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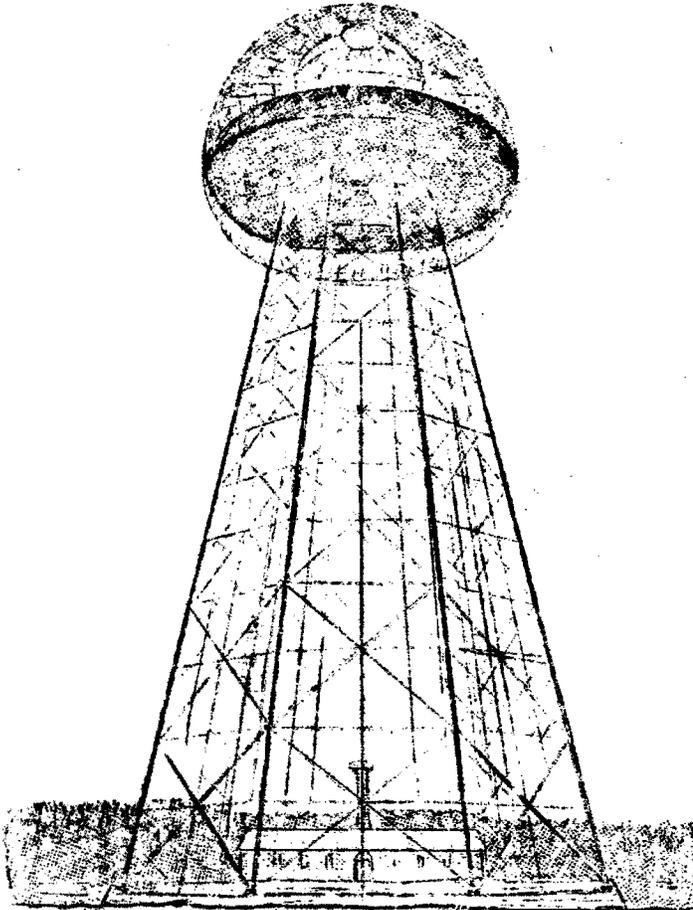
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NIKOLA TESLA

By Randall D. Warden



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Thirty years ago Wardencliffe made the front page of the New York press.

What - you never heard of Wardencliffe? Nikola Tesla gave that name to the place he was to settle and to experiment in for more than three years, in honor of James S. Warden who had begun the re-development of Woodville Landing in 1894. For years our present Long Island Railroad station had the sign WARDENCLIFFE in bold letters across its front.

There was mystery of great significance to the scientific world when it was learned that Nikola Tesla was building a secret plant 66 miles from New York City in a little hamlet called Wardencliffe.

It was rumored that he had selected the place because there were few electrical disturbances and that the temperature was very even the year around. And it was known that he was an electrical wizard who probably would develop something new and strange.

You can imagine the astonishment of the local people when suddenly train loads of brick and lumber began to arrive.

Our good old friend Jim Robinson was sent here by the Long Island Railroad Co. to take charge of the enormous amount of freight daily shipped to Wardencliffe.

The neighborhood for miles around was combed for men, wagons and horses. Twenty acres were cleared of trees and stumps, the ground was graded and grass seed sown, roads were made and building commenced.

Tesla promised that within two years he would employ two thousand men, so roads were put through and lots laid out to sell for building sites for his employees.

Tesla was an odd character. Tall, dark and cadaverous he talked in big figures. He always made extravagant claims. You never knew whether he could make good or not, because if he made one statement you knew was true, the next sentence seemed so impossible, so stupendously imaginative that you wondered if he were not a little touched.

He came down from New York every day on the train at 11:30 A. M. and went back at 3:10 P.M. Here for three hours and a half he would work in his laboratory with his glass blowers, his chemists and his patent makers. No one was allowed to go near the brick building, which still stands across from the station, unless on business.

Tesla built a wooden tower 500 feet in
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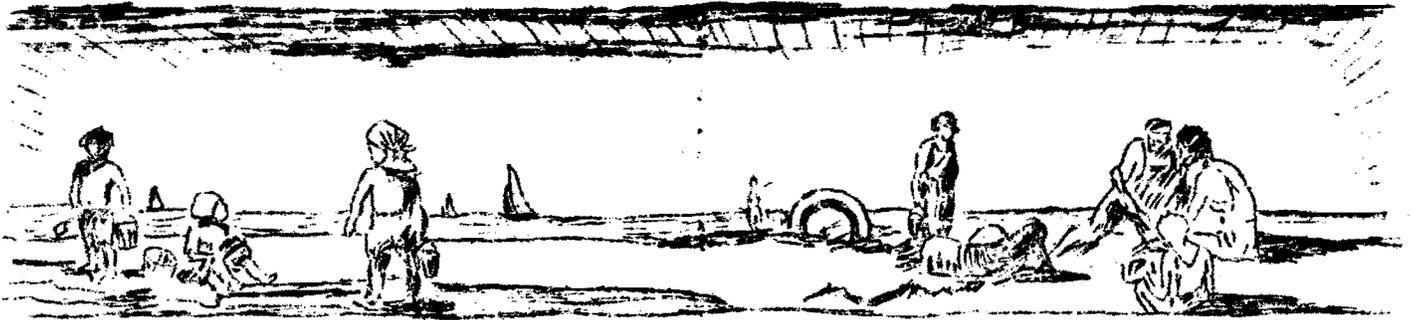
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SHOREHAM COUNTRY CLUB NOTES



CHILDREN'S PARTY

Tuesday, August 28 at 8 PM. The last Tuesday evening dance of the season is to be a grand finale for the miniature group of the Club and their young teachers, recruited from the junior members. Many of the Club members are cooperating to make this event a happy one. Home made cakes are being sent by Mrs. W. J. Sherman, Miss Collins, Mrs. E. F. Stevens, Mrs. A. L. Eddy, Mrs. J. T. Miles, Mrs. W. VanArman, Mrs. M. F. Walsh, Mrs. W. C. Bainbridge, Mrs. A. W. Varian, Mrs. A. Z. Vermylen, Mrs. A. J. Sackett and Mrs. C. D. Waters have contributed prizes and favors. The Maples is donating the ice cream - Mrs. Mealia's own home made, at which the children will probably take a turn in the making.

This party and the other Tuesday evening dances of the season have been arranged by the Misses, Barbara and Jane Eddy, Marion and Lassie Zenke, Marie Vermylen, Mary Peck and Margaret Seals.

SHOREHAM FOLLIES

The 1934 Shoreham Follies promises to outdo our greatest expectations. The signing of Wes Oliver and his twelve Vikings, in response to numerous requests, marks the desired step in preparation of a perfect program.

The stage is set for a gala evening of sparkling entertainment, what with soft shoe rouyines, exhibition dances, novelty skits, followed by dancing to the tempting rythms of the Vikings.

Tickets \$1.00 per person. Children 50%.

The next Sunday Evening Song Service will be led by Mr. Wesley Oliver with Mrs. L. A. Eddy at the piano.

PROGRAM FOR 1934

Saturday, August 18 Dance
 Tuesday, August 21 Children's Dance
 Saturday, August 25 Shoreham Follies
 Tuesday, August 28 Children's Party
 Saturday, Sept. 1 Cabaret Night
 Monday, Sept. 3 Tennis Tournament 2 P.M.
 Community Service every Sunday 8 P.M.

DANCING

Saturday, August 18 at 9 P.M. Dancing in the Club House. Dance music without charge will be offered by Ray Noble, Eddie Duchin, Casa Loma and others playing their latest hits.

Good news, Golfers

Some of the Wading River residents are seriously considering building a golf course on the property of Mr. S. W. Heatley, which is situated directly across from the Barnes property. Conveniently enough, the property is only two miles from either the Shoreham or Wading River post office.

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SHOREHAM GARDEN CLUB

The Shoreham Garden Club's third Informal Flower Exhibit, the last for this season, was held at the home of Mrs. L. A. Eddy. There were many exhibitors and the flowers made a very beautiful showing.

Like the two preceding Flower Exhibits this was arranged for the purpose of instructing the members on judging and guiding them in their selection of prize winners.

In the absence of Mrs. R. D. Warden, who had provided this information at the previous meetings, Mrs. Edward F. Stevens and Mrs. R. B. McGahen talked to the members on this subject. Prizes were awarded in each of seven classes as follows:

Class 1	Mrs. M. H. Lewis
Class 2	Mrs. A. W. Varian
Class 3	Mrs. A. J. Sackett
Class 4	Mrs. A. J. Sackett
Class 5	Mrs. Bertha Frei
Class 6	Mrs. A. J. Sackett
Class 7	Mrs. H. W. Todd

Monday, August 20, at 3 PM. Second Cooperative meeting and exhibit at Belle Terre Manor. Mrs. David L. George will talk on and judge - Flower Arrangements of Different Types and Periods. There will be a prize for each class. Shoreham is to send four exhibits.

A recent survey of the waterfront property owned by Channing Pollock, compared with a survey made 25 years ago, shows about 40 feet of the cliff washed away.

SHOREHAM TIDES

Aug.	High		Low	
17	4:05 AM	4:30 PM	10:03 AM	10:27 PM
18	4:59 "	5:25 "	10:56 "	11:22 "
19	5:59 "	6:28 "	11:56 "	12:25 "
20	7:07 "	7:36 "	1:04 PM	1:33 AM
21	8:21 "	8:47 "	2:19 "	2:44 "
22	9:35 "	9:55 "	3:32 "	3:52 "
23	10:37 "	10:57 "	4:34 "	4:53 "

Average Rise of Tide is about 7 feet.

SHOREHAM MAIL

Incoming mail - 9:35 AM - 7:35 PM
 Outgoing morning mail closes - 6:00 AM
 Outgoing afternoon mail closes - 4:15 PM
 No mail on Sunday.

THE FLOATING GARDENS OF MEXICO

Mexico is old, very old, very colorful and, the American people are beginning to realize, very interesting.

Around 1300, when part of the present sight of the City of Mexico was occupied by the Aztec Indians for their capitol, it was a region of several lakes and very many canals. These canals were used extensively as a means of transportation.

In 1521 Cortes conquered Mexico. As the Spanish army advanced they razed all Aztec buildings, tumbling the refuse into the canals, thus making the ground on which the present City of Mexico has been built.

For several hundred years, the canals have gradually been filled up and the various lakes have shrunk and dried, until now only one important canal and one shallow lake remain.

It is on this lake, Xochimilco (pronounced Coach-ee-meel-ko) about fifteen miles from the city that the wonderful floating gardens, separated by narrow waterways, have been constructed. The Indians wove very large mats of slender saplings bound together very strongly by pliable vines, branches of trees and twigs. They were generally rectangular in form and on them was placed a thick layer of soil salvaged from the bottom of the lake and nearby canals and then the planting was started. Along the edges at regular intervals they set out seedlings, a species of poplar with flowering plants between. The center space was given over to the raising of vegetables, corn, peppers and tomatoes. You can readily see what the result would be under such perfect conditions;— sun, rich soil and plenty of water. The roots of the trees soon pushed down through the woven mats, the shallow water of the lake and imbedded themselves in the bottom of the lake. They grew tall and slim, the flowers bloomed in great profusion and the once floating mats became beautiful gardens, moored to the bottom of the lake by the tree's roots, but swaying and shifting slightly in the breeze.

This section of the country is the playground for the people for miles around. On Sundays and holidays crowds visit these gardens and make merry. There is everything

for one's comfort. Along the banks of the lake are many restaurants good and otherwise. Or if you prefer you may bring your own food, hire a punt and a man to work it, and eat on board, where a table is provided under a shelter built for that purpose. On the front of this hood the boat's name is woven in flowers; always a romantic name, "Love", "Little Flower" or the name of your sweetheart. If you so desire, an orchestra on a larger boat will follow you, and play anything you ask for. All about you are these small dug-out canoes with an Indian woman almost covered by a mass of lilies and countless carnations. These carnations are mostly red and rather small but you can buy a bouquet a foot across for five cents. If you do not care to buy, you may pick them from the border of the gardens, as your guide standing in the stern, pushes the flat bottomed boat close to the edge with his long pole.

Flowers, beautiful flowers meet the eye where ever you look, such quantities of flowers, and within the means of everyone. From other tiny dug-outs, Indian women offer you various fruits and you see some selling tortillas from large reddish-brown earthen-ware bowls molded with very large "tummies".

We are very glad we visited Mexico, sorry to leave and sincerely hope to come again in the near future.

Elizabeth E. Eldridge

"THE BOYS WHO WENT"

Otto Hagenah and Jimmie O'Brien, undaunted by frequent disappointments, persevered on their search for Tom Hughes' motor boat which had broken loose from its mooring during the recent storm. It was finally found at Hallocks Landing bottom up, practically hidden from view when the weary boys discovered it.

The Editor wishes to express his appreciation to Marlen Pow for his timely advice and to Jack Haslett for his helpful suggestions.

Many thanks are due to Mrs. T. M. Elliott whose enthusiastic encouragement prompted the beginnings of the Scribe.

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NIKOLA TESLA continued

the air with a dome at the top which was to have been covered with sheets of copper but he never reached that point in his development. Underneath he dug a deep well and at the bottom he drove a pipe a thousand feet into the ground. It was his idea that this apparatus would act as one of the poles of an electric machine and that from the atmosphere he would extract electricity in sufficient quantities to supply current to run the industrial machines of New York City, Boston, Philadelphia etc. When the World War broke out Tesla's tower was taken down by the government so that the German war ships, if they ever reached our shores would have no land marks to help them in finding the range of New York City from out at sea.

When Tesla came to town he always brought with him his lunch from the Waldorf Astoria. It was packed in a huge hamper and it and Tesla's bodyguard rode in the baggage car. I finally learned that the hamper, besides other delicacies, contained an excellent bottle of wine - therefor the servant in the baggage car.

This bodyguard was quite a character himself, he had been a Serbian soldier and was as fierce looking as a brigand, but he waited on his master in the loyal and subservient way.

My father and Tesla occasionally would go swimming together in the Sound and both of them seemed to have bones of light specific gravity because they would float just like corks with their heads and necks clear out of the water and much of their bodies exposed. I have never seen anyone float in the water as they did meanwhile discussing plans for a wonderful Wardencliffe of the future.

Tesla is still alive, I have not seen him in thirty years but the recollection of his charming personality, his odd method of baldly stating that he could read your thoughts and that he could see you when you were absent, remain vividly clear. I wonder if his backers had not shut down on his supply of money whether Shoreham to-day might not be the electrical center of the world.

NOTE Work on the triangle has begun. Most of the tree stumps have been removed. Early completion may be expected.

MEXICAN EXHIBIT

The Mexican handiwork which for the past few days has occupied the Maples' parlor is a partial result of six weeks spent in Mexico, including the culturally as well as geographically separate Yucatan. While no attempt was made to exhaust the available types of folk art, the various articles offer a rough idea of the capabilities and potentialities of the native craftsmen, direct descendent of the pre-conquest Indians, authors of a striking civilization. It can only be hoped that this native talent and taste will not be burned under the American tourist average lanche.

Various sections of this colorful nation are represented. Mexico has, of course, a strangely complex climate the result of its high mountain ranges converting what should be the tropics into an unusually cold land, extremely damp in the summer. However both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts are truly tropical regions. Naturally under such varying conditions localized arts flourish which, due to the inadequate facilities for communication remain localized in a particular village or valley. Within Mexico it is only recently that the specialities of one district could be found more than one hundred miles away from their place of origin.

Of the material here, the eagle and "Tigre" serapes or handwoven blankets are typical of Oaxaca (pronounced wah-ha-ka), a colorful city, twenty hours by narrow gauge railway to the southeast of Mexico City. The large blue serape was bought from an itinerant merchant in the Sunday market at Cholula, a town of two thousand inhabitants reputed to contain over four hundred churches and shrines. The gaily colored baskets, bought in the largest market at Mexico City, are products of Toluca and are made of maguay cactus fibre as are the two small carrying sacks. The pottery comes from Guadaluajara, an energetic city in central Mexico, and is hand shaped and painted; its crudity and irregularities attest this fact. Be fore Americans demanded

Mexican products, no Indian craftsman repeated exactly the same design or made an identical object. The tall unglazed jars and the graceful pitchers in blue and dull red are from the same district. The gay table clothes ornamented with stylized birds and Mixtec gods are also from Oaxaca where palefaced "maestros" weave intricate designs on crude hand looms in the semi-darkness of native huts. The silver jewelry enlivened by bits of antique jade, which, by the way, is in no sense inferior to the Chinese variety, is entirely hand hammered in the old mining village of Taxco, a picturesque place reminiscent of an Italian hill town. The local silver used in these objects is finer than the sterling being 98% pure.

The leopard skin was valued at four pesos, or \$1.15, in Acapulco, Mexico, finest Pacific port and a possible future base for the American navy. The lacquered bowl is from Michoacan where it is rumored that Spanish boats coming from the Orient initiated the art. Listed in the customs as junk are little clay beads, obsidian knives a jaguar tooth from the Mayan ruins in Yucatan, amusing tiny pottery whistles and Mexican jumping beans. The last named are actually animated by the larvae of a small fly.

The exquisite red-chocolated colored plate decorated with Quetzalcoatl, most powerful of Mayan gods is the sole survivor of seven sent from Merida, Yucatan, to Mexico City. It is strangely prophetic that even the likenesses of seven Indian gods could not guard those plates from the onslaughts of the Mexican mail.

H. Wentworth Eldredge
CHILDREN ATTENTION

Is it possible, can it be, that beautiful Shoreham must suffer the indignity of unsightly papers and rubbish scattered about her public highways? There have been many complaints to this effect. Wouldn't you like to help protect her beauty? There are ways and means of accomplishing this. You are invited to consult with Mrs. H. F. Hughes.

An autobiographical book, awaited with much interest, is "The Newspaper Man" by Marlen Pow. It is to be released this month.

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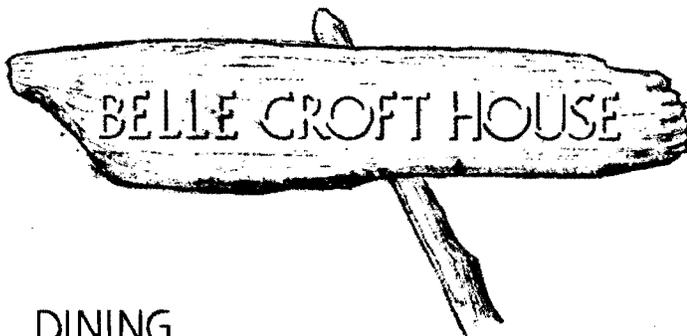
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SHOREHAM ITEMS

By Jane Eddy

Mrs. DeWitt Dailey and her daughter, Mary, are spending this week-end with Misses Dorothy and Hetty Barrow at their home in Bennington, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Frazier and Mrs. Kenneth E. Knowles of Center Island, Oyster Bay will be the guests of Mrs. Cary D. Waters for a week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley Hopkins and their two children, Frances and Julia, were the guests of Mrs. Arthur J. Sackett last week-end.

Mr. Fred Deming will be the guest of his daughter, Mrs. W. Van Arnam, this week-end.

Mrs. Sheldon DuCret had as her guest last week-end, her father, Mr. Whitney.

Mrs. Charles T. Johnson from Flushing and Mrs. Allen Granger from Great Neck were the guests of Mrs. A.J. Sackett one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude V. Pollister, and two sons, David and Junior, have been spending two weeks in West Harwich, Cape Cod.

Miss Clarinda Jackson from St. Augustine, Fla. will spend the rest of the summer at the home of Mrs. A.J. Sackett.

Miss Isabel Loveland, Miss Lenox Halsey, Mr. Philip Dater, Mr. John Kernan, and Miss Hetty Wells will be the guests of the Finns this week-end.

Misses Barbara Eddy and Marie Vermylen and Mr. Paul Vermylen saw the women's semi-finals tennis match at Forest Hills last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Drayton Belknap returned to Shoreham last Thursday noon.

Mrs. L. T. Pease of Summit, New Jersey, who is a summer resident of Shoreham, was recently appointed to the Summit Board of Recreation Commissioners by Mayor Edward T. Snook. Mrs. Pease was selected to fill a vacancy on the board in consideration of her participation in civic affairs and her active interest in young people and their activities.

Editor, Shoreham Scribe
Shoreham, N. Y.

In fairness to all concerned, the decision not to produce the plays which I had selected for the Strolling Players, for which I had cast the parts, and which I had under rehearsal, was made only after the President of the Club informed me that he felt that the ticket sale would not compensate the Club sufficiently to warrant the payment of the royalties on the plays.

Through the efforts of the Strolling Players, the Club has a new stage, curtain and flats, and I understand that the Club records showed a net profit above \$70.00 for the Club last year from the Strolling Players' production, after all bills and royalties were paid.

Mrs. T. K. Elliott

When asked to write about the pebbles on the Shoreham beach, Louise Pease retorted, "I think they've been gone over enough this summer."

TARZAN -- Eldredge wore the leopard skin on exhibition at the Maples at an un-masquerade dance aboard ship returning from Mexico. Too bad Eldredge was not here for the Shipwreck Party.

A certain housewife asked her husband for \$15.00 for week end groceries. Later he found \$14.90 of it had to have the cork pulled. Name of housewife given upon request.

A Scribe reporter came into the office after interviewing a resident of Shoreham. "What did he say?", asked the editor. Bright Young Reporter, "Nothing." Weary editor, "Keep it down to a column."

This summer Shoreham has had among its distinguished guests - a Queen, a Princess and a Countess. Tom Miles married the Queen. What does that make Sue?

Middle age might be described as being somewhere between a night club and a golf club.

PORT JEFFERSON THEATRE

SUN. 19 James Cagney - Gloria Stuart -
MON. 20 Pat O'Brien "HERE COMES THE NAVY"
TUE. 21
WED. 22 Adolph Menjou - Elissa Landi -
David Manners in "THE GREAT FLIRTATION"
THU. 23 Aline MacMahon - Paul Kelly in
FRI. 24 "SIDE STREETS" and Herbert Mundin
- Pat Patterson in "CALL IT LUCK"
SAT. 25 Walter Connolly - Robert Young -
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WADING RIVER SQUIBS

By Evelyn Rowley

Mr. and Mrs. Coles Trapnell of New York City are the week end guests of his mother Mrs. Edna Valentine Trapnell, at "Quawks Nest".

"Uncle Bob" Sherwood, of the Dixie Cup Radio Program, is the week end guest of Mr and Mrs. Joseph Danz at their cottage on the dunes. Miss Agness Danz is one of the featured artists on his program. "Uncle Bob" and some of his troupe will entertain at the annual bazaar of the St. John's R. C. Church tomorrow (Saturday) evening

Mr. and Mrs. David Alonzo Warner of "Hi aweiah" have as their week end guests Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Disbrow and Miss Rita Disbrow of White Plains.

Mr. Seldon Heatley Jr. leaves today for Syracuse where he will enter the University next month.

Miss Zillah McDonald of New York City who has written many delightful books for children is spending the remainder of the summer in Wading River as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. Hinckley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Longson and Mrs. Theodore Longson of Midland Park, N. J. are the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Herbert Wheeler.

Mr. Walter Ryker of New York City was the recent house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Lapham at "Friendly Hall".

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Blumgart left this week for Maine where they will enjoy a brief vacation.

Mrs. Maude Stevens of Brooklyn is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wince.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook of Flushing, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Carlson, Mrs. Beatrice LePierre and Mr. Walter LePierre of Jamaica are the week end guests of the Messrs. Daniel and Charles Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartley F. Tuthill and Miss Susan Tuthill of Roselle Park, N. J. are enjoying a visit at their cottagw on the dunes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bonyun of Summit and Bellport were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meyers on Friday evening.

BOAT WRECKED

This last Tuesday a twenty six foot yacht, owned by a resident of North Shore Beach, wrecked near Alligator Rock.

This came about because of lack of familiarity with sound storms.

Early Monday, the yacht was seen cruising into the teeth of the storm which it did all day. That night they anchored off Hallock's Landing.

During the night with none aboard the yacht broke loose from its mooring and crashed against Alligator Rock, tearing a hole in the port side. It then drifted down shore where it was washed ashore at high tide.

Tuesday morning many Shorehamites tried to salvage it, but with little success.

Nothing aside from a few valuable things was saved. The yacht was then given up to the sea,

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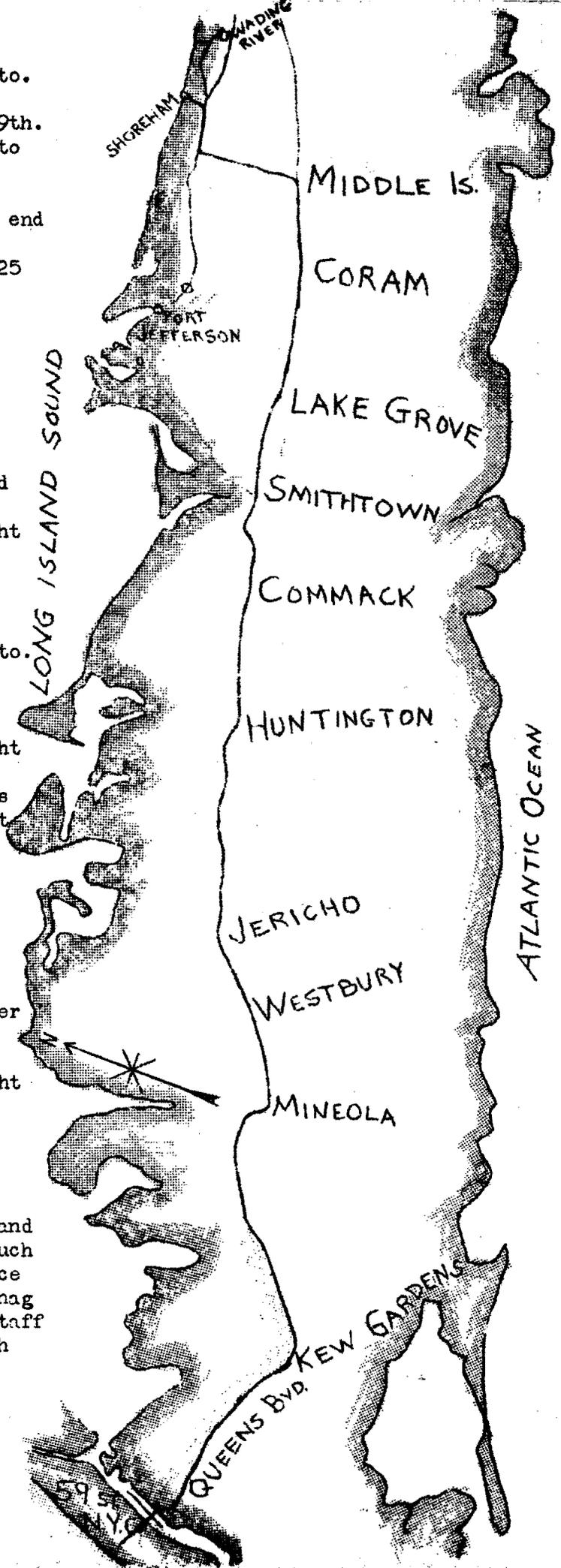
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- 35.5 Huntington
- 42.0 Commack
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- 51.8 Lake Grove
- 57.9 Coram
- 6k.1 Middle Island, left at sign marked Shoreham
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- 7.2 Middle Island Road, Route 25 right
- 10.4 Coram
- 16.5 Lake Grove
- 20.5 Smithtown
- 21.6 Riverside, left at fork
- 26.3 Commack
- 32.8 Huntington
- 40.3 Jericho
- 46.5 Mineola, right at first light after crossing R. R. tracks
- 48.9 Northern State Parkway - entrance
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