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## On the Cover—

### The ever-changing Greenport's Front Street.

This March 1961 easterly view shows a busy village (especially for that time of year). The famous Mitchell's Restaurant burned down in the late 1970s and is now Mitchell Park. You can see the building that is now Aldo's, with a sign identifying it as a bowling alley. Further east is Paradise Sweets ("SODA" sign) plus a few more that are still standing, with the last being the Mills Building. Note the coin-eating parking meters that lined both Front and Main. Streets.

Photo courtesy of Debbie (Gaffga) Allen, a Greenport resident from 1959 to 1978. More of her photos follow...

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## The Greenport Personality

**I**f you think about it, Greenport has always been the quintessential American village. The uniqueness that follows quintessential is explained by the total Americana values it exhibits now and through the years. For example...

Where else would you find a village on the waterfront that boasts a view of Shelter Island and has a ferry terminal and a LIRR terminal separated by a Maritime Museum and Railroad Museum. How about a movie theater, a hospital and a turn-style railroad track to turn the engine around. There's miniature golf (that once had duck pin bowling and a game room). Add to that boat builders and a 350 ton railway for hauling large boats, Polo grounds, a water tower and a miniature railroad.

Greenport had a drive-in movie theater, an opera house, a red light district (at one time), several bowling alleys, brick yards (Sanford and Sage), an ice plant and its own police department complete with a jail. There were places to go to on the Long Island Sound like Jack's Shack and Clark's Beach. There were restaurants of renown such as Mitchell's, Porky's and Claudios. Many remember the stench of the bunker boat fleets when the boats were at the docks.

But finally and more interesting, the individuals that held Greenport together over the years are all worth remembering. We welcome any written memories or photos of any of the above. Please mail, email or stop by. Our contact information is on page 2.

Look back to a few views from 1961 

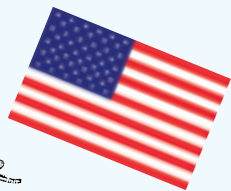
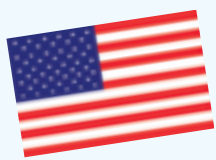


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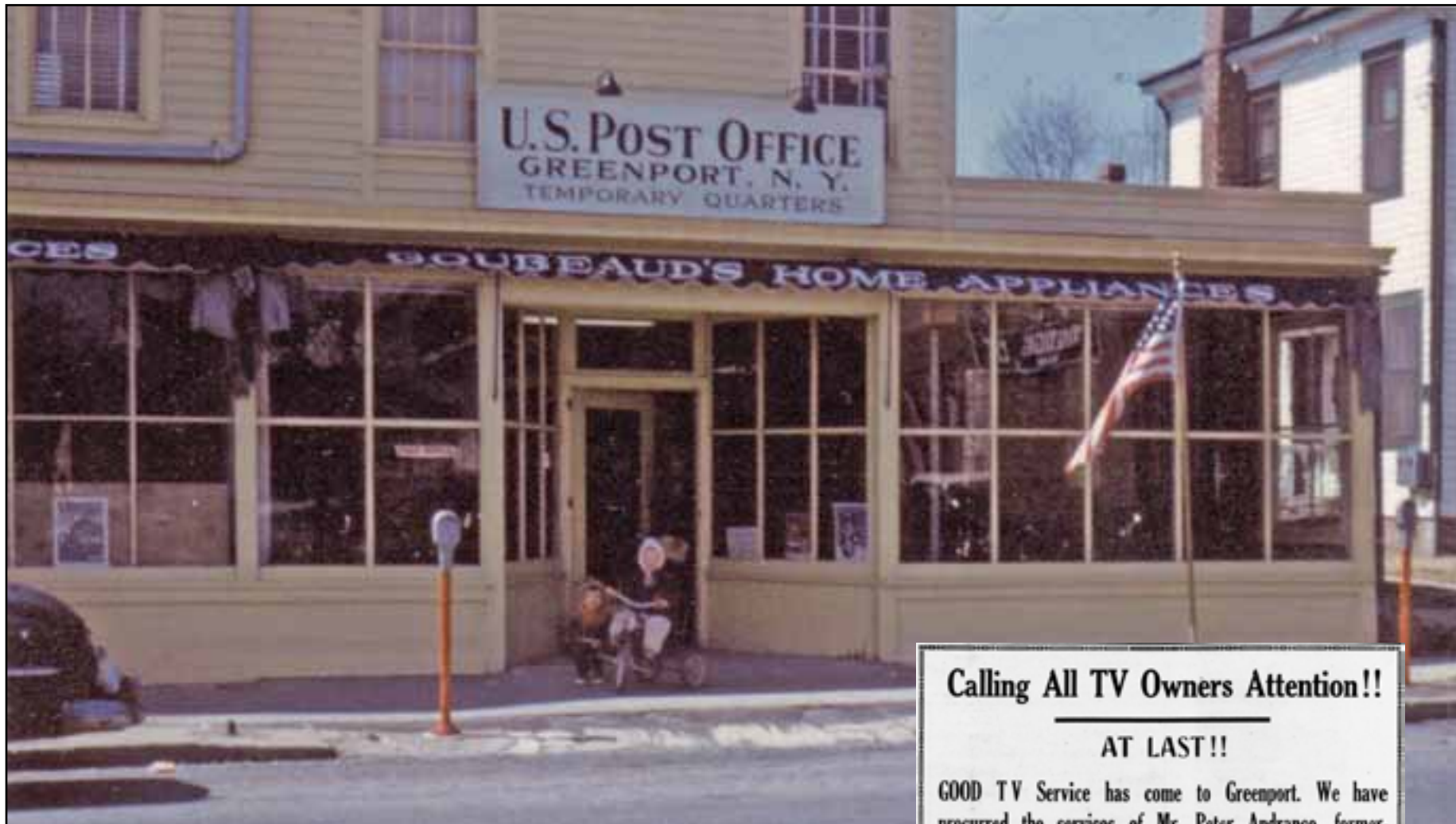


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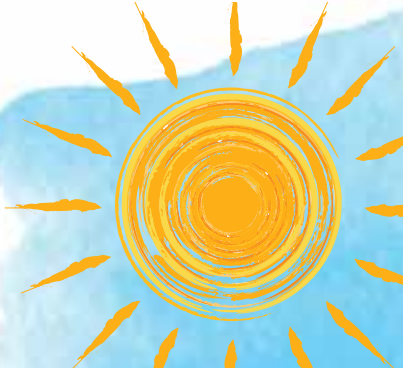
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The temporary location of the Greenport Post Office, March 1961. On the back of the photo it is written "Temporary post office on First Street, possibly where IGA now stands". We question that and ask for verification or correction from our readers.

The awning showing the name "Goubeaud's Home Appliances" led us to finding the ad to the right from the "Long Island Traveler Mattituck Watchman", 1954.

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A lone Beetle in front of Grants on Front Street, 1961. This department store sold just about everything. Notice the S&W Green Stamps sign on the pole and in the windows. Next door is Sterling Market, and on the other side of First Street is Brandi's Shoe Store. Many will remember the side window for shoe repair, and the pile of shoes on the shelves and the floor.

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Florence Alice Sanford, 1934 or 1935, Home at Mill Creek, Long Island, NY



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Left: Founders Landing Beach, Southold, early 1930s.  
From left to right:  
Louis N. Sanford II, Florence Alice Sanford, Charles R. Sanford,  
Walter Sanford

Lower left: No caption, but "Pug" has been identified as Alice Dezenkowski

Middle: Brother and sister Charles and Florence Sanford

Below: The back of this photo reads "Grandfater Charles L. Sanford, owner,  
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