PROPER PLANNING
WILL INSURE
DESIRABLE DEVELOPMENT
FOR CASCO BAY ISLANDS

The proposed Portland Waterfront Development Project, presented in
detail in the Sunday edition of the Portland Press Herald on June 24th,
has kindled a spirit of optimism in
the hearts of both year-round and
summer residents of the Islands in
Casco Bay.

Such a development will greatly
enhance the value of island property.
It will bring the vacationing public
within eye-range of our truly beauti-
ful communities.

That Casco Bay has lagged behind
other vacation spots in Maine in
extensive promotion, may account for
the painful process it has been going
through in an effort to revitalize its
transportation and other facilities.
Although relatively undeveloped,
the islands in Casco Bay possess the finest
qualifications of a first-class residential
and resort area.

In order to profit from the
proposed development, civic-minded
organizations on every island should
start planning how to make their
community attractive to prospective
new residents.

Beaches and public areas should be
free from litter. Dining and overnight
accommodations should be easily
accessible. Special attractions such as
fishing trips, golfing, shore dinners,
Food Fairs and Hobby Shows should
be given wide publicity.

Now is the time to prepare for a
development which can and will in-
etitably alter the economy of the
islands in an upward direction.

Fifth Maine Regiment community
center. Story on page 3.

CIVIC LEADERS DISCUSS ISLAND PROMOTION
AS KEY TO CASCO BAY AREA DEVELOPMENT

State Participation Foreseen

MISS PEAKS ISLAND
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Peaks Island was agog with enthus-
siasm following a gala affair on the
evening of July 3rd during which ten
candidates vied for the honor of
being named Miss Peaks Island. The
lucky winner was Miss Jan Sullivan,
who was duly crowned by Miss Peaks
Island of 1954, Miss Barbara Ritchie.

The Judges were City Council
Chairman Daniel B. Felix; Beatrice
Gulliver, a Deering High teacher;
Harold Cushing, teacher at the Voc-
ation School, South Portland; and
Mrs. Antoni Pikuzinska of Peaks
Island.

The nine runners-up were: Jean
Allen, Barbara Butterfield, Loralle
Clough, Barbara Martin, Susan Par-
sons, Mary Ellen Pratt, Deborah San-
born, Bonny Smith, and Sheila
Waylein.

A distinguished member of the au-
dience — and prepared to break a tie
vote if necessary — was City Manager
Graham W. Watt, accompanied by
Mrs. Watt and Mrs. Felix.

A demonstration dance by the
Barnsteppers was followed by danc-
ing with music by Nate Gold.

Much credit is due to Mrs. Charles
Ritchie, Mrs. Glenn Haines, and Mrs.
Winthrop Deane for making the eve-
nings at the Fifth Maine Regiment
Community Center one long to be
remembered.

On July 5th, at the Portland City
Hall, fifteen delegates from the Casco
Bay Islands met with eighteen city
and state officials and business men
to exchange ideas on how best to pro-
mote the islands in the Bay.

The meeting was called under the
auspices of the Island Development
Association for the purpose of deter-
mining in what way the state and
city investments in new wharves and
the restoration of a full summer boat
schedule could be given much greater
publicity.

Each person attending the meeting
was provided with a fact-sheet stating
clearly and concisely the specific
objectives and agenda of the order of
business.

The stated objectives were:
1. A fair share of the State's adver-
tizing attention
2. Representation in newspaper and
magazine recreation sections
3. Listings in travel agencies
4. Use of promotional activities di-
rected toward the economic im-
provement of the islands
5. Planning a program to develop
the resources of the Bay Islands
6. Support of "Nor' By East," to as-
sure regular publication and wide
distribution.

Winthrop K. Deane, President of the
Island Development Association,
and Daniel B. Felix, Chairman of the
Portland City Council, shared the dis-
cussion leadership. City Manager
Graham W. Watt expressed his deci-
ded interest in the Islands. The
State officials present included
Edward Langlois, Director of the
Maine Port Authority; Robert Elliott,
Director of recreational promotion
for the Department of Economic De-
velopment; Senator Ralph D. Brooks,
Jr.; and Senator Robert L. Porteous,
Jr. Waterfront business leaders and
representatives of the news media
were also present.

The Island delegates were as fol-
lows: Robert Follette, Kenneth
CALLING ALL BOATS! SUMMER RENDEZVOUS AT CASCO BAY
Objective: Fishing, Camping, Picnicking, Exploring
By Ernest Laughlin

Back your trailer to the salt water's edge and launch your boat, yourself, and your family into fun and adventure on scenic and historic Casco Bay.

Extending from Cape Elizabeth to Cape Small, some twenty miles to the eastward, Casco Bay is dotted with more than 200 islands, varying in size from mere ledges thrusting up out of the sea, to Sebascodegan Island, more than five miles in length.

Many of the larger islands in the Bay have year-round and summer residents and facilities for servicing boats and for providing meals and picnic snacks.

Be sure to bring your fishing gear. Cunners, flounders, cod, haddock, mackerel, and pollock will challenge your skill with rod and line.

If you have a tent, you will find attractive camp sites on many of the islands, with sheltered coves where you may safely anchor your boat.

Casco Bay offers a rewarding experience to the explorer and to the historian. The old forts in Portland Harbor were built for harbor defense during the Civil War. Fort Gorges occupies a small rocky island in the harbor. Its gun ports are still visible on both sides of Cape from one ancient cannon is still mounted in the grass atop the old fort. Within the stone walls is the parade ground.

On nearby, privately-owned, House Island is Fort Scammel. For a small fee, one may explore the long underground passageways of the fort. House Island also offers picnic areas with outdoor fireplaces, shore dinners, and fishing and swimming.

On a rocky point on the South Portland shore, stands Portland Head-light. This famous landmark has guided ships into Portland Harbor ever since its construction was authorized in 1791 by George Washington.

A picturesque route out of the Harbor leads through White Head Passage, between Peaks and Cushing Islands. As you pass White Head Cliff at the northeast end of Cushing Island, you can see the face of "The Old Man of Cushing," staring forever out to sea.

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CIVIL WAR ASSOCIATIONS

IN FULL SWING

Unique to Casco Bay are the Civil War Memorial Buildings built by the Fifth and Eighth Maine Regiments on Peaks Island.

Each has a record of distinction. At the Fifth Maine, recently restored for use as a Community Center, is one of the most unusual collections of Civil War memorabilia in the Country.

The Eighth Maine, with another excellent collection, has never been closed as a guest house for summer visitors.

On June 22nd, the Eighth Maine celebrated its 90th reunion with its traditional annual evening campfire program. Mrs. Horace Littlefield is chairman of the annual card party sponsored by the Eighth Maine for the entire community on July 26th.

The Fifth Maine Fair will be held on August 9th and a Dessert Card Party on August 23rd. The Fifth Maine Community Center is open to visitors afternoons.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Nor' By East extends sincere congratulations to the following June graduates from Portland High School:

- Elizabeth MacVane of Cliff Island
- Donna I. Shannon of Long Island
- Barbara A. Butterfield
- Robert A. Briggs
- Dolores E. Burns
- Lawrence Gavett
- Bradley N. Lane
- James A. McCracken
- Joan M. Moore
- Jeffrey R. Mullin
- Jane Norwood
- Daniel H. Pride
- Jean E. Rioux
- Meldeau A. Whitton of Peaks Island.

Miss Gloria Valez, of Medellia, Columbia, a South American, has recently been the guest of Miss Maureen Mulkern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mulkern of Little Diamond Island.

From time to time there have been many international visitors in the Bay. A doctor and his wife from Harvard School of Public Health, taking a two-year fellowship from their native India, had this to say of their visit here:

"This is the first time we have been invited to see such a beautiful part of America. We have been made to feel very much at home here. Casco Bay reminds us of the Bay of Bombay. Until now, all we have been shown is cities and museums, but this is really the kind of American country we want to see so much."

What a golden opportunity for the Casco Bay Islands, so near the cultural center of Boston, to extend an invitation to foreign visitors! The International Student Center in Boston, and the Universities frequented by the "Cream of the Crop" of graduate students, would welcome invitations to enjoy week-end hospitality in Casco Bay homes. Anyone interested in entertaining a foreign guest may write to "Nor’ By East" for further information.

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND CHURCH WELCOMES NEW MINISTER

On Sunday, July 1st, the Reverend David Caldwell will assume the pastorate of the Chebeague Island Methodist Church. Mr. Caldwell is a second-year student in the School of Theology at Boston University. He is married and has a four-month-old daughter. The Caldwells came originally from the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area, but have recently been residing in Brookline, Massachusetts.

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PLANS FULL SEASON
The Long Island Memorial Post VFW has scheduled a full season of activities designed to provide entertainment to the different age-groups during the summer months. Every other Monday evening, starting July 9th, the Post Home will be open to our senior citizens for cards and games. Tuesday evenings the Home will be open to all teenagers, with Wednesday evenings reserved for Sub-Teens. Supper Cabarets, for which reservations must be made, are scheduled during the summer months.

INTER-ISLAND PICNIC COMING UP
On Sunday, July 22, Lawrence Stevens of Long Island will act as host for the Third Annual Inter-Island Picnic, sponsored by the Island Development Association. Headquarters will be at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post on Long Island. Everyone is invited.

To avoid obvious complications, this will be a "Bring-your-own-food" party.

The CBL boat will pick up picnickers from Peaks Island at 10:15. A return trip from Long Island at 3:30 will stop at Peaks if there are enough passengers to warrant the trip.

Since the regular boat schedule for Sundays may not be convenient for people living on Cliff and Chebeague Islands, special arrangements will be made to "fetch" picnickers to Long Island and back again.

The first Inter-Island Picnic was held at House Island, the second at Cliff Island last summer. It is hoped that this year's gathering at Long Island will top the previous ones in attendance and enthusiasm.

This offers a good chance to get acquainted with your Island neighbors and to help build a community spirit among all Bay Islanders. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be postponed to the following Sunday.

VIVID RECOLLECTIONS OF CASCO BAY IN WORLD WAR TWO
By Louise S. Dunham
After seventeen years, I still retain vivid recollections of the impact of World War II on our life on an island in Casco Bay.

With the whole Bay geared for defense, our island was an interesting and exciting place in which to live. Several companies of soldiers were quartered on both Peaks and Cushings Islands. The Navy built fuel installations on Long Island and a huge pier to accommodate the big tankers.

Entrance to the Bay was guarded by an intricate series of submarine nets. In places between islands, piles were driven to prevent small boats from slipping through illegally. The main entrance to Portland Harbor was mined. All traffic was routed through Hussey's Sound, between Peaks and Long Island.

You never knew what you might see on the Back Shore of Peaks Island. Sometimes as many as twenty destroyers would come in at one time. One day during a heavy fog, we heard the deafening sound of a ship's siren. Suddenly the fog lifted and we saw right at the opening of the submarine net one of the largest of the Navy destroyers.

Civilians were barred from a large area on the back of Peaks Island, taken over by the Government.

Convoys of ships waiting to go overseas assembled in the lower Bay off the Falmouth Foreside shore. The Coastguard was on the alert 24 hours a day.

All Islanders were required to be finger-printed. No civilian was allowed on the back side of Peaks after seven p.m. All houses had to be equipped with blackout curtains, and wardens patrolled every night.

The Army built its own wharf at Forest City Landing. A huge cannon of the “Big Bertha” type was landed there and hauled to the back of the Island and mounted with great difficulty. Whether it was ever fired I do not know.

All cars had to cover their headlights at night and no street lights were on. Wardens rubbed lipstick on their flashlight lenses. The single exception to total darkness at night was the shipyard at South Portland, which was ablaze with lights.

Wardens served voluntarily and patrolled the Island at night to see that no lights were showing. One night a warden in my neighborhood was mysteriously shot at and slightly wounded. Another warden heard a bell at Evergreen and could not quite place it for a time. It proved to be a small bell on a neighbor's cat.

After the War ended, the battleship Missouri was stationed at Long Island.
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CHEBEAGUE ISLAND GRANGE SPONSORS PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM
With an increase of thirty-three and a third percent in active membership during the past year, the Chebeague Island Grange seeks to expand its program of service to the Island community.

During the month of May, the Grange sponsored and carried out an extensive Cleanup Campaign. Volunteer Grangers devoted many hours to the task of removing several truckloads of litter from the roadsides from one end of the Island to the other.

In June, the Grange assumed the responsibility of notifying the proper authorities of the need for covering several abandoned and uncovered wells on the Island, which represented a definite hazard to children.

On July 17th, the Grange sponsors its annual Hobby Show and Home-cooked Food Sale at the Grange Hall, and a second Food Sale on July 28th. Mrs. Albion Miller and Mrs. Leah Webber will have charge of organizing these mid-summer events.

GIRL SCOUT "FOLLIES" CAPTIVATE CHEBEAGUE AUDIENCE
On the evening of June 8th, at the Chebeague Island Grange Hall, the Girl Scouts, under the direction of Mrs. Albion Miller and Mrs. Floyd Hamilton, presented a three-act extravaganza of pantomime before an admiring audience of parents and friends.

The highly original program consisted of a pleasing variety of scenes and situations designed to reveal the dramatic talents of the youthful members of the cast.

Colorful costumes and the natural poise of the charming group of girls combined to give the entire production an atmosphere of genuineness.

The members of the cast were: Sharon Burgess, Holly Hamilton, Kendra Hamilton, Evelyn Kuntz, Donna Miller, Beth Ross, Polly Smith, and Carolyn Todd. Miss Anne Komlosy had charge of make-up.

BRIDGE PETITIONERS TAKE WELL-EARNED RESPITE
Having secured since last October over 28,000 signatures of registered voters to a petition for a state-wide referendum on the Chebeague Island Bridge Bill, the hard-working petitioners are enjoying a summer recess from the daily trips by boat to the mainland and the long hours of petitioning.

Shortly after Labor Day they will renew their efforts, fully determined to exceed the number of signatures required to initiate a State-wide referendum in 1963 on the Chebeague Island Toll Bridge Bill.

GREAT CHEBEAGUE GOLF CLUB PLANS ATTRACTIVE SCHEDULE
Under the leadership of President David Weld and of Vice-presidents A. Gardiner Layng and Mrs. Mayo Shattuck, Great Chebeague Golf Club will sponsor a full and varied schedule of tournaments, beginning July 1st and extending through September 2nd.

In addition to the popular annual Family Championship, Mixed Scotch Foursomes, Father and Daughter and Mother and Daughter Foursomes, Husband and Wife Championship, and Father and Son Scotch Foursomes, some twenty-five other events are scheduled, including the Flag Tournament for Juniors on August 1st, Finals of Men's Championships and Women's Handicap on August 19th, and a Thirty-six Hole Medal Championship on August 25th.

On Saturday, July 7th, a "Swatfest" will be followed by a picnic lunch. The Club Bridge Night will take place on August 4th and the Midsummer Dance on August 18th.

On Saturday, September 1st, a picnic lunch will be followed by the presentation of cups to all winners. Visitors from other Islands and from the Mainland are cordially invited to patronize the Island's excellent nine-hole golf course during the summer season. The Club House is a short walk from the Stone Pier Landing.

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Ministers
Sunday Services in the summer with ministers from various denominations. (Two summer residents are ministers, Dr. Reamer Kline and Dr. William Heath.)

Cliff Island is reached by Casco Bay Lines with four trips daily and two on Sundays and Holidays. There are a few cottages for rent, information generally available at postoffice. There is no hotel or inn, tho' Maguire's store intends to have a Snack Bar this summer. Two beaches are available to guests.

DUAL CELEBRATION MARKS DIAL INSTALLATION AT CLIFF ISLAND

On June 12th, ten members of the telephone installation crew were pleasantly surprised by a token of appreciation from the people of Cliff Island in the form of a lobster dinner with all the "fixings."

"We've never been treated like this before," declared the spokesman for the hard-working crew of pole climbers.

Again, on June 28th, a lobster luncheon was served to officials of the phone company, members of the Press, and a representative of the City Council as an expression of appreciation to the telephone company. The luncheon was provided and served by members of the Cliff Island Association and the Mothers' Club.

The luncheon guests were: Charles H. Fairweather; Dana Jordan; W. J. Chicoine, District Supervisor; Bruce Mather; C. B. Brooks; Joe W. Walsh; Roy Cummings; Mrs. Shirley Brown; Sidney Winslow; Ralph Libby, City Councilor; Harry Marble and Joe Harper of W. G. A. N., and Howard Nielson of WCSH.

FIRST CLIFF ISLAND STUDENT TO WIN HIGH SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Elizabeth MacVane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. MacVane of Cliff Island, was awarded the Brown Medal at the graduation exercises of Portland High School. This medal is awarded to the five highest ranking boys and girls in the graduating class. It is the second oldest award in the United States for high school students.

Because Elizabeth had to commute to Portland via the Casco Bay Lines, it was difficult for her to participate in extra-curricular activities. She was, however, Seat Room Chairman in her junior year and Library Aide in her senior year. She was secretary of Delta Phi Sigma Society, as well as secretary of the Cliff Island Association. In her sophomore year, she received a gold medal for having received all A's, and in her senior year a certificate from the Maine Teachers' Association for high honors in English and Mathematics.

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NEW OWNER PLANTS TREES ON BATES ISLAND

John Rich, N. B. C. Paris news correspondent, who purchased Bates Island last year, has had 2000 white spruce and Austrian pine planted on his island property. Mr. Rich hopes to spend two weeks on the island in August between assignments. In September, he is due in Tokyo a Chief of N. B. C. News for the Far East.

CLIFF ISLAND NEWS

Cliff Islanders extend a cordial and hearty welcome to two brand new residents. On June 11, two baby girls were born on the Island: Laurie Ellen to Mr. and Mrs. David A. MacVane, Jr., and Nanette Lynn to Mr. and Mrs. John Dyer, Jr.

The annual Cliff Island Mothers' Club Fair will be held on the afternoon of July 17th.
QUOTES FROM "AROUND THE BAY"

Although an over-abundance of material prevents us from printing all of a very interesting account, entitled "Around The Bay," by Eunice Piku- zinski of Peaks Island, we cannot refrain from two or three short quotes from her article.

"How beautiful are the islands and the ocean upon which they rest!"

"To use modern teenage vernacular, Cliff Island may be 'far-out' but that fact only serves to enhance its charm."

"At the commitment service on Chebeague, for Mr. and Mrs. Hill, I felt that no one could come to rest in a more peaceful and happy place."

"Most of the people I meet on the islands seem interested in progress but with an individual Yankee touch."

We look forward to much more from our traveling reporter in later issues.
CALLING ALL BOATS!
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East of Cushing Island lie two small grass-covered islands: Junk of Pork and Outer Green, inhabited only by sea gulls and cormorants.

Northeast of Outer Green is Jewel Island, sometimes called "Treasure Island," from the rumor that many years ago a chest of treasure was uncovered there. At one end of the Island a deep indentation called "Smugglers' Cove" offers safe anchorage for small boats. On the eastern shore there is a natural rock formation shaped like a giant bowl and filled with salt water—hence its name, "The Punch Bowl." Two World War II observation towers stand on the Island and offer a splendid panoramic view of the Bay.

Some two miles northeast of Jewel Island lies Eagle Island, the summer home of the late Admiral Robert Peary, renowned Arctic explorer.

To the eastward from Eagle Island lie Bailey and Orr Islands and the entrance to Mericoneag Sound. A uniquely constructed granite bridge connects the two islands and permits the strong tidal currents to pass through unhampered.

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PORTLAND MEETING
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Hamilton, and Ray Hayward from Chebeague; Lawrence Stevens and Samuel Connor from Long Island; Paul McVane, Johanna Von Tiling, and Mason Spring from Cliff Island; Hilda Cushing from House Island; and Samuel Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Joan Chapman, Robert Stevens from Peaks Island.

As a direct result of this meeting, two sub-committees are being appointed: Finance Committee to prepare for participation in matching fund program to be presented to the next Legislature; Program Committee from the Islands to meet with Robert Elliott for the purpose of planning a Statesponsored special event in the near future to focus public attention on the Casco Bay Islands.

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