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Rockville Centre

ROCKVILLE CENTRE is a thriving village of about thirty-five hundred inhabitants, incorporated in 1893 and is located some nineteen miles from New York City Hall, just beyond the city limits. It is situated on the Montauk Division of the Long Island Railroad, and is the first stop made by express trains from New York. A large portion of the all the year-round residents are New York business men, who own and occupy their own homes and commute daily, thereby proving that Rockville Centre is not only a delightful, but a convenient, place for the city man to reside.

The village owns and operates its own water system and obtains its supply from deep artesian wells, which provide the best of pure water. The supply is very plentiful and the water rents are very low. The electric lighting system, also owned and operated by the village, is modern and provides excellent illumination for the streets and residences at a very reasonable expense.

The famous Merrick road, so popular with the automobilists, runs through the village and brings thousands of admiring visitors weekly. The entrance to the Long Island Motor Parkway, the greatest automobile race course in the world, is only a few miles distant. The stop at Rockville Centre for rest and refreshment is always popular. From here are good roads to Far Rockaway, Rockaway Beach, Hempstead, Garden City, Mineola, Oyster Bay, etc. Rockville Centre is the nearest village to Long Beach. There is no end of opportunity to enjoy life and health in this section, with Rockville Centre as the home place.

In Summer there is tennis and golf, boating, bathing, fishing, driving, motoring, etc—everything to interest attention and please. The Rockville Centre Tennis Club is widely known for its amateur, professional and social lights. In Winter there is bowling, billiards and the indoor sports; courses of lectures, musical entertainments, and many social events, all of which make Rockville Centre attractive for a visit, sojourn or residence.

The village is governed by a Board of Trustees, elected by and directly responsible to the people. The first president of the board was John Lyon, who was succeeded by Chas. W. Hayes, then

Edwin D. Seabury. The present incumbent, George W. Smith, has been at the head of affairs for the last ten years, and with his associate trustees has kept Rockville Centre abreast of the times.

The business men's organization is known as the Rockville Centre Board of Trade, and is a very active, enthusiastic body of representative men, all deeply concerned in the welfare and progress of their village. Every opportunity to advance the material interests of Rockville Centre is carefully considered and suggestions are always in order. The board consists of ninety active members and holds monthly meetings. The present officers are: Alonzo W. Fisk, president; Treadwell D. Carpenter, vice-president; Dr. D. N. Bulson, treasurer, and William H. Grim, secretary.

The committee on publications, including this illustrated booklet, consists of Edwin G. Wright, William Richensteen and Alonzo W. Fisk. These men represent the entire community in their desire to spread abroad the many home making attractions of Rockville Centre, in which this booklet will be useful, for it is filled with facts only, is actual pictures of beautiful homes, all representative of many others which could not be included owing to lack of space. One special project now before the board is that of improving Mill River, so that navigation can be brought up from the ocean and yachts can sail up to the Merrick Road at Rockville Centre. This will add greatly to the many Summer attractions. The section through which this stream runs is high ground, well drained, healthful and very desirable for residences.

Some Facts About Rockville Centre

Schools are under the supervision of the Regents of the University of the State of New York, kindergarten, primary, grammar and high schools. Free text book system. The advantages of the Regents high school need not be dwelt upon.

Gas for cooking or for illumination, if desired, is furnished at reasonable rates by the Nassau and Suffolk Lighting Company.

Churches: Methodist, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran and Christian Science.

Stores and Markets of the best and up-to-date. With eight grocery, four fruit and vegetable, three meat markets, two large dry goods and department stores, several other dry goods stores, hardware stores, thoroughly up-to-date delicatessen, confectionery, three bakeries and other stores usually found in a large and thriving village. Shopping can be done to as good advantage at home as in the city; still, if one desires to shop in the city, all of the large department stores maintain wagons and deliver goods free of charge.

Fraternal Societies: Masonic, I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias, Junior Order of American Mechanics, Red Men, Daughters of Liberty and Royal Arcanum.

Banks: The Bank of Rockville Centre, with deposits of upwards of **$1,200,000.00** is the most prosperous bank of the same capital of any in the State of New York. The First National Bank is a new institution, but is doing well.

Building Loan Association has been organized some fifteen years and has never failed to pay a dividend. It is managed by local business men and is in a splendid and sound condition.

Transportation: Rockville Centre is on the Montauk Division of the Long Island Railroad, nineteen miles from New York; is the first stop for the express trains and averages twenty-five trains daily; the running time from New York is from thirty-five to forty-five minutes, according to trains. Commutation fare is $7.70 per month.

THE FACT THAT ROCKVILLE CENTRE HAS MORE YEAR-ROUND NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN BUSINESS MEN AS COMMUTERS THAN ANY OTHER STATION ON THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD IS ALONE SUFFICIENT TO DEMONSTRATE TO STRANGERS THAT IT MUST BE A VERY DESIRABLE PLACE TO LIVE IN.

A trolley line is now in operation to Brooklyn, and another is in course of construction from Patchogue to Blackwell's Island Bridge. This last trolley is to be a high speed trolley and is to run through Lakeview avenue. On completion, the fare to Manhattan cannot exceed ten cents.

Telephone Service: Central office of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, low local rates and reasonable rates to New York and Brooklyn. Scarcely a home now but has a telephone. More telephones in Rockville Centre than any other village on Long Island.

Police: A small but adequate uniformed police force. Officer always at hand on call at the central office.

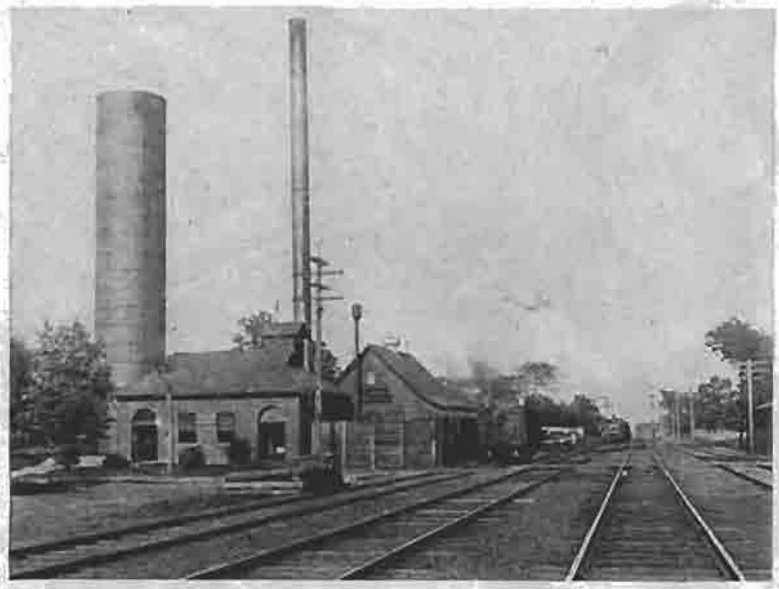
Fire Department: A very much awake volunteer organization of five companies; modern apparatus, with plenty of hose. Unlike the old fashioned way of volunteers, in this department the trucks and carriages are drawn to the fire by horses, hence no time is lost in responding to an alarm. By reason of this and of good water pressure, insurance rates are very low.

Postal Service excellent; free delivery by carriers.

Library: Free public library always open.

Long Island Railroad Station

Village Office

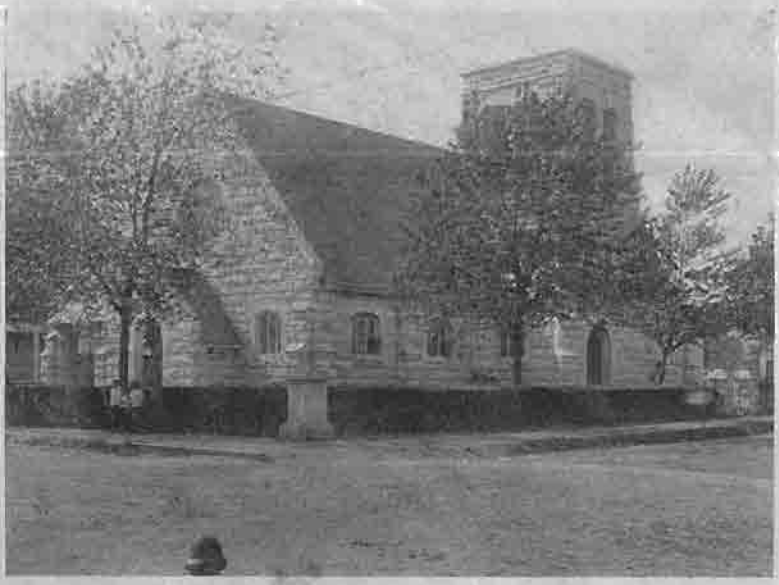


Water Works and Electric Light Plant

Hook and Ladder and Engine

Baptist Church

High School

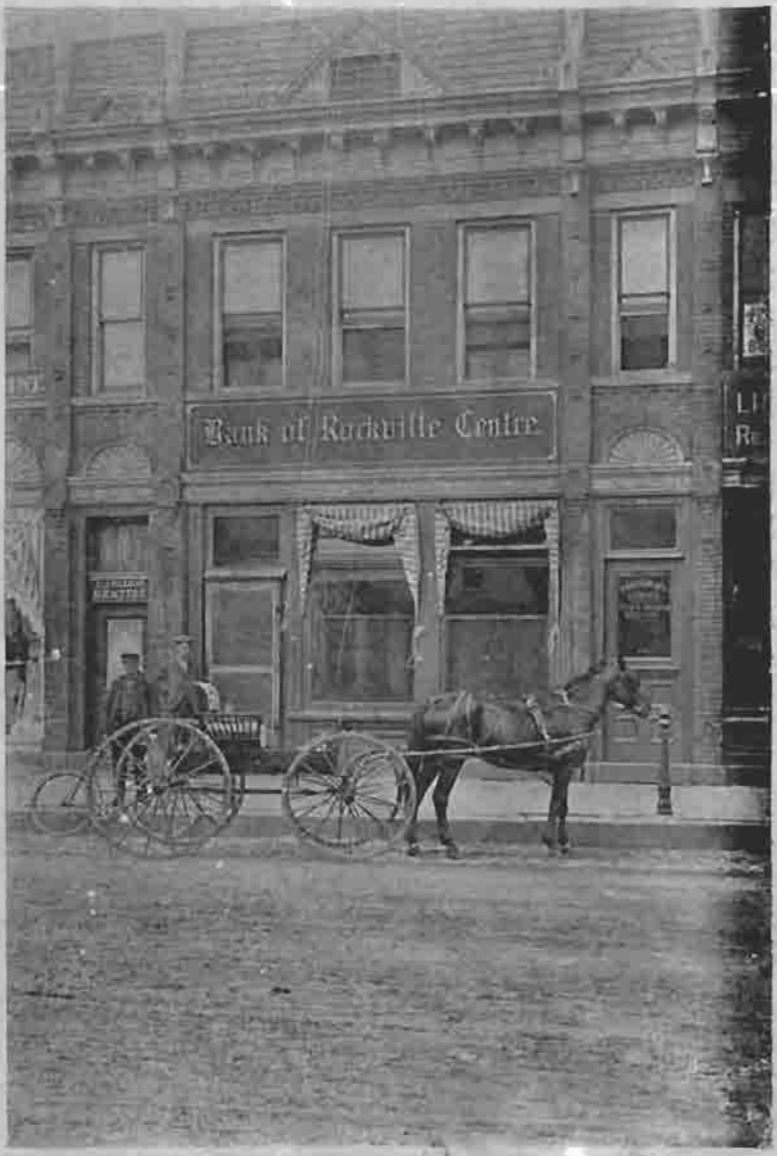


Catholic Church

Episcopal Church

Lutheran Church

St. Mark's Methodist Church



Bank of Rockville Centre

Proposed new Rockville Centre Bank, corner Village Avenue and Southern Boulevard.

Lakeside Park, Broadway, looking north. South Side Development Co.

De Mott Lake, as seen from Lakeside Park [illegible] opment Co.

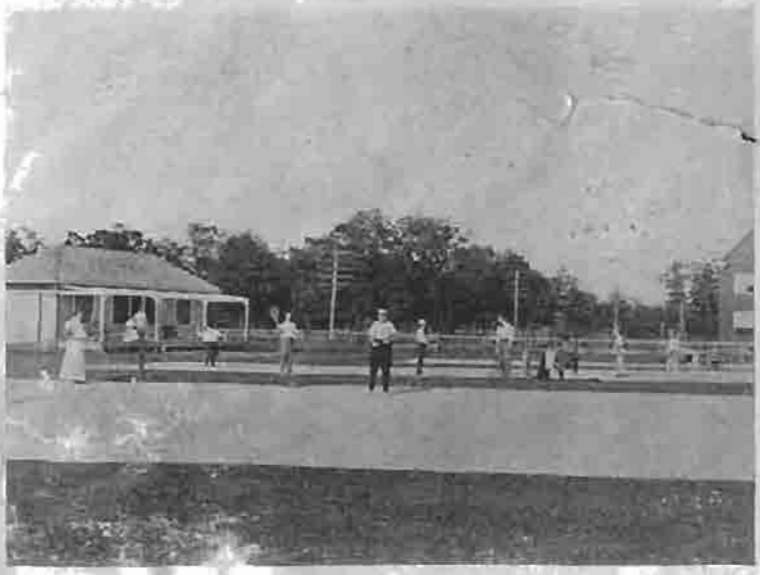
Flagstaff Inn, Merrick Road, near Rockville Centre. Open all year round.

De Mott Building, 75 Village Avenue

Station Cafe, Harry C. Puckhaber, Prop. Front Street, opposite L. I. R. R. Station

Knickerbocker Hotel, Southern Boulevard and Park Avenue. Beautifully Situated Family Hotel.

Herman J. Martens, Real Estate Exchange, opposite L. I. R. R. Station



Rockville Centre Tennis Club
Cen[illegible] Court, Grand and Morris Avenues

A. Moldenhauer's Hotel and Restaurant
Corner Park Avenue and Front Street

Warnken's Hotel, Centre Avenue and [illegible] Boulevard

Real Estate and Insurance Office of H. P. Libby, 88 Village Avenue

Ideal Confectionery, Jos. E. Eustace, Proprietor
Southern Boulevard

J. H. Patten, Real Estate Office
Park Avenue, near Railroad

Davison's Block, Park Avenue, near Railroad

Weber & Ankers' "Flower Shop."
196 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre. Tel. 140-J.

Chas. Weber, grower of "Nature's Sweets."
Greenhouses, Rockville Centre, Long Island.

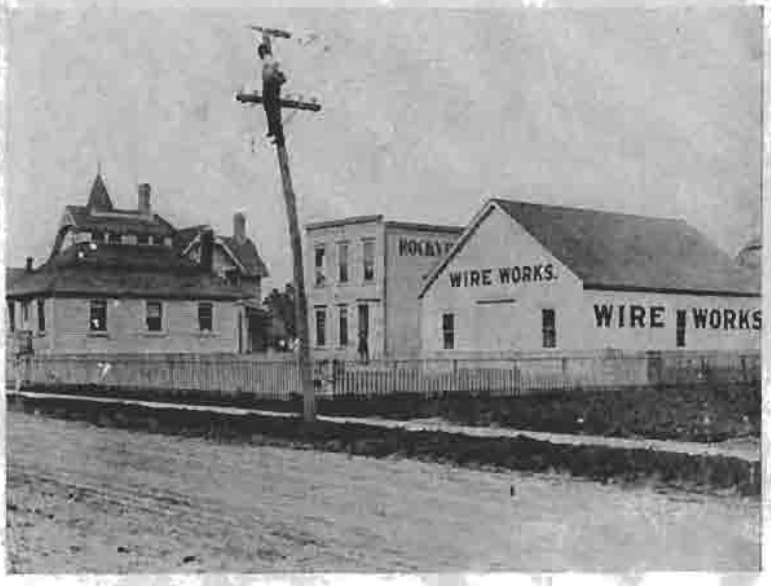
Rockville Centre's Popular Ice Cream Saloon, Village Avenue

M. J. Sbrignadello, 52 Village Avenue

Stationery, Photograph and Music Store of W. L. Geisler, Southern Boulevard

The Goodnough-Fairchild Company, Funeral Directors Tel. 136 L. I. 184 Southern Boulevard

Langdon's Coal, Wood and Feed Store, Observer Street



Rockville Centre Wire Works, James J. Tristram, Proprietor

Cornelius Carman, Grocer, corner Southern Boulevard and Village Avenue

Edwards' Automobile Garage, 154 Southern Boulevard

W. A. Burns, Jr., & Co., Coal and Feed, Southern Boulevard

Village Avenue, Lakeside Park, looking South, South Side Development Company

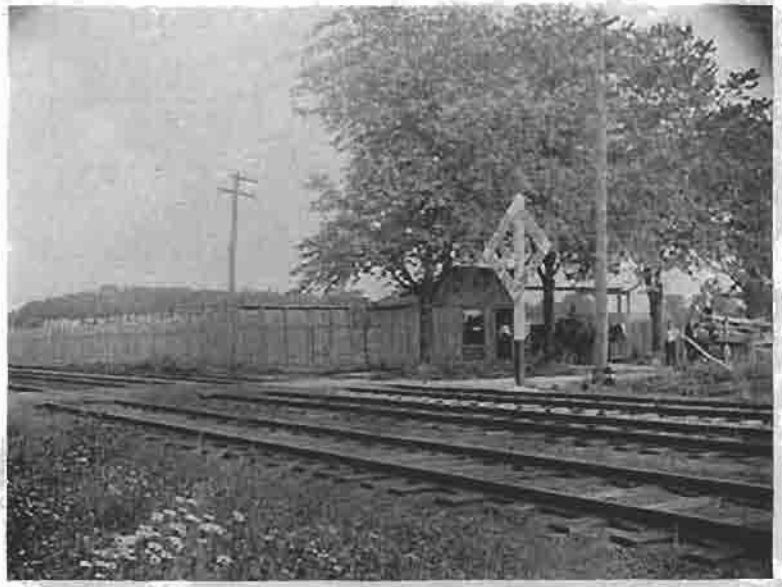
Geo. E. Forbell, Funeral Director, Southern Boulevard.

Geo. Lockitt's Sons, Grocers, Village Avenue

Village Avenue looking north. South Side Development Company

Nassau Livery and Boarding Stables, 43 Front Street

Thurston's Pharmacy, corner Southern Boulevard and Village Avenue



E. E. Bosca, Coal, Rockville Centre and Hempstead, L. I.

Coal Yard of W. P. W. Haff, Morris Avenue

John W. Perry, Hardware, Plumbing, Heating, 108 Southern Boulevard

Rockville Centre Mill, Centre Avenue

View of east side of Village Avenue

View of west side of Village Avenue

Residence of A. W. Fisk, President Board of Trade, Park Avenue

Residence of William H. Grim, Secretary Board of Trade,
49 Clinton Avenue

Residence of Benjamin T. Raynor, Cashier of Bank of Rockville Centre

Residence of William Richensteen, corner Lincoln and Village Avenues

Residence of F. F. Wilson, Jr., Architect, Hempstead Avenue

Residence of Hiram R. Smith, president of Rockville Centre Bank

Residence of Edwin G. Wright, Village and Lincoln Avenues

Residence of W. H. Pruden, Irving Place

Residence of William A. Burns, Jr., 25 Burtis Avenue

Residence of Earl J. Bennett, Assistant District Attorney
Nassau County, 24 Lewis Avenue

Cottages built by Earl J. Bennett on Maple Avenue

Residence of John J. Folger, 27 Centre Avenue

Residence of Mrs. J. W. De Mott, Village Avenue

Residence of J. W. Cross, 51 Lenox Road

Residence of C. W. Carpenter, Village Avenue, Lakeside Park

Residence of G. W. Smith, Village Avenue

Residence and properties of Mrs. H. B. Ryder, Village Avenue.

Residence of Mrs. Maria T. Wright, corner Randall and Village Avenues

Residence of Frank Blake, Long Beach Road and Lincoln Avenue

Residence of L. L. Davis, 112 Maple Avenue

Residence of E. R. Van Tassel, corner Hempstead Avenue and Irving Place

Residence of John M. Baker, 96 Windsor Av

Residence of S. H. Creighton, Marion Place and Arlington Avenue

Residence of F. P. Baylis, 292 Southern Boulevard

Residence of W. J. Bennett, Hempstead Avenue

One of the many beautiful residences at Rockville Centre, built by C. D. Davison and situated on Rutland Road, Davison Park

This handsome residence is situated on Marion Place. Built and owned by Clarence D. Davison

Residence of R. Marvin, Southern Boulevard and Park Avenue

Residence of T. D. Carpenter, 283 Southern Boulevard

The Davison Homestead, built by Anthony Davison in 1832, now occupied by his grandson, Clarence D. Davison

Residence of Frederick W. Fielding, 70 Lincoln Avenue

Residence of Mahlon Pearsall, 114 Park Avenue

Residence of Mrs. Katharine Hayes, Lincoln Avenue

Residence of George D. A. Combes, Southern Boulevard and Park Avenue

Residence of E. E. Bosca, Merrick Road

Residence of Michael Lapp, 362 Lincoln Avenue.

Residence of Dr. D. N. Bulson, 104 Lincoln Avenue

Residence of Henry H. Wilkens, Lincoln Avenue

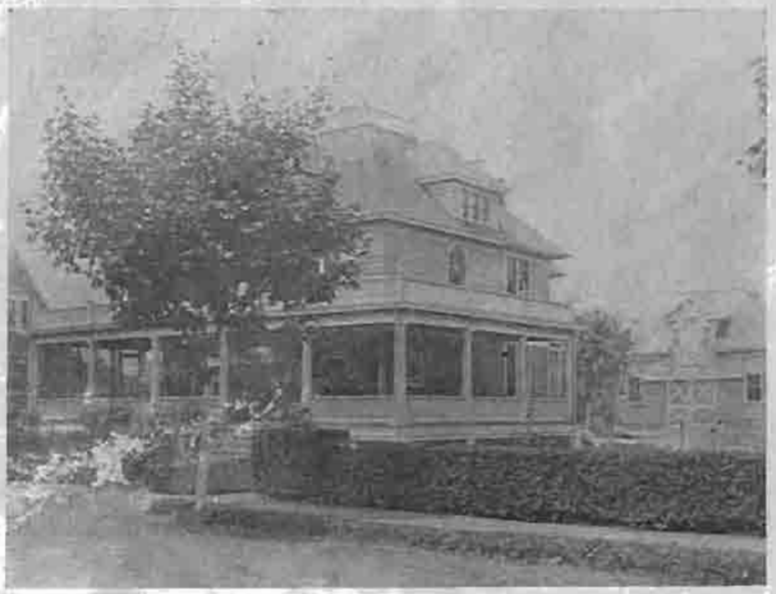
Residence of Charles A. Johnson, 133 Centre Avenue

Residence of Luther G. Corwith, 42 Burtis Avenue

Residence of Floyd Grant, 63 Marion Place

Residence of George Roeckel, Windsor and Village Avenues

Residence of Wm. M. Jaeger, 76 Marion Place



Property of Wm. M. Jaeger, Marion Place

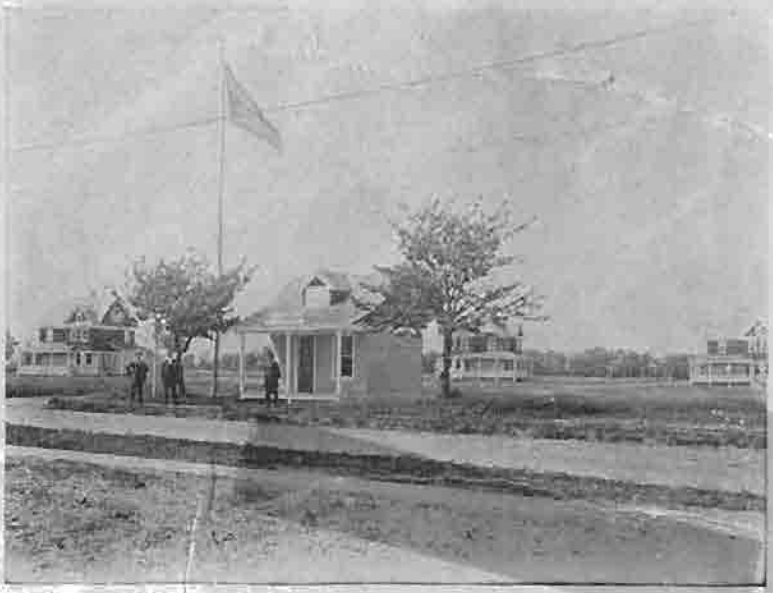
Residence of J. W. Perry, 24 Lenox Road.

Residence of P. F. Wiedersum, 383 Village Avenue

Property of Geo. C. Boger, Village Avenue and Irving Place.

Residence of Henry Hasler, 88 Lincoln Avenue, corner Park Avenue

The home of Miss Electa Gifford and Miss Anna Millar on Hempstead Ave



Woodlawn Terrace Property, directly on line of trolley. Wm. McMurray, local manager

Residence of Pettit Bros., funeral directors, 20 Lincoln Avenue

Residence of J. T. Davison,
Southern Boulevard and Park Avenue

Residence of H. S. Chapin, 284 Village Avenue

Residence of Edward W. Cook, 20 Marion Place

Residence of Geo. S. Vandewa[illegible] Road

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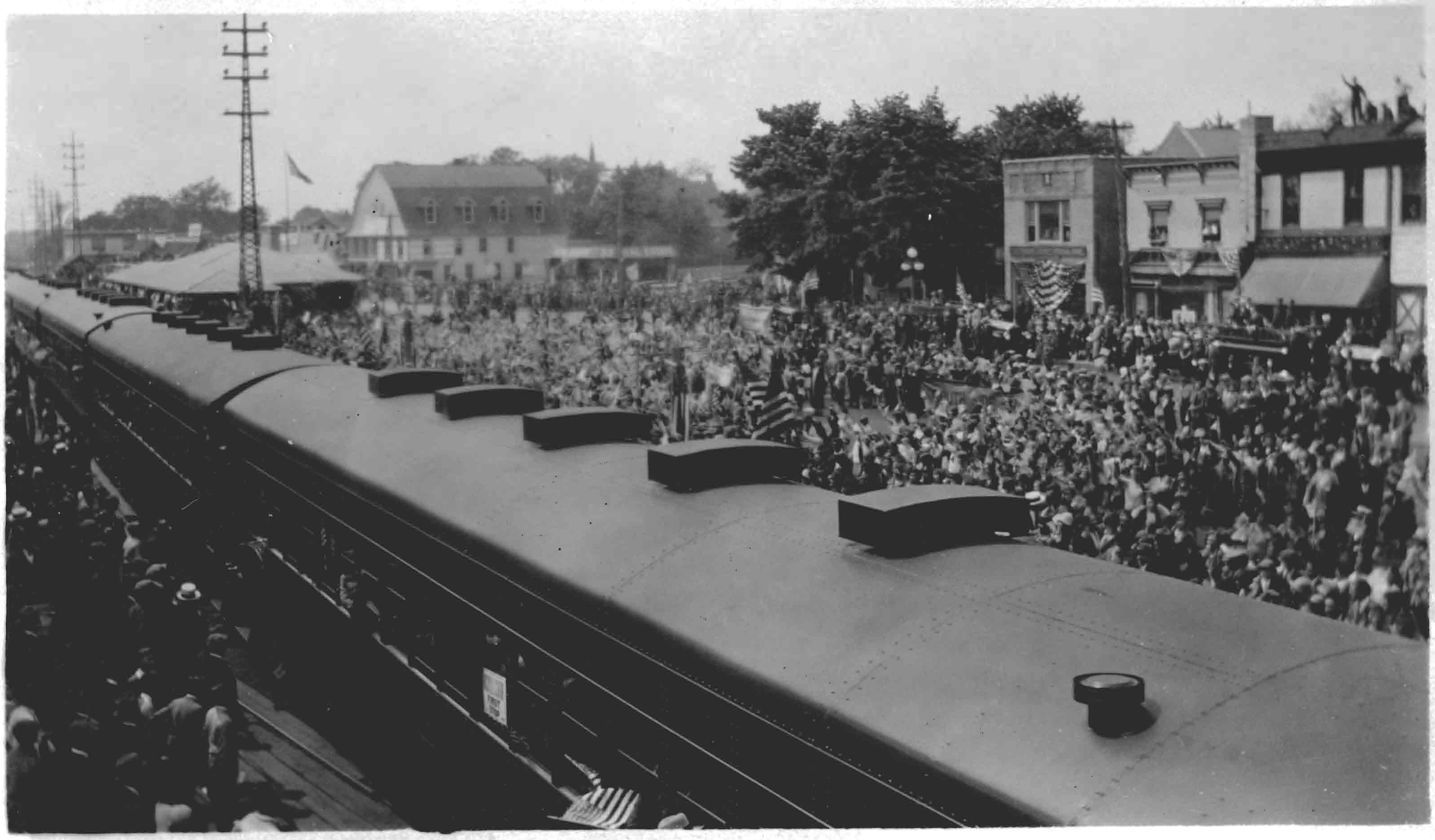

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