NEW CBL FERRY MEETS ALL EXPECTATIONS

Casco Bay Lines officials are very well satisfied with the initial performance and promising future capabilities of the new ferry "Rebel", according to the report of Peter T. McLaughlin, vice president and general manager.

On its first business venture in December it went to Long Island, took aboard without difficulty a large house trailer, and landed it in Portland, also without difficulty. The house trailer had been transported to the island by the old "Namada", which the "Rebel" replaces, to serve as working headquarters for Sanford Associates. They plan to use it at Long Island again next summer.

The new ferry is faster and quieter than the "Namada", and handles well. While the old ferry had a passenger limit of one driver per vehicle carried, the "Rebel" has a cabin amidships under the pilot house to accommodate up to 20 persons, and it has space for 10 automobiles, each of which may have a full load of passengers.

It has been demonstrated that the "Rebel" can carry with ease any type of heavy vehicle, or equipment.

David Gehr, formerly of Birch Island, served as pilot of the "Rebel" for several winter seasons in West Florida waters. It was built in 1957 by Blount Marine Corp. of Warren, R. I., and was operated by a Fort Myers company on a run between Punta Rassa, just south of Fort Myers, and two offshore islands. This ferry operation was replaced by a series of causeways of the type for which Florida is famous.

The vessel was dry-docked in Florida for a complete overhaul and tuning-up process. It was again dry-docked here for installation of a heating system and minor improvements. It is basically of the same all-welded steel construction as the "Abenaki", but the deck is extended beyond the hull on both sides to give it a width of 33 feet. Its Caterpillar diesel engine operates with comparative quiet because of a device which routes the exhaust "scavenger air", into a special filter for its reuse, instead of passing it into the upper atmosphere.

RYAN'S PREFAB HOUSE CENTER OF ATTENTION

An outstanding achievement in construction circles last fall was the shipment of a complete prefabricated house on Casco Bay Lines' "Abenaki" to Cliff Island. Several trips were needed to take down everything required from sand and cement blocks to plumbing and electrical equipment.

The project was undertaken by John W. Ryan, a vice president of a telephone company in Omaha, Neb., whose wife, Han, is an old-time islander.

The structure is going up on the north end of the island, and will be an elaborate home of two stories. Malcolm Griffin is the contractor. There is a cement block cellar. Living and sleeping quarters are on the second floor, the first floor being devoted to a children's play room. By December walls and roof were in place and two fireplaces were being built.

ENGINEERS DESIGN FERRY LANDING DETAIL

Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, engineers, have submitted a detailed plan of a proposed vehicle ferry landing for Peaks Island. At a conference of officials it was decided to recommend the adoption of this plan with an estimated investment of $121,000 to accommodate up to 20-ton loads.

The plan indicates that from the north side of Welch Street to the car ramp, 42 feet of new pavement will be needed. Under and on both sides of the roadway will be an embankment of fill. The car ramp slopes over a 42 foot distance to the hoist house, which is supported by two substantial piers. At end of ramp a hinged apron is planned.

Two concrete fender dolphins will set at angles to guide vessel to the apron. On the north side of the existing State wharf a ferry system will also be constructed, both to guide the ferry and to protect the wharf.

For a distance of 40 feet dredging will be needed to create a 9-foot depth below low water mark. This involves removing six to seven feet of mud as there is no ledge at this point.

The capacity of the proposed vehicle ferry landing was set at 20 tons so that the installation should be sufficient to handle heavy equipment.

It is hoped that the Legislature will appreciate the emergency situation caused by the 80-year-old Jones Landing being in tottering condition, and will provide funds for a new Peaks Island facility.

Since Jones Landing is likely to be condemned at any time, the idea of a bond issue, requiring a popular referendum, was discarded.

OFFICIALS HAVE COMPREHENSIVE BAY TRIP

Casco Bay Lines General Manager, Peter T. McLaughlin was host to nearly 100 people when he made the "Abenaki" available for a tour of the Bay on a cool November 22nd afternoon.

Taking part in the tour were State, County, and City officials, and representatives of Casco Bay Island Development Association.

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POTENTIAL OF NO VALUE WITHOUT ACTION

In the course of an address by Portland City Manager, Graham W. Watt, at Casco Bay Island Day in 1962, he stated that "a single new development on any one of the Casco Bay islands would give them a much needed shot in the arm, but it must be actively solicited by the island citizens and by our City and State government. We must be willing," he added, "to consider and experiment with new and progressive ideas."

In complete agreement with this line of thinking, the CBIDA strongly recommends serious consideration and action on the feasibility of establishing a State Park on Little Chebeague Island.

During World War II, the Government used the island as a rest and recreation center. There seems little prospect of it becoming a residential area again. Little Chebeague contains about forty acres partially wooded, excellent sandy beaches, a cluster of artesian wells, and a steamboat wharf which could be renovated at reasonable cost. At low tide a broad sandbar connects the island with Great Chebeague, so that if and when the Chebeague Island Bridge project is approved, a State Park on Little Chebeague would be easily accessible either by boat or by car.

Such a park would provide the people of Maine as well as tourists and vacationists with an ideally located site for recreation, including boating in protected waters, camping out, picnicking, fishing, bathing, and exploring. But, as Mr. Watt emphasized, "We must do more than merely talk about the great potential of the Casco Bay Islands."

ANOTHER LINK IN OVERSEAS FRIENDSHIPS

Miss Nina Grunenberg, German journalist, right, was entertained at the Chapman home. Others, left to right, Miss Margaret E. Randall, Mrs. Thomas L. Curtis, Mrs. Henry K. Adamson, Jr.

Early in November, Maine was visited by Miss Nina Grunenberg, award-winning German journalist. She came to our state because of the standing relationships forged by the Casco Bay Island Development Association with the Foreign Correspondents Center of New York. Miss Grunenberg, 26, was a charming visitor and captured many new friends wherever she went. Furthermore, she took home with her such warm impressions of our State that she vows if she ever leaves Germany she will settle in Maine. She will also write for her paper several articles describing the charms of Maine, friendliness of our people, and our stake in World Trade.

Jammed into one week, was a variety of special events arranged by the CBIDA with cooperation of City and State agencies, and a helpful assist from staffers of the Gambett Publishing Company. She visited Augusta, had her first lobster as guest of the Department of Economics Development, toured the Blaine mansion and met Mrs. Reed; visited Portland Symphony as guest of the Sidney Thaxter; and was lucky enough to be here during the Lovejoy Award given at Colby College for John Hay Whitney of the New York Tribune. In addition, Miss Grunenberg had come to Maine fresh from Texas where she spent the election period with the White House Press Corps.

She visited Miss Johanna von Tilling at Cliff and was featured at a tea for United Fund workers on Peaks Island at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Chapman.

This experience and demonstration of arrangements has helped to cement year-round relations with the New York Center which will do much to keep the islands, and Maine as a whole, in the foreground for such visits.

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CITY HALL REPORT

By Charles Ranlett

The 1965 Municipal Budget as recommended by the City Manager contains several items of interest to the Islands. The purchase of a small tractor with a sickle bar mower for roadside weed cutting is recommended for purchase for Cliff Island. This $950 item will be similar to the tractor purchased this year and used successfully on Long Island. A major program of sealcoating is proposed for the islands in 1965. This will continue the plan initiated in 1962 which showed the sealcoating program on alternate years, resulting in more and better work at lower unit costs.

APPROPRIATION FOR LANDINGS

The recommended appropriation for the maintenance of Portland Pier and other landings which are the responsibility of the City, is approximately $800 greater than that for 1964, $6,105 in comparison to $5,304 approved for 1964. This request includes funds for the cleaning, reinforcing, redecking, and painting of the transfer bridge at Portland Pier.

BUILDING PERMITS SOAR

The increased interest in island property is reflected by the preliminary end-of-the-year figures issued by the City's Building Inspection Department. These show that building permits for new construction and alterations totalling more than $6,500 were issued in 1964. This total is almost double the average of the preceding four years, $20,000, and is more than $9,000 ahead of the previous high in recent years, $27,000 recorded in 1961.

TREE-PLANTING PROJECTS

It is hoped that the planting of trees at Peaks by the Park Department, assisted by the Public Works Department, will act as an incentive for further cooperative tree-planting projects between the City and private individuals and groups.
NEW SHADE TREES
ORNAMENT PEAKS

Last fall the Park Department planted 18 Norway maples on Island Avenue, Peaks, near the boat landing, winning the hearty approval of residents, and especially of Mrs. Ernest H. Elliott, who has been a shade-tree advocate for years.

Miss Margaret Randall discovered in some old records what may have been the beginnings of organized tree-planting on the island 82 years ago. She found this in the minutes of the island's "East Portland Improvement Society" under date of March 2, 1882:

"C. E. Trefethen on behalf of a committee reported some 315 house lots on Island Avenue, and that about 625 trees were needed for adorning the same, and perhaps as many more for the other streets. The Rev. T. P. Adams thought the value of property on the island might be increased 24% if shade trees could be set out to good advantage."

MANY GROUPS BOOK
CBL BOAT FOR CRUISES

Organizations chartering Casco Bay Lines' fleet leader, the "Abenaki," have been on the increase. Last season over 30 parties had taken day-time or evening trips. (mostly evening) down the Bay. S. D. Warren Co., Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Radio Station WGAN each scheduled two trips. Among other charter groups were Biddeford & Saco Building & Loan Association, Knights of the Road (salesmen entertaining on Ladies' Night), Maine Products Show Committee, N. E. Public Utilities Commissioners, Radio Station WJAB, United Commercial Travelers, Westbrook Junior College, St. Joseph's College, and two Bowdoin fraternities during Commencement Week, and sororities of Radcliffe and St. Regis Colleges.

The Propeller Club had an all-day party for 132 men on the Lions Club grounds at Peaks, complete with clam bake and baseball.

Promoters of West Brown Cow Island as a give-away prize sent down two boat loads - 200 in the forenoon and 284 in the afternoon - to view the island from a few hundred yards off-shore.

The Junior Club of the Trefethen-Evergreen Improvement Assn. scored a "first". It was the first island group to charter the "Abenaki" for a moonlight sail. They raised $4 as a starter by a car-wash day, and had a turn-out of 125 for a memorable party.

The Abenaki has plenty of deck space for dancing. Some of the parties arrange for a stop at The Spar, Long Island, for food service.

DIFFERENT BUT EQUALLY BEAUTIFUL — Island winter scenery is a gorgeous contrast to the summer splendor savored by the "warm weather" visitors to the Bay. Photo by Clough.

CALENDS CLUB PROMOTES
HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

The Calends Study Club offered a cash prize for the best decorated front doorway during the Christmas season. The result exceeded all expectations. Doorways, windows, and grounds glowed with lighting displays as neighborhoods accepted the challenge. Never before had Peaks Islanders seen such an evening display of holiday cheer.

Richard Bemis of Willow Street won the prize for artistic door arrangement around central wreath. The judges awarded honorable mention to the William McNair home, and made special mention of the Roland Hoar, Donald Wells, and Arthur Kennedy homes.

Judges were Mrs. Harry Files, Mrs. Raymond Herrick, and Mrs. Ansel Sterling.

HOW ONE ISLAND VOTED

In the November election 411 ballots, including 60 of absentees, were cast at Peaks Island. Twelve ballots were defective. For Johnson-Humphrey were 302; for Goldwater-Miller 97. Voting a straight ticket were 178 Democrats and 73 Republicans.

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FISHING FOR SARDINES
By Rose A. Bernstein, Cliff, Is.

A Winslow Homer sea painting come to life? No, merely a crew of Cliff Island sardine fishermen at work in their oilskins in heavy weather. A brief survey of how the herring goes from the sea to the table may be of interest.

The dictionary states that the true sardine, or pilchard, is found only in European waters. What we identify as "sardine" is the young of the herring or menhaden, of a size suitable for preserving in oil.

The herring fisherman must have great skill and patience, expert knowledge of the waters in which he works, as well as adequate equipment, such as seines and dories. The seines, or nets, are large and costly, and are made of small mesh with floats on top, leads at the bottom and anchors to hold them when the net is set.

It is generally believed that the best time to look for herring is after dark for then the scales cast a phosphorescent glow in the water. Once the fish are located, the net is set to mark off the general area. The canning factory is then notified that fish are available, and a boat is sent. The sardine carrier is a large and graceful ship resembling an eighteenth century sloop, equipped with suction pumps to draw the fish into its hold.

Before the fish are taken up, the fishermen must form a "pocket", that is, they draw the seine into a rectangle or square to concentrate the fish in a smaller area. It is at this point that many hazards occur: the net may be damaged by dogfish, seals, debris on the ocean floor, lobster traps or buoys, small craft moving too quickly over the net and snarling the ropes, heavy running tides that may lift the net and allow the fish to escape, or the sheer mass of the fish may cause their smothering.

Before taking up the fish, the carrier anchors at the edge of the seine, and the fishermen form a "purse" seine. In one step, the fish are washed and heavily salted, and as the work continues there is a wide, tail-like marker of excess salt on the water. The scales, which belong to the crew, are sold for the manufacture of costume jewelry and buttons. The schedule is so arranged that there is a short interval between loading the fish and their actual canning.

Why does anyone select such a difficult, hazardous and uncertain occupation? An adequate answer would require more knowledge of human nature than is available. We prefer to believe that the choice is prompted by man's independent spirit and his inarticulate craving for beauty. At any rate, observing sardine fishing at close range has given us a greater respect for the little tin, marked "Packed in Portland" — or elsewhere "in Maine."

ISLAND SHORE LIFE
STARTED HAL'S CAREER

The adventures of Harold Hackett of Little Diamond and Portland in scientific exploration on the islands of Ceylon and the Maldives were described in an illustrated article in the Press Herald of Nov. 6.

Now intent on acquiring a doctor's degree at Duke University, Hal was adding to his knowledge of marine biology (which first intrigued him as an island boy) as a member of the International Indian Ocean Expedition sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

He specialized on varieties of algae, and made extensive collections for Duke University and for the Smithsonian Institution. He spent time skin-diving for rock lobsters, but found they were not as tender as our Maine species.

FISHERMEN BUY
WIDGERY WHARF

Widgery Wharf, Inc. is a new corporation organized by nine lobster fishermen who have been leasing space for a number of years. They plan to modernize the facility and lease berths to other fishermen.

After cost estimates are received they plan to make a solid-fill wharf with bulkhead sides.

Henning Thompson heads the group, and William A. Floyd, who summers at Long Island is vice president. Others are Earl R. and David H. MacVane, and Carl R. Nickerson of Cliff, John H. Sterling, formerly of Peaks, Peter W. Kelly III, and Hubert L. Brewer. Leland L. Merrill is treasurer of the corporation, and Nunzi Napolitano is clerk.

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GEMS FROM THE DIAMONDS
By Maureen D. Mulkern

For the past thirty-seven years Mr. and Mrs. Millard Dorr have been residents of Great Diamond Island, twenty of them spent year 'round.

Fort McKinley is an old friend of the Dors. A native of Oklahoma, Mrs. Dorr met her husband there when he was soldiering. She was also postmistress for six years and ran the PX effort during the war.

Mr. Dorr was stationed at the Fort for 21 years and has been caretaker more recently for nearly six years. He keeps busy by carpentry and repair work, too.

Mrs. Dorr comments that she wanted to go South this winter but her husband loved the season here so much that he refused to go. Well, Happy New Year to you both and we hope you'll stay with us for many years to come.

INTERNATIONAL FORECAST

It can now be safely predicted that the Foreign News Correspondents program initiated in 1963, enlarged upon in 1964, will become a growing annual program among the Casco Bay Islands.

Committee members, ably led by Hal Hackett of Little Diamond Island, reported offers of new homes for 1965 even before the excitement of last summer had subsided. The unlimited horizon which this program represents can in effect establish a national precedent. The number of friendships continuing after the initial introduction have been considerable.

Looking ahead, again we invite our readers to register their desire to participate in this program next summer. There are many ways of helping, even if you are not equipped to be a host home. Planning community events on each island is an important way of sharing in the program with all residents. If you wish to be a part of the project why not drop a line to Nor' by East? Your indicated interest will be forwarded to the chairman.

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LONG ISLAND
Newly elected members of the Legislature viewed Peaks Island's Jones Landing. They are being asked to provide funds to replace this facility.

A. Edward Langlois, manager of the Maine Port Authority, displayed engineers' drawings of the proposed new ferry landing and described it in detail.

An amplified sound system enabled speakers to take the microphone to describe each island as it was approached. Speaking for Peaks was Winthrop K. Deane; for Little Diamond, Theodore Rand; for Great Diamond, C. Stuart Laughlin; for Long, Mrs. Geneva Rogers; for Cliff, Miss Johanna von Tiling; and for Great Chebeague, Dr. Herman Petterson.

Cumberland County Commissioners had made arrangements with a committee of women at Long to bring a lobster roll luncheon for all the guests aboard the "Abenaki".

Lawrence Stevens of Long, president of CBIDA, was master of ceremonies and introduced the island speakers and various officials. These included City Manager Graham W. Watt, Robert Elliott of the State Department of Economic Development, and Mr. McLaughlin.

LEE RECREATION PROGRAM SERVES ISLAND WELL

A city-sponsored service, assisted by the recently formed Peaks Island Recreation Committee, is bringing new benefits to both youth groups and adults on the island.

Through the Lee Recreation Program under the City Parks and Recreation Department, the City provides instruction for a variety of activities in the school. Besides providing constructive activity for the various youth groups, the program serves to make more intensive use of the school as a community center serving the people of the island.

This year's program includes a gym class Saturday morning for older boys; a tiny tots play program in the early afternoon; a crafts program for grades four through six in the later afternoon; and a youth dance in the evening.

Special events have been planned this year featuring the popular Tel Stars dance band which has enabled the youth program to purchase a heavy-duty record player. Further projects will be undertaken to benefit the youth program.

For adults, a chair caning class held at the Trading Post has proved to be popular and successful. Mrs. Edmund Corcoran is the instructor.

Mr. Ben Campbell, director of the City Recreation program at the Lee Center has been most helpful in providing advice and authorizing instructors for the program. The Center has also provided supplies for the craft classes, and games for the little tots.
CLIFF CLIPPINGS

Cliff Island Association turned out a special 5-page edition of "The Sea Gull" in December. It abounded in news, special items, and decorative art work. Miss Johanna von Tiling is editor, and others on the staff are Eleanor Cushing, "Tim", art editor, Ellen MacVane, Dwinal Griffin, Muriel Anderson, Dot MacVane, and Bud Vortisch.

Miss von Tiling, by the way, is engaged in an expanded program of teaching German at six levels in Waynflete School. In December she found time to present a Christmas program at Portland Public Library with Dorothy Hicks and Virginia Stevens.

Miss Pamela Mitchell of Harrington, Maine is the new teacher for 10 children at the island school. Three junior and high school students are commuting daily to Portland.

There are over 100 homes on Cliff, owned by about 80 summer and 25 year-round families. Summer residents include architects, artists, authors, business executives, clergymen, college presidents, engineers, lawyers, physicians, musicians, scientists, teachers, and others from about 15 states, including California and Hawaii.

Clara R. Scarborough reported that she counted eight varieties of birds in her back yard one fall morning: blue-jay, flicker, cat bird, purple finch, gold finch, white-throated sparrow, myrtle warbler, and red-breasted nuthatch.

BRUCE DYER CONTRACTS FOR NEW BOAT

Bruce Dyer of Cliff Island expects to have a new 34-foot lobster boat by next May as replacement for the 6-year-old, 22-footer he has been using for lobstering.

The new boat will have a 6-cylinder Chevrolet motor, and will be built by Royal K. Lowell. Mr. Lowell is operating at Long Wharf and is using the old Pocahontas Coal office building.

Lewis Griffin and David Griffin are also planning for new boats, the latter's to be built in Nova Scotia.

ROBERT FOLLETTE REPORTS ON WINTER ACTIVITIES

Robert Follette, proprietor of the Island View House, Chebeague, and designer of the Casco Bay relief map exhibited at Rockefeller Center, is keeping more than busy this season, operating the dining hall at Amherst College and participating in the community life of Northampton, Mass.

He reports having joined the Northampton Choral Society, which presented the "Messiah" with 100 voices and orchestra just before Christmas. He will be opening the Island View House early in June.

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With the welding job finished, a thirty-five foot steel lobster boat, designed and built by Earl Campbell of Chebeague Island, is ready for docking over and applying the finishing touches. The boat is thirty-five feet overall, with a nine foot two inch beam, and a thirty-three inch draught. It will be powered by a 150 horse power Palmer engine.

"It's been a long job," said Earl as he glanced with pride at the graceful lines of the sturdy steel hull. "If I could have worked on her steady, I could have built her in one-quarter of the time, but with a full-time job on the mainland, I've had to work on the boat nights, holidays, and whenever I could find an extra hour."

When asked why he chose to build a steel boat rather than a wooden one, he smiled and said, "Well, I know how to work with steel and I've always wanted a steel lobster boat. She'll last longer, require less upkeep, and be a better all-weather boat. And she'll be tight as a drum."

Earl's friends and neighbors on Chebeague are looking forward to celebrating the launching of his boat in the spring or early summer.

SOME FACTS ABOUT CUMBERLAND COUNTY, STATE OF MAINE

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The islands in the Bay total another 100 miles of shoreline. Here boating is best, fishing good and lobsters plentiful.

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Attractive to Industry: Three railroads serve the county — Canadian National, Maine Central, Boston & Maine.

Port facilities are at Portland, Yarmouth and Harpswell.

Portland Airport serves Northeast Airlines and Atlantic Airways.

There are trunk highways; many small-boat harbors; electricity and potable water in abundance.

And there is a high quality labor force.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Cumberland County was established in 1760 by act of the General Court of the Province of Massachusetts Bay.

Inquiries should be addressed to COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, 142 Federal St., Portland, Maine.

The Commissioners are: Arthur Chapman, Jr., Chairman; Arthur H. Charles; David Blotner.

SIDESWIPING A DEER NO FUN SAYS BEA

Mrs. John W. (Beatrice Murray) Chapman of Peaks Island narrowly escaped injury when she became involved in a deer accident on Route 95 in Falmouth Nov. 5 while driving to Augusta. A buck sideswiped the car and tangled for a few moments with the rear end. As the car teetered and swerved Mrs. Chapman found that it took every ounce of her energy to brake it down without going off the highway.

The wounded deer staggered a considerable distance before dying.

Arriving at the scene in a truck, Louis Levesque of Brunswick came to the aid of Mrs. Chapman. He tracked down the deer, and telephoned Charles Allen, game warden of North Windham. Since she was a bit shaky and in no mood for a venison dinner, Mrs. Chapman agreed to his delivering the deer to the Men's Reformatory at South Windham.
PEAKS PICKINGS

George E. Sterling, former member of the Federal Communications Commission and operator of amateur radio station WIAE, with Mrs. Sterling, was honored with a front cover photograph of his island office interior in a recent issue of "Spark-Gap Times". The "Times" is published in Chattanooga, Tenn., by the "Old, Old Timers Club". Mr. Sterling also had a 2 1/2-page story in the same issue on how Nazis spies operated in Africa.

Roland S. Hoar has built a two-room addition on the Gilbert Leas' (Phyllis Thaxter) home on Cushing's Island. The Leas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney W. Thaxter of Bowdoin St. for a few days at the end of December. Miss Thaxter makes it a point to get to Cushing's in the summer season whenever Hollywood commitments enable her to do so.

Miss Marguerite E. Murphy received an inquiry from a member of the U. S. Air Force in Illinois concerning real estate listings as advertised in Nor' By East.

Paul Whitney of the Polaroid Company will show more of his scenic pictures, with running comment, at the winter dinner meeting of Trefethen-Peaks Island.

FORMER CBL VESSEL GURNET IN NEW ROLE

The passenger vessel Gurnet, used on regular runs and during two years for special parties and for heavy excess traffic, was sold in November by Casco Bay Lines to Peter R. Perkins, Dean of students at North Yarmouth Academy. The vessel's 50 years of service ended after its diesel engine, which was undamaged by the fire.

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Richard Arsenault of Portland High School, son of Joachim J. Arsenault, has won several trophies in weight-lifting contests at Portland Boys Club. He has registered in third and second places and is aiming for top spot. He has been talking with the Recreation Department about a weight-lifting program at the island school.

Former pupils of Miss Laura E. Parker, who had a teaching career of 44 years, recalled their school days with her on learning of her death at age 91 December 30. Her final days of illness were spent in one of the Noble Nursing Homes in Portland, Miss Parker retired from teaching in 1938, together with two other grand ladies of the Peaks Island School, Miss Trulette Parsons and Miss Ethel Frost.

Mrs. L. Philip (Betty) Lamplough was recently appointed to the position of secretary in the office of City Manager, Graham W. Watt.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Casey, who opened a shoe store last fall in the building adjoining the Post Office, have been doing well in this location.

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IMPROVEMENTS AT ST. CHRISTOPHER’S AND AT ST. JOSEPH’S-BY-THE-SEA

By Mrs. Frances Randall

Summer residents of Peaks will be surprised and pleased, on returning to the island, to hear carillon chimes pealing out from the newly built tower atop St. Christopher’s Church. Four loudspeakers spread the sound out over the area. The chimes originate on special recordings, electronically controlled, and are heard several times daily.

The Sisters of Notre Dame have started expansion of their attractive vacation retreat on Pleasant Avenue, St. Joseph’s-By-the-Sea. On January 4 Charles Franco, contractor, began construction of a dormer, 26 feet long, on the north side of the third, or attic, floor. This will provide one expanded, well-lighted room for additional living space.

Sister Eleanor Joseph, Provincial Mother, and Sister Alice Gertrude, in charge of the residence, are conferring on the possibility of putting an addition on the rear of the structure, or of constructing a new building on the lot opposite at the corner of Pleasant Avenue and Belvedere Road.

(Mrs. Randall returned to her home in December after several weeks of hospitalization for treatment of a foot ulcer. — Ed.)

MAINE GETS TOP CLEAN-UP AWARD

Last October Maine became the third state to be honored by the annual award of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., for its efforts in making a “cleaner, healthier, safer, and more beautiful America”.

JUDITH GUPTILL TELLS OF JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD

Judith Guptill, now of Colby College, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Nathanael M. Guptill of Peaks Island and West Hartford, Conn. This was her answer.

English for students lacking knowledge of German, and also in German for all University of Vienna students. I studied under the auspices of the Institute of European Studies which admits approximately one hundred and fifty American students from different colleges all over the United States for study in Vienna. Although they provided courses in English, found homes for the students and remained as guardians, there were, for the ambitious student, many chances for making Austrian friends and joining into the Vienna University student life.

Memories which I will always enjoy are standing in line all night in front of the opera house box office in order to obtain a 25c standing room ticket for Verdi’s Aida or Puccini’s La Boheme, and enjoying my landlady who spoke only German, stoked my coal stove during the cold winter months, and acted as friend the whole year.

Needless to say I enjoyed my year and benefited academically, socially and intellectually. Through having lived in a foreign country I can see the world situation more clearly and can understand better what it is to be an American.

NOTABLE CAREER OF VETERAN PLUMBER ENDED

A probable record of having attended to the opening and closing of more summer cottages than any other man in the area was held by Eldridge Trott of Peaks Island. Mr. Trott died after a brief illness on November 14, less than three weeks before the 87th anniversary of his birth, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Boyle. He went on his annual hunting trip “with the boys” only a short time before being confined to his home.

The greater part of his active career, which extended up to October last fall, was spent in servicing countless summer and winter residents. For several decades he was occupied with the turning on and off of water services, chasing leaks, and making repairs and new installations. He had over a hundred clients last year, at age 86.

He was a volunteer fireman for over 50 years.

He earned great popularity with his cheerful disposition, his ready smile, and his eagerness to be of service to his neighbors despite his advancing years. The passing of “Elly”, as he was called by scores of friends, left a distinct void in the community.

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An illustrated write-up in a Sunday magazine, following the offer of a chartered boat to go to her island for picture-taking; and she was invited to an expense-paid New York trip, highlighted by her appearance as the central figure on the TV program, "To Tell The Truth". The nationwide fame came when the Associated Press put her story about winning the island on the "wire". Among the letters received was one from a Wisconsin man, age 70, who offered to be her pen pal.

In September Miss Hourihan received a call from Columbia Broadcasting System, proposing the TV appearance. Goodson-Todman Enterprises made all arrangements for Miss Hourihan and her friend, Anna Piper, during their three-day stay in New York City. They visited the World's Fair, toured the United Nations Building, Radio City Music Hall, and in addition to two sessions at the studio for taping the program, had an opportunity for shopping trips.

Two of the panelists on the show spotted Marlene as the girl who was "telling the truth". So her share of the $200 prize money was $66.88.

George Plagenz of the Boston Sunday Advertiser arranged to take "Miss Robin Crusoe", as his later article was titled, to West Brown Cow with her brother and a friend, and a photographer. The resultant story appeared at length in the Coloroto Magazine of Nov. 15.

APPROACHING HER ISLAND — Marlene gets her first glimpse of West Brown Cow Island.

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Photo by Sargent — Home started in fall by Wendell P. Wright, Contractor of Easthampton, Massachusetts, on Peaks inner shore — front, near old Trefethen Landing. This is one of seven lots purchased by Mr. Wright from Mrs. Samuel S. Howard.

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