CHANGE OF PACE

Hopefully for an interim period we return to the CBIDA Newsletter in place of Nor'by East. Getting out a newspaper, soliciting advertising and planning makeup is considerably more work than a Newsletter. However, lest we lose touch with our membership the change of format will serve to keep us rolling.

It is with gratitude that the CBIDA Steering Committee announces the Newsletter staff composed of Gretchen Hall as editor; Harriette Johnson, typist; and the regular correspondents from other islands continuing to serve. Publication will be on an "as needed" basis.

Eight islands responded to the telephone roll call for this newsletter. It was particularly interesting to begin acquaintance with the three summer islands which the new editor has yet to visit. CUSHING ISLAND has the distinction of a single motor vehicle, the caretaker's truck.

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND

The Fourth of July celebration will be bigger and better than ever this year, the 30th anniversary of the Civic Organization.

CBIDA OFFICERS VISIT PIPELINE

After the May meeting of the Steering Committee, some of us had the "grand tour" of the Portland Pipe Line. We were impressed by the constant concern for safety and environment.

Ships at the Pipe Line are not the hazard that ships at anchor or coming in to Cousins Island may be. The Pipe Line would be able to initiate measures to cope with oil slicks or with black smoke from stacks reported from anywhere on Casco Bay. Call 767-3231, or call the Maine Environmental Department. The number to call for water pollution is 773-6491; for air pollution it is 775-6587.

WHO TO CALL AT CITY HALL

Our spokesman at City Hall is Neal Allen, on Mayor Loring's staff. He is ready to hear from anyone on the Portland islands and will know the appropriate official to contact to work out problems as they may develop.
SITE SELECTED FOR HEALTH CENTER

The Herrick house on Sterling Street has been selected as the site of the Casco Bay Health Center which will be affiliated with the India Street Family Practice Unit of the Maine Medical Center.

The choice was made by the recently organized Casco Bay Health Council. Raymond G. Morrill is chairman with Sister Ann St. Joseph vice-chairman, Rev. Michael E. Davis secretary and John E. Feeney treasurer.

Marge Erico is continuing her preparation to serve as Family Nurse Practitioner. She expects to phase in her activities on Peaks Island sometime in September. The geographic range of her usefulness will include the Diamonds, Cushing, House and Long Islands.

While the immediate responsibility of the Casco Bay Health Council is the acquisition and management of the Peaks Island property, the Council when fully constituted will include representatives from these other Islands and also from Cliff and Chebeague Islands, since training volunteers to meet health emergencies will be an important part of the total program.

The Casco Bay Health Council is a fully autonomous organization working in close cooperation with the Maine Medical Center, but capable of responsible initiative for health and safety on all the Casco Bay Islands. The 1975 launching by C.B.I.D.A.!

SUMMER EVENTS

Dates have been established for three summer events sponsored by CBIDA. The first will be a Band Concert by the S.D. Warren Band at the Avenue House grounds on Peaks Island Tuesday evening, July 15, 7:30 to 8:30. Arrangements have been made through Joe Cobb, Public Relations Director of the Maine Medical Center, who is President of the band. The group has forty members including a German Band unit. The director is Richard F. Kelley of South Portland. (In case of rain, Tuesday the 22nd) A membership reception will be held in the hotel dining room following the concert.

ANNUAL FAIR - Date for the Annual CBIDA sale will be August 16 at the Fifth Maine on Peaks Island. Members from other islands are urged to participate and to contribute especially for the Silent Auction, a popular feature. This is our main fund-raiser for the year. Seasonal residents are urged to bring items from "home" for this event.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting and election of officers will be on Sunday, August 24, on House Island.

It will be a real treat to hold the CBIDA Annual Meeting on House Island. Fort Scammel deserves to be better known; the best observation post on the ship channel and Portland Harbor is anywhere on the ramparts. In case the weather on August 24th is less than perfect, the meeting can be accommodated in what is left of the former immigration station.

NEWSLETTER SUPPORT

This newsletter, designed to keep all Casco Bay residents informed on current issues, is supported entirely from membership dues. We urge increased membership so that we may keep these lines of communication open.

family picnic
CBIDA APPEALS TO CONGRESS FOR RADAR HELP

A letter has been dispatched to each of Maine's four congressmen to assist the Casco Bay area by intervening with the Coast Guard for requirements and standards for radar on the Casco Bay boats.

It has been established that the Coast Guard pre-empts any state or local government body in control of safety measures in Casco Bay. It has also been agreed by Casco Bay Lines that as soon as the Coast Guard will establish standards for installation of radar on CBL boats, it will be installed. There are many brands of radar on the market and unless federal standards are designated an approved system which will not be later outmoded seems necessary.

CBIDA did not support the LD submitted to the State legislature for the reason stated above - the Coast Guard has the ultimate authority.

MEMBERSHIP PUSH

A new membership letter will be going out shortly from Harriette Johnson, membership chairman. (766-2562) The letter is a joint effort of President Stan Williamson and other members of the board and highlights the concerns and activities of CBIDA during the past year.

Membership has continued to grow and is the best ever, but many more are needed and special effort will be made to attract the younger generations whose ideas and energy are very much needed. Looking out for island civic interests is something for everyone and the channel provided by CBIDA over the past 17 years is a useful mechanism for dealing with local and state officials.

PUC HEARINGS ON RATES

A change of location to the Portland Public Safety Building has been announced by the PUC for the next round of rate hearings starting Tuesday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m. and continuing through Wednesday. CBIDA has filed as intervenor with attorney Peter Murray continuing to represent the Bay area. All board members were polled before taking this action and pledges for help on the expenses from other islands has been sought.

JUNK CARS SOLUTION

Two young men will reside on Peaks Island this summer for the purpose of crushing junk cars and removing them. This development has come about through private enterprise at no cost to the City when negotiations to contract the job fell through due to high cost. If the volunteer job works on Peaks it will be extended to other islands.

The young men, Gary Grimmel and Gard Twitchell, feel they can make their enterprise pay through sale of the scrap metal. They will be under the supervision of public works foreman Jack Fuller and anyone wishing to contact them may do so. They will work on both the old and new dumps.

The most recent estimate of junk cars on the islands conducted by the city is 375 on Peaks, 269 on Long, 43 on Cliff and 13 on Great Diamond.

When they are once cleaned up the City is looking for a control solution to prevent further accumulation. Anyone with a suggestion for control is invited to call Mike Wing at the City Manager's office, City Hall.
SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE NAMED

President Stan Williamson has appointed the women members of the Steering Committee and all available wives of members to serve as a social affairs planning committee for the summer events.

They may call upon the general membership as desired for the various occasions. Stan will be a member ex-officio through whom final plans will be cleared.

The women Steering Committee members are Mary Deane, Bea Chapman Harriette Johnson and Helia Williamson, as the president's wife, will help recruit other wives. This endeavor will spread to all the islands with the hope of wider participation in planning events.

WHERE TO CALL WITH FAIR ITEMS
OR PICK-UP:

Williamsons    766-2630
Johnson         766-2562
Deanes          766-4428
Chapman         766-2550

LONG ISLAND

The Long Island Civic Association has published suggestions for the good of the island which are the essence of Portland City ordinances in force on all the islands as well as on the mainland.

1. Outdoor burning is not allowed unless a permit is received from the fire department.

2. All garbage and rubbish must be put out in a covered watertight container. Garbage must be wrapped in newspaper or bags. Please do not put rubbish out in plastic bags or boxes which dogs, cats, gulls or crows can open, thus making unsightly and unsanitary messes.

3. Litter carries a fine of $100. Breaking street lights fine of $500. Disposing of articles in the ocean carries a minimum fine of $500, and a maximum fine of $2500.

4. There is an impounding fee and boarding fee for dogs not restricted to leashes.

5. No discharging of any kind of firearm is allowed on the island.

6. Overnight camping is not allowed.

THE DIAMONDS may soon not be considered summer islands. Three families survived their peaceful first winter season very happily.

The season on LITTLE DIAMOND will not begin until after school closes, just before July 4.

On GREAT DIAMOND nine cottages are already open and three cottages have changed hands. The David Hastings of Fryeburg have purchased the Jack Grant cottage. The William Hale's of Portland now own the White cottage. The Ted Weber's own the Hasson cottage.

The Robert Norings of Peaks Island are now year-round residents on Great Diamond.