

CAMP CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

CAMP IMMACULATA

**Camp Catholic Daughters of America (CDA)
and
Camp Immaculata, Mattituck, New York.**

Compiled from the Local History Collection
of the
Mattituck-Laurel Library

(also see our slides on Camp Molloy)

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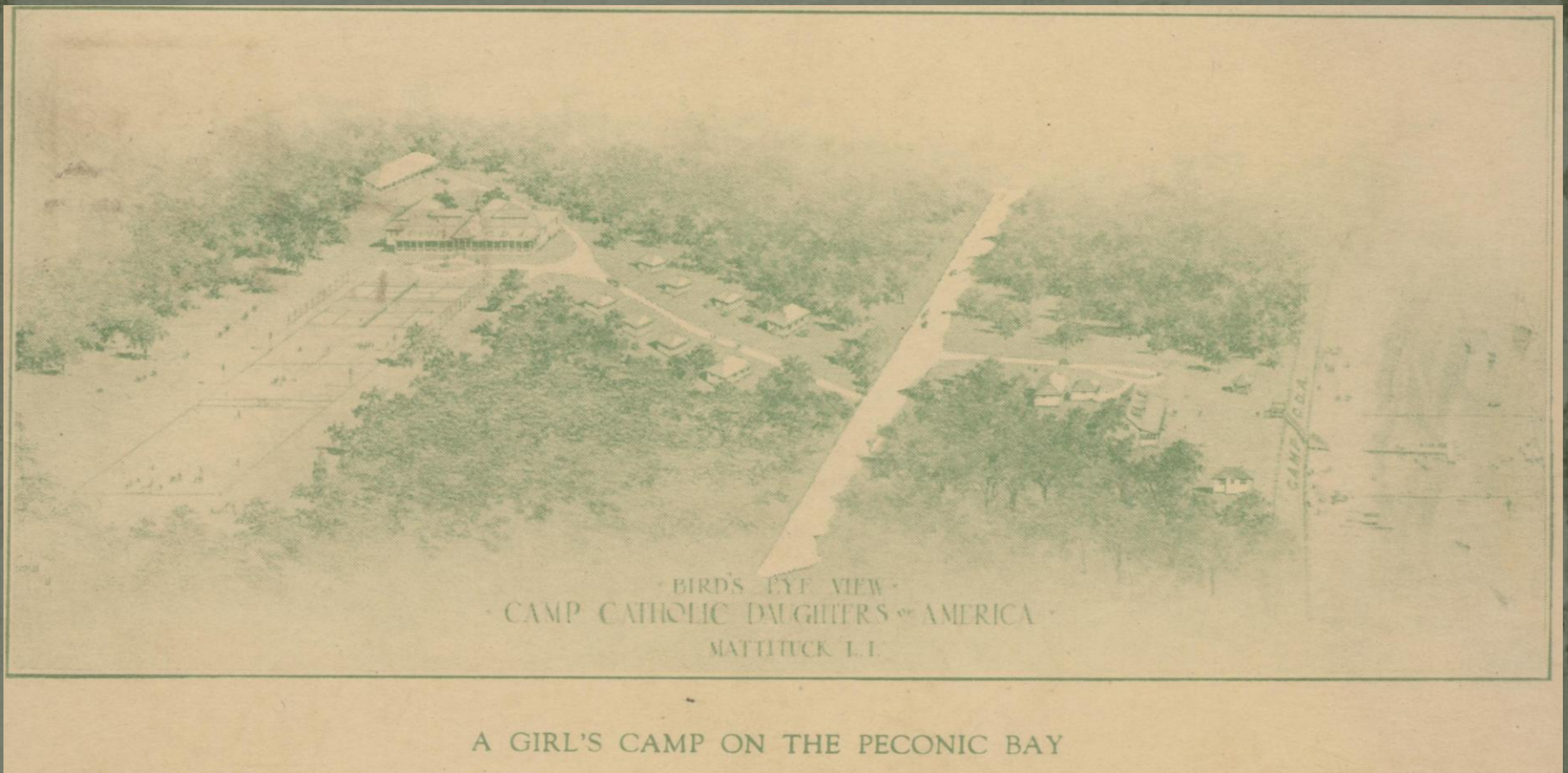
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Camp Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) was opened in Mattituck in 1927. Camp CDA was a diocesan girls' camp sponsored and under the management of the Catholic Daughters of America, of Brooklyn and Long Island. By 1930, the camp had at least twelve bungalows, a new recreation hall, a spacious dining hall, an administration building, an infirmary, a chapel, and offices.

The Catholic Daughters of America was a lay organization, which in 1927 had 200,000 members in the United States and its insular possessions. Miss Mary C. Duffy of Newark, N.J., was the supreme regent of the society with its national headquarters in New York. The society had raised approximately one million dollars for charitable activities and relief purposes.

In 1932, a list of the members of the teaching staff included women from the Brooklyn Girls' Continuation Club, Pembroke College, Savage School of Physical Training, St. Joseph's College, the Institute of Musical Art, and Hunter College. By 1938, the teaching staff included a number of nuns from various schools and parishes.



Postcard with bird's eye view of Camp Catholic Daughters of America, c. 1930.
The two sides of the camp were divided by Peconic Bay Blvd.



Camp of Catholic Daughters of America
Mattituck, Long Island, N. Y.

An Advertisement for camp CDA in
the *Tablet*, a newspaper published by the
Brooklyn Diocese .

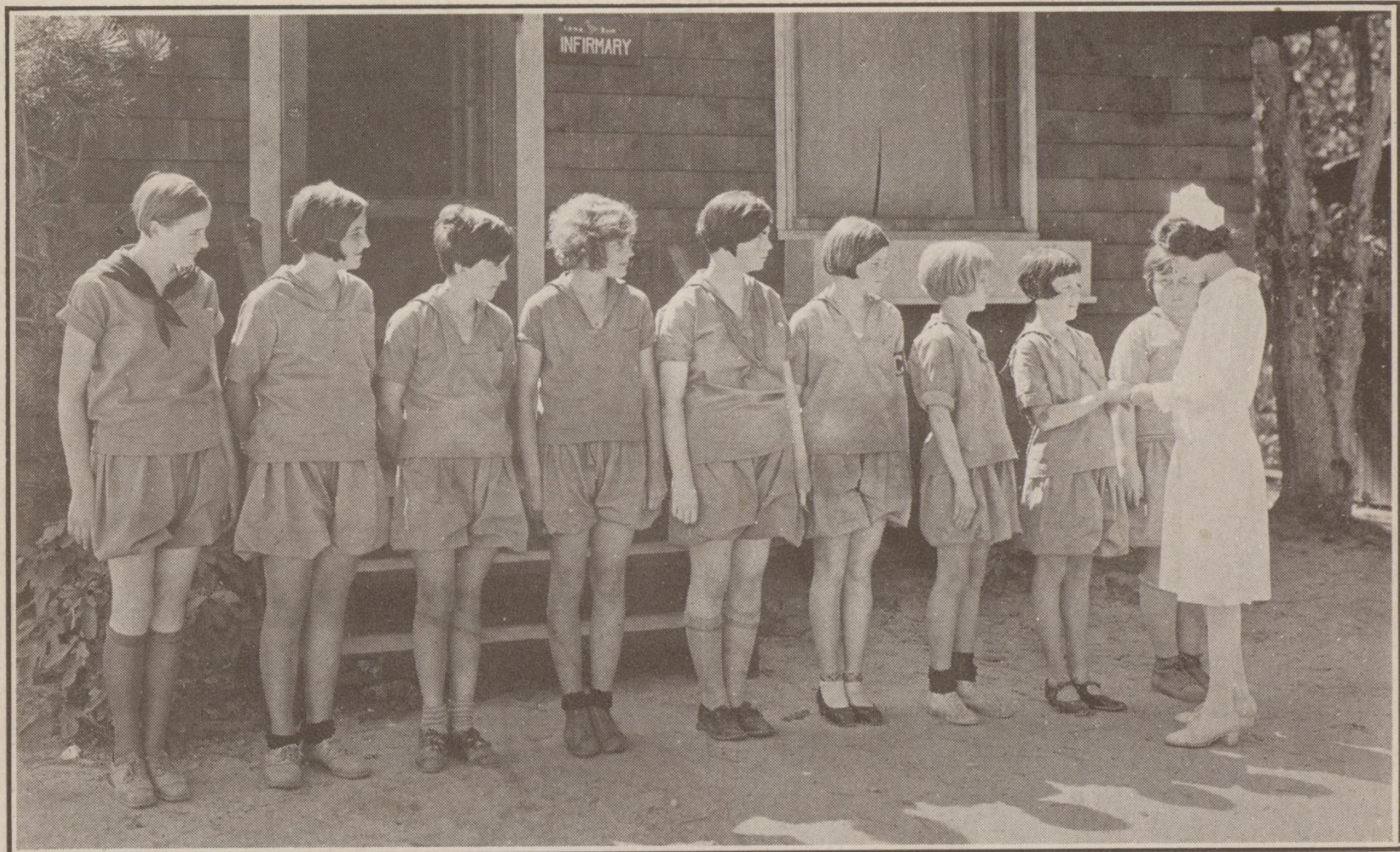
CAMP C.D.A. FOR GIRLS
MATTITUCK, LONG ISLAND
Under Direction of Catholic Daughters of America
Brooklyn Diocesan Camp for Girls
Ages 8 to 18
\$12.50 Per Week Season, 10 weeks, \$112.50
Season July 1st to September 7th
All Athletic and Aquatic Sports
Horseback Riding—Hiking—Golf Instruction
REGISTER AT
Camp Catholic Daughters of America
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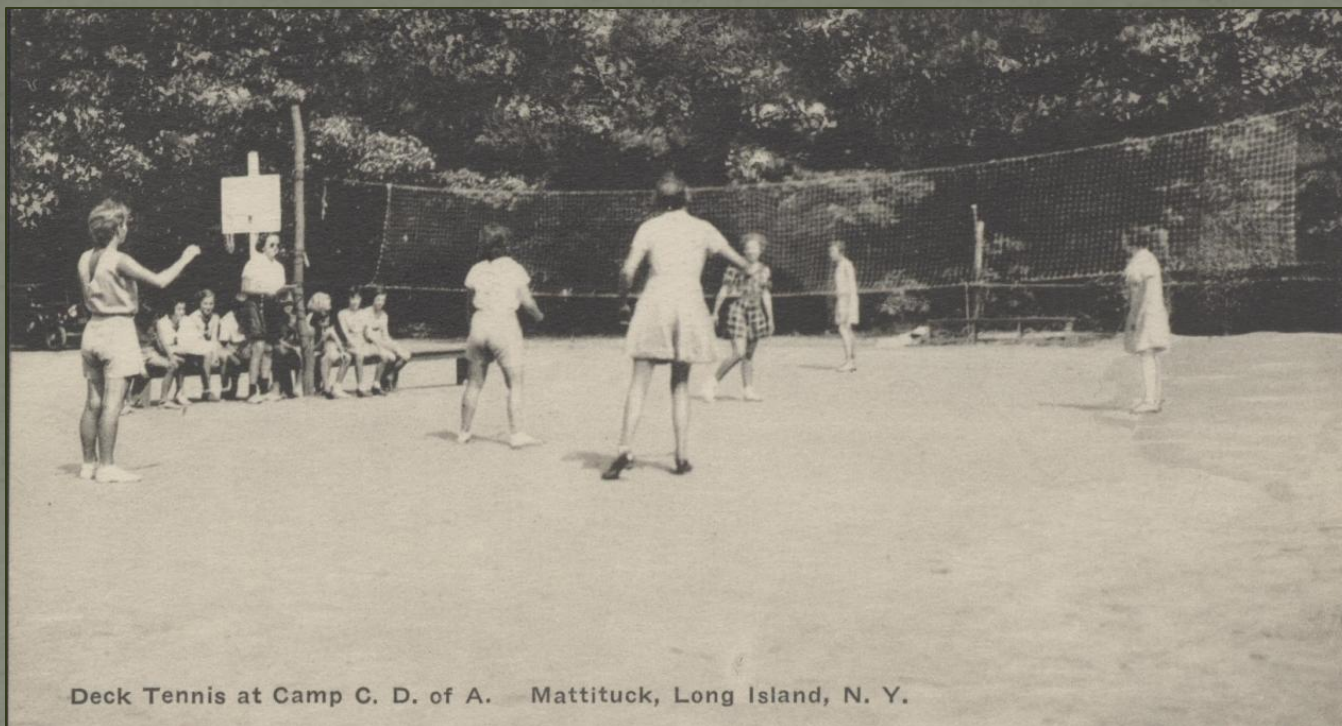
Administration Building and Dining Hall Camp C. D. A., Mattituck, L. I.



Group of 1929 Campers —Camp C. D. A., Mattituck, L. I.



Daily Inspection—Camp C. D. A., Mattituck, L. I.



Deck Tennis at Camp C. D. of A. Mattituck, Long Island, N. Y.

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Raising the Colors, Camp C. D. of A.
Mattituck, Long Island, N. Y.



Raising the Colors



Dancing Instruction, Camp C. D. of A. Mattituck, Long Island, N. Y.



Camp C. D. A. on Peconic Bay
Mattituck, Long Island, N. Y.

VIEW OF PECONIC BAY FROM CAMP IMMACULATA, MATTITUCK, LONG ISLAND, N.Y.



One of the pleasures of attending Camp Immaculata was swimming in Peconic Bay.
(c. 1945)



Canteen, Camp C. D. of A. Mattituck, Long Island, N. Y.



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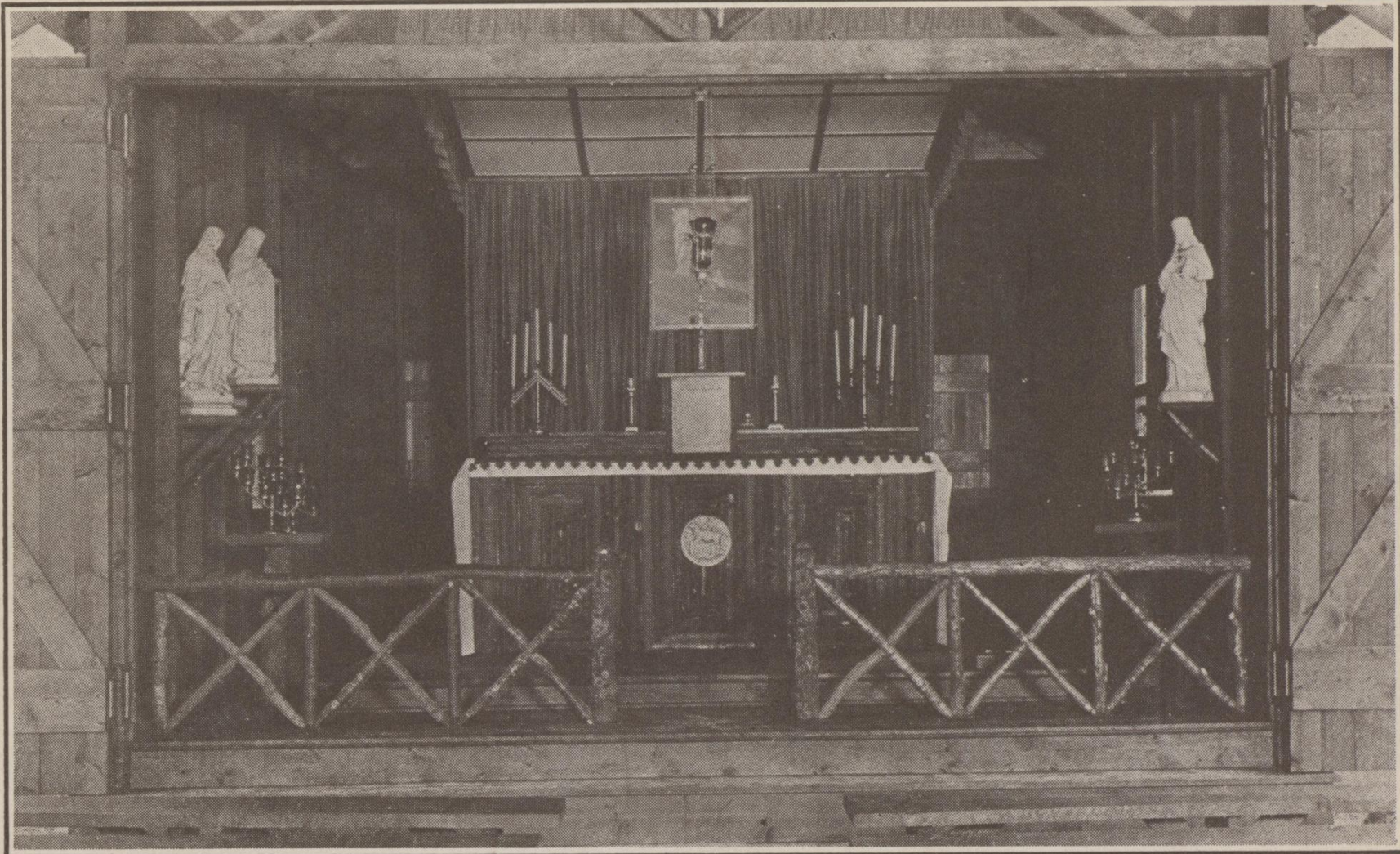
Bungalow Camp C. D. A., Mattituck, L. I.

A outside view of the cabins that housed girls during their time at the camp. Many of these bungalows were later moved or converted to summer bungalows when the camp closed in the early 1970's. (c. 1935)



Interior of a Bungalow - Camp C. D. A., Mattituck, L. I.

A neat and tidy space was essential when there were 12 girls sleeping in each cabin. (c.1935)



“Our Lady of Lourdes” Chapel— Camp C. D. A., Mattituck, L. I.

Rev. Frederick H. Boschert, Camp Chaplin, 1930.



Top row, l. to r.: Lorette, Elizabeth "Betty" Sweeney, Rev. Boschert, Dot,
Eleanor "Fuzzy" Hynes.
Bottom row: unidentified, unidentified, Betty Livingston, unidentified.

Photos from the album of Elizabeth Sweeney, 1930-1932



Eleanor Hynes (“Fuzzy”)
and
Elizabeth Sweeney



Elizabeth, Dot , & Fuzzy



Elizabeth Sweeney (Eve)
and “Fuzzy” (Adam)
Eleanor Hynes

Photos from the album of Elizabeth Sweeney, 1930-1932.



Elizabeth, Fran, Fuzzy
Lorette

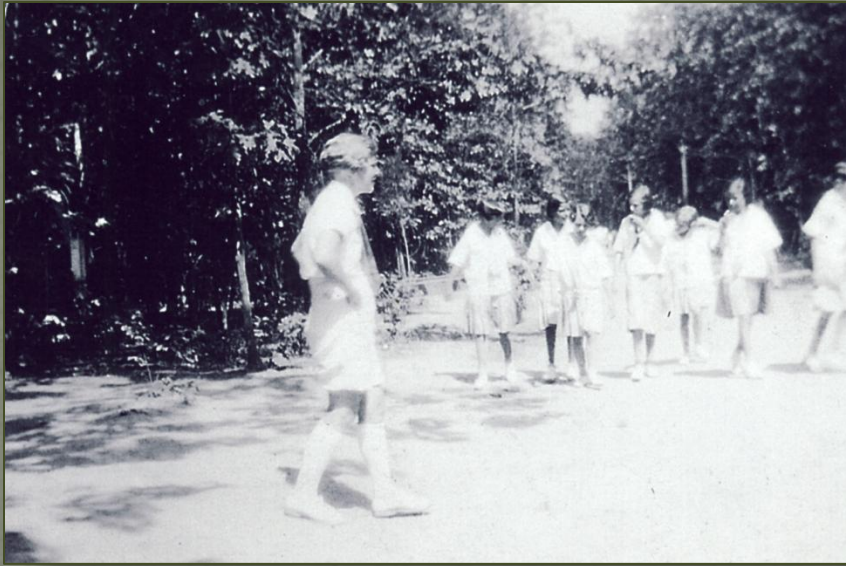


“Eagles,” 1930



Elizabeth, Dot, Fuzzy
Eleanor & Fran
ready for horseback riding

Photos from the album of Elizabeth Sweeney, 1930-1932.



Sunday uniforms.



Winifred "Winnie" Lennon,
Camp CDA, c. 1933.



Photos and badge donated by Sue E. Grattan-Richardson, the daughter of Winifred Lennon.

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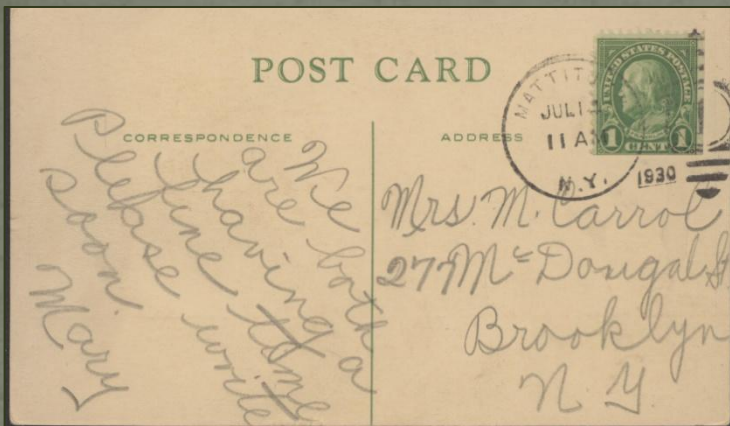
By 1944, Camp C. D. of A. had been renamed Camp Immaculata. This is the entrance on the bay side, the south side of Peconic Bay Boulevard.



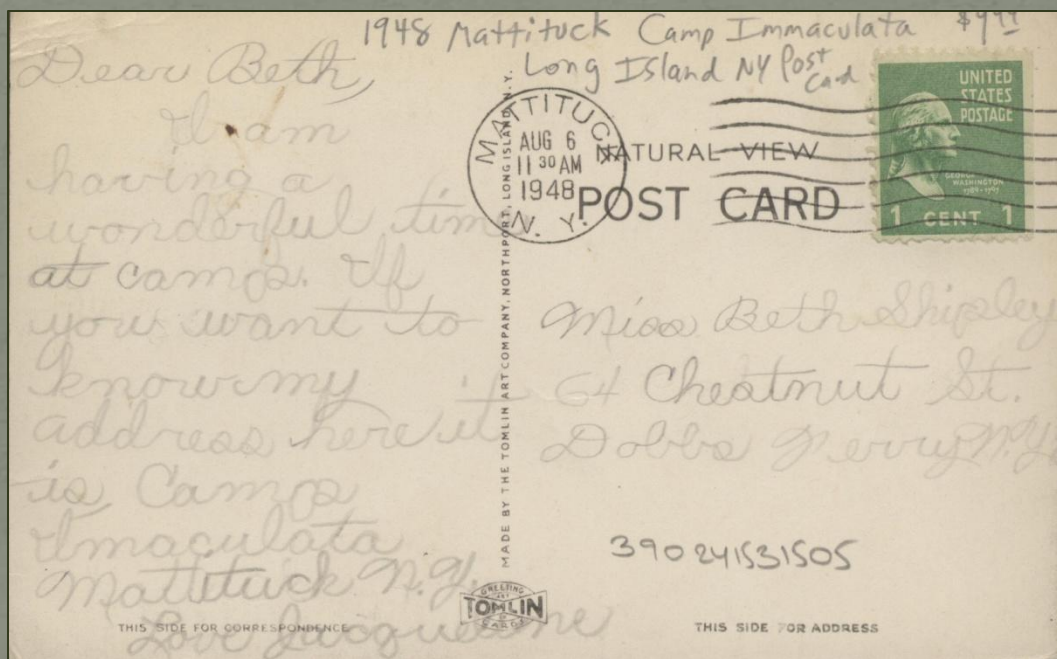
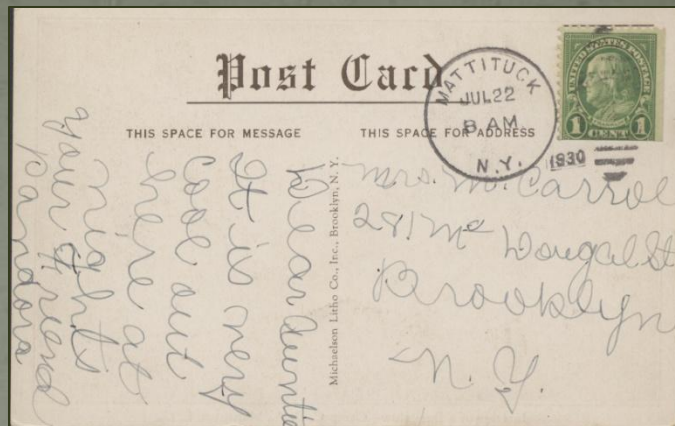
This appears to be the entrance on the north side of Peconic Bay Boulevard.



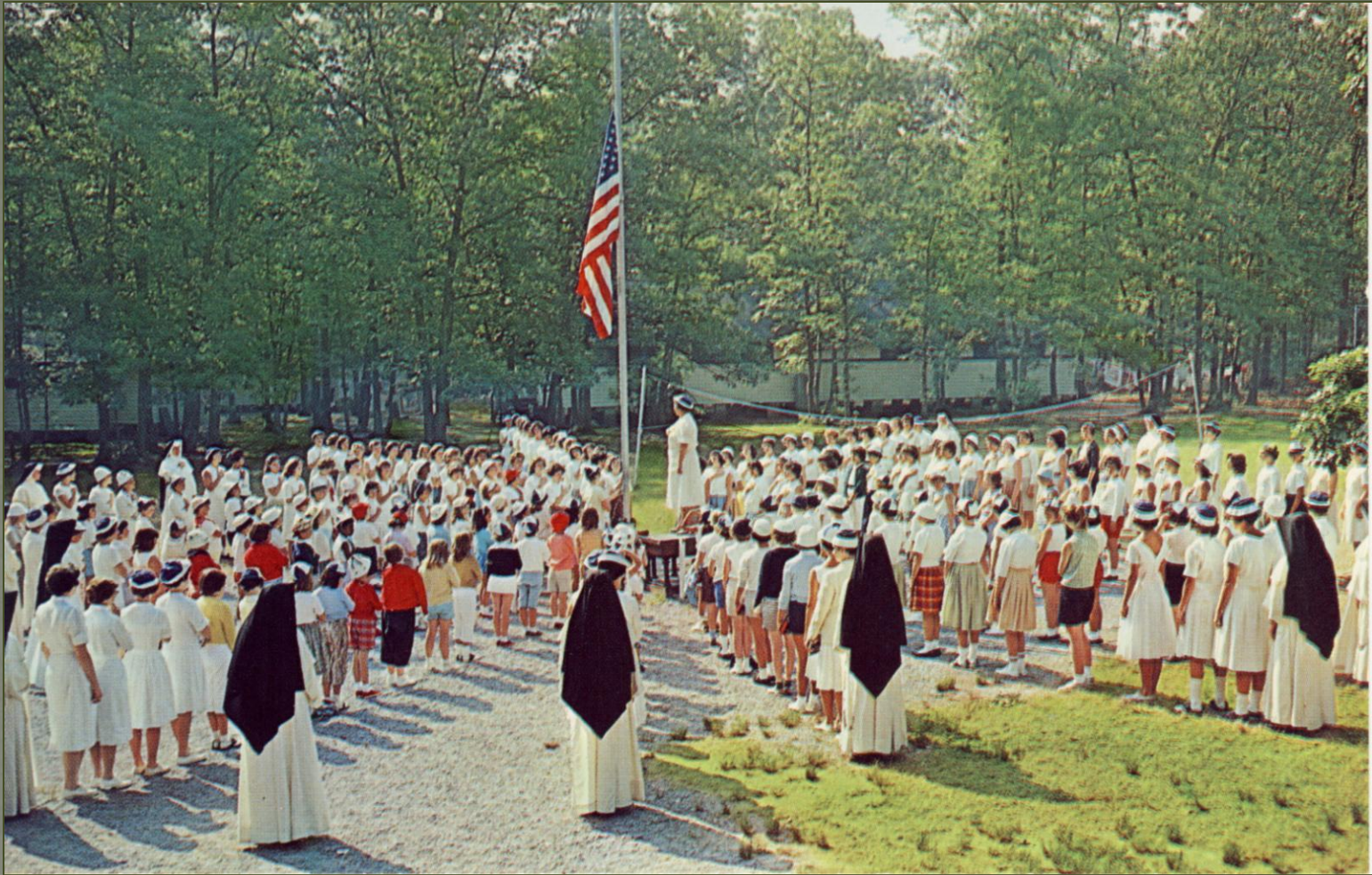
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Camp CDA
1930



Camp Immaculata - 1948



Flag raising ceremony after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass starts every day at Camp Immaculata, c. 1950. The Sisters of St. Dominic and professional lay people supervised the campers.



Now on KP Staff, Carl Santoro, a camper at Camp Molloy on Laurel Lake from 1956-1960 , visits his sister, Roberta (Santoro Manis), who attended Camp Immaculata on Peconic Bay Blvd, about 1962.

The End of an Era

Camp C. D. of A. (Camp Immaculata) provided countless girls and young women with a great summer experience in beautiful Mattituck for four decades. By the 1960's, boys from Camp Molloy came to Camp Immaculata to water-ski on Peconic Bay and to participate in dances. Camp Immaculata probably closed by 1970 along with Camp Molloy and Camp Momoweta, two boys camps on Laurel Lake in Mattituck. In 1979, the Denstons bought property from the former camp on the north side of the boulevard. At the time, only the shell of the camp's former dining hall remained. The Denstons rebuilt the hall into their home.

The camp closings marked the end of an important era in Mattituck and Laurel, an era that gave so many young people from urban and suburban environments the opportunity to have fun with friends in the beautiful outdoors of the North Fork.