Service Agencies of the Island

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AMERICAN LEGION (Continues by Douglas MacVane)

It wasn't too long before the Committee reported back that the "Wilson Place" on Welch Street was available. At the meeting of January 19, 1937, a new committee was formed to look into the purchase of the "Wilson property". That committee consisted of Comrades Frank Finnerty (chair), William O'Keefe, John Libby, Albert McCann, James L. MacVane. At the meeting of February 25, 1937, the decision was made to purchase the "Wilson property". Later at the meeting of March 9, 1937, a new building committee was appointed, presumably to tend to the requirements and needs of the Legion at its new permanent Home. The Committee was made up of Comrades Albert McCann, Parkins, William O'Keefe, and James L. MacVane.

Now that the Legionaires and its Ladies Auxiliary had a Home to call their own, it is, at this point, a good opportunity to take a look back to the year 1931. This was a particularly important time for the Legion. They had, as of October 20, 1931, submitted application for permanent charter. It was their goal to become a fully accredited legitimate American Legion Post.

Their hopes and aspiration become a reality on November 20, 1931 on receipt of the Charter (Application for permanent charter October 20, 1931. Charter approved and signed on November 10, 1931 (Indianapolis, Ind.) countersigned November 20, 1931 (Waterville, Me.) The next step was that of incorporation which was to occur some years later.

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PEAKS ISLAND SCHOOL

Needs a FRIDGE!

Please call 6-2528 if you have a clean, working small-ish refrigerator to give to the school, or to sell for a reasonable price.
Early K-K took their "last of the year" cold and windy walk to the Kinderconcert - enjoyed a string players concert. Coming up in May: a visit to Smiling Hill Farm, including a hay ride. A family picnic will be held in June, with a viewing of slides of the K-EK program to follow.

First grade attended the last Kinderconcert of the school year. We learned a lot about the string instruments. We are now studying Dinosaurs and for those parents who don't know how to pronounce all the names, just ask your children. We finally got our letters written to our penpals in Cape Elizabeth and are looking forward to their letters now.

The second and third graders had a thrilling experience. As part of a health science study of the eye, they watched as a school nurse dissected a sheep's eye. The children now have a real grasp on the names of the parts of the eye. The class is enjoying a week's spring vacation. Upon their return, they will begin a study of the Constitution: the men who wrote it and what it says.

Whew - Grade 4 & 5 Achievement Testing is completed. Now we are in the middle of a busy returnable cans & bottle drive to help raise money for our upcoming field trip to the Brunswick Naval Air Station. We have invited other island 4th & 5th graders to join us. Also our incubator is adjusted and awaiting fertile chicken eggs! Plans are being made for 'step-up' day at King Middle School.

The late April snow was an unusual harbinger of the last eight weeks of school. And it wasn't what we had in mind as we planned a May Day Clean-Up Day! Rakes, wagons, work gloves, snow shovels?!?!?!---the gear of springtime yard workers! All schoolchildren worked to clean the schoolyard and popular routes to school, of all the usual winter debris. We're proud of our island community and wish to put forth a best effort at all times.

The last quarter of the school year has everyone working toward the completion of curriculum. We will also be working on an Operetta to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Constitution (June 9).

In last month's issue of the Star, we asked for volunteers to work in our classrooms. We've had no responses and issue another call for help. Regardless of the fact that summer is close at hand, schoolchildren still need and appreciate that extra bit of attention. Please consider this important act of community spirit. Call school at 766-2528.

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ON JUNE 6, AT 1:30 p.m. There will be a Memorial Service at the Brackett Memorial Church for Myrt Grimm.

PROJECT GRADUATION is a fun, safe, chemical-free way for seniors to spend their last night of High School together. This year Portland High School will be sponsoring Project Graduation at the Tennis racket. Everyone who attends will receive prizes, as well as lasting memories and the safe feeling none of the class will die in alcohol related accidents. In order to do this, the class of 1987 must raise money. If you would like to donate, please contact Ellen Deane at 766-2782. Thank you.
Happy May Day from all of us at the Day Care Center! We spent so much time inside, or skipping around puddles during those April Showers. We will sure welcome the warm sunny days ahead.

April was not all bad. One sunny afternoon, while hiking to the backshore, we found a little painted turtle. We named her Shelley, and spent at least one hour watching her in her natural habitat. It was hard to say goodbye, but we knew the pond was her home.

We also came across many snakes basking in the sun, some toad eggs on a path in the woods, and a lot of trash which we cleaned out of Shelley's pond.

During vacation week Janine and Kristen took the school age group bowling. It's not something we Islander's get to do very often. We had a lot of fun.

We are now accepting enrollment for our day camp (children ages 6 - 10). The camp runs from July 6 - August 28 in two week sessions. For enrollment packet or more information call 766-2854.

We are also seeking employment for camp counsellors. If you have experience working with children and want a great summer job, please call Janine or Jon at the above number.

We hope all the Senior Citizens of Peaks Island enjoyed their May Day Cards. We used sponges dipped into colorful paints to block print onto paper. The children enjoy making and sharing their art with others.

Til June, The Staff.

Dear Friends;

It is impossible to thank you all individually for your kindness during my illness. I want each and every one of you to know how very much it has all meant to me. The thoughtfulness is overwhelming. Thank you so much for the kind thoughts, the well-wishes, the hundreds of get-well cards, letters, visitors, prayers, telephone calls, etc., etc., I love you all. God bless you.

Lenny Waugh
FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING CLINIC THIS MONTH!

Dr. David Eslicker, a dermatologist from Portland, will be coming to the Island Health Center (in conjunction with the Osteopathic Hospital of Maine and the American Cancer Society) to hold a free skin cancer screening clinic. Dr. Radis will also provide free Blood Pressure Screening the same evening.

DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1987
HOURS: 7pm to 9pm

There will be regular office hours on that evening.

*PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

OTHER DATES TO MAKE NOTE OF:

*MONDAY, MAY 18, 1987-9am to afternoon
Well Child Clinic given by the Munjoy Hill Health Station at the Island Health Center. Please call 773-6922 to arrange for an appointment.

*MONDAY, MAY 25, 1987-the clinic will be closed for Memorial Day observance.

*JUNE 12 through the week of JUNE 15-19, 1987, Dr. Radis will be on vacation. The clinic will be open for appointment scheduling, but no diagnostic tests will be done during that time. If medical attention should be needed, you can call the clinic and be referred to a medical facility in town.

SKIN CANCER FACTS:

INCIDENCE: Over 400,000 cases a year, the vast majority of which are highly curable basal or squamous cell cancers. Basal and squamous cell skin cancers often take the form of a pale, waxlike, pearly nodule, or a red, scaly, sharply outlined patch.

The most serious skin cancer is malignant melanoma, which strikes about 22,000 men and women each year. Melanomas are usually distinguished by a dark brown or black pigmentation. They start as small, mole-like growths that increase in size, change color, become ulcerated and bleed easily from a slight injury.

WARNING SIGNALS: Any unusual skin condition, especially a change in the size or color of a mole or other darkly pigmented growth or spot; or red, scaly patches that have developed on the skin.

MORTALITY: An estimated 7,400 deaths a year, 5,500 from malignant melanoma, and 1,900 due to other skin cancers.

*CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU THAT SIGNED UP FOR WEIGHT WATCHERS!!!
NEWS FROM STAR OF THE SEA THEATER

This has been an exciting month for our company. A Broadway Celebrity, Mr. Charles Honi Cole was our special guest at one of our dance classes. It was very exciting having a world famous tap dancer showing us some fancy steps. Watch for us this summer when we will put his work in action during our performance. Yours truly will always remember his generosity in helping me to continue with my teaching. Thanks to Father Lange for the use of the Hall. A very special person was responsible for this exciting event. We are all grateful beyond words to Joan White for her efforts in bringing her good friend Mr. Cole to us.

The date for the next show is Sunday, June 21 and Monday, June 22 in the Greenwood Gardens Playhouse. Hope to see you there. Our next fund raiser will be a Bake and Boutique Sale on Memorial Day Weekend.

Plans for the summer workshops are underway. Happy to have Andrea Voyer for our young student classes and covering Tap, Ballet & Beginners Gymnastics. The Adult Tap Classes will continue through the summer.

Special Aerobic Exercises on Tuesday Mornings in the Studio and Thursdays in the Community Building at 1:30 p.m. Good exercise and lots of fun. Come and join us. Thanks for your support on the Community Supper and the Bottle Drive.

Musically yours. Doreen McCann.

NEWS FROM SAINT CHRISTOPHER’S CHURCH

MASS SATURDAY 7:00 p.m. SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.

First Communion for children will be Sunday, May 3. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

On Sunday, May 10 the May Procession will take place after 9:00 Mass.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Monthly dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 20 at the Senior Center.

NEWS FROM BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship service is at 10:00 a.m. Sunday school for children grades 2-6 starts at 9:00 a.m. Sunday school for children 3 years to grade 1 starts at 10:00 a.m. Child care is provided during Worship service. Coffee hour follows.

UMW (United Methodist Women) will meet this month on May 11 at noon at Mardianne Green's home.

On May 10, the Mother's will participate in the Mother's Day Service. Final Pack meeting will be on May 26.

ATTENTION: Craftspeople and talented islanders! Brackett Memorial Church is planning to sponsor a series of Crafts Fairs this summer where craftspeople can display and sell their wares. Flea market or Antique tables are also welcome. There will be a modest fee for each table. For more information call the Church office (766-5013) or sign up on the bulletin board in the library.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING

Every Sunday 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at St. Christopher's Hall. "A.A.24-Hour" Helpline Line - 774-4335.

THE VET IS COMING!!! ON SATURDAY, MAY 16, at 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the PEAKS ISLAND SCHOOL. They will vaccinate cats and dogs and take blood samples for heartworm testing.

Any questions call Forest Avenue Veterinary Hospital. 797-4840.