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## SEPTEMBER 20 AND 22, 1966 HISTORIC DATES FOR WANTAGH

SOMETHING VERY EXCITING IS HAPPENING HERE IN WANTAGH! THE IDEA OF PRESERVING SOME OF THIS TOWN'S HISTORIC PAST, THROUGH RESTORATION OF THE OLD LONG ISLAND RAILROAD STATION, HAS BLOSSOMED INTO A MUCH WIDER AND FAR-REACHING ENDEAVOR. FROM A SMALL BAND OF DEDICATED CITIZENS, THE WANTAGH PRESERVATION SOCIETY HAS GROWN INTO A BROAD-BASED, PERMANENT EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY, CHARTERED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AND DEDICATED TO THE BEAUTIFICATION AND RESTORATION OF OUR HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY.

THE ENORMOUS TASK OF SECURING THE BUILDING AND A SITE FOR IT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY MONUMENTAL EFFORT AND COOPERATION. THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF SENATOR EDWARD SPENO, THE STATE HAS PRESENTED THE STATION TO THE SOCIETY AND WILL MOVE IT TO A ONE-AND-A-QUARTER ACRE SITE AT WANTAGH AND EMERIC AVENUES, AT NO COST TO THE SOCIETY. THE STATE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE LONG ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION RELEASE THE LAND TO NASSAU COUNTY FOR USE BY THE PRESERVATION SOCIETY.

SPECIALISTS IN EVERY FIELD HAVE HELPED IN THE PROJECT. THE HARDER TREE CO., UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ROBERT FELIX, HAS CLEARED THE SITE. THE VENIER LUMBER CO. WILL SUPPLY BUILDING MATERIALS. KIWANIS OF WANTAGH HAS PURCHASED LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE SOCI-

ETY. GEORGE TUMEY, ARCHITECT, WILLIAM DILLON, ATTORNEY, EDWARD CHARNEY, CONSTRUCTION MAN, HAVE DONATED THEIR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. LEONARD DAVIS, INDUSTRIAL ARTS TEACHER AT WANTAGH HIGH SCHOOL, IS CURRENTLY DIRECTING HIS SHOP CLASSES IN THE RESTORATION OF THE BENCHES WHICH HAD BEEN OUTSIDE THE RAILROAD STATION. WHEN FINISHED, THEY WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE LOBBY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL UNTIL THE MUSEUM IS READY.

A FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DONALD ZIMMER AND JOSEPH ZUHUSKY, ARE READY TO BEGIN A MASSIVE DRIVE.

WHEN THE STATION IS MOVED ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 22, A GALA CEREMONY, COMPLETE WITH MARCHING BAND, WILL WELCOME THE MUSEUM TO ITS NEW HOME. TOWN AND COUNTY OFFICIALS WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONIES. WATCH THE PAPERS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS RED LETTER DAY FOR WANTAGH!

ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 20, AT 8:30 P.M., THE SOCIETY WILL HOLD ITS FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AT THE WANTAGH LIBRARY. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES WILL BE ELECTED AND COMMITTEES TO WORK IN VARIOUS AREAS WILL BE FORMED. THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. SO MUCH HELP WILL BE NEEDED IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. ALL PERSONS IN THIS AREA, INTERESTED IN HISTORY, EDUCATION, ART AND CIVIC MATTERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE SEPT. 20 MEETING.