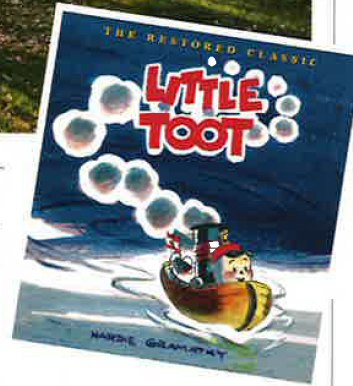


DEEDS & DON'TS



Picture This The author and illustrator of the *Little Toot* series once lived in this Westport cape. Cyd Hamer of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Westport has the \$789,000 listing. 917-744-5089.



WESTPORT ARTS AND LETTERS

AMONG CONNECTICUT'S COLD COAST TOWNS, WESTPORT has always attracted the lion's share of cultural celebrities. In 1920, F. Scott Fitzgerald, along with "it" girl Zelda, rocked a rental home at 244 Compo Beach Road South, one that still bears a plaque commemorating their stay—and from the stories they generated, one imagines that if they had posted a security deposit, it would not have been returned. Modern-day famous folk are wide ranging, including actors Joanne Woodward and her husband Paul Newman, when he was alive, writer Jane Green and shock jock Don Imus. A quieter, but much-beloved, Westport talent was an author-illustrator called Hardie Gramatky, famous for the *Little Toot* series of Golden Books, first published in 1939, telling seven stories about a rascally tugboat. The sweet, circa-1923 home Gramatky lived and wrote in just hit the market for \$789,000. The Westport cape is sited high on nearly two acres on Roseville Road, with views over Long Island Sound. It's been expanded over the years to 2,271 square feet with a lovely, open-plan living and dining area downstairs and a master suite upstairs, along with four additional bedrooms. It lists with Cyd Hamer of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty.

NORWALK'S NOTABLE NAMES

CURRENTLY, THE CITY HAS JUST ONE CULTURALLY CONNECTED LISTING—BUT IT'S A stunner. The 3.5-acre island once belonged to showman and lyricist Billy Rose (*Me and My Shadow*), who hosted parties attended by (Roxbury resident) Marilyn Monroe, or so the story goes. Lillian Hellman was also in the house at some point, allegedly finishing her play *Little Foxes* from one of the compound's many dwellings. Called Tavern Island, it was used as a speakeasy during Prohibition and, before that, garroted the British during the Revolutionary War. The \$10,995,000 compound now includes an English Country main



house, a guesthouse, a Tudor-style boathouse, a teahouse and an expansive pool and terrace. It lists with Richard Higgins of the Higgins Group, affiliated with Christie's International Real Estate.

Pour House Tavern Island off the coast of Norwalk was the site of a Prohibition-era speakeasy. It lists for \$10,995,000 with Richard Higgins of the Higgins Group, affiliated with Christie's International Real Estate in Fairfield. 203-520-6778.