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Casco Bay Island Development Association
FAR REACHING NATIONAL PROGRAM CAN AID ISLANDS

by Bea Chapman

How does the Economic Opportunity Act affect the Casco Bay Islands? It will take considerable time to really feel the impact and importance of this program in our communities. But of utmost importance is the fact that the Casco Bay Islands are being written into the Community Action Program among the areas in which work experience programs can be directed.

Of the wide variety of programs under the Economic Opportunity provisions, there are four which can be of great importance to the Casco Bay Islands.

First — the Neighborhood Youth Corps which Portland has applied for and received initial approval. This will be directed largely to unemployed youths and school drop-outs who could be encouraged to continue their education if they can earn some money — or youths whose interests do not include educational pursuits, but who can be trained in manual skills preparing them for employment.

Portland will employ some 200 youths on a rotating basis who will be assigned to many of the City Departments, such as public works, parks and recreation; or who will be offered assignments in some of our nonprofit agencies as hospitals, libraries, settlement houses, etc.

Second — the Work-Study program directed toward youth in schools or wishing to return to school and whose personal needs can be met by part-time employment, either at the School of their choice or in the community.

Third — Community Action Programs (one of which is being planned by the City of Portland and United Community Services, jointly) designed to help unemployed adults, or those now receiving public assistance, by providing work opportunities, training, basic education or a combination of these. These projects will not be "make-work" projects, but must by nature of the program, be designed to improve the community, while providing opportunities for people.

Fourth — An employment and investment incentive program permitting loans up to $25,000 for small businesses not eligible under any other loan program.
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LARGE COMMITTEE FOR CONCERT PROMOTION
A novel program for a novel purpose was the May 2 afternoon piano recital at Frye Hall by Allen Barker of Little Diamond and Wayland, Mass.

The program, "Music at the Turn of Our Century", included works by Gabriel Faure (1845-1924), Claude Debussy (1862-1918), Maurice Ravel (1875-1957), Nicholas Medtner (1879-1951), Alexander Scriabin (1872-1915), and Charles Griffes (1884-1920). The purpose of the Concert was to bring in funds for promotion of this summer's International Week. Proceeds amounted to over $300. Our grateful thanks to Allen Barker.

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UNITED WE STOOD
The greatest demonstration ever of island solidarity was that made March 11 at a 35-minute hearing in the State House Office Building, Augusta. An array of talent presented to the Legislature's Appropriations Committee reasons for an emergency appropriation of $121,000 for construction of a new Peaks Island Ferry Landing.

Representative W. Russell Edwards, Jr., who not only sponsored the bill, but who had made a diligent study of the situation first made an outline presentation.

Winthrop K. Deane presented to the Committee a scroll containing the signatures of 350 petitioners. He also summarized what he learned from research as to the State's current income from such sources as gasoline taxes, sales taxes, car registrations, and drivers' licenses. His breakdown showed a total estimate of $69,000 taken in by the State from these island sources over a five-year period. He demonstrated that the proposed investment by the State would be a profitable one.

Tying the whole Bay area into the proposition was a letter read by Mr. Deane from Lawrence L. Stevens of Long Island, president of the Casco Bay Island Development Association. In the letter he stated that all islands served by the Casco Bay Lines held that the new Peaks facility was essential for the Bay's economy.

John W. Chapman explained what the new landing would mean to residents, business interests, and the developing population.

Sidney W. Thaxter of Cushings Island and attorney for the Chamber of Commerce, forcefully outlined the need as he saw it. He held up to the Committee the specter of what might happen if the State failed to replace Jones landing.

FAR REACHING
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such as banks or Small Business Administration. This loan opportunity will enable the borrower to create small businesses, or in some instances to save an existing business from going on the rocks.

All of these programs are financed on a 90-10 basis. That is, the local community provides ten per cent of the program cost and the federal government provides 90 per cent. This agreement is for the first two years of the program after which the proportion will be on a 50-50 basis.

So now is the time to take full advantage of these opportunities at the present ratio. It is conceivable that the Islands may, for the first time, have the opportunity to engage in beautification programs, park developments, clean-up activities, demolition of dilapidated properties, and even some construction.

CITY HALL
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Peaks Safety Unit Statistics
The Peaks Island Public Safety Unit responded to 14 fire alarms, 121 police complaints, and 141 requests for help or aid during 1964, annual records of the department indicate.

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A LETTER FROM GRANDFATHER

A vivid look into the past — as we pause to remember the sacrifices of our many war veterans — comes to Nor’ by East through a copy of a letter from Fair Oaks, Virginia, dated June 22, 1862 — written by Civil War Soldier Charles D. Barrett, grandfather of Charles Barrett of Long Island, to his wife Abbey.

“We are encamped within five minutes walk of that never to be forgotten field where 6,000 of our troops stood and fought against 50,000 of the enemy. It was a hard fight as the trees and the ground can testify, the ground was strewn with dead and dying who have since been gathered together and buried. It is an awful sight . . . a farmer at home would bury his horse more decent than thousands of these poor soldiers who ‘perilled all for their country’ are buried. As the poet would say ‘They sleep not in some beautiful garden of the dead where the hand of friendship could trail the flowers of beauty which blossom o’er their graves’, but they are rudely thrown together friends and foes into trenches and scantily covered with earth . . . Never in the history of this war were the rebels so cut up than in the ‘Battle of Fair Oaks’ and the next day at the ‘Seven Pines’ the little white flower and Oak leave I picked in the woods where the rebels first stood when they fired upon our troops . . . Oh, by the way, I must tell you we are across the famous Chickeromony River and swamp where the rebels said they would drive us in and drown us when we should attempt it. They tried that once to their hearts content. I think they will not try it again.”

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A basic reason for the choice of this island shore site for this huge plant is the same reason that attracts thousands of tourists — the cooling waters of the bay. More than 850 feet of 60-inch concrete pipe was laid to bring the cooling water to the mammoth condenser, and to discharge it back into the ocean at the other side of the island. The water is used to cool steam in the condenser so that the steam will be converted back to boiler feed water for re-use.

Excavated before foundation work could begin were a total of 9,500 cubic yards of earth and 7,400 cubic yards of concrete had been poured. The 125,000-kilowatt turbo-generator was manufactured by the General Electric Company at its Schenectady, N. Y. plant. Because of the tremendous weights involved, transportation of the stator and rotor parts and their installation involved the solving of some difficult problems.

Now working on a myriad of tasks amid a maze of pumps, wires, pipes, and heavy equipment are boilermakers, pipe fitters, iron workers, laborers, painters, millwrights, carpenters, insulators and roofers.
CUSHINGS CHRONICLINGS
by Mrs. Sidney W. Thaxter

Fall was marked by the extensive clearing and landscaping of the communally owned "Valley" and the shore side of the S. W. Thaxter and Hammond properties toward Cape Elizabeth. An addition was put onto the Lea-Dietrichson cottage, (children of Mrs. Sidney St. F. Thaxter); another addition on the Frederick Hitchcock second story (formerly Dr. Thaxter's cottage); and extensive outside repairs to the Cole-Quinn residence.

In the fall a large representation from the island drifted to the Cambridge, Mass., and nearby area — the Robert Meserves, the Patrick Quinns, the John Hammonds, the Fred Hitchcocks, and Sandy Thaxter. Many summer friends had a happy reunion at Jack Hammond's 50th birthday party in Cambridge.

In June the island will welcome back teacher Ben Farrar and family from England. Seven teachers, four lawyers, and three doctors are included in the island's erudite population.

The student contingent will return from Colorado colleges and German universities. Young Brad Chase has joined an investment firm in Denver; Dick Holt was married in California; Dr. Steve Betha, in Virginia, has newly become a father; Bill Meserve is a senior at Harvard Law School; Sandy Thaxter is on the Dean's list at Newton College of the Sacred Heart.

This summer more of the teen-age and older group hope to be on hand because of finding local jobs. Rentals are filled early.

Summer events will include a tennis program for the younger group, headed by Amy Nolan, who represents Portland High at swimming meets. Search is on for clay to resurface the tennis courts. There will be swimming pool diving through the kindness of the Meserves, and water skiing.

The usual problems of boat service, road repairs, volunteer brush cutting and grass planting will exist — but everyone will be hoping for sunny skies and no dog fights.

MRS. CHAPMAN IN NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY OFFICE

Mrs. John W. (Bea) Chapman, former editor of Nor' By East, has been assigned to Governor Reed's executive staff for the handling of programs under the Economic Opportunity Act, in addition to her regular duties with the Department of Health and Welfare.

The Division of Economic Opportunity has established a new office in the State House Office Building. From the office will flow information about the several programs available under the new act, and the staff will make trips to communities asking for guidance in getting programs started.

On the office walls are paintings by Ansel Sterling, Bradford Brown, and Norman Sargent of Peaks Island.

GEMS FROM THE DIAMONDS
by Stuart Laughlin

Theodore Rand has been building a 50 x 50-foot float as an addition to the floats already set at his Little Diamond marina.

He has also been salvaging the remains of a 70-year-old blacksmith shop on the Milton Smith property on Great Diamond — principally the concrete floor. He has completed the side-walls and roof of a 12 x 30 camp of two rooms, with plenty of space available for a later addition.

Other activities on Great Diamond have centered in two families, the Berube's and the Dorr's, who have been occupied with year around jobs. Mr. Berube is employed by the City, and Mr. Dorr watches over the former Fort McKinley property. Summer residents have been glad that these two families have been on the spot to watch out for everyone's property.

There are the ever present deer which have been romping over the island unhindered by summer residents and their dogs. Hunting on Great Diamond is frowned upon, as many residents would prefer in the long run to have their gardens and shrubs nubbled than to have their windows shot out by stray bullets. Ernest Laughlin, who has made a hobby of collecting information on the old island steamers, has made several trips to Newburyport, Mass., where the old steamer, Sabino, is being rebuilt by Philip Corbin and his son, James, of Southbury, Mass. At least one of CBL's old steamers may sail again. Ernest has made, over the years, several models of the steamers, including the Aucoisco, Emita, Maquoit, and Tourist.

Philadelphia has its famous Independence Hall clock. The largest indoor clock in the world is in New York's Grand Central Station.

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1. Appropriations Committee listens intently to Frederick N. Allen of Public Utilities Commission as story is unfolded.

2. Representative Richard N. Berry: "Count me in as solidly endorsing this bill."

3. Representative W. Russell Edwards, Jr., promulgator-in-chief and "steering committee of one", who guided speakers through the hearing.

4. Winthrop K. Deane, chairman Peaks section of CBIDA, researcher on statistics, who was "mother hen" of the whole campaign, presents a 7-foot scroll with signatures of 300 petitioners.

5. Frederick N. Allen, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, comes up with the clincher: "Jones Landing, limited to 3 tons, is tottering."

6. John W. Chapman of NOR’BY EAST staff speaks for all-year residents and business interests.

7. Sidney W. Theaker of Cushings Island: "You would not want State to take over the whole operation." At left: A. Edward Landlois, Manager Maine Port Authority, and Peter McLaughlin, Manager Casco Bay Lines, give their moral support as "Call Men."
CHEBEAGUE ISLAND COUNCIL PLANS PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM
At a meeting of the Council Executive Board on March 13th, plans were adopted and committee chairmen were appointed to assume responsibility for stimulating interest in and securing support for the several projects included in the proposed program.

Among the projects proposed were—

1. Completion of the installation of running water at the Island Hall.
2. Establishment of a Lending Library on the Island.
3. A well organized “Bang-up” Fourth of July Parade and Picnic.
4. A campaign to improve the overall beauty of the Island.
5. An intensive Council membership drive.

CLIFF CLIPPINGS
by Johanna von Tiling

The Spring issue of “The Seagull” was out in April and bulging with news. March mild weather helped with building activities. The new John Ryan prefab house is progressing well and will be occupied this summer. There is some interior work to be done, such as paneling and painting.

An addition to the north end of the Association Hall with new stage has been started.

The big well used by the Library, the Hall, and the Fire Department, is being completely rebuilt with new tiles and permanent cover.

Benjamin O'Reilly, Jr., plans a onestory addition to his store on Island Ave.

TRAVELERS GO FAR

The Richard Bucks had a trip last fall through a large part of South America. The Merle Odgers and the Richard Olney are completing round-the-world tours. The Odgers, traveling mostly by steamer, have spent time in Japan and Hong Kong, and planned to be away five months. The Olneys, traveling mostly by air, were heard from in India, and were to be away 80 days.

The Ralph Spiers sailed on the S. S. France in April for a six weeks visit with relatives and friends in France and Switzerland.

In June the Joseph Davies, Jr., leave on the S. S. Independence for a leisurely trip to include Casa Blanca, the Mediterranean, southern and central Europe.

COMING EVENTS

With the new stage under construction the Association Hall will be more in use than usual. Fairs, suppers, lobster dinners, shows, and illustrated travelogues are in the works.

On May 4 Johanna von Tiling presents a Spring Recital at the Waynflete School, assisted by Dorothy Hicks, and two Waynflete musical groups. In August she will do a joint program with John McDonough of Peaks Island and Portland, currently of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

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Under the inspiring and practical leadership of Master Ray Phipps and his fellow officers, the Grange is exploring ways and means of increasing its service to the community. The induction of five members since the beginning of the year is an indication of the healthy condition of the local Chapter.

For the second consecutive year, with the cooperation of other Island organizations, the Grange is sponsoring a monthly Community Calendar, which lists all events of interest and is mailed to every home on the Island.

This spring the Grange members for the third year will sponsor an Island Clean-up Campaign by transferring track loads of litter from the roadsides to the Island dump, a timely project in view of the Governor’s Keep Maine Scenic campaigns.

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**PEAKS PICKINGS**

by Mrs. Frances Randall

The Randall-MacVane Post AL is expanding its kitchen facilities at the post home. The foundation for the addition has been completed, and the work is being done by the members of the Legion. Upon completion of the project the kitchen will be double the present size. It will be entirely furnished with new equipment.

Lionel Plante reports that work is progressing slowly on his new Marina, which he hopes will be in service this summer. He expects to service small craft and the facility will be used for tying up small boats by those wishing to land and visit the island.

Leroy Ahlquist, area principal for Peaks Island School, has announced that the school will be painted inside this summer, and will receive a 16MM sound projector. Approximately $100 worth of scientific and mathematical equipment, including microscopes, charts, etc. has been received by the school from the National Defense Education Act program. Additional equipment to be used in the social study and language programs will be received in June from the same source.

Peaks has its own style of program in the general ecumenical movement, based on the long standing friendship between the two island churches—Catholic and Protestant. Leaders of both churches, Rev. Father John F. Crozier of St. Christopher's and Rev. Robert H. Burton of Brackett Memorial Methodist, are on the friendliest terms, and cooperate fully in supporting public affairs sponsored by the churches and by island service organizations. They demonstrate that the spirit of brotherhood is unaffected by differences in church affiliations.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana W. Jaquith of Rhode Island are planning to build a new summer home this summer on the seaside shore at end of Reed Ave., Trefethen section. J. Bradbury Minott has drawn plans for a ranch-type 3-bedroom cottage.

A recording of William B. Waylein's song, "San San the Beautiful", presented early this year by Station WGAN, has met with wide popularity. The song is dedicated to the memory of a blind Westbrook girl who died at age nine last year.

Sisters of Notre Dame have drawn plans for a one-story addition and chapel at the rear of St. Joseph's-By-The-Sea, Pleasant Ave., to be built by Charles Franco.

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A member of the junior class at Wesleyan University Conn., David A. Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Hasson, marched March 16 - 18 with members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in the Selma-Montgomery massive civil rights demonstration. He reported for his college paper and for the Sunday Telegram how it felt to be jeered at in hostile territory, and to be in a group of about 200 who reached a point of confrontation near the state capital with a phalanx of nearly 150 state troopers, lined solidly across an entire block and fondling 3-foot clubs. In accord with their doctrine of nonviolence the students voted to turn back at this point.

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Real estate brokers report an influx of inquiries this late winter and spring, and a few promising negotiations in process. The more than normal activities of last summer and fall included the following transactions at Peaks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. B. Fellows of Casco bought the all-year home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse O. Cook on Island Ave. (formerly the Franklin Pierce home). Mr. Fellows is a professional church soloist. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have located in Scarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Windham bought the Dana J. Quinns summer home on Ocean View Terrace. Mrs. Johnson is the mother of Mrs. Ernest F. Croy.

Mrs. Frances Bradley Smith of Bangor and Portland bought from Glenn Haines the summer cottage on Beach Rd., formerly owned by the Misses Jarrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Whitcomb purchased the all-year home on Pleasant Ave. of Nathanael M. Gupill. The Whitcombs are moving here from their Beach Rd. cottage, which they are placing on sale. The Gupills are locating at Prince's Point, Yarmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith of Ogunquit and Florida bought the Lone Star, summer cottage on Beach Rd., cottage, which they are placing on sale. The Gupills are locating at Prince's Point, Yarmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Acker of Portland purchased the George Feeney all-year home on Oak Street Place. Mr. Acker, teacher of English at Portland High School and church organist, made extensive improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson of Ashland, Mass., bought the Knickerbocker Rd. home of Mr. and Mrs. William Harding. Mr. Wilson is youth counselor in the Federated Church, Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Sanborn of Bridgewater, Mass., both school teachers, bought two of the houses on Tolman Heights (one of them the stone house), owned by Fred Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Halle of Skowhegan bought Mrs. Dorothy St. Jermquist's summer home on Welch St.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Solomos of Malden, Mass., bought Mrs. Letitia Scribner's summer home on Island Ave., Evergreen section. This family has been visiting Peaks for 19 years. The reason that led them to invest was the experience of their daughters in having a good time at the Trefethen-Evergreen Club House.

George K. Spafford of Derry, N. H., bought the all-year residence of John Flynn at Evergreen shore near Brook Lane, looking ahead to retirement years. He has redecorated and paneled the interior, and is installing a separate apartment for his own use in order that he may offer for rent the main section.

Joseph White Jr.'s summer property off New Island Ave., was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Waning, a contractor of Portland. The house has a cement cellar, and Mr. Waning is making it suitable for year-round occupancy.

PUPILS WANT LANDING TOO

Peaks School pupils who attended hearing on new Ferry Landing. Left, Barbara Van Ness; right, Bonita Butler. Barbara made a concise, convincing speech at the hearing, and presented to the Appropriations Committee a scroll petition containing signatures of island youth. Photo by Sargent

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W. R. Nolte of Weston, Mass., sold his small Twin Maple cottage on Pleasant Ave., near Sargent Rd., to John Carroll of Yarmouth. Mr. and Mrs. Nolte acquired a larger place in the Forest City section a few years ago.

Col. and Mrs. McCaslin of Washington, D. C., bought Miss Dorothy Coffin's summer residence on Prince Ave., after their first visit to Peaks.

Miss Mary Ann Bailey of Englewood, N. J., bought the Robert Spear all-year property on Maple St., and have made extensive improvements.

John F. Mulckern of Medford, Mass., bought the John Lennon cottage on Elizabeth St.

John M. Karatsanos of Portland bought the Millicent Brewer cottage on Maple St. Miss Brewer has a home on Ryefield St.

Rev. Leslie Dunn of South Portland, minister of the Presbyterian Church, Portland, purchased the Winn cottage on Prince Ave. He plans to put this into good condition for use by church groups.
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