School Districts Overcame Jealousy In 1893 When They Consolida To Erect Building on Fourth Avenue, Boundary Line Between Them.

Treasurer 28 Years

By Floyd Hurlbut April, 1874. What a month! Every West Ender was intently watching the school trustees. What was the matter with the snug little one-room school that stood just east of the pond near South Country road, west of what was afterward to become East Lake Drive in Brightwaters? For years it had been the school house of district No. 1

in Islip Town. Fond memories clustered around the structure. Fathers and mothers who had attended the school themselves were now sending their children to the same school. Its location, too, couldn't have been better. Parents could drive along South Country road and hitch their horses to the school yard fence. In summer the boys and girls could wade right into the pond from the back yard of the school and in winter skating was always near at hand. "Did you ever hear of such do

ings? They do say that the trustees are going to buy more land

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presided at the meeting and Seth by President Franklin Pierce, the were away fighting. Shellfish were tion was offered at a school meeting
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R. Platt acted as clerk pro tem.
Between that date and October 14.
B pointed to draw plans for a school 1873, no less than seventeen meet- Ocean avenue. Seth Clock regained bay and then go to New York City Penataquit avenue was run by the building not to cost more than ings were held before a new building not to cost more than lines were held before a new buildin \$6,000." The resolution was lost by a vote of 9 to 7. On September one-acre sites had been proposed, 22 a special meeting was held at 22 a special meeting was held at 23 a special meeting was held at 25 a special meeting was held at 26 a special meeting was held at 27 a special meeting was held at 28 a special meeting was held at 29 a special meeting was held at 29 a special meeting was held at 20 a special meeting was an actuality. Five different dent Abraham Lincoln, where 20 and the Hudson River towns where 20 and the Hudson River which Mr. Johnson offered a sim- The site finally agreed upon was and residence. Mr. Clock, like tracted few workers. On windy ager of this plant, which was mainilar proposal for a building not to "the northwest corner of the farm Treadwell O. Smith, was an out-days, however, agriculture made a tained as a finishing department exceed \$3,500. The excitement at lately belonging to David C. Thur- standing citizen. He served as Town good "sideline." Some of the bay- for the Manhattan factory of the that meeting ran high. Fifty-two ber." The price was \$1,100. This Clerk for about 36 years, was com- men earned wages chopping down company. Originally devoted to votes were cast and when the tell- plot was at what is now the south- missioner of deeds, and lent money tress in the thickly wooded sec- making valenties, the concern ers announced the result, 26 votes west corner of Second avenue and as a private banker.

were for the plan and 26 against.
R. O. Colt moved to adjourn, but the motion was jost overwhelmingly. No one was going home till this thing was settled. John Beatty moved that the committee be discharged. This, too, was voted down. The people were in a mood to vote "No" on anything. Finally, soberer judgment prevailed and J. B. Pullis moved that "we again vote on the resolution offered by Mr. Johnson."

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31 to 7 to accept the proposal of through the Adams property. Dispartment as a stamper he saw the wages. W. H. Young that only the first trict No. 1 was west and No. 2 was local post office increase from a From 1916 until last year a business. floor and the stairs of the building east. be completed. Finally, or October At first these school districts had class with stamp sales of more

1. so-called to distinguish it from 6, 1849 the name Penataquit is used. the small building then standing Districts 1 and 8 had often con-

avenue where it was later remod- effected till about 1893 when the store on East Main street about eled into St. Patrick's parochial Fourth avenue grade building was 1840. Mr. Robbins was very regubuilt-not in District 1 nor in Dis- lar in his habits, always closing the While the West Enders were thus trict No. 8, but in the swampy creek store at 9 o'clock promptly. Seth Abhappily occupied, the good people which formed the boundary between bott and George Hubbard took of the East End had also been the two. Sanitation was taken care great delight in ordering a jugful of busy. As early as April 28, 1871, of in the only way known in the molasses shortly before closing a meeting of the trustees had been open country and not a thought was time. Then, especially in winter, held in the schoolhouse of District given to the problem that was being they would laugh heartily as the No. 8, east of the mill pond on provided for posterity because of molasses flowed lazily into the Main street near First avenue, "for the low ground.

POST OFFICE HERE BEFORE RAILROAD

Coach To and From Thompson's Station, Near Brentwood. Seth Clock, first Postmaster of Bay Shore, was appointed by President Zachary Taylor in 1850. He

Mail Carried Via Stage

held the position almost continuous-Long before railroad service came o the south shore, public-spirited tizens stressed the need of a post office. When the Federal govern ment granted its approval, mail was taken to and from Thompson's Stanow Fifth avenue). A stage coach ried the mail daily, except Sun day. This system prevailed until Bay Shore had a station of its own

Known in those days as Mechanville, the village was compelled change its name before the gov rnment would create a post office Already there was a Mechanicsville Come At Various Stages son of Bay Shore. All had married upstate, so the duplication would In History of Village. despite the fact that in high school Freeman T. Hulse, Bay Shore at- have proven confusing. In 1849

Tt is amusing to observe how the young men as no other job could. Standing today, Still in excholhouse tions. Seth Clock, a Republican, a type of occupation they knew which a lane led west to the school Dr. J. R. Mowbray, Allen Barnes, handled the mail service in his gentees at that time. Allen Barnes a Democrat, was appointed in 1854 opportunity to grow while the men block.

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5, it was voted to empower the been known as parts of Islip. On than \$40,000 a year. The office and trustees to bond the district for November 7, 1842, the name Me-carrier force numbers 18. Delivery \$1,500 to pay for the new building. chanicsville first appears in the rec-service for the village was started This was the beginning of the ords. This name seems to have in June 1922, two months after Mr. "large school house" of District No. been short lived, for on November Drake took office. east of the lake. This large build-sidered uniting as a Union Free A humorous story is told about ing was later moved to the north School District, but the feeling ran William Robbins, one of the orig-

side of Main street west of Clinton so high that consolidation was not inal merchants, who established a

East School Graduates Talk Over Old Times

A reunion of pupils who attended he old East School, located until 1893 at what is today Second avenue and Union street, was held August 24, 1932, at the home of Mrs. Laura Furman. Edward Armstrong served as principal of the school while they attended. La Vonne Cushman now Mrs. John Gibson) was the avorite teacher with the girls and

Ladies at this get-together made ip the first class to enter the new 'high school" (Fourth Avenue rade School) on Fourth avenue. With the exception of two who attended the west schoolhouse on Fifth avenue, all the guests were rmerly pupils in the East buildion on the main line of the Long Moses W. Drake, Postmaster, In drickson Furman, the Mesdames Bertha Somerindyke Sparks of Brooklyn, Josephine Fordham Burrowes of Englewood, N. J., Dora Young Smith of Islip, Edith Jeffrey-Rhodes, Laura Smith Ritchie, Etta Week's Petty. Bertha Snedecor Ufer, nnie Collins Hendrickson, Helen Other Employment Has Hubbard Ulmschneider, Anna Fisher Hendrickson, and Mrs. John Gib-

tees are going to buy more land for a school 'way up by the track west of the Telegraph road. Who in the world wants to go 'way up there to school? And would you believe it? They're going to buy five lieve it? They're going to buy five lots of Charles Wall and Samuel Truslow at \$350 a lot!"

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tions north of Bay Shore. branched out into the production of

tellers announced "25 votes for the District 1 and District No. 2 to Democrat; and 1922 to the present day's work. Since many taxpayers section—the Bay Shore Laundry at building; 26 against; 1 blank." The trict No. 8. Roughly, the new dismeeting adjourned till September trict extended from what is now. trict extended from what is now Drake celebrated his 31 years in furnished income for able-bodied brother of Mrs. Margaret A. Scully. On the twenty-ninth it was voted Fourth avenue to the brook running the service. Since joining the demen glad to earn the dollar-a-day In 1902 Mrs. Scully became propri-

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It is difficult for a newcomer to imagine how the old grain mill and its surroundings on East Main street looked in the 19th century. Picture, if you can, the scene as described by old-timers.

ed. Just east of where it now en ters Main street ran the brook East-West Feud Split

Some boys—a few men, too—are mill was gone, the old pond con-including H. Brewster, commodore, fishing in the upper pond. Around inued to provide fishing and water of Bay Shore in 1883, and called the the shore are fairly thick woods, un-sports until the dam finally broke. Bay Shore Yacht Club. It conducted changed by human effort. The The same brook still flows down to racing for several years, its fleet brook flows peacefully beneath us, Penataquit Creek as in the cen- comprising some dozen or mor as we stand on the bridge. A little turies before a pond was created sailboats about 20 feet long. In 1890 further north, however, it is turn- by men's inventive genius.

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Street Development Slow At First; **Early Roads Led To Waterfront**

With Thompson's Station on L. I. Railroad.

are standing on a wooden bridge pos I to merge the two school dis- a aquit avenue) in 1900. Overbur- well, Ezra, Benjamin and Edgar Green, an Indian woman who sold over the brook. A wagon has just over the brook. A wagon has just ened with expense, the club lasted Smith, all of whom were heirs. her land on the west side to Seth turned off Main street and is travely smith, all of whom were heirs, her land on the west side to Seth elling down a crude little road tople who participated in its activi- from his brothers and began devel- cranberry marsh, later filled in by Allan Barnes, father of Norman ties subsequently devoted their oping it into lots for cranberries, Tredwell O. Smith. horses are drinking while their mas-ters, in search of a cool spot to Birnes, ran the mill for many energies to building up the Bay orchards, etc. He ran a general About 1870 a large tract was surrest, are seated beneath a large years. Others who conducted the Shore Yacht Club. business included Edgar Clock and Officers of the Yacht Club are sible benefits to the village from a Second avenues. By 1882 many

ment, while the other end is occu- sts and has his name painted on it, William C. McCollom, treasurer; about 1865.

a more pretentious club was organzed, also called Bay Shore Yacht Club, with quite a large and varied embership. This organization aintained a club room in the vilage of Bay Shore as well as a

Shipwreck Brought First Irish Settlers

The earliest settlement of Irish eople in this vicinity, so far as can learned from "old timers," startd about 1857 when a packet ship vent aground near what is today cean Bay Park. No lives were lost lthough the accident took place in idwinter while few if any persons vere anywhere near the scene. owever, as Great South Bay was ozen over, many of the shipwrecked passengers walked across the mainland. All the others were

Upon arriving in Islip Town seval of the families stayed here Among them were the Fogarty's who made their home at Bay Shore, and James and John Donnelly, who landed in Islip where the public

Fifth Avenue was Chief Artery Northward, Connecting South Country road (Main street) laid out until many years later

as laid out in 1733 by an act of when it seemed advisable for the e General Assembly, which there- township to construct a link bey adopted the first regulation con- tween South Bay Shore and Maple nity. It is safe to assume that no! In the central section Joshua

rning public highways in this vi- avenues. her streets existed here then, for Wicks owned a vast tract of woodohn Mowbray had just obtained a land, covered with tall trees. Upon grant of the entire section and it his death he left property to sevwas still his estate, so far as can eral sons, among whom was Selah Wicks, father of Perry S. Wicks. harder to find. We must base our ing, but its northern portion from statement about this point entirely Garfield street down was still a

tricts: "They have the children and upon a study of customs in the source of wood which Selah Wicks which is carried now through a culwhich is carried now through a culBitterness of the two areas vanIslip Town settlement was made on originally ran through his farm, be-18th century. Maps reveal that each shipped to New York. Fourth avenue showroom and garage. The road If a resident of our village in the ished gradually as the "no man's a large cove, in order to provide a coming a mere cowpath south of encountered a hill at this point, '80's or earlier were to come back land" between them was developed. supply of fish. As Main street was Main street where it led down to while just to the north lay a swamp again after a long absence, he Today their feud has disappeared the only road and the nearest cove pasture for cattle at the waterfront surrounding the lower "mill pond." would probably be surprised most so completely that it provides ma- Penataquit Creek (mentioned in In- and to a little dock used by the fam-

> Bay Shore extending from the bay by Nathaniel and Hallett Clock of 20-YEAR RECORD Bay Shore extending from the bay by Nathaniel and Hallett Clock of a long distance north. Through his Islip. Richard Montgomery, promland ran what people today call Bay inent real estate man and former later called Telegraph road, leading avenue. He sent wood from there to

were visible except the dwellings much more at home in their own longer career than its aristocratic When Nathaniel Smith died on ataquit avnue is now. and small farm buildings of S. sections, and hesitated to venture predecessor, the Penataquit-Corin- February 27, 1787, he left his farm Early development northward ex-Reeves, Selden Benjamin, J. Mayo, into the enemy's territory if a state hian Yacht Club. Formed in 1896, to two sons, Philip and Walter, who tended on Fifth avenue (Telegraph the Penataquit-Corinthian group divided the property by making Bay road), Third avenue, and to some

taxpayers said, regarding a pro- Penataquit Point (near South Pen- Walter was the father of Tread- street belonged to "Aunt Tisch"

store on Main street. Seeing pos- veyed for development of First and tree in front of the mill.

The "flour factory" is a one-story tained a storehouse on the south B. Thorne, vice-commodore; Dr. prising merchant developed a street days this property belonged to building, with an attic. One end ide of Main street west of Homan Charles W. Frieman, rear-commo- known as Ocean avenue, running David Thurber, on the west side of of the structure contains equip- venue—a structure which still ex- dore; Roy M. Brewster, secretary; southward from alongside his store, the Mill Pond northward to the

pied as a residence by the miller. although the mill was torn down Edgar H. Watson, fleet captain; and Meanwhile South Bay Shore ave- West of Clinton avenue lay Frank Dr. Raymond P. Sullivan, fleet sur- nue had been opened down to a pub- C. Lawrance's big farm, previously lic dock on Penataquit Creek near owned by Thomas Garner. Cooper paying cash they let the miller keep oped, William W. Hulse filled in What is believed to be the first the bay, where Selah Howell, a well street was a delivery route leading "toll"—part of the flour he prohe land back of houses there, elimduces.

he land back of houses there, eliminating swamps. Long after the decided by some youngsters a club formed by some youngsters of business. Aldrich Court was not munity road led around the farm.

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The Avocet, a yacht formerly owned by Harry M. Brewster, in be learned. Approximatch Creek. Mr. Brewster has long been a leader in sailing The next oldest thoroughfare is The land was partly used for farm-First avenue had not been open- activities, and often served as commodore of local clubs.

As one gazed over the water he could see, northeast, the upper dam, and above another dam, extending nearly to the railroad tracks. Union street was nowhere in sight; no buildings bordered the communities."

As one gazed over the water he could see, northeast, the upper and west ends took great pride in the rivalry.

Until about 50 years ago the east among old-timers who once shared that the second highway was Hother the rivalry.

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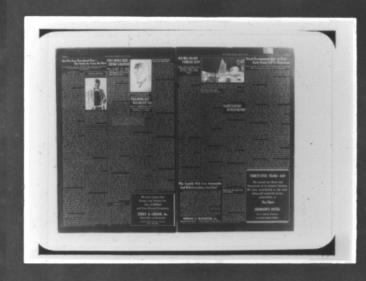
Clinton avenue was also a development for summer people, opened in sight; no buildings bordered the main highway for hundreds of feet A clannish spirit prevailed, like-

either way on the north side except two houses owned by David Thur-either side of the railroad, at least ber, one owned by E. Oakley, the small Methodist classroom, the newshill Congregational Church east of the "Cubanjoints" above the of the mill, and a public school set of the same purpose. The history of the Bay Shore Motorboat by Shore Motorboat by E. Oakley, the among the young people. Gang loy-street and continued at least half out Montgomery avestreet and continued at least half out Montgomery avestreet and continued at least half of the "Cubanjoints" above the years ago, when it was originally highway this thoroughfare was to above Main street, near Awixa back from the road about where Third avenue in the station neigh-Fred Smith has an electrical shop. borhood, and the "Swamp Angels" Club. Eastward on the north side, as who lived on East Main street. It Although run on a less elaborate to Thompson's station on the railfar as Awixa avenue, no buildings is said that the youths felt very sale, the organization has enjoyed road.

Stephen Fordham, C. Hubbard, L. The grown-ups in West Bay started with a small boathouse at John Gibson, Dr. Jarvis Mowbray, of war existed. S. Gordon, L. Thurber and Amos Shore had their own places of busi- the foot of Clinton avenue. The so- the east portion, Philip the west. on Fourth avenue. In North Bay S. Gorden, L. Thurber and Amos Doxsee. A large portion of Bay Shore had their own places of busi- the foot of Clinton avenue. The so- Doxsee. A large portion of Bay Shore had their own places of busi- the foot of Clinton avenue. The so- Doxsee. A large portion of Bay Shore had their own places of busi- the foot of Clinton avenue. The so- Deeds covering such transactions are amusing today, because the ancient markers are gone—for example, pear trees, fences, bars in the fence, and a walnut bush in taxpayers said, regarding a pro- Penataquit Point (near South Pen ward the side of the brook, where Hercules.

Farmers bring their wheat and about 1890.

corn to be ground, but instead of When First avenue was devel- geon.



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