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ONLY HALF A LOAF

A half a loaf is better than none—but it isn't a whole loaf. The Freeport Salvation Army Corps has raised only about \$800 in a two week's campaign for \$2,000 which to carry on its work of aiding needy Freeport residents. This is the half loaf to which we referred.

A few weeks ago, Adjutant Joseph E. Heard, after taking all things into consideration, advised a citizens' committee headed by former Mayor Robert E. Patterson that \$2,000 was required to enable the Army to carry out its program for 1941 and meet any emergencies that might arise during the year.

He gave assurance that if this amount was raised there would be no additional appeals for funds during the year. Because previous drives invariably have failed to net the funds required each year, extra appeals have had to be made to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for needy families. It was hoped to avoid this during 1941.

However, although the two week's campaign has passed the time limit, additional gifts will be welcomed. If you have failed to send your contribution to L. Burton Cassin, cashier of the First National Bank & Trust Co., the treasurer, why not do so at once? It is not too late. Two thousand dollars represents only a dime for every adult in Freeport.

Is that too much to ask for so worthy a cause? Let's put the fund over!

A BID FOR COOPERATION

The Leader invites every person in Freeport to help make this a live, newsy paper, giving every week a complete cross-section of our community life. At the outset, The Leader will be circulated chiefly in Freeport, but if the merchants evidence a desire for us to serve a wider territory, we'll carry along with them.

As for news, we want every item that is of interest to any Freeporter. We want social news—just oodles of it. But we are not omnipresent and so must rely on our readers to supply social items, advance notices on events and tips in stories of all kinds not previously published. We want to make the columns not only newsy, but breezy and entertaining.

In this, opening issue we are carrying a hobby story, concerning Chief of Police Peter Elar. We happened to know of the Chief's hobby, but there are other people who have interesting hobbies too. Let us know about them. This applies to other articles of interest. Just give us a ring or drop us a line and we'll be seeing you.

As Clifton Fadderman says in announcing "Information Please," send us your suggestions and news items. We may edit or change them to conform with our news policies and styles—but you'll recognize them. All we want is the co-operation of every individual among the 20,400 living in Freeport.

We won't do any boating. With a record of nearly forty years in the newspaper game, we're going to give the people of Freeport a paper we believe they will like.

The Leader is not going to be a crusading, muckracking, or political publication, but it is going to print the news without fear or favor, and call a spade a spade when necessary. We'll be as careful to avoid coloring the news as it is humanly possible to be. In the event of a controversy, each side will receive equal consideration in the news columns, and only in the editorials will sides be taken.

Our only aim is to enhance the welfare of the Village, by printing all the helpful news we can get, and also to promote community spirit.

For the present this is to be practically a "one-man" publication, but with every Freeporter as a reporter looking out for news, and with Freeport's progressive merchants freely advertising—educated, we ought to make it a community paper second to none on Long Island. We want every resident of Freeport to regard The Leader as his paper. For the present the publication offices will be at 22 Pine St., telephone Freeport 4445. Take advantage of these facilities and the success of The Leader is assured.

The Leader will be delivered at your door every week. Be on the lookout for it.

A TEST FOR MERCHANTS

For years, Freeport merchants have been preaching "Trade at Home" to Freeport citizens. During its three months of reorganization, this has been the theme song of the Chamber of Commerce. It shall be the continuing rally cry of The Leader. Merchants say, with perfect truth, that if the 20,000 Freeporters buy their necessities here at home they can find just as good stocks and values as are available in any nearby community or in New York City. They insist, with obvious logic, that if the 20,000 Freeporters spend their dollars at home, those dollars will have to stay here, will circulate here and ultimately return to the local spenders, and the local merchants then will not have to depend so much for their livelihood on other communities of the South Shore.

These same citizens, thus appealed to by local merchants to do their trading at home, have a full right to look over this issue and succeeding issues of The Leader to see what merchants practiced their own precepts. Freeport now has a local newspaper, 100 percent locally owned and edited, reaching every home in Freeport, a perfect local advertising medium. Those merchants who advertise in The Leader and support it rather than spending their own dollars in out-of-town publications are the ones, the only ones, who have a right to urge Freeporters to do likewise.

Those who plead for home-town loyalty and cooperation with local institutions are now going to demonstrate, during the next two or three weeks, by their advertising, whether they are genuinely in earnest—whether they have any right to ask Freeport citizens to trade at home. The advertisements will tell the story. Check them. And The Leader warmly commends to Freeport buyers the merchants advertising herein as meriting their full confidence and hearty cooperation.

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Survey Sustains Village Board In Handling of Annual Budget

By GEORGE W. GOELLER

Just what caused the considerable increase in the village tax rate for 1941-42 over the previous fiscal year? Could the rise have been avoided if the village had adopted the Town of Hempstead assessment-rolls instead of reducing the village's own assessed valuations of the previous years by 20 per cent?

These and other questions have aroused the Village taxpayers to a considerable degree since the original figures were announced even though later substantially reduced.

The writer has endeavored to ascertain the answers to these questions with a view to enlightening readers of The Leader. So far as the actual budgetary figures are concerned, it was found there were two principal reasons for the increase—for one of which the voters of the Village alone were responsible.

First was the action of the electorate in voting two bond issues, viz., \$93,000 for the improvement of the Village disposal plant, and \$27,000 for the purchase of two pieces of apparatus for the Village Fire Department. Also they voted an increase in the pay of the members of the police force, at a cost of approximately \$7,000.

Secondly, a year ago a balance of \$56,846.80 was carried over from the previous year. This money was derived from the tax sale of arrears which had accumulated over many years. Under the then existing statute, this money had to be used immediately for the reduction of the budget, though the law has since been amended to permit the distribution of the receipts of tax sales over the budgets of several years. This action, however, came too late, as each annual tax sale in the future will only balance a succeeding shortage.

Other Income Lost

A further loss in the village receipts for 1941 amounts to \$10,000 which has been received for several years for the disposal of refuse from an adjacent sanitary district. Because of the growth of the Village, the incinerator has reached almost the limit of its capacity, making it impossible to contract to burn refuse for any other community than Freeport.

Further, the Village has to return to two large properties a portion of excess taxes they had paid on valuations which were ordered reduced by the courts. The gross budget for 1941-42 is \$616,304.39, while that for 1940-41 was \$603,291.97, an increase of only \$13,012.42. But it was the drop of revenues from sources other than taxes that caused the increase in the net budget and consequent tax rate rise.

A year ago these additional receipts totaled \$154,786.30, while for the ensuing year the anticipated yield is only \$116,129.66, with the result that the net budget aggregates \$500,174.73, against \$448,555.67 for 1940-41. As a result of the success of the two property owners in winning reductions in their assessed valuations after a court fight, the Village Fathers voted to reduce all assessed valuations 20 per cent. This was done in fairness to all property owners, as under this plan every taxpayer will pay the same ratio of taxes as he has done in the past despite the adverse decision of the court.

Only Slight Rise
Thus the \$1.00 tax rate of last year was based on a total assessed valuation of \$44,855,657, while the rate of \$1.37 adopted for the current year is based on a valuation of \$36,509,105. Consequently, it is incorrect to say that the tax rate has been increased 37 points. It is really only an increase of 12 tax points over a parity rate for last year.

Taxes Lower Here Circular Indicates

The Village Board issued a circular this week containing comparative figures for taxes in Freeport, Hempstead and Rockville Centre, indicating that taxpayers here have a slight edge on Hempstead property owners.

One house in each village assessed by the town at \$5,000 is pictured, in which it is shown that the local property owner would pay \$51.65 in taxes, the Hempstead owner, \$61.44, and the Rockville Centre owner, \$52.20 based on tax rates of \$1.37, \$1.28 and \$1.16 respectively. These figures indicated that the assessments were much higher in Hempstead and slightly more in Rockville Centre than in Freeport.

It was also shown that the owner of a house assessed at \$7,900 by the town would pay \$67.95 here, \$89.60 in Hempstead and \$69.60 in Rockville Centre.

They will be the same as last year.

The figures follow:
Beverage tax—Received in 1940, \$26,556.95; Expected in 1941, \$26,500.

State Income tax—Received in 1940, \$24,325.93; Expected in 1941, \$24,300.

Mortgage tax—Received in 1940, \$2,580.69; Expected in 1941, \$2,500. Consequently, it would seem that regardless of the assessment figures used, the taxes for 1941 would have been the same under either the Village bases as adopted or under the town figures, while had the 1940 assessment rolls applied for 1941, all other taxpayers would have had to make up for the loss in revenue from the two property owners who succeeded in obtaining reductions in assessments by recourse to the courts.

Other Income Sources
Though the tax laws indicate the income tax and mortgage tax are based on assessed valuation, the budgetary estimates show that the prospective receipts from

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Elks' Tribute Paid To Mothers

Judge Bissell Delivers Address, Musical Program Given

"Anything one attempts to say about mother leaves so much unsaid one could say concerning the noble one who brought him into this world," Presiding Justice Pelham St. George Bissell of the Municipal Court of the City of New York, and a Freeport resident said in his address at the Mother's Day exercises of the Freeport Lodge, 1253 B.P.O. Elks, in the lodge room Sunday night.

He referred to the golden recollections of childhood when mother "could do for you as she wanted to mold your life along the lines she wanted it to be."

"All through life," Justice Bissell continued, "we have had the protection, care and love of our mothers, a love both with us and in us. And though the day has come when she has gone from many of us, that mother-love continues to be both in us and with us, striving still to make us better and wrothier for our country."

Justice Bissell cited the solicitous care of Jesus Christ for His mother, as from he cradled her to his beloved disciple John. "Son, Behold thy mother." He referred also to Lincoln's declaration, "All I am and all I ever hope to be I owe to my angel mother."

He considered the heroism of the mothers of the days of the Pilgrims, of those who went west across the rolling plains in prairie schooners and the Gold Star mothers of the World War who "gave all for the common good." The Justice called on those whose mothers are still living "to be some of the sweetness and light of the world—they are still within your hearing."

He assured them that no sacrifice would be in vain and urged his listeners to love their mothers and to let that love be manifested in Exalted Ruler Edward F. Meaney presided over the exercises and Past Exalted Ruler Worden E. Winne, Esquire George W. Berns, Esquire, Lecturing Knight Adolph A. Horowitz, Esquire Loyal Knight Theodore N. deGiacomo, Esteemed Leading

Past Exalted Ruler H. Alfred Vollmer was chairman of the Mother's Day Committee. The drill team which assisted throughout the exercises was directed by Capt. Joseph P. Glynn, Jr.

WHEN YOU TRADE AT HOME YOUR DOLLARS STAY HERE

And when you buy elsewhere, your dollars are gone from Freeport forever. You'll never see them again.

If you take your money out of Freeport, what magic will bring it back so that some of it at least will find its way into your purse again? None. But money spent locally is a boomerang. It returns to you.

If you rush off to some other community or to the city to buy articles without first making sure they cannot be had here at home, you are causing yourself inconvenience, loss of time, and probably paying as much or more than the cost here. In addition, you are cheating yourself of any chance to get those dollars back in normal community circulation of money.

TRY FREEPORT STORES FIRST

(This space contributed by The Leader)

Mrs. Winne To Head Nassau Home Legion

As organization director of the Home Legion for Nassau County, Mrs. Worden Winne, wife of the Mayor, will name the chairmen to conduct the activities of the organization in the various towns and villages. She has requested that any women interested in the work communicate with her at 321 Archer st. She is particularly anxious to gain the services of mothers of boys in camps. Mrs. Winne was appointed by the Home Legion president, Mrs. Irving James, of Northport.

Elizabeth Greenleaf Will Marry Teacher

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Greenleaf of 29 Elm Place to Lester C. Millard, member of the high school faculty of Brookfield, N. Y., was announced this week by the bride-to-be's parents. She is active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, and with her fiance was graduated in 1939 from St. Lawrence University.

Daughters of Union Will Meet Tuesday

The Daughters of the Union will meet Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Charles Kehm, 24 Clarendon place, at which time it is expected that Mrs. George D. Smith, State Regent, will be present and dedicate the flag.

Knight John Donovan and Chaplain Charles V. McDonald participated by reading selections from the ritual relating to the observance of Mother's Day.

There were vocal selections by Miss Virginia Viney, soprano; Miss Kay Kauch, soprano, and Charles M. Viney, bass, accompanied by organist, Walter J. Blaine. Red carnations were given to those whose mothers are still living and white to those whose mothers have died.

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Freeport Women To Enroll To Aid National Defence

Registration days will be held by the Nassau County Women's National Defense Committee in all the public schools in Freeport next Monday, and Monday, May 26, from 3 to 9 p. m.

All women who desire to take part in some work and be of assistance in preparing for national defense have been requested to enroll on one of these nights.

Numerous activities are listed for at least one of which every woman is eligible, ranging from taking care of children to driving cars and ambulances. Other lines are First Aid, and nursing. Volunteers are also needed to take the place of housewives and mothers eligible for some of the more arduous tasks but who cannot leave their homes unless someone relieves them while they are away.

In each school the Parent-Teacher Association will be in charge of the registration. The various chairmen are:

High School—Mrs. Curtis T. Brall; Archer st.—Mrs. William A. Cleary; Cleveland ave.—Miss Amy Grant; Columbus Ave.—Mrs. Louis Popell; Grove st.—Mrs. Henry Single; Seaman ave.—Mrs. Allen Dawe.

The Women's Auxiliary of the William Clinton Story Post, American Legion is also assisting, but the president, Mrs. May Larsen announced that the members had been assigned to schools in Baldwin which had no P.T.A. groups.

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Freeporters To Attend Event J. R. Sprague

Several Village Hall officials are among a large number of Freeporters who have made reservations for the reception and dinner Thursday night, June 2, at the Garden City Hotel, honoring J. Russel Sprague, County Executive. Former Mayor Robert E. Patterson and Secretary G. Hurst Paul of the Chamber of Commerce are among the others to attend. The event is sponsored by James E. Stiles, for the presentation to Mr. Sprague of the Daily Review-Star's Distinguished Service Award for 1941.

Julian D. Smith Gives Talk To Spartan Lodge

Spartan Lodge, 956, F. & A. M., which is having a fine year under the leadership of its Worshipful Master, Kenneth E. Vought, had an excellent attendance at its semi-monthly meeting on Tuesday night.

The features were an address on the history of Freemasons by Julian D. Smith, Past Master of Wauhan Lodge, and a full-form exemplification of the Third Degree Drama by Spartan's Fellowship team, under the direction of Past Master Edmund T. Cheshire.

Schwer Helps Plan Hofstra Demonstration

Frederick W. Schwer, of this village, is a member of the student committee in charge of arrangements for the fifth annual science show for Long Island high school students and instructors to be conducted Saturday at Hofstra College. He is majoring in science. Prof. George H. Burnham is chairman of the general committee.

VISITORS FROM NEW JERSEY

Mr. and Mrs. W. Paul Smith, of Livingston, N. J., visited Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Smith of 107 North Ocean ave., over the weekend. They were accompanied by their sons, Robert and Walter.

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High School Band To Give Concert At Jones Beach

Young Musicians Also to Appear in Precision Drill Saturday

J. Maynard Wettlaufer, director of the Freeport High School band, has arranged an interesting program for the concert with which the musicians will open the season at Jones Beach State Park Saturday at 3 p. m. The band will play in the music shell on the boardwalk, and also demonstrate its marching precision. In addition, Drum Major Patricia Bromley will give a demonstration of baton-twirling.

The program is as follows:
Chorale: Sleepers Wake, J. S. Bach.

Overture: Barber of Seville, Rossini.

Coronet Solo: Annie Laurie Fantasic, Clay Smith, with Harold Conway (9th grade), soloist.

Descriptive Fantasy: 1776, Zamenick.

March: Stars and Stripes Forever, John Philip Sousa.

Tuba solo: Pomposo, Hayes, with Charles Ashley, soloist.

March: New Colonial Hall, with demonstration of baton twirling by Patricia Bromley.

God Bless America, Irving Berlin, special arrangement by J. M. Wettlaufer.

The band also is scheduled to participate in a number of events before the end of the term: It will play in the Holy Name Society rally and parade at Cedarhurst Sunday afternoon, give a concert at the Freeport Theatre on Thursday night, May 29, in conjunction with the observance of the 13th anniversary of the Memorial Day parade on May 30; appear at the night baseball game at the Stadium on Thursday night, June 5; lead the Sunday School parade Saturday afternoon June 7, and participate in the High School commencement program Friday night, June 27.