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INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

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L.I., N.Y. 11751
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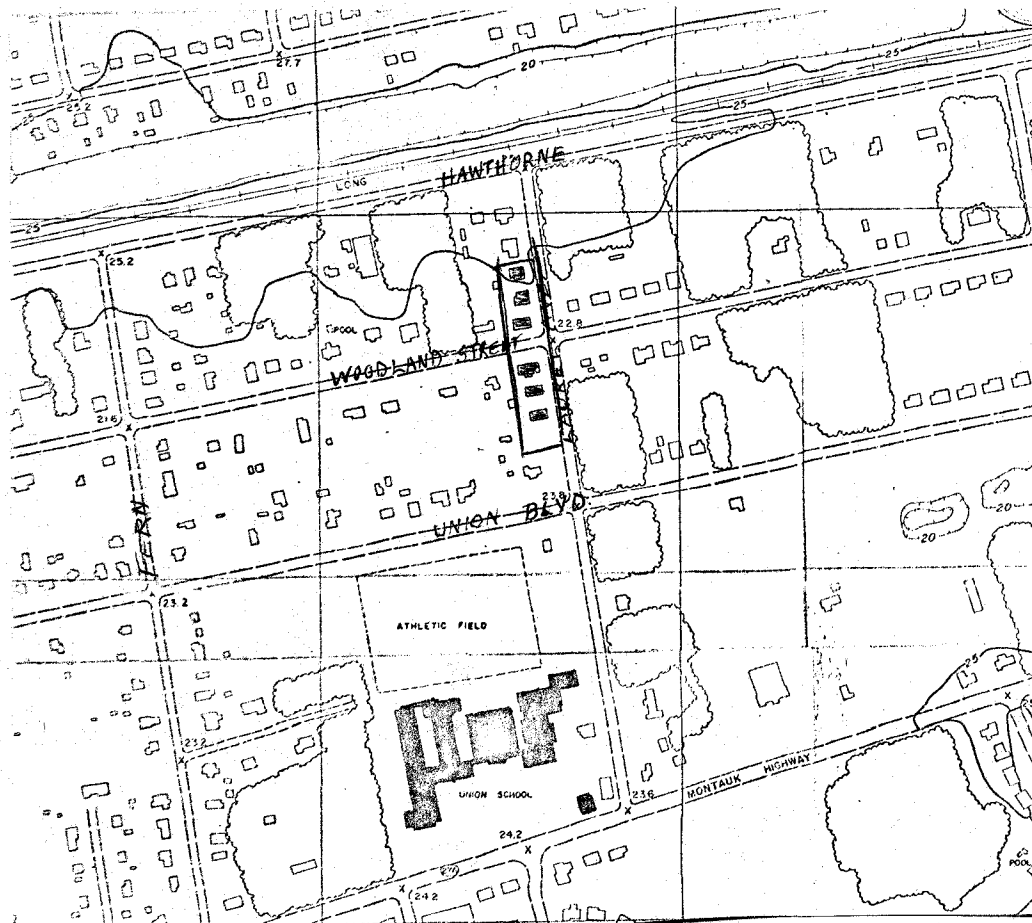
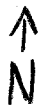
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See attached list of structures.

4. SIGNIFICANCE:
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5. MAP:



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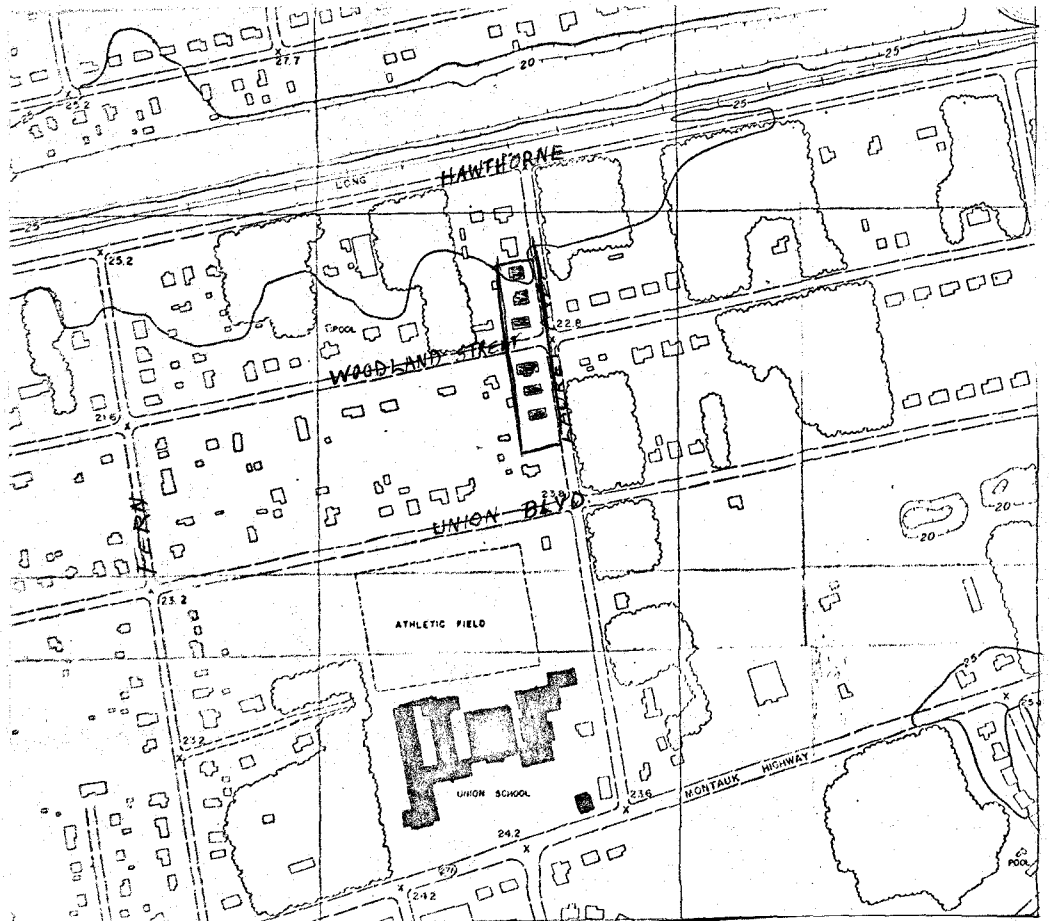
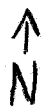
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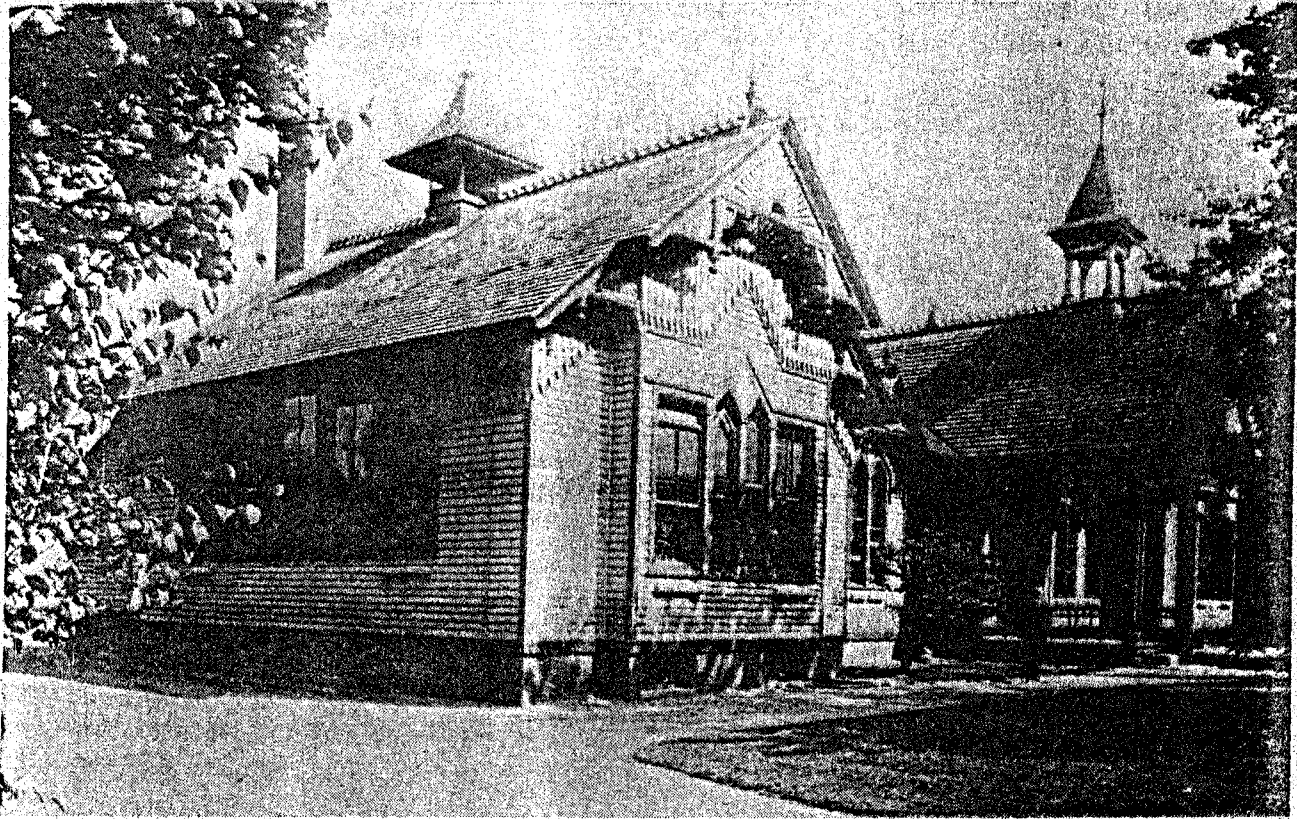
3. DESCRIPTION:

- #38 Laurel Avenue - Retains original stepped gable with decorated verge board and original jigsaw quadrant-shaped ornamentation.
- #40 Laurel Avenue - The only original feature here is the stepped gable, one bracket and the decorated verge board.
Owner: Spitzer
- #42 Laurel Avenue - The only original feature left are the brackets in the gable.
- #46 Laurel Avenue - Retains original brackets on gable end and vertical decoration as frieze on each side elevation.
- #48 Laurel Avenue - Retains original vertical decoration in gable end and on verge board.
- #50 Laurel Avenue - Retains original vertical decoration on gable end and on verge board.

4. SIGNIFICANCE:

The nineteenth century East Islip School was removed from Montauk Highway circa 1925, when the present school was built on the site. The old building was sold to Mr. Frank Buchacek, cut into sections, and moved to Laurel Avenue where the sections were made into homes.

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Old school located on Main Street, site of the present Junior High School

SCHOOLS

The history of the East Islip School District begins before 1857. At that time there was a one-room building.

East Islip's one-room school was situated on land given by the Nicoll Estate and was located at a point near the southern end of the present Timber Point Elementary School property.

In 1858, a two-story building was erected which had only two rooms. In January 1885, \$8100 was appropriated for a three room building and \$500 for two acres of land on South Country Road (today's Main Street). Between 1892 and 1902 additional rooms were added so that by 1905 it had grown to a nine-room school.

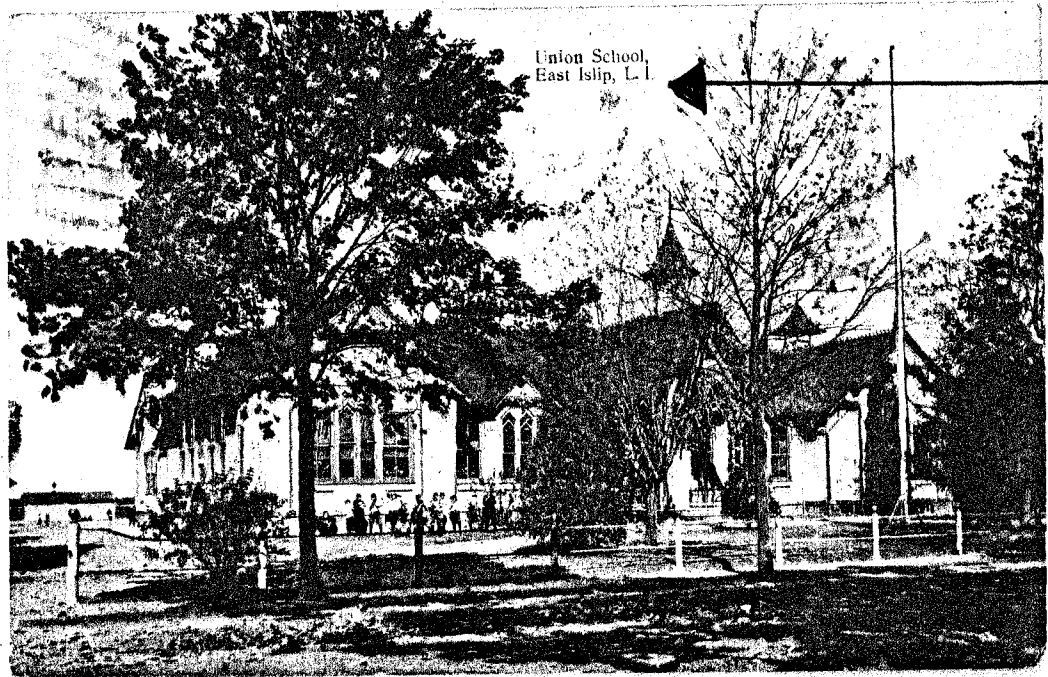
As time went on, the enrollment of the district increased. Through the generosity of Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting, the playground area was increased to ten acres. In 1924 the taxpayers of the district approved the construction of the present three story building. The cornerstone was laid on October 12, 1925.

It was with the opening of these new facilities that East Islip began to offer a full four-year high school program.

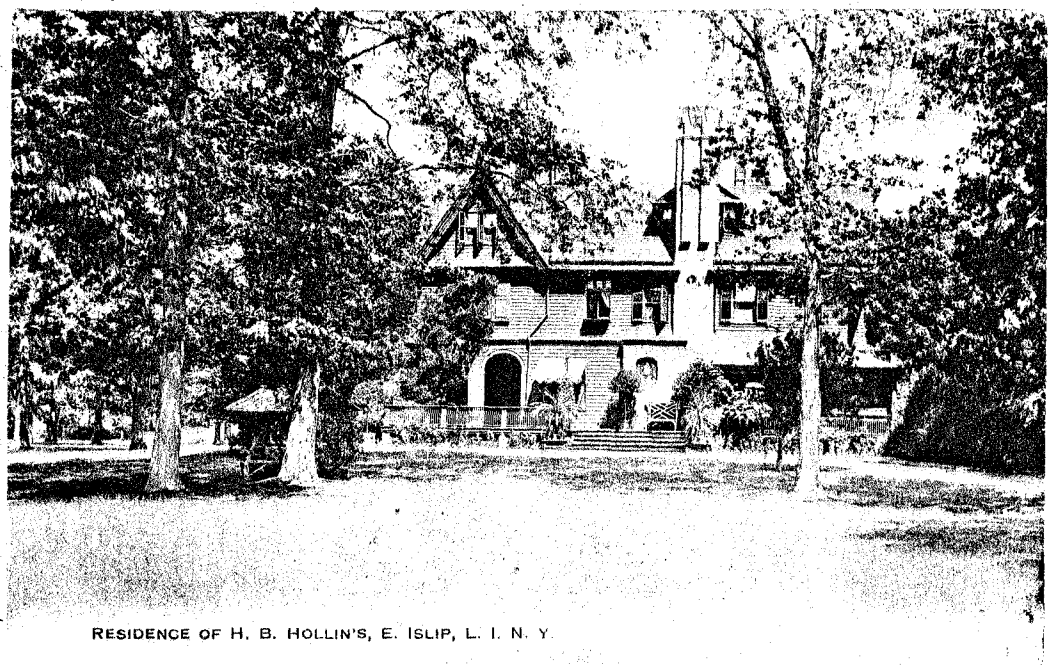
The district escaped the early blows of the post-war building boom, however, the impact of home development eventually caught up with East Islip. By 1950 the need for added space was obvious. A proposal for renting temporary quarters was approved. This was only a stop-gap means of solving the growth in enrollment, and an appropriation for a new addition was voted upon.

This addition was no sooner occupied when it became apparent that the pressure of Long Island's population growth was making itself felt in East Islip. Land was purchased in Islip Terrace for the construction of an elementary school, and in 1957 this school was opened with a capacity for 935 students.

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1912



1909

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