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CEREMONIES HONOR MUSEUM INSTALLATION

Despite threatening skies more than 100 Wantagh residents attended ceremonies, Saturday, October 1, honoring installation of the Wantagh Historical Museum in its permanent home on Wantagh Ave. Senator Edward A. Speno, chief speaker at the program praised the efforts of the Wantagh Preservation Society, and particularly its President, Mrs. Margaret Aiken, for the perserverance and determination which have given Wantagh its new museum. Also participating in the ceremonies were Dr. William Krum, Supt. of Schools, Hon. Ralph Caso, Presiding Supervisor of the Town of Hempstead, Town Councilman George Murphy, Pastor Lerch and Msgr. McLaughlin, the Wantagh High School Band, the American Legion and Boy Scouts of Troop No. 96.

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS ELECTED

At its first organizational meeting on Sept. 20, the Society elected the following trustees: Mr. H.C. Venier, Mr. Jean D'Andrea, Mr. Robert Felix, Mrs. Margaret Aiken, Mr. John Form, Mrs. Patricia Johnston, Mrs. Elsie Hollender. The officers, also elected at the meeting, are: Mrs. Margaret Aiken, President; Mrs. Patricia Johnston, Vice President; Mr. Jean D'Andrea, Treasurer, Mrs. Elsie Hollender, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Midge Leonard, Corresponding Secretary.

The following Honorary Trustees were chosen: Hon. Eugene Nickerson, Chairman; Senator Edward A. Speno; Mr. Thomas Goodfellow, (President of the LIRR); Rep. Herbert A. Tenzer; Hon. Ralph G. Caso; Mr. Edward A. Smits, (Curator of the Nassau County Historical Museum.)

HELPING HANDS FROM ALL DIRECTIONS

Preparation of the Museum site has been in progress for many weeks. The Harder Tree Service, DelBalso Construction Co., Posillico Construction Co., and members of Local 138, Operating Engineers, have given their time and skilled services to prepare the land and dig the foundation. The construction of the basement, under the direction of our own Edward Charney, is going on while the building is cribbed up over the excavation. Local 66, Laborers' Union has sent crews of men on three occasions to prepare the footings and pour concrete donated by Colonial Sand and Stone Co. The Wallace Post and the Nassau-Suffolk lumber yards have sent supplies. The Horn Construction Co. provided both scaffolding and a financial contribution.

The Scouts of Troop 96, under the direction of Mr. Richard Weber, assisted in clearing the site. A volunteer crew of Wantagh High School industrial arts students, led by Mr. Leonard Davis, is currently working on the repair and restoration of the building. A team of experts from the Nassau County Historical Museum guided by Mr. Edward Smits and Mr. Bert Howland, is advising the Society in the drawing of plans, surveying, designing the interior, and in the use of appropriate materials so that the station can be restored to its late nineteenth century appearance.

A fund-raising committee, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zuhusky and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zimmer, has begun an appeal to large corporations and industries on Long Island. A local membership drive will begin soon.

NEXT MEETING OF THE WANTAGH PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Friday, October 28, at 8:30 P.M. in the downstairs room of the Wantagh Library. An exhibit devoted to the Society is at present in one of the Library windows.