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# The Beverly Shores Stories Project



# The Stories Project:

The Stories Project is a series of collaborative oral history projects preserving and sharing the stories of Porter County to connect residents past and present to one another, reinvesting the places our lives are lived with meaning.



Photo taken at the reception for the Ogden Dunes Stories Project



# Beverly Shores Beginnings:

- 1838 Chauncy Blair, a Michigan City Banker, buys the land from a state auction
- 1908 Eastern Indiana Company purchased the land for agricultural endeavors
- 1920 The Dunes State Park buys most of Eastern Indiana's holdings
- 1927 Frederick Bartlett purchases the land and begins to develop



Cranberry marsh pickers, Beverly Shores c. 1885

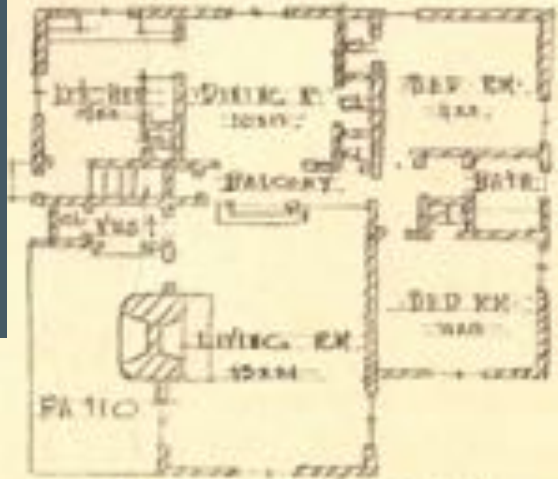


The image is a sepia-toned architectural drawing. On the left, a perspective sketch of a single-story house with a gabled roof, a central arched doorway, and a chimney on the left side. A small cross is visible on the wall to the left of the entrance. To the right of the house is a large, leafy tree. In the bottom left corner, there is a small sketch of a bush. In the bottom right corner, there is a detailed floor plan of the house. The floor plan shows a front porch leading into a living room, a dining room, a kitchen, and three bedrooms. A central hallway connects the rooms, and there is a bathroom. A large patio is located at the rear of the house. The drawing is signed 'FREDERICK BARTLETT ARCHT' in the bottom left and 'PLAN NO 158' below it. The floor plan is labeled 'FLOOR PLAN' at the bottom.

# Frederick Bartlett's Lakeshore Development

FREDERICK BARTLETT  
ARCHT

PLAN NO 158





## BEVERLY SHORES STATION



## Thrill to the cool blue waters at BEVERLY SHORES

COOL, blue Lake Michigan, vast swimming pool for Chicagoland's millions, boasts many miles of beaches, most attractive of which are those of the Dunes. Here clean, smooth sands, sloping down from verdant hills into the clear waters of the lake, make for ideal bathing conditions. Swimming and sun bathing here are pleasures long to be remembered.

Increasing beach attendance on the dunes lake-front, especially at Beverly Shores beach, has made it necessary to provide accommodations for visitors. Consequently, there has been added to the general improvement program of Beverly Shores a new \$40,000 beach-casino project. It includes a 50- by 250-foot riparian rights location just west of the Broadway public beach; and a modern casino building. As seen from the lake, this structure is three stories high, having a beach level, a street level, and a top, third-story level. On the beach level, the interior was designed for lockers, showers, and a supply department of equipment for swimming, sun-bathing and other aquatic sports. Above this, on the second floor with its entrance level with the street, arrangements are planned for dining and dancing. Here you will find seaside atmosphere and surroundings similar to those enjoyed in other fashionable waterfronts of the world—the Riviera, Deauville, the Lido, Scheveningen, Atlantic City and Palm Beach.

Now it will be possible for people of the middle-west to experience seashore delights close to home. Whether you want an hour's swim or several weeks' vacation, all you need do is step aboard a South Shore Electric Line train and be



## NEW FORTUNES in Chicagoland Waterfront



### BEVERLY SHORES...

On the front doorstep to Chicago—on the Lake-front! Where you can live, play and profit. Those who know Chicago know that her finest skyscrapers are along and near the Lake. Her shoreline is her show window, displaying her increasing wealth and miraculous progress. The city has selected the lakefront as the site of the World's Fair of 1933.

Land values are rising fast along the shores of Lake Michigan. Beverly Shores is practically the heart of a lakefront strip that has indicated an average increase of 100 percent a year for the past decade. Yet it is possible to acquire a beautiful 60' x 135' residence site here, near the beach and electric railroad station, for as little as \$65 down and \$10 monthly—total price only \$249 for the whole piece with clear title guaranteed free.

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This exciting bargain offering is made possible by the fact that W. W. Burford Realty Co., Chicago's largest real estate operator, this firm, established in 1907 with a capital of more than \$1,000,000, has located thousands of cottages on the way to wealth in well located waterfront developments. Sell today Burford's latest and greatest lakefront developments. Full information will be sent without obligation or cost to you. Clip and mail this coupon today.

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CHICAGO'S BEING BUILT TELL US OF THE AND THE... THE STORY OF PEOPLE IN WATERFRONT REAL ESTATE



“To provide the facilities for sports, so essential in modern living, work was immediately begun on the construction of a sporty 18-hole, public fee golf course and a commodious Golf House to serve player with all the convenience and comfort of a club.”







Theater of the Dances, Beverly Shores, Ind.





The image displays architectural drawings for Robert Bartlett's Beverly Shores house. It features two main elevation drawings: the 'WEST ELEVATION' on the left and the 'SOUTH ELEVATION' on the right. A central dark blue rectangle contains the title 'Robert Bartlett's Beverly Shores' in a light-colored serif font. The drawings show a two-story house with a flat roof, a chimney, and a balcony. A note on the right side of the West Elevation reads: 'TURNING RAILING REMOVED DUE TO DAMAGE FROM CAR AND BURNING HOLES'. The South Elevation shows a large window with a grid pattern. The drawings are detailed with lines for walls, windows, doors, and railings. A scale bar is visible at the bottom right of the South Elevation.

# Robert Bartlett's Beverly Shores





“I believe an upward trend in real estate is close at hand and with that in view, I’ve decided to form my own company and devote all of my time and that of my organization’s to Beverly Shores.”





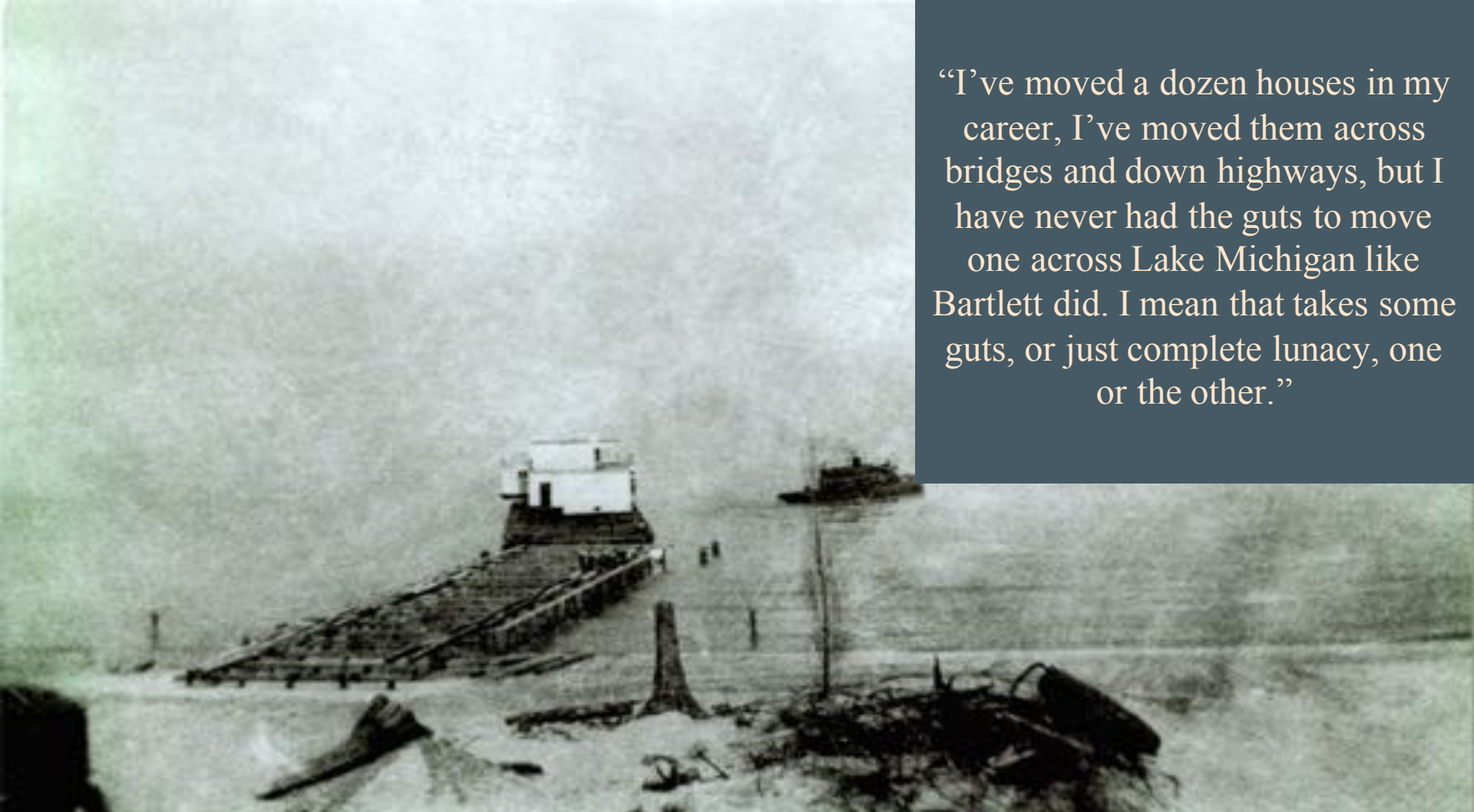




SCIENCE HALL, CENTURY OF PROGRESS EXPOSITION—CLEARMILE STRAIGHT EIGHT AND SIX



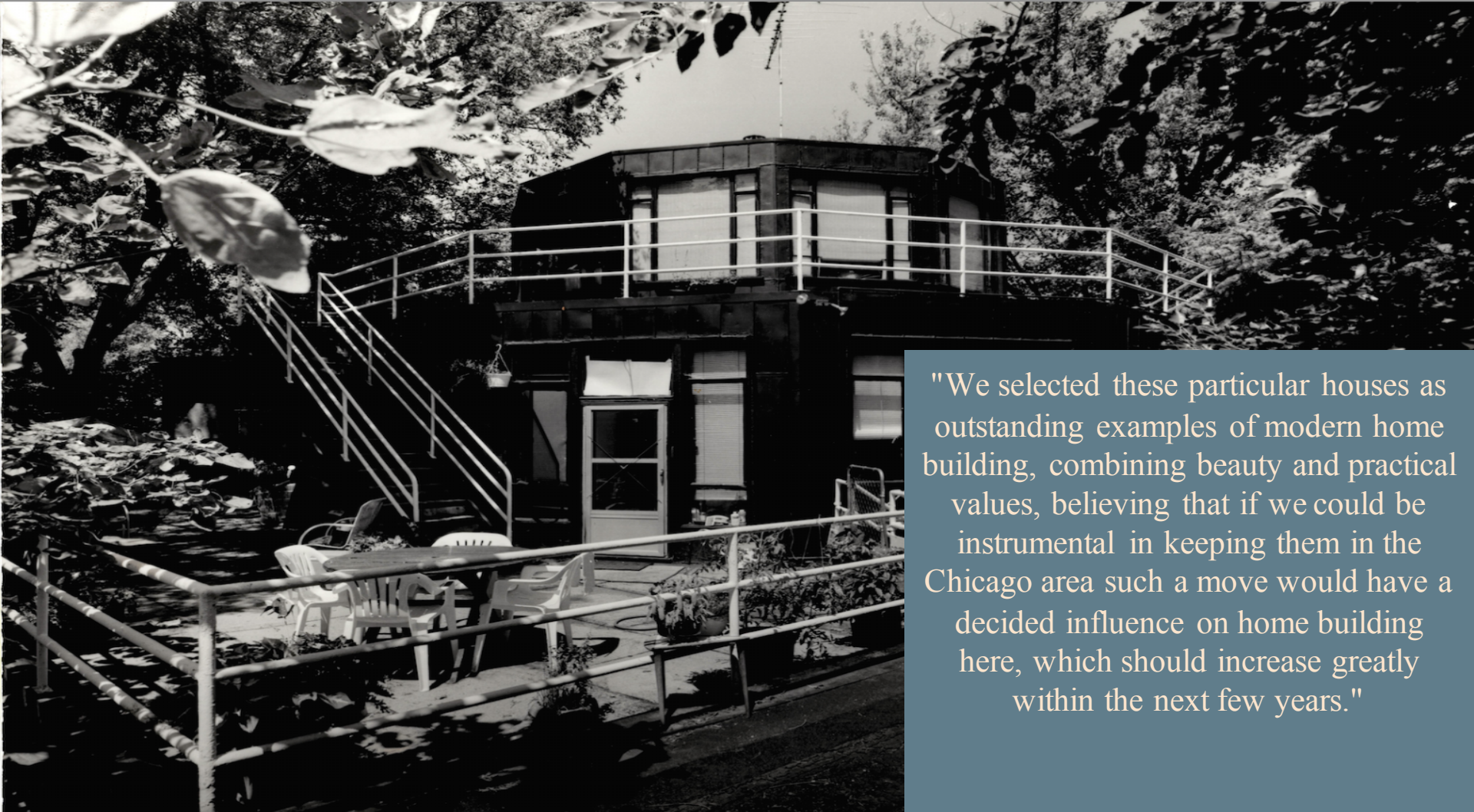
“I’ve moved a dozen houses in my career, I’ve moved them across bridges and down highways, but I have never had the guts to move one across Lake Michigan like Bartlett did. I mean that takes some guts, or just complete lunacy, one or the other.”











"We selected these particular houses as outstanding examples of modern home building, combining beauty and practical values, believing that if we could be instrumental in keeping them in the Chicago area such a move would have a decided influence on home building here, which should increase greatly within the next few years."



# LEGEND

- Century of Progress Homes
- World Fair Colonial Village Bldgs.
- Main Paved Streets

CENTURY OF PROGRESS  
FLORIDA HOME

CENTURY OF PROGRESS  
ROSTONE HOME

BEACH  
REFLECTORY

PLAZA

5 1/2 Miles of Clean Beaches

INDIANA  
DUNES  
STATE  
PARK

LAKE FRONT DRIVE

BEACH

LAKE FRONT DRIVE

CENTURY OF PROGRESS  
ARMCO PERRO HOME

HOUSE OF  
TOMORROW

CYPRESS COTTAGE

MOUNT VERNON

HISTORIC NORTH CHURCH

GOVERNORS MANSION

BEVERLY SHORES HOTEL

BOTANICAL GARDENS

MODERN COUNTRY HOME  
from A Century of Progress

SOUTH SHORE ELECTRIC LINE

DUNES HIGHWAY (U.S. 12)

CLUBHOUSE

GOLF  
COURSE

RELIEF HIGHWAY (S.O. 73)

NEW RESIDENCE  
DISTRICT

THE THEATRE OF THE DUNES  
WITH BEVERLY SHORES PLAYERS

BEN FRANKLIN HOUSE (Colonial Village)

PAUL REVERE HOME

WAYSIDE INN

VILLAGE SMITHY

HOUSE OF SEVEN GABLES

WAKEFIELD HOUSE  
(Washington's Birthplace in Replica)

VIRGINIA TAVERN

BEVERLY SHORES  
STATION

BEVERLY SHORES  
RIDING CLUB

DUNES HIGHWAY  
AND COUNTY LINE  
ROAD



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The image is a blue-toned architectural floor plan of a building. A large, semi-transparent grey rectangle is centered over the plan, containing the title 'The Town of Beverly Shores' in a white serif font. The floor plan itself shows various rooms and structural elements. On the left side, there is a 'NEW BOILER ROOM' at the bottom, a 'NEW' label, and a 'BLOCK IN EXISTING WINDOW'. The central vertical section is labeled 'LIVING' and 'QUARTERS'. At the top right, there is a 'NEW TOILET' and a 'P.A.S. TRAIL'. On the right side, there is a north arrow pointing upwards, labeled 'N'.

# The Town of Beverly Shores

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO PRESENT  
ROBERT A. BARTLETT OFFICE BLDG. BEVERLY SHORES, IND.

August 21, 1952



IF you believe in the American way of local self  
government

IF you favor an orderly development and growth of our  
community

IF you want the best for your family and children

IF you want the town run according to the established  
laws and not by one person or clique

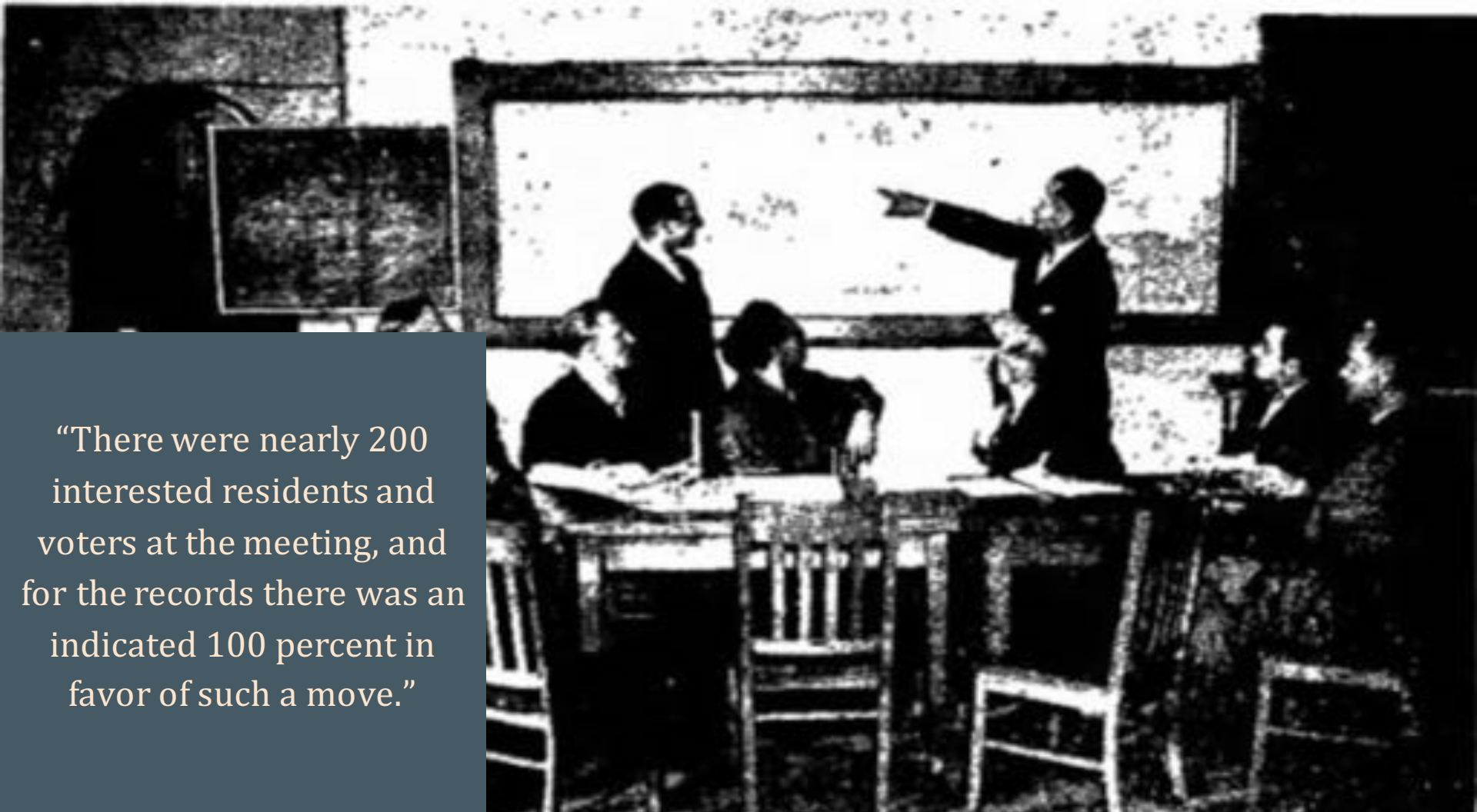
IF you want to protect and enhance your property values

IF you believe in the future of Beverly Shores ----then

VOTE FOR INCORPORATION  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st  
SCHOOLHOUSE, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Al Becker, Publicity Secretary





“There were nearly 200 interested residents and voters at the meeting, and for the records there was an indicated 100 percent in favor of such a move.”









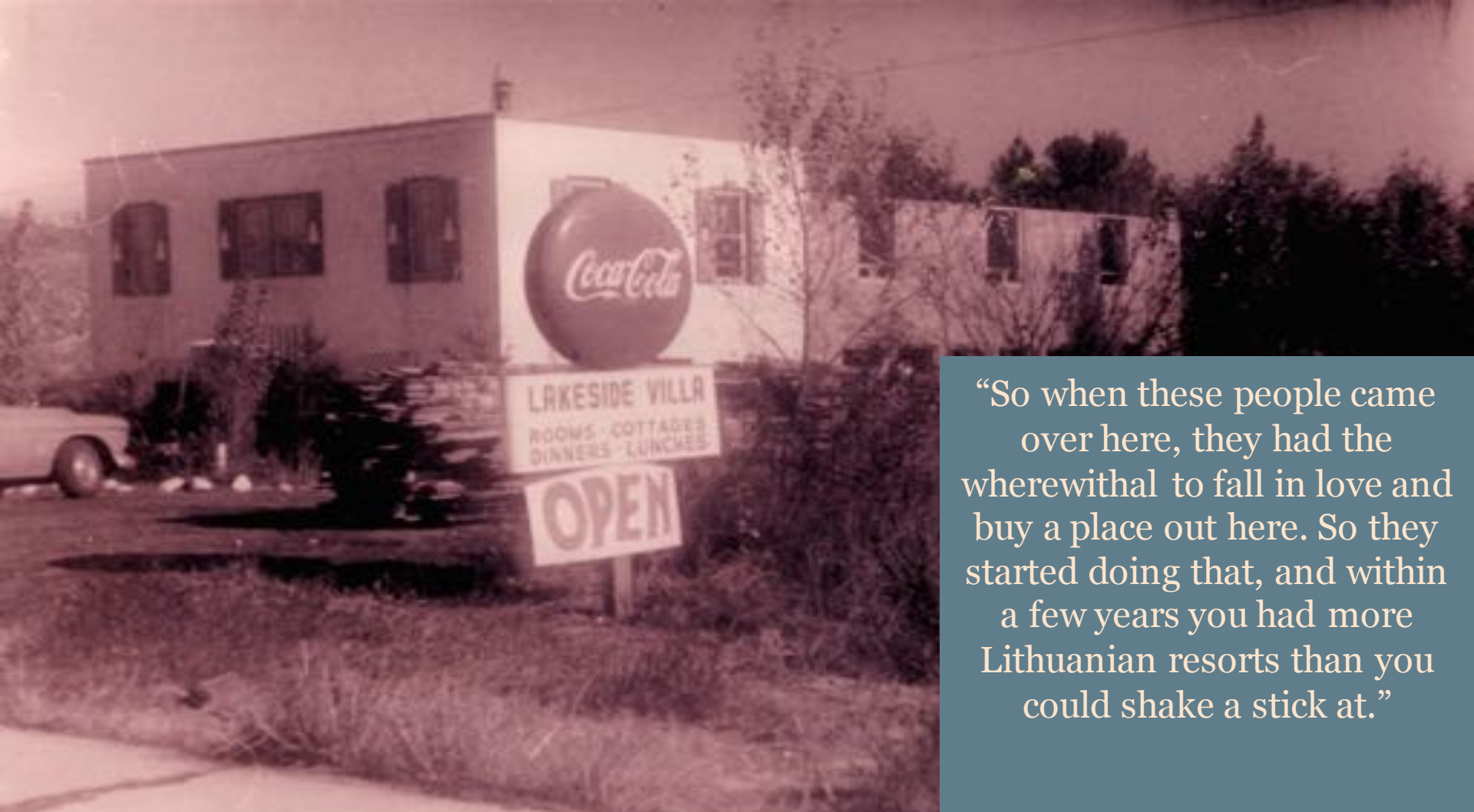
Baltic Coast of Lithuania





Beverly Shores Lakeshore





“So when these people came over here, they had the wherewithal to fall in love and buy a place out here. So they started doing that, and within a few years you had more Lithuanian resorts than you could shake a stick at.”





LITUANICA PARK IN BEVERLY SHORES INDIANA





# H.O.P.E.

HOMEOWNERS OPPOSED to PARK EXPANSION, Inc.

Box 526 • Beverly Shores, Indiana 46301 • Phone: 219/874-4036

GEORGE BAGNALL, PRESIDENT • LEON MAREK, TREASURER • JESSIE DARASKA, SECRETARY

## The National Park

December 14, 1979

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All of our efforts require a great deal of money. We have had some donations to help with the expenses, but we are so far in the "hole" that it appears that we will never be able to climb out!



# Lakeshore Expansion Bills

- 1966: Lakeshore Authorized

  - Absorbed 2/3rds of Beverly Shores land, leaving the Island

- 1976: The First Expansion Bill

  - Attempted to absorb the rest of Beverly Shores, failed

- 1980: The Second Expansion Bill

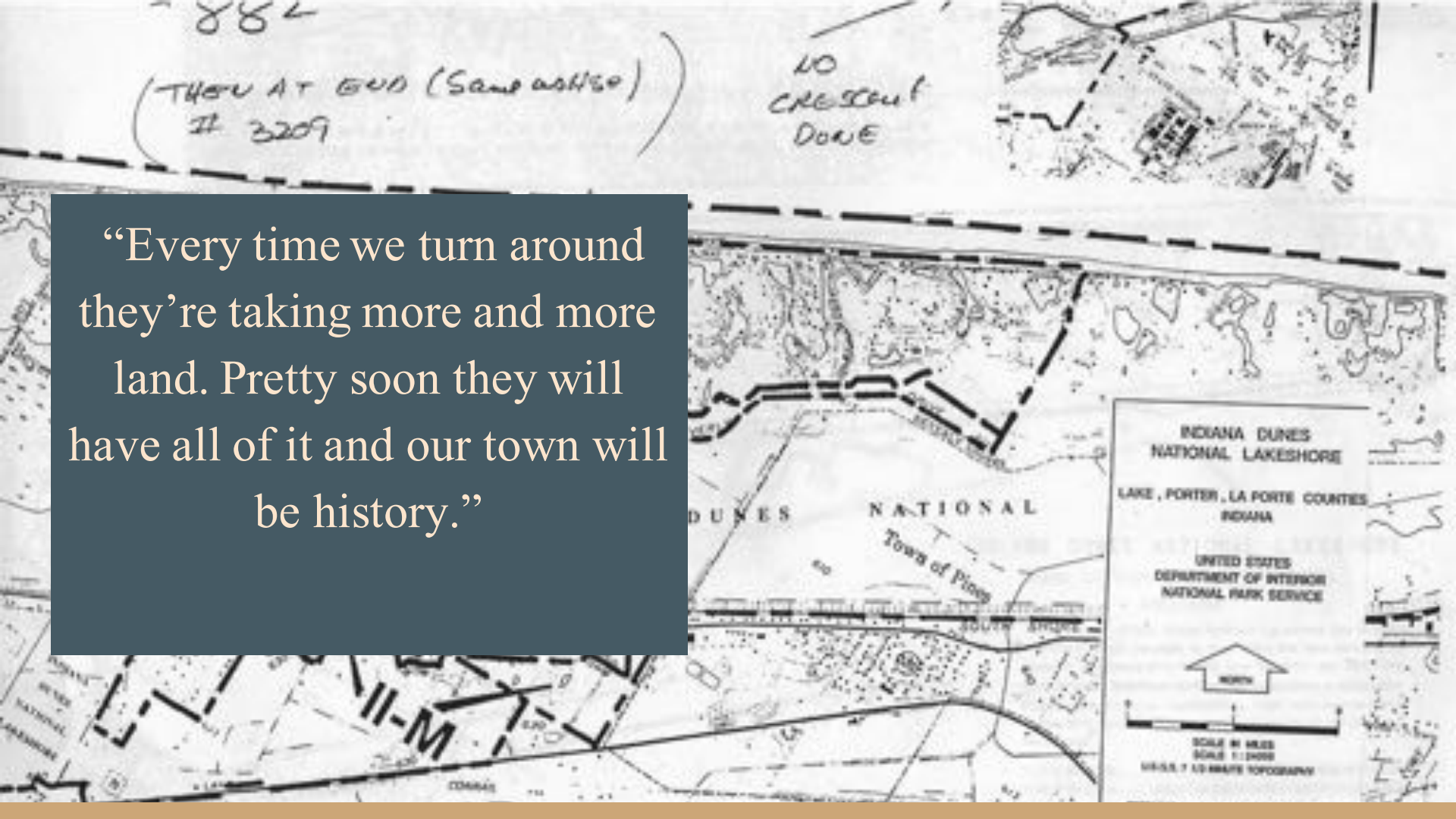
  - Final Attempt to absorb the Island, failed



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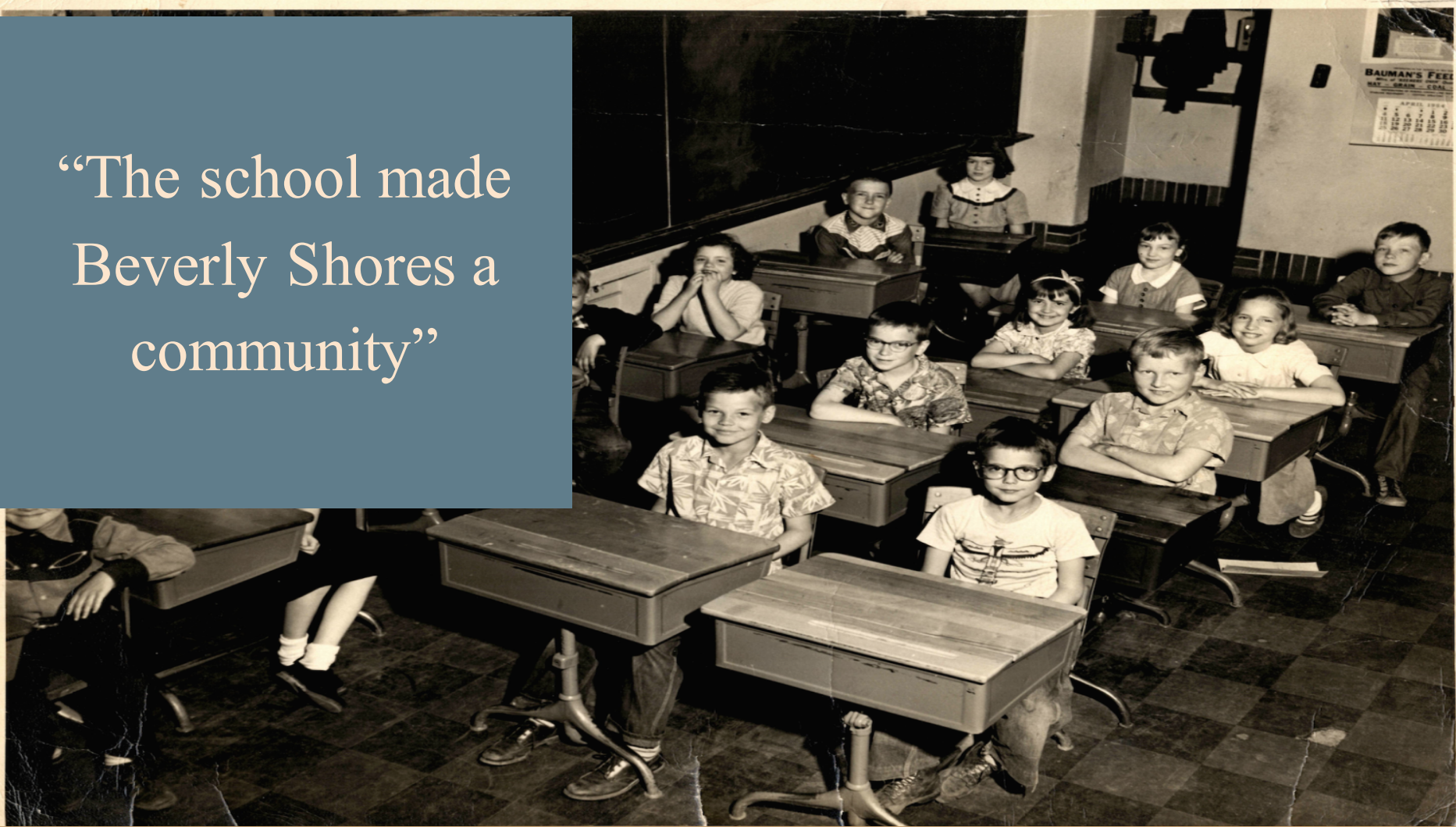
NO  
CRESCENT  
DUNE

“Every time we turn around  
they’re taking more and more  
land. Pretty soon they will  
have all of it and our town will  
be history.”





“The school made  
Beverly Shores a  
community”





The background image is a composite of two photographs. The left side shows a rocky coastline with white-capped waves crashing against the shore under a grey, overcast sky. The right side shows a grassy dune with some low-lying vegetation and a small, dark-roofed building or structure in the distance. A semi-transparent dark blue rectangle is centered over the image, containing the title text.

# The Island & Adaptation



