The Advance newspaper was founded in 1871 by Thomas J. Dyson and the first issue was published on September 1, 1871. Dyson sold the newspaper to Thomas S. Heatly in 1876. In 1885 the Reverend S. Fiedler Palmer bought the paper, who sold it to H. Judson Overton in 1885. Mr. Overton renamed the newspaper the Patchogue Advance. On May 18, 1888 the paper was sold again, this time to Martin B. Van Densen. James A. Canfield became the new owner and editor in 1892 till the

time of his death in July 1924. John T. Tuthill, his son-in-law, took over the job as editor in 1924 and was succeeded after his death by his son, John T. Tuthill III. The Advance building on North Ocean Avenue became too small and a new building on 20 Medford Avenue became the headquarters of the Advance in the spring of 1957. In May 1961 the Moriches Tribune paper was merged with the Advance and the new name of the paper became the Long Island Advance.



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