

IN PICTURE AND STORY

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The character of a community is formed largely by the traditions it has developed. Nations, recognizing this truth, hand down from father to son a history of achievement, thereby making the past a glorious inspiration for the future.

In preparing a survey of Bay Shore's growth the Journal found reason to admire the many public-spirited citizens who helped transform a wilderness into a happy, modern village. The story of their struggle is presented on the following pages. If too little credit has been given prominent leaders for their share in the march of progress, we apologize—with the explanation that rapid changes since "Mechanicsville" days are the main subject, rather than personalities.

An effort has been made to view the facts from a 1934 standpoint, in "human interest" style that should make the review appealing to newcomers and lifelong residents alike. Every precaution has been taken against falsehood or exaggeration. The writer included only such material as has been verified by more than one source. Articles, when written, were submitted to "old timers" of the village for cor-

Much information is published here for the first time, thanks to assistance on the part of local people. Sincere appreciation is extended. Without such help the task would have been far more difficult and less comprehensive.

Photographs are printed from old cuts found in the shop of our newspaper. If they, like the other material, prove a source of inspiration, this modest review will have accomplished its purpose—to present the history of our town and village in a thorough, accurate manner. It is suggested that readers save their copies for future reference.



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