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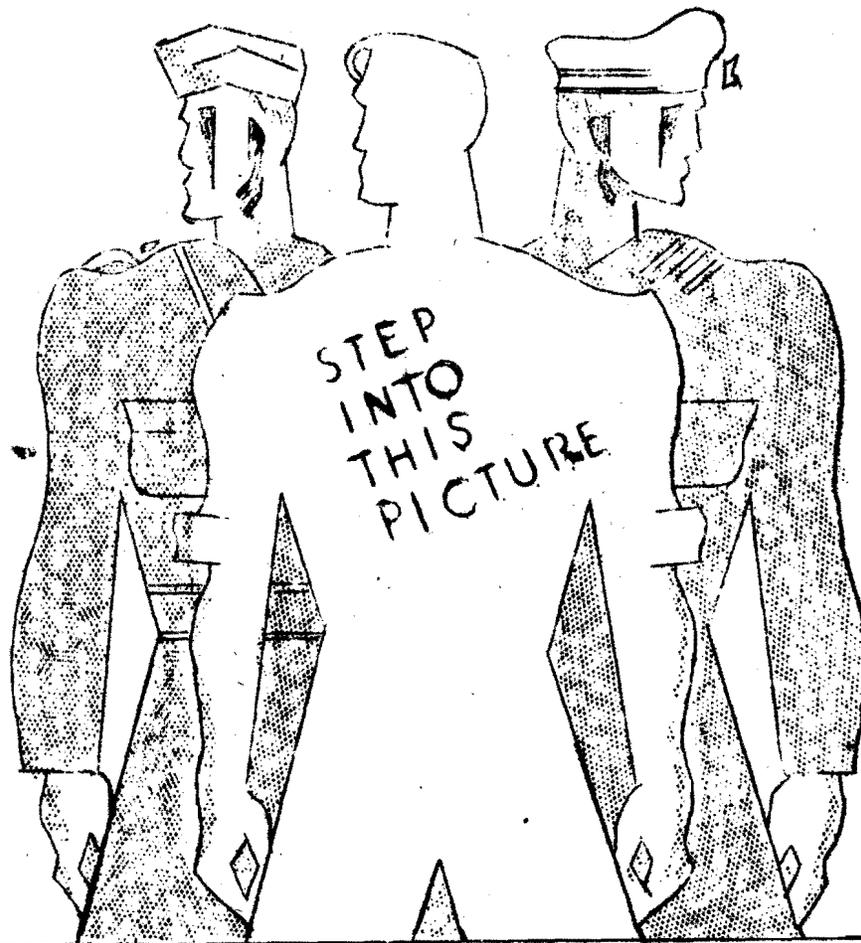
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No matter how much they carp and grumble, no matter with what justification, Americans have an abiding pride in their country, their institutions, and their achievements. But they need to be reminded how lucky they are. The little white church, for instance, not only symbolizes freedom of worship; it should evoke images of a good life, of peace, of the day of rest after the week's labor. Boulder Dam represents both the country's limitless richness of resource and its indisputable engineering genius. Such a catalogue of things we are fighting to hold could be extended endlessly.

SHOREHAM-MEN & WOMEN AT WAR

Claude Pallister Jr. gave up Real Estate Brokerage business in February 1941 and entered the Aircraft Radio Corporation plant in Boonton, New Jersey. This plant was among the first to be awarded the Army-Navy "E" for production. The plant supplies radios exclusively to the Navy,

Lt. David Pallister enlisted for officers training in the Army Air Corps in January 1942 and received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant the following November. In May he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and is now first pilot of B 24s -- 382nd Bomber Group Squadron 538, stationed temporarily in Pocatello, Idaho. Lt. Pallister and his wife recently visited his family in Shoreham. He has since returned to his Squadron.

John Madigan has been promoted to Specialist 3rd Class with a rating of Teacher.

Mr. Jackson Cross is now with Pratt and Whitney in West Hartford. The company is engaged in the manufacture of machine tools, gauges, and machinery. It is 100% in War Contracts. Jack's particular work is the operation of Brown and Sharpe Automatic Screw Machines in which parts for the Pratt and Whitney Air Craft Co. are being made. These parts are used in the construction of their famous airplane motors. His hours are from 6P.M. to 7 A.M. He has been working for Pratt and Whitney for over two years and hopes to come to Shoreham very soon now for a well-earned vacation. Incidentally, Jackson's wife and new baby are doing very well and will be with him in Shoreham.

The following report was written in the New York Sun concerning Lassie's husband, Lt. John S. Baylis, Jr.

"Lt. Baylis, who skippered a PT boat, and his crew, dealt one of the last blows of the Bismarck sea action. They went out one nite during the battle in search of an American pilot forced down at sea. At dawn, the boat gave up the hunt when the crew spotted a submarine surrounded by small boats, barges and rafts.

'It was too light for a surprise attack' Lt. Baylis said, 'but we moved up within 900 yards before firing the first "fish". (torpedo). We cut loose, too, with our guns and peppered the conning tower but the sub crash dived, leaving the survivors still in their boats and barges.'

Knowing that the Japs would be hard to root out if let ashore the crew machine-gunned them circling and re-circling, dropping depth charges and blowing the enemy to pieces."

Mr. William VanArnam Jr. is in the Engineering Dept. of the Glen L. Martin Company (Martin Bombers) in Baltimore, Md. Bill is now in Shoreham on his vacation in the company of his wife. They are visiting his family and an article written especially for the SHOREHAM ITEM appears on a following page in this issue.

AROUND THE TOWN

He's Not Kidding



"Sorry, fellows, your meat allotment is out to the bone."

RHODA REPORTS.

The reporter of the Shoreham Country Club's Saturday evening entertainment earnestly wishes she could employ the same degree of skill and charm in reviewing the program that its Directress and Mistress of Ceremonies used in presenting it. Failing such, I wish to thank Hettie Finn in behalf of all who were present for a most enjoyable variety show.

Haskell Frei, singing "Moonlight Becomes You" quite lived up to a talented family's reputation--we shall want to hear from him soon again. He gave, as an encore, "The Army Artillery Song, Caissons". Next came a most amusing skit presented by Jim Brandon, Harry Laurencot, Sonny Nulty and Haskell Frei. In contrast, Sue Miles and Claire Laurencot danced a charming and skillfully executed Strauss Ballet. Alice Mason generously responded to an enthusiastic demand

for her considerable talents and after some request solos, she stayed at the piano for some community singing let by Neechie Jensen.

The drawing of the lucky number winners of the Black Gold Bourbon followed with Corporal Stewart Dickinson officiating. Peggy Haslett won the grand prize of 6 quarts. It's the first time the grand prize has stayed in Shoreham----we hope.

DUE BILLS.

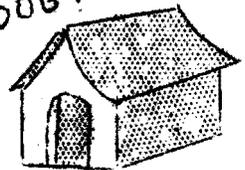
If you are planning purchases at any of the following Port Jefferson stores, you will be helping the Club if you take their Due Bills with you:

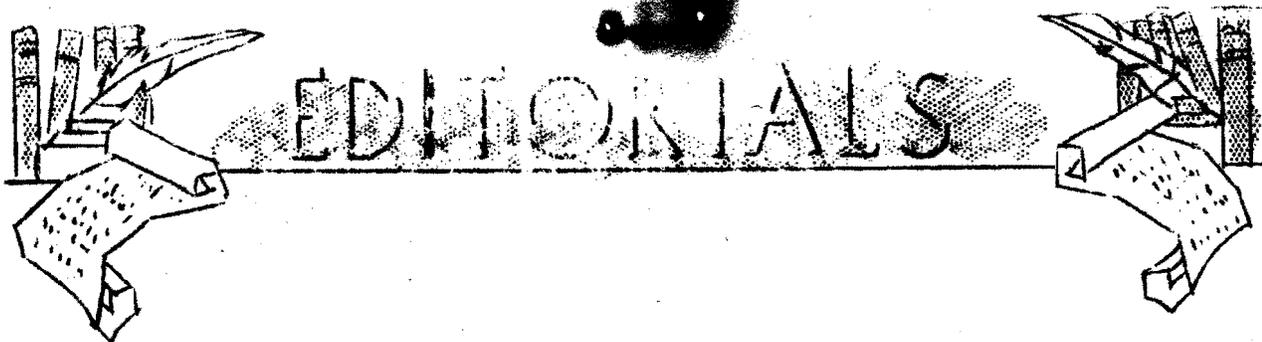
Murry Modes
Teddy's Hotel
Mary Anns Interior Decorating Shop
Sincoff Electrical Shop
Redfern
Caggianos Drug Store
Bayles and Son

It is a simple procedure and your help will be greatly appreciated. Call Mrs. F. W. Finn, Shoreham 2348 for particulars.

DON'T LET YOUR
carelessness
PUT YOU IN THE
DOG HOUSE

After your beach lunches, please be sure to place your paper bags, wrappings and used sandwiches in the iron basket at the foot of the steps leading to the beach.





A few years ago in the "Shoreham Scribe"--a predecessor of the "Shorehamitem"--which was edited by Jack Hughes, there appeared a series of articles on the past history of Shoreham and its surroundings. By request, excerpts of these will run again.

The Saga of Woodville Landing
by Randall Warden

The clock is wound and slowly tick-tocks the years, and time unfolds a legend of the past. The story of that earlier village, chartered on the maps as Woodville Landing grows dim for of those who lived and flourished there in the fifties and sixties not a family is left. But legend still remains.

Woodville Landing was settled by three Woodhull families about 1840 and the first house was constructed by them on the terrace opposite the Oval. This building in later years became part of the Shoreham Inn. Undoubtedly they selected this site because fresh water could be had by scooping a hole in the sand on the beach.

At that time there were no wells in all this section and outside of the beach springs, the only available source of water was the rain caught from roofs and stored in cisterns. This source often gave out in dry weather and even twenty-five years ago it was not uncommon to see farmers hauling barrels of water from the beach to their farms. Thirty years ago there was always a barrel sunk in the sand just below the present Bailey home--a barrel always full of cool and sparkling water.

After the Woodhulls, came the Dickersons who owned all the farmland on this side of Woodville Road--now our village of Shoreham. They and the other farmers cut wood in the winter and hauled it to Woodville Landing to ship during the season to the brick kilns of Havestraw. If you see stumps about Shoreham with great hollow holes, you will know they have had trees cut from them several times. For more than a hundred years, Woodville Landing shipped thousands of cords of oak, pine, and hickory stove wood and hundreds of chestnut and locust poles for telephone wires.

Fifty years ago this beach we know so well was a flourishing port. Not a harbor perhaps but a landing place for sloops and schooners. Five and six sailing boats at a time lined up along the beach at low tide, loading wood in the hatches and piling it the whole length of the decks. Twenty teams of horses and sixty men would work at top speed for six hours for each boat held nearly fifty cords of wood and the loading had to be finished by flood tide when the boats would float free.

During this period of activity a blacksmith shop had been built near the present Cross home, opposite the Oval. A well, too, had been dug for the convenience of the teamsters. That well was only twelve feet deep and was not far from my back porch. I saw it filled in later on but it is still there and perhaps some day we will uncover the moss-covered stones that lined its sides.

With the horses watered after their strenuous labors, the men repaired to the store to quench their thirst from liquor barrels in the cellar. That store is now the little white house on the corner of Woodville and Gridley Roads and has its own busy past. It was built as a store and for years supplied the nearby farmers with necessities because Port Jefferson was too far away to visit more than once or twice a year. After this heyday it degenerated into a chicken coop, but before it was utterly discouraged and decomposed, it was made into a carpenter shop and saw mill. Yes, a windmill was attached to run the saws and many sashes and doors were sent from its portals to grace the homes of our present Shoreham. After this usefulness was over, it stepped once more into active community service as the village post office. Then one day Mother Warden called the carpenters and made it into its present form.

When I came with my family to Woodville Landing in 1894, most of the families who had lived here had moved away. Their farms were abandoned and consequently the land had gone back to nature. Catbriar wild grapevine, creeping blackberry bushes and scrub pine covered the ravine so thickly it was impossible to get through. Woodville Road was a narrow sandy wagon track with bushes brushing the wheels as you made the last lap of the two and one half hour trip from Port Jefferson, which was then, as now, the terminus of the railroad. The only signs of former glories were the great rows of cord wood that still covered the gully clear to the bluffs on the Sound. They were there for a few years more until finally all the wood was shipped away.

AMERICAN AIRCRAFT IN PRODUCTION

Everyone can read in the paper these days of the importance of air power in the present war, and reams of newsprint have been filled with the tactical use and production facts with great emphasis on the American superiority in these fields. There has also been criticism of American ships and production. Some of this has been written by men who know planes and production, and it is just and well-founded criticism. But others have written knowing only of tactics and little of production.

One should marvel at what the industry has done since the beginning of the European War. The industry was on a job order basis at that time and each plane was almost handmade. In the short time since the outset of the war, the industry has grown to one of the magnitude of the automobile industry, putting out a product a thousand times more complex with amazing speed compared to old standards.

Unlike the automobile, a model cannot be set up and produced in mass quantities without changes. The tactical aspect of the air war has changed several times since Pearl Harbor, and each change has required immediate and in some cases radical redesign. Also as each new type ship receives its baptism in battle, its weak points, impossible to foretell during design, become known and must be corrected at once. With all the thousands of changes which must be made during a year on a production model, it is a wonder that any ships are built at all.

Any aircraft produced is a compromise of many factors, just as any other product, but airplanes have several design factors unique to themselves. Besides cost, engineering soundness, and production time are the added factors of tactical requirements, Aerodynamic cleanliness, weight, and in these days procurement. Each of these factors are almost direct opposites to each other.

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AIRCRAFT WARNING POST

Wading River

Fort Wade, Wading River's observation post of the Army's Aircraft Warning Service, is unique.

According to Mr. Wm. Berger, district director for the Army of the AWS, and newly elected commander of the Suffolk County American Legion Association,

the post is one of the most outstanding in the county, in point of view of continuous and capable operation, and of valuable service to the Army.

Due to the combined integrity of its chief observer, Carl Kemp, and assistant chief, Mrs. George W. Heatley, and all members of the ground observer corps, Fort Wade has achieved and maintained an excellent reputation for efficiency, as its "score board" of gold stars, indicates at a glance. Also significant is the fact that a large percentage of its ground observers have received their diplomas as recognition observers, under the capable direction of Mrs. Jesse Heatley, recognition officer and instructor, and another group is even now working toward that goal. Few posts on the Eastern seaboard, it is understood, can boast so high a percentage of certificated observers.

Strategically located to afford maximum value to the Aircraft Warning Service, its comfortable quarters make it possible for the observers to serve their long watches, not only efficiently, but quite painlessly, even in Long Island's severe winter weather.

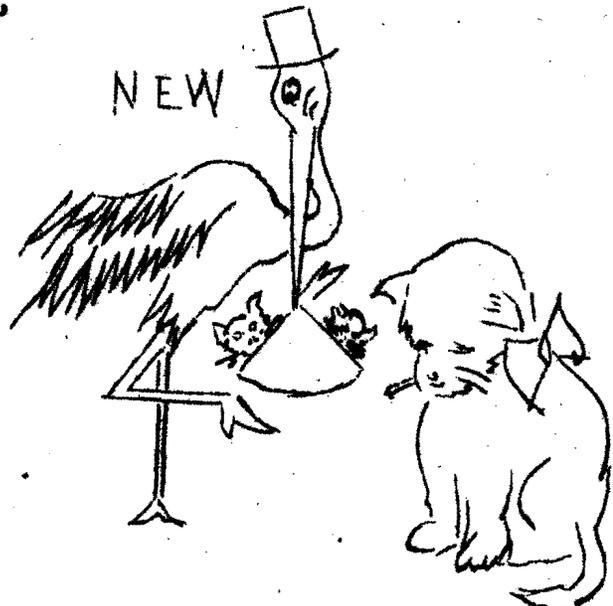
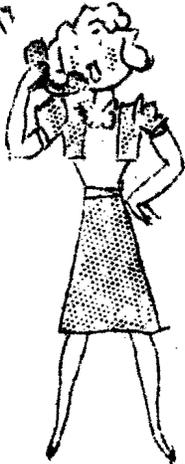
What the Army thinks of its civilian ground observers is no secret. For the officers of this Corps Area, under which Fort Wade and all other posts operate directly, have been generous in their praise of their observers, in appreciation of the hours of unselfish and valuable service to the United States of America.

All observers, of course, work on a volunteer basis, entirely without material compensation, and are proud and happy that this should be so. However, there is a material side to the operation of efficient and 24-hour-a-day service, and it cannot be ignored.

According to the record of necessary expense during the post's many months of continuous operation, it is estimated that it costs approximately \$400 a year, to heat, light, furnish telephone facility, and to take care of small essential expenses for Fort Wade.

Funds are obtained by contribution of the observers and friends interested in the post, and by an annual game party, which provides not only needed funds, but plenty of real enjoyment for the residents of the area which
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Sugarpuss Varian, youse too patriotic. Persian kittens with stripes--NO! NO!

American Aircraft (cont.)

As examples: For aerodynamic reasons, flush skin rivets are desired but cannot be used in many places due to strength requirements. From the weight angle thin section castings and forgings should be used but the cost and procurement is prohibitive. Spot welding would greatly speed production time, but the strength of a spot weld permits its use only in secondary structure.

There is one place where the idea of compromise falls down and that is where the safety of the pilot and crew is concerned. Then there is little compromise in armor protection, fire power, essential instruments, radio, or even comfort. With the result that it can be said that American Aircraft are the safest ships in combat.

William D. VanArnam, Jr.

Aircraft Warning (cont.)

the post serves.

The party is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 14th at the Wading River Schoolhouse and this year, at last, is in the inspired hands of Mrs. J. Archibald Keiller, chairman. Serving on her committee are Mrs. C.V. Pallister of Shoreham, Mrs. Walter Whittum of Manerville and Mrs. Roy Valentine, Mrs. Albert Howell, Mrs. Paul Guyder, Mrs. Jessie Heatly, Mrs. Russell Meier, Miss Helen Bushnell, Mrs. Lewis W. Davison, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, of Wading River. An interesting program is being arranged and a cordial welcome is extended to everyone.

If you have not sent your contribution to the AIRCRAFT SPOTTER POST FUND and are interested in keeping this essential work of Civilian Defense in operation, please send your donation to Mrs. C.V. Pallister before Aug. 14th. Checks made payable to Marguerite H. Emmett, Treas.

ANNOUNCEMENT

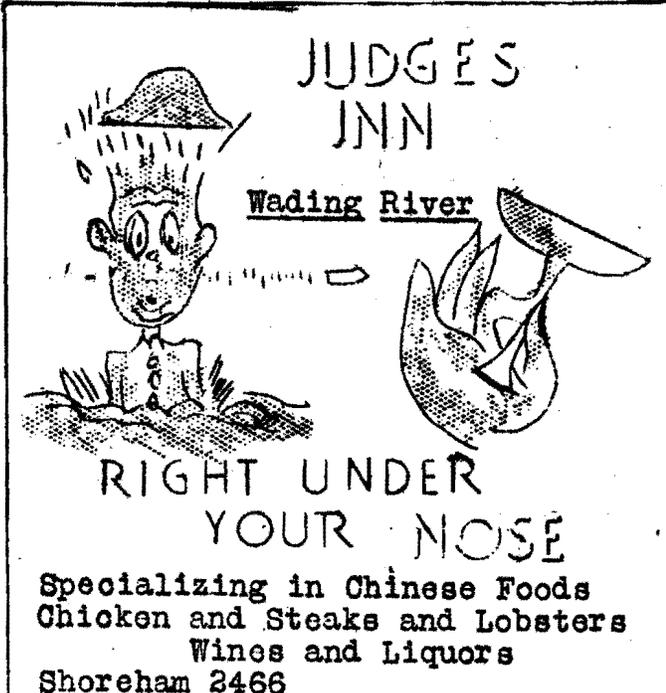
Natalie Hunsicker wishes to announce that with all her troubles, she has been the only one who has kept her pot stove going all summer.

"What's Cookin'?"

CHILDREN'S DANCE

Mrs. Thomas Miles will be the hostess for the Children's dance this Friday.

Mrs. Goysa Sarkany has kindly consented to play for the dancing class.



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Chicken and Steaks and Lobsters
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CLASSES



The members of the Shoreham and Port Jefferson Motor Corps, Nurses Aids and Defense Workers are taking a Special Lecture Course at the Mather and St. Charles Hospitals. The lectures are

being given by Dr. Davis, Public Health Commissioner (Communicable Diseases); Dr. F.L. McCrea, (Medical and Obstetrical) and Dr. Frank Child (Fractures, Burns, Wounds, Shock, Crippled Children)

The members of the Shoreham group taking the course are, Mrs. Albert Barnhart, Mrs. Thomas Miles, Mrs. Gilbert Frei, Mrs. T.K. Elliott, Mrs. John Bates and Mrs. Wm. VanArnam.

HOUSE GUESTS

Mrs. Florence Brandon will have as her guests this week-end, Mrs. Rush of Polk City, Florida, and Mrs. Shaw of Doylestown, Pa.

Miss Sue Miles is expecting Miss Pam Miles on Monday for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. VanArnam, Jr. are visiting his parents, as was announced on a previous page in this issue. The Senior VanArnams are expecting their younger son, Pvt. Fredrick VanArnam, this week.

Miss Joan Finok will be the guest of Miss Cornelia Jane Van Arnam for about ten days. She will arrive Thursday, Aug. 5th.

Mr. A. Barnhart's sister, Muriel Graham will again be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart for the week-end. After winning two pints of Bourbon at the Shoreham Club, She DISPROVED the saying, "You can't take it with you."

SONG SERVICE



Song Service will be directed by Mr. T.K. Elliott this coming Sunday. Mrs. Sarkany will be at the piano and a quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Pallister, Mrs. Gilbert Frei and Mr. Albert George, will sing.

Mrs. Sarkany, who arranges the programs, requests that everyone please try to arrive in time to start the Service promptly at eight o'clock.



CANDY

The Younger Set have taken over the Club-house on Tuesday evenings for "Fudge Nites". Ingredients are collected from everyone attending and while the candy is being made, there are games and dancing. Much credit is due them for the clean and orderly appearance of the Club the next morning.

We are trying to find a play for this group to present this year. If there are any in Shoreham, Mrs. Laurencot will be very glad to accept them for a reading. Mrs. Helen Hughes will direct in the event that a play is found in time to produce.
