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This item of local historical political memorabilia has been revived and posted by our Club, both for its general interest and to remind us that community political spirit helps to tie the community together and depends upon the persistent and proud work of ourselves and our neighbors.

With the passage of time, "politics" and "partisan" have increasingly been treated by some as being close to epithets. In fact, it is only by people organizing together, to discuss and work for the common good, that our local, county, state and national objectives have been achieved.

Those who always sit on a fence, instead of taking the risk of creativity, choice and responsibility, would soon find themselves helplessly adrift, were it not for the often adversarial environment of the political process. By opting out, they are left only with choices fashioned by others.

Similarly, grassroots activity, inquiry and informed judgment, within a party, must act as a check on unbridled decision making by a few party leaders. Passive partisanship invariably results in corruption of the democratic process.

This and a number of other items of memorabilia, can be downloaded at the <u>website of the Rockville Centre Democratic Club</u>. We regularly post to the site current and historical documents that provide important and interesting information. If you would like to be on our regular mailing list, send a request to: <u>editor@RVC-Dems.com</u>.

If you have any memorabilia of RVC, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County or National political activity, that would enhance our published collection, you can either donate it to the Rockville Centre Democratic Club, or provide us with the opportunity to copy it so that we can post it on our website for all to see.

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A Message from the President

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This Journal is commemorative of the 48th anniversary of the founding of the Rockville Centre Democratic Club. In it you will find advertisements from numerous local merchants and other individuals who recognize the need for good government and who support the two-party system. I urge our members to reciprocate and patronize those firms who have assisted us through their advertising.

Once again, it is election time. This year, the election slate is largely composed of candidates for local offices and most voters undoubtedly have taken a lackadaisical attitude regarding the various contests. This is understandable given the relatively low profile usually maintained by the incumbent office holders, who prefer not to take any affirmative action which might arouse controversy. However, the voter should understand that the offices on the ballot this year are much more significant than one might expect. For example, the candidates who become Presiding Supervisor and Supervisor of the Town of Hempstead sit, by virtue of that election, on the County Board of Supervisors where their combined weighted votes control that Board. These two men in combination effectively are the County government. Without their support, any proposal placed before the Board of Supervisors cannot succeed. The coming years during which the men elected this year will serve will see the Board of Supervisors deal with one of the most important issues ever to come before that body—reapportionment of the Board. The highest court of our State has directed the Board to establish a new system of representation which will provide equal representation for all citizens of Nassau. The men who will have the most to say about the composition of that new system will be the Presiding Supervisor and Supervisor of the Town of Hempstead. Frankly, the incumbents are not the caliber of men whom interested citizens would want in such positions of power, and it is your obligation to break the one-party stranglehold which is choking off good government in the Town of Hempstead and the County of Nassau.

Regrettably, the Democratic candidates do not have the financial resources to pour into their campaigns which the Republican candidates seem to have. This plethora of funds should not be permitted to become a ticket to public office. However, if the Republican candidates continue to be successful in luring the voter to their side by prodigious advertising expenditures, the two-party system in this County is going to face some rough days ahead. The Republican candidates and their County Leader, Mr. Margiotta, must be shown that money cannot buy an election and that the public recognizes the quality of the opposition candidates.

Let's make this a Democratic year.

BARRY WASSERMAN

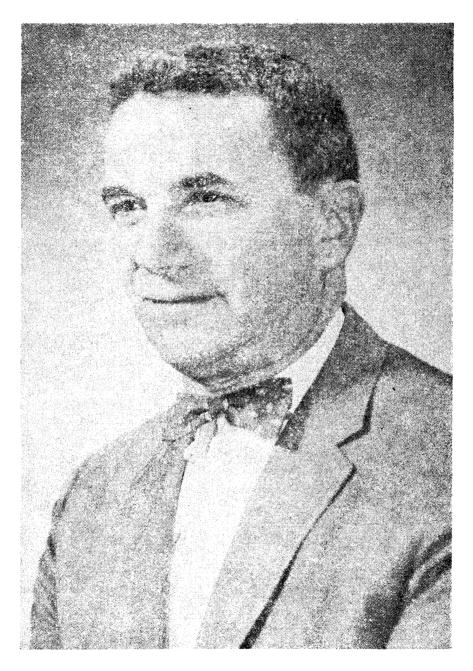
MESSAGE FROM THE ZONE LEADER

This is another exciting year in the local political field. We are electing a new Board of Supervisors through the contests in the various towns for Presiding Supervisor and Supervisors and through the election of the Mayor of Glen Cove. We are also electing a District Attorney, several Judges and numerous local officials. It hardly bears repeating that the Democratic candidates are people of the highest integrity and principle, dedicated to the needs, aspirations and hopes of all of the people whom they hope to serve. They know what has to be done, and they intend to do what is needed and fight strongly for the success of those programs.

We need the support of every single Democrat and of every other individual who feels as we do that the issues are issues of principle which can best be carried out by the Democratic Party, whether the subject be the monumentally important development of Mitchel Field, the reapportionment of the Board of Supervisors, the zoning of property throughout the unincorporated areas of the Town of Hempstead to protect the quality of our life or the day-to-day administration of government.

I urge each of you to give careful and thorough analysis to the issues and to consider the candidates of our party. If you do, I am sure you will decide to support them in the voting booth and urge your friends to do likewise. The measure of your success will find our candidates elected to office on November 2nd.

MORRIS H. SCHNEIDER



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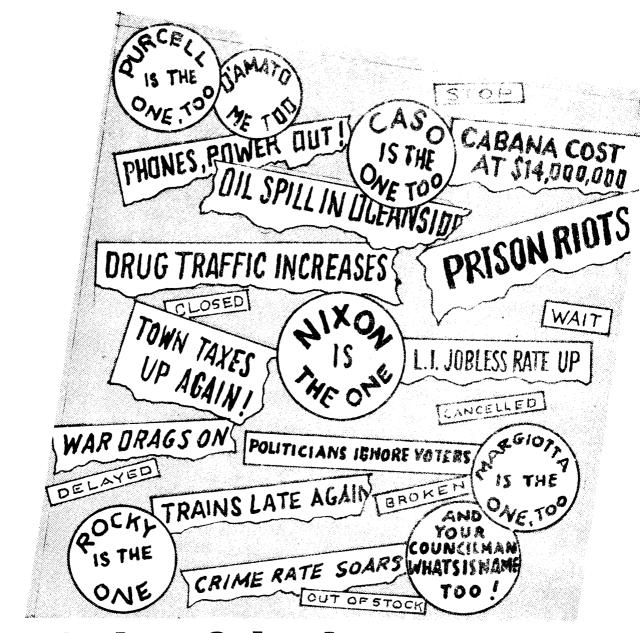
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