Service Agencies of the Island
The Annual Town Meeting, held in the Community Room on March 13th, proved unusually productive. City Manager, Tim Honey, was present to field questions to the City and Rep. Edie Beaulieu to answer legislative concerns.

Betty Van Wyck, Head of City Volunteer Services, explained the plans which city officials and an Island committee drawn from Island Public Works, Public Safety, Post Office, volunteer firemen, etc. have been working on together: street signs and house identification for the Island:

1. Public Works has been given a list of major connecting streets to put up signs this year with funds from this year's budget and action is well underway.

2. They will have a meeting soon to begin work on long range plans to work on remaining street signs and to create a numbering system.

3. To produce householder safety cards to be filled out and placed by telephone with directions to house when calling 911 number. Howard Heller has volunteered to have these printed.

4. To create two large safety maps of the Island to be placed in (1) a prominent public location and (2) in the Public Safety Building.

The committee is to be commended for their work on this important project.

John Crowley from the Star Foundation (Battery Steele) raised questions of the damage to the marsh area behind Battery Steele by Four-Wheeled drive vehicles and also the problem of the misuse of the dump and surrounding area. Both of which were assured of immediate city attention by Mr. Honey, who responded to all questions.

John Capizzo reported on the start of the Garden Club, which could give any Islander the opportunity to expand gardening sites and interests—many to raise seedlings in the STAR greenhouses or help with community crops.

Henry Adamson and Donna Gilbeau reported on the Casco Bay Island Transit District—Donna giving a retrospective background of the District to date and Henry answering questions regarding the present and future plans. Current information about the Casco Bay Lines will be found on Page 3 of this issue.
PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

On Friday, April 8th there was a pot-luck dinner and a contra dance to benefit the Center. There was a good turn out for a very enjoyable evening (and more than enough great food!). We would like to thank everyone who brought a dish or helped out with setting up, dishwashing, etc.

A bottle drive took place on Saturday, April 2nd. Thanks to Carol and Danny Hogan and all the kids who helped out and also to Marianna Rowe for the use of her truck and for transporting all those bottles.

Recent highlights of the month for the children include: a field trip to the final Kinderconcert of the season. (We wish there were more!); small group field trips uptown for a visit to the Portland Public Library, window shopping, etc; planting in the greenhouses at Battery Steele and a band concert at school.

We are still looking for a small dory or canoe for the summer program. If you know of a reasonably-priced one, please let us know. (766-2854).

We also need occasional substitutes at the Center. If you are interested, please call us.

A Special thank-you to Trudy Watson for her donation of a lovely braided rug!

LIBRARY NOTES

Computer update: Our TRS-80 Radio Shack Micro-computer is ready for public use. We have located it in our upstairs balcony. Anyone ages 11 and up can sign up in advance to use the computer the days we are open. We encourage signing up to insure that you get a time slot. The days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, a half hour at a time. Saturdays are reserved for adults or children with adults. Families are urged to come and learn as a team. On Tuesdays from 3 - 6 Craige Schensted volunteers his time and knowledge. So if you are not sure what to do and would like some help, come on a Tuesday.

On display until the end of April is art work by the children of the Peaks Island Day Care. Please stop in and have a look. They are really charming pictures.

We also were given by Anita Dobbins a lovely shell wreath that she made during her winter stay in Florida. It is really beautiful. We have set it up on the wall behind our circulation desk so that everyone may look at it while they check out books.

Many, many thanks to everyone who has kept giving us such interesting magazines. We really appreciate them.

Some new titles:
- Wambaugh - Delta Star
- Sheldon - Master of the game
- Spoto - The Dark side of genius: the life of Alfred Hitchcock
- Lane - Woman's Day Book of American Needlework

Our Hours: Tuesday 12-8
Wednesday 10-4
Thursday 5-8
Saturday 10-1

Louise Capizzo
Librarian
CASCO BAY LINES NOTES

Henry Adamson of the Casco Bay Islands Transit reports that the annual election of officers will be held simultaneously with the regular elections on Tuesday, May 3rd. On Peaks Island the polling place is in the Community Room of the Public Safety Building, Island Avenue and Sterling Street. The position of Candidate-at-Large is open this year and four citizens have announced their candidacy—incumbent, Donna Gilbeau; Pamela Jo Kane; Elizabeth Huston; and William Weber.

On May 14th the annual meeting of the Casco Bay Island Transit District will be held at the Public Safety Building on Middle Street in Portland at 10:00 a.m. At that time there will be official reports of the Transit to the public and election of officers for the Board of Directors.

Capt. Richard Thurlow reports that work on the Portland Pier is progressing well and the pier should be ready for service in 10 days to two weeks. In the meantime the Rebel is running on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays on regular spring timetable schedule as possible. Cars wishing to use it should drive down the road to Custom House Wharf and take the first right (behind the Thomas Block). Traffic controllers are there to give further instructions. He also reports that the "The Holiday" and "The Romance" have been out and bottoms overhauled and inspected and their interiors painted and with good weather the exteriors will soon be finished. The Rebel deck has also been finished. Summer schedule will begin on June 25th. Mr. Thurlow says they are looking forward to a good and busy season!

MIKE KELLEY LEGAL FUND

Since the last issue of the "Star", the outpouring of donations to help Mike Kelley has been wonderful. From a four year old giving me $1 to help "Captain Mike" to letters from as far off as California, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Florida, Connecticut and Massachusetts as well as all the Islands in the Bay, the Fund has grown to over $900.00. This figure represents a doubling of the Fund during March.

Yet the legal bill still facing us is $1,400. We are close but not yet through. Please continue to send your checks made payable to the Mike Kelley Legal Fund to either Johanna Von Tilling, Cliff Island, Maine 04108 or to Rob Tiffany, Centennial Avenue, Peaks Island, Maine 04108. Mike has given us over 10 years of service while with Casco Bay Lines and we now have the chance to repay a small part of what he has given us. Thank you!

Rob Tiffany

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

WANTED: LAWN AND GARDEN GLEANINGS

The Composting Committee welcomes all contributions of leaves, grass clippings and garden refuse. These items can be dumped on Brackett Street behind the "Star" Foundation greenhouses, near Battery Steele. A "Dump Here" sign will be posted at the site.
ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH NEWS

Father Lange will be visiting homes on Peaks Island during the month of May. They will be informal drop-in visits to meet his friends and neighbors on the Island.

The first week in May is an important one on the Island for St. Christopher's—the Catholic Charities Appeal.

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

UPDATES: Children attending Good News Club have enjoyed making projects for spring and Easter. Any donations for craft projects are welcome. There is need for magazines to be used for pictures for montages, etc. Refreshments would also be a welcome donation. Bring the things to church, or call Roberta Deane (766-2782) or Bonnie O'Gane (766-3315).

COMING EVENTS: A special planning session on becoming a Caring Congregation will be held April 10th following the church service. Anyone interested in helping Brackett Memorial Church grow is invited to attend. (The Star is late for this one but for the results of the meeting call the church (766-5013)

FRIENDS MEETING EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:45

For more information call 766-2783 or 766-2959 or 766-2619.

PEACEMAKING: HOW TO TALK WITH PEOPLE WHO DON'T AGREE WITH YOU

Islanders will have the opportunity to explore the issue of peacemaking at a PEACE WEEKEND, April 30 and May 1. Jointly sponsored by the Catholic, United Methodist and Quaker Friends congregations of Peaks Island, the weekend offers good fellowship, challenging ideas, and a chance to learn new skills.

The weekend will begin with a 6:00 POTLUCK SUPPER at Brackett Church (the white one) on Saturday, April 30. Bring a casserole, soup or salad to share. Desserts and beverage will be provided. The program will include music, an introduction to Sunday's workshop, and activities to help participants develop ideas for peacework in the local area.

On Sunday afternoon beginning at 12:30, a WORKSHOP will be conducted at St. Christopher's Church Hall (the brown one). Led by Mary Link, former Volunteer for Peace for the New York Friends Meetings. The workshop is entitled "Friendly Outreach: Developing Communication Skills in Opening & Maintaining Dialogue with People of Opposing Viewpoints". The main section will be from 12:30 to 3:00, followed by more in-depth section for those interested and able to stay. Bring a bag lunch; beverages and light refreshments will be provided. FREE CHILD CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE for this workshop.

All activities will be free of charge and anyone is welcome. Freewill offerings will be taken to help cover expenses. For more information, call Anne O'Brien (766-5555) or Cassie Murphy (766-2783)

SENIOR CITIZEN ITEMS

May Baskets were made and given to children of the Day Care. The Senior's Spring publication is out—it consists of some of their favorite poems and is available at the Peaks Island Library. At their monthly meeting a bouquet of flowers was presented to the secretary of the Senior Citizens of Peaks Island in honor of National Secretary Week.

ART ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The spring meeting of the Art Association will be held Sunday, April 30 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's-by-the-Sea.

SPECIAL DATE: May 14th Prudence School of Dance Recital at Greenwood Gardens.