



Item of the Week from the Long Island Collection

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In 1931, the members of the Edwin C. Halsey American Legion Post 700 organized the Memorial Day ceremonies for East Hampton. For the first time "in recent years" the Legion gathered and broke into delegations to decorate fifteen deceased veterans' graves in Green River Cemetery, Oak Lawn Cemetery, Cedar Lawn Cemetery, and the similarly named South End Cemetery and South Cemetery (Amagansett).

Graves, mostly from World War I veterans, were adorned with flowers and a flag. In each of the five cemeteries, a bugler played "Taps" and a firing squad offered a ceremonial volley. Amazingly, for anyone navigating today's traffic, this was all completed in two hours, allowing the Legionnaires to reassemble on the Village Green by eleven in the morning for a parade through town. Joining the Legionnaires on the march were local Boy Scouts, who debuted their Fife and Drum Corps, the Fire Department, and the Coast Guard, which still operated life-saving stations. Today, East Hampton's Memorial Day parade continues along a similar route.

Following the parade, a series of speeches were given at Memorial Green, located near present-day Methodist Lane and the North End Cemetery. Local lawyers, William A. Lockwood, Harry G. Stephens, and Major J.V. Bouvier gave "stirring addresses," according to the *East Hampton Star*. No opinions were offered on the words from Legion Chaplain F. Raymond Dominy, but the *Star* included an image of Dominy speaking in front of fidgeting Boy Scouts seated on Memorial Green.

As you prepare for your own Memorial Day observances, please remember that the Long Island Collection is a valuable resource for anyone looking to locate and

decorate the gravesites of local veterans. The Long Island Collection holds many index materials to burials in East Hampton cemeteries and we would be happy to assist in your efforts to honor the sacrifices of family and friends.

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