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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 7/24/79

655 Main Street
YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, N.Y. TELEPHONE: (516) 224-5450

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Charles Keater House /Eversly Childs
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 225 Edwards Avenue
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain _____

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: asbestos siding
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
(if known) b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

porch extended across the south facade

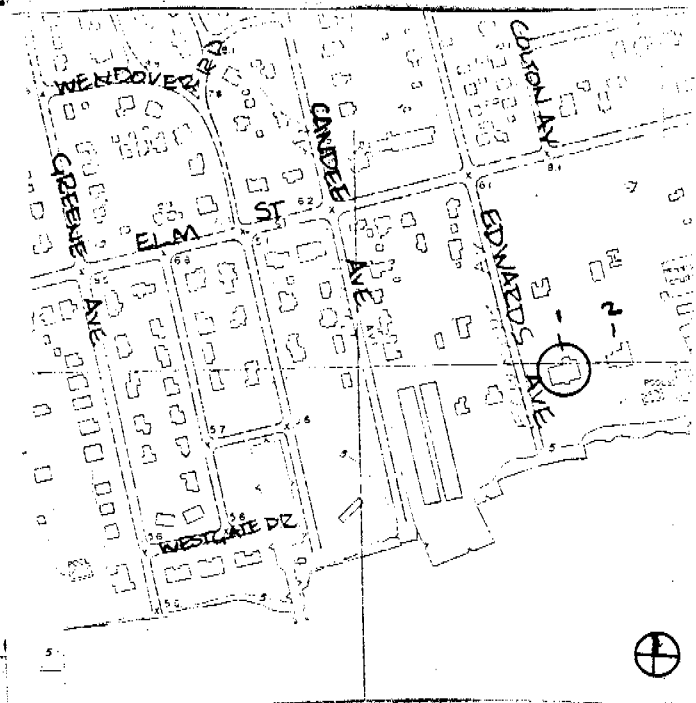
12. PHOTO: NJM-5, neg. 6

13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson



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west side of house



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads
 d. developers e. deterioration
 f. other: _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
 a. barn b. carriage house c. garage
 d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse
 g. shop h. gardens
 i. landscape features: _____
 j. other: _____
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
 a. open land b. woodland
 c. scattered buildings
 d. densely built-up e. commercial
 f. industrial g. residential
 h. other: on the Great South Bay

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

The Keater House is located on the east side of Candee Avenue, on the Great South Bay.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 2½ story Colonial Revival House with hip roof, and pedimented gable on south side. Scrolled broken pediment dormers on south and west facades. Original porch with ramped railing, semi-circular entrance portico. Original corbelled brick chimney. Large, semi-circular headed stair window. Original garage of matching style, with modillioned cornice, matching frieze. 8/2 windows.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: prior to 1902

ARCHITECT: I.H. Greene Jr. *

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This mansion was one of two side-by-side properties located on the shorefront that were owned by Eversly Childs, the Bon Ami king, in 1902. In 1905, he sold the easternmost property to Louis Bonnert of Brooklyn.

Upon examination of three unidentified photographs in the photo album of IH Greene Jr., it appears that this house and the one to the east, which has recently been destroyed by fire, were designed by Greene.

21. SOURCES: *I.H. Greene's Photograph Album, Collections, Sayville Hist. E. Belcher Hyde, Atlas of a Part of Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, South Shore, Brooklyn, 1915.

E. Belcher Hyde, Atlas of Suffolk County, Long Island, vol.1.

22. THEME: Ocean Shore, Brooklyn, 1902.

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70 Years Ago - 1905

At the annual meeting of the... following officers were re-elected: Commodore, John E. Barrett; Secretary and Treasurer, John R. Suydam;...

The government had ordered that hundreds of pictures be destroyed of President Roosevelt on a hunting trip. The reason for the order was because of the appearance in the picture of a woman correspondent for a Denver paper, whose skirt "lacked many inches of tautness and girlishness."

The news said, "Weatherbeaten Boats of West Sayville have brought a Red touring car. It is a fine machine of 16 horsepower and the popular oyster shippers will enjoy more of their summer outings over our fine coastal shell roads."

Graduates from the Sayville School were LeVan Cowell, Elizabeth Rogers and Anna Sarah. Those from Payport were Anna Gayne, Amelia Freeman, Edna Jackson, Alice Seaman, James Salscorer, Donald Dodge and Ernest LeCluse.

Louis Bonert, Brooklyn contractor and builder, had bought the easterly of the Riverly Calkin houses on the E. front between Foster and Candee Avenues. He was to move his family there.

Adjacent History

The town of Lawrence had appropriated \$1,000 to be spent that summer on the extermination of mosquitoes.

60 Years Ago - 1915

The State Highway Department had given a construction company permission to use local gravel and after several weeks, work was proceeding on the laying of the state road from...

James J. Miller, of the Long Island City Police Department, had bought a piece of land on Moscow Avenue.

Miss Jean's fountain had been married to Cornelius Ziegel, who were of West Sayville.

50 Years Ago - 1925

The People's National Bank, Patchogue's newest banking institution, had leased a store there and was to open on August first.

Mrs. Lucille Vail and Miss Eugenia Raynor had taken a state census here and reported the population as 3,900.

Dr. Francis H. Hulst had sold his home and office property on Candee Avenue to Dr. G.A. Sullivan of Delhi. The four-hour estate in Oakdale had been divided into building...

sites which were to be sold at auction.

40 Years Ago - 1935

Earl Saydam of Hampton Bays had bought the cottage of Mrs. Lealie Green on Willow Street. Miss Margaret Newhouse had been married to Peter Broere. Both were of West Sayville.

Robert E. Thornhill had opened a law office here.

30 Years Ago - 1945

Leja Beach had been opened. A casino had been built and a cottage colony was in prospect. One house had already been built. Fie, Donald Campbell of the U.S. Marines had been killed in action on Okinawa. He was 19 years old.

Fishing craft and pleasure boats were allowed once more to operate in bay waters at night, after a lengthy embargo.

20 Years Ago - 1955

More than 1750 had voted on a \$3,815,000 school building program here. The proposition was carried by 23 votes over the necessary two-thirds majority. It was the first taxpayer vote in the district's history in which a

major building program was approved on the first try.

The Bayport Lions Club had elected the following officers: Robert Meade, president; Albert Castro, first vice president; John Hackins, second vice president; George Forster, third vice president; Joseph T. Downer, secretary; Harry Mousley, corresponding secretary; Louis Price, treasurer; William Roylick, lion lamer; and Fred Stadtmuller, tail twister.

The Sayville Federal Savings and Loan Association had moved into its new building.

10 Years Ago - 1965

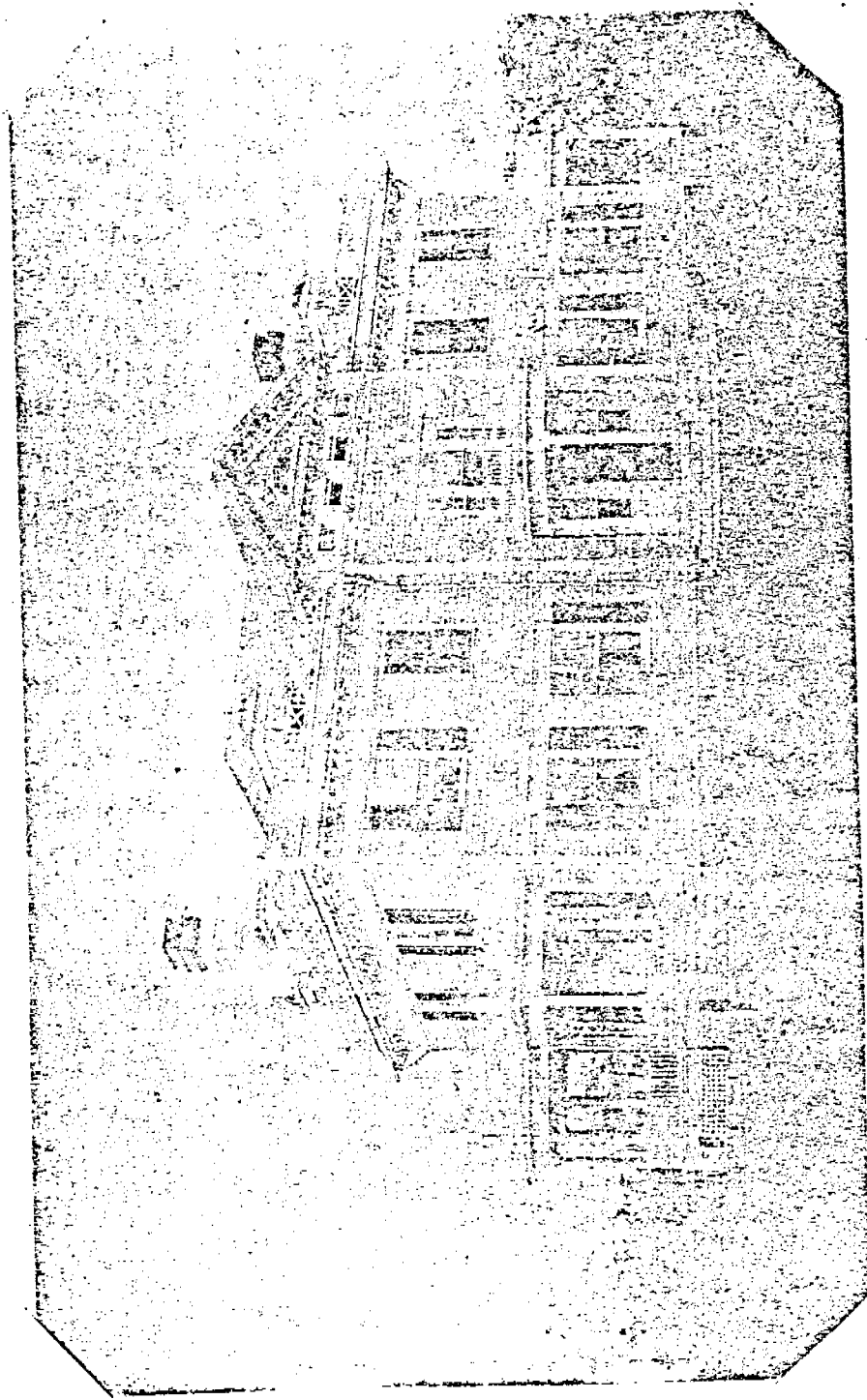
Ground was broken for the construction of the new Sachem Public Library building. The \$350,000 project was to be located on Helbrook Road, Holbrook.

There were 48 eighth graders graduated from St. Lawrence School, Sayville.

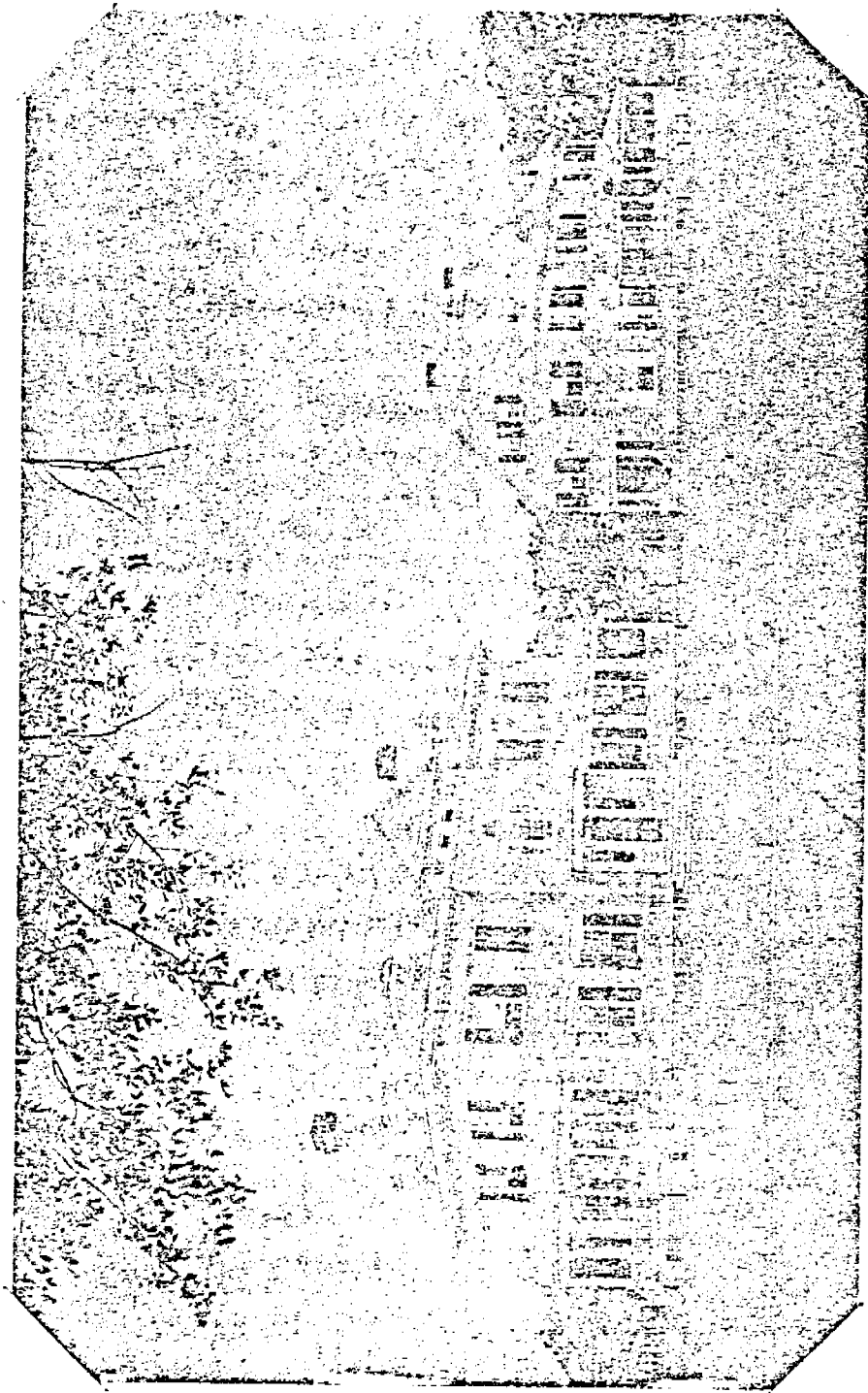
The town board had approved the acquisition of a 6.33-acre parcel of land on Smithtown and Walnut Avenues, Bohemia, for a neighborhood park.

Oakdale resident, Mrs. Charles Foy Jr., had won the state award for first prize in division four of the national poetry contest sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America.

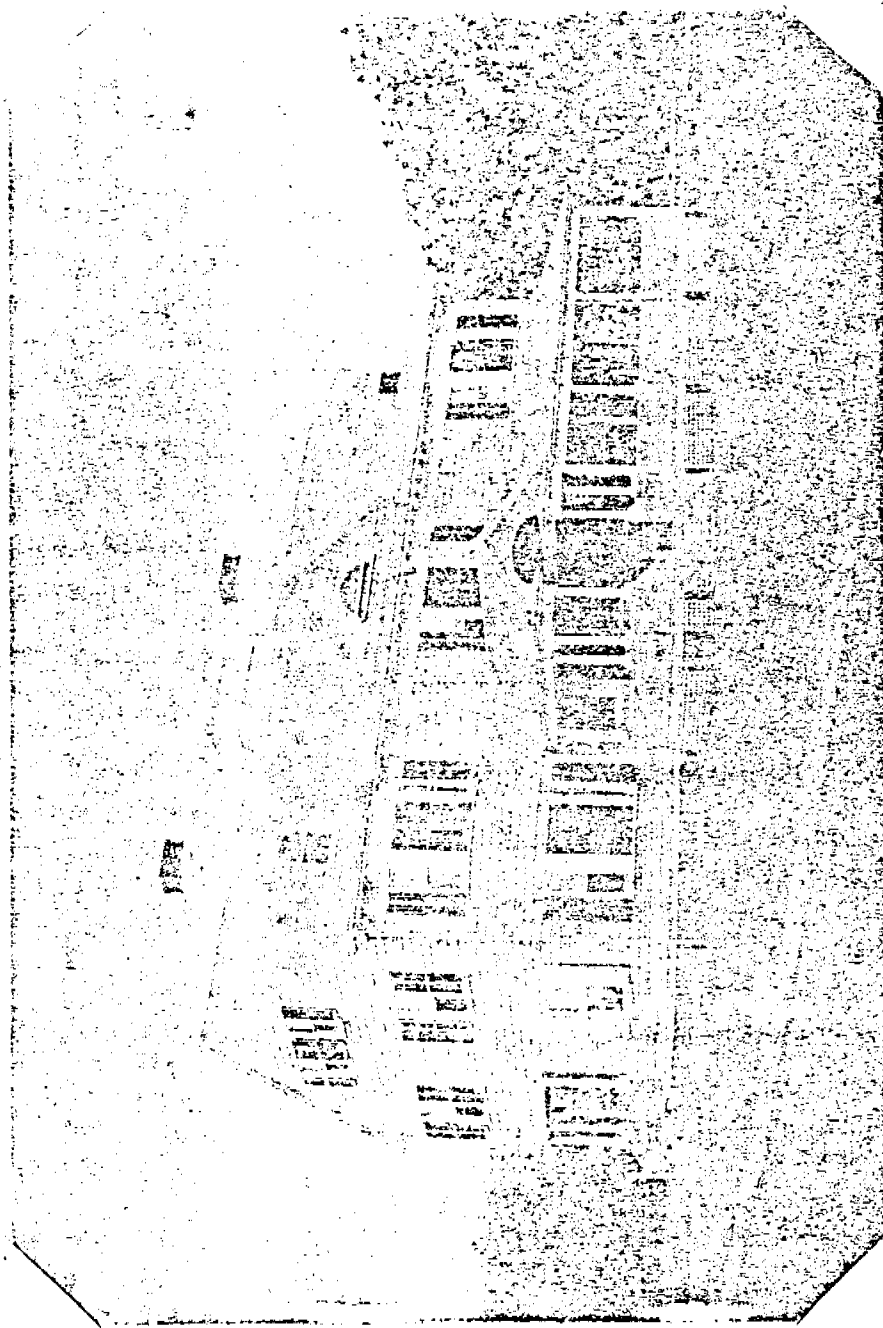
The ten-acre parcel of land, formerly the Talsman Club, had been purchased for use as part of the Fire Island National Seashore.



From I.H. Green Jr.'s photo album. Collections Sayville Historical Society



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This house recently burned down.

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The Suffolk Community News

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Thursday, September 14, 1978

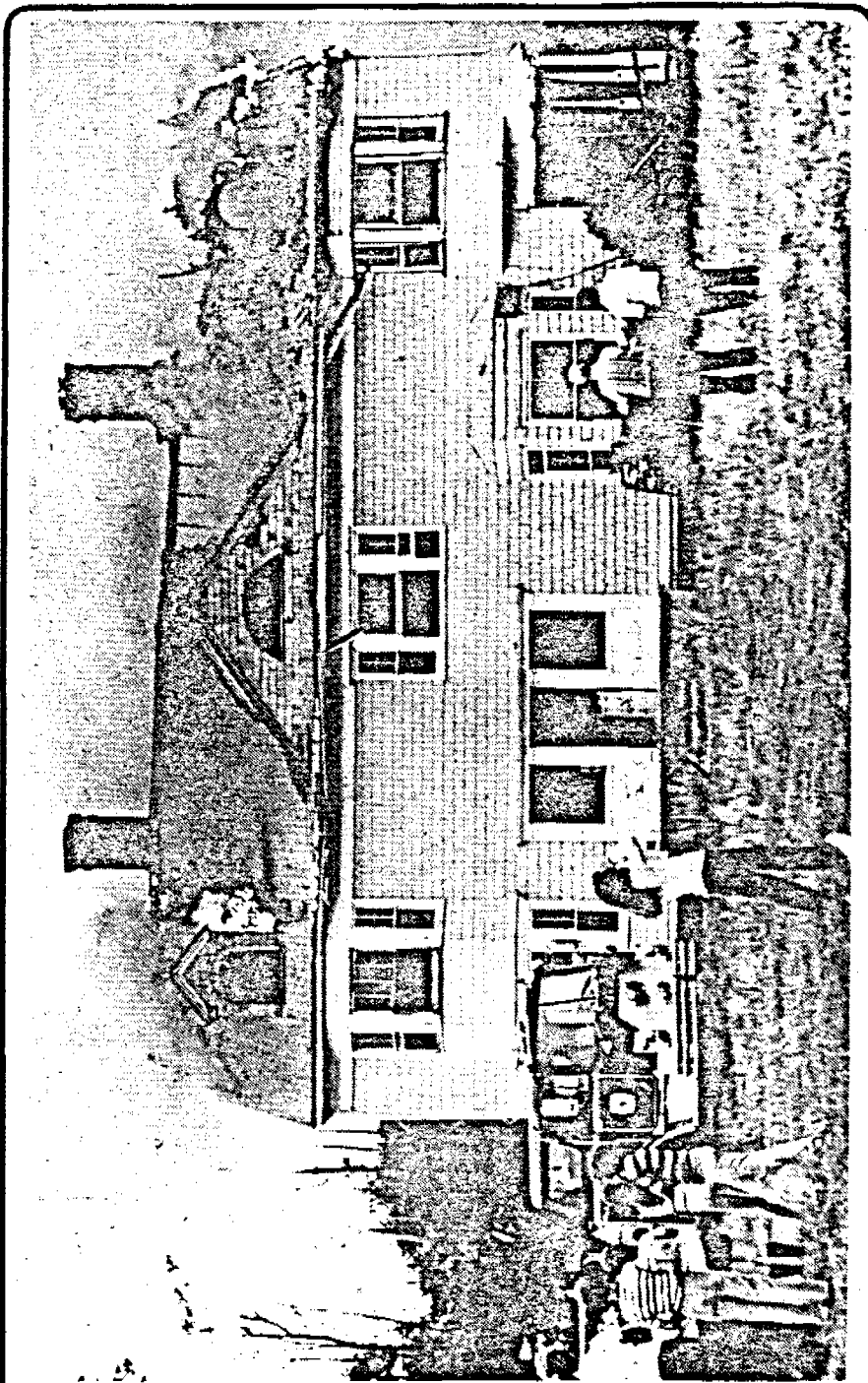
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Fire Guts Mansion

One of the last of Sayville's summer mansions tumbled Monday afternoon when fire swept through the upper floors of a turn-of-the-century estate owned for many years by Lucille Bonner, the heir to the Bon Ami Corporation — manufacturers of cleansing powder.

Flames broke out in the unoccupied wooden house shortly before 6 p.m. and grew in fury as local spectators assembled along the shorefront to watch the blaze. The Sayville and Bayport Fire Departments responded to the emergency call and battled for an hour before controlling the fire. Damage was estimated in excess of \$200,000 and the cause of the fire is being investigated by the Arson Squad of the Suffolk County Police Department.

Located just west of the Shoreham Beach Club, the mansion is owned by Roger Healy of McConnell Avenue, Bayport. In the 1950's, the Shortell family purchased the home and lived there for many years.



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