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On Our Cover...

As this paper goes to print our thoughts and prayers are with the Ukrainians and with everyone suffering during this frightening time. The sunflower is on the cover because it has long held a meaningful place in the hearts of Ukrainians as their national flower. Following the Russian invasion, the plant has become a global symbol of resistance, unity and hope.

Watching people joining together to help each other in the fight for freedom reminded us of the WWII metal drives, hence our cover photo.

PEOPLE SCRAPPED METALS TO HELP THE WAR EFFORT, 1942.

During the Second World War, the United States government encouraged the American people to participate in scrap drives, a way for everyone to contribute to the war effort. By recycling unused or unwanted metal for example, the government could build ships, airplanes, and other equipment needed to win the war.

Citizens were asked to scour their homes and businesses for spare metal. From pots and pans to metal toys, car bumpers, farm equipment, any metal was considered valuable. Communities melted down Civil War cannons and tore down wrought iron fences, sacrificing their history for their future.

On the back of this photo is written "What we collected during the scrap drive. We believe this was taken locally but have no information. Possibly someone will recognize the house.

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Old postcards have been added to our archives over the years, thanks to many readers' donations. We will group cards from different areas on the North Fork and will share them in upcoming issues. We thank Kathleen Geehreg for sharing some of these postcards.



We've added "now" photos to assist in comparing then and now. You can see roof lines that still remain.





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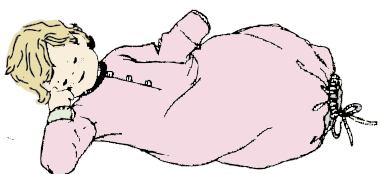


THE GREENPORT RAILROAD STATION

The Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) was completed to the village of Greenport in 1844 and regular passenger service began that July. The original depot building destroyed by fire July 4, 1870 and a new building and platform was erected that same year. The cars have certainly changed but the building looks the same.

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