60 of the ninth graders spent their day in the city touring Lincoln Center, dining at the Scandia Restaurant in the Picadilly Hotel and then seeing the popular show, "Pippin". Ed Hanus was in charge of this trip with Mrs. Proferes, Mr. Gibbons and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks as chaperones.

Miss Kathryn Cornell passed away last Monday at her home in Newburg, N.Y. Miss Cornell will be remembered as a sixth grade teacher in Mattituck along about 1914 to 1920. She had been a frequent visitor of Miss Mildred Horton of Cutchogue, who was also a teacher at the same time.

The Mattituck Senior Citizens were treated to a preview of "Up the Down Staircase" at their meeting April 1. Those who saw the performance were impressed with the talent and showmanship of the young people of the Mattituck-Cutchogue High School players.

During the business session Mr. Dandert, president, reviewed items from the Suffolk Senior Citizen "Chipper", published by Suffolk County Office for the Aging. Plans for the future include a five day trip to Williamsburg, Va., May 22-26; a tour of Old Bethpage on June 8 with dinner at the Milleridge Inn; a trip to Lake Waramaug, Conn., September 9, and for the sports-minded, plans have been made for a visit to Shea Stadium June 7.

Riverhead Savings Bank President Howard C. Bokee has announced four new appointments of officer personnel, effective April 1, 1976. Bruce F. Sanford has been appointed to the position of vice president, and Lorraine P. Griffin, Howard A. Reiser and Peter M. Coleman to assistant vice presidents.

## Our Men of the Church



A series of profiles of the religious leaders of the North Fork

May 23, 1974

by Robert Winternitz

Suppose you were a minister in the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) in 1949 in the town of Dunoon on the Firth of Clyde in Argyllshire. Suppose you spoke with a Scottish brogue as thick as these names imply. Then suppose you were being considered for a job in a church in Verdun, Canada, a city immediately adjacent to Montreal. How would you go about it?

No problem for the Rev. Alexander S. Renton, Presbyterian minister in Greenport for the last year. He simply made a record of one of his sermons and sent it overseas to be played to his prospective congregation. They liked what they heard and he got the job. But then Alex Renton, as he is generally known, is an unusual man and comes from an unusual family. When his father, a locomotive inspector, retired it took six people to replace him.

His father was also very serious in his religion, a faithful elder in the church. He never swore, for example; something most unusual for a good Scot-smán. The word, confounded, was the strongest he ever used. Yet it took young Alex a considerable time to find himself spiritually, in spite of the fact that he went to church regularly and took part in all activities of the congregation. Then one day when the boy was 16 it happened. He was in church listening to a visiting divine who suddenly asked all those who were truly Christians to rise. The youngster just sat there in a daze. Presently an elder back of him tapped his shoulder and said, "You didn't get up. Wouldn't you have liked to?" This simple remark catapulted him into an immediate comprehension of his extent of belief. Today Rev. Renton has a highly individual way of putting it. "I believe in a radiant Christ. It is not just a matter of pie in the sky when you die. If you follow him you will find Heaven on earth."

The next step was the realization that he wanted to go into the ministry, but he was also interested in missionary work. So after getting his M.A. at the University of Edinburgh he took teacher's training for a year before studying theology at New College in Edinburgh. This brought him to 1930, which turned out to be a big year. He was ordained and got married and went to India with his wife as a 24-year-old missionary, serving for two years in places with such improbable names as Chingelput, where there was a leper colony, and Conjeeveran, one of the seven holy cities in India. The Rentons' stay there might have been longer had not their older boy been stricken with one of those dreadful oriental infections. They were lucky to get him back to Scotland alive.

with a serious illness. This may have disposed him to be receptive to the suggestion of a fellow clergyman to move to Canada.

Anyhow, the family's American adventure began in 1949. Rev. Renton remained in Canada until he received a call from the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton in 1959. The Rentons had found the Canadian climate increasingly hard to take. You have to be born in Quebec to withstand their ferocious winters. The East End of Long Island has suited them right down to the ground. From an ecclesiastical point of view Alex Renton has found the strong ecumenical movement on both North and South Forks one of the most hopeful modern developments.

Two years ago he retired as minister in East Hampton and moved to Barnes Landing in Springs near Amagansett. But d'ye think you can keep a Scottish preacher from preaching? Better not believe it. For the past year he has been occupying the Presbyterian pulpit in Greenport, making that large high ceilinged church resound with his powerful voice and instilling some of his boundless enthusiasm into the congregation with his hard-hitting sermons.

Seventeen years as minister in the Church of Scotland followed. His first congregation was in the historic town of Biggar. Next he went to Bellshill near Glasgow, an industrial and mining town. It was during the war and all available drugs were preempted by the military. So when Alex Renton got peritonitis after an appendix operation he was literally sent home to die; but he fooled them and went on in 1942 to Dunoon. Here again he had bad luck physically and was stricken



Rev. Alexander S. Renton

## Congregation Honors Retiring Pastor Kermit Jones

April 8, 1976

"The name of the game is rejoice," said Robert Winternitz in his biography of the Rev. Kermit H. Jones published in The Suffolk Times on November 25, 1971, and in his years as a pastor the Rev. Jones has maintained this enlightened philosophical outlook. Further, he is dedicated to the proposition that everybody has his value in the scheme of things, which accounts in some measure for his active involvement with the ecumenical ministries of the North Fork, the congregation and the Lenten School of Religion.

And precedents mean very little in his attitude as a pastor. On a hot summer day he doesn't hesitate to preach in his shirt sleeves and on Communion Sundays, he thinks of the service as one of thanksgiving with "Joy to the World" as the Communion hymn sung by his congregation.

Born in Philadelphia in 1911, he was educated there, at Stony Brook College Prep School, Lafayette College and the Princeton Theological Seminary. His first ministry was at the First Presbyterian Church in

Greenport from 1935 to 1940.

A chaplain in World War II, half of his time was spent in Central Africa with the Air Transport Command. Upon mustering out, the Rev. Jones took over a pastorate in Philadelphia, moved to Levittown in 1960 and on to the North Fork in 1964.

The Rev. Kermit Jones retired on Sunday, April 4, 1976, after more than 40 years in the ministry, the last 12 of them in Cutchogue. And his congregation assembled in the Cutchogue Presbyterian Church parish hall to do him honor with expressions of appreciation summed up by the presentation of a stereo console and a portable color TV for the Rev. Jones and his wife, to take with them to their home in Stony Brook.

Of course retirement isn't going to be easy for this active pastor, but he has expressed his philosophy of happy challenge many times quoting from 2 Corinthians, Chapter 4: "We are handicapped on all sides, but never frustrated; we are puzzled but never in despair; we may be knocked down but we are never knocked out."



Former Justice of the Peace Ralph Tuthill will celebrate his 80th birthday on April 20. Ralph is an active member of the community and rides his bicycle to town at least once a day and sometimes more. Happy birthday, Judge! *Apr 5, 1976*

Friends of the Mattituck Library headed by Mrs. G. Powell, president, has announced a very special musical program to be presented at the library April 11 at 3 p.m. Under the direction of Mark Hill of the Graduate School of Music of Stony Brook, a string quartet will present a number of selections. The noted and renowned participants are Michpo Takoda of Tokyo, Carol McNeely of Marymount, Aspen and Troy Fame; John Ladd on viola of Stanford University, and Nancy Steltman of the Juilliard School of Music. The public is cordially invited.

## Top Students At Mattituck Cutchogue

Apr. 8, 1976



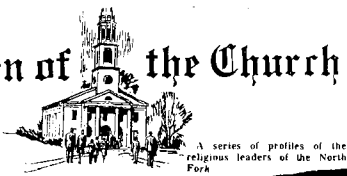
Thomas Arnold, Valedictorian

Bruno H. Brauner, assistant district principal of the Mattituck-Cutchogue High School, has proudly announced the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 1976.

Thomas E. Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley B. Arnold, Albo Drive, Laurel, is Valedictorian and Miss Suzette Witschi, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Witschi of New Suffolk Avenue, Mattituck, is Salutatorian.

Tom has been a superior student at MCHS and a most talented young man in music and athletics. He has been active as a Athlete, the annual variety show, soccer, basketball and

# Our Men of the Church



by Robert Winternitz

*June 20, 1974*

When summer services start at Shelter Island's Union Chapel in the Grove on June 23, at 10:30 a.m. the officiating clergyman, Rev. Theodore C. Bobilin, will be rounding out his 60th year as a Methodist minister. He will be beating the record of his father who was a Methodist minister for 54 years and his grandfather who served in the same capacity 57 years. Incidentally, one of his two sons is also a Methodist minister, currently holding down a professorship in comparative religion at the University of Hawaii. The other son broke away from the family tradition and is president of a big automobile agency in Buffalo, presumably to prove that the Bobilins can do something besides preach and teach.

Indeed they can. One look at Rev. Bobilin's house on Shelter Island which he built himself all but the frame and plumbing and heating, would convince you of that. You'll never see handsomer pine paneling or a more ship-shape job all around.

Our man of the church can look back over an exceptionally long and useful career. He was born in Scranton, Pa. in 1892 but brought up in Buffalo, Rochester, Schenectady and New York City. Methodist ministers are likely to get around, you know. When the boy was five, he was stricken with a crippling attack of polio and spent the next two years in and out of Bellevue Hospital getting special treatments, which in retrospect seem to have been of dubious value. Then, in order to exercise his legs, the boy started to play basketball by himself. The cure worked. By the time he got to Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, he made his class basketball team. In college young Ted Bobilin also met a music major by the name of Charlotte Dochtermann, whom he married a couple of years later. In his practical down to earth manner Rev. Bobilin points out that a minister's wife has to be more than a wife. She is her husband's assistant as well. P.S. They recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

Graduation from divinity school came in 1920 followed by an assignment to the Methodist church in Orient the next year. When the newly ordained minister and his wife showed up at the Atlantic Avenue Station in Brooklyn to buy their tickets for

Orient they didn't know where the place was. Neither did the ticket agent, who yelled to some one in the background, "Heh! There's a couple here wants to get to a place called Orient. Know where it is?" Fortunately the character in the background knew you had to go to the end of the line at Greenport and then arrange for other transportation.

In spite of the confused start, it turned out to be a good move. At the end of a year when the Bishop transferred Bobilin to Brooklyn, the new minister was loathe to leave and promised himself to make it to the East End again some fine day. That did not happen till 1959. For the next quarter of a century he served as minister in Methodist churches in Brooklyn, Islip, Port Washington and Hempstead. Only once was there an assignment away from the Island, and that was in Waterbury, Conn. Then in 1946 the executive phase of his career began, when he was made District Superintendent of all the churches of his denomination on Eastern Long Island from Bay Ridge to Orient. Six years later Bobilin was made executive secretary of the Brooklyn L.I. Church Society. This job was really a double header. It involved supervision of the church's work with young people in the toughest parts of Brooklyn and also the supervision of money raising to build new places of worship. Since 13 churches were built during his tenure, it was no mean job. The job of straightening out tough kids proved to be even more formidable. The other day Rev. Bobilin illustrated the amoral attitude of slum communities by telling the story of a mother bawling out her son as follows: "You know you shouldn't steal that watermelon, but the next time you steal one make sure it's ripe".

So if you want to get anywhere in this segment of society it's better to have your feet on the ground than your head in the clouds. And certainly the approach of our man of the church is nothing if not practical. He doesn't go for fairy tales but likes to take something in religion that baffles people and make it simple. He makes it strictly contemporary too.

In 1958 Theodore Bobilin retired and settled down on Shelter Island. The next year he took over services at the Union

## Bank President Elected To Securities Board

*7/26/74, 1976*



J. H. ROSE

Mr. J.H. Rose, president of Southold Savings Bank, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Institutional Securities Corporation, 200 Park Avenue, New York City.

ISC, organized in 1933, is wholly owned by New York State mutual savings banks and is subject to supervision and regular examination by the State of New York Banking Department. It provides facilities for acquisition and administration of conventional, FHA and VA mortgages via participations, debentures and trusts. Other services include mortgage servicing, nationwide real estate appraisals and inspections, examinations and ratings of mortgage servicers, and sale-leaseback arrangements on savings banks' branch offices. Institutional is an FHA approved mortgage and is a qualified seller of mortgages to both the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Government National Mortgage Association.

Mr. Rose is presently a member of the Savings Banks Association of New York State Committee on Savings Banks Investments and was assistant treasurer of the Savings Banks Association for 1970-71.

First employed by Southold Savings Bank in 1949, Mr. Rose was elected president January 1, 1969. With the exception of four years during World War II with the 9th Air Force, he has been in banking continuously since 1937.

Mrs. Alice Rosenfeld, director of the Mattituck Library, has presented to the Library as her own Bicentennial contribution an Art History Paper on Miss Caroline "Dolly" Bell. The paper is now on display in the Library along with some of Dolly Bell's fine art works. It is an interesting composite showing pictures of Dolly's former Mattituck home, her art studio, excerpts from conversations Dolly had with some of her many Mattituck friends and acquaintances as well as information on "Dolly's Crowd," the people she painted with. Many of Miss Bell's paintings are on loan to the Library, so be sure and stop in to enjoy them this week. *2/76*



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July 1976

by Robert Winternitz

Although Father Rocco Gallitelli, the new priest in town, has spent all his life either in Brooklyn, the gateway to Long Island, or on the Island itself, he never got to Greenport until he came as pastor of the Church of St. Agnes only about a week ago. It certainly is a good example of so near and yet so far.

The North Fork turned out to be a revelation. To him it is one of the last bits of "country" remaining around here. He points out that his last parish in Centereach, where he was assistant pastor at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is now pretty much urbanized. The farms you used to see on both sides of Jericho Turnpike have become one long, almost unbroken chain of supermarkets, eating places, auto shops and other business enterprises.

Activities in churches are on a correspondingly larger scale as you go west on the Island. For example the Con Fraternity Program of religious education in Centereach which Rev. Gallitelli directed was made up of around 2,500 public school students and 185 volunteer teachers. That begins to assume the proportions of a real operation.

To understand this man of the church you must appreciate the fact that he is bilingual. Both his parents were born in Southern Italy and as young Rocco was growing up he heard nothing but Italian at home. In fact, he did not begin to learn English until he went to P.S. 67 in Brooklyn. Fortunately there were kids in his class who came from homes where both English and Italian were spoken, so that he could ask one of the youngsters sitting next to him what the teacher was saying. That is surely going to school the hard way. But it worked. Today not the slightest trace of a foreign accent is discernable.

After P.S. 67 came Boys High in Brooklyn, followed by Cathedral College in the same city and finally Immaculate Conception

Seminary in Huntington, where he was graduated and ordained in 1952 at the age of 26.

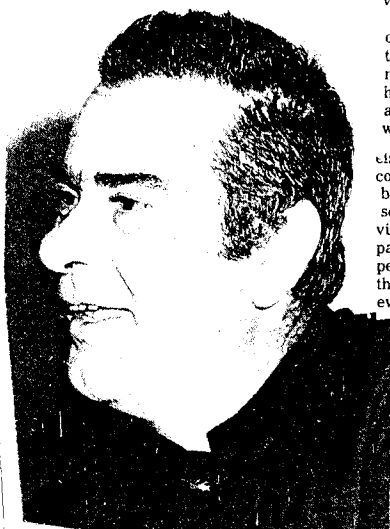
The young priest's first assignment was at St. John Evangelist in Brooklyn near the waterfront. This taught him how the other half lives with a vengeance, because it was one of the toughest spots in the city and conditions were particularly bad then because of the violence engendered by inter-union warfare. It really amounted to that. There were peaceful moments too, such as saying Masses in mission churches to older Italians in their native tongue.

Knowledge of Italian continued to come in handy. In Patchogue, where he spent from 1954 to 1956 at Our Lady of Carmel, there was a predominantly Italian congregation. Then at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Inwood, where he served as assistant from 1956 to 1965, there were a lot of Italian gardeners who worked for the wealthy residents of the Five Towns.

His last post in Centereach, where he went in 1965 and stayed until moving to Greenport the other day, turned out to be another ball game. Here he found a population consisting of a lot of city people who had come as vacationists and weekenders and finally settled down alongside the natives, together with people working for Grumman and other industrial companies. And every year the place of necessity became more of a town and less of a country place.

Referring to the various parishes where he has served, the new pastor of St. Agnes explained that each was "something new leading to something different". He has great expectations for the new job in Greenport. Word of his appointment came to him over the telephone on the 22nd anniversary of his ordination. Previously he had been asked where he would like to go, given a choice, and replied, "Away from the city as far East as possible on Long Island, like Montauk or Shelter Island". So he came very close to calling the turn.

The new priest in town is as informal and outgoing as they make them. It is typical that he asked his assistant, Rev. Paul Dahm, to introduce him as Father Rocco, and in his first sermons last Sunday made it abundantly clear that is exactly the way he wanted everybody to call him—and nothing else but. He then went on to tell the congregation who he was, where he was brought up and educated, where he had served and how glad he was to be in the village of Greenport. A priest's first pastorate must be one of the greatest experiences in his life, and there is no doubt that Father Rocco proposes to give it everything he's got.



ANDREW G. KIRKUP *Mar. 11, 1976*  
Andrew G. Kirkup, a former Mattituckian, died Friday, March 5, 1976, at the Elhjon Valley Nursing Home, San Diego, Calif. He had been living at the home of his daughter, Patricia (Mrs. William) Shipley of San Diego, since 1963.

He was born in Mattituck March 27, 1899, the son of James J. and Miriam Gildersleeve Kirkup. He was engaged in farming and seed raising while living in Mattituck. Later, he and his wife, the former Helen Crosby of Brooklyn, moved to East Orange, N.J., and in 1963 to San Diego. His wife died in 1967.

"Drew" or "Skeebie" as his hosts of Mattituck friends knew him, was well liked and active in the Presbyterian Church, Jr. OUAM, fire department and Literary Association.

He is survived by a son, Miles Kirkup, Storekeeper First Class, U.S. Navy, now in Honolulu; a daughter, Patricia Shipley; a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Reeve of Mattituck; also five grandchildren, Steven, Peter, Eleanor, David and Timothy Shipley, all of San Diego.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 8, with burial in the Greenwood Cemetery, San Diego.

On Friday, March 12, the "Big Band Sound" will fill the Mattituck-Cutchogue High School auditorium. The high school band, as part of their current fund raising projects, will sponsor a gala dance with the music provided by the 21 piece High School Stage Band. The musical styles for the evening will be reminiscent of the big bands of the '40's and '50's with plenty of the "old standards" in the band's repertoire. The stage band was organized three years ago by director, George Lester, and has performed for concerts, civic organizations, the school variety show and last year's dance. Instrumentation in the band is 5 saxophones, 4 trombones, 7 trumpets, piano, electric bass and drums. Proceeds from the dance will go towards meeting expenses for the band trip to Hamburg, Pa. Dancing will be from 8 to 11 p.m. The admission is \$3.50 per couple or \$2 per person. *Mar. 11, 1976*

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Ole Driftwood reports that there were 42 swans in the creek known as the Downs Creek (second bridge) last week. This creek is located just west of Moore's Lane and the swans are visible from New Suffolk Avenue. It must be the mating season because the swans are chasing clammers out of the creek by flapping their big wings at the intruders. The reason given by the expert, ole Drifty, for the big collection is the abundance of marine weed life and the influx of fresh water into the creek from springs. Fort Corchaug was built in his area because the Indians used the springs for their water, according to Mr. Driftwood. *Mar. 11, 1976*

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Mattituck, was the host of the churches of the Mattituck-Cutchogue area as they gathered together to celebrate the World Day of Prayer. The service, written by women of Latin America and presented by women around the world was a moving expression of the plight of our world poor. A series of "dialogues" depicting the common problems of the poor were read. Interspersed with these were readings from the Bible and prayers of intercession. A mixed choir from eight churches led the congregation in hymns of glory and

The Long Island Railroad, known as the MFA, is preparing to replace some defective rails between Cutchogue and Peconic. A small quantity of the rails were stored on the grass at the Cutchogue Station last week pending the arrival of the work crews expected some time in the near future. Aggie Cullison has a bit to say about the railroad also. She reports that seed potatoes have been arriving steadily but two of the trailer cars came through from Maine with plywood nailed over the doors. The temperature in Maine and other states enroute to below freezing and some of the seed was damaged by frost. Government inspectors are examining every bag in the two cars to insure that the local buyers of the seed are getting the number one seed that they paid so much for. *Mar. 11, 1976*



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - On Monday evening, February 23, the Mattituck Chamber of Commerce met at Mattituck Manor. Incoming officers were introduced, left to right, Hank Drum, president; Dale Bergen, vice-president; Dan Fogarty, secretary, and Bob Shaw, corresponding secretary. *Feb. 26, 1976*

Photo by Peter Stevens

# Our Men of the Church



by Robert Winternitz

Dec 25, 1974

The other day the Reverend Charles W. Lee, Methodist minister in Greenport and Orient since June, was asked how and why he became a minister. He replied, "Guess you don't know that my name is Charles Wesley" and explained that he came from a very devout Methodist family and was named after the Charles Wesley, who was co-founder of Methodism and writer of more than 6000 hymns, many of which are still sung.

One of his four older brothers likewise became a Methodist minister, but Charles Wesley is the only one of the five Lee brothers who is still active, the others all living in retirement. "Active" is a pretty good word to describe Rev. Charles Lee. When you conduct services in Orient at 9:30 and in Greenport at 11:00 on Sunday and handle all the other duties and responsibilities for two congregations there is not a lot of time left to sit on your hands.

Our man of the church was born in a little town in Iowa. His father was a lumber man and his mother a very young woman when she was married, only 17 years old. The youngest was brought up in Iowa, Illinois and Indiana and never wanted to be anything but a minister as long as he can remember. He got his preacher's license when he was just out of high school but did not go directly to college. Instead he put in a year at Deerfield Academy in Western Massachusetts, made possible because he could live with his brother, Lloyd, who was ensconced as Methodist minister in a neighboring town.

The freshman year in college was spent at De Pauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, where Lee acted in little theatre productions and made enough of a hit to be urged to prepare for a stage career by a visiting Professor from North Western in charge of dramatics at that school; but he decided that an actor's life was not for him. Then he switched to the University of Illinois, where he took his bachelor's degree in 1933 and entered Union Theological Seminary in New York City in the Fall.

That is not only a great school, but it had some great men on the faculty at that time, like Harry Emerson Fosdick and Reinhold Niehbur. Among other strong formative influences was the young theologian's work at the Church of All Nations, where he served as club leader for four groups: Russian boys, whom he taught basket ball Friday nights, Italian boys Saturday morning, Chinese immigrants Sunday afternoon and a high school boys' and girls' youth fellowship Sunday nights. Work with the Chinese group was particularly unusual because he had to teach his charges English without knowing a word of their native tongue.

It didn't turn out to be an insurmountable problem. He just pointed to an object, like a chair or a table, spoke the word for it loud and clear and signalled to the class to repeat with him until they got it into their mind and under their tongue. What else could he do?

In 1935 he married a girl whom he met back at the University of Illinois who had come East to study at Johns Hopkins Medical School, where she took a doctorate in bio chemistry and went on to a scientific career at Rockefeller Institute and then Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She died in 1971.

Upon getting his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1936, Lee put in two years with Westchester County Council of Churches, where he set up an interdenominational training school. During the Summer he worked at Camp Sloane, Connecticut, and continued for five years.

His career as a minister began in 1938 in New Rochelle, where he served as assistant till he was appointed to his own congregation at Center Moriches in 1941. 1943 found him in South Norwalk, Conn. where he met Don Hamblin, the man he was destined to succeed in Greenport and Orient more than 30 years later. Ministers get around.

In 1950 Charles Lee was transferred to New Hyde Park on Long Island. Here his assistant was Ben Burns, now in the Methodist pulpit at Southold. Incidentally, the Rev. Lee was the officiating clergyman at the marriage of Ben and Maureen Burns in New Hyde Park.

The next assignment brought him to the big city in 1960 as minister of the Bushwick Avenue Methodist Church in Brooklyn and immersed him in the gritty problems of the area, like integration. Thanks in no small measure to an exceptionally understanding and cooperative congregation, the growing black element was absorbed without disturbance of hard feelings. After nine years in one of the most strenuous sections of the big metropolis Rev. Lee went back to Long Island; this time to the Methodist Church in Bellmore. Here he remained in charge until he took over in Greenport and Orient in June. But he was no longer a widower, having married Kathryn Paine, the organist and choir director of his Bellmore church in December 1974.

What sort of a minister is he? What sort of a fellow is he? Well, the fact that his friends call him Chuck ought to give you a clue. He's practical and down to earth, comes to grips with the problems of today dead on and tells it to you "like it is". At the same time he generally hands you a laugh or at least a chuckle. And on social occasions he comes up with one story after another. That nickname is well deserved.

The meeting of the Christian Women's Club was well attended on Wednesday, March 3. There were two substitutes, who were well able to fill the roles they took. Mrs. Minnie Carlson, who is a missionary, was the speaker. Minnie first went to China on the Tibetan border, where she was married. After the Communist take-over, she and her family were sent to Thailand in the northwest section until they were assigned to Bangkok where their ministry was caring for a missionary guesthouse. There she met other missionaries passing through, V.I.P.'s of the governments, military men seeking rest from the war in Vitenam, plus some runaways. Another substitute was the singer, Betty Jean Townsend, who sang beautifully as usual. Ruth Ann Gullakson gave a very practical demonstration on how to decorate a cake.

Plans of the Christian Women's Club include an April luncheon, which will be on the seventh, with Ruth Brown as guest speaker, singing by the group and interior decorating by Lo Stack as the feature of the day. The May specialty will be a Men's Night on May 14, with Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Harris, intelligence officer, of the U.S.S. Pueblo, as the speaker. Music will be by Richard Farmer and a demonstration of Indian jewelry by Julius Cook, a Mohawk Indian. Tickets for this special event are on hand and reservations can be made by calling Holly Butler at 734-7525. 2/11/76

Philip, Jean, and their children, Blake and Gayle Marriner, were in Florida for the Comet Mid-Winters, at which Blake won the "triple crown," in early February. They visited the Miami Boat Show, taking with them two Mattituck friends of Blake, Mike Monahan and Mike Murohiv, both in Blake's sophomore class at Mattituck-Cutchoque High School. The two young men were staying with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy, of Murphy Florist, Mattituck, and Mike's four sisters in Boca Raton. 1/26/76

At the Boat Show they stopped to chat with a young lady who was promoting the summer Olympics at Kingston, Ontario. She was passing out literature on the games and in one of the brochures, who should they spot but Gayle Marriner. Her picture was taken in August, 1974, when she was a spectator and interpreter for the Brazilian delegation at the Olympic Regatta at Kingston. The caption read "East End sailor promotes Olympics."

Boston's Berklee College of Music announces that Trevor E. Davison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Davison of Mattituck, has earned placement on the dean's list for the fall semester of the 1976 school year. Trevor is majoring in Composition and his curriculum includes courses in solo-orchestral performances, improvisation, arranging, as well as courses in the humanities. Upon graduation from Berklee, he will be qualified as a teacher, arranger/composer and instrumentalist.

On Friday, March 12, at Southampton College, Miss Gertrude Koop, 1260 Bay Avenue, Mattituck, was elected president of Beta Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, international honorary society of women educators. She held the office of first vice president the past two years and the past year has been president pro-tem because of the illness of president, Mrs. Jane Eelt, of Wading River. 2/21/76

Tyson Lloyd Hamilton, a lifelong resident of Mattituck, died at Eastern Long Island Hospital on Wednesday, March 10, 1976. He was 71 years old. Born in Mattituck on June 19, 1904, he was the son of Tyson L. and Arabella Wyckoff Hamilton. His mother was a descendant of Peter Wyckoff, one of the early Dutch settlers of Brooklyn.

He was a contractor on the North Fork and built, owned and operated the Bathie Beach cottages for many years. Dorothy He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Corwin Hamilton, a daughter, Marilyn Gatz, both of Mattituck, and four grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon, March 13, in the Church of the Redeemer in Mattituck, the Rev. Charles Baker officiating. Interment followed at Bahay Cemetery. 3/11/76

## TYSON LLOYD HAMILTON

PLANS AUGUST NUPTIALS - Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Steizer of Mary's Road, Mattituck, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie, to Norman A. Reilly, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Reilly, Sr., of Shore Acres, Mattituck. An August 8 wedding is planned. 2/18/76



IF STARFISH WERE PENNIES, baymen would have picked up a fortune last week as they collected the five-armed pests that are eating the baby scallops in the bays. Above left, Bill Tinyes and Jerry Poyerd of Greenport unloading starfish that state Department of Environmental Agents Donald Zacchea and John Hofman (top right) and Conservation Officer William Becker (middle left) are taking for use as compost. Starfish in center has scallop shell with smaller starfish on top. A nickel was placed alongside to show size. story page 2.

## Starfish Harvest Far Outnumbers Scallops

"It's starfish bay out there," said scalloper Peter Wenczel, who brought in four bushels of scallops to 24 bushels of starfish in one day's work this week.

He was participating in the state program to rid the bays of starfish that are feeding on the baby scallops. Two weeks ago the state Department of Environmental Conservation gave baymen one-day permits to take undersized "bug" scallops to keep them from the starfish.

In three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week, the first days that the melting ice permitted the scalloping boats to go out, baymen collected 490 bushels of starfish to 460 bushels of scallops, according to a DEC spokesman, Lawrence Kelly. This week the freezing weather prevented the program from operating Monday and Tuesday.

Baymen consider the present infestation the worst since 1956 when starfish cleaned out oyster beds remaining in Long Island Sound after the hurricane devastation of the early 50's. It was the end of the multi-million-dollar oyster industry in Greenport.

John Plock of the Shelter Island Oyster Company doesn't see the same kind of havoc to the local scalloping business resulting from this year's influx of starfish, because the starfish are predominantly west of Robins Island.

The reason the starfish population is so much greater this season in that area, he says, is that the scallop crop is larger, offering more food to the predators.

The same situation prevailed in Long Island Sound in the 50's when a large population of "coat" clams offered food to the foraging starfish. Ordinarily they would die off from starvation, he said, but the

bumper crop of bug scallops has nourished them.

Mr. Plock's company is using its scallop-opening machine for the small-sized scallops, but is finding it more expensive to operate the automatic opener because double the quantity of scallops must be opened to equal the poundage of the ordinary-sized scallops. Mr. Plock could not venture a guess as to what the price per pound of the bug scallops will be. The company has not received enough of them yet, he said.

The DEC has marked a rectangular area from Cutchogue to Shinnecock, where the infestation seems greatest. Here they grant one-day permits to baymen to take the undersized scallops. The starfish they bring in go to a state experimental farm in Ridge where they are mixed with dead leaves and dirt to rot into compost. "...the only good use anybody's found for a starfish," said Mr. Kelly.

## Admits Mattituck Youth

Douglas G. Stearns, son of Robert D. Stearns, Lt. C. (Ret.) and Mrs. Stearns of Mattituck, was notified by Lieutenant General Sidney B. Berry, Superintendent, United States Military Academy, West Point, that he has been accepted for admission to the Academy with the Class of 1980.

Douglas will receive the equivalent of a full undergraduate scholarship, including room and board, medical and dental care, and monthly pay equal to one half the pay of a second lieutenant in the United States Army. Upon graduation from the Academy he will receive a bachelor of science degree as well as a commission in the regular Army.

Douglas has been an honor student throughout High School and a member of the Honor Society for the past two years. He has played soccer on J.V. and Varsity for four years, was an active member of the Varsity Track Team as well as a representative of Boys' State in the summer of 1975. He has had substantial roles in school plays and the annual variety shows. Further, he is serving

## Northville: Fact Or Fiction



Sign on Route 27 tells motorists they are entering Northville, but in a legal sense there may be no such place in Suffolk County. *March 26, 1976*

Yes, there is a town called Northville, but it isn't in Suffolk County. Not in a legal sense, anyway.

New York State's only real Northville is up in Fulton County, among the Adirondacks, complete with post office and zip code. In a strict sense, any sign pointing to Northville, designates that spot in the Adirondacks, including signs in Riverhead Town, which actually lead a motorist to an area along Sound Avenue known by the same name. By law, no two towns in the state can have the same name. And Riverhead Town's Northville, lacking a post office, town zip code or any municipal buildings or local government, does not appear to have top claim.

None-the-less, there are signs a Northville does exist along Sound Avenue. Some of them are literally signs, like the one on Sound Avenue that informs motorists, "You are now entering the Hamlet of Northville," put up by a near-by Grange. Another sign, placed by

the county public works department, directs motorists on Route 105 to the same spot. Hagstrom's map of Long Island shows a Northville too, at the junction of Sound Avenue and Church Lane. And to people who live in the area, there is no question: It's Northville.

Matthew Rankel, a traffic engineer in the county public works department, said areas don't usually rate signs unless they have a post office. But sometimes, he added, a sign points to a place that seems the logical place a road is leading to. "It's not a black and white thing," he said, noting the department sometimes uses Hagstrom maps in determining sign placement.

Is there, then, a "Northville" within the boundaries of Riverhead Town? It would seem to be a matter of opinion. To a lawyer, there isn't. To a resident, there is. But to a tourist from Northville, Fulton County, those signs could be pretty confusing.

...stage of our High School is busy with activity as a number of our teen-agers are involved in rehearsing for their annual play, "Up the Down Staircase." Among the talented young people at work are Eric Zwinkel, Beth Brauner, Doug Stearns, Clare Hardy, Roger Yorges, JoAnne Zimoski, Paul Brauner, Deoby Corwin, ram Corwin, Sue Young, Mario Tolosa, Charlotte Johnson, Teresa Marangas, Kevin Monsell, Andy Richards, Kevin Lehman, Sue Witchi, Lynn Witchie, Sandy Bohle, Sue Knight, Pat Zeneski. They hope you'll come to see this rollicking play on Friday, April 9 or Saturday, April 10 at the Mattituck-Cutchogue School. *March 26, 1976*



Douglas G. Stearns

his senior class very well as the elected president.

# Retired Master Pilot Retains Love Of Sea

by Jean Mairriner *11/19/76*

How do ships get in and out of the busy harbors in the world? As all neophyte boatmen know—anyone can maneuver a boat in open water. The difficulty lies in successful docking and maneuvering in treacherous currents and narrow, crowded channels. Throughout the world, harbor pilots are called on to perform these difficult tasks for the large vessels that carry passengers and cargo across the oceans.

In New York, the Sandy Hook Pilots are the group who maneuver ocean liners, tankers, freighters and defense ships in and out of N.Y. Harbor. Their training to become Master Pilots capable of handling any tonnage takes 14 long years. The North Fork can lay claim to several of these special men who daily risk their lives in performance of their duties. And one of the most "special of the special" is a long time Mattituck resident, Captain Jules Seeth (Ret.).

Over the dining room mantle in the Seeth home on Mattituck Inlet hangs a framed photo of the nuclear submarine, "Nautilus", autographed by the captain. The photo is one of many mementos of a life at sea collected by Master Pilot Seeth. It represents one of the many unusual days in the life of a New York harbor pilot.

From hanging on ships' ladders over crashing seas waiting to leap onto the pilot's gig—to piloting a tanker loaded with gasoline in a pea soup fog without radar,—it was all part of Jules Seeth's daily work. He spent 45 years bringing the big ships in and out of New York and New Jersey berths. Anyone surveying navigation charts of the N.Y.-N.J. waterways will readily see that to maneuver a large vessel through the many rocks, shoals, and narrow channels requires great knowledge and skill. Captain Seeth was approved for "red letter" work—a special designation approving his piloting of vessels through the Perth Amboy Cut. The Cut is a very narrow channel where tankers and freighters with 100 ft. beams pass each other coming and going, requiring the utmost in piloting know-how. Not only was he singled out for this difficult pilot's chore, but he was also the pilot who brought the Queen Elizabeth into her New York pier on her maiden voyage, March 7, 1940.

Jules Seeth was born on Feb. 27, 1897, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the sixth child of a Sandy Hook Pilot. His own early association with the sea began on Sheepshead Bay sailing a small sloop. His father, George Seeth, had arrived in America from Denmark at a time when N.Y. Harbor pilots used schooners powered by sail. His sailing skills landed him a job with the group who later founded the Pilots Guild.

The Guild became known as "Sandy Hook Pilots" because the pilot boat which transfers pilots to and from the large vessels entering New York Bay is stationed off Sandy Hook, New Jersey. Growing up with a sea-going father, the Seeth boys aspired to follow in his footsteps. A pilot apprentice has to be sponsored by a licensed pilot and Jules' older brother was taken first. This meant that for seven years, until the brother received his first license, Jules' father could not sponsor another pilot. So Jules, after graduating from high school, went to night school to become a naval architect and was apprenticed to the firm of Cox and Stephens.

World War I intervened and Jules enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, spending the remainder of the war in pilot training. When the war ended, his job at Cox and Stephens was waiting but so also was a letter from the Harbor Pilot's Association telling him he could begin training. Feeling obligated to the firm which held a job for him, Jules went back to Cox and Stephens, only to discover after a few weeks that he was not cut out to work indoors.

In 1919, Jules Seeth became an apprentice Pilot and in due course received his first license. Through the next several years, he passed all the subsequent reviews and licensing steps and received the highest license from the U.S. Coast Guard for a Merchant Marine Officer: "Master of Pilot, Steam and Motor Vessels of Any Tonnage—Good for the waters between Fire Island, N.Y. and Barnegat, N.J., including N.Y. Bay and Harbor, Hudson River, East River, Staten Island Sound, Raritan Bay from Sequent Pt. to Wards Pt."

During World War II, the increase in wartime shipping put a great demand on qualified Sandy Hook pilots. Captain Seeth took eleven aircraft carriers through the treacherous currents of Hellgate in the East River and innumerable cargo ships in and out of N.Y. Harbor. Pilots are always "on call" and the more ships, the more the pilots work.

New York Harbor, the largest and busiest port in the world, presents enormous challenges to Harbor Pilots. In his 45 years at sea, Jules only had one close call—and that time he almost sank the pilot boat! It all happened on an early winter morning during the height of the U.S. involvement in WW II. A thick fog hung over the N.Y.-N.J. coast, but because of the urgent need for supplies in combat zones, Captain Seeth was piloting a tanker loaded with aviation

gasoline plus a deck-load of fighter planes to open water so the ship could join the waiting convoy. The tanker had no radar and the fog was so thick that the deck's head was barely visible from the deck house. Jules was proceeding very slowly into open water after having successfully maneuvered the narrow passageways of the inner harbors—when suddenly—a mast appeared dead ahead at the same time the collision occurred! The tanker hit the pilot boat which was not on station but drifting. Fortunately the speed of the tanker was so slow that it just nudged the pilot boat and the impact did not trigger an explosion.

One of the most memorable incidents in a long career took place on August 28, 1958, when Captain Seeth was asked to take the nuclear submarine "Nautilus" from the Brooklyn Navy Yard (where she had been re-fitted after her polar cap expedition) into New York Bay. After leaving the Yard, the Submarine captain received word that Hurricane Daisy was 100 miles offshore and the sea at Ambrose Light (where the pilot boat was waiting to take Jules off) was twenty feet high. The sub captain informed Jules that instead of going home that night he was on his way to New London and that on the way they would submerge under the hurricane and do some testing. The "Nautilus" steamed past Ambrose and Captain Seeth turned the helm over to the sub captain. One hundred miles off-shore they submerged with Jules in the prime spot for observing. After the stint under water, the sub arrived safely in New London and Jules was given the autographed photo of the "Nautilus" which hangs in his home.

Jules Seeth retired from piloting other people's boats in 1963. But his life on the water is never ending. A true sportsman, he particularly enjoys water-related activities—sailing, cruising, fishing—all shared with his much-loved family.

Jules and Mildred Seeth were married in 1928 after meeting the year before at a church supper. The following year, their son Doug was born and Jules bought a summer cottage on Mattituck Inlet. The Seeths spent summers in Mattituck where Doug took to sailing as his father and grandfather before him. Mildred also became a sailor. Jules revived his interest in naval architecture when he and Doug built Doug's first Comet, "Knockdown", which was well known in Eastern L.I. racing circles. Doug grew up and became an excellent sailboat racer and—a Sandy Hook Pilot!

During the summers spent in Mattituck, Mildred and Jules Seeth grew more and more enamored of the east end, spending many happy hours fishing and cruising. They decided to move to Mattituck permanently in 1950, with Jules commuting to his pilot duties. In 1958, with retirement in mind, they found their "dream boat", a 41 ft. staysail schooner which they named "Scot Free," when Mildred, describing their choice of sail over power to a friend said, "The wind doesn't cost anything. It's scot free."

Together in "Scot Free" they cruised the Atlantic Coast for five years and when Jules retired in 1963, they took the boat to Florida for the winters, returning each Spring to their much loved eastern L.I. waters. They discovered during the cruises to Florida that most of their time was spent under power and decided to look for a larger more comfortable boat Doug cautioned his mother, "Don't let Dad buy another old boat." But, as Jules often said, "I have an affinity for old boats," and thus he discovered on the Chesapeake, a beautiful old yacht—originally built for Marjorie Merriweather Post of Post cereal fame.



PETER M. COLEMAN

*Apr 8, 1976*

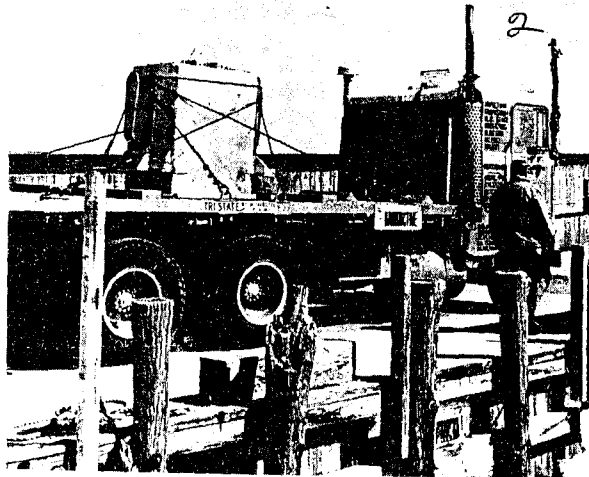
offering home improvement loans this year for the first time in its 104 year history. Mr. Coleman also will be responsible for the development of other new areas of savings bank operations and services.

An alumnus of Mattituck High School and the State University of New York at Delhi, Mr. Coleman also is a graduate of the Storer Graduate School of Banking, the American Institute of Banking and the National Mortgage School.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Coleman is assistant chief of the Mattituck Fire Department, a past director of the Mattituck Community Fund, a member of the Lions Club and a past officer of the Mattituck Presbyterian Church. He is married and the father of three children.

Mothers of youngsters in the four to six year old group—are you aware of the weekly Story Hour held at the Mattituck Library on Fridays at 1:00 p.m.? If you have someone at home between those ages, why not stop in at the library on Friday and let your child be entertained while you enjoy some browsing time on your own. This program has been attended by several kindergarten children who are in the morning session of regular school. Mrs. Rosenfeld, Director of the Library, would also like everyone to be aware of the newest acquisition which is a set of books in large print for the young people who are having eye problems. The shipment is due in this week, so be looking for the new display. *Mar 18, 1976*

# Nuclear Wastes Shipment Provokes Spirited Debate



BOARDING FERRY bound for Connecticut. Truck proceeds up ramp while other passenger cars wait their turn. photos by Scott Harris

The announcement of shipments by public ferry—one a week for six weeks—alarmed people in the area. Many expressed concern about radiation from cargo traveling from the Long Island Expressway to Route 58 and thence along the North Road to Route 25, the rural road which is awaiting designation by the State Legislature as an historic corridor. Town officials had not been notified. "We might have been remiss," admitted Dr. R. C. Anderson, Assistant Director Brookhaven Labs who came out to Southold Town last Saturday to allay the fears of Town Board officials.

He compared the amount of radiation emitted from the specially designed cask with its layers of stainless steel, lead and steel liner with that given off by the luminous dial of a watch.

The reactor at Brookhaven he said is 40 megawatts against the average 1,000 megawatt reactor of a nuclear power plant.

Wastes from the Brookhaven reactor contain no plutonium, the lethal cancer-causing agent, and because of their lower density, contain less heat. The outside surface temperature of the case is 93.2 degrees which is lower than human body temperature. "You can safely play cards alongside it," he said.

Radiation levels taken five feet from the cask can barely be detected, he said. Allowable doses of radiation according to federal regulations are one-half millirem at federal regulations are one-half millirem at County Radiation expert Seymour Becker of Mattituck measured radioactivity of the cask at Orient as "well within allowable limits," according to Dr. Mary McLaughlin, County Health Services Commissioner who also prevailed upon Brookhaven to provide two drivers for the load.

But representatives of local groups, including Riverhead First Committee and the Northville Beach Civic Association, maintain that every additional unit of radiation carries with it some danger.

One man changed his reservations from the 4:30 ferry to the 12:30 one to be in on the excitement, said Mrs. Wilson. Altogether 35 passengers and 12 cars rode with the nuclear shipment.

Some passengers sitting in their cars waiting to board the ferry said they were not comfortable with the knowledge that atomic waste material would be on the same boat with them but that they had come so far to take the ferry that it would be too much trouble to drive around through New York City.

That was the route Brookhaven Labs has used over the last 30 years for the 326 shipments it has sent through New York City to the Savannah River federal reprocessing plant in South Carolina. When the city banned trucks carrying radioactive material from its streets in January the Labs decided upon the alternate route.

"It was a little busier than normal," said reservations clerk Vera Wilson at the Orient office of the Cross Sound Ferry Services Inc.

Three persons changed their plans when they learned of the atomic cargo the ferry would be carrying. Anyone calling for reservations was advised that radioactive material would be aboard.

Or they may adopt the fatalism of 26-year old Bonnie Mann who was driving back to Boston after a visit to her former home in Montauk, "Inching her van in the line towards the ferry, she commented: "The worst thing I can do is get cancer—and that runs in the family."

A flat-bed truck bearing steel-encased radioactive wastes from Brookhaven National Laboratory rolled past potato farms, cabbage farms and the new vineyards in Cutchogue Monday to take its place in line for the Orient ferry to New London.

It had a huge send-off with people carrying placards warning against riding the "nuclear ferry" and "what to do in case of a nuclear accident—kiss your children goodbye."

But it did not seem to deter passengers from boarding the 12:30 p.m. ferry alongside the truck and its 33-ton steel covered cask glinting in the sun.

Lorna Salzman of Friends of the Earth, a New York City group, said her organization feels the Labs should be forced to hire its own barges rather than expose passengers on a public ferry to additional amounts of radiation.

Dr. Anderson who followed the truck in a car with officials from the federal Energy and Research Development Authority said the Labs had considered using barges and coastal freighters and found them prohibitively expensive.

The truck was escorted from the Labs through Brookhaven by County police and met at the Riverhead line by Riverhead police who gave way to Southold Police at the next town line.

Southold Town Police Chief Carl Cataldo said the trip from Laurel to Orient had been without problems. He felt that the curiosity exhibited by people along the way and the carnival atmosphere at the ferry dock will have a good effect in that people will become more aware of problems of disposal of nuclear wastes. "It's waking people up to what's ahead. We have a few years before Shoreham and possibly Jamesport plants are into operation. There's time to think."

At its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, the Mattituck-Cutchogue Board of Education approved the formation of a sailing team for spring and fall competition with other schools and clubs or other comparable groups in the area. The team will be coached by Richard Brooks, a high school science teacher, and it is expected that about 25 or 30 boys and girls will turn out. Competitive sailing will actually be secondary to the objective of teaching boat-handling and water safety in general.

The board also granted a request of the Southold Bicentennial Committee to have the high school band march in the big parade scheduled for July 10. District Principal Roger Burns said the high school is already working on the idea of a float in the parade, and a float representing the elementary grades is under consideration though the lengthy route of the parade might make participation of younger children questionable.

High School Principal Bruno Brauner informed the board that a document of guide lines for staff decisions contains a long-standing provision that only students attending the school for four years are eligible for scholastic ranking in their graduating class. Recently, in another New York State district, the case of a three-year student who was denied the rank of valedictorian was taken to court and the student won.

During discussion it was agreed that any hard and fast rule excluding transferees from honors could be a source of injustice and trouble. It was agreed that Mattituck's policy guide lines should be amended to provide for discretionary latitude. If a case ever arises, the district principal, high school principal, and guidance counsellor are to weigh all considerations, including consultation with the previous school if necessary, before deciding on a ruling that might seriously affect a student's chances for scholarships or employment preference at some later date.

## On Northville

Apr 1, 1976

Your article on Northville: Fact or Fiction was of special interest as it was just the previous day that I was reading extracts of the diary of my grandfather, Andrew Gildersleeve. Back in 1879, when he began putting down daily notes of his activities, there were brief items such as "Went marketing to Northville" other days, marketing to Oregon or Franklinville (now Laurel). Marketing, I believe, was selling groceries from house to house via horse and wagon. A wagon, called a peddle wagon, would cost \$80, a horse \$120, according to his notes.

Even back in the early 1900's, folks spoke of Northville and West Mattituck, meaning a community on the "North Road" (now Sound Avenue) about a mile and half to the west. And West Mattituck had its schoolhouse, lately removed to a site near the Mattituck museum.

There was another Franklinville in the state, so the Long Island one became Laurel. As to Oregon, in bygone years, it was an active farming and social community, with its chapel, a combined general store and post office and a one time sorghum factory, which at times had been used for dances.

Donald Gildersleeve  
Mattituck

## EDMUND J. BELLIS

Edmund J. Bellis, 83, husband of the late Marguerite Turnbull and a 20 year resident of Mattituck, died March 26, 1976, at the Eastern Long Island Hospital. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on July 2, 1892, he was a retired executive of Manufacturers Trust Company. Mr. Bellis was a past member of NFW and American Legion.

He is survived by Marjorie M. DeClue, Bainbridge, N.Y., a niece of Mrs. Bellis; a brother, Arthur J. Bellis, Chula Vista, Calif.; a niece, Mrs. Priscilla Holden, Calif., and a nephew, Stockton Shaw, Minnesota.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Interment was held March 30 in the Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, N.Y., under the direction of the DeFriest Funeral Home, Inc., Mattituck.

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jaan Donatleski reports that the Mat-  
tuck Homemakers will meet April 1  
(tomorrow) at 6:30 p.m. in the Mattituck-  
Cutchogue High School cafeteria for a  
covered-dish supper and meeting. Members  
are asked to bring a covered dish and their  
own place settings. As always, guests are  
more than welcomed. The special program  
for tonight will feature Chief of Police Carl  
Cataldo, who will speak on Police Protec-  
tion. You may recall that Chief Cataldo was  
scheduled to speak at the February  
meeting, which was canceled due to one of  
our many snowstorms. April 1, 1976

# Boy, 12, Accused Of Derailing

A 12-year-old boy accused less than two months ago of casting adrift a 24-foot Chris Craft cruiser and several other craft in Greenport Harbor, last Friday was accused of derailing the locomotive of a Long Island Rail Road train by tampering with a track switch on the line approaching Greenport Station.

Greenport Patrolmen Joseph Rhodes and John Schott responded at 7:40 p.m. on Friday to a report that the train had gone off the tracks at the Fourth Street grade crossing. They were informed by trainmen that the switch the train had just gone through appeared to have been tampered with.

Only the locomotive left the track, and it remained upright, although it sustained some damage and part of the track was torn up by the derailment.

Two youths noticed near the scene were questioned after witnesses said they had

been placing objects on the track some time before the train was due to go by. Presumably they had tried to flatten pennies by placing them on the line for the engine to run over.

After being questioned the pair were released.

Later the same night, after an investigation, Patrolman Schott, Patrolman Clarence Goldsmith, two LIRR detectives and members of the Seventh Detective Squad picked up the two youths again. On further questioning one of them admitted to shifting the switch, police said.

The next day the 12-year-old was processed and charged with reckless endangerment, criminal tampering and criminal mischief. He was released in his mother's custody for an appearance at a later date in Family Court, where the case involving release of the boats also is pending.

Charged with physically harassing Joseph Magusic, 73, at his home on Tuckers Lane, Southold, and demanding from him \$600 as compensation for damages incurred in an automobile accident last October, Clement J. Charnews, 21, of North Bayview Road was arrested by Southold police on the evening of March 31.

## Laying Groundwork For Mattituck History

In this Bicentennial year of 1976, the Friends of the Mattituck Library have embarked upon a project which probably will not be completed before the year is out, but should be of enduring interest and value to Mattituckians for many years to come.

The organization's objective is to provide a sequel to the late Reverend Dr. Charles E. Craven's "History of Mattituck", published in 1906 and now a collector's item... The contemplated up-date would treat of the outstanding events, developments and personalities of the on-



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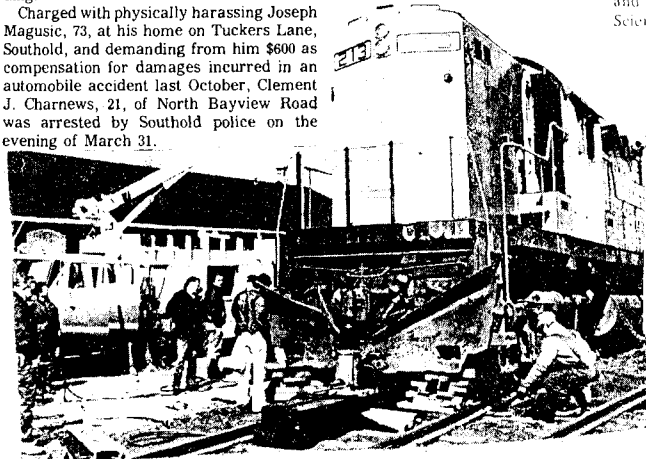
going 70 years. The group, which has sponsored many cultural activities in association with the library, selected former Justice Ralph W. Tuthill, Sr., and J. Stanley Parkin to serve as a committee to set up guide lines and lay the groundwork for the project.

They would welcome suggestions and information from Mattituck residents. There must be a very substantial input of factual data as well as considerable voluntary assistance if the contemplated history is to present a true and accurate record of Mattituck through the years.

Suzette is an outstanding young lady who, along with her excellent performance in scholastic work, has been a great help in extra curricular activities. She has spent four years devoting much time to the Mattituck school newspaper, The Expression, school literary publication, The Reflector, senior yearbook, and this year as editor of The Reflector. Further she had played on the tennis team throughout high school and was a member of the annual variety show cast for all four years. She has had substantial roles in the junior-senior play for the past three years and has been a Mathlete the past two years. She is active in the student council and the National Honor Society.

Suzette was accepted to Cornell University on early decision last fall and plans to major in the Biological Sciences.

There were a number of fires last week for our able and willing firemen to take care of. The first was Monday morning at the McGowan-Meany residence on Peconic Bay Blvd. where extensive damage was done to the interior of the home. Also on Monday evening a chimney fire at the King residence on Aldrich Lane, little damage. On Wednesday, was a brush fire on Route 25A and Mill Lane. On Friday, another brush fire on New Suffolk Ave.



Bel Kaufman's comedy, Up the Down Staircase, will be presented by the Mattituck - Cutchogue High School players on April 9 and 10 at 8:15 p.m. in the school auditorium. Admission on both nights is \$1.50. Tickets will be on sale at the door or may be reserved by calling 298-8460.

The action of the play centers on life in a large city school with its inevitable clashing of diverse personalities. The audience is caught up in

the fast paced swirl of constant turmoil, endless crises, and outbursts of genuine comedy that is characteristic of a teen-age school. At the center of the turmoil is Sylvia Barrett, a young teacher hoping to lead her mostly underprivileged pupils to learning.

The role of Sylvia is sensitively portrayed by Beth Brauner, with Dave Boutcher as Paul Barringer, a fellow teacher, Roger Yoerges as J.J.

McHabe, the assistant principal; Doug Stearns as Joe Ferone, a defiant pupil; Claire Hardy as Bea Schacter, a teacher whom all the kids call "Mom"; and Teresa Marangas as Alice Blake, a student who is infatuated with poet Paul Barringer. Twenty-four additional performers round out the strong cast.

The play is under the direction of John O'Hare and Mrs. Helen Brush.

MRS. HAROLD REEVE, SR.

Mrs. Harold R. Reeve, Sr., a lifelong resident of the North Fork, died early Monday morning, April 12, in the Eastern Suffolk Nursing Home, Greenport, where she had been a patient for about two years.

The former Edith Penny, she was born on March 13, 1887, in Peconic, the daughter of George L. Penny and Emma Squires Penny. She was graduated from Riverhead High School and attended Pratt Institute, Brooklyn. She was married to Harold R. Reeve of Mattituck on January 5, 1911, and they lived for some 60 years in the house built for them on New Suffolk Avenue in Mattituck. They observed their 60th wedding anniversary in January of 1971, shortly before Mr. Reeve's death on March 29 of that year.

Surviving are a son, Laurence P. Reeve of Mattituck, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews. A second son, Harold R. Reeve, Jr., died in 1972.

A quiet-spoken, ever helpful person, devoted to home and family, Mrs. Reeve had a number of community interests in earlier years, including the Mattituck Presbyterian Church and its women's organizations.

Services were conducted at the church yesterday, Wednesday, at 2 p.m. by the pastor, Reverend Frederick Hammel. Interment was in New Bethany Cemetery. The family had requested that flowers be omitted, suggesting instead memorial contributions to either the Eastern Long Island Hospital or the Central Suffolk Hospital.

Mattituck Fire Department

The Mattituck Fire Department elected officers at their annual meeting, April 8. Henry Rutkoski was elected Chief. Peter Coleman was elected First Assistant Chief. Norman Reiley, Sr., was elected Second Assistant Chief. John Keogh was elected secretary; John Harrison was elected treasurer; Frank Tyler was elected sergeant-at-arms. Carl Stelzer, Sr., was chosen as the department's chaplain.

Elected company officers include: Engine Company No. 1; Chief, Stanley Staron; First Lieutenant, Norman Reily, Jr.; Second Lieutenant, James Lessard. Engine Company No. 2; Chief, Robin Carr; First Lieutenant, George Woodhull; Second Lieutenant, John Harrison. Engine Company No. 3; Chief, Gregory Tyler; First Lieutenant, Felix Bialeski; Second Lieutenant, Gary Dinizio. Hose Company No. 4; Chief, Melvin Hansen; First Lieutenant, Clarence Bennett; Second Lieutenant, John DiVello. Fire Police Company No. 5; Captain, Victor Lessard; First Lieutenant, Frank Tyler; Second Lieutenant, John Ashton. Engine Company No. 6; Captain, Karl Axelson; First Lieutenant, Carl Stelzer, Jr.; Second Lieutenant, Peter Doherty.





*Apr 15, 1976*

## PIKE REPORTS from Washington

About the year I was born, a poet named T. S. Eliot was writing:

"April is the cruellest month, breeding  
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing  
Memory and desire, stirring  
Dull roots with spring rain."

There was some spring rain in Washington last week, and Congress stirred. Slightly.

Up until last week it was already:

- National Artichoke Month (April 1 - 30)
- National Automobile Month (April 1 - 30)
- National Home Improvement Month (April 1 - 30)
- Sanitation Concepts Month (April 1 - 30)
- National Laugh Week (April 1 - 10)
- Let's All Play Ball Week (April 3 - 10)
- Defensive Driving Week (April 4 - 10)
- Harmony Week (April 4 - 10)
- National Boys Club Week (April 4 - 10)
- National Library Week (April 4 - 10)
- Week of the Young Child (April 4 - 10)

In addition to these marvelous months and worthy weeks, there were the following delightfully deserving days:

### KATHRYN MILLS CORNELL

Kathryn Mills Cornell of Newburgh, N.Y., died there on Monday, March 29, 1976. She was 81 years of age.

Daughter of the late Walter and Frances Mills Cornell, she is survived by a sister, Mary F. Cornell of Poughkeepsie.

She had taught school in Mattituck for

- Metric Day (April 7)
- Food Day (April 8)
- Commodore Perry Day (April 10)
- On Monday, it being election year and all, the House voted on and created the following:
- Thomas Jefferson Day (April 13)
- National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year (All year)
- Employ the Older Worker Week (March 13 - 19)

National Family Week (Week including Thanksgiving)

As we voted on National Family Week, the devil got me and I voted "no". I hope anyone who's a member of a family will understand. Mine will. Families are O.K., if you like 'em, but enough is enough. After voting for Thomas Jefferson, more Highway Safety and Older Workers, I came home and took it out on the family. Maybe because, looking ahead, I saw that the World Cow Chip Throwing Championship wasn't until April 21 - 24 and Congress seemed to be jumping the gun.

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many years prior to her retirement.

Graveside services will be announced at a later time. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery at Newburgh. Donations may be made to the Town of Newburgh Volunteer Ambulance Corps in Miss Cornell's memory.

*April 22, 1976*

## D-Day For Klipp House

The final lunge of the bulldozer brings down the kitchen and back portion of the house that has stood at 236 Main Street for 145 years. The deadline set by the North Fork Bank and Trust Company for saving the landmark was April 12, by which time no one had come forward to act on any of the bank's proposals, and the wreckers were ordered out.

Story and photos on pages 16 and 17.



## Burkhardt Slams Three Home Runs

Home runs in scholastic baseball are generally pretty few and far between — a player does well to hit three a whole season. So it was quite a feat last week when Jerry Burkhardt, Mattituck's talented junior second baseman, smashed three in one game. It occurred in Mattituck's opening League Seven game as Coach Lee Ellwood's Tuckers crushed Eastport by a wide 19-5 margin. Rick Polecki was the beneficiary of his teammates' 15 bit assault on a pair of Duckling pitchers with John Wilcenski and Scott Carozza also bashing home runs for the victors.

Cutchogue has been quietly busy in the last few weeks preparing for the Bicentennial summer. A large group of young women have designed a quilt depicting historic scenes of Southold Town. The sewing of the scenes on squares of about 18 inches will be completed by the end of April. Then another group of young ladies will take over and join them together along with other squares of appropriate colors. Then the backing and other sewing necessary will be done. The entire quilt should be finished by the end of May. The scene from Cutchogue will be an interior room of the Old House. There are at least 25 ladies involved in this project and they are expert. The quilt material is being financed by the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Chamber of Commerce for that portion that has not been donated by others. The quilt when finished will be raffled off sometime before Labor Day. It will be on display in various places throughout the township during the summer. It will be a work of art with an estimated value of over \$2,000 dollars. The ladies are donating their time and effort to this wonderful work.

## Tuthill Graduated From Banking Session

Austin B. Tuthill, Mattituck, assistant vice president of the North Fork Bank and Trust Company, recently graduated from the 1976 spring session of the American Bankers Association's National Commercial Lending School.



AUSTIN TUTHILL

Mr. Tuthill attended a two week resident session held at the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education at the University of Oklahoma, Norman. The course, which was sponsored by the ABA's Commercial Lending Division, concentrated on both the "how" and "why" of credit-granting decisions and asset management and featured lectures by banking industry leaders, case studies and discussion groups. Mr. Tuthill was one of some 300 men and women bankers who graduated from the national school.

All was not in vain on that very cold day back in early March when Richard Brooks took his ninth grade Earth Science class on a field trip to study weathering, erosion and water currents and ended up throwing a dozen soda bottles with enclosed messages into Long Island Sound at Goldsmith's Inlet in Peconic. Last week a very nice letter was sent to the class from Mrs. Faustyn Wnuk of 55 Hillhurst Avenue, New Britain, Conn., who found the following news item in her paper the New Britain Herald on March 27, 1976:

"Warm weather trips to the beach can be memorable occasions, but three local 10-year-old girls will remember a March visit there...they'd gone down to Westbrook with Atty. Joe Cianci, father of one of the trio, and were walking along the edge of the water when they found a bottle near shore...there was a message inside from a high school boy in Mattituck, N.Y....he explained his ninth grade class was doing an earth science project and had dropped the container into Long Island Sound on March 15...he hoped whoever found the bottle would return the card enclosed...the girls who did send it back are Natalie Cianci and Debbie Senk of Lincoln St. and Bonnie Bisson of Colt St."

Small World Department. This bottle and its message were thrown into the water by Don Kubaeki. An interesting notation is that Mrs. Wnuk is the former Bertha Blasko, whose brother Chet lives across the street from Mr. Brooks.

# Judge Tuthill

One of Mattituck's busiest and most useful citizens observed his 80th birthday this past Tuesday. He spent a goodly part of the anniversary date on the driver's seat of a tractor, pulling a three-bottom plow through prime potato land bordering on Elijah's Lane. *April 22, 1976*

However, former Judge Ralph Wells Tuthill's octogenary did not pass unnoticed. Neighbors and other friends remembered him with congratulatory messages, and there was a happy family gathering on Saturday at his Wickham Avenue home. The senior member of the Tuthill clan present was Ernest Tuthill, who was 94 last December; the youngest was two year old Amy Davis, a great granddaughter. In between were sons, daughters, brothers, grandchildren, nephews and nieces, numbering in all 29 persons.

The one-time Justice of the Peace and Southold Town Board member was born April 20, 1896, in a house on Elijah's Lane which his grandfather, Elijah W. Tuthill, moved from the Main Road behind a team of oxen. His parents were George B. and Carrie Case Tuthill. The family tree is deeply rooted on Long Island and in New England, going back to the founding of Southold in 1640 and of Connecticut in an earlier year.

As a teenager, Judge Tuthill attended the Mattituck School and worked on his father's dairy and field crops farm, now owned and operated by his nephew and occasional employer, John Tuthill. During World War I, he served in the U.S. as an enlisted seaman aboard the transport Martha Washington and worked one of the guns which sank a German U-boat off the coast of France. He returned to Mattituck and farming when the war ended.

After running the family farm for some years, he and his wife, the late Laura Fanning Tuthill, in 1947, bought the Nathaniel Tuthill farm, operating it as a dairy with more than 100 head of stock and raising hay, pasture corn for ensilage and potatoes on 125 acres of land. A partner in this enterprise was their son, Ralph, Jr. They installed modern pasteurizing and homogenizing equipment and supplied retail delivery routemen with bottled milk until the farm was sold in December, 1966.

During approximately the same period, from 1946 until the end of 1967, Judge Tuthill served as local magistrate and town board member, handling thousands of criminal and civil cases and taking an active part in town government. He was first named to the office to fill a vacancy created by

the death of Judge Oliver Case and was reelected at successive town elections until his retirement after nearly 21 years of service. He recalls the post paid \$1,200 a year at the start, by 1967, the salary had been increased to \$5,700 annually.

During the early years, court was held in his home and Mrs. Tuthill functioned as his unpaid assistant. Later, he had secretarial help and some court sessions were conducted in the Peconic Schoolhouse. He presided over a wide variety of actions, including preliminary hearings in several homicides, and despite his lack of formal legal training, was never reversed on a decision by a higher court.

After his retirement from farming and public office, the Tuthills built a pleasant but modest home on land they withheld from the sale of the farm. It overlooks scenic Wolf Pit Lake, which they gave with surrounding wooded property to the Mattituck Park District. This small and beautiful park is now the winter playground of the younger members of the community.

Judge Tuthill's list of credits as a community worker and organization member is long and varied. He put in 15 years on the Mattituck Board of Education and was a trustee at the high school was built in the mid-1930's. During World War II, he served on the local OPA board in charge of rationing. More recently, he was president of the board of trustees of the Mattituck Free Library and president of the Mattituck Historical Society. He also has served as commander of the Raymond Cleaves Post of the American Legion and elder and treasurer of the Cutchogue Presbyterian Church. He is currently on a Friends of the Library Committee which has taken on the job of updating the Craven History of Mattituck.

Judge and Mrs. Tuthill observed their 55th wedding anniversary shortly before her death last December 26. There are four children: Ralph W. Tuthill, Jr., of Mattituck, Dr. Deane F. Tuthill, agronomy professor at the University of Maryland and a resident of College Park, Md.; Mrs. Lois M. Herr, Carbondale, Ill., and Mrs. Shirley J. Bean, Adelphi, Md. Twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren fill out the family circle. There also are three brothers, Ernest and Raymond Tuthill of Mattituck and Jay Tuthill of Clearwater, Fla., and Cutchogue.

In dedicating its 1967 yearbook to Judge Tuthill at the time of his retirement, the Southold Town Police Benevolent Association cited him "for his untiring efforts to serve, his compassion for the people who came before him and his many years of service to the Township of Southold."

Today, at the age of 80, the "judge" is a sort of elder statesman in his home community and town - an active, healthy senior citizen whose counsel is often sought and freely given, who participates wholeheartedly in civic affairs, rides a farm tractor or three-speed bicycle with equal expertise and is unquestionably "a man for all seasons" on his native North Fork.

## Vandalism Reported

Southold police last week investigated a half-dozen cases of criminal mischief in which vandalism caused damage totaling more than \$650. *Apr. 29, 1976*

Three of the cases involved windows shattered by rocks or other missiles. In two of the cases BB pellets fired from a gun or slingshot were suspected.

Philip Reinhardt of Pine Neck Road, Southold, told police someone had shot out three windows at his home, possibly with BB pellets thrown from a sling shot. He estimated the damage at \$18.

On Saturday John Lee of Laurel Lake, Mattituck, reported someone during the past two weeks had caused damage to his home by hurling rocks at its windows. Two windows, one a thermal pane in a sliding door, were broken at a loss of \$200, he reported.

Julius Jutner of Westview Drive, Mattituck, told police rocks and possibly BB pellets from a gun had damaged the front door and a bedroom window at his home, at a cost of \$75 for replacement.

Last Thursday Lois Callis of Paradise Point Road informed police that vandals had knocked down and damaged the mailboxes and newspaper delivery boxes at three homes in the area. The loss was fixed at \$75. *Apr. 29, 1976*

Stephen S. Sledjeski, son of Helen A. Sledjeski of Mattituck and the late Stephen A. Sledjeski, recently received the degree of doctor of philosophy in educational measurement and evaluation and in mathematics from the University of Florida, Gainesville. Dr. Sledjeski is an alumnus of Southold High School, the Buffalo Diocesan Preparatory Seminary and St. Bonaventure University. He is now employed as an assistant professor at the University of Florida, where he is conducting research at the university's laboratory school. *Apr. 29, 1976*

## WILLARD HEGGEN *Apr. 29, 1976*

Willard J. Heggen, Mattituck, died at Eastern Long Island Hospital on April 21, 1976, at the age of 73. Born in Iowa, he graduated from Harvard. He spent all his business life in New York City and at the time of his retirement was executive vice president of Compton Advertising, Inc.

He is survived by his wife, Lorna. Graveside services in Cutchogue Cemetery were private. Memorial contributions may be made to Eastern Long Island Hospital.

The French Class of the Mattituck-Cutchogue School went to France and Switzerland also over the holiday. They left on Friday and arrived home on this past Saturday. They were chaperoned by Mrs. Profers and Mrs. Bohn, both French teachers, also Mr. Bruno Brauner, the assistant principal. *Apr. 29, 1976*

The Mattituck Senior Citizens Bowling League held an outing last Wednesday at the Pequash Club House. A covered dish dinner was enjoyed and especially the huge old black kettle of clam chowder made over the fire place. 43 attended with indoor sports such as cards and dancing to the accordion music by John Fuyalowski. On the outside the men played darts and horse shoes. A real fun game brought forth much laughter when the ladies held a swap and shop. The day was beautiful and many walked the beach.

At its annual meeting Tuesday the Mattituck-Cutchogue School Board had the rather singular experience in recent years of being applauded by taxpayers for its efforts to keep the budget in line with other districts in the area. *May 6, 1976*

School board president Vincent Bialeski, compared the increase in tax rates for Greenport, Southold and Mattituck-Cutchogue districts. Greenport with 870 students has an estimated tax rate for the next year of \$14.85 per \$100 assessed valuation; Southold with 975 students estimates its tax rate will be \$12.35 and Mattituck-Cutchogue with 1400 students figures its tax rate at \$9.50 per \$100 assessed valuation.

But, says Harold Carr, administrative assistant for finance for the First Supervisor District, when asked about the three districts, the magic words are "assessed valuation."

Greenport School District doesn't have the same tax base as Southold or Mattituck-Cutchogue, points out Mr. Carr who is a Mattituck resident and former teacher in the Mattituck school. Southold and Mattituck have more empty land and more highly taxed waterfront property. There is therefore more value behind each student.

Each of the districts is trying as hard as it can to provide the best services with the money it has, said Mr. Carr. He pointed out that Southold lost Cutchogue student tuition when the districts of Mattituck and Cutchogue merged and the consolidated district encompassed more high tax land per child. Whatever the explanation, residents of the Mattituck-Cutchogue district seemed pleased with what they saw in the budget presented at Tuesday's meeting. The turnout was relatively small for the district, perhaps 75 persons, which to educators is a sign that people are satisfied.

One question heard for several items throughout the budget was that expenditures for equipment had been reduced. "As a housewife," said a woman in the audience, "I know that if I have more children sitting at the table, I have to spend more on food."

"But we don't have them for three meals a day every day and for snacks," commented school board member William Midgley. He said the school had made some purchases of major equipment which they expected they would not have to replace for sometime to come so could reduce their expected expenditures.

One man hoped to extract a promise from the board that the district wouldn't grow any bigger and perhaps might even get smaller, as is the case in western Suffolk and Nassau.

The East End has not experienced this crest yet, said Mr. Midgley. The growth rate in the Mattituck district is still about five percent. The school will increase by 70 students—almost three full classrooms—by September. The school board keeps up with the development of new subdivisions and accommodates to the increased numbers of schoolchildren as necessary, he said.

The largest portion of the budget, as always, he pointed out, is teachers' salaries and employee benefits on which the district has a slight edge, he said in that the contract signed after the merger of the two districts provided for teachers salaries to come up to the average in the area by the end of three years.

B.O.C.E.S. came in for a minor share of complaints with one questioner asking why auto repairs, cosmetology, data processing and such had to be included in curriculum today when they didn't have such things "when I went to school."

# Mattituck-Cutchogue Budget Exceeds \$3 Million

*Apr 29, 1976*  
 Proposed appropriations for the Mattituck-Cutchogue School District, as listed in the tentative budget for the 1976-77 school year, exceed \$3 million for the first time. The aggregate amount is \$3,235,972, up \$244,815 or about 8 percent from the \$2,991,157 appropriated for the current school year.

If the new financial program is approved in its present form by the voters next week at the annual district meeting, the amount to be raised by taxes will be \$2,252,172, an

increase of \$296,170, or approximately 15 percent, over the 1975-76 district tax levy of \$1,956,302.

The projected tax rate is \$9.585 per \$100 of assessed valuation this being based on an estimated total assessed valuation of \$23,500,000 for the district. The comparable rate for the past year, figured on a tax base of \$22,507,165, was \$8.69 per \$100. The presumptive increase of 89.5 cents per \$100, or \$6.95 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, would mean a district resident owning a home assessed at

\$5,000 would pay \$44.75 more in school taxes this coming year.

A portion of the rise in the net budget is attributable to a reduction in estimated revenues, including the general fund balance to be carried over. The total is \$1,023,500, against the year-ago estimated income figure of \$1,074,855. Gross state aid is up, however, from \$553,379 to \$595,000, as is non-resident tuition, from \$130,000 to \$185,000. BOCES aid is down about \$10,000 but the big difference is in the balances for the two years - \$60,000 this year compared with \$212,000 a year ago.

The bulk of the increase in gross appropriations represents mandated expenditures and contractual obligations which the district's economy-minded board of education was powerless to change, according to Roger G. Burns, district principal, as an example, a student population expected to approximate 1,400 in September, an increase of about 70, will necessitate three additional teachers. Salary increases provided for teachers and other employees under contracts signed a year ago are a major factor, as are associated increases in employee retirement

social security and hospital-medical benefits.

Copies of the proposed budget were mailed out yesterday to all registered voters of the district. It will be reviewed item-by-item at the annual budget hearing in the high school auditorium on Tuesday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. Voting on the budget, together with the election of three district trustees, will take place in the auditorium on Wednesday, May 5, between the hours of 2 and 8 p.m.

The preface to the budget reads in part as follows: "In three short years, the Mattituck-Cutchogue School District has earned a reputation as one of the finest districts in Suffolk County. The 1976-77 budget represents a commitment to maintain this quality educational system without sacrificing its sound fiscal position. This is a budget that supports the district's strong belief in basic education, stressing the teaching of fundamental skills. These basics are augmented primarily in the junior and senior years with a carefully selected range of meaningful electives designed to stimulate students and to permit them to apply their knowledge."

## MATTITUCK-CUTCHOGUE

3-year terms (elect 3)

Cynthia Ackroyd

vs

Peter E. Swahn

John J. Dabrowski  
(unopposed)

Donald Langan  
(unopposed)

Budget (Proposition 1)

Library (Proposition 2)

*May 6, 1974*  
 201  
 336  
 474  
 467  
 for 338 against 253  
 for 336 against 246

## LAUREL

Budget

John McNulty  
(Trustee)

for 30 against 1  
 30

## Mattituck Library Conducts Forum

*May 6, 1976*  
 In these uncertain times, possibly advice from an expert might give us a much needed lift and lighten our pocketbooks as well. Edward Madden of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith will conduct a forum at the Mattituck Free Library entitled "Investing for a Changing Economy". His program will include information on the current economic conditions, personal objectives in investing, where the stock market has been and its prospects for the future, bonds, common stock and Dow Jones indicators are but a few of the investment terms that he will discuss and explain. The forum will be held on May 18 at 8 p.m. at the library. The public is cordially invited and coffee will be served.

The library will welcome Head Start children for the first time. The first visit will be on May 18 and the second June 21.

Our first books in large print for children with visual problems have been placed on the shelves. They have already been circulated and the library will purchase more. Our books in large print are a gift from the Mattituck Lion's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Dickerson and children, Jim, Tom and Patti drove to Rochester, New York over the weekend to visit their son, Bruce, a freshman at Rochester Institute of Technology. Bruce is studying engineering. In September, brother Jim will enter the freshman class at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York.

The community wishes the best of luck to Danny Guyton who left for basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, on April 29.

Mrs. Marion Rahrbaeh of Huntington spent the day Friday with her sister Mrs. Allyn Tutthill.

Irwin Tutthill had the misfortune last Friday of catching a two legged fish. He caught a fish hook in his ear, bait and all. Dr. Richards soon cut the hook and dislodged it. Rather a painful and bloody ordeal. Better luck next time "Tut".

Brian Monsell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert K. Monsell, Jr., Mattituck, and a freshman at Tusculum College, Greenville, Tenn., has been cited by the college for outstanding academic achievement during the winter 1976 quarter. Monsell, a graduate of Mattituck-Cutchogue High School, was named to the Tusculum College Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List a student must attain a B-plus (3.25) average in an academic quarter while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours.

The Pony Express rode again last Saturday afternoon when costumed Jon Paul and Paula McGlynn, each riding from home base to meet at the central location of the Cutchogue Village Green, exchanged letters from their classmates at their respective schools. It marked the finale of intricate plans for their mutual Bicentennial breakfast, plans that had started weeks ago.

Communicating only by letters as the Committees of Correspondence did in 1776, 60 kids in the seventh grade English classes of Mattituck-Cutchogue School and Southold Middle School have patiently researched and planned a cooperative Bicentennial breakfast to be held at the Mattituck school grounds on Saturday morning, May 8, and learned the correct form for letter-writing while they were exchanging ideas.

A car operated by Ellen Neville, 28, Main Road, Mattituck, on May 2, failed to yield when crossing Route 27, Peconic, and struck a car driven by James Faucon, 17, Main Road, Southold. Passengers in the Neville car, Alice Pollard, 7, Mattituck, Ann Kelly, 32, and Iris Kelly, 8, both of Brooklyn, were taken to the ELL Hospital by police for treatment of minor injuries. Both cars were removed by wrecker.



LETTERS FROM THE TWO CLASSES are exchanged by Jon Paul and Paula McGlynn from Southold - riders of the Bicentennial Pony Express - at the Cutchogue Village Green, the central point in the distance between the Mattituck and Southold schools.

# Mitchell's

May 6, 1976  
by Barbara Dorman

Mitchell's...a restaurant name which symbolized the North Fork for many years...will re-open under family ownership this Saturday, May 8, with the next generation of the Mitchell family at the helm. (Greenport)

The famous landmark, for those who arrived by car or by boat, from near and from far, was the setting for large functions almost from the time it opened in 1933. During World War II, launching ceremonies for minesweepers built here were nearly always followed by a dinner party at Mitchell's.

For many years Mitchell's provided the dining space for nearly all large affairs on the North Fork, seating more than 500 diners at one testimonial dinner, and was able to serve as many as 1,500 meals between noon and evening at benefit functions. Under the Mitchell ownership it was open every day of the year...except Christmas Day.

Spring has arrived and with it brush and woodland fires. These fires consume thousands of acres each year and many thousands of man hours are put in by the volunteer firefighters of fire departments throughout Suffolk County. In 1975 there were more than 7,800 brush fires in Suffolk County, most of these occurring in the early spring and late fall, when the woods are especially dry. What causes these fires? Children playing with matches and lighting fires in the woods. This is the primary reason, since most brush fires occur shortly after school hours. Careless burning of rubbish and leaves. Throwing cigarettes and matches out of the window of your car. How can they be prevented? Parents, caution your children on the dangers of playing with matches and lighting fires, and then watch them to make sure they are not causing fires. Bag your leaves—don't burn them. Don't burn rubbish. Open burning is not allowed in most localities. Practice good fire prevention. May 6, 1976

On May 16, the Hamburg High School Band from Hamburg, Pa., will be visiting Mattituck on the second half of an exchange program with the Mattituck-Cutchoque High School Band. To welcome the Hamburg band students, a picnic will be given by Mattituck-Cutchoque High School Band students on the Sunday afternoon they arrive. Accommodations for their two night stay will be made by the Mattituck-Cutchoque High School Band students. On Monday afternoon a marching demonstration will be given on school grounds followed by a concert Monday night at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be free of charge and will feature both the Hamburg band alone and in combination with the Mattituck-Cutchoque High School Band. The public is invited. On the first half of the exchange program the Mattituck-Cutchoque High School Band performed two concerts in Hamburg. While in Hamburg the band toured a Schaefer Brewery, the Amish Country and Roadsie America. Because of the warm setting in Hamburg the Mattituck-Cutchoque High School Band is looking forward to Hamburg's visit. May 13/76

## STANLEY G. CASE

Stanley G. Case, 70, Main Road, Cutchoque, died May 8, 1976, at the Eastern Long Island Hospital, Greenport. He was born in New Suffolk, September 22, 1905, the son of Corinne Wells and Oliver Wickham Case. May 13, 1976

Mr. Case was a charter member of the Cutchoque Fire Department, a member of the Cutchoque Methodist Church and the Cutchoque-New Suffolk Historical Council.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Boisseau Case; three daughters, Nancy B. Marschean, Margery B. Brem and Barbara J. Martin; two sons, Ernest W. Case and Stanley O. Case; 17 grandchildren also survive.

Fire department services were held at the Cutchoque Methodist Church on May 11 with Reverend Edmund Claypool officiating. Interment was in the Cutchoque Cemetery under the direction of the DeFriest Funeral Home, Inc.

## Cutchoque

The community is saddened to hear of the passing of Stanley G. Case, a life-long resident of Cutchoque. Stan was an ex-chief of the Cutchoque Fire Department and a former commissioner of the Cutchoque Fire District. He was also the night watchman at the fire house for many years. His passing leaves a void in Cutchoque that will be difficult to fill. Our sympathy is extended to the Case family. May 13, 1976

The WAPS have had a difficult time this year. The Wild Asparagus Picking Society found that the unusual weather was a deterrent to wild asparagus growth. Then, when the picking picked up, the LIRR came along last week and sprayed the roadbed and sidebeds with weed killer and that was the end of the WAPS crop on the LIRR right of way. There are still some areas where the asparagus abounds, but it is on more private property and the crop is declining because amateurs are not cutting the tender shoots properly.

## MRS. MAY LUPTON

Mrs. May C. Lupton, 75 Further Lane, Riverhead, died at the Riverhead Nursing Home on May 5, 1976 at the age of 86. Mrs. Lupton, who had gained recognition on Eastern Long Island by her association in the real estate field, was a member of the League of Women Voters and a founding member of the Eastern Suffolk Community Concert Association. May 13, 1976

Mrs. Lupton is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Mary Goodale of Riverhead; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews whom she raised upon the death of their parents, Robert and Virginia Lupton and Otis and Belle Pike.

Funeral services were held at the Reginald H. Tutthill Funeral Home, Riverhead, May 7, with Reverend Richard Bakker, pastor of Old Steeple Community Church in Aquabogue, New York officiating. Interment followed in the Bethany Cemetery, Mattituck, New York.

**FALL WEDDING** - Mrs. Albert J. Masters of Mattituck and Walter L. Williams of Greenville, New York, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Williams, Mattituck, to Lawrence Melville Welcome of Mattituck. A fall wedding is planned.

## Whitman's Mattituck

May 20, 1976  
Issues Senior ID's

Information about the Suffolk County Senior Citizen Discount Program, as suggested by Mr. Cierach of the Walt Whitman Federal Savings and Loan in Mattituck, states the Suffolk County Office for the Aging provides free identification cards and a discount catalogue to senior citizens, age 60 or over. The cards are used by the senior citizens for special considerations and discount purposes with participating merchants. There are over 58,000 cards already issued, with approximately 1,100 merchants currently enrolled. Proof of age and residency must be presented.

In the county, there are 15 convenient camera sites and to this has been added the Mattituck branch of the Walt Whitman Federal Savings and Loan. The bank has graciously offered their facilities for photographing and registering of seniors from 10 am. to 12 noon on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of every month, holidays excluded, of course. The first dates are May 26 and 27.

## GORDON JOSEPH CASE

Gordon Joseph Case, 71, Westview Drive, Mattituck, died May 17, 1976, at the Eastern Long Island Hospital, Greenport. Born in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., on April 24, 1905, he was the son of Louise Bombach and Harold G. Case. May 20, 1976

Mr. Case was a retired insurance salesman, having been associated with Prudential Insurance for 38 years. He was a member of the Huguenot Masonic Lodge, New Rochelle, N.Y., a past president of the New Rochelle Rowing Club and the National Life Underwriters' Association and New Rochelle Rod and Gun Club, also a past secretary-treasurer of the Mattituck Gun Club.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys McColland Case, a son, Gordon T. Case; three daughters, Louise Danck, Oklahoma, Patricia Hynes, Sparta, N.J., and Phyllis McGooney, New Rochelle, N.Y., and a sister, Mrs. Charlotte Warner of New Jersey. Eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive.

Funeral services were held May 19 at the De Friest Funeral Home, Inc., Mattituck, with Reverend Charles Baker officiating. Interment was in New Bethany Cemetery, Mattituck.

At the end of June, Vernon Strub will retire. Popular both as an industrial arts teacher and guidance director, Mr. Strub has served the District for 29 years.

Last week the Mattituck-Cutchoque Board of Education appointed James Christy, a business education teacher since 1969, to take the post of high school guidance counselor. The guidance department for the district as a whole requires two counsellors, half the time of another, and half the time of a psychologist—the equivalent of three qualified counsellors in all.

Members of the ninth grade Earth Science Club, under the direction of Richard Brooks, would like to thank publicly each and every member of the local communities who were so helpful throughout the year with the club's many paper and aluminum recycling projects. Through your efforts the club collected 50,000 pounds of newspaper, and approximately 500 pounds of aluminum, all of which has made it possible for the students to leave on Thursday, May 27, for their three-day field trip to Vermont and the Suffolk County Office for the Aging provides free identification cards and a discount catalogue to senior citizens, age 60 or over. The cards are used by the senior citizens for special considerations and discount purposes with participating merchants. There are over 58,000 cards already issued, with approximately 1,100 merchants currently enrolled. Proof of age and residency must be presented.

Lenny Llewellyn attended a very interesting industrial safety trade exhibit in the Hilton Hotel in New York City last Tuesday. This was the third annual Occupational Hazard Safety and Health Conference and Exhibit. Activity at the North Fork Baptist Church is picking up in plans for the spring and summer. Here are a few of the plans: The Suffolk Evangelical Ministers' Daytime Conference on June 8; high school graduation dinner at Dering Harbor, S.I., on June 25; musical cantata for the Bicentennial celebration, "I Love America" on June 13; "One Rise", musical group concert on June 30, one-day day camp on July 14.

## Insecticided

May 27, 1976

John E. Wood of Ole Jule Road in Mattituck was arrested last Saturday afternoon on the charge of second degree assault after he allegedly sprayed a neighbor, Collette Rivolta, with her own insecticide applicator. According to Rivolta's husband, Charles, she was spraying near the fence that separates the two properties when Wood jumped the split rail divider, breaking it in the process, took the applicator from her and held her while he sprayed the insecticide (malathion) on her in such quantities that she was forced to swallow some of it. Wood claimed that what happened was just the opposite and that he was the victim. At his subsequent arraignment before Southold Town Justice Louis Demarest, he was released in his own recognizance. Rivolta was taken to ELL Hospital where she was treated for the malathion inhalation.

On Sunday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. the choir of the North Fork Baptist Church will present a multi-media musical program in honor of America's Bicentennial celebration. The musical entitled "I Love America" written by Don Wyrzten and John W. Peterson will be conducted by Bette-Jeanne Townsend, accompanied by Ruthanne Gullakson at the piano and Carol Earns at the organ. Additional performances will be held on Friday, June 18, at 8 p.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Greenport; on Friday, July 9, at 8 p.m. at Sound Beach Community Church and on Sunday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Orient Congregational Church in Orient. May 27, 1976

# Solar Energy Has Bright Future

Homeowners, environmentalist and other interested people came at the New York Telephone Company's invitation to its Cutchogue central office building last week, saw its solar energy system and went away convinced that sun power has a bright future as well as a five billion year past.

Public inspection tours of the rooftop heat collection installation and the associated equipment within the one story building were held last Thursday and Friday, more or less as an off-shoot of the Brookhaven National Laboratory's energy fair.

This first Bell System solar power project is located in Cutchogue, the visitors were told by two telephone company engineers who acted as guides, because the Central North Fork community is the most sunny place in New York State, averaging 277 sunlit days a year. Although the building is so cited that the 170 collectors on its flat roof do

not face true south, they trap sufficient warmth to provide 70 percent of the structure's winter heating needs and 45 percent of its summer cooling requirements, according to engineers George Josberger and Ed Klein.

They described the system as simple and uncomplicated, although what is simple to engineers is not necessarily so to laymen. The collectors, arranged in eight banks and covering virtually all the roof area, are fixed at a 30 degree angle to catch as much of the sun's heat as is possible. Encased under glass in each collector is a network of metal tubing containing a 50-50 mix of water and anti-freeze and converging into larger pipelines. The fluid circulates through the system, capturing heat as it goes until it reaches a temperature of approximately 180 degrees Fahrenheit, ultimately flowing into an underground, stainless steel storage tank.

Withdrawals from this 5,000 gallon reservoir are thermostatically contained. A computer which monitors some 19 points provides a continuous record and analysis of the operation. A vital link in the installation is the heat exchanger, an apparatus which in essence extracts the heat from the fluid and makes it available to the warm air heating system, supplementing the warmth supplied by a conventional oil-fired furnace.

The change-over from heating to cooling is a manual operation and the fluid carrying the thermal units derived from the sun is used to activate the refrigerant in the building's air-conditioning system.

The solar energy installation, described as a joint project of the New York Telephone Company and Bell Laboratories, was completed last fall by the Volkman Heating Corporation of Patchogue and Larry Thompson, a Volkman vice president, supervised the job. He was on hand at Friday's public inspection.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Waloski, 1930 Naugles Drive, Mattituck, celebrated their 50 Wedding Anniversary May 16. Josephine (nee Konchalski) and Stanley were married in St. Isadore's R.C. Church, Riverhead.

A reception, hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Arlene and

Mattituck Manor to honor their Golden Anniversary. One hundred relatives and friends attended the party which included a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. The happy couple danced to the strains of the Anniversary Waltz and I'll Be With You In Apple Blossom Time so popular in 1926 and through the years. They sang "their song".

Also honored at the reception were members of their bridal party. The maid-of-honor, Mrs. Irene Klein, bridesmaid, Mrs. Lillian Kotowski, both sisters of the groom, attended with their respective husbands. Elmer and Walter, as did the best man, Anthony Konchalski, brother of the bride, and his wife, Sophie.

## A Day in A Life ...Of A Party Boat

by Georgene Jegl

(Editor's Note: Paul and Georgene came to Greenport in the dead of winter with 3 1/2 academic degrees, many potted plants and a dog. They have set out to document lifestyles and occupations unique to the North Fork and their photographic features will be carried periodically in The Suffolk Times.)

Greenport Harbor is shrouded in early morning mist as eager fishermen board the Brand X anticipating a day devoted to their age-old contest with fish. Promptly at 8 a.m. Captain George Porter signals to start the engines and the eighty-five-foot open boat heads out in search of porgies and weakfish.

Down on deck crewman Carl Blasko and Richie Olszewski stand before the bait table opening clams and cutting squid, while inside Cliff Morek serves coffee to the still-not-awake. A few hardier souls lean against the boat railings watching the Shelter Island Ferry pass.

Up in the captain's cabin, George Porter stands at the wheel in the midst of an impressive array of electronic buttons and screens, sipping a cola for breakfast. "The fishing's getting more and more competitive and there are less and less fish," he explains, "so you have to have more and more sophisticated equipment to find them."

George Porter has been a captain since 1946 and owned four other boats before the Brand X. Under a former identity as PT-309, the Brand X had seen action in the battle of North Africa and other parts of the Mediterranean and was credited with the sinking of a German E-boat. She now goes out seven days a week, sometimes twice a day on weekends, from April to November in search of flounder, porgies, weakfish, striped bass and bluefish.

The horn blows twice, the signal to reel in and the Brand X moves on in her search. The captain explains that weakfish usually run heaviest during the last two weeks of May. Once a two-million-dollar factor in the east Long Island economy, these fish disappeared around 1952. "About ten years ago they made a big comeback, but now the commercial fishing is getting more in-

tense." Suddenly his voice becomes excited and his eyes are riveted to the White Line Recorder. "Now here, here's fish! Looks like weakfish, but it's a tough place to stop here now because the tide is so strong. We wouldn't be able to do much. I'll store that in my mind though, for later when the tide lets up."

Back on the deck the action soon starts, if only for a few sea robins. Then the call goes out, "Porgies! Porkchops!" and the excitement grows more intense with the clicking of each successive reel.

Cliff Morek, all round crew member and resident 'salty-dog,' smiles fondly on the bustle. "Fishing is relaxing," he contends. "When you're out here you don't think of anything else except fishing. You might as well be a millionaire and not have a worry in the world. I guess that's why we fishermen last so long." Cliff, once a charter boat captain himself, has enough stories to keep everyone entertained, between schools of fish, of course.

Finally, a rod bends almost double, a sure sign of weakfish and Carl runs for the net. Cliff explains that weakfish get their name from their weak mouths. Once out of the water, enough fight will rip the hook from the mouth and free the fish. Cliff watches Carl hanging over the rail and confides that "trying to net a weakfish is like trying to goose a butterfly." Carl is patient and skillful though, and soon a five-pound beauty glistens on the deck.

Men like Captain Porter and Cliff Morek are a different kind of fisherman. They use every shred of knowledge at their command to find the fish for others to catch. Party boats stay in touch with each other throughout the day, exchanging information and ideas. Even with the latest electronic equipment, "you just try different things until you find something that works," says Captain Porter. "It's a challenge. The fish aren't in the same places all the time and they don't even act the same way from day to day." As the captain strolls on the deck, stopping to admire various catches and congratulate their owners, he explains, "I'd just rather watch them get all excited."

A number of Mattituck people have been recently hospitalized. Among them were Mrs. Walter Gracie, Mrs. Monahan, Malcolm Tuthill, Harold Hudson, Dwight Reeve, John Schiller, Ed Taborski, Mrs. William Bannon and Mrs. Wilbur Kaiser and Harry Reese. A speedy recovery is wished for them all.

Two bus loads of ninth graders from the Mattituck - Cutchogue School under the supervision of Richard Brooks, members of the Earth Science Club, went on a three day trip. They visited the Dinosaur Park in Rocky Hill, Vt., Lost River and the Flume in Franconia Notch State Park, Old Man of the Mountains, Clark's Trading Post and Loon Mountain in Lincoln, N.H. All this was made possible by the collection and sale of newspapers. The club wishes to thank all who helped by saving their papers and placing them at the roadside for their collection.

A number of ladies from Mattituck joined a tour of Williamsburg, Valley Forge and Philadelphia over the weekend.

Mrs. Virginia C. Parkin received a Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude at the Southampton College commencement exercises on Sunday, May 30. Following the ceremony a reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Parkin in honor of their daughter-in-law, Gini and her husband, John, reside on Reeve Avenue with their five daughters.

A number of Mattituckians attended the state Lions convention at South Fallsburg, N.Y. last weekend. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Milowski, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Winarz, Don Langer, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fogarty, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Tuthill and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Slaga.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barker attended the graduation exercises at Boston College last weekend of Ellen Barker, daughter of the Barkers and granddaughter of the Wells. Ellen graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in sociology. She has accepted a position as a child care workers at Nazareth Child Care Center in Jamaica Plains, Mass. Ellen will soon be married and will



# Parkin Honored By Scouts

May 27, 1976

J. Stanley Parkin of Mattituck, who has been active in scouting since boyhood, received the Silver Beaver Award from the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America at the annual Suffolk County Council Fellowship Dinner at Colonie Hill, Hauppauge, on May 6.

First conferred in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award is given for "noteworthy service of exceptional character" by registered scouters within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.

The citation accompanying the award to Parkin for his outstanding service to boyhood said that he began his scouting career as a Tenderfoot with Troop 56 in Brooklyn in 1920, where he later served as assistant scoutmaster.

Since coming to Suffolk County in 1971, he has served with Troop 39 in Mattituck as troop committeeman and then troop committee chairman. Since 1974, he has also served as the Peconic Bay District chairman. He is a trustee of the Suffolk County Council, Boy Scout Trust Fund and a National Council representative.

Parkin is an Eagle Scout (the father of two Eagle Scouts), holder of the Scouter's Training Award, the Scouter's Key and the Greenwich Council (Connecticut) Scouter's Award.

Parkin has served as a member of the board of managers of the Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn and as a trustee of the Fleming School in Manhattan. He is a trustee of Kenka College, N.Y., and is chairman of the development committee as well as a member of its finance and executive committees. He is also a member of the President's Advisory Council of Southampton College and a member of the North Fork Country Club Board of Governors.

He is a Past Master of Flatbush Lodge No. 574, F.&A.M., a member of the choir of the Mattituck Presbyterian Church and the North Fork Chorale. Also he is president of the Bethany Cemetery Association, a trustee of the Jephson Educational Trust of N.Y.C. and a member of the Community Council of the Eastern Long Island Hospital.

## ELLA B. JONES

June 3, 1976

Ella B. Jones, a life long resident of Mattituck, died at the Riverhead Nursing Home May 25, 1976. She was a member of the Mattituck Presbyterian Church. (84 years?)

Surviving are several nieces and nephews. Graveside services were conducted by Reverend Frederick Hummel May 27.

Miss Ella Jones passed away last week at the Riverhead Nursing Home where she had resided since the opening of the home. Miss Jones will long be remembered for her nursing care in many homes around Mattituck. Her jovial spirit and tender care are to be long cherished memories.

# Parade

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by Diane Marjorie Shister

The clouds overhead threatened to rain on their parade, but that didn't stop the old and young from coming to Greenport by car, bicycle and even tricycle to watch the annual Southold Town Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31.

The streets were lined with spectators as the bands tuned up, the marchers practiced their steps and the pom-pom girls ran down the street trying to get in position before they were left behind.

The Legionnaires led the colorful parade and were followed by Ladies Auxiliary groups from Southold Town.

The Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts marched in tune to the high school bands from Greenport and Mattituck, while the shiny red fire trucks from the Greenport Fire Department brought up the rear.

A drummer from the Greenport band managed to chew his gum to the beat of the drums, while the Brownies just managed to keep up with the marching, thanks to a great deal of help from their mothers.

The procession stopped at the War Memorial for a speech from Supervisor Albert Martocchia, in which he reminded the crowd that Memorial Day was a time to reflect on the 200 years of freedom Americans have enjoyed.

But the one thing you had to notice about the parade was the children.

What may have seemed like old hat to some who have watched the parade over and over, or to the babies asleep in their mother's arms, was thrilling for the small children whose eyes were glued to the procession.

As the bright yellow and blue uniforms of the Musketeers Band from the Southold American Legion and the Greenport Drum and Bugle Corps with their shiny green and white uniforms passed by, the children stared in amazement and smiled excitedly.

"This parade is great," said John Brooks, of Mattituck. "The Mattituck band is the best," said the eight-year-old, whose sister just happens to play the French horn for the band.

Charlie Tyler, five, of Mattituck said the parade was "Nice, and I like the big bands." His three-year-old sister Amy didn't say anything, but just kept smiling.

Six-year-old Susi Smith of Cutchogue thought the best part of the parade was "My mommy," who was marching with the Ladies Auxiliary.

And if the children watching the parade were having fun, the parents and friends watching the children march were having an equally good time. As one observer said while he watched a group of young baton twirlers pass by, "The batons are bigger than they are!"

It is that time again to place your reservations for the Christian Women's Club luncheon at Mattituck Manor on June 2 at 11:30 a.m. This will be the last luncheon until fall. The speaker is a mother and housewife from Port Jefferson, Mrs. Anita Pennar, a past chairlady of the Port Jefferson Christian Club. Music will be brought by Virginia Mueller, also of Port Jefferson. Since we think of brides in June, there will be a bridal fashion show by LaFreniere's Bridal Shop of Southold. Ladies of our own neighborhood will model these fashions. Remember, baby sitting is available at the church across the street. Call Holly Butler of Cutchogue, 734-7525, or Carol Freeman, 298-8662, for reservations and more information.

The place to be tonight at 7:30 is the Mattituck-Cutchogue Auditorium as youngsters in grades one through six will be there to delight you with their Bicentennial Show. Each grade has been working on an individual skit, fashion show, marching routine, etc. while the entire program has been tied together by Mrs. V. Nicole, one of the fifth grade teachers. You are sure to enjoy the enthusiasm of these youngsters as well as the costumes and songs. The kindergarten children will have an art display in the halls. We hope to see many of you tonight at the school. May 27, 1976

On Thursday John M. Divello of Soundview Avenue, Mattituck, reported the theft of a 17-foot fiberglass craft and 85-horsepower outboard, and the boat's trailer from the grounds of his business establishment on Wickham Avenue, Mattituck.

Dale Bergen reported to police on Thursday that his Getty service station on Route 25, Mattituck, had been entered during the night and supplies and cash totaling \$444 taken. June 3, 1976

He said the station had been closed at 6 p.m. and on opening at 7:20 a.m. it was discovered that the station had been entered by pushing in an air conditioner facing an alley on the west side of the building.

Reported missing were two storage batteries, four cases of lubricating oil, five cartons of cigarettes, two checks totaling \$80 and \$115 in bills and coins.

## GEORGES S. TSONTOS

George S. Tsontos of Mattituck died on May 28, 1976, in Central Suffolk Hospital. He was 87 years old.

Born in Crete, Greece, on August 15, 1888, he was a retired metal worker with the Metal Heat Treating Co. He was a member of the Cretan Association of New York and the Transfiguration of Christ Greek Orthodox Church in Mattituck.

He was the father of the late Anna Chatzinakis and is survived by two sons, Stephen G. Tsontakis and Emanuel Tsontos; and seven grandchildren.

The Rev. T. Tenedios conducted funeral services at the Greek Orthodox Church in Mattituck on Wednesday morning, June 2, with interment following at St. Michael's Cemetery in Elmhurst, N.Y. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Greek Orthodox Church Beautification fund or the American Cancer Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Antone Mileska celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last week with a party given by Mrs. Mileska's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Tuthill in South Jamesport on Sunday, June 6. June 10, 1976

Mrs. Mileska has opened a shop in Southold called Jean-Marie's Fashions. Happy anniversary and much success in your new venture.

Theodora Marangas, daughter of Theodore and Catherine Marangas of Mattituck, graduated from St. John's School of Pharmacy in Queens on May 9. She has been a member of the Honor Society.

## Susan E. Papish

Susan E. Papish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Papish of Mattituck, was graduated from Bryant College in Rhode Island. June 10, 1976

She received the degree of associate in science in secretarial studies at the 113th commencement exercises held May 22, 1976.



# Seven Acres Dedicated

June 10, 1976  
by Ronnie Wacker

A short woodland hike and a dash between drizzles of rain onto a Cutchogue marsh marked the dedication Sunday to Conservancy of another seven acres of open space in Southold Town.

This brings to 71 acres the total amount of land from Fishers Island to Mattituck that will never be bulldozed or filled in for construction of houses and cesspools.

Some 40 persons participated in the brief ceremonies attending the exchange of deeds to sections of Husing Pond in Mattituck and Mud Creek on Skunk Lane in Cutchogue.

Martha Husing added another acre to the 19 acres she and her brother, George, had given in 1972 to the North Fork Committee of Long Island's Chapter of Nature Conservancy. Originally a salt marsh, it gradually changed into a fresh water pond after construction of a dam in connection with the building of Peconic Bay Boulevard.

When Nature Conservancy received the gift of the land the woods along the bank of the pond were almost impenetrable. Since then project chairman Ralph Tuthill has chopped a trail through overgrown vines for study groups to use.

At Sunday's informal gathering in a natural glen in the woods, Paul Stoutenburgh, North Fork Committee chairman, noted the area has been put to good use by local schools and special interest groups. A chart prepared by a science teacher Frank Kujawski's class in Mattituck-Cutchogue High School mapped water pollution in the pond. The results showed pollution to be still quite low in the waters there.

To insure the cleanliness of the water the committee started a campaign a couple of years ago to purchase two lots at the head of the pond where fresh water springs are located. Mr. Stoutenburgh said Miss Husing, when she learned of the committee's hopes, offered to add another acre of land for parking facilities if the Conservancy succeeded in getting the money to buy the two headwater lots.

About this time a young man, Richard L. Hommedieu, a friend since childhood of Nature Conservancy, offered to give \$500 prize money he won in a tennis tournament toward the purchase. Another \$440 was collected from the sale of paintings of naturalist artist Charles Fracee, who formerly lived in the area. The entire committee and the rest of the Long Island Chapter sold calendars with local nature scenes which brought in another \$500. The parent chapter then added the remainder of the \$6,200 to buy the lots.

The five acres at Mud Creek were the gift of George Penny III and Flora Luce, mother-in-law of Mr. Stoutenburgh.

After leaving Husing Pond the group drove in individual cars to the creek in Cutchogue, where everyone waited out the rain in the nearly 200-year old home of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Waitz across the road. Dr. Waitz described the changing scene at the marsh in different seasons of the year. The creek, he said, is a breeding area for founders, striped bass, weakfish, blue claw crabs, mussels, oysters and horseshoe crabs. Its most important function, he emphasized, is the production of nutrients which flow into the bays to support other shellfish and finfish.

A warm welcome is extended to Mattituck's new residents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Signorelli, who have moved from Franklin Square to their new residence on Eastward Court. We wish you much happiness and good health in your new home. Mr. and Mrs. Signorelli are the parents of Mrs. James (Betty) Christy of Blossom Bend Road.

Other preserves acquired by the North Fork Committee since it was established less than ten years ago in 1968 are Meadow Beach, a 15-acre salt marsh peninsula formed by the littoral drift along Nassau Point; Marratooka Farm, a 12-acre preserve composed partly of kettlehole lake shore, wetland, steep bank and farmed upland; Howell Meadow, five acres comprising the last natural salt marsh on Goose Creek in Southold, and 13 acres on Fishers



D. OREHEK  
"Frankly, you've got us stumped. Mind if we call in a general practitioner?"

## Fire Damages Mattituck Home

A fire which broke out last Friday morning in the home of Peter Warren on Peconic Bay Boulevard, Mattituck, did damage which the owner estimated at \$100,000.

He attributed much of his loss to destruction of his art collection and to valuable antiques the house contained.

Mattituck Fire Chief Henry Rutkoski said some 40 firemen fought the blaze for three hours. He said the outbreak was attributed to defective electrical wiring under the ground floor, and that the flames ate up through all three floors, but was contained by the fact the residence had vinyl siding and a slate roof.

The chief said the fire gutted three rooms and the rest of the structure was subjected to smoke and water damage.

**MATTITUCK FREE LIBRARY**  
Trustees and friends of the Mattituck Free Library will sponsor a concert at the library on Tuesday evening, June 15, at 8 p.m. featuring the Baroque Trio, all graduate students at Stony Brook University.

Robin Peller, Mark Hill and Ray Urwin, performing respectively on the flute, oboe and harpsichord, will offer a program of baroque music by Quantz, Johann C. Bach, Sydeman and others. The group is also scheduled for a concert at Town Hall in New York City on June 22.

The public is welcome and admission is free at the library. Refreshments will be served.

The music will flow at the North Fork Baptist Church at 7:30 that evening with the Cantata, "I Love America," by the church choir and other friends who have joined to become involved in good music. The Cantata will be directed by Betty-Jeanne Townsend with Ruthann Gullakson at the piano and Carol Mearns at the organ. Soloists are Carol Alexander, Kathy Parish, Nancy Zehner and Betty-Jeanne Townsend. The narrator is Austin Dawson. The choir will be using costumes to add interest, plus some musical innovations. Everyone is welcome to attend. The choir will also perform in Greenport's St. Peter's Lutheran Church on June 18 at 8 p.m. Two other locations will be announced in the month of July.

## Strawberry Festival

As the North Fork gets deeper into the strawberry-season, families, farmers and individuals get deeper into the strawberry fields to pick the ripe, red fruit for themselves. Another sure sign of the season is the annual Mattituck Lions Club Strawberry Festival and County Fair.

At the festival, to be held from 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 19, 1976 at the Mattituck High School grounds, the new Strawberry Queen will be crowned. She was chosen June 8, but her name won't be revealed until the day of the festival.

With 2240 quarts of strawberries and 340 quarts of whipped cream on hand, there should be enough of the Lion's famous homemade strawberry shortcake to satisfy the most voracious appetite.

The seventh annual outdoor exhibit of professional and amateur artists and an art reception of the Wenk Scholarship auction will be featured during the festival. Awarded to students from as well as a trailer and boat display. Mattituck High School who wish to

The Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts and the Harris will major in liberal arts. She Lions Club will present a seeing-eye dog exhibit.

The kids can enjoy the games and rides while the adults take advantage of free glaucoma and high blood pressure examination that the Lions will give.

So don't leave the strawberry field forever; just long enough to enjoy the festival.

Joseph Wierbickie of Bergen Avenue, Mattituck, reported to Southold police last Saturday that someone had forced open the front door of his home, opened a safe and stolen \$150 in bills, two diamond rings, and a diamond wrist watch, valued altogether at \$2,700. Detectives are investigating the break.

### Right of Way

Frank Kujawski of Mattituck was driving on Horton's Lane in Southold on Monday, when he collided with Kris Kramer of Southold at the intersection of Soundview Avenue and Horton's Lane. Both cars had to be towed away and Kris Kramer, Alice Kramer and Susan Kujawski were taken to Eastern Long Island Hospital for treatment of their injuries.

The Mattituck Manor, at Mattituck, was the scene of a beautiful candle-lighting ceremony for installation of officers and dedication of new candidates of Beta Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, International Honorary Society of Women's Educators, on Friday evening, June 4. Miss Gertrude Koop of Mattituck was installed as president. The new candidates are Mrs. Marie Murray and Mrs. Audrey Stupke of Riverhead, Mrs. Loretta Clemente of Shoreham, Mrs. Hildegard Wilson of Southampton and a transfer, Mrs. Hazel Johnson of Riverhead.

The New York State President of Delta Kappa Gamma, head of 67 New York State Chapters; Dr. Althea Mantz of Scarsdale, New York and Mrs. Doris Christian, President of the Alpha Delta Chapter and several Alpha Delta members were guests.

Robert Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Mattituck, got his Masters Degree at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado. Margaret Rice is in the Central Mrs. Tyson Bond is in the Central Suffolk Hospital improving from a bout of pneumonia.

Two students, seniors at Mattituck High School, have been named recipients of the Wenk Scholarship

award. Miss JoAnn Harris will major in liberal arts. She is a varsity cheerleader and a member of the girls softball team.

Michael Wowak will major in management. He is a member of the student council and was class treasurer.

Miss Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barney P. Harris of Youngs Avenue and Mr. Wowak is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wowak of 130A Saitaire Way.

Robert Barker, Jr. has opened a Good Shoppe in Sheffield, Mass.

Antique Luck, Robert Barker, Jr. has opened a Good Shoppe in Sheffield, Mass. A recital of the music pupils of Mrs. Fred Boucher, Jr. was given at her home in Laurel on Saturday, June 5.

The piano soloists were Michael Rutkowski, polyst-Jo Deerkowski, Abby Baker, Eileen O'Neil, Jeannie O'Neil, Jimmy Burns, Suzie Burns, Eva Szabat, Dorothy Young, Jackie Trojanowski, Maria Zoweski, and a guitar duet by Bette Trojanowski and her teacher. Following the recital, punch and cookies were enjoyed by the pupils, their parents and friends.

### Failed To Make Turn

Robert M. Sch. 17, was driving south on Breakwaters Road when he failed to make a turn and struck a utility pole. Sch and his passengers, Steven Sch, 16, Patricia English, 15, and William Topping, 17, were taken to CSH for treatment. There were no serious injuries.

### Burglary Charge

Robert Plorr, 18, of Mattituck was charged June 17 with burglary third of the Crown Service Station, Mattituck. He was arraigned in justice court.

# Shopping Center Up For Foreclosure Sale

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*June 19, 1976*  
The Mattituck Shopping Center is to be sold at public auction next month. The sale, which will be held on the steps of the Southold Town Hall at noon on July 27, follows a judgment of foreclosure made against the Shopping Center and the State of New York. The action was filed by the East End Lending Corporation.

The Shopping Center, which is assessed at \$344,700 by the Town of Southold, was never

entirely completed, although tenants leased store space on the property amid the half-constructed buildings.

The largest space at the Center was occupied by a Grants Department Store, but has been vacant since the chain store declared bankruptcy earlier this year. Other tenants include an A&P Supermarket, a liquor store, and two movie theaters which occupy one building.

Southold Town Assessor Edward Fox said the town has been levying taxes on the property based on two different rates, one for the completed portion of the center and another for those parts which are unfinished or only partly constructed.

A spokesman for the Mattituck Shopping Center, Inc., contacted for comment on the sale, declined to give any further information.

## Handhooked Rug Depicts Village Green



The one-of-a-kind rug, executive of the Suffolk Historical Society with

What may well be the most valuable souvenir of the Southold Bicentennial celebration is a handhooked rug depicting the Cutchogue Village Green. The unique rug will be displayed and chances on it (five for \$1) sold at the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Historical Council's annual antiques flea market to be held on the green Saturday, July 3, 9 to 5 p.m.



EDWARD KLEIN

*June 17, 1976*  
Edward Stanley Klein, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Klein of Mattituck, graduated cum laude from Southampton College of Long Island University on Sunday, May 30. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary Art Education.

A cartoonist at heart, Ed plans later this summer to fly out to California to pursue a boyhood dream of becoming a cartoon animator.

## Mattichogue Names Guidance Head

*June 17, 1976* by Kenneth Godfrey

Lee Ellwood has been appointed by the Mattituck-Cutchogue Board of Education to fill the position of Guidance Director, taking the place of Vernon Strub, who is retiring at the end of the school year after 29 years of greatly appreciated service. Mr. Ellwood has been a member of the Guidance Department staff for a number of years, after coming to the district more than 15 years ago as a teacher of English and Latin. He commutes from Riverhead.

At its monthly meeting last week, the School Board also approved the hiring of three new teachers: Patricia Gregor for Mathematics at the junior high level; David Darrow in the Science Department to replace James Sime, who has resigned; Mrs. Linda Sullivan in Business Education as a replacement for James Christy who will spend full time as the high school Guidance Counsellor beginning next fall.

District Principal Roger Burns reported to the Board that a highly commendatory letter had been received from the State

Education Department for Industrial Arts following an inspection by one of its representatives. According to the letter, Mattichogue has extraordinarily good facilities and working conditions, and a group of well-satisfied students. Mr. Burns also reported that at an auction of surplus equipment being sold by the Greenport High School, Mattichogue's bid of \$10 had won the school and engine stand, on which a gasoline engine can be mounted so that it can be swiveled and rotated in various positions for work and demonstration purposes. This should find use in the Industrial Arts area.

Mr. Burns said the District Superintendent's office is asking for the cooperation of schools in the swine flu vaccine program. No details are available yet, but distribution of the vaccine will probably take place in October. The Board of Education agreed that Mattituck-Cutchogue should be prepared to cooperate in any way that may be asked.

Miss Ellen Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schellinger Barker of Mattituck, was guest of honor at a bridal shower given by Mrs. Hull Tuthill at her home "Bethhill" in Mattituck. Miss Barker will become the bride of James Carey Martin of New Milford, Conn., on June 26.

*June 21, 1976*  
Mr. and Mrs. George H. Gildersleeve and family of Mattituck motored to New York City on Sunday, June 6, to attend the capping ceremony of their daughter, Maura, a student nurse, at Saint Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing. Maura, a member of the Class of 1978, is now attending classes at the College of Mount Saint Vincent's, on-the-Hudson, Riverdale, N.Y., an affiliate of the Nursing School.

AN ORIGINAL PLAY, written and directed by Mrs. Gertrude Koop, was presented by Circle 2 of the Women's Association of the Mattituck Presbyterian Church last Tuesday evening at the church. Historical figures included, for example, Molly Pitcher. President William McKinley and Gen. Douglas McArthur, not to mention George Washington and Abe Lincoln. Appearing in the performance were Edith Young, Mrs. W.F. Field, Lillian Waitz, Alice Dawe, Madaline Seaman, Holly Butler, Miriam Hunt, Ann Williams, Linda Rutland, Nancy Harrison, Peggy Rose, Linda Harrison, and Beverly Steele. Virginia Zebroski and Lois Harrison were in charge of the extensive makeup and Circle 4 served refreshments.

## Firemen Hosts For Drill, Parade

*June 17, 1976*  
An open invitation is extended by the officers and members of the Mattituck Fire Department to all residents of the Mattituck area to attend the first annual Parade and Old-Fashioned Drill on Saturday, June 19.

The parade will step off at the corner of Pike Street and Wickham Avenue at 6 p.m. Then proceed to Veteran's Memorial Park at Bay Avenue and Peconic Bay Boulevard, Mattituck, where the drill will start one-half hour after the parade. Teams from both the North Fork volunteer Firemen's Association and the Sunrise Volunteer Firemen's Association will participate in the drill.

Ex-Chief James Cooper assures all who attend that ample seating will be available, and refreshment may be purchased. In case of rain the parade and drill will be held on Sunday, June 20, at 1 p.m.

# 14,000 Attend Strawberry Festival

by Diane Marjorie Shister

The license plates on the cars jamming the parking lot at the Mattituck-Cutchogue High School were from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts. A busload of women came from Schenectady, 200 boats came from Connecticut and even California was represented at the 22nd annual strawberry festival of the Mattituck Lions Club.

Ira Tuthill, chairman of the festival, said more than 14,000 people came to the event to take part in the North Fork tradition of paying homage and lip service (in the way of eating) to the Long Island strawberry.

The festival has become more than a local celebration, according to Mr. Tuthill, who said, "It's penetrated the whole East Coast." He also said he received inquiries about the festival from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and as far away as Maryland.

For all the visitors, no matter where they came from, a carnival atmosphere prevailed, despite the cloudy skies and drizzly weather. Festival-goers viewed displays by the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and the Civil Air Patrol. The Mattituck-Cutchogue High School Stage Band provided

excellent jazz music. There were games, pony rides and stands where you could buy everything from mouse-shaped cheese boards to strawberry festival iron-on transfers for T-shirts, toys and plants.

At 3 p.m. a caravan of cars entered the festival grounds carrying the Strawberry Queen finalists. A little wet from riding in open convertibles, the five young ladies wearing white dresses and carrying American flags, still smiled through the crowning ceremonies as Susan Birkmier of Southold High School became the Strawberry Queen of 1976.

The highlight of the festival, was the scrumptious strawberry shortcake, baked by the Lions club members, who also cleaned and hulled more than 200,000 ripe, red berries. The crowds seemed to appreciate the effort as they paid \$1.50 for a serving and waited in line in the rain to get served.

"Every time we have a strawberry festival, it rains," said Virginia Pickering of Cutchogue. But she added, "Everyone has a good time anyway."

Some of the people having the best time

were those who hadn't even planned to stop, including members of the New York Cycle Club, a group of bicyclists who were on their way to Boston. They eagerly finished the huge helpings of shortcake and you couldn't be sure whether it was just big appetites after the eight-hour trip from New York City or the special recipe used in baking the dessert that made it taste especially good to the cyclists.

The cake tasted especially good to one visitor from Connecticut, too. "Boy am I glad we didn't speed by," she said. "I've been giving my friend the tour of New England and we were visiting Long Island, on our way back to the ferry when we happened to see the sign for the festival." After finishing the shortcake she added, "Boy, is this delicious."

Her friend, who was visiting from California, agreed with his companion by slurping up the last bit of sauce on his plate and smiling.

"It's the biggest success we've ever had," said Jerry Armstrong, president of the Mattituck Lions club, and judging from the crowd and all the festivities, he seemed to be right.

**STRAWBERRY QUEENS** — Last year's reigning Strawberry Queen, left, JoAnne F. No posed with the newly crowned '76 Strawberry Queen Susan Birkmier during the festivities at the June 19 Mattituck Lions Strawberry Festival. The yearly event, which made its first appearance many years ago on a modest scale, now attracts thousands of visitors and has grown to such proportions it encompasses a host of entertainment. The role of Queen is the same and we wish Susan a happy year with her scepter.



Susan Grigg, 17, of Sound Avenue, Mattituck, was practicing driving in the Pike Street, Mattituck, parking lot June 22, when she lost control of her car and jumped the curb, colliding with a parked car owned by Jean Arley, Mattituck. There were no injuries. Grigg was charged with being an unlicensed operator.

Friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergen are cordially invited to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 27, from 2 to 4 p.m., at their home on Cox Neck Road.

The annual Strawberry festival was not the only excitement to take place in Mattituck last Saturday. Mattituck was also the site of the first annual Parade and Old-Fashioned Drill hosted by the Mattituck Fire Department.

The parade included members from many local fire departments, including Riverhead, Greenport, Southold, Eastport, Westhampton Beach, East Moriches, Center Moriches, and East Marion. These fire departments were also represented in the

tournament which was held after the parade. The Southold Fire Department took the point trophy, the grand prize of the event.

The parade, which led off with the Mattituck American Legion Color Guard, also included Susan Birkmier, the Strawberry Festival Queen and her Court. The Southold American Legion color guard was also in attendance, and music was provided by the Musketeer Band sponsored by the Southold American Legion.

## DOROTHY B. GAGEN

Dorothy B. Gagen, who was born in Mattituck, died Saturday, June 19 at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach, Fla. She was 70 years of age.

Born on August 17, 1905, she was the daughter of Jacob Brown and Alice Pearson. She lived in Loudonville, N.Y., for 35 years and retired to Tequesta, Fla. three years ago.

Sean Delehanty of Knollwood Lane, Mattituck interfered with a Southold Town Police Officer last Sunday who was issuing a traffic ticket to the driver of a car. Delehanty was consequently arrested on the charge of obstructing government administration, processed and released on bail.

Another happening on Oregon Road may be the signal of an end to another era. The milk company that has been making deliveries to the homes there for all these many years since the individual cows went out of style has called it quits. There's no other dairy that is willing to take over the route. There still is home milk delivery in other parts of Cutchogue.

## MABEL C. FANNING

Mabel C. Fanning, 64, of Wickham Avenue, Mattituck, died June 28, 1976, at St. Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson. She was born on January 12, 1912, in Burgaw, N.C., the daughter of Vega Mae Puckett and Herbert Croom.

Surviving are her husband, Arthur M. Fanning; a son, Arthur M., Jr., California; a daughter, Carolyn Finkel, Mattituck; two brothers, Albert and Merle Croom, N.C.; two sisters, Mary Gladys Lucas, Fayetteville, N.C., and Ella May Quinn. Six grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held June 30 at the Mattituck Presbyterian Church with Reverend Frederick Hummel officiating. Interment was in Laurel Cemetery, Laurel, arrangements under the direction of the DeFriest Funeral Home, Inc.

Congratulations to the following students who received acknowledgment for outstanding work in the Junior High Level at the annual awards assembly at school last week: seventh grade English achievement award, Claire Lundsted; eighth grade English achievement award, Gail Hansen; seventh grade math, Claire Lundsted; eighth grade math, David Krupski; seventh grade science award, Sophie Cartolos; eighth grade science award, Robert Buhler; seventh grade social studies award, Maureen Tuthill; eighth grade social studies award, David Krupski; most improved eighth grader, Barbara Murphy; mathletes, Bobby Kujawski, eighth grader.

On the High School level awards went to the following people: driver education, Claire Hardy; Bausch and Lomb science, Tom Arnold; French, Beth Brauner; Gregg shorthand, Chrissy Siejka; business education, Patricia Talbot; American history, Sue Witsch; N.J.R.O.T.C., Richard Distenfeld and Eric Zwinkel; literary, Claire Hardy; Pep Club, Allison Avent; newspaper, Jeff Dowbrava; photography, Bill Harrison; Spanish, Judy Mazgulski; wrestling, Andy Richards; Yearbook, Sue Witschi; Student Council, Missy McCabe; Phi Beta Kappa, Tom Arnold; Who's Who in Music, Mike Brusich, Bill Harrison, Ken Wilbur.

A well known Cutchogue man lost a wallet with a considerable sum of money at the Sea Gulls Nest Restaurant last week end. It was found by another person and returned intact to the grateful owner. There are still honest persons around.

Things are happening or almost happening on Oregon Road. Another accident almost happened on the corner of Depot Lane and Oregon Road according to a Mr. Finnican who was traveling on Oregon Road and was in a near miss with another car barreling down Depot Lane. The signs on Depot Lane still read "yield" although Stop signs have been promised by just about everyone.

# North Fork Bank Robbed?

An unnamed sum of money was reported missing from the night depository of the Greenport branch of the North Fork Bank and Trust Company on Main Street when the bank was open for business Wednesday morning.

June 24, 1976

No information was available from officials of the bank but Seventh Squad spokesman said they had been called into

the case and had also notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No details could be given. The Seventh Squad spokesman said, because Detective John McGrath, who had been assigned to the case, had not yet returned with his report.

The manager of the bank branch, William Albertson, said that any information regarding the case, which brought police to

the bank during the morning for a long conference with him, would have to come from the bank's main office in Mattituck. Efforts to obtain further information there were unsuccessful.

So far as could be learned there were no signs that the night depository on the outside wall of the bank had been tampered with physically.

# Parade To Highlight Bicentennial

by Bea Hardy

Kings Highway it was called. Travelers, tradespeople, townfolk plied its length in sulky, buggy and wagon. Saturday, July 10, the same route, now No. 25 and No. 27, will be agog with the mighty procession of The Incredible Parade.

The surging, exhilarating music of the Huntington Thunderers will set the pace of the parade. Over a hundred strong, these professional bandspeople have been engaged by the Bicentennial Committee to augment the spirited music of six other local marching bands.

The Thunderers will follow the parade's prologue: the famous Spirit of '76 painting reenacted by a Southold High School trio and the Southold American Legion Color Guard.

Thirty-seven floats, nineteen marching units, a score of V.I.P. cars, antique automobiles and fire trucks, riding horses and numerous other diversities will enliven the gigantic assemblage of Incredibles! Boy Scouts, high schools, 4-H, D.A.R., churches, lodges, property owners, business and social organizations have been working and rehearsing for weeks to make The Incredible the wing-dingerest parade ever!

More than 37 floats are entered in the parade by the following organizations:

Orient Point Seashells (4-H), Cutchogue Chamber of Commerce, Laughing Waters Property Owners Association; Southold Savings Bank; Holy Trinity Church; Goose Neck Property Owners Association; Greenport Fillies (4-H); Order of Eastern Star, Peconic Lodge; American Legion Auxiliary; Telephone Pioneers (Antique Switchboard); Empire Council; Tryac Truck & Equipment Co. of Southold; Kiwanis, Southold; North Fork Baptist Church; Cutchogue Lions; Eastern Long Island Hospital; Don Staron of Peconic; Ulrich Marine of Southold (Boat that will enter race around Shelter Island); Triangle Yacht Club (Contestants who will participate in "Anything but a Boat that will Float"); Southold Town Republican Club; Knights of Columbus; Old Oyster Factory; Long Island Traveler-Watchman; Mattituck-Cutchogue Elementary School; United Presbyterian Churches of Southold Township; Boy Scouts No. 297; Veterans of Foreign Wars; St. Patrick's Church (parade Carrolls of Carrollton, Maryland); Chinam Restaurant; Our lady of Ostrabrama Church (Antique religious

Marching units will be led by Spirit of '76 Painting re-enactment-Southold High School members and Color Guard, American Legion of Southold. Other units include Southold Boy Scouts; Greek Church; Boy Scout Troop No. 306; Boy Scouts No. 39; southampton Militia (Roy Wines Jr. group); Southold Senior Citizens (will march only in Southold); Greenport Twirlers; Middle School of Southold; Sacred

Heart School.

Bands which will play include Huntington Thunderers (100 plus strong); Mattituck High School Band; Southold High School Band; Southold Rotary; Greenport High School Band; Greenport Drum Corps; Southold Musketeers (American Legion; young group, only through Southold).

There will be 14 horses and riders from: Hidden Lake Riding School, and cars and vehicles in the parade have been entered by Mattituck Fire Dept.; Southold D.A.R.; Our Lady of Ostrabrama Church; 1938 Award Le France (Antique Fire Truck); Shelter

# Police Still Seeking Bank Loot

A week after four bags containing \$2,500 in cash and more than \$7,000 in checks and food stamps mysteriously disappeared from the night depository of the Greenport branch of the North Fork Bank and Trust Company on Wednesday, June 24, Greenport police, detectives of the Seventh Squad and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are still seeking a solution of the case.

The money and checks were missing when the depository was opened Wednesday morning, although there were no indications that doors and locks giving access to it had been tampered with. The same morning county detectives, and later FBI agents, questioned employees of the bank who had access to the depository.

A spokesman for the Seventh Squad in Southampton this week would say only that the investigation is continuing. He declined to give any particulars of the case.

From other sources it was reliably learned that the missing money and checks had been deposits made by Fresoni's, Van's Hardware, IGA and Peter Slack.

Asked about the possibility that the missing bags could have been fished up through the outside opening with the use of some sort of hook, authorities said the chute leading from outside to the depository is baffled to prevent that.

About 20 other bags placed in the depository overnight had not been disturbed, police said.

Efforts to obtain details of the incident from North Fork Bank officials immediately after its occurrence last week were unsuccessful. Subsequent efforts to glean information from a bank spokesman this week elicited only that the bank had "no comment."

# Henry Fleet Succumbs



Henry Landon Fleet, 72, of Old Pasture Road and Honeysuckle Lane, Cutchogue, died June 23, 1976 at the Eastern Long Island Hospital, Greenport. He was born in Cutchogue January 11, 1904 the son of Ida Cooper Fleet and Henry Lewis Fleet.

Mr. Fleet was a graduate of Dartmouth College, class of 1925 and Rutgers School of Banking, 1941. Henry Fleet was president of the North Fork Bank and Trust Company from 1946 to 1963 and chairman of the board until his retirement in 1969. He was a member and former president of the Suffolk County Bankers' Association.

A person of great stature in community activities, Mr. Fleet was the recipient of the Theodore Roosevelt Award for his outstanding service in support of the Eastern Long Island Hospital, of which he was a board member for many years.

Mr. Fleet was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Cutchogue Presbyterian Church and on the board of the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Historical Society. He was a member of the Pequash Club, Maratooka Club and Junior Order of the Mechanics and a charter member of the Cutchogue Fire Department. He was also a former member of the Board of Governors of the North Fork Country Club.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Camrell Fleet; two daughters, Ann Malin and Sally Boenau; three grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held June 25 at the Cutchogue Presbyterian Church with Reverend Bruce Dodd officiating. Interment was in Cutchogue Cemetery under the direction of the DeFriest Funeral Home, Inc.

# Festival To Start At Founders

Bicentennial Festival Week, the nine-day period during which the town of Southold will observe the nation's 200th birthday will begin, appropriately enough, at Founders Landing in Southold at 9 a. m. Saturday, July 3.

There will be a brief but colorful and symbolic ceremony after the Rev. P. M. Renzulli of Holy Trinity Church of Greenport delivers the invocation.

The American flag will be raised during a rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Greenport High School Band will provide music and the Southold Bicentennial Chorus, which was organized under the direction of Eugene Mott and managed by Robert Mayer, will be there even though some of its members will be at work that morning. The chorus will give a representative sampling of the magnificent Bicentennial music that will be heard at special concerts during the summer.

A letter of proclamation from President Gerald Ford to the town of Southold will be read by Bicentennial committee chairman Arthur Avedon.

Albert M. Martocchia, town supervisor, will be present, as will Lester M. Albertson, county clerk, who will appear in colonial costume. Also attending will be members of the Bicentennial Committee including Lois Callis, chairman of coordination and information and Dr. Jonathan Richmond, festival week chairman.

All North Fork residents and their guests are invited to participate in this opening tribute to the nation's celebration and the town's week-long festivities.

July 1, MATTITUCK, 1876  
My John Worth, of Mattituck, arrived on the steamer Coit at this port Wednesday morning, from a trip to Oswego county, this State, and brought with him one of the finest teams of roadsters and work horses ever seen hereabouts. They are Morgan mares, dark bay in color, symmetrically formed and in good flesh, almost exactly matched in points, and each 15 hands high, making a noble span to hitch before his open wagon for driving on the road, for which use he designs them. They were raised in Oswego county, and are certainly a team to be proud of.—Watchman.

Mr. Frank M. Lupton, editor of the *Crisbet on the Hearth*, N. Y. City, is rustiating here or a few days.

The strawberry season is about over; and the potato bug in full force.

The festival recently held by the ladies of the M. E. Church netted \$42.

# Mattituck Dresses Up

July 1, 1976 by Donald Gildersleeve

With Old Glory flying in front of every store in the business section, and at many Mattituck homes, the Bicentennial is being observed daily, and merchants are sprucing up their stores and offices with exterior and interior improvements.

The most noticeable is the former Duryea hardware store, now the Raynor-Suter, who have erected a sizable addition on the Pike Street side.

Perhaps the most interesting change occurred when the old "Abe" Brown store on Route 27 (then Hamilton Avenue) was converted into the Mattituck Automotive Machine Shop. But a few present-day Mattituckians remember Mr. Brown's old-time grocery, which prior to the turn of the century and until 1925, when he died, did a flourishing business, a major part being done "on the road" in a "peddle wagon", as the horsedrawn stores were called.

While members of his family kept store, Mr. Brown stocked his wagon, selling to standby customers from door to door. Nearly everyone kept his own poultry in those days and often paid for their groceries with eggs, so he then had considerable egg business that found a market in the city. After his estate was settled, the one-story store was unoccupied until along in the forties when Kenneth Brown (no relation) used it for the manufacture of seed potato cutters and conveyors until he established his present ice cube freezer industry with his fine factory on Wickham Avenue. Since, the old store has been something of an eyesore and looked like a job for a house wrecker. However, those old-time boss carpenters believed in building sturdy, and the present owners not only utilized the old structure but added a second story.

The firm of Raynor and Suter (Henry and Justice Martin) has added to its Pike Street side a structure of pre-fabricated steel, 50 feet by 80 feet, which is larger than the original store, formerly the Duryea hardware store, owned successively by Wm. V. Duryea and his nephew John W. Duryea. Mr. Raynor himself demonstrated his versatility by erecting the outer work, assisted by Fred Taylor. Ernest "Topsy" Jones has nearly completed the interior with new shelves and fixtures, and customers are already familiarizing themselves with the spacious addition and the locations of the stock.

Just across Pike Street from Raynor-Suter, on Love Lane, which was the site of the old Gildersleeve store, the unoccupied service station has been transformed into a beauty salon (Mitchell's) to open in August, and with the now popular shingled top, is already a wonderful improvement to the area. And also, next to Raynor-Suters, the small building that has been used by them as a storeroom has been handsomely "done over" inside and out and is now in the hands of some competent ladies who at once drew many customers to their attractive stock of dress goods and accessories. Their establishment is known as "By The Yard."

Westward on the Main Road, the former "Drift Inn" restaurant, a one-time seafood place, is in new hands and is to open as the Ding How Restaurant, specializing in Chinese cuisine. Somewhat west of the A & P center are three new buildings, occupied respectively by the Starlite Body Shop, Andrew Goodale (law office) and Krieger Well & Pump Corp., the latter a brick building.

Several changes have been operating for some time, notably, former Bohack to Kendall Furniture; former A & P to Mattituck Manor, improvements to the North Fork Market, and a Rail and Sail shop on Pike Street. All of which seems to augur well for Mattituck. Merchants appear to hold an optimistic expectation that the next two hundred years will be better than the past.

## Mattituck Legion Starts Fund

A newly established fund to contribute to treatment or cure for afflicted children of local members of the American Legion has been established by the Raymond Cleaves Post 861, Mattituck.

Newly-elected Commander Everett Steele calls it the "Fourth Division American Legion Child Welfare Fund."

The new fund was organized during a recent visit to Fishers Island by Mattituck American Legion officers.

While there they learned of a young cerebral palsy victim, a daughter of a member of the Fishers Island Legion Post. The Mattituck men initiated the new fund, collecting money that evening to give directly to the family. The fund was added to by voluntary solicitation at the American Legion Convention on Shelter Island two weeks ago.

American Legion posts contribute to county welfare funds, designated to aid children of members. But this is apparently one of the first local or "district" funds set in operation.

"It's a little bit selfish, I know," said Legion Commander Steele, "but we want to use the money we can raise and keep it in our own areas." The Fourth District area includes Southold, Shelter Island, and Riverhead towns.

Future fund-raising programs for the child welfare fund are planned by the Mattituck Legion, according to Mr. Steele, and all money will be used directly toward treatment or cure of afflicted children of Fourth District Legion members.

The North Fork Country Club July 3 when Stanley Rysko of Cutchogue scored a hole-in-one on the 130 yard 13th hole. He used a soft six iron on the perfect shot. His playing companions in the foursome were Lzzy Krupski, Artie McCaw and Hull Tuthill and they all settled for a par 3 on the hole and a few refreshments on the 19th hole, compliments of Stan. Just to prove that his hole in one was no fluke, the very next day Stan drove his tee shot within one foot of the pin on the very same hole. He settled for a birdie two.

# Southold Fireworks

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The fateful Battle of Long Island, with overtones of the bombardment of Fort McHenry and in technicolor with sound effects, will be refought high over Southold Bay on the night of Sunday, July 4.

This long-heralded Bicentennial Fireworks Spectacular is going to be quite a show. In one great sky-blast near the finish—just to relieve any suspense—a shimmering Star-Bangled Banner will still be waving over the land of the free and the home of the brave. And, incidentally, over the spot where the Puritans landed in 1640.

Countless thousands—most of them, hopefully, Southolders—will be watching. In a belated surge of enthusiasm, scores of prospective viewers and other spots have brought contributions to within fifths of the \$5,000 cost.

If everything goes according to schedule, the opening shell will be shot aloft some 400 to 500 feet at 9 p.m. Almost before its vast spread of scintillating comets have sped into oblivion the rest of the 35-minute bombardment will be under way. A crew of specially-trained volunteers from the Southold Fire Department will be firing salvos of star-shells, some of them almost simultaneously, from newly built timbered racks a hundred feet long.

"Even this part of the show—which nobody will see—will be fantastic," says Ed Boyd, who is chairman of the fireworks committee.

"We could have used Founders Landing or Goose Creek town beach on Great Hog Neck for this operation, but that would have meant blocking off hundreds of square yards of what will be among the best viewing points for the spectacle," Mr. Boyd said. "Fortunately we will be able to work elsewhere and achieve the same visibility with a maximum of safety."

The ends of thoroughfares leading to Southold Bay, such as Pine Neck Road, Bay Home Road or Town Harbor Road, obviously will be favored spots, as well as restaurant and marina parking areas along Route 25 in the vicinity of Mill Creek Bridge.

The sound effects—whistles, roars, bangs and thunderlike booms—will be heard for miles. The polychromatic sky-glow will be visible from almost any open area in town, but of course a shoreline vista will be best.

The fireworks firing team, which acquired its expertise from professionals during a training session at Bellport, includes Don Fisher, captain; Steve Carr, Ed Helinski and Mike Davids. They say they owe much to Fire Chief George Berry, as well as the rest of the department, who will be providing extra protection during the entire extravaganza.

The fireworks catering firm at Bellport is proud of the pyrotechnical feast it has prepared. It describes individual shell-shocks in what might be called—you'll excuse the expression—glowing terms, "red, white and blue chrysanthemums," "silver rain," "split comets," etc., but it reserves its most eloquent girandole for the finale—the one that comes after the flag has come into aerial existence in the exact opposite of the dawn's early light.

Combining 141 separate shells in a series of detonations, the company says, that only a superbly schooled crew could bring off, this number, "will be arranged in one mighty spectacle of colors and noises. Its flaming beauty, gripping action and combination of heavy reports afford a sensational ending. The above number will long be remembered as it is a climax that is seldom seen in the fireworks art."

# Young, Old Watch Riverhead Parade

July 8, 1976 by Timothy Kelly

The sidewalks of Main Street, Riverhead, were filled last Saturday with hundreds of people, both young old, watching the Bicentennial parade.

Little children clutching flags in one hand and their parent's hand in the other strained to look past the crowd. Cameras clicked and people applauded as the oncoming parade curved down past the reviewing stand, past Peconic and Roanoke Avenues east along Main Street.

Those who patiently waited for the parade were not disappointed. The Long Island Champions, The Chorus of the Peconic, entertained the anxious audience. They sang some old songs, such as "Heart of My Heart" and a new song they recently recorded called "Hey, Remember Me" which asks people to show a bit more respect for the flag. Strong and long applause for the chorus set the tone for the parade which followed.

A single town police car with red lights ablaze headed slowly down the empty street to start the parade. The floats that followed were varied and imaginative. There were floats with birthday cakes, floats with square dancers and even a float with a Dixieland band. Smokey the Bear marched along with the Jamesport Fire Department and shook hands with those youngsters who ran up to greet him.

The marchers walked with sure precision and confidence. The bands played with pride and the piercing fire department sirens loudly reminded the crowd of the importance of the day.

The parade lasted almost two hours and few people wished to see it end. When it did, much of the crowd converged on the north side of First Street, where a town-sponsored block party was being held. First Street was closed for the celebration.

The festive atmosphere did not end with the parade and many people leisurely strolled between the tables where leather goods, pottery, statues and jewelry were sold. Hot dogs, an American tradition as strong as the Fourth, were sold by members of the Riverhead Fire Department. Beer, chicken, cakes and ice cream were consumed in great quantities by the swelling crowd. The Frogman Band provided both traditional and modern music. The band skillfully used both the fiddle and the electric guitar to get those gathered to clap their hands and tap their feet. Helium balloons were sold, and young children as often as not let them go and watched them sail away with the breeze.

At the east end of the party grounds many people watched as the Bear Balloon Company tried in vain to inflate a hot air balloon. The balloon had been scheduled to give rides to youngsters to mark the official opening of the Museum of Contemporary Art for Children, located in the old Benjamin House on Main Street. The large fans blew into the open mouth of the balloon and the cloth flapped in the breeze. Gusty winds prevented the balloon from being inflated, but the onlookers were not let down. A 25-foot tall "bear balloon" similar to those seen in the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving was inflated. The white bear with its yellow bowtie was tethered to the ladder of a Riverhead fire department "cherry picker" and was held aloft like a giant puppet.

As the people munched on hot dogs and listened to the band black clouds rolled across the sky and thunder boomed in the distance. Hopes for a sunny weekend vanished as the block party was quickly drenched by an old-fashioned summer thundershower. People scurried for cover, the band unplugged its amplifiers and the giant bear was taken down and packed away. The block party ended rather abruptly, but the parade was held and was a success. Firemen selling hot dogs yelled that it was only a shower, but few listened as the rain forced them to seek drier places. The rain may have dampened the party but Riverhead did celebrate the Fourth and they did it in a very big way.

### ELEANOR L. GRABIE

Eleanor L. Grabie, 86, of Main Road, Mattituck, wife of the late Walter C. Grabie, died July 5, 1976 at the Eastern Long Island Hospital. She was born in Southold, on March 13, 1890 the daughter of Carrie Korn and Henry Lewis.

She is survived by a son, Walter L. Grabie, Mattituck; a daughter, Janis Bagshaw, Riverhead; a sister, Iva Goldsmith, Southold; a grandson, John L. Bagshaw and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 7 at the DeFries Funeral Home, Mattituck, with Reverend Frederick Hummel officiating. Interment was in Bethany Cemetery, Mattituck.

### CECELIA L. KLEIN

Cecelia L. Klein, 77, of East Legion Avenue, Mattituck, died July 4, 1976 at the Central Suffolk Hospital. She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on March 16, 1899 the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Nestle.

Mrs. Klein was a member of the Advent Lutheran Church, American Gold Star Mothers, North Fork Chapter No. 61, and the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 803, Southold.

Surviving are her husband, Edward Klein; a son, James H. Klein, Mattituck; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Gold Star Mothers' service was held Tuesday at the DeFries Funeral Home, Inc., Mattituck. Funeral services were held July 7 at the Advent Lutheran Church with Reverend George Summers officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Advent Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, Legion Avenue, RFD No. 1 Box 168A, Mattituck.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCaffery of Washington, N.C., recently spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor. While here the couple were guests of honor at a family reunion of the McCaffery family in Aquebogue, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Breitenbach, Jr. Forty members of the family were present.

The Mattituck Free Library summer program at the library officially opens on Thursday, July 8 with the first story hour at 11 a.m. Ms. Kathy Topping, the new story teller, will show two films titled "Pedro" and "Blue Bike" as well as read to the children. Since Ms. Topping plays the guitar, she will entertain the children with music from time to time. If registration is large enough, we will have two groups, one for pre-schoolers and another for five and six year olds. Register early.

At 2 p.m. in the afternoon, Mrs. Sue Pivco will conduct a program of collage on the lawn. She has divided the eight weeks into four different projects, one, pictures made with materials, another with things found in nature, one from the sea, and another found objects. There is limited amount of space for the craft program so register early. The age range is 9 to 12 or 13.

In addition to other programs, the library is offering a reading club with a Bicentennial Theme, age 8-12. An enrollee must read one book representing one of the original 13 colonies and report briefly on them. There are many new books both non-fiction and fiction on this period in our history. At the end of summer, all who have completed their 13 books, will receive a gift. These gifts will be distributed at the summer-end party for all book club members.

An annual book sale will be held on the front lawn July 3, with July 10 the rain date, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are many books in many categories, paperbacks, records, juvenile books, mysteries, cookbooks and many others. Come early.

The North Fork Audubon Society is presenting a special film program at the Bailey Beach Scout House, on the east side of the Mattituck Inlet, on Saturday, July 17, at 8:30 p.m. The film to be shown is "Signals for Survival", about those remarkable birds, the seagulls. This great film was originally scheduled for the January meeting of the Audubon Society, but a severe snow fall forced a cancellation of the meeting. Produced for BBC-TV by the noted ethnologist, Dr. Niko Tinbergen, this film shows how the Lesser Black-backed Gulls, familiar to residents of Southold Town, communicate with each other by sounds and signals. It is made aware of the importance of animal language to the survival of all species. There is ample parking space at Bailey's Beach; members of the Audubon Society and their guests are urged to come earlier than show time. Bring a picnic supper and have a refreshing swim before the meeting starts. 7-8-76

The first shipment of potatoes left Cutchogue last week headed for Boston. L.B. Glover, Jr., dug a near trailer load for a local buyer. He reports a good crop of good eating potatoes. Aggie Culture reports that other farmers are also ready to dig their spuds but that all their efforts are now directed to irrigating the crop in an effort to save the later harvest. The severe drought has no signs of being over.

### MRS. STACHIA ABRAHAMS

Mrs. Stachia Frances Abrahams, 73, of Love Lane, Mattituck, died July 10, 1976, at her residence. She was born in New York on August 28, 1902, the daughter of Annastachia Fell and David White. Mrs. Abrahams was a member of the Church of the Redeemer, Mattituck.

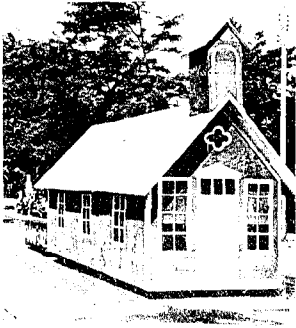
Surviving are two sons, Robert Melsah, Forest Hills, N.Y., and Paul P. Abrahams, Wisconsin; a sister, Lillian Frank, Syosset, N.Y.; two grandchildren also survive.

Services were held at the Church of the Redeemer July 13 with Reverend P. M. Ranzilli officiating. Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Kew Gardens. Arrangements were under the DeFries Funeral Home.

The Mattituck Historical Society will present the new film "It Happened on Long Island", produced by the Long Island Lighting Company. The program will be presented at the Museum Old Schoolhouse, Main Road, Mattituck at 8 p.m. July 27. All are cordially invited.

The Float Committee, Miss Gertrude Koop, Mrs. John Koop, Chippy Bennett, William Johnson and Ralph Tutthill, wish to thank Henry Rutkowski and John Elak for donating the vegetables which made the Bicentennial float possible. During the parade, one of the antique corn planters fell from the float. If it is found, please call Gertrude Koop, 298-8089.

AGAIN A WINNER is the floating Country Store, second in Southold's Incredible Parade and first in the Shelter Island parade the previous week. Sponsored by the Shelter Island Chamber of Commerce, it's authentic flavor is enhanced by storekeeper Albert Brant.



Southold had a respite last week from the usual spate of traffic accidents on highway filled with summer holidayers. The only reported mishap occurred Monday afternoon, when a car driven by Jerine VanRyswyk, 74, of Legion Avenue, Mattituck, and one operated by Pamela Graeb, 17, of Old Jule Lane, Mattituck, collided at Legion Avenue and Route 25. Mr. VanRyswyk was charged with failing to yield the right of way at the intersection.



# coin business



Gene Gianonne behind the counter of his little shop

One year and four months ago, to the day, destiny rescued Gene Gianonne from a recession-plagued trucking business in the Bronx and five days later, on March 9, it told him point blank "It's time to do what really makes you happy!"

That's how Gene came to open the Mattituck Coin Shoppe.

Coins had been an enduring interest for Gene ever since he was 14. Naturally, the story of how it all began began with a girl.

"I was going out with this girl. Her backyard and my backyard (this was in Queens) were back to back. No big deal. You know, we went to the movies and things like that. But her father had all these little folders filled with pennies, nickles and dimes. I was over there one night, we got to talking back and forth and he showed them to me. I don't know why, but I said, "That sounds like something different. And that's how it started."

Gene was rescued from the Bronx trucking business March 4, 1975, when plans he had to open a deli in Queens were fouled up by fate.

The owner of the store, Gene and a partner had their eyes on, would not give them the kind of lease they were counting on.

As Gene tells the story, "I was up to my neck in trucks. I had this house (in Mattituck) up for sale and I was going to buy this deli. But when the deal fell through, I says to my self, "I can't see any purpose in driving back and forth to the Bronx anymore."

"There weren't that many loads and what business there was, my partner (in the trucking business) was taking out. He lived closer in than me. It used to cost me \$12 a day to go in to work, between gas and bridge tolls.

"So that was it. Five days later (on March 9) I went out and bought a rug, painted the room, put the wall up, bought a show case and told my wife, "I'm

going to open a coin shop."

For three years, while he was on the road in Mack trucks to places like Ohio, Gene didn't have much time for rare and semi-rare currency. He was too busy trying to make enough of the kind of money people spend to live.

But just three weeks before destiny jumped in and set him straight, Gene made a move in the "coin world" that caused him later to wonder about it. He sold a major piece of his basic coin collection.

Then, in order to start his new career as a coin dealer on Long Island's East End, he had to scurry around to other dealers and recover the kind of stock he had just unloaded.

"Opening a coin shop was the furthest thing from my mind. I had one particular set of coins that I really wanted to complete. So I took my penny set, a Buffalo nickle set and a large box of dimes I'd collected for years and I sold it all."

With the profit, he purchased the six coins that completed the set he was after.

On his first day of business, sporting a sign freshly painted by himself because one he ordered didn't arrive, only four people walked into the little shop located in the front of the Gianonne home. However, it was an omen that numismatology was a science not totally unknown to these parts.

"Every time a strange face walks through that door, it's another prospective customer," says Gene.

The only factor that separates Gene from other people who deal in coins on Long Island and elsewhere, he feels, is himself. "My customers like me and feel comfortable in my shop. I have to know what's good. And when people come in here, I'm going to tell them, because the first bum steer I give someone, I could lose a whole year out of this business."

"If I did some of the things other people (dealers) do, I could just lock the door and forget about ever succeeding," he says. For instance? "Well, I had a guy walk in here, he sits down and says, 'I just bought \$200 worth of silver.' I says, 'What did you pay for it?'" He says '\$200.' Now to me, I can't see why anyone would sell silver at face value

when I'm advertising that for \$100 worth of silver, I'll pay \$260. Just common, junk silver."

The reason Gene is willing to do this is simple business. "I probably make only 10 to 15 per cent profit and what business could survive on that? But I buy silver in the chance that I'm going to pick one coin from that lot that I'm going to be able to put in the case for \$25. I have to accommodate people. I have to buy silver. And I have to go along with the going rate."

Sorting through piles of silver is something Gene has been doing for years.

"I used to play in a band," Gene relates. "I was making decent money. Gee, at the time, I was 16, or 17 years old, in high school and I was making \$50 a night. And I put it all into coins. I even borrowed money from my father."

The sum Gene borrowed from his father was \$500. What he did with it was a pure example of how having a little can help you make a little more. He would take the \$500 down to a bank, trade it in for \$500 worth of silver coins, lug them home and start picking through them for coins he was looking for.

Pulling a large box out from under his store counter, he explains, "That's how I started to build up a stock like this." The box was neatly filled with capped and carefully marked plastic cylinders containing coins of every denomination.

"The idea of being a coin dealer has been in me ever since I started collecting. I've always enjoyed making deals involving coins. At shows I would buy a coin from one dealer and sell it ten feet away to another."

Gene says he's "100 per cent satisfied with the business he's had so far." But he admits that every once in a while "I look out and see a \$45,000 tractor trailer passing by and miss it. But you really couldn't get me back in one for anything. I have good memories, but then I think back to the days when I laid out in eight inches of snow in biting cold weather trying to fix an oil leak."

## Dohm Heads Board

by Kenne

Walter Dohm was elected president of the Mattituck-Cutchogue Board of Education at its statutory reorganization meeting July 6. Wesley Simchick was elected vice president.

Mr. Dohm has been a member of the M-C school board for eight years. He has chaired many different committees and was vice president last year under Vincent Bialeski, who for a number of years was president before deciding not to seek another term as board member, after serving since 1963.

Vice president Wesley Simchick was elected to the board last year, and this year there are three new members - John Dabrowski, Donald Langan and Peter Swahn, all of whom were sworn in at the reorganization meeting. The Board reappointed Mary Burns and Thomas Roslak as district treasurer and district clerk, respectively.

In the interest of future district elections, and in view of the growth of the Mattituck community, the Board decided that a house-to-house census of voters should be taken this year.

## Milius receives degree

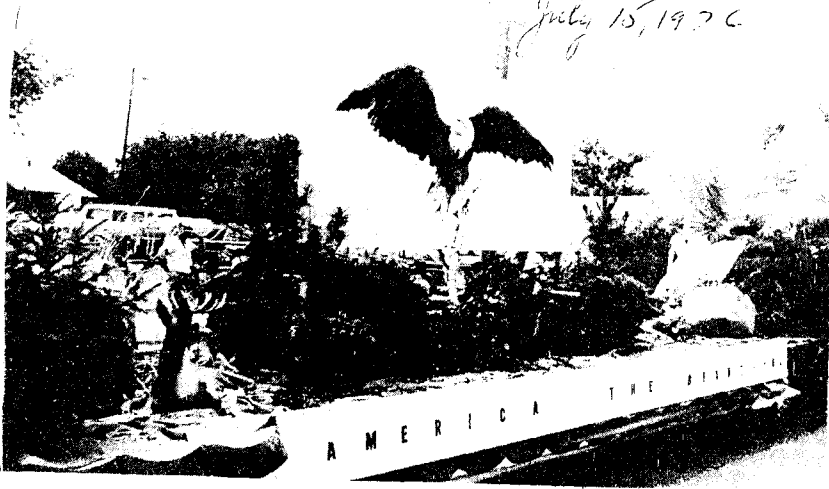
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Lawrence Milius, In week resident summer sessions, completed two years of extension work and submitted a thesis titled "Suffolk County's Farmland Acquisition Program and Its Relationship to the Community and the Banking Industry" before a panel of experts on the subject.

Milius joined The North Fork Bank & Trust Company in 1967 and is currently in charge of the bank's installment Loan department. He lives with his wife and two children in Cutchogue.

Milius attended three two-

# Southold Hosts Bicentennial



The Most Beautiful Float Award went to the Terry-Griswold-Glover American Legion's float, named appropriately "America The Beautiful". As the entry passed in review, murmurs of appreciation were heard from the onlookers.

Residents of the North Fork and their guests paid tribute to the Republic's accomplishments over the past 200 years by staging the largest and best attended parade in the area's history.

The Incredible Parade, organized by the Southold Town Bicentennial Committee and hundreds of volunteers, passed the reviewing stand in Mattituck at 9:20 a.m. on Saturday and four hours later the last of the 68 marching units filed into the polo

grounds in Greenport.

As the marching column which included nine fire departments, 10 church groups, six bands, antique cars, Walt Disney characters, four American Legion organizations and floats entered by many organizations and businesses, passed through Mattituck, Cutchogue, Southold and Greenport Villages, it was viewed by over 3,000 spectators.

Also watching the parade were the judges who included Supervisors

Albert Martocchia, County Legislator Joyce Burland, Robert Berks, a sculptor, artist John Osgood, Jules Laurents, a set designer, and Superintendent of Highways Raymond Dean. Also standing on the reviewing stand was Lois Callis and Arthur Avedon, representatives of the Bicentennial committee. Dr. Jonathan Richmond, chairman of the committee, and artist Lee Pufahl were assigned the duty of reviewing and

Several floats honored landmarks, individuals and groups that are part of the North Fork's history. The Seashells 4-H Club in Orient constructed a replica of the Buttonwood tree, the community's original settlers planted in 1776. The club's efforts were recognized by the parade judges who awarded them recognition as the float with the best Bicentennial theme.

The members of the Cutchogue Fire Department received a white ribbon for their recreation of life at Fort Corchaug.

The Southampton Militia, under the direction of Roy Wines, paraded down Route 25 dressed in the colonial uniforms and carrying flintlock rifles. At the reviewing stand the militia's artillery company loaded their small canon with an explosive device and then detonated it. The canon blast was followed by a round of rifle fire.

The Militia was one of the three marching units to receive a blue ribbon award.

Other historical themes included the Laurel Yacht club's representation of General George Washington's trip across the Delaware River. The Southold Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution entered a float which honored the community's heroines of 1776.

## Depicts American Lifestyle

Another group of floats portrayed lifestyles found in America. The Southold Savings Bank launched the S.S. Melting Pot which carried a crew dressed in the outfits worn in several different nations. They were awarded a white ribbon for creativity.

The owners of the Chinam Restaurant entered a float which carried a paper dragon, some warriors and a huge war drum. They also handed out 3,000 fortune cookies to the people lining the street.

Other elements of American life included the Shelter Island Chamber of Commerce's General Store. It was set on the rear deck of an old International truck and had Alfred Brand tending a rural, retail store. They were awarded a blue ribbon.

A representation of America the beautiful was constructed by the Terry-Griswold-Glover Post's auxiliary and it received the "Most Beautiful Float" award.

A recreation of the Southold Academy was built and manned by students from Southold High School. The one room school was filled with students, a school marm and a dunce. They received a white ribbon for their efforts.

No salute to America would be complete without floats honoring industry's contribution to society. The judges seemed to agree with this point of view and they awarded the grand prize to the Jamesport Fire Department. Their float showed the North Fork's fishing and farming industry.

While the parade was passing the St. Agnes Church, Greenport, a newly betrothed couple, Robert Parker and Alice Moffit, left the church and drove their car through the marchers and floats. Their car loaded with crepe paper was hailed by more horns, shouts, explosions and drums.

After the noise had subsided Charles Knistel excited many small children by pedaling through the village on a high wheel bike. The front wheel was 12 inches wide. The bike was built in 1877, is worth \$800 and belongs to Arthur M. Pollack of Greenport.

## Day Ends

As the crowds flocked around the floats parked at the polo grounds or nunched on hot dogs, Dr. Richmond, chairman of the Bicentennial committee, said the entire parade had passed with no problems and he concluded it "was a terrific reward after so many months of preparation."

## Colonial Skills Recreated

The craftsmen who helped recreate a day in Southold Township, circa 1776, demonstrated the time required to provide a family's basic needs, food, clothing and shelter.

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A conversation, overheard at the craftsmen's show held on the Cutchogue Green last Friday, shows how the exhibition confused and educated some of the visitors. While Judith Perham was using her spinning wheel to wind wool into yarn a young woman asked, "What are you doing there?"

Ms. Perham continued to pump the foot pedal on the wheel and said after a sufficient amount of the wool was spun onto spindles a woman would weave it or knit it into clothes for her family.

"When did they have time to do all that?" she was asked.

At which time a man in the audience surrounding the weaver said, "Now you know where the saying 'a woman's work is never done' originated".

## Time Savers

Most of the craftsmen working at the 40 booths placed around the green, also explained how persons living in rural Long Island devised equipment which permitted them to do more than one task at the same time.

One time-saving device used by the colonial housewife is a "bottle jack" which hung in the fireplace. It operates on the same principle as an electric rotisserie except a mechanical spring inside the jack unwinds and turns the duck back and forth over the fire. Alice Rose, who supervised the six women working at the fireplace cooking exhibit, said the jack will rotate the food for 45 minutes on one winding.

As the duck, stuffed with apples, spun over the coals, Mrs. Rose and her companions prepared six other dishes including hasty pudding, a fish chowder, scalloped tomatoes, Johnnycakes, fried cakes and cornbread. Each item was made from recipes found in cookbooks used by Long Islanders in the later part of the 18th century.

All their cooking utensils also dated from the Revolutionary period or were recreated by Mrs. Rose's son who is a blacksmith. These heavy wrought and cast iron pieces also save time, since they can be left unattended on the fire for several hours.

Another slow cooking technique involves the Dutch oven. For this exhibition the ladies placed scalloped tomatoes, a traditional summer dish, in the oven which is shaped like a huge crock. It was placed over the fire, a large lid was fastened to the kettle and coals arranged on top of it. The food simmered in it for hours.

While the main course was being prepared by the fireplace cookers, Chuck Glover made whole cakes on a grill taken from the Old House. Mr. Glover made the cakes from whole grains, which Grace Welles ground into flour and sour dough. Lee S. Freidman, 6, sampled one of the cakes and said it was good but felt it was too much work to operate the grinder.

Some visitors covered the hot cakes with butter which Mary Wheeler had just finished churning.

**Exhibit Well Attended**

As the craftsmen worked on harnesses, made pottery, shod horses, demonstrated quilting and quilting, dyed wool with natural herbs, hooked rugs and carved bowls from logs, hundreds of visitors rambled from display to display. The entire show was organized by Pam Conrad and her 8 member committee and was part of the Southold Town Bicentennial salute.

**Quizzical Group**

The guests stopped at the various exhibits and thoroughly quizzed each craftsman. One woman watched Jeanne Glover extract several skeins of wool from a pot containing dye made from crushed onions. She asked Jeanne what chemical is used to set the dye.

Mrs. Glover replied, "A compound I get from photography shops."

The woman then asked if that product was available to the colonial housewife.

"Yes," Mrs. Glover said, "It was also available to a woman living during the Medieval ages."

Giacomo Compagnone of Washington was westbound Route 27 in Mattituck last Friday evening when Bennie Hanko of Westphalia Avenue, Mattituck, allegedly crossed in front of him causing a collision. Fioretino Meo who was a passenger in Compagnone's car was taken to Eastern Long Island Hospital for treatment of face and neck pains. Hanko was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated.



A GIANT BAKED POTATO IN THE SUN won first prize for the most amusing float. It took months to complete, as the creators, Lorrinda and Don Staron and Ellen and Steven Kosciusko, worked secretly in a garage a few nights a week, telling no one about the design. The day of the parade the four started working at 4:30 a.m. to finish the potato, chosen, according to Mrs. Staron, because "That would best represent Long Island." As the papier mache vegetable made its way in the parade, driven by Kenneth Dimon, the four played vegetables - pumpkin, potato, strawberry and pepper - and they threw out to the delighted crowds 20 pounds of potatoes, Long Island grown of course.

**NAOMI P. BAUMANN**

Naomi P. Baumann, 73, of Village Lane, Mattituck, died July 25, 1976, at Eastern Long Island Hospital, Greenvale. She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on December 3, 1902, the daughter of Emma Brenner and Joseph Ressler.

Surviving are her husband, George E. Baumann; a daughter, Joan B. Young, Laurel; three sons, Harold E. of East Patchogue, George A. of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Edmund J., Greenlawn, N.Y.; a brother, Harold Ressler, Lynbrook; three sisters, Carol and Edna Ressler, both of Lynbrook, and Viola Meyer, Ft. Lauderdale; 11 grandchildren also survive. *July 24, 1976*

Funeral services were held July 28 at Our Lady of Good Counsel R.C. Church, Mattituck. Wake service was held at the DeFries Funeral Home, Inc., Mattituck, July 26. Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Cutchogue.

**FRANK ABRAMS, SR.** *July 22, 1976*

Southold resident, Frank Whittemore Abrams, Sr., former chairman of the board of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, died Saturday, July 17, 1976, at the Eastern Long Island Hospital. He was 87 years of age.

Born in Rockville Center on June 24, 1889, he was the son of Mary L. Farmer and Zachariah Abrams. After his graduation from Syracuse University in 1912 he went to work as draftsman for the Eagle Works, a Jersey City subsidiary of Standard Oil of New Jersey. He retired in 1953 as board chairman of the oil company, which later became the Exxon Corporation, and he moved to Mattituck in 1968 after spending

summers there for many years.

The husband of the late Ruth Corrigan Abrams, he is survived by a son, Frank W. Abrams, Jr., of Nassau Point; two granddaughters, Susan B. Abrams and Nancy A. Mullen; and one great-granddaughter, Karen Anne Mullen.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 20, 1976, at the Southold Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Alexander Sime officiating. Interment followed in the Cutchogue Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Southold Presbyterian Church memorial fund.

**Mattituck's truck** *July 26*

The 1928 Seagrave, purchased 18 months ago by the Mattituck fire department, on the other hand, was once a stalwart of fire removal for the Locust Valley Fire Department, with its 750 gallon a minute pump of solid brass.

Mattituck is still working on bringing this warhorse back to a more vital condition. The removable parts have been removed and sandblasted, according to Jim Lessard, of the restoration committee. The truck also needs several coats of paint, and some work on the cooling system, which is presently failing to cool.

The antique cost \$500 to buy, and the full cost, including repairs will come from donated funds. The department is taking care of the work themselves.

The annual fair and auction at the Presbyterian Church was bigger and better than ever last Saturday on the church lawn. The members of said church wish to thank everyone who helped to make it such a success.

Now comes their annual chicken barbecue on August 14 at the Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children. \$1 additional charge on deliveries and \$5.50 for take-outs. For tickets see any church member or at the church office which is open every day from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. *July 5, 1976*

**Bird Crossing** *July 29, 1976*

Timothy Stammel of Marlene Drive in Mattituck was south bound on Tuckers Lane in Southold when he braked to let a flock of baby birds cross the road. Behind him was John E. Rumpel of Greenlawn who claimed that he did not see Stammel's brake lights go on and crashed into the rear of Stammel's car. Marilyn McNulty, a passenger in Stammel's car, was taken to Eastern Long Island Hospital for a check up.

**99 Years Ago**

August 4, 1877

The following persons were installed officers of Sterling Lodge No. 650: J. Willard Preston, Sarah Hammond, C.W. Hartley, Emory Terry, Arletta Clark, Marina Neill, Fred Hammond, Amanda Thornhill, S.B. Horton, Anna Pease, Hulda Corwin, Anna Thornhill.

Josiah Smith, carpenter and constable, has contracted to build 700 feet of fence for Ezra Tillinghast.

The new house for William D. Richmond is completed. Messrs. Corey and Wood have made a substantial and attractive job of it.

Last Thursday Capt. Ellsworth Tutthill was going down the hill by the mill, the horses before his meat wagon became frightened by the wagon hitting their heels. They ran to the mill bridge and turning suddenly, horses, wagon, driver and all went off the bridge into the mill pond. They went out of sight, but coming up again they swam for the shore, which, with assistance, they reached safely, leaving the contents of

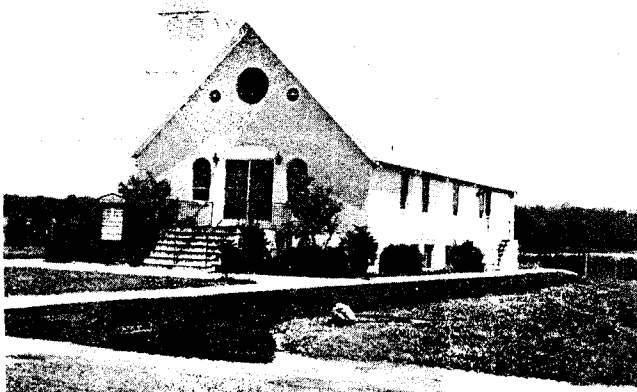
# Primate To Consecrate Mattituck Church



A series of profiles of the  
religious leaders of the North  
Fork

by Bob Winternitz

July 29, 1976



The Rev. Lee C. Hardgrove

CONSECRATION RITES for the Transfiguration of Christ Church in Mattituck will be held on Sunday, August 8, with Archbishop Iakovos, primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America, officiating. The church is located amid farm fields on Breakwater Road. *July 29, 1976*

### Unique Church Experience

A unique and significant experience will take place in the life of the Transfiguration of Christ Church, in Mattituck, on August 8. The consecration of the church will be performed by Archbishop Iakovos, primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America, assisted by members of the Greek Orthodox Clergy of Long Island.

The consecration service is unique in the life of a church. It signifies the baptism of a place of worship. Once a church is consecrated, it may never be destroyed, moved or used for any other purpose. This service is derived from the practices of the Early Christian era. On the morning of August 8, the Archbishop holding a tray, with a container enclosing the sacred relics of three Christian martyrs, will lead a procession. The congregation will follow the Archbishop three times around the exterior of the church, chanting Byzantine hymns. This encircling of the church signifies its consecration forever, because the circle is the symbol of eternity.

The first to have the honor of entering the church is the layman who pledges the highest amount for

the gold key, which unlocks the doors. Each church member participates in the service by coming forth to add a few drops of oil to the vigil lamp, which is later placed on the Altar table. At the conclusion of the divine liturgy, pieces of the Archbishop's white robe, the savvanon, are distributed to the Community as a sacred remembrance of this highly religious and significant event in the life of a church.

Vesper Services will be held on August 7, between 5-6 p.m. On August 8, consecration services will begin at 7 a.m. and end at 2 p.m.

A dinner will be held to celebrate the consecration services of the church on Saturday, August 7, 7 p.m. at the Mattituck Manor on the Main Road in Mattituck. His eminence, Archbishop Iakovos, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America, will attend the dinner. Due to limited seating, reservations must be paid in advance. To insure your reservation, mail your check to the Transfiguration of Christ Church, Breakwater Road, P.O. Box 1162, Mattituck, L.I., N.Y., 11952 or call Mrs. Cleo P. Tsounis at (516) 298-8618.

Mattituck Historical Society will have for their special speaker on August 24 at 8 p.m., Mrs. Gerald Levine, a graduate of Stony Brook University. Mrs. Levine studied anthropology. She will discuss interesting gravestones and the art of gravestone-rubbing. In fact her interests include any and all colonial graves on Long Island. This has become a popular hobby for many people. The meeting will be in the old school house on the Main Road near the Historical Society's house.

Roger Cox, a former Mattituckian and son of Mrs. Gordon Cox, has become the district director of the American Bowling Congress of Nassau, Suffolk County and some of southern New England. The headquarters of the group is in Milwaukee, Wis. Congratulations on the honor, Mr. Cox.

The new minister in the pulpit of the Methodist Church in Greenport, Lee C. Hardgrove, is anything but the "reverend gent" depicted in the storybooks of yesteryear. To start with, he is only 26 years old. Then he is a husky, hearty, pipe-smoking character who rides around town on his bicycle, loves to meet people, to play tennis, go swimming, bowling, camping—anything in the line of sports. P.S. He is also an ardent reader, student, teacher and a dedicated man of the church.

Young Hardgrove preached his first sermon in Greenport on June 27 only six weeks after graduating from Yale Divinity School. When someone ribbed him the other day, demanding to know what a youngster like himself could possibly have to say to a predominantly mature and seasoned congregation, he pleaded guilty to the charge of Youth but then pointed to an impressive record of many years of important church work.

He got the call at the age of 13 at the Methodist Camp on Shelter Island, when he had risen early to go to the beach to see the sun rise. The sight gave him such a warm feeling that he made the decision on the spot to devote himself to helping others through service in the church.

By the time he was a 17-year-old senior at Walt Whitman High School in South Hun-

tington, he had progressed far enough to be elected president of the N.Y. Conference Youth Council, representing some 450 churches. The next year the National Board of Education of the Methodist Church lowered the minimum age for lay delegates from 21 to 18, so that Lee Hardgrove became the youngest delegate to go on the Board. He continued to serve after the name was changed to Board of Discipleship, until 1974 when he reached mandatory retirement following eight years of service.

Meanwhile, the prospective minister had graduated from high school in 1968, from the American University in Washington with an A.B. cum laude in 1972 and moved on to Yale Divinity School, where he took on some pretty challenging jobs on the side. Not only did he serve as assistant minister in two nearby Connecticut towns, but also taught history in a small college where he also acted in an administrative capacity to direct the Alumni Association.

During the course of these demanding extracurricular activities our eager divinity student met a girl named Linda Sawyer, an alumna of Fairleigh Dickinson and a dental hygienist. They were married two years ago and Mrs. Hardgrove is as charmed and steamed up about Eastern Long Island as her husband. This just had to be, since the new minister's family moved to Long Island

when he was a little boy, brought him up in a small Nassau town and in Huntington. They also sent him to camp on Shelter Island for ten summers. So he knows the East End from way back.

As a result of all this, something new has been added to the picture at the fine old Methodist Church on Main Street. For example, not content with greeting members of the congregation when they leave church after Sunday worship, Lee Hardgrove is right there to welcome them as they come in. What's more, on these hot Sunday mornings the new pastor will be in his shirt sleeves, donning his robe for the Processional only at the last minute. This is in line with a long-established custom in the Chapel at Yale. Not a bad way to make folks feel at home.

In most churches, during the singing of hymns you don't as a rule hear the voice of the minister above those of the other singers, but you can distinctly hear Lee Hardgrove even above all those lusty Methodist singers down in the pews in front of him. It is all part of the man's hearty, enthusiastic nature.

When you ask about his views on specific problems facing the churches of Greenport, he begs off, pointing out that he has been here far too short a time to come up with a program. He does make a few important points, however, in no uncertain terms, like the crying need to attract more young people. For example, he notes that with some 1,300 kids in the school district, there should normally be far more of their parents taking an active part in the life of the church.

Therefore, among his first projects the new pastor is working on the development of activities for juniors. The youth of the church have already started a small bowling league on Thursday nights as prelude to a young people's program to get rolling, hopefully in September.

Of course, this is only the beginning. There is a big job to be done in anybody's language, but Pastor Hardgrove hasn't the slightest doubt that it can and will be done, just as the people in Greenport have succeeded in giving their economic life a new direction. He has complete faith in the ability and willingness of the community in general and his congregation in particular to do the job.

## Church Festival

The week of August 15 will be a busy time at the Advent Lutheran Church in Mattituck as its Summer Festival swings along.

First, the Festival continues with a seminar on "Communication" on Tuesday evening, August 17, from 7:30 to 9:30 in the evening at the church. A panel of professionals will discuss the various aspects of real communication, person to person, how to listen and how to appreciate what other people are feeling. A question-and-answer period will follow the discussion.

On Thursday, August 19, the ladies of the congregation invite all women of Southold Town to share their second Summer Festival Ladies' Luncheon to be held in the cool fellowship hall of the church. Ms. Terry Edwards will entertain with a selection of songs and a motion picture will round out the program.

A free-will offering will be received at both events, which are open to the public. For luncheon reservations, call Mrs. Ellen Murdock at 734-5169. Child care will be provided during the luncheon.

## 48 Unit Dwelling Planned

*Aug. 5, 1976*  
With a group of Mattituck homeowners still embroiled in a court battle to stop the building of a high priced 132 unit condominium on 27 acres of the Norris property, a Freeport construction company has filed an application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development to build a 48 unit multiple dwelling for elderly persons and low to middle income families on Mattituck's Main Road.

The application for "Holly Gardens", filed by the Holly Construction Company, calls for rehabilitating the former Bohack store and adjoining shops into 21 efficiency apartments and 27 one bedroom apartments, with ten percent of the units designed for handicapped people. The company is one of 45 Long Island concerns which have filed proposals with HUD under Section 8 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Under Section 8, elderly persons or families whose income does not exceed 80 percent of the median income for Suffolk County could qualify as renters and receive an HUD rent subsidy for rental charges in excess of 25 percent of their income. The HUD payments would go directly to the landlord, once HUD had determined rental charges represented a fair market value.

In its proposal, Holly Construction has specified rents of \$295 a month for the efficiency units and \$325 a month for the one bedroom apartments. According to an HUD spokesman, these figures fall within fair market value by the department's statistics. Holly is also applying for HUD mortgage insurance in the amount of \$1,055,000 and has estimated construction costs at \$1,369,750.

The proposed project will also conform to all the requirements of the Suffolk County Housing Assistance Plan. The apartments would contain an inner courtyard and garden and a common hallway. Holly has also promised to submit a detailed plan of a sewerage treatment system that will meet all health department specifications.

### Many Applications

The 45 project applications under Section 8 HUD received by the June 18 deadline is way up from the 27 proposals the department got last year, while at the same time HUD budget cutbacks have reduced the number of units it can subsidize this year. This year's applications from both Nassau and Suffolk ask for rent subsidies for more than 4,000 new or rehabilitated housing units but, because of the cutbacks, the department has funds for only 775 units.

In deciding which projects to fund, HUD will consider plans submitted and the need for low income housing in the area where the housing would be built. The Town of Southold is considered an area where low income housing is scarce. Whether the project here will be funded will not be known until the latter part of August, when HUD makes decisions on the applications.

Of the 27 project proposals the department received last year, only 12 were eventually funded, encompassing only about 1,500 units. HUD had been prepared to fund almost 1,900 units. This year, however, interest in the Section 8 program increased dramatically and there are some indications HUD is coming under pressure from Long Island officials to increase its funding here.

### Southold Battle

The Town of Southold has already been through one battle on a multiple dwelling unit. In December of 1973, the town board held a public hearing on a request from Bruce Norris to change the zoning of his property on New Suffolk Avenue in Mattituck from agricultural and residential A to multiple dwelling M. The board received more than 1,000 signatures on signed petitions opposing the zoning change and vehemently opposing Norris' plan to construct the condominium on property he owned that had long been farmland. The hearing had to be moved to the Greenport High School to accommodate the large crowd that turned out.

The board took no action on the Norris request for almost a year and then announced it had granted the zoning change because the town's master plan called for multiple housing in the Mattituck-Cutchogue area. A group of residents near the Norris property then took the case to court, where the town board's decision was upheld. The same group has now appealed the court decision and the issue remains unresolved. Norris, meanwhile, has not proceeded with the condominium plan. How the Holly Construction project, if it goes ahead, would affect the Norris proposal is not known.

## LATE NEWS

*Aug. 17, 1976*  
The sun was shining in Suffolk County today and hurricane Belle was long gone, but our troubles were not over as thousands of Long Islanders were still without power, and felled trees continue to block many roads.

New York State Assemblyman Perry Duryea, a Republican Legislator from Montauk appealed to Governor Hugh Carey in a telegram sent to Albany at 1 p.m. The text of Mr. Duryea's message appears below.

**"HURRICANE BELLE HAS CAUSED SEVERE PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT EASTERN SUFFOLK. POWER OUTAGES ARE SEVERE AND IN MOST CASES MEAN NO WATER SUPPLY DUE TO WIDESPREAD DEPENDENCE ON INDIVIDUAL WELLS IN OUR AREA. URGE YOU IMMEDIATELY DECLARE EASTERN SUFFOLK A DISASTER AREA IN ORDER THAT MAXIMUM STATE AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE CAN BE PUT INTO EFFECT.**

# Belle Grazes

Ready and waiting to cope with the full fury of the hundred-mile-an-hour winds of Hurricane Belle and the extremely high tides threatening to inundate populated lowlands, Southold and the rest of Eastern Long Island, through a fortunate last-minute freak of nature, escaped by being merely grazed by a fringe of the potentially death-dealing storm.

Winds that peaked at 75 miles an hour—still of hurricane force—struck from the eastern edge of Belle and blew out most of the lights on the North Fork shortly before midnight.

Frequent gusts lifted large trees by the roots and left at least a hundred of them blocking busy highways in Southold alone. The wind blasts wreaked similar havoc and disrupted traffic elsewhere on the North Fork and Shelter Island. They drove aground any pleasure craft their owner had failed to secure against the buffeting force and the abnormally high tides accompanying the storm.

But the real story of that storm was not these ill effects of its fury. It was in the quick and carefully devised preparedness plan for the safety of summer and other residents of low-lying waterfront areas that was speedily put into effect by Southold's Town officials.

As soon as it became apparent that Hurricane Belle had become a dangerous threat, as it roared with accelerating force up the coast from the Carolinas, with the help of school officials and volunteer fire chiefs, Town Supervisor Albert Martocchia and Police Chief Carl Cataldo arranged and put into effect a program calculated to keep loss of life and injury from the storm at a minimum. It turned out, because the extremely high tides expected failed to arrive, and because the blow turned out to be a glancing one instead of Hurricane Belle's knockout punch, to be merely a practice exercise.

Recognizing the gravity of the situation as it existed then, early in the day, Supervisor Martocchia arranged with school and fire department officials for the use of those buildings to house temporarily more than 500 people it was decided should be evacuated from Southold's lowlands.

Early Monday afternoon, when it appeared that the East End had become a prime target for Belle, the evacuation procedure was put into action.

Utilizing the high school buildings in Mattituck, Southold and Greenport, and the Oysterponds School in Orient, as well as the firehouses in each of those communities and in East Marion, persons of all ages, ranging from young children to the elderly, were quickly and efficiently transported from their shore cottages, some waterfront motels and from boats they were living on in marinas. They were moved in private, police cars and buses to the shelters that would provide them with greater safety if and when the storm struck.

**Hurricane Changes Course**  
North Fork area residents braced for the full impact of Belle up until past midnight, when newcasters following the storm's course predicted it would make its landfall in the Islip area, well westward of the path originally forecast. For those listening for the storm's movements on television and radio programs after midnight, a new fear arose when it was announced that Belle was veering from a northerly course toward the northeast, which could direct the storm's center toward the East End again.

Instead Belle moved even farther west, and started to cross Long Island in the Jones Beach area. Only then were North Fork residents able to breathe easier.

While no injuries from the storm were reported in the North Fork area, the physical damage it wrought to fine trees in the area was tremendous.

At daybreak Tuesday, almost every street in the town of Southold which was cluttered with broken trees or their limbs.

Road crews directed by Raymond Dean, superintendent of highways, worked through the night to clear a hundred or more trees lying in streets and imperiling traffic. Hundreds more fell on private property, some of them damaging the exteriors of houses and other structures.

**Storefronts Boarded Up**  
Preparedness against the hurricane's possible effects did not stop with the municipal officials' efforts. Merchants and other businessmen recognized there was a real peril early, and many boarded up windows of their establishments, or taped them to prevent breakage if Belle did her worst.

A major reason the storm's onslaught was less destructive than expected lay in the fact that the extremely high tides which had been predicted never materialized.

"It turned out to be a Chinese fire drill," said Henry Pierce, owner of Pierce Yacht Basin, who declared the tides Belle had been expected to build up into a 15-foot surge turned out to be only one foot higher than usual.

Acting on the reality of hurricane warnings issued earlier, the Yacht Basin crew began to lift cars left locked by boat owners to higher ground with fork lifts. Mr. Pierce explained that many pleasure craft owners had left their automobiles at the yard, where, if the warning proved justified, they could have been completely inundated.

"We were very lucky there was no damage," he said.

Steve Clarke of Greenport Yacht and Shipbuilding Company, reported no damage there. He said the yard had not taken in boats to the extent they could overcrowd the yard, and that those moored there were kept safe from damage by maintaining an all-night check on their mooring lines.

Lack of major damage to pleasure boats and other craft which would have been exposed to the blow if left afloat, was attributed to the diligence of owners and marina operators who took vessels in dangerous locations out of the water and stored them on dry land.

**Trees Are Chief Victims**  
Ashore, Southold did not fare so easily. The town's trees were the chief sufferers. In full foliage, they were torn apart by Belle's 75-mile gusts and branches of every size and description were strewn about almost everywhere one looked on Tuesday morning.

Some stately monarchs, notably one many feet in girth at the end of South Street near the A & P, became early victims of the storm.

The trees were particularly vulnerable because almost constant heavy rains had fallen for several days before the hurricane. More than five inches of rain fell on Sunday and Monday alone, leaving the ground so sodden that many large trees toppled over because their roots failed to hold in the saturated soil. Others broke off halfway up the trunk, and few trees escaped having at least some of their heavy-foliaged branches broken off by the winds.

Like Supervisor Martocchia and Police Chief Cataldo who went without sleep for more than 24 hours during the crisis, Highway Superintendent Dean also got no rest while his men worked throughout the night to clear roads cluttered with fallen trunks and branches.

Mr. Dean said he sent his crews home for a brief respite at 4 p.m. Monday, then brought back a six-man work crew at 7 p.m. to be ready for any emergency. He kept the crew on the job throughout the night and then, when the force of the hurricane appeared to be abating, he brought in his whole highway crew of regular and summer workers, a full force of 40 men.

**Herculean Task Ahead**  
At 11 a.m. Tuesday the men, dispersed in crews of eight in the worst-hit sections, Bayview, Orient and New Suffolk, were still hard at work but were making headway with the cleanup task.

To open up blocked roads, the crews first went through cutting up trees and branches so they could be handled more conveniently, and placed them on the roadbanks out of the way of traffic.

On Wednesday Mr. Dean planned to have the crews pick up the fallen brush. He said that in addition to one hundred trees, 5,000 large branches had been severed. Ten power saws being used at this job proved insufficient, so Mr. Dean went out and bought Tryac's last available saws.

"I think we were very lucky there was no flooding," Mr. Dean said.

But that was not the case the day before the storm. The 3.88 inches that fell during Sunday left flood conditions on many town streets and in some basements. Mattituck firemen were called out to pump out water at the A & P store there.

"It was an economical storm, with low dollar value damage," Mr. Dean said. "The only real damage was to the trees."

"The only thing I'm using is gasoline, and \$600 for the two power saws we needed anyway."

"The big problem," the highway superintendent said, "is where to put the trees and branches." He said he is planning to call the County Health Department for a dispensation that will permit him to burn most of the debris. It will amount to 500 or 600 truckloads, he estimated, including the branches collected by people cleaning up their yards and requesting the services of the highway department in removing it.

Mr. Dean said East Marion was really hit hard by tree damage, and that conditions in New Suffolk, Mattituck, particularly Peconic Bay Boulevard, were almost as bad. He said the south side on the bay was much harder hit than the Sound side.

This is his fifth or sixth hurricane and it definitely was one of the worst, the highway chief said.

Stanley Kurkoski of Mattituck was eastbound on Middle Road in Mattituck when Henry Gadomski of Southold apparently failed to observe him in time and struck Kurkoski's car in the rear. The Gadomski vehicle then continued across the dual highway in this Monday morning accident and hit a tree on the north side of the road. Kurkoski was taken to Eastern Long Island Hospital where he was treated and released. Gadomski did not report any injuries. *(Aug. 19, 1976)*



# Ingenious Plan Saves Irrigation Pipes

The brothers Robert and Louis Demarest, farmers in Orient, had an "ironic" method of keeping their rolling aluminum irrigation pipes from being blown around in the fields and ruined completely while Hurricane Belle struck the East End.

They simply ran water through the pipes for the duration of the hurricane to weight them down, thoroughly re-irrigating the already drenched soil and soaking the potatoes.

"It wasn't the most economical means of saving the pipes," said Town Justice Louis Demarest, who credited his brother with the

idea, "but we really didn't have time to do anything else."

So the two brothers, who farm 440 acres in Orient decided to risk drenching their potatoes, to save their costly pipes.

Judge Demarest said the 12,000 feet of pipe involved is worth an estimated \$60,000 to \$70,000. He was not sure about how much damage the storm's winds and rain did to his crops, nor could he estimate the damage done to the soaked potatoes.

"It will be interesting to see how those potatoes turn out when we dig them up," he said.

He noted that a large number of potato plants were wind-damaged as a result of the storm, and said he anticipated some problems with rot in storing the soaked potatoes after their 12-to-14 hour drenching with water pumped continuously by diesel power during the storm's duration.

He estimated the weight of each forty-foot pipe filled with water at about 100 pounds, heavy enough to hold them fast to the ground and prevent them from being damaged as well as their causing damage by blowing against nearby structures.

## Power Still Out

Hurricane Belle is gone, but the havoc it played with the LILCO power system lingers on, since many North Fork communities remained without electricity as of noon Wednesday. LILCO was able to provide neither complete figures on electrical power outages nor concise predictions on the timing of a return of electrical power.

Orient and East Marion remained virtually without electricity. Large portions of Cutchogue, Mattituck, Southold, and Cedar Beach, Shelter Island also had no power. Greenport, glowing with its own generating system, had only minor outages and had most residents returned to power by Tuesday afternoon.

"I can say approximately 2,000 people in Southold are still without power, but beyond that, we're not sure for the North Fork," Gene Hosansky, a LILCO media representative said. "We are shooting to restore power for those Southold people by Wednesday evening."

Reports from residents indicate that power was restored along Route 25 and Route 27 on Tuesday afternoon in parts of Southold. But many homes in the same locality, farther from the primary roads were still without power at noon on Wednesday.

Some Southold residents whose power had been restored on Tuesday complained of blackouts during the earlier morning hours on Wednesday when they awakened to

LILCO officials said the storm was, in terms of damage done to electrical equipment, the worst sustained by the utility company in recent years.

"It is impossible to estimate the cost," said LILCO Vice President Ira Freilicher. "The damage was extensive."

Total restoration of service is expected to take several days, particularly in the eastern and central parts of the county where felled trees and flooding are slowing the work crews and making many of the damaged poles inaccessible.

Nearly 5,000 men were sent out at dawn Tuesday, just hours after the storm had passed over Long Island, leaving 283,000 customers without electricity. According to LILCO estimates 200,000 of these customers were in Suffolk County. Of this total, 108,000 were in the five eastern towns.

Later in the day they were joined by crews on loan from other utility companies in Pennsylvania and western New York.

By the middle of the day, they had restored power to approximately 30,000 customers, but sporadic stoppages made it almost impossible to determine the progress being made by the repair crews.

"We restore power in one locality, and

then we get a report that it's off somewhere else," said Mr. Freilicher, who was vacationing upstate when he received word of the impending storm.

He drove most of the day, on Monday, reaching Long Island a scant hour before the full force of the hurricane was felt here.

The day after the storm he was answering reporters' questions himself, while a public relations assistant who had been up all night manning the phones slept.

"In an emergency," said Mr. Freilicher, who noted that the storm damage would neither increase rates nor affect stockholders dividends, "everyone pitches in."

Jose Torres of Jamesport was arrested Saturday morning after he allegedly assaulted Robert Schoenhaar with his car in the parking lot of the Coach Stoppe in Mattituck, of which Schoenhaar is the manager. Schoenhaar was taken to the hospital for treatment of a bruised knee and released. Torres was arraigned before Town Justice Martin Suter and was released in his own custody for a hearing at a later date.

The Mattituck Fire Department helped the residents of Mattituck to weather Hurricane Belle. Chief Henry Rutkoski opened the firehouse Monday, August 9, to anyone who might want to take refuge from the storm. Eighty nine residents moved into the firehouse for protection during the storm. The volunteer firemen went on stand-by alert at 3 p.m. Monday to make preparations for any emergency that might arise. For the next 48 hours the firehouse was constantly manned to monitor any calls for assistance that might come in.

On the night of the storm a constant check was made of roads that were made impassable by downed trees and flooding so that in case of a fire or emergency men and equipment could be dispatched the fastest and safest route. Also Monday night in the height of the storm a rescue was made of a woman whose house was damaged by a fallen tree.

After the storm, the fire department continued to have doors open to anyone who might be without power and in need of fresh drinking water. Hundreds of residents took advantage of this service.

As always the volunteer firemen of Mattituck stand ready to aid you in any kind of emergency that might occur.



This giant willow was uprooted on Main Road outside of Southold, one of many short-rooted trees unable to stand the wind pressure.

# Belle Spoils Some Farm, Orchard Crops

Aug. 17, 1976  
by Sam Campbell

In the aftermath of Hurricane Belle agricultural damage on the North Fork is running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The storm did not cut an indiscriminate swath of damage, however. Crops protected in any way from the wind and salt spray suffered far less damage than those totally open to the elements.

While Ed Latham's vegetables in Orient suffered "serious" losses, just down the road the Demarest family's potato crop came through hardly scratched. While Cutchogue's John Wickham lost three-quarters of his apples and one-quarter of his peaches, Alex Hargrave in Cutchogue felt his vineyard came through the storm well.

North Fork farms felt the impact of Hurricane Belle: tree-borne fruit crops suffered severe losses from the winds and timing of the storm, while Mr. Hargrave expressed hope his vineyard will come through relatively unscathed.

Thinly-leaved vegetables, such as cauliflower, cucumbers and cabbage cultivated by Mr. Latham, Gertrude Macombe, and Albin Zaweski in some cases were totally wiped out by the salt spray. On the other hand, North Fork potatoes, except those right up against Peconic Bay, survived the salt spray because of their thick leaves; unlike the South Shore potato crop which was devastated by salt spray from the Atlantic Ocean.

Mr. Wickham, the Cutchogue fruit grower, said that although injury to his trees had not seemed too bad immediately after the storm, the damage from salt spray has him deeply concerned about next year's fruit crop.

About ten acres of young trees have been seriously affected by salt damage, he said, and if a heavy winter is in store they may be 90 percent dead by next spring.

Three-quarters of his orchard has lost leaves on one side. This means that the young buds, unprotected by leaves, may blossom earlier and be frozen.

His original estimates of damage were about \$10,000 to \$20,000 he said, but it could easily be double that. It is too soon to tell, he said.

"If the storm had come a month later we could have used the fallen apples for cider. As it is they are too small and too green," he said.

While the storm came too early for Mr. Wickham's cider production, it may have arrived just early enough for Mr. Hargrave's damaged vineyards to rejuvenate themselves.

"Our bigger varieties of plants came through the salt spray well because of the amount of foliage on them; the smaller plants with less foliage which were burnt by the salt spray may recover because there is time left in the growing season," he said.

Louisa Hargrave, Alex's partner, wife and a chemist, also spoke of the natural barrier between the vineyards and the storm which stopped much of the salt spray.

"Woods just to the southeast of us absorbed much of the spray," she said.

Other fruit and vegetable growers were not so lucky. Gertrude Macombe said her apples and peaches, "were almost all wiped out."

Orient's Ed Latham said, "I haven't added anything up yet, but it is very serious." Mr. Latham said some of his onion, cauliflower, cabbage, and cucumber fields were "up to 50 percent wiped out."

Henry Kraszewski, a member of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Committee, a division of the County Extension Service, said Saturday that the Zaweski brothers, Albin, Stanley, and Frank, were reporting a possible \$50,000 loss on their Jamesport vegetable farm.

Mr. Kraszewski said applications have already been filed for federal assistance. No one seems to know whether the county will be declared a disaster area, and if it is, what form any subsequent aid will take. The farmers are very certain, however, of the dislocation the storm has brought to the people and economy of the North Fork.

## Man Killed

Aug. 12, 1976  
Christopher S. Beeson, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Beeson of Shelter Island, was fatally injured last Monday morning when his car skidded and struck a tree on Sound Avenue, Mattituck.

Mr. Beeson, who was reported to be on his way into New York City to check up on his houseboat in the Hudson River in advance of the approaching hurricane, was rushed to Eastern Long Island Hospital, where he died several hours later of multiple fractures, massive brain damage and lacerations.

According to police Mr. Beeson's car crashed in the same area where Mrs. Patricia Quirk of Southold was killed on May 30, and supposedly the Beeson automobile struck the same tree. Both accidents occurred in wet weather and at the same turn in the road.

A five-car traffic accident occurred at 11:21 a.m. Sunday on Route 25, Cutchogue,

as Frank A. Kujawski, Jr., 30, of Marratooka Road, Mattituck, stopped to make a left turn into Depot Lane. Police said his car was hit in the rear by another operated by Thomas H. Baker, 73, of Haywaters Road, Cutchogue, and driven into the back of a third car driven by Robert A. Copoli, 32, of Bethpage. The impact drove the Copoli car into the rear of a machine operated by Thomas S. Cottrell, 42, of Tuxedo, N.Y., which in turn hit the car of Henry W. Ciglatka, 17, of Stillwater Avenue, Cutchogue, which was stopped in the gas station at the corner.

John Scmitt, 18, of Mattituck, said that while he was driving south on Cox Neck Road, Mattituck last Friday night, he saw an animal in the roadway and braked his car. It skidded and turned over several times, he reported, but he and his passenger, Howard Mortain, 17, of Cutchogue, apparently escaped serious injury.

Driving on L'Hommedieu Lane, Southold, at 3 a.m. last Saturday, Charles Manwaring 20, of Bridge Lane, Cutchogue, failed to negotiate the turn at Shipyard Lane. His car left the road and sheared two guywires supporting a N.Y. Telephone Co. pole.

## L.I. Gravestones Called Links To History

Aug. 26, 1976 by Geor

Gravestones their conservation, their history and their role as folk art, were discussed during an address by Mrs. Gay Levine of Wading River before the Mattituck Historical Society last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Levine is a graduate student at Stony Brook whose master's thesis is entitled, "The Gravestone of Long Island." She began her lecture by saying Eastern Long Island is the richest source of historical gravestones, but that each year many deteriorate beyond recognition. She suggested that one of the functions of the North Fork historical societies might be to take responsibility for their preservation.

Techniques for preserving gravestones are the subject of a booklet she is writing and wishes to distribute to all cemetery associations on Long Island. The booklet, which will be published by Suffolk County, will discuss preservation methods developed by Meyer Steinberg and Jack Fontana at Brookhaven National Laboratory, particularly a technique called polymerization.

Mrs. Levine's work has been concentrated mainly on the hand-hewn sandstone and slate gravestones dating before the 1800's. Because no sandstone was quarried on Long Island, these stones were either commissioned to stone carvers in New England and New Jersey or else made by local carvers from sandstone that came to the island as ballast in ships. There are several ways to classify gravestones. The artist who made them, the date, the type of lettering, the shape of the stone and the type of design are all important in dating the stone and determining its historical significance.

Mrs. Levine, who accompanied her talk with some 30 slides of Mattituck Cemetery gravestones, points out that the Esther Hallicock stone found there is considered one of the most beautiful on Long Island.

An instructor at Dowling College and at Suffolk Community College, Mrs. Levine expects to teach a course in gravestone rubbing at the Museums of Stony Brook this September.

Items coming before the Mattituck-Cutchogue Board of Education at its regular monthly meeting last Thursday night ranged from an \$800,000 borrowing on tax anticipation notes to the thorny question of whether or not some of the more controversial books in the high school library should be available to junior high school students.

The latter question was discussed in executive session and apparently there was no clear cut decision. District Principal Roger Burns said later the library staff and English department have invariably used good judgement in their selection of titles from lists recommended by the Association of School Libraries and other professional organizations. Should there be parental objection to any particular book, the complaint would be given thorough consideration, he added. Aug. 26, 1976

HURRICANE "BELLE" toppled nine large elm trees on Route 25, Jamesport, between Manor Lane and Mattituck, bringing down four telephone poles and knocking out electrical service. LILCO workers blocked off the road until Wednesday morning.

photo by Mike Cortese



## Planning Board Says No



UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSED, more than 400 Mattituck residents raised their hands in a vote of protest against a proposed housing complex there at a meeting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on Monday night. Attended by one member of the Town Board and one member of the Planning Board, the meeting was arranged by the Chamber to provide town officials now studying the proposal with a consensus of opinion from the community.

photo by Mike Cortese

By Andrea Aurichio  
May 17, 1976

The Southold Town Planning Board this week recommended denial of two applications for low-income rent-subsidized housing on file with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Both proposals call for creation of multi-dwelling units for the elderly which could be occupied by other tenants if vacancies occurred.

In reviewing both applications filed under the Section 8 HUD program, the Planning Board concluded that there was no outstanding need for this type of housing in the area, beyond what the town had already allowed for.

The Planning Board is expected to pass their recommendation onto the Town Board later this week. The Town Board will evaluate this recommendation and then form their own conclusion before replying to the federal agency by the end of the month.

The town board's recommendation to HUD is expected to be influential, but may not deter them from granting approval of the two applications now on file.

One plan, filed by the Freeport-based Holly Construction Company, calls for creation of 48 units of rehabilitated housing in the now defunct Bohack Supermarket building on Route 25A in Mattituck.

There will be 21 efficiency units renting at \$295 a month, and 27 one-bedroom apartments renting at \$325 a month in this complex. Approximately five apartments would be set aside for the handicapped.

The other application, submitted by George Ahlers, a Cutchogue builder, and Dr. Barry Hellmann, a physician with offices in Greenport, calls for construction of 152 family units in Southold Village, on a site previously granted a change of zone by the town board to allow for multi-dwelling units.

In their review of the Holly Construction Company's application the Planning Board

recommended denial because no outstanding need was demonstrated for the type of housing proposed.

They noted that there was already an approved 130-unit multiple dwelling project in the immediate area which was in conformity with the town development plan and zoning ordinance, whereas the proposal submitted by the Holly Construction Co. was in specific violation of the zoning laws because its building and layout did not meet any of the existing codes for multiple-use housing.

They further note that the plans submitted failed to provide sufficient area of living floor space and gross area for the number of units requested.

This gross area, they said, would be further reduced when the area required for a sewage treatment plant was included. This area had been omitted in the company's density computations.

In their review of the Ahlers-Hellman application the Planning Board concluded that there were already two projects proposed in the immediate area which called for the creation of multi-dwelling units for the elderly, and that there was no need for additional housing beyond what was already in existence and what had already been approved.

"There exists an adequate quantity of low-income housing in the Town of Southold," read the resolution signed by Planning Board members late Tuesday afternoon.

The proposal submitted to HUD by the Holly Construction Co. came under heavy fire earlier this week when more than 400 Mattituck residents attended a meeting sponsored by the local chamber of commerce to provide the public with information about the project and give town officials an opportunity to get a consensus of opinion from the community.

Jack Feeney, president of the Sigsbee Beach Association presented Town Justice Martin Suter and Planning Board vice-chairman Henry Raynor with a petition against the project bearing more than 600 signatures at that time, and vowed to double that number before the weekend.

"We are the people, and we are against it," said Mr. Feeney. "Why wait for the 30-day limit to reply to HUD—send them a letter now." Under the Section 8 HUD program, a tenant's rent is subsidized by the federal government if it exceeds 25 percent of his income. This balance is paid directly to the landlord.

A spokesman for HUD in New York said the agency expects to announce approval of projects now under consideration by the end of September.

The agency is now considering 26 proposals, including 2,140 units for the elderly and 437 units for families in Suffolk County.



"WE ARE THE PEOPLE, we are the government and we are not in favor of this project," said Jack Feeney, president of the Sigsbee Beach Civic Association, a Mattituck-based group which has taken a strong position against a proposed low-income, rent-subsidized housing project. Plans now on file with the Department of Housing and Urban Development call for creation of 48 units of rehabilitated housing. The complex would be situated in a vacant Bohack supermarket building on Route 25.

# Town Board Rejects HUD Housing

## HUD Can Override Decision

*July 26, 1972*  
The Southold Town Board disapproved the application of Holly Construction Company for a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) subsidized housing project at the Bohack Shopping Center site on Route 25 Mattituck, Tuesday night, then warned the satisfied audience this may be the first step in a long, hard fight to keep the 48-unit multiple dwelling out.

Reconvening the August 24 town board meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Mattituck High School, the board issued their denial of the application well within the August 31 deadline imposed by HUD amid applause from the 300 persons assembled.

In addition, the town board sent a proposed cumulative zoning ordinance to the town planning board for study and recommendation. When the amendment is enacted, it will lock zoning classifications into a single use and rule out future applications similar to the Holly Construction project. As it now stands, everything in higher zoning is permitted in lower zoning which makes multiple dwelling a permitted use in business zones. Multiple dwelling and residences will not be permitted in business zoned properties and while the amendment follows the Holly application, Supervisor Albert Martocchio indicated it may carry some weight when HUD considers local objection.

The Holly Construction Company proposes rehabilitation of the closed food store and adjoining shops into 21 efficiency apartments and 27 one-bedroom apartments... under HUD subsidized rents for future low and middle income tenants under HUD's Section 8 program. The program provides for direct HUD payment to the landlord for whatever portion of the tenant's rent is more than 25 percent of his income. To qualify as renters tenants may not earn more than 80 percent of the median income in Suffolk County.

Earlier in the afternoon, Stanley Sedransk, president of Holly Construction Company, described the Mattituck proposal as housing for senior citizens in Southold Town. With the 30-day residency clause, the project will be open to any interested tenant and failure to attract senior citizens can result in rentals to one filling the financial requirements.

Aggie Culture reports that the additional three inches of rain last week has still further set back the harvesting of the potato crop, already three weeks behind last year and the floating spuds may cause premature breaking up. The price has continued downward to the \$3.50 per hundred pound area. Aggie also reports that there is some early cauliflower of good quality being harvested. *Aggie Culture, Aug. 2, 1972*

## 50 Years Ago

*Sept. 2, 1922*  
Harry Day, Pullman porter of many years standing on the L.I. Railroad, received a present of a gold watch and \$100 in gold. The gifts were presented by passengers on the train which was wrecked at Calverton and was in appreciation of the heroism shown by Mr. Day during that fatal accident.

Palmer Knight, Bill Woodward and Arnold Jackson had enrolled as students at the Southern College of Georgia.

## Papers Reflect Bias of Bygone Era

*New York Times Aug. 6, 1970*  
A Library Display  
Mirrors the Views  
of 19th-Century

By MURRAY SCHUMACH  
Sex and sensationalism—with strong touches of bigotry—were major ingredients of New York City newspapers of the early and middle 19th century, as shown in a newly opened exhibition of old newspapers at the Queens College library.

The newspapers, in many ways representative of the city and its tastes, were salvaged by Prof. Leo Hershkowitz of the Queens College history department. He was doing research on a book about Boss Tweed of Tammany Hall when he found them in a mountain of old documents that city agencies were preparing to destroy.

Fairly typical of the journalism of the day is a page 1 story in *The Morning Herald* of Dec. 3, 1839, of how friends of a 15-year-old girl "from the country," appealed to a judge to order the police to "recover her from a very dashing paw establishment kept by one Madame Sweet at No. 25 Wooster Street." The judge agreed, "and the officers shortly made their appearance with the ole hen and her covey of young chicks, some particularly handsome, some rather plain, and two or three positive ugly."

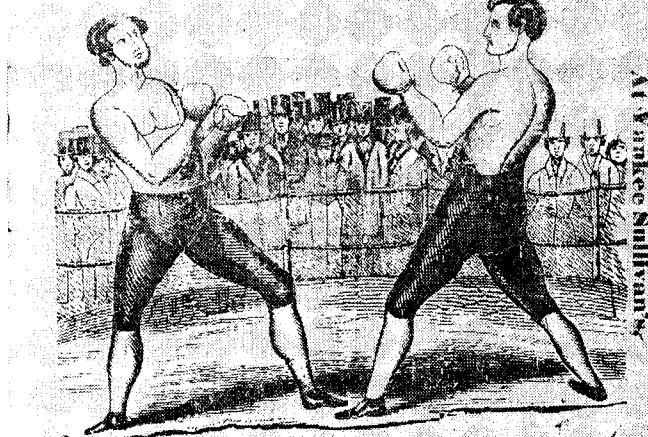
Or there is a four page paper called *The Whip*, which says it is "devoted to the Sports of the Ring, the Turf, City Life, such as Sprees, Larks, Crim-Cons [criminal conversations], Seductions, Rapes etc., not forgetting to keep a watchful eye on all brothels and their frail inmates."

On page 1 of this paper is an article entitled "Chambermaids," which says: "A virtuous chambermaid is as hard to find as a pulse in a potato," and advises that young and pretty maids be employed only by widows with daughters. Since nearly all maids were immigrants, the slur was not subtle.

In another paper, a story about a rape refers to the unnamed defendant as a "lascivious Hebrew," and similar references are made against the Irish and blacks.

Or there was a paper called *Court Journal—Life in New York*, which on March 15,

Grand Sparring Exhibition on Monday evening.



For the Benefit of the "Life in New York."  
A boxing exhibition was the subject of this full-page ad in *Court Journal*, March 15, 1845

1845, carried on its first page a drawing of two dandies, under which was written an account of a walk down lower Broadway in a vain effort to find attractive women.

This issue, which Professor Hershkowitz thinks may be the only copy left of this newspaper, also writes graphically of sports. It gives the following account of a fight between "Country Jake" and "Deaf Un." Pseudonyms were used because boxing was illegal.

"At length Jake planted a heavy one on the Deaf Un's knob, which made the claret flow pretty freely — and which the Deaf Un returned by a 'soaker' in the 'bread basket,' which curled Jake up like a sow bug."

This story is accompanied by a drawing of two boxers that the professor says is one of the first to appear in a newspaper.

### Lesson in Love

And there was the *Venus Miscellany*, calling itself "a weekly journal of wit, love and humor," which carried a long story entitled "My First Lesson in Love," the account of a youth's seduction by a mature woman.

A prize item in the collection is one of the earliest copies of *The Sun*, dated Nov. 20, 1834. This was the first "penny" paper in the

city. It had four three-column pages and was about 9 inches across and 12 inches high. Its major story on page 1 purported to be the memoirs of a "celebrated thief-catcher in Paris."

Among the smaller items were reports, gathered from crews of arriving ships, about an imminent plague in Smyrna and a trial of pirates in Boston.

There was also a paragraph headed "Encroachments in the Press," which told that a London court "has been closed against a reporter, on account of an alleged insult to one of the judges." The insult was not specified.

### A Word About Editors

In a local story about a libel suit, the judge was quoted as saying:

"You editors are a strange set of beings."

Modesty was no virtue among the newspapers. The *New York Herald* of May 12, 1849, in a front-page story that involved the death of many persons during a riot, noted in the first paragraph that "no fewer than 35,000 copies" of the paper were sold.

A paragraph dismissed the arrival of a ship at Nantucket from California "with \$1,000 worth of gold dust."

Newspapers did not pretend to be impartial in Presi-

dential politics. The Log Cabin, which, in the campaign of 1840 favored William Henry Harrison, the Whig, against Martin Van Buren, the Democrat, devoted most of page 1 to a flowery speech by Harrison and did not have a word about his opponent.

### The Vice Presidency

The *Daily Plebeian*, which carried a daily blurb on its editorial page in favor of Van Buren, was convinced, as are many newspapers today, that the choice of a Vice-Presidential candidate was important. In this campaign the choice of a Vice President for Van Buren was so heated that the Democratic convention decided to leave the matter to state electors.

Contrary to the advice of The Plebeian, which urged that John C. Calhoun, who had been Vice President for John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson, get the second spot, the choice was Richard M. Johnson.

The advertising of many newspapers stressed aphrodisiacs and alleged cures for venereal diseases. Brothels were often advertised as ale-houses or music establishments.

"In a way," said Professor Hershkowitz, "these stories capture a good deal of the flavor of the Jacksonian Revolution."