Westport Country Playhouse
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Picture this . . . Lawrence Langner overseeing the creation of a new theater for Westport. As the apple trees are felled in the orchard, he thinks about his first production and watches the workers convert the once busy Kemper tannery, which made leather sweatbands for hats, into his dream playhouse.

As time went by . . . the playhouse, one of the very first summer theaters in the country, opened on June 29, 1931. Even then, sheep could still be seen grazing on the grass. Many famous actors and actresses have come to Westport to act on its stage and to enjoy the popular performances here; many have come to live, like Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward.

When you visit . . . look at all the photos of the famous people. Ask your parents and grandparents how many of them they recognize. Find what’s missing on the drawing and add it to your picture. Soon, the theater will be renovated and may some day be open year-round.

A Picture of Me at the Westport Country Playhouse