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## Marstellar Nursing Home Remodeled

### City Council Names Budd to PRA Board. Chairman Cowan Retires



Horace M. Budd

The City Council named Horace M. Budd to replace Mr. Cowan. Mr. Budd is assistant treasurer of the Maine Central Railroad. He and his wife, the former Caroline R. Mountfort, live at 35 Woodmount Street. They have one daughter, Jane, a student.

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View of the Marstellar property showing section that is to be extended to provide third floor apartment.

Miss Louisa Marstellar, owner of 64 Eastern Promenade, is doing extensive remodeling to her former Nursing Home. When completed this work will add four new apartments to Munjoy South. The first floor will have a two-bedroom apartment, kitchen and bath. The second floor will provide another two-bedroom apartment, kitchen and bath; also a living room-bedroom combination, kitchen and bath apartment. The third floor required the extension of the existing room space out to the roof line. This will create a three-bedroom and bath apartment. The kitchenette will be off the living room.

This is an extensive rehabilitation job planned by Bert Fournier of PRA. The contractor is William Ricker of Harpswell, Maine. Plumbing by Cunningham — Wiring by Boulous.

This type improvement is more complicated than most interior renovations. Specifications, and plans were drawn up by Mr. Fournier and reviewed by Miss Marstellar.

Improvements consisted of installation of two new bathrooms on the first and second floor. All new electrical wiring, and installation of heavy



This room is being converted to a kitchen. The sink top and cabinets will be built in. All new plumbing will be provided.

duty lines to meet the electrical code requirements. The heating plant and plumbing were remodeled. A separate entrance for the apartments is planned. Miss Marstellar will have her own apartment on the first floor, with a private entrance.

The Marstellar property overlooks Casco Bay, and the view from the upstairs apartments is beautiful.



Carpenter at work at Marstellar residence.





Howard U. Heller

(Photo by Jackson)

A  
PRA  
Profile  
(Tenth in  
a Series)

## Meet the Executive Director

Mr. Heller was appointed Executive Director of PRA in December, 1960.

Howard Heller's background in urban sociology, and experience with renewal activities in Philadelphia, brought to PRA, a man with both education and experience. Heller's undergraduate studies were at Yale University in Sociology and Psychology. He received a BA from Yale in 1948. He attended the University of Paris for a year, and then took his M.A. in Urban Sociology from the University of Chicago.

Mr. Heller's experience in Chicago and Philadelphia in community relations resulted in his appointment as Urban Renewal Coordinator in Philadelphia.

The Hellers love outdoor life. Any day of the winter that brings good skiing conditions finds the Hellers hoping that when time permits they can crowd some skiing into their busy schedule.

Mr. and Mrs. Heller are both active in the *Portland Players*. Mr. Heller is on the Board of Directors.

Much of the time of an Executive Director is taken in meetings with officials in city government, correspondence and meetings with federal officials in Boston and New York. But, no matter how busy, he says, "I always have time to discuss problems with citizens who have questions or complaints."

How does he like his new home in Maine? And what does he think of Portland's future? Mr. Heller said, "I wouldn't have come to Portland if I didn't believe that the city had a great deal to offer. Like all old cities it has its problems, but that's my job — to help find solutions to these problems.

## It's Spring Clean-Up Time

The Governor's Committee to Keep Maine Scenic mailed town and city officials a letter suggesting that campaigns be launched between April 18 and May 30.

In addition to providing anti-litter literature, and the launching of a spring clean-up campaign, communities are asked to enforce the new state laws pertaining to location and licensing of auto junk yards.



The campaign has real dollar value for Maine taxpayers when you realize that well over \$300,000 was spent by Maine communities last year on litter control and trash clean-up. It has been reported that over 100 Maine towns and cities are participating in the "Tidy Coon" anti-litter campaign.

Munjoy residents can lead the way for all "hill" residents. JOIN THE SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN!

I like it here. Friendly people and good government make Portland a good place in which to work. I think you have to look far to find a city that has a more favorable climate and a better location for recreation as well as work. With these fine features to start with, and with the cooperation of interested citizens, I'm sure Portland has a bright future."

Information on curb cuts to provide off-street parking can be secured by calling 774-6278. Ask for Bert Fournier.

## PRA Board of Commissioners

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Caspar F. Cowan

Caspar F. Cowan has served 12 years as a member of the Board of Commissioners of PRA. This service has meant devoting many hours of his own time, without compensation, to help launch Portland's Renewal Program.

Under his stewardship, PRA has steered a difficult course filled with challenges. Unquestionably, as Mr. Cowan looks back on the last twelve years, he finds his greatest achievement has been initiating a program that can help Portland's citizens to have a better and more prosperous city.

PRA extends a warm welcome to Mr. Budd, and a unanimous thank you to Caspar F. Cowan for the major part he has played in building a better Portland.

## TV Program On Renewal

A series on "Urban Renewal in Maine" has been completed, and is scheduled for release as follows:

- Part I — Introduction April 8
- Part II — Portland April 15
- Part III — Bangor April 22
- Part IV — Bath and Lewiston April 29
- Part V — Waterville, and Summary May 6

This series of programs will be shown over WCBB, Augusta, (Channel 10), WMEB-TV, Orono and WMEM-TV, Presque Isle on Wednesday at 8:00 P.M., on above dates.