

The birth of a village

The story of the Village Green begins in 1967 when Mayor Joseph Zureck and the Village Board formerly moved to take advantage of an "open space" grant from the federal government. Two properties immediately south of Village Hall were acquired, and sufficient Village funds were appropriated in order to meet the terms of the grant. Walkways, lighting, and other improvements were made to the site, which was ready for dedication in October 1968.

In 1970, the Village requested assistance from the community to erect a fountain near the Main Street side of the Green. The Women's Club of Farmingdale agreed to help finance the project and established a Memorial Fountain Fund. Willis B. Carman Jr. and Norman Krasnow, village trustees, were appointed in 1971 by Mayor Zureck to work with the Women's Club on implementing the fountain.

In May 1971 a check was presented to the Village representing contributions made by local residents, particularly members of the Women's Club. Construction of the fountain took place that year. The formal dedication was held on the morning of Memorial Day 1972 (Monday, May 29). The ceremony was held at 9:30 am prior to the start of the Memorial Day Parade so as not to interfere with ceremonies honoring the community's veterans which traditionally take place after the parade each year. Flowers had been planted around the new fountain by the Women's Club Community Improvement Committee with assistance from the Village Department of Public Works. *(continued on page 10)*

PINELAWN DAIRY STORE, Main Street



Mr. Franke waited on customers.
Arthur Jordon was proprietor, ca. 1945

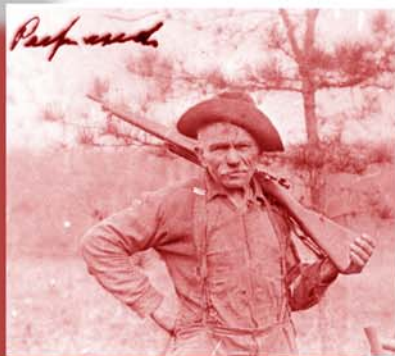


BAUSCH PICTURE FRAME CO., ca 1880
Original building on corner of Rose and
Richard Streets.



NAZARETH TRADE SCHOOL

South side of Conklin Street near present Catholic Church, was built in 1900 by the Dominican Sisters. School was used as a home for orphan, underprivileged or wayward boys. At one time 500 boys were present. School closed in 1940. During World War II building was used as Air Force Training Center. In 1946 was used by L.I. Agricultural and Technical Institute. Building has since been demolished.



CHARLES BEVELL,
Justice of the Peace

DURYEY'S GENERAL STORE, 1892

Northwest corner of Main Street and No. Front Street.
L-R: John H. Duryea, Postmaster, on porch.
Billy Humphrey, Ed Nostrand, Art Noon in wagon.

