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On March 18 a special meeting of the Island Citizens' Association was held to discuss the group's participation in the anticipated CBL rate increase. At that meeting it was voted that the ICA should intervene on behalf of the island residents served by Casco Bay Lines and that the ICA would retain Howard Reben as its attorney. Mr. Reben represented the ICA in its bid for supplementary ferry service, on which, incidently, the PUC has yet to reach a decision.

Casco Bay Lines filed with the Public Utilities Commission on March 25 for emergency and permanent rate increases. The rate hikes requested would raise passenger fares by 62%, commodity freight rates by 15%, vehicle transportation rates by 25%, and cruise rates by 25%. The PUC has set hearing dates for May 7 (at the school gymnasium on Peaks Island at 10am) and May 8 (the Seymour Room, Holiday Inn, downtown Portland, 10 am.) to hear testimony for and against the Casco Bay Lines proposal.

There will be two important issues before the PUC during the upcoming hearing. First will be the question: "Does Casco Bay Lines need a rate hike to return a necessary level of profits to the owners, or, if so, how great a rate hike is required?" Secondly: "If CBL needs additional revenue, could service to the islands be obtained at less cost by another, more efficiently and progressively operated, ferry service?" Should the islanders pay for Peter T. McLaughlin's inefficiencies, excesses and mistakes, or, do the people of Casco Bay deserve safe, efficient transportation at reasonable cost?

As is evident from examination of these proposed increases, the added cost of commuting, transportation of personal property, and purchase prices of commodities on the islands will greatly affect the cost of living for all islanders and may prove to be unbearable financial hardship to low income and retired residents. These increases are also substantially larger than those forecast by CBL's attorney, Charles Cragin III, at the meeting with island residents on Peaks Island during the labor dispute. The decision that the PUC will make depends on how well CBL's testimony and figures can be refuted in answer to the first issue, and how well the islanders can present their case as to their transportation needs and financial capabilities on the second issue. The ICA will be presenting YOUR case before the PUC. continued on page 8
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Compiled By Dorothy Wright.

On Sunday afternoon, March 24, the first communal anointing of the sick of the island took place at St. Christopher's Church. Following the updating of the sacraments recommended by Vatican Council II, this sacrament—formerly known as the "last rites"—regained its original scriptural thrust, namely grace and strength for the sick.

Invitations were extended to all the sick, elderly, retarded, shut-ins, and disabled of Peaks Island. Approximately 100 responded by attending the ceremony which included readings by Sister Ann Augusta, chairman of the Home Visitation Program, and Charles Pyne, president of the Senior Citizens, as well as a homily and the anointing by the pastor, Father Burns. The service will be repeated during the summer months when numerous summer parishioners are again on the island.

Palm Sunday, April 7, the Brackett Memorial Church Choir presented a Cantata, "No Greater Love," by John W. Peterson. They worked long and hard to present this musical inspiration and spiritual awakening as we began Holy Week. The program was directed by Mrs. Harold Belban, Organist.

On Easter Sunday, the Masses at St. Christopher's Church resumed the customary schedule of Saturday evening at 7 pm and Sunday morning at 9 am. The familiar carillon is once again heard three times a day ringing the Angelus, as well as the hours of Sunday Mass. These measures had been taken during the energy crisis of the winter months, in order to conserve fuel and power. Limitation of activities in the parish hall was also ended with the advent of warmer weather.

Sunday morning Mass at 11 am on Long Island also resumed on Easter Sunday at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Chapel.

Bruce Wetherington was baptized into the Catholic Church on Sunday, April 21 and received his First Holy Communion at that Sunday Mass. Bruce had joined his friends' religious education group, known as the 4-5-6 people last fall. The entire class participated in the public baptismal ceremony, with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Latham as god-parents. Bruce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wetherington.

Easter Sunrise Services at Long Point were conducted by the Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship at 6 am.

APRIL 20 - The Brackett Memorial Mother's Club will hold a food sale from 10 am until 1 pm at the Trading Post.

MAY 25 - Brackett Memorial United Methodist Women will hold a mini-fair at the
A TRIBUTE TO
JEFFREY DAVIS

Outside the evening was dark, cold, and frightful. The mystery
soon to be revealed to two-hundred people who
gathered inside St. Christopher's Parish Hall was one of light,
warmth, beauty, and good fellowship. It
was the ceremony for the presentation of the
coveted Boy Scout Eagle Award, earned by only
about 2% of the nation's Boy Scouts of America.

Jeffrey Davis, on March 9th had earned
through the Scouting program the equivalent
of about two years of college.

Rev. T. Lee Burns, pastor of St. Christopher
the sponsoring body of the group, opened the
evening with the invocation.

Troop No. 76 of Peaks Island stood at
attention while selected boys lit with candles
an arbor of natural wood specifying the Scout
oaths and laws.

Rev. Bachman of Brackett Memorial Church,
Jeffrey Davis' pastor
(and also a recipient of
the Eagle Award with Palms
some 28 years ago), gave
the address. Speaking
to Jeffrey and his
mother directly, and to
those who gathered, he
stressed the prophet
Elisha, who came back to
an event after asking if
the child was well. The

point of matter to Jeffrey now was that he
had arrived at this point in his life to come back
to show others those steps and road blocks
that become stepping-stones on the trail of
life.

Joseph A. Aliberti, brother-in-law of Jeffrey

L to R: Boy Scout District Executive Leonard B. Thompson admin­
istering Eagle Scout rank to Jeffrey Davis before presenta­
tion of Eagle Scout Badge.

pinned the Eagle badge on him and in turn Jeffrey
pinned a miniature badge on his mother.

The District Executive Leonard B. Thompson, Pine Tree Council, had
Jeffrey swear the oath of allegiance to this
coveted award. Ralph
Purington, the Commiss­
oner for the Scouts of
Casco Bay read letters of
recognition to Jeffrey
from the President of the
United States, Richard
M. Nixon and the head of
the Scouting movement in
the United States of
America.

It has been some
thirty years since Peaks
Island brought forth an
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The Joy of Singing

by Ruth Sargent

This phrase best explains the impetus for the activities of the Choir at Brackett Memorial Church. It is the main reason for the many hours of service given by the members of that group and for their faithfulness and devotion over the years. Few in number but always adequate to the weekly assignment, they regard it as one of the most interesting aspects of their busy lives.

An Easter Contata, "No Greater Love" by John B. Peterson presented for the first time on Peaks Island on Palm Sunday was the result of bi-weekly rehearsals for the past several months. The Christmas Contata, "Night of Miracles" by the same composer, was warmly received during the past two Decembers and left everyone with a haunting melody or two to hum throughout the holidays. The Choir provided music for the 50th anniversary of St. Christophers Church last spring and sang at a unique 'boat in' held on the porch of the Trefethen- Evergreen clubhouse last summer with participating audience arriving in their own boats or seated on the club float. And it's been fun all the way, enthuse the choristers.

At the present time, the guiding hand behind it all is 'Lee' Belban who mixes discipline, humor, and gems of musical knowledge in equal portions throughout. "I just love music," she smiles, in explaining the years spent at the piano since her first lesson when she was five. A cousin, a concert pianist, introduced her fingers to the black and white keys and they have never been far from them since.

"The theatre has always held a strong attraction for me," she went on. "And I fibbed about my not-quite-sixteen-years in order to get my first job providing background music for silent movies." The next step was subbing for a church organist as she added the foot-pedals, stops, and two more keyboards to her range of playing. At one time she demonstrated organs in the Baldwin Studios in Boston for interested professional musicians.

And then began her first organ assignment on her own in the Italian-Catholic church in Waltham, Mass. The Church of the Messiah in Auburndale and a small Baptist church in Belmont followed. The next step was to fill in as choir directress in a larger Belmont church and this time she added a group of voices to her guidance. She continued there for 18 years. Along the way she was accompanist for a voice teacher and a ballet school as well.

She 'loves to work with people' and feels an overall experience in a field is more interesting than specializing in only one aspect. When she and her husband, Harold, decided to retire on Peaks Island she planned to shelve all her music, let the piano top gather dust, and just sit and enjoy life. But talents are rarely permitted to lie idle and the island church suddenly needed an organist and choir director. The Catholic church also needed an organist for Saturday evening services so -- out came the sheet music, hymns, contatas, and special numbers. So Lee is still right where she is happiest. Seated at the organ, directing the singing with a nod of her head, a watchful eye and a smile. Because she still loves music -- more than ever.

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-BRIAN TEFFT - 766-5098
Mark Rockwood, 23, was born in Saginaw, Mich. He attended Saginaw Valley College before moving to Maine where he studied photography at Concept. He has exhibited his work at Casco Bay College and has a permanent exhibit at the University of Maine Law School in Portland. In late May Mark will exhibit at the main branch of the Casco Bank and Trust Company in Portland.
The CASCO BAY FISHERIES column will be a regular feature of the BREEZE reporting on developments, catches, and research of interest to Casco Bay fishermen. Starting next month we will bring you a monthly summary of fish landing in the Casco Bay area. If you have any news or ideas in the fisheries or marine resources areas contact Mike Day, Fisheries Editor, at the BREEZE or call evenings at 766-5031.

I saw a thing once; Who knows what became of it? It was only three feet high But the impression it left on me was enormous. Why aren't people like that? I suppose it's just the meeting of two bodies Instead of all feeling combined. Don't ask me something that you don't know. If I knew, I'd be a teacher; but I can only

Hide within myself, For I am inferior to my image.

Phil Murray

Commenting on a recent editorial which suggested that we Peaks Islanders might resolve our differences if we were willing to listen to one another, an acquaintance remarked: "So X and I get together for an evening of listening and we have two hours of silence. Haw, haw." I replied, "I really don't think that would be such a terrible calamity."

Although words were probably invented for the purposes of communicating, we all misuse language every day. A lot of talk is just a coverup for feelings of fear, distrust, anger, or frustration. Sometimes we are too proud or distrustful to share the feeling itself, so all this chatter comes out instead.

Since communication implies a receiver -- a listener -- trying to communicate with someone who thinks he's in a talking competition with us, is terribly frustrating. In fact, most of us have experienced so much bad listening that we need to be assured that we are being listened to respectfully. We all recognize the guarded expression on the face of the "fearful listener". He is so afraid of listening to others will oblige him to let go of a cherished opinion that he never really hears what anyone else is saying. The "distracted listener" is another familiar type. Although she is nodding and yeah-ing, her mind is really two blocks away on her plans for this coming Sunday. The so-called "tolerant listener" lets us waste our breath on him because secretly he is thinking, "What a jerk. Never says anything worth listening to. My eight-year-old can talk more sense."

The Good Listener, on the other hand, will ask questions which indicate an interest and a desire to go further into whatever he is listening to. If he finds a certain topic a bore, he will steer towards something more likely to be of mutual interest. Because he pays the speaker the compliment of giving his undivided attention, he makes listening a stimulating, active part of communication. He is a student of life who understands that we can all learn something when we really listen.

by Anne P. Paris
THE CLUB REOPENS!

by Perrine Rockafellow

Now that the calendar tells us winter is past, the thoughts of the four-hundred and fifty members of the Trefethen-Evergreen Improvement Association will begin to focus on the not too far off day when the Association will open its doors for the sixty-fourth year of its existence. Sometime after the middle of April, members of various committees will start their preparations, getting the clubhouse in shipshape condition, the three tennis courts resurfaced and lined, the dock and floats in place, the club's sailboat fleet painted and repaired, and the beach cleared of seaweed and debris deposited by winter storms. Volunteer workers will do all of this cheerfully so that everything will be completely ready for another summer of activity and fun on the ground and inside the spacious clubhouse.

As usual, an exciting series of events are planned for the 1974 summer season. The clubhouse will be utilized for weekly sessions of Military Whist, Duplicate Bridge, Ladies coffee Bridge, Senior Dances, Covered Dish Suppers, Tuesday Evening Lectures and Slide Shows, and Junior Dances.

The tennis program lists instruction clinics weekly for both senior and junior members. Competition is stressed through our club championship events for men, women, junior boys, and girls. The most outstanding tennis feature will be our annual Trefethen-Evergreen Invitation Tournament which attracts the top-ranking players of Maine. This will be played late in August.

Admiral Robert Huston heads the sailing division. It will offer a program of sailing instruction for both seniors and juniors, weekly races for both groups, and the opportunity to use the boats for informal sailing for those members proficient enough in the skills of sailing to be trusted to safely take out a boat on their own.

Without doubt, the most important single day of the summer will be August 4th, the first Saturday of the month. This is the Association's Annual Fair Day when everyone in the club is expected to cooperate in the big effort to put on a successful fair as well as the Fair Dinner in the evening.

Now that the reader has learned of the busy exciting programs on the schedule of the Association for the season of 1974, he or she will thoroughly appreciate why members unanimously agree that "summer happiness is Peaks Island and the Trefethen-Evergreen Improvement association."

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To do this we must ask two things: First that all efforts to bring relevant testimony before the PUC be made, that means testimony from the islanders, and, secondly, that you give your financial support to the ICA Legal Fund. If we are to counter CBL's testimony, we must enlist the help of experts - which means an investment on your part, an investment that will return itself many times in the future for each percentile that we can reduce the rate increases that CBL receives.

People wanting to testify should contact any ICA board member, call Attorney Reben at 772-5496, or write the ICA, P.O. Box 68, Peaks Is. 04108 (this is not necessary for you to testify but will help us organize our case).

I am glad to do what I can to stop this increase. Enclosed is my check or money order for $25, $10, $5, other.

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Eagle Scout; at that time it was Bill Berryman, Jr.

Mrs. Alberta Roberts and Mrs. Barbara Roberts along with Mrs. Judy McDermott and Mrs. Sharon Jackson were hostesses following the benediction given by Rev. Bachman.

Mr. Douglas Clough, scoutmaster, and assistants of Troup 76 were responsible for this whole event and deserve the admiration and respect of all.

Mrs. Marge Erico and Girl Scouts also helped with refreshments. Many Thanks.

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