President and "Pace-man"
Winthrop K. Deane

CBIDA STARTS SIXTH YEAR

The Casco Bay Island Development Association, Inc., held its annual meeting at the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce on September 21. Elected to office for the 1963-64 season were: Winthrop K. Deane, president; Lawrence Stevens, vice-president; Mrs. Deane, secretary; and Charles M. Ritchie, treasurer. Mrs. John W. Chapman was named chairman of the Steering Committee which includes Frank Daly, Abner Haskell, A. John Shute, Harry D. Varney, John W. Chapman, Glenn E. Haines, and Robert Skilling all of Peaks; Robert Laughlin, Great Diamond; Robert Follette, Chebeague; and Norman Black, Cliff. The Rev. John Crozier and the Rev. Robert Burton were named honorary members.

An important step in islands city relationships is the recent appointment of the CBIDA president to represent the Casco Bay Islands on the newly formed citizens advisory committee known as PAGE —. This important group will work closely with the City Manager in developing long range plans for Portland's progress.

Deane's reelection for a third term as president is most timely in respect to his established rapport with the City and the leadership which he has demonstrated. He is associated with the Canal Bank in Portland as operations trust officer.

See Page 4 for City Councilor's Talk

SUPPORT VOTED FOR CHEBEAGUE BRIDGE

The Island Development Association of Casco Bay voted its solid support of the Chebeague Island bridge project at its September 21 meeting. This means working for an affirmative vote November 5, when the electorate will say "yes" or "no," for the floating by the State of a $3,000,000 bond issue to finance construction of a causeway from Cousins Island (now connected to the Yarmouth mainland) to Littlejohn Island, and a toll bridge from Littlejohn to Great Chebeague.

For about six years supporters of the project have been at work on it — seeking signers to petitions to initiate a referendum vote, and endeavoring to convince legislators that this will be highly profitable for the State. A bill presented to the Legislature in 1961 got the required number of House votes, but lost out in the Senate. The bill for a referendum presented to this year's Legislature received a little more than the two-thirds majority needed to give the people a chance to vote on this issue.

The survey conducted by the Island's Referendum Committee brought forth an estimate from a bridge-building concern of high reputation that causeway and bridge could be built for $2,250,000, and it added $500,000, to meet contingencies for a total outside estimate of $2,750,000.

The engineering concern employed by the State Highway Commission came up with

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RETIRED MEDICS

Peaks and Long Island both need resident physicians. It is generally accepted that the practice on either island is not enough for a young doctor with family. But for a retired doctor who would like to "keep his hand in" and enjoy at the same time the relaxed way of island living, there are good opportunities. City stipends are available for clinics and other community services for which a doctor is required. Anyone interested — especially military retired doctors — may obtain further information by writing to Nor' by East, Box 66, Peaks Island.

END OF SUMMER SADNESS. Photographed by Enrique Meneses, Press officer from Spain, who with his wife were guests of the Frank Hobbs on Little Diamond. Painful parting was expressed by youngest member of Hobbs family: Phoebe
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LOOKING OUTWARD

Instead of occupying every moment considering the problems of the Island, perhaps we should find the time to look at problems facing the islands as a group. Often we may see them to be the same and finding renewed strength of members of thoughtful people and ideas, solve not only the situations of our island but of the Casco Bay Community as a whole.

But how does our island, any island, begin to look outward? For example, one can be sure that those people who are struggling to maintain a community building have given little thought to how similar structure is successfully maintained on another island. After all, they say, "what could they know of our problems?" or "Our island is different." Perhaps it takes something new to stir islanders.

The general enrichment of our island through various aspects of the International Week-End has been discussed. Indeed, the event was worthy of the highest praise. But to some there was an aspect not appreciated by all. As we, of necessity, learned of the countries of our guests, so did we by the nature of the project learn something of our neighbors on other islands.

Those who were fortunate to have been a part of this experience (it is hoped their numbers will grow) have, thus, begun to look outward. Many for the first time.

There is no doubt that within the community of islands there are many things to share with each other and many situations that can be faced better collectively. But the thought that there might be a new idea or a more substantial result to be obtained by working together, will come as a surprise to the majority of islands. "For all after," they say, "we do live on this island."

Hal Hackett
Duke University

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THEY ARE MISSED

It is with sadness that we note the passing of three valued members of the Island Development Association. Mrs. Andrew J. Pierce of Peaks Island. All three had been especially active in our endeavors. Mrs. Pierce was the first advertising manager for Nor' By East — and until failing health caused her to resign, her friendly voice was known to all our advertisers.

She was also a charter member of the Sunlight Committee. Main Spring, whose cliff is Fisherman's Wharf, is now operated by his nephew Benjamin O'Reilly, was a stalwart friend and genial host. It was through his arrangements that Earl Banner, Boston Globe writer, visited the area and did a feature article in the Globe, Walter MacLean, a Philadelphia businessman, was an island enthusiast and always had a wealth of ideas. Our sympathy is sincerely extended to the families of each one.

ECONOMIC TRENDS UPWARD

The Casco Bay Light and Power Company has reported that about 40 more homes were occupied this summer; kilowatt readings were up 4% and the peak hourly load which occurs around six p.m. during the summer was up 5%.

Casco Bay Lines report the best season in recent times — ahead of last year in tourist trade. The arrival of the new boat Abakaki was a high point illustrative of progress for the company.

Realtors report a good season with more sales and many more inquiries than heretofore.

A report from Chebeague Island businesses has this to say: There is a general feeling of optimism over the future economic development on Chebeague. For example, both Lewis Ross and Harold Cleaves report an increase in the number of inquiries with regard to possible home construction in the immediate future as well as more than usual business the past season in the form of new construction, improvements, and additions to present homes. The month of August, particularly, showed a very definite improvement in the business of providing groceries and household supplies at the Island Market, Riddle's Restaurant and Market, and Bennett's Variety Store.

Long Island businesses report a definite upward trend. And one resident remarked that there wasn't a cottage not in use.

On Peaks Island the number of properties under renovation and the satisfied attitude of the four market owners and various other businesses speaks of the general optimism.

TO PORTLAND — Cumberland — and Maine help watch Casco Bay! It's MOVING AHEAD.

Chebeague Bridge — (Continued from Page 1) with an estimate of over twice this cost, and the Commission decided not to support the project. The Maine Good Roads

NEW CASCO BAY RESIDENTS

As listed by the Casco Bay Light and Power Company, the following have recently acquired property:

PEAKS:

GREAT DIAMOND:

LITTLE DIAMOND:
Warren Thurston, South Portland, The Davis Cottage.

CLIFF ISLAND:

LONG ISLAND:

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND:

Association was in opposition, but its representative at a hearing is said to have stated that the Association is generally opposed to bridge projects. Bridge supporters suggest that members of this Association are primarily interested in sale of road materials, and not bridge materials.

Supporters of the project believe that the Commission's high cost estimate is based on a more elaborate bridge-cause­ way construction than is required satisfactorily to meet the need. They point to the estimate of $66,000, for a toll house, and the extra height figured for the causeway, as typical of items in excess of need. They call attention to the bridge at Belfast being completed this year, a considerably longer structure, and costing only a little over $3,000,000.

A lot of people will be sitting up late November 5 to find out whether long years of planning and work are at last to bear fruit.
**GEMS FROM THE DIAMONDS**

By Maureen Mulkern

The idea of finding a note in a bottle from the sea has always intrigued people. While walking along the shore of Little Diamond Island, John Mulkern, a summer resident who is always on the lookout for interesting bits of flotsam and jetsam cast upon the shore, spied a “dead soldier” wedged among some rocks that seemed to contain some kind of a message. With visions of a plea for help from a castaway on some far-flung Pacific Island, or a downed pilot in the Atlantic, Mr. Mulkern could hardly contain himself while breaking open the bottle. Imagine his chagrin to find a deposit slip inside from the Casco Bank with an inked note that had become somewhat blurred. As further evidence of chicanery the note was signed “Captain Bly,” and the message read: “Whoever finds this call Portland, Maine and a local number was penned” and ask for Captain Bly, September 9, 1963, Casco Bay, anchored, Pat, Marv, Joe, Charles and Louise, and Eric the German shepherd.”

We called the number, and actually there is a Captain Bly, who is Master of a fishing dragger. Captain Bly and some friends were cruising off Western Cod Ledges in the dragger “Repulsive” and decided, just for a lark to cast the note into the sea. Captain Bly is currently connected with the above dragger out of Gloucester, Mass. The bottle drifted for five days and finally came ashore with the tide on Little Diamond September 14.

So to those readers who would like to find a message from the sea, just keep looking, and someday, your turn will come.

**A MESSAGE FROM CAPTAIN BLY**

A visit by two capricious little dogs marks the beginning of this article. The author was picking fallen apples when the canines charged up her front lawn. The owner came hurriedly after apologizing for their impudence. The lady, who identified herself as Mrs. Avis Mahoney, has been a summer resident of Great Diamond for five years. Her most interesting hobby is that of collecting and studying mushrooms.

Her stimulus in this hobby was her father who, in turn, inherited it from his father. The latter two lived in the Black Forests of Germany which abound in mushrooms.

Mrs. Mahoney has mushroom-hunted over a great deal of land. She finds that similar kinds of trees, plants, and mushrooms prevail in the woodlands of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Living near Dartmouth College, she was able to take courses on her hobby. She has many books which describe both the edible and poisonous species. The best way to eat them is to slice and fry in butter.

Her constant companions are two cute wire-haired terriers, Gussy, the mother and Casey, the daughter. We of Nor’ By East wish Mrs. Avis Mahoney the best of hunting always.

**Mushroom Lady**

Fair Exchange

Sharon Smith, a resident of Little Diamond, has just returned from a summer spent in Holland. She went under the auspices of the American Field Service and stayed in Lodewijk Napoleonplantsoen Utrecht with Mr. and Mrs. Mevrouw Gerhard Boesjes. They had a daughter, Janice, 17, and a son, Rudolf, 14.

Miss Smith found the life centered very much on the family. Her Dutch father was an engineering Utrecht. They had met an American service family and thus became acquainted with our people. Each weekend, the family would take small excursions, eventually covering all of Holland.

There were a few supermarkets and department stores as we know them. Sharon noted that Mrs. Boesjes did most of her shopping in small stores. While there, she learned enough of the language to participate in family discussions and be generally understood.

While Sharon was away, her father on the Diamond Isle entertained Mr. Willeybird Niewenhauw, a foreign correspondent from Rotterdam. He wrote her a letter in his native tongue giving her the name, address, and telephone of his mother. Sharon promptly called and was greeted by a most charming and pleasant voice.

The deepest impression was of the friendliness of the people whom she met. They really made her feel welcome. She is a senior at South Portland High School. Having missed a week of school, she is occupied trying to catch up. Never will she forget her trip to Holland and its wonderful, friendly people.

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**GREAT DOINGS ON GREAT DIAMOND**

This summer was the scene of much activity on Great Diamond. A group of about fifty boys and girls gathered there to experiment and explore in the field of science. The students were hand-picked for outstanding ability from high schools covering thirteen states from Maine to California and one from the Virgin Islands.

They worked under the auspices of the National Youth Science Foundation started in 1956 by David L. Lukens of South Orange, N. J. It sets up a “Center” where, in a peaceful atmosphere, the students work on their academic papers and projects and work in “shirt-sleeve” contact with name scientists.

Now, if anyone has ever been to Great Diamond and seen the reservation, it is secluded and beautiful. Many of the vacant buildings were turned into laboratories with equipment from Nasson College and elsewhere. The students collected marine specimens aboard the “Aqualab”, processed and did basic research at the “Center”, then went to Nasson for follow-up.

Future plans call for an even larger program next summer with more facilities so that more time can be spent at the “Center”.

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CITY HALL REPORTS
By Charles Ranlett
The largest seal-coating program ever undertaken on Peaks and Long, the erection of the long sought and badly needed fence at the Peaks dump, and the opening of the Long Point picnic area on Peaks highlighted the City of Portland's 1963 work on the islands.

The seal-coating program, accomplished at a cost of $14,500, covered 45,000 square yards of streets on Peaks and Long. This work, nearly double the amount usually undertaken, was particularly welcome since the City had been unable to secure a bid on this project in 1962. Extensive preliminary work was carried out by a crew and equipment from the mainland, supplementing the regular island forces.

(Taking advantage of the presence of the seal-coating contractor, the City contracted with him separately for the delivery of 100 cubic yards of sand to the Public Works yard at Peaks. The sand cost $0.98 per cubic yard delivered. This is in comparison with the mainland price of $0.98 per cubic yard.)

The fence at the Peaks dump runs 430 feet along the Seashore Avenue frontage of the property and screens this area from the island's scenic route along the shore. The cedar fence, six feet in height, was erected at the cost of $1,227.

The Long Point picnic area (mentioned in the Summer 1963 issue of Nor' By East) was opened in time for a full season of use. From all reports, it was well received and is a valuable addition to the growing list of assets on Peaks.

Road and roadside maintenance were carried out on our streets on Portland's other islands.

The annual tour by the City Council and Department Heads was held on July 18. In addition to the usual stops on Peaks, Long, and Cliff, the group also visited the city-owned Fort Gorges, the new developments on House Island, and Great Diamond Island.

The Peaks Island Safety unit has a new commanding officer, Captain Joseph F. Kane. A department veteran of 17 years, Kane replaces Captain Elmer MacKenzie now retired.

On the negative side, we must report the defeat of two items of legislation sponsored by the City at this year's session of the State Legislature. One would have given permission to the City to undertake a gross receipts tax on businesses and professional services. This was sought as a means of broadening the City's tax base, now limited so greatly to the property tax.

A second bill would have given the City a new tool in its fight against derelict buildings. This would have enabled the City to move more effectively in cases where a building was seriously delapidated without yet actually being an immediate fire or safety hazard to other property (see Winter 1963 issue of Nor' By East).

Both problems remain and it will be necessary for the City to seek solutions at a future session of the Legislature.

Felix Lauds Residents For Accomplishments

City Councilor Daniel B. Felix praised Casco Bay Island residents for their recent accomplishments toward a "bright new future," but reminded them that much still remains to be done.

Felix spoke at the fifth annual meeting of the Casco Bay Island Development Association at Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce headquarters on the island.

FELIX SAID THE CITY government has gone a long way in recognizing its responsibilities to the islands "and has provided and is constantly improving public services on the islands which are usually not available to island residents.

"However, neither public funds nor public energies are unbounded and the demands on both are constantly in excess of available resources, which, of necessity, means that both must be expended equitably, although perhaps sparingly, in an attempt to meet the needs of the entire city," he said.

Felix told the islanders that "the prime burden is upon those who would benefit the most, which means that you must take the initiative in searching out and solving the problems which stand in your way."

In return, he said, the city will "continue to lend its whole hearted support and assistance."

FELIX POIN TED TO THREE major steps taken towards the growth and development of the islands: improved boat service, improved public facilities and "a sincere active intention by the islanders themselves to help themselves through local effort and leadership."

"Added to these must come an intensive campaign on the part of the state, city and islanders to advertise as broadly as possible the present advantages the islands have to offer, while at the same time emphasizing the great potentials which exist there for future expansion and development by private investment and enterprise," he said.

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FAMILY WEEKEND GATHERING
HIGHLIGHTS GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

In addition to receiving sincere congratulations from a host of friends on the Island, Howard and Mildred Beehler were delighted to welcome back home the families of their three daughters, including nine grand-children, on September 28th and 29th, for a weekend celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

With their daughters, Betty, Phyllis, and Ruth, taking charge, Howard and Millie sat down to a delicious shore dinner served out of doors on the lawn of their home on the eastern shore of the Island. Afterwards, in telling a neighbor about the dinner party, Howard declared, "It was truly wonderful and worth waiting fifty years for. The weather was perfect. I only wish I could live long enough to celebrate a second one like it."

Participating in the anniversary party were Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Dyer of Cumberland, with their three daughters, Carol, Phyllis, and Kathleen, and their son, Lawrence; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moodyan of Cumberland, with their sons, Howard, Lewis, and Eric; Mr. and Mrs. Joel C. Black of Watertown, Conn., with their two sons, James and William; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Flagg, of Lowell, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hayward, Miss Bertha Hayward, Mrs. Ruth Burgess, and Mrs. Ivy Walker, all of Chebeague Island.

Howard Beehler and Mildred Lawrence were married at Waltham, Mass., on October 1st, 1913. Their first home was on the Island. Howard and Mildred Beehler were Americanized in 1943.

The members of the local Grange are extremely gratified at the State-wide recognition their efforts in community service have received. An increase of over 30% in active membership over the past three years has enabled the Grange to expand its program of community service.

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The Island high school students are again being transported to Greeley Institute in Cumberland by means of a chartered boat by way of Cousins Island. This is far from a completely satisfactory arrangement, and we hope that the Chebeague Island Bridge Bill will pass in the coming referendum and that this situation will be corrected in the near future.

Kenneth Hamilton
Teacher-Principal

CHEBEAGUE NEWS
by Ray Hayward

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CHEBEAGUE ISLAND GRANGE WINS FIRST PRIZE IN STATE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

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Guest, Mrs. Bonar Pangabean, and daughter Naneen, turn the tables on hostess Gloria Nilsen and daughter, Karen, as Indonesian buffet is prepared.

Miss Peaks Island (Kate Sullivan) hostesses the fog-bound boat-trip to Long Island.


Start of a progressive dinner which lasted all evening was in home of Gilbert Wyner, Peaks. Left to right, Morgan Nilsen, Jim McLoughlin, Mrs. Ranko Lozo (Yugoslavia), Wyner, Pangabean, Fran Hapgood, Gloria Nilsen, Mrs. Pangabean, Lozo and Bea Chapman.

Spanish photo-journalist, M. Biber, Mrs. Albert Bal­com and Pangabean heap plates.

THE FUN AND LOBSTER FEAST AT LONG ISLAND.
INTERNATIONAL EVENT
BIG SUCCESS

They came. They saw. They were captivated and so were we.

This briefly sums up the experience of early August when 26 foreign correspondents and diplomats assigned to the United Nations were guests in 20 Casco Bay Island homes on six islands.

Nothing in the history of Casco Bay Island activities has previously brought together so many for so interesting a cause. It has proved our theory that there are areas of "togetherness" in which the islands as a Bay Community can appropriately and beneficially share.

Credits belong to the Maine Press Radio-TV Women's organization via Fran Hapgood of the Press Herald, for adopting a DownEast Diplomacy program in which Nor' By East responded with the mass entertaining idea. And to the Foreign Correspondents Center in New York, represented by James McLaughlin who liaisoned the event from the Big City. And to the Ford Motor Company for providing 10 glamorous white convertibles. And to the Esso Company for gasoline. And to the Casco Bay Lines for guest boat fares. And to the Maine Department of Economic Development for sponsoring a combined entertainment of foreign correspondents stationed in the United States.

In a message directed to the Maine Department of Economic Development, the program was cited as one that "could well be emulated by other states."

The presidential comment was occasioned by a week-long visit to this state by a delegation of more than 20 correspondents from 14 countries, who were guests of the Maine Press and Radio-TV Women's Association.

With the DED cooperating, the foreign news writers were entertained in the homes of Casco Bay residents over the weekend of Aug. 2, and in the following week were transported to places of interest throughout the state. A high spot of the visit was a traditional Maine clambake on Long Island.

Conveying the President's commendation, White House press secretary, Pierre Salinger, noted that "Maine was the first state in this program and it continues to provide the kind of program for our foreign visitors that could well be emulated by other states. The President deeply appreciates what you have been doing in this regard. We hope that you will be able to continue this program in the years to come."

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STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA

September 3, 1963

The visit to Maine by the group of correspondents representing foreign publications, early in August, is now a matter of history. Its success, however, is being attested to in the foreign and domestic press. All of this reflects to the credit of the State of Maine.

Your warm hospitality, given at a time when international relationships are inordinately sensitive, was a very real contribution to the advancement of the brotherhood of man. May I express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for your part in making our visitors welcome and in sharing with them the pleasant living which is so abundantly available in our State.

JOHN H. REED
GOVERNOR

President Commends State
For Hospitality To Writers

New Island Ferry

Official party arrives on ABENAKI

AUTUMN ON AN ISLAND

Autumn on an island on the beautiful coast of Maine

Has a certain kind of magic which I really can't explain:
The Bay has an extra sparkle, the sunsets — they're divine;
The days are bright and sunny, the air like vintage wine;
Deserted beaches echo the voices of summer gone by,
While gulls sail lazily graceful, high in the cloudless sky;
A wood fire in the evening, a time to sit and dream;
What more could anyone ask for from Life's uncertain Scheme?

Autumn on an island down in Maine!

— K. W. Stewart

Life must be worth living. The cost has more than doubled and we still hang on.

Door-to-door salesman: "Is your mother engaged?"
Small boy: "I think she's married."

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Ed. Note: The work of Captain Norman R. Hutchinson, Canal Zone Pilot, is described here by his wife. The Hutchinsons are Long Island vacationers and recently purchased a second cottage for their growing family of four boys. Capt. Hutchinson was formerly with the Grace Lines before taking his Canal Zone post ten years ago. Mrs. Hutchinson, daughter of Mrs. Bertha Nye of Long Island, is president of the Civic Council in Coco Solo which is comparable to the Portland City Council. She publishes a monthly newsletter "Sand Flea" She tells us that Nor' By East is read widely in the Pilot's office where vacation plans are often born. NOR' BY EAST hereby salutes "SAND FLEA" and all Canal Zone friends.

Coco Solo was once a part of the U.S. Naval Base of the same name. It was taken over by the Panama Canal Company in 1957 to provide housing for employees who had occupied U.S. quarters in New Cristobal. New Cristobal was ceded to the Republic of Panama in the Eisenhower-Ramon Treaty of 1955. Capt. Hutchinson is employed as a pilot for the Panama Canal Company which operates the world-famous Panama Canal, constructed by the U.S. Government in the 10-year period from May 1904 until August 1914 when the Canal officially opened its gates for business.

Piloting may sound like a simple familiar occupation to many of you, but this is piloting in a very special way. To begin with the Panama Canal stretches nearly 50 miles, from deep water at the Atlantic entrance to deep water at the Pacific entrance. During the transit ships are first raised 85 feet to the level of Gatun Lake. Gatun Lake was formed by damming the Chagres River at Gatun and until the Panama Canal was built was the largest man-made body of water in the world. The Canal channel traverses about 23 miles across the lake and then the ships are lowered 85 feet to sea-level again through a series of locks. The locks comprise three consecutive steps at Gatun, on the Atlantic end, and a combination of one step at Pedro Miguel and two at Miraflores Locks on the Pacific end.

Counting those residing at both ends of the Canal, the pilot register numbers about 120 men. This may sound like a large number until you start subtracting one-seventh of the total for those enjoying their weekly, and only scheduled, no-work day, the number on daily harbor and shuttle watches for the purpose of docking and undocking ships and moving traffic through Gatun Locks, the slowest operation due to the three chambers, to anchor in Gatun Lake, those on State-side vacation or local leave, and at least one for each of the 30 to 40 ships which appear for transit daily. Many ships require two pilots and some as many as four.

The Panama Canal is that this is the only waterway in the world where the pilot takes complete charge of the navigation of the vessel when he steps aboard, including ships of the U.S. Navy. Panama Canal pilots take pride in guiding ships through the locks without touching the walls. Locks chambers are 110 feet wide and 1000 feet long, while the larger tankers and ore carriers may have a beam (or width) of 100 feet and b 650 to over 800 feet in length which, you'll agree, calls for expert handling in the best of circumstances. In the chambers the pilots are assisted by electric locomotives carrying wire cables which help hold the ship in place as the water bubbles up underneath to fill the chambers in raising the ship.

The Panama Canal is located in the sub-tropics at a latitude of 9° North (of the equator), The temperature ranges in the middle 80's on the Atlantic side (of the Isthmus of Panama) and higher in the day and lower at night on the Pacific side. The humidity is high and the rain-fall prodigious, particularly on the Atlantic side, where 130 inches a year is normal. Cooling trade winds further enhance the climate. Sustained wind storms are unknown although violent squalls and sharp gusts may occur at any time during the rainy season from May to December.

One of the curiosities of the Panama Canal is that the northern, or Atlantic entrance of the Canal is located further west than the southern, or Pacific, end. Consequently residents are treated to the anomaly of watching the sun rise over the Pacific Ocean and seeing it set in the Atlantic Ocean!
TRANSPORTATION CYCLE MOVES TOWARD AIDING BAY ISLANDS
By Robert Skillings

Boosters of Casco Bay have noted with satisfaction that in the past two years there has developed more widespread appreciation of the Bay islands as top-line assets of the City of Portland and the Town of Cumberland, and, therefore, of the State of Maine. State-wide attention has been focused on the Chebeague bridge project. The scattering abroad of descriptive brochures has also helped.

The automotive age, which for years was expected to demote off-shore islands to second class status, has taken a modern swing which puts them back in the first class again.

Looking back to the pre-automotive times of the Gay Nineties, one may find in the August 2, 1897, issue of the Evening Express, island boat service schedules of three lines — Casco Bay Steamboat Co., Harpswell Steamboat Co., and John Berry's Island Belle. These served 11 islands (including Cushings, Harpswell, Bailey's, Orr's, and Hope); and on these islands were 15 landing places. At the height of the season the total of stops per day at all these landings by the three lines was 147 (ranging from two at Hope Island to 32 at Peaks in the Forest City area.)

By 1950 mid-season daily boat stops at eight island wharves had dropped to 49. Many people who did not need daily crossings to the mainland had come here, Orr's and Bailey's had become connected to the mainland, and some wharves had been discontinued.

In recent years the transportation cycle has taken a favorable turn. Air transport has put our coast within a day's travel distance from the Pacific coast. Bus tours, increasingly popular, are bringing hordes of people here. As a result of improved highways and the greater capabilities of the modern family car, the radius of the circle which includes places in the States, and in Canada from which Portland may be reached in a one-day trip has been greatly extended. That the outreach of the Bay area will grow, year by year, seems now assured, particularly when the bridge to Chebeague is a reality.

One September day, the noon boat, the Emita, pulled away from the Cliff Island wharf and we were on it, a little flushed and hectic, more than a little sad that summer was over. We sank down on a deck seat among the ridiculous off-island luggage, suit cases with intriguing foreign labels, fishing rods, a duffel bag, a treasured piece of driftwood and an unhappy cat caged for the voyage. We looked and looked intently (as if one could forget the beauty of rocks and spruce and the sea around us!) We called, "See you next summer!" "Do write," "Goodbye and good luck" and waved almost to Hope Island. Finally, settling back, we checked mentally. Yes, we'd turned off the water heater; paid our bill at Maquire's store; (the Abercrombie and Fitch and S. S. Pierce rolled into one.) The Store of the Island with Jimmy's and Ellie's accommodating friendliness; the porch chairs were stacked in the middle of the living room; and a pile of gathered seaweed in the back yard would ripen this winter for our next summer's garden fertilizer. All was well with our little beloved corner of The Island.

The constant chug-chug of the Emita's engines, as we wound our way from Chebeague, Long, Great and Little Diamonds and on by the big tankers in Casco Bay. These are the magnets that pull people back year after year, four generations of them, to Cliff.

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Studying in Vienna — Judith Guptill, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Nathaniel Guptill of Peaks and West Hartford, Conn. is spending her junior college year at the University of Vienna where she is studying the German language, European history and music, under the auspices of the Institute of European Studies. She is a Colby student.

Five Grands — Miss Yvonne Montpelier, dean of Portland piano teachers, owns five grand pianos of varying rank. Two are in her lovely Peaks Island home on Welch Street, where she teaches part of the week, and three are in her Portland studio in the Arcade where she teaches four days a week. An honorary life member of Portland music clubs, past president of MacDowell Club, and the Music Teachers Association, Miss Montpelier is distinguished in her field. She played in the old Gem Theater on Peaks at the age of 14! A bachelor lady, her love affair is with Peaks Island and her home where she stages a grand music recital each summer.

To Restore Cemeteries: The Peaks Island Garden Club which has completed a very successful season, has adopted a new project for 1964 — restoration of the Brackett Cemetery. A fund has been started for that purpose, says Mrs. Charles M. Ritchie, president. "When once restored and properly maintained, it will be an interesting and beautiful place to visit." Pole baskets, floral urns, a Garden Day, Danish Coffee and Arts and Crafts exhibit, highlighted this season. Speakers were Mrs. Dana Jaquith, Mrs. Ernest Town and Miss Jessie B. Trefethen.

Flashback: Sent to Nor' By East from Mrs. William Weeks, in Chatham, N. J., is the following "news" clipping from the Chatham Press, March 15, 1897. "The people living at Peaks Island, Maine are so healthy that the physician who attempted to make a living by remaining there failed, and the Islanders, sick and well alike, contribute a certain amount yearly outside that paid for services to keep him there. Happy Peaks Island a happy, happy doctor." From the past there is a lesson for today!

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