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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip/SPLIA DATE: February 1990  
Town Hall, 655 Main St.  
YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE: 516.224.5450  
ORGANIZATION (if any): Dept. of Planning, Housing, and Development

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**IDENTIFICATION**

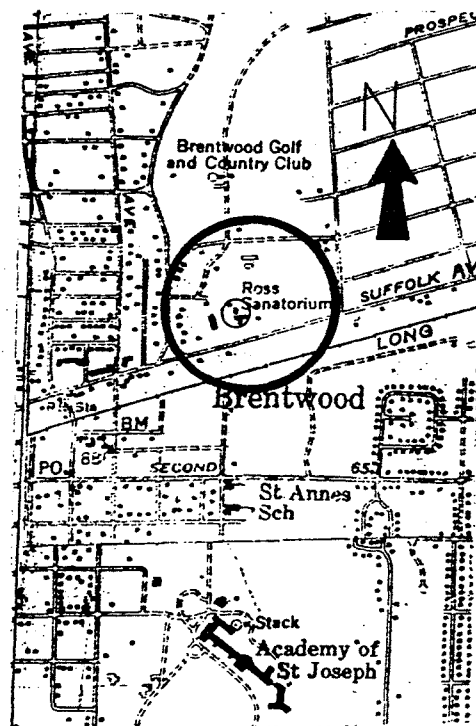
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Knoll Farm/former Ross Sanitarium & cottage
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Brentwood
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 849 Suffolk Ave.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. USE: Original: sanitorium Present: horse farm (residence)
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

**DESCRIPTION**

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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13. MAP: NYS DOT Central Islip Quad



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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: 8/1/75  
Town Hall 655 Main St.  
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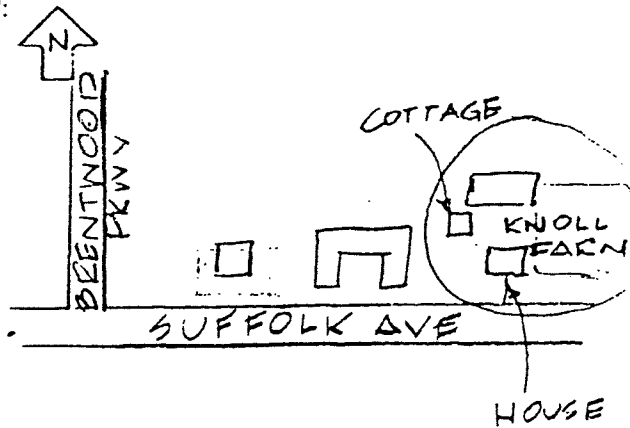
1. BUILDING NAME(S): Knoll Farm (Ross Sanitarium)  
 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Brentwood  
 3. STREET LOCATION: #849 Suffolk Ave. (E. of Ross Nursing Home)  
 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private   
 5. PRESENT OWNER: Knoll Farm ADDRESS: Same  
 6. USE: Original: Sanitarium Present: Horse Farm  
 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
 Interior accessible: Explain Privately owned

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13. MAP:



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: Corral  
j. other: Cottage, Stables
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: \_\_\_\_\_

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:  
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

The Knoll Farm is set back from Suffolk Avenue, its Southern Border. The house is located among shrubery and trees. The stable and cottage are located to the rear (North) of the property. It is an important part of the Suffolk Ave. Streetscape.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
Gambrel ~~roofs~~ on all facades. Attic level overhang on South facade with diamond paned windows in front gable. Attic level overhang with tiger's tooth siding supported by small brackets. Brick foundation. Original porch. Garage has vertical siding and pedimented roof with brackets. Board and Batten Cottage with SIGNIFICANCE original windows, verge boards, and exposed rafters.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: \_\_\_\_\_  
ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
Knoll Farm has many interesting architectural details. The cross-gambreled roof facing all facades, circular projection, varied sidings, and overhangs make it a rich Queen Anne design. The matching garage with its unusual recessed pedimented gable end is of an interesting design. The small board and batten cottage at the North end of the property looks as though it came out of an Andrew Jackson Downing copybook. The house's historical significance comes out of the fact that it was a part of the old Ross Sanitarium.

21. SOURCES:  
Atlas of the Ocean Shore of Suffolk County (Westerly Section)  
New York: E. Belcher Hyde, 1915, Plate 17.  
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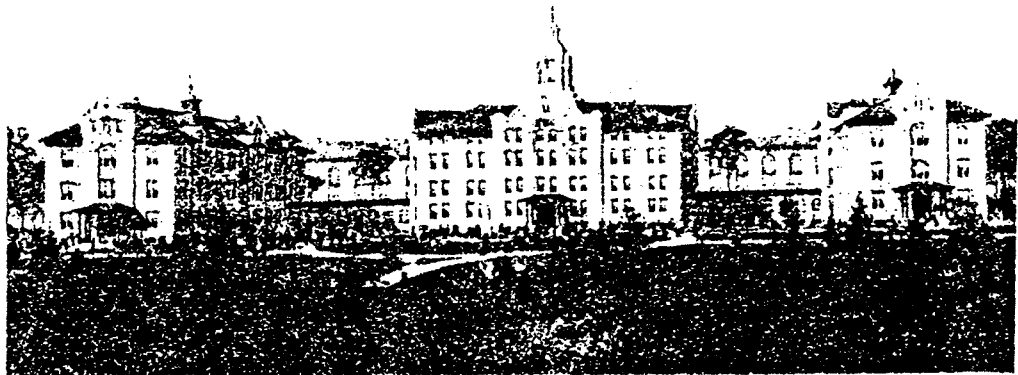
Neg. KK XV-3, fm. E, view of board and batten cottage north of house.

BRENTWOOD AND HAUPPAUGE

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Dr. W. R. Ross's Sanatorium, Brentwood



The Academy of St. Joseph of the Pines, Brentwood



A View at Hauppauge  
Ruther, Frederick. Long Island Today, 1909.

Doctor and Mrs. William H. Ross came to Brentwood in 1889. Dr. Ross assumed the position of resident physician at the Austral Hotel, a large and prosperous institution located where St. Joseph's Academy presently is. From time to time, patients would stay in their home while being treated. This gradually increased to such an extent that it became necessary to build an addition to their home — thus the Ross Sanitarium evolved. Dr. and Mrs. Ross helped establish, and were active members of, the Brentwood Presbyterian Church. Dr. Ross was a member of the Board of Education for many years. He served as Treasurer of the Brentwood Cemetery Association for over 50 years. The Brentwood Civic Association, the Fire Department and the Brentwood Public Library were all aided in their establishment by Dr. and Mrs. Ross.

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lage he carried on a mercantile business with excellent success until 1878, when he retired from active business pursuits, to enjoy an honestly earned and well deserved competency. In all the relations of life he is esteemed as one beyond reproach, and as one whose life is an active influence for good. During the Civil war period, he saw service with the Twenty-third regiment, National Guards of Brooklyn, and participated in the momentous campaign which culminated in the glorious but bloody three days battle at Gettysburg, and through his military record holds membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. In religion he is a Presbyterian, and in politics a Democrat.

Mr. Wheeler was married, April 20, 1882, to Miss Almena Watson, of Brooklyn, a daughter of Jesse and Mary A. (Fairbairn) Watson. A daughter, Almena Dollner, was born of this marriage.

## WILLIAM H. ROSS, A. M., M. D.

Among the citizens of Brentwood, Suffolk county, honored alike for his professional attainments and conscientious devotion to the duties imposed by his calling, as well as for his excellent personal qualities, none rank higher than the gentleman named above. Dr. William H. Ross was born in Sparta, New York, son of William C. and Mary A. (Mulholland) Ross. The years of his boyhood were occupied with labors upon the paternal farm and attendance upon the neighborhood schools, where he was an industrious and ambitious student. His passion for learning moved him to seek instruction in the State Normal School at Geneseo, New York, and after completing the course in that institution, he became a student in Columbia College, from which he was graduated in 1885. With this ample literary preparation he entered the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he was a student for three years, graduating in 1888. For nearly three years following he was a member of the resident staff of the Presbyterian Hospital in the same city, performing much useful service, and the thorough ex-

perience thus acquired added greatly to his capability for professional work. In 1890 he located at Brentwood, which has since been his place of residence and the central point of his field of labor. His practice extends among a large and influential class of people, by whom he is highly esteemed, not only for the success which has attended his efforts, but for those kindly and deeply sympathetic qualities which assure the physician that genial personal influence which is so important an ally to medical skill. He is a member of the Suffolk County Medical Society, Associated Physicians of Long Island, the New York State Medical Society, American Medical and Psychological Society and is consulting physician of the Manhattan State Hospital at Central Islip, Long Island. Dr. Ross is an active member of the Presbyterian church and of the Masonic fraternity. He was married, in 1890, to Miss Frances E., daughter of William E. and Harriet E. (Bergen) Dodge, a lady of amiable character and excellent education. Three children, Hugh D. (deceased), Gladys E. and Harriet E., were born of this union.

## JOHN O'BERRY.

This gentleman, a worthy and respected citizen of the twenty-eighth ward, Brooklyn, recently deceased, was born in county Armagh, Ireland, in 1822, a son of Henry and Sarah (Dodds) O'Berry, both of whom were descendants of Scotch-Irish parents. The father died in his native country in 1841, and in 1842 his widow came to America, where she spent the remaining years of her life with her children, passing away at the home of her son, Loftis Wood, at No. 1329 Broadway, Brooklyn. This homestead is one of the old landmarks of the eastern district of Brooklyn.

When John O'Berry came to this country he was actively employed at the tinner's trade in Brooklyn. Later he entered into a partnership with his elder half-brother, Loftis Wood, and continued his interests under this arrangement until 1852, when he sold out his share in the business and purchased a farm near St. James,

\*Son BY FIRST HUSBAND -

Pelletreau, W.S. A History of Long Island. NY: Lewis Publishing Co, 1903.

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# Verne Dyson's "A Century of Brentwood"

This is the 51st installment from the book, "A Century of Brentwood", written by Verne Dyson and published in June 1950 in connection with the community's 100th anniversary. Copies of the book are limited and the BULLETIN is publishing its entire contents for the benefit of the many people who have moved here since 1950.

By Verne Dyson

## Brentwood In the 90s

By the year 1890, few of the original residents of the colony of Modern Times were left in Brentwood. Codman, Dame, Dr. Newbery, members of the Blacker family and one or two others, perhaps, were still alive, but they were old and inactive and living principally on memories of other days. It is fortunate that just at this time a new group of youthful, ambitious, and talented men arrived and took over the difficult project of building a happy and prosperous community. One of these was a young physician.

DR. WILLIAM H. ROSS. On June 21, 1890, Dr. William H. Ross, then 28 years of age, arrived in Brentwood directly from his two-year internship at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City to assume the position

of temporary resident physician at the fashionable Austral Hotel. With him came his wife, Mrs. Frances Ellen Dodge Ross, whom he had married the previous year. He had planned to remain only for the summer with the expectation of returning to New York City in the fall to open an office. However, his practice in Brentwood during those three months grew enough to induce him to select the village for a permanent home.

In the beginning, his calls about the village were made on foot or by bicycle. During the succeeding years, as his practice extended into the surrounding area, other modes of transportation became necessary. It was the horse-and-buggy era, and the doctor bought a horse. From the necessity of caring for his own animal, and perhaps because of the many hours of travel together out into the thinly settled districts, often under the most inclement weather conditions, the doctor developed a deep interest in horses. At one time he owned several pedigreed horses, one of which established speed records in many races. About the turn of the century he bought a mare named Mary's Own. Rather to his surprise, she won \$700 for him in a race. Strong as the temptation was to match her again, he decided he did not



Dr. William H. Ross

care to go too deeply into horse-racing and sold her a few days later in Rochester for \$1,000. His favorite horse was Ruth, a handsome and intelligent animal which came from Vermont. For 18 years she faithfully carried him on his rounds through the district. If he happened to fall asleep in the buggy after a late call, Ruth would take him safely home. When the mare became too old to work, she was pensioned and given the best of care as long as she lived. The fire

which razed the Ross barns in 1920 was a real tragedy for it destroyed three fine horses although all of the other stock was saved.

Dr. Ross became Brentwood's first motorist when in 1901 he bought a Northern motor car, a species now extinct. It had two cylinders and a chain drive. When using it, the doctor always carried a piece of baling wire and a pair of pliers to repair the chain should it break.

The doctor's interest in civic matters began almost immediately after he established residence in Brentwood. He was closely associated with Charles A. Codman, artist and writer, one of the original settlers of Modern Times and also one of its leaders. Codman's history of the settlement and other valuable documents were bequeathed to Dr. Ross, who subsequently turned them over to the Suffolk County Historical Society in Riverhead.

In May, 1892, Dr. Ross was present for the first time at the local school district annual meeting. He has attended all annual school district meetings since that date, a total now of 58. He was elected a school trustee on Aug. 1, 1899, and, in 1904, president of the board, an office which he held continuously, with the exception of a six year interval, down to the present.

Life was rugged in Brentwood, judging by today's standards, even in the 90s. For a while, the doctor's family lived in the large white house with a cupola, which still stands on the west side of Brentwood rd. between Third and Fourth aves. It was an imposing mansion but without a central heating system. The family then moved to the house standing at the southwest corner of Brentwood rd. and Third ave., which was smaller but more comfortable. During these early years, sorrow came to Dr. and Mrs. Ross when their five-months' old son, Hugh, died on Oct. 16, 1891. Later, two daughters were born to them, Gladys now the widow of Dr. Hubert Chauvin, and Harriet wife of Randall J. LeBoeuf of Wheatley Hills.

When the doctor began his practice in Brentwood, times were hard and collections slow. One patient who owed him a medical bill accumulated over a period of time, settled the account with a lot he owned on 7th st. at 2nd ave. On this, the doctor built his first home, and here in 1895 with two patients who came to him for convalescent care, started the Ross Sanitarium, one of the noted institutions of Suffolk County.

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# East End Equestrian News

Patricia Lollot

The East End Livestock and Horsemen's Assn. November 15 dinner meeting was enjoyed by members and guests at the Jamesport Manor.

Upcoming for the club will be the annual Christmas party and the North Fork Preserve on Friday, December 8. Please call Sibby Penny at 765-9261 with the number coming and the dish you are bringing.

Santa will be in attendance and a grab bag for children and adults.

The Smithtown Hunt Hunter Trials were held at Knoll Farm in Brentwood over crisp, cold and windy weekend.

From Hidden Lake Farm in Southold a good number of their horses and riders did well.

In Hunter Teams (with a change of leader required and certain fences taken abreast) the winners were: Krista Penny on HLF Dandy Lad teamed with Teddy Demetriou on his dad's Dennis. Second was Teddy on his Sampson teamed with his brother, Michael on My Joy.

In Junior Flight Hunter fist went to Krista Penny on HLF Dandy Lad, 2nd Michael Demetriou on My Joy, 3rd Teddy Demetriou on Dennis and 4th on Teddy on Sampson.

Junior Hunter Under Saddle had Michael Demetriou on My Joy pin first, Krista Penny on HLF Dandy Lad 2nd and Teddy Demetriou on Sampson 3rd.

Novice Hunter Under Saddle (for 1st year hunting horses) first went to Peter Demetriou on Nick.

Hunt Teams of 3 Riders: 5th place was the team of Peter Demetriou on Nick, Teddy on Dennis and Michael on My Joy.

The Smithtown Hunt Perpetual Class led by MFH Howard Schare was won by Krista Penny on Dandy Lad and 2nd to Teddy Demetriou on Dennis.

Krista also won the Daniel Ostrov Memorial Perpetual Trophy this year—an accomplishment she has achieved for the 6 of the last 7 years. Her first win was on her first pony, Larky Blue.

Additionally, she won the Junior Paleface Trophy for the high point rider of the day.

Lunchtime at the affair was appetizing as well as aesthetic. A contest was held for the best "Tailgate Tea" setting judged on originality, content and visual effects.

The Demetriou family received a 5th place for a tea table with a theme for children—including a 6' hero and appropriate junior goodies.

Sibby and Krista Penny offered a "Fox Pub Tea" complete with Irish coffee and received a 4th.

Another tailgate theme was complete with crystal, foxy china, candles and a trunk from a classic Jaguar.

The winning tailgate tea setup included a framed picture as a wall hanging, fall leaves an old trunk, crystal, china and excellent food.

Hedgewood Farm in Laurel with trainer David Josiah had a contingent go to the Old Salem Horse Show at North Salem, N.Y. on Sunday.

Showing her new horse for the first time, Darcy Schondebare and Biloxi Blues pinned 5th in children's hunter over fences and took the blue in novice equitation over fences.

David rode Andrea Rowsom's Top Priority in the low hunter division taking a 2nd over fences and 5th under saddle.

Patrician Arabians' Ahltair is now in residence at Hedgewood and will be campaigned in the hunter divisions at AHSA and IAHA shows in 1990 by David Josiah.

Hillcrest Sport Stable in Riverhead was represented at the Mid Island Show this weekend by Darlene Wilcox and her grey, Play By Dusk who took the Training Hunter championship with a 1st and 4th over fences, 1st under saddle. In Special Hunters a 5th under saddle.

Hillcrest also welcomes a new school pony—a pretty black medium pony with white trim and a nice jump.

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in/Elaine Taylor



# Day at Knoll Farm Instead of Moscow

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By Esther Fein

Brentwood—She is poised and confident as she tips her head toward the judges. The black silk of her top hat shimmers, as an occasional ray peers through the afternoon haze. With a click of her teeth, she waltzes her partner across the ring to a first-place finish in the Grand Prix Special event of Knoll Farm's annual dressage competition.

Gwenn Stockebrand, a member of the U.S. Olympic Equestrian Team, is an elegant rider. She and her horse, Bao, won a silver medal in the dressage competition at the 1979 Pan-American Games. It is an event which requires the rider to demonstrate both the physique and the ability of the horse, with the aim of making it both calm and keen.

"Dressage is just beginning to build up now in the United States," Stockebrand said. Out of the ring she is casual, her hair tucked beneath the brim of a straw cowboy hat and her riding jodhpurs replaced with gym shorts. "It involves a considerable expense," she said, "and because of the formality involved, it is not considered a macho sport and attracts only a select group of men. But the base is broadening. What the U.S. team needs now is more international competition."

But the riders did not want to be reminded of international competition yesterday. It was a thought they forced themselves to bar on the opening day of the Olympic Games in Moscow. "I tuned out the Olympics when I knew we wouldn't be going," said the 25-year-old Californian, who has been riding for 18 years. "As an athlete, I am not into looking back. You can't spend too much time thinking about it."

But it was harder for John Winnett. Despite efforts to concentrate exclu-

sively on the competition at hand, his mind resisted and drifted to thoughts of could-have-beens and might-have-beens. "It's a hell of a letdown. I don't know an athlete who wouldn't want to be there," said Winnett, who was a member of the 1972 Olympic team and a reserve on the 1976 team. "Olympic fever is unique and I miss it today. I'd like to be there."

Winnett, who is 51 years old, has been competing internationally in dressage since the first world championships in Paris in 1953. He has observed the growth of the sport in the United States and is pleased by the progress. "It's encouraging to see the sport progressing," said Winnett, who placed third in the Grand Prix Special with his horse, Leopardi. "It has a way to go before it reaches the level of the other international teams, but the quality in the group of younger riders is already improving considerably."

Melle van Bruggn, coach of the Olympic equestrians, said he expects the United States to be a major international competitor in dressage in 10 years. "Just mark my words and keep your eyes open, in 10 years we'll be there," he said, as he watched the novice riders button their blazers and mount their horses. "In our sport in this country, it is the future that counts."

## KNOLL FARM COMPETITION

Grand Prix Special: 1. Gwenn Stockebrand riding Bao; 2. Alexandra Howard riding Bull Market; 3. John Winnett riding Leopardi. Prix St. George: 1. Gwenn Stockebrand riding Chryso; 2. Anne Gribbons riding Adara; 3. Betty Steiner riding Orac. Fourth Level Test: 1. Kay Meredith riding Encore. Third Level Test: 1. John Winnett riding Allegro. Second Level Test: 1. Janet Schurck riding Manila. First Level Test: 1. Linda Zane riding Charlie Brown. Training Level Test No. 3: 1. Sarah Michael riding Illuster. Training Level Test No. 2: 1. Brian Forde riding Golden Faith. Training Level Test No. 1: 1. Catherine McWilliams riding De Datus.

## Baseball

Greenlawn's Bill Patross hit a grand slam to lead Suffolk to an 18-8 victory

over Westchester in the first round of the Metro-New York Senior Babe Ruth League (16-18 years old) tournament at Greenlawn Park. Mickey Kennedy pitched a four-hitter, striking out eight batters. All of Westchester's runs were unearned.

In other games, Oyster Bay lost to Gil Hodges of Brooklyn, 8-6, as Benny DiStefano hit a three-run homer in the fourth inning. A grand slam by John Abrech and a homer by Tom Meyers had put Oyster Bay ahead, 6-5.

Hempstead lost to Staten Island, 10-9. Digger D'Agostino's second home run of the game, a three-run blast in the sixth inning, scored the winning run. Matt Dwyer and John McKenna homered for Hempstead, which rallied for three runs in the sixth and another in the seventh, but fell one run shy.

## STAN MUSIAL LEAGUE STANDINGS (Games Through July 15)

East		W	L
LI Stars	27	2	
North Shore Helicats	21	6	
Nassau Royals	16	13	
Amale's LI Bulldogs	11	17	
Farmingdale	3	27	
Brentwood	2	22	

West		W	L
O'Shea Slammers	24	5	
Levittown Giants	19	9	
Sally Dog	11	14	
LI Cubs	11	15	
Massapequa Rebels	9	16	
Queens Knights	9	18	

North		W	L
Lynbrook Nur-Lees	23	6	
Bellerose	15	9	
Stafford Dukes	15	11	
Flushing Tigers	14	11	
Baldwin Lumbar	10	18	
Elmont Athletics	4	25	

South		W	L
Arnold Baker's I	16	5	
MGM Lions	19	6	
St. Anthony's	19	6	
Commack North	16	7	
Camden Heights	14	11	
Arnold Baker's II	9	8	
Great Neck Pilots	8	17	
Seaside	8	18	
Kew Gardens Condors	6	19	
Thyside	3	21	

## Lacrosse

Freeport—Bill Tierney and Tim Crowley each scored two goals to lead the Great Neck Patriots to their first victory of the season in the LI Summer Lacrosse League, beating Chelsea Pub, 12-9.

LI Summer Lacrosse League		W	L
Great Neck Patriots	12	1	
Kelly's Pub	9	1	
Lundwall's	12	1	
Manhasset	10	1	
Mulcahy's	7	1	
Neptune Pub	9	1	
Right Track Inn	13	1	
Rose & Thistle	9	1	
Chelsea Pub	9	1	
Norhport	5	1	
Olympic Den	4	1	
Canterbury Ales	8	1	
Chinello's	5	1	
Sure Shot	3	1	
Woodbury Common Pub	3	1	
Mumbles Pub	8	1	

## Wrestling

The following wrestlers will represent Long Island in the Empire State Games in Syracuse Aug. 13-17:

Empire State Games Wrestlers  
Freeport—11 pounds—Pete Fusco (Bay Shore); Kieran Mock (Huntington); 98—Jeff Grossfeld (Massapequa); Jim Fox (Lake Grove); 106—Paul Mankowich (Commack); Joe Marchionda (Huntington); 115—Bill Sharke (Holbrook); Al Plaza (Long Beach); 123—John Paniclelli (North Babylon); Chris Doherty (Massapequa); 132—Peter Mankowich (Commack); Leo Placido (Long Beach); 143—Pat Olyan (Bay Shore); Mike Ikonnikow (Holbrook); 154—Mark DeGennaro (Holbrook); Rich Zboray (Hauppauge); 165—Rich Magelli (Huntington); Jim Weik (Sayville); 178—Joe Chelli (North Babylon); Greg Kendrick (Freeport); 192—Tom Piccolo (Bethpage); Andre Schmidt (Setauket).  
Great Neck—91 pounds—Matt DiCicullo (Commack); Joe Plante (Brentwood); 95—Bob Panarello (Bay Shore); Ed Dorr (Massapequa); 106—Ken Abbott (Centerport); Larry Gallo (North Babylon); 115—Bill Sharke (Holbrook); Rich Bellinghof (Lake Ronkonkoma); 123—Manny Camps (Brentwood); Rich Dalley (Brentwood); 132—Jeff Horowitz (Commack); Paul Vulco (Massapequa); 143—Tom Mankowich (Commack); Matt Doherty (Massapequa); 154—Mark DeGennaro (Holbrook); Rich Flager (Centerport); 165—Jim Weik (Sayville); Jeff Cox (Freeport); 178—Joe Chelli (North Babylon); Marvin Hendricks (Freeport); 192—Andre Cox (Freeport); Greg Kendrick (Freeport).

## Volleyball

The Long Island volleyball team for the scholastic division of the Empire State Games in Syracuse Aug. 13-17 has been selected.

Empire State Games Volleyball Team  
Maureen Bethel (Smithtown West); Monica Hirtz (Whitman); Sue Maley (Bethpage); Linda Meier (Shoreham-Wading River); Jean McMahon (Sachem); Glony O'Brien (Half Hollow Hills West); Angela Percelle (Uniondale); Jennifer Seitz (Wapough); Mary Volkoff (North Shore); Mary Wilson (Uniondale); Alternates: Ellye Lambert (Smithtown East) and Sue Orpanak (West Hempstead).

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were born to them, Gladys now the widow of Dr. Hubert Chauvin, and Harriet wife of Randall J. LeBoeuf of Wealthy



A LATE PICTURE OF DR. ROSS

Hills and New York.

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were hard and collections slow. One patient who owed him a medical bill accumulated over a period of time, settled the account with a lot he owned on Seventh Street at Second Avenue. On this, the doctor built his first home, and here in 1895 with two patients who came to him for convalescent care, started the Ross Sanitarium, one of the noted institutions of Suffolk County.

→ THE ROSS SANITARIUM

Immediately north of the original village of Brentwood, along the street paralleling the railroad (now Suffolk Avenue) lies a historic estate of about 68 acres. It has been owned at various times during the past hundred years, all or in part, by three eminent medical men. Dr. Edgar F. Peck first bought the property, which was originally part of the old Wicks farm, to establish an experimental peach orchard. This was before the village of Modern Times was founded. He dug a well and for several years had the only water supply in the vicinity. Dr. Peck retained about 30 acres for his orchard and sold the balance to Captain William L. Maury, a Civil War veteran, who built a residence, north of Suffolk Avenue. This is now the central portion of the Arborlea Apartment building. Some time later, Dr. J. F. Bridge, who was Captain Maury's brother-in-law, bought Dr. Peck's remaining acres and built a summer home south of Suffolk Avenue. This building was later moved across the avenue and today serves as the farmer's residence on the sanitarium property.

In the late nineties, the well-to-do segment of the population was extremely health-minded. "Samantha at Saratoga Springs" was one of the best-sellers. Resorts, spas, sanitariums flourished almost everywhere. In 1898, a group of Brentwood citizens conceived the idea of establishing such an institution in Dyson, Verne. A Century of Brentwood. Brentwood: Brentwood Village Press, 1954.

the village. The properties of soil, the vegetation and climate combined to provide a natural setting. A sanitarium company was incorporated and an option was obtained on the Bridge and Maury properties.

However, the project failed within a short time of its inception, and before any steps were taken to construct the main building. The unsold property reverted to the Bridge estate, and a year later was purchased by Dr. Ross.

Almost immediately, the central portion of the sanitarium building was started. The east wing of seven en rooms was added in 1904 and four years later the west and north wings



THE ATTRACTIVE HOME OF MRS. MARY B. LEE

were built, increasing the total capacity to seventy rooms. The Ross Sanitarium property has been noted for the variety

and beauty of the trees on its grounds. The landscaping of the grounds was supervised by Dr. Ross and he planted many of the trees himself. A purple beech, over three feet in diameter stands near the staff house, east of the main building. There is a dogwood tree thirty feet high with a spread of twenty-eight feet. A forty-foot tall ginkgo, unique among trees for its fern-shaped leaf and the fact that it is not closely related to any family or group in the vegetable kingdom of today but is the sole survivor of a species which existed millions of years ago in the carboniferous age, stands on the property as well as fine examples of golden weeping willow, beetlenut, walnut and maples. The apple trees planted by Dr. Ross are forty-five years old.

The Ross Sanitarium, a Brentwood landmark for many years, was sold September 1, 1945, to Norman A. Gribbons of Central Islip. Dr. Ross then moved into a new home he built on Suffolk Avenue west of the Arborlea Apartments.

#### THEODORE H. FREUND, SR.

Our admired pioneer resident, Theodore H. Freund, Sr., was born in Greenwich Village, New York City, October 22, 1876. His father was Christopher Freund. In 1888 when he was 12 years old, Theodore came to Brentwood and joined his uncle, Charles Freund, a builder and contractor, who at that time lived on Brentwood Road between Fifth and Sixth Avenues. There, south of his residence and on a two-acre tract which had belonged to relatives of Horace Greely, the noted New York editor, Charles Freund built the Brentwood Hotel, still standing and in use.

From 1900 onward, the name of Theodore H. Freund, Sr., appears frequently in the historical records of Brentwood—in the minutes of the board of education, the fire department, and