

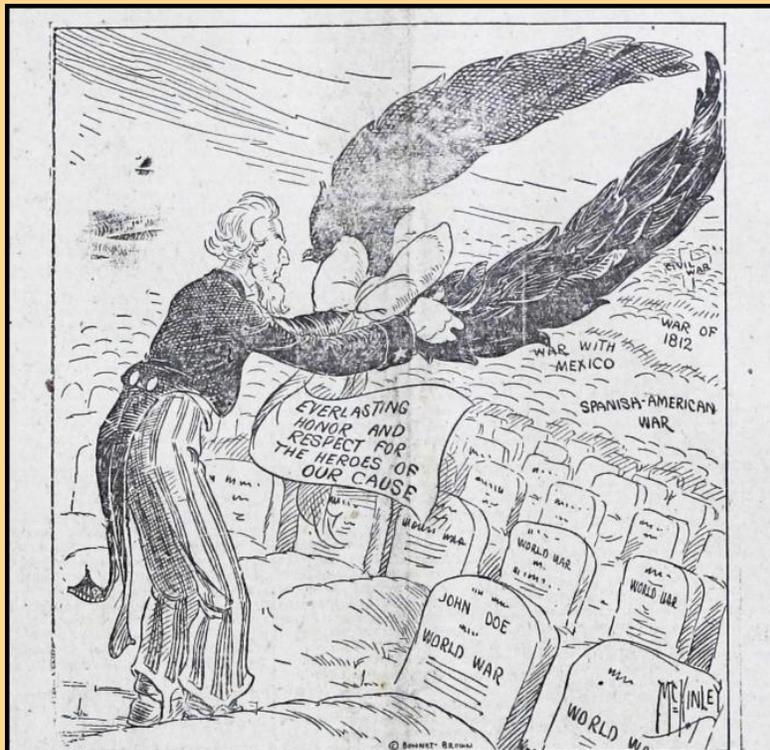


Item of the Week *from the Long Island Collection*

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MEMORIAL DAY TO BE QUIETLY OBSERVED HERE; WILL DEDICATE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' SPRINGS TABLET AT 2 IN AFTERNOON; BASE BALL ON THE PLAYGROUND

The East Hampton Star, May 29, 1925

As we celebrate the unofficial start of summer with trips to the beach, parties, and barbecues, many of us forget that Memorial Day is not just part of another three-day weekend. Originally known as Decoration Day, the holiday was first celebrated on May 30th, 1868, as a day of remembrance to honor those who died while serving in the Civil War. On this day, General James A. Garfield (who would later become 20th President of the United States) gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, followed by 5,000 volunteers decorating the graves of 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. New York was the first state to officially recognize Decoration Day in 1873, followed by the remaining northern states in 1890. Southern states chose to honor their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday shifted from remembering soldiers who died during the Civil War to all wars). Now known as Memorial Day, it's currently celebrated on the last Monday in May, due to the passage of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1971 under President Richard Nixon. The above cartoon depicting Uncle Sam decorating the graves of fallen soldiers is from the cover page of the May 29th, 1925 edition of the [East Hampton Star](#), which advertised the dedication of the Soldiers' and

Sailors' Memorial on the green outside Ashawagh Hall. The money for the memorial was raised by the Springs Memorial Committee, beginning in 1921. Though it originally honored those from Springs who died serving in the Civil War and World War I, names from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and so forth have been added over time.

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