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William S. Ogden

HERE IT IS, FOLKS, THE STATE'S GRAND $127,000 INVESTMENT
ALL SET FOR JUNE 11 DEDICATION

COUNCIL VOTES UNANIMOUS
O.K. FOR PEAKS PARK LAND

By nine “yea” votes in approving Planning Board recommendations pertaining to the Peaks Island Project Oceanside the Portland City Council at its April 18th meeting brought to fruition months of study, surveying, planning, and conferences on the part of officers and committee members of the Casco Bay Island Development Association.

Passed unanimously were three orders:
1. Order authorizing application for purchase of Open Space Land (Gioffi property) on Peaks Island.
2. Order authorizing application to acquire Harbor Defense Unit land on Peaks Island.
3. Order approving inclusion in Master Plan of public street on back shore.

No. 1 involves application to Housing and Development Administration for participation with the City in acquisition of approximately 100 acres in the 167-acre tract, one-half of the appraised value to be paid to CBIDA through the City as intermediary. The transaction will come under the Federal agency's Open Space Program.

No. 2 involves acquisition by the City of about 12 acres of oceanside property which has been turned over by Harbor Defense Unit of the Navy to General Services Administration for disposal as surplus property. This area includes choice residential sites in the vicinity of Spar Cove. With acquisition of this land the City will make a swap of it for land of equivalent value for Park use, probably contiguous to the shore road.

No. 3 approving inclusion in the City's Master Plan of a public street on the back shore means that at a future date the City will accept a deed from CBIDA of enough land to make a suitable oceanside road for public use in perpetuity.

Motions for passage of the orders were made by Councilor Sidney W. Thaxter, Popkins Zakarian, constant Council critic, gave his blessing to the proposals. Presentation of the Association’s views was made in brief speeches by Lawrence Stevens, president; Theodore Rand, vice president, and Mrs. John Chapman, project chairman. Mrs. Chapman read (Continued on page 2)
LANDING DEDICATION JUNE 11

Peaks groups are banding together to give color and some degree of pomp and ceremony to dedication of the new State-built ferry landing Saturday, June 11.

Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce took a leading part in planning the event. Peter Laughlin, general manager, is arranging for Casco Bay Lines participation, and Edward Langlois of Maine Port Authority and Cumberland County Commissioners are cooperating.

There will be three-minute speeches by dignitaries, a buffet luncheon, and a surprise feature or two, all calculated to make this a gala affair as well as an event marking a new epoch in Peaks Island history.

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FIRE PREVENTION POSTER

In order to promote safety in the Bay, the CBIDA, through the courtesy of the City of Portland, has obtained a number of posters to distribute to each home throughout the Bay.

The poster is entitled "Island Community Safety." It lists a number of pertinent points regarding Fire Prevention, Fire Fighting, Water Safety, Cleanliness on the beaches.

It is concise. We hope every person will take time to read it; then post it in a prominent place in the home.

AS "D" DAY APPROACHES

Now that the City Council (on recommendation of Planning Board and Parks and Recreation Department), the Chamber of Commerce, the World Trade Council, Housing and Development Administration officers, Senator Muskie, and Governor Reed have gone on record as approving the Peaks Project, on this side, the island residents and property owners who have been reviewing events from the sidelines while muscling over the personal investment idea, may decide to join in as Original Boosters of this Peaks advancement plan, rather than run the risk of having to say in later years, "I wish I had."

The Casco Bay Island Development Association announced at the City Council's public session that financial backers of the project included year-round Island residents, summer residents, two utilities, one bank, and one public service business concern. These backers, shaking off the laissez faire idea as being outdated, have brought about the final stage in financing.

While it is only holders of the $1000 6% mortgage bonds who will have the option of exchanging a bond for a residential site, the holders of the $100 6% mortgage bonds in varying amounts will have a voice in the decisions to be made later. The Association proposes at this stage to invite not only $1000 bond sub-

MEDICARE GOES TO ISLANDS

Lawrence Stevens and Byamba Daughtiy of Long Island welcome Oscar Young of the Portland Social Security office who spoke on Medicare at a public meeting. Under CBIDA auspices he visited Chebeague and Peaks also on a weekend crusade March 12 and 13.

CHARTERED BOAT TRIPS

Eight parties have already chartered the Abenaki for special cruises for the period, June 15th to July 31st. Probably more will do so as the weather improves.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO NOR' BY EAST

Readers desiring to have a copy of each issue of NOR' BY EAST mailed to them for one year may send $2.00 and their summer and winter addresses to Box 66, Peaks Island, Me.
NATION-WIDE RECOGNITION WON BY DIAMOND ISLANDER

Mrs. Theodore Yonan of Great Diamond

Mrs. Theodore Yonan, summer resident of Great Diamond Island, is one of the 6,000 women whose names were selected for inclusion in the 1965 edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America."

She is the former Edith Laughlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laughlin, of South Portland and Great Diamond.

The OYWA is the annual compilation of women between the ages of 21 and 35 who have distinguished themselves in civic or professional endeavors. Each is nominated by women's clubs and college alumni associations.

Mrs. Yonan is active in the PTA and the University of Hartford's Women's Association. She is a member of the board of managers of the university's Art and Science Alumni Association.

She was graduated from Hillyer College, now the University of Hartford in 1956. She received an Associate's degree in Arts from Boston University in 1951, and studied at Willimantic State College 1958-1961.

Mrs. Lyndon Johnson serves as the honorary chairman of the board of advisory editors for the OYWA. The board is composed of leaders of women's clubs throughout the nation.

Mrs. Yonan is co-chairman with her father of the 1966 International Week Program.

The book contains 418 pages, and careers of 5,000 young women.

Listed as Mrs. Yonan's activities are: Display artist, Benoist's, Portland, and Gilman's, West Hartford; Psychiatric Aide, Stamford Hall, Conn.; Interim Ex. Sec. Alumni Assn. of University of Hartford; South Windsor Art League; Alumni Bld. School of Arts and Sciences of University of Hartford, Fundraising Captain Heart Fund, Cancer Drive; Coed Colonel Boston University ROTC.

Mrs. Yonan was married to Theodore J. Yonan in 1951. The Yonans live at 21 Pine Knob Circle, Wapping, Conn.

DIAMOND ISLANDS LOSE NORBERT BERUBE

Down from the north he came, down from the St. John River country, to find a richer living for his growing family of three sons, two daughters: George, Serge, Stephen, Ghislaine, now Mrs. John McVane, and Soulangé. On Great Island Norbert Berube first worked for Wood Merrill, building, repairing, painting, any work required in the upkeep of island property.

Industrious, honest as daylight, he gained a measure of success. When Charles Haynes decided to give his full time to the florist business, Mr. Berube took over the island farm, assuming all the required civic duties. He collected the waste, repaired the roads, acted as island policeman and fireman. For the Association he maintained the sewer system and the float. He continued to do painting and carpentry work.

His boys assisted, doing moving and odd jobs. Mrs. Berube's vegetable garden and flowers became the pride of the island.

It was not all easy. Handicapped by a lack of fluency in English and by failing health, Norbert Berube carried on until his untimely death in April.

Mrs. Berube plans to remain on the island and to carry on as much of the work as she can with the aid of the two younger boys and, if needed, hired help. George, badly injured last winter in a bicycle-automobile accident at Russellville, Arkansas, where he is a student at the Arkansas Technical College, has his leg still in a cast and will not be available for some time yet.

NEW TRAVEL CRUISER IN WORKS

Richard P. Waltz of the Waltz Plumbing and Heating Co. has a new cruiser under construction at Long Wharf, Portland. Its length is 34 ft., beam 17 ft., and draft 4 ft., 8 in. Non-rusting metals are being used throughout. It will be equipped with a 340 h.p. diesel engine. Royal Lovell of Freeport is the designer and builder.

The hull will be launched in July and moored off Portland Yacht Club. Mr. Waltz plans to install engine and interior fittings as time allows up to the summer of '67. Her maiden trip is likely to be to southern waters, and in the offing Mr. Waltz visualizes a cruise to the Mediterranean.

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CHEBEAGUE ISLAND
NEWS LETTER

By Ray Hayward

The 1966 edition of the Chebeague Island Council News Letter, a twentyfour page pamphlet with an attractive cover designed by Martha Hamilton, was mailed in March to between four and five hundred summer and year-round residents of Chebeague.

The excellent quality of the 1966 News Letter is due primarily to the thorough planning of the Council President, Louis Bennett.

Among the most significant items of information in the News Letter are the following:

In agreement with recommendations by a special Council committee, the Town of Cumberland has appropriated $1290 for improvements at the Stone Service to the community. During the four page pamphlet with an attractive foliage:

Dennett.

Letter is due primarily to thorough planning of the Council President, Louis Bennett.

The course in swimming instruction, started last summer, will be continued this year under the direction of Khaki Habig and Marcia Noonan. A new float will be available so that diving and long distance swimming may be included in the instruction program.

The Children's Summer Theater project will enjoy a second season under the direction of Jeanne Morey and Peggy Muraca, who won the respect and confidence of all by their splendid accomplishment last summer.

Plans are well under way for stimulating a more general participation in the Fourth of July Parade and the Family Picnic at Chandler's Cove.

In June, a Lobster Family Picnic, sponsored by the Council, will be held at Rose's Point. A cordial welcome to attend the Picnic will be extended to residents of Cumberland and their families who live on the mainland.

Members of the Chebeague Island Yacht Club, organized in 1965, will meet to discuss plans for the summer activities at Commodore Gordon Trower's cottage on July 3rd. Everyone interested is urged to attend.

The Chebeague Island Library, established last year, is steadily growing in its service to the community. During the spring, special library periods have been scheduled for the grade school pupils under planned supervision.

NEW CENTER FOR YOUTH

The dream of having a new social center for teen-agers of Chebeague came true on April 30 when Richard McCormick cleaned equipment he had installed for boat-building operations out of the old West End School building and turned it over for use as a youth center.

It will be open for use the week-ends of June 17 and 24, and will be open evenings under supervision from July 4 to September 4. Mr. McCormick has for some time had an interest in Youth activities.

OUR FRIENDS, THE GULLS

George Barker, teacher of biology at Gorham State College, who last year remodeled an Island Ave. home on Peaks, recently contributed this item to the Portland Sunday Telegram.

No bird is more a symbol of the coast of Maine than the Herring Gull, Larus argentatus. In recent years the wanderings of this scavenger have made it also a bird of the rivers and the lakes of Maine. Coastal food habits also include many of the easy to catch invertebrates of the tidal zone. The rocks of the shore are littered with the empty shells of mussels and sea urchins that have been dropped and picked clean by the gulls.

On first thought it might seem that the gull is clever to think of such a maneuver. On reading some of the students of animal behavior, however, we find that when a gull picks up something hard in its bill it automatically flies into the air and then proceeds to drop the catch. If the material is still hard and unyielding when it picks it up, this condition once more is a stimulus for the gull to fly into the air. This has been witnessed many times. Watch them this summer with clams and let us know what your observations are.

CHARITIES DRIVE TOPS GOAL

The annual Catholic Charities Campaign, under direction of Winthrop K. Deans of Peaks as executive chairman, topped the campaign goal of $150,000 by $3,837. The allocation of $50,000 of the goal to start the Diocesan Bureau of Human Relations Service brought about an all-time high in subscriptions. There was great enthusiasm about the new social services which will be available for the area.

St. Christopher's Parish of Peaks had a campaign total of $1,725 from 90 individuals.

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LONG ISLAND'S BELOVED ONE ROOM SCHOOL
By Byantha Doughty

(Ed. note: Mrs. Doughty, a teacher in the Portland school system for 35 years, was born on Peaks Island and has taught on Long the past seven years. She lives there year-round with her husband, Mil- ton. Her sister, Mrs. Ethel Sleeper, resides on Peaks.)

The little white school with blue blinds nests among the white birches with a natural background of beautiful spruces and pines. This spot affords the children a fine playground where they romp in the field, with the older group keeping physically fit playing volley, base- and basketball, while the little ones keep entertained on the seesaws and jungle gym.

The school is really two rooms opened into one since I am the only teacher handling 22 pupils ranging from five-year-olds through the sixth grade. They attend Junior and Senior high school in Portland, commuting by boat.

It seems like one big happy family, with lots of brothers and sisters helping one another when they run into difficulties.

The kindergarten children are served crackers and milk during rest hour, and after three hours are taken back home by Johnny. (The boys and girls love Johnny.) We are lucky enough to have the cook in the schoolhouse, we feel completely satisfied with ours, which is relatively modern, having been built during World War II. Our graduates are in many parts of the world and are following many varied careers.

RAFTERS ROCK IN CHEBEAGUE

Much gaiety “rocked the rafters” in song and dance and tickling comedy in Chebeague Island’s Variety Show Saturday evening, April 23, sponsored by the Grange. From organ overture of popular tunes to finale the two-hour program was a most successful all-island production.

The program presented a wide variety of vocal, instrumental, terpsichorean, and dramatic talent, with colorful costumes and excellent musical accompaniment.

The show’s general planning committee and assistants included Ray Phipps, Ray Hayward, Ruth Burgess, Martha Hamilton, Madelyn Brewer, Dorothy Hayward, Dianne Calder, Leah Webber, Marshall Bowen, Richard Henkel, Binkie Dennett, Shirley Burgess and the Girl Scouts and Brownies as candy girls. Fifty people were involved in preparation for, and presentation of, the show.

TRAVELING ISLANDERS

Louis Dennett, president of the Chebeague Island Council, and Mrs. Dennett, left May 2 by plane for a three-week trip in England and Scotland.

Mrs. Ann Kon Losy has recently returned from India, where she had been making a visit with her son.

NEW FERRY LANDING READY FOR BIG LOADS

With its imposing gantry, cement counterweights, and control box for the operating mechanism, the presently completed ferry landing at Peaks Island appears modern and efficient and able to handle any load assigned to it.

Questioned by some is its elevation, and the possibility that during periods of high winds and tides landings may be wet and rough.

Mr. Langlais of the Maine Port Authority, which is responsible for its construction, and the engineers who designed the facility, point out that economy of construction and the avoidance of excessive steepness of grade at low water required some compromise. Ellis Smolgrass, Inc., the contractors, say the elevation is 11 feet 7 inches above mean low tide.

Tide tables show that maximum tides of 11 feet occur only three or four times a year during the hours the ferry would normally operate. The landing slip should generally be operable except under extreme conditions that would of themselves disrupt island boat service.
LITTLE DIAMOND STAND-OUTS: THE THEODORE RAND FAMILY

Every week-day morning on the 8:15 at Peaks Island four little low-heads disembark with school lunch boxes, along with the commuting teachers.

But the little ones are no mainlanders.

Instead they travel each morning from their home on the mainland to Peaks Island - Little Diamond - their year-round home.

And there's a transfer involved too.

For although the distance is short, they must board the 7 o'clock boat as it comes up the Bay from its earlier trek to Cliff Island. Then at the Custom House Wharf terminal in Portland, the little Rand's join with teachers, night workers and other sundry passengers to arrive for their school at Peaks.

Eric, 12, and Mark, 11, are both in the 6th grade; while Gale, 6, is in the first grade and Julie, 5, is in sub-primary. This is the first year for Julie. And at home is two-year old Filli.

Ted Rand and his wife, Audrey, are an unusual couple who had courage and foresight. Twelve years ago, when the Bay was far from thriving, they bought their home from General Services Administration as a piece of Federal surplus. They departed the mainland with their one child, and decided to cast their lot with the sea and the gulls, and the dream of developing an independent and productive way of life. Ted is an engineer and contractor, a graduate of the University of Maine. Audrey is content with her home and family around the island - Little Diamond - their year-over year home every summer. And there arc grandparents on the mainland where winter visits are frequent.

From observations - the Rand's seem to have it made — and Ted, who has known the Bay all his life, has the satisfaction of making a dream come true, along with plenty of hard work and good planning.

Ted is vice president of the Casco Bay Island Development Association, and is serving as surveyor for Project Ocean-side.

CLIFF CLIPPINGS

Gordon MacVane and Kenny MacLeod are both Seamen Recruit undergoing Basic Training at Great Lakes, Ill. Gordon is an educational Petty Officer. After his training he plans to continue going to school at the base.

Geoffrey Mash is PFC with the U.S. Army in Korea. Stevie O'Reilly is with the Navy in Saigon. He is at present working for the Navy! Ruzz is in the Navy; he is in Iceland, Gordon Griffin (Ma's brother) is also with the Navy, stationed at Norfolk, Virginia.

Bucky Seymour recently brought to the island a Ford station wagon, Falcon, which is doing a great job as a taxi.

Johanna von Titting and John McDonough of Peaks Island have been asked to do a joint recital at the Portland Public Library in July.

Dave and Doris Coyle are in Bangkok, Thailand, working on a book for a government, or U.N. project, which involves a study of the Mekong River. Large scale plans are in operation to build dams, lay out irrigation projects etc. — all intended to improve the economy of Laos, Cambodia, Viet Nam, and Thailand. The Coyles expect to be home in May.

Thanks to Russell Edwards, our local State Representative, during the recent 102nd Legislature a law was passed which applies exclusively to "motor vehicles which are used only on Cliff Island."

The new law requires owners to pay their usual City Excise Tax and a $2 registration fee to the Secretary of State. Owner then receives his registration with the special notation that this vehicle is to be used exclusively on Cliff Island. As a result of this legislation neither plates nor tabs are necessary.

IN THIS CORNER...

Song of the Flea

And here's the happy bounding flea

You cannot tell the he from she

The sexes look alike you see

But she can tell and so can he

"And how do the children like their unusual way of life," we asked Ted, "They don't know anything different," he replied. Fortunately both the girls and boys are near ages and enjoy their own play activities. But they don't feel isolated from other children. There is frequent week-end company in the winter. And plenty of other children in the summer. And there are grandparents on the mainland where winter visits are frequent.

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PROFILE OF A NEWCOMER

By Jessie B. Trefethen

(Ed. note: Miss Trefethen, retired art professor, is descendant of the earliest settlers on Peaks Island.)

In the fall of 1964 George K. Spafford came down the coast from Derry, New Hampshire, taking pictures in search for a home by the sea. He found it on the Evergreen Shore, Peaks Island, in a cottage once owned by the Huslons. It had been winterized and it had a little pier of its own. George changed its color from grayish yellow to deep red with white trimming. He planted everything from fir trees to crouses, and enclosed it all with a rail fence.

A renewed island home — used on an “in-and-out” basis year-round by George Spafford.

Some of the Norway Pines that border the shore are on this property. He bolstered the eroded shore with concrete, and built a runway from ground level down to the pier in lines that might well please a Japanese printmaker.

He kept the basic lines of the house, but saw its artistic possibilities and developed some interesting color schemes in the interior. A lot of imagination and practical good sense have gone into the remodeling of it. The window above the kitchen sink looks down upon Casco Bay, and from the porch he can even see the Eastern Promenade in Portland.

Though a comparative newcomer, George knows the whole island, its people, homes, rocks and shores. He watches the freighters come and go, possibly with a nostalgic longing for he has been a seaman himself by way of the Navy and Coast Guard. He is a born beachcomber, and at low tide finds hidden treasure among the rocks and kelp. Though not a painter, he takes artists to the Back Shore to paint the incomparable compositions found among the rocks. And George returns in winter to see Nor’easters breaking in fury over Whaleback. He has made photographs of it in color, in all seasons and weather.

He returns again at Christmas time to hang a bright wreath on his door and to welcome his friends around the holly-trimmed fireplace.

If you see a man driving a Cadillac over the bumpy island roads, chewing a White Owl cigar, with a humorous greeting and friendly smile — that’s George.

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Will the proposed development of the “back shore” raise taxes on the island?
A. Certainly not. Quite the contrary. Increased revenue from the islands through turning idle land into productivity will more likely provide improved services. (Taxes city-wide are bound to inch up, however, regardless of area activities.)

Q. Will the “back shore” be open to islanders?
A. This is assured under the CBIDA plan.

Q. How will the proposal affect the rest of the island?
A. It will open up countless employment opportunities, both full time and part time.

It will add revenue to existing businesses on the island. It will create opportunities for new business enterprises.

Q. Will it bring “hordes” of people to the island?
A. It is not designed for “hordes” but only for well-supervised extended use — as an oceanside facility which Portland needs.

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ISLANDER PURSUDES EDUCATION IN BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

Miss Barbara Rockafellow, who now calls Peaks Island her home, is in her second year at Southern Seminary Junior College, Buena Vista, Va., in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. She is majoring in Physical Education and fondly hopes to continue her work for a degree at the University of Maine following her graduation from Southern Seminary in June.

Always much interested in sports, she is a regular member of her college teams in field hockey (captain), basketball, swimming, volleyball and softball. Peaks Islanders who will remember her as the doubles tennis champion, will not be surprised to know that last year as a Freshman, she won her college championship in that sport.

Barbara Rockafellow

What is probably the top honor that has come to our Island friend was her election to the presidency of the Athenian Society. Under Southern Seminary's unique set-up, the student body is by lot divided into two Societies, the Athenian Society and the Cornellian Society. Friendly rivalry is conducted between the two groups for supremacy in everything from scholarship through sports.

Trying hard to keep on, or close to, the Dean's List when added to the time and effort required for her sports, practice teaching, duties as Dormitory Proctor and Fire Warden, and administrating the affairs of the Athenian Society, really make Barbara a busy girl. We can certainly understand why her favorite island looks good to her at vacation time.

Last summer she worked in Portland's fine Recreation Department and shared in the direction of activities at the Deering Oaks Playground.

Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perrine G. Rockafellow, long time summer vacationers on Peaks Island but as of June, 1965, permanent residents of the Island. Mr. Rockafellow, Professor of Physical Education at Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y. retired after thirty years of service to that Institution. The family home is on 8th Maine Avenue on the shore overlooking the famous Whitehead Cliff.

GREETING THE LITCHFIELDS

By Elsa H. Fellows

Commander and Mrs. Francis A. Litchfield of Great Neck, L.I., New York, are joining the Summer Colony on Peaks. They have recently purchased the former Keely Cottage on Reed Avenue and part of the original Tretefenan Tract. Commander Litchfield is on the Administrative Staff of The Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, N.Y. The Commander is not a stranger to the waters of Casco Bay, as he recalls sailing with his late brother, Captain Paul Litchfield of Cape Elizabeth, on his ketch, the "Flamingo."

Mrs. Litchfield comes to the island with a wealth of experience in the field of contemporary art and has exhibited her work on both East and West Coasts. She is a native of California's rocky seacoast and is looking forward to capturing on canvas, some of the scenic beauty of the Casco Bay Islands.

A WARMING LETTER FROM ISLAND NEWCOMER

Mrs. Mary Deane (CBIDA)

Dear Mrs. Deane:

Your prompt acknowledgement to my recent communication is much appreciated. Thank you for your membership card which was enclosed.

Mrs. Litchfield and I were on Peaks Island during April 21-26. It is a wonderful "fever" one acquires while there; very reluctant to leave, and a patient wait for the next return.

I consider it an honor to be included in your membership and will look forward to meeting members of the Association in the near future.

Very sincerely,

F. A. Litchfield
Commander, USNR (RET)

ADDITIONS TO ISLAND SCHOOLS

Since World War II notable additions have been made by City of Portland to its island schools as follows:

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PEAKS ISLAND LAUNCHES BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

Knowing well the great potential for beauty on Peaks Island, the newly organized Beautification Committee, and its alerted membership under the guidance of Ansel B. Sterling, Chairman for the IDA project, have this Spring declared war on "litter-bugs." Mr. Sterling has begun an intensive drive to keep the roads and by-ways clean and attractive not only for the hosts of visitors but for the permanent residents of the Island as well.

Posters, bulletins, and State Fines announcements for illegal dumping, as well as trash containers at vital points over the Island are being pressed into action. Island Avenue, with its many stores and residences, is one of the special attack points for daily and weekly clean-up.

Shrubbery and tree planting, as well as a beautifying landscape contest to include a window-box award for homes and store fronts, are some of the things to come that will be emphasized and encouraged.

The final goal is not just a clean-up, rake-up, paint-up and litter-pick-up for a specified time in the Spring, but a daily, weekly and yearly program that is the concern of every individual. Let everyone get into the spirit of this project. Let's "Keep America Beautiful."

BIRDS I VIEW

Since many island dwellers are bird lovers, Nor' by East recommends a closer relationship with the Portland Society of Natural History and the Maine Audubon Society at 22 Elm Street, Portland.

Director Christopher M. Packard is the host of this worthwhile institution and the monthly publication of Maine Field Naturalist is well worth the membership fee of $3.

Bird watchers report from all parts of Maine and it is very interesting to learn of the migrations and unusual events of birdland which most of us miss.

The Doughty family on Baileys Island are regular reporters, and someone from Peaks reported the visit of three Mourning Doves on March 22.

Further news from time to time will come from the Maine Field Naturalist to Nor' by East.

PEAKS MEMORIES — RECENT AND 'WAY BACK

Foreword to Jones Wharf — 1966

Island landings in days of yore — About 1910
GREENWOOD PLAYERS PICK “GHOST TRAIN” AS VEHICLE

This summer's production by The Greenwood Players will be The Ghost Train, a three-act mystery, by Arnold Ridley. Set in the haunted waiting-room of a Maine coastal railroad station; Ruby Boyle, Beverly Foss, Virginia Meserve, Katie Sullivan, John Coyne, Ted Dewey, David Berry, Richard Bemis, and Stewart Matthews will make up the cast. Sponsored by the Peaks Island Lions Club, produced by Leon Clough and directed by Bruce Acker — the rehearsals already promise a play of suspense, mystery, and comedy.

Along with the cast; Lillian Clough, Nancy Montgomery, Fred Dinsmore, Betty Brown, and Doug Clough have begun the task of collecting props, planning the set, and preparing the playhouse.

ART ASSOCIATION IN PROCESS

By Elsa H. Fellows

An Art Association on Peaks Island is being launched. The project includes any one on the Islands of Casco Bay who would like to be a part of it. Art is a branch of learning and one may learn to find beauty in those places where one might least expect to find it. The rock-bound coast is the logical place for artists to congregate.

A preliminary meeting for discussion was held in the School Auditorium, followed later by an organizational meeting. Its purpose is to stimulate interest in arts and crafts in the Islands area through periodic exhibitions, lectures and social functions.

Please contact Mr. Laurence Tebbetts, 85 Island Avenue, for any further information.

KEENTEENS HELP PROJECT

The Junior and Senior High Students of Peaks Island who hold dances every Saturday evening in the Peaks School gymnasium wound up their activities with a showing of a popular movie for benefit of the Dollars for Scholars program.

This group is sponsored by the Lee Recreation Center and provides paid chaperones and the custodian for these weekly get-togethers. Mrs. Charles Fellows is Chairman of the advisory board with Mrs. Raymond Meserve Sr., Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, Bruce Acker, and Mrs. Joseph McGonagle on the committee. Raymond Boyle and Mrs. George Burgess have served as chaperones.

The Keenteeens raised enough money to purchase a ping-pong table for the benefit of those who prefer games rather than dancing.

HISTORICAL NOTE

From the Portland Transcript of March 4, 1882.

"Members of the Peaks Island Improvement Society are to set out 500 shade trees this spring, and they are talking of building a horse railroad around this island, which would make a delightful ride and add to the value of Building lots."
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**Dr. Wessell to Leave Tufts Univ. Presidency**

Dr. Nils Y. Wessell of Chebeague Island has tendered his resignation, to be effective next September, from the presidency of Tufts University. He has been in this office since 1953.

He plans to give his attention to the newly-formed Institute for Educational Development, to the head of which he was elected last year.

This corporation is designed to facilitate research and development in education, as well as to foster productive teamwork between the academic community and the business world in providing teachers, parents, schools, and colleges with effective educational materials and systems. Headquarters are in New York, but its researchers are scattered across the country.

Dr. Wessell, whose academic background was in psychological testing, views the new job as "a challenge, — an opportunity to do something meaningful for education, including education for the disadvantaged."

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**Lions Club Election**

John W. Chapman was named king lion at the annual election of the Peaks Lions Club in May. Others chosen were Malcolm Murray, 1st vice president; Douglas Clough, 2nd vice president; Frederick Dinsmore, 3rd vice president; Rev. Robert H. Burton, secretary; James Brown, treasurer; Leon Clough, tail-twister; Leo Sinnott, lion tamer; and Charles B. C. Fellows, Fred Stephenson, and John E. Feeney, directors.

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**McCann Wins Westbrook Run**

Albert McCann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. McCann of Peaks Island, and Cheverus High School senior, topped first place in a field of 34 runners in the annual Westbrook Patriotic Day Road Race. His time over the 24-mile course was 10:55:8, or five seconds faster than that of his Cheverus teammate, Pete Dinan.

For most of the distance McCann ran third, behind Dinan and Glen Huston of Westbrook, the latter arriving third at the tape. But in the 200-yard homestretch he turned in a sprint which shaded his tight competition. In the same race last year McCann was 9th, Dinan 8th, and Huston 5th.

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**Peter Spear Bond Winner**

In competition with junior high school pupils throughout the City Peter R. Spear of King Junior High's ninth grade, was awarded a $25 savings bond for the best historical essay on Portland by the Portland Toastmasters Club. Peter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Spear of Peaks Island.

His essay will appear in the July issue of Toastmasters International, which circulates in 38 countries.

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HOW PEAKS GOT ITS NAME

Some of the writers of islands history have been unable to explain how their names, particularly that of Peaks Island, originated. Crowley & Lunt's Casco Bay Directory of 1927-28 has this explanation.

"Peaks Island was first owned by Michael Mitton, son-in-law of Portland's first settler. During colonial times it changed hands many times, and each new owner gave it his name as its own. So it has had a greater variety of names than any other island in the Bay. Curiously the man whose name has finally been fixed upon it never owned it at all. His wife inherited a ninth of the island from her first husband, and when Peaks sold the island for her, he egotistically called it after himself in the recorded deed."

The same narrator states that the first steamboat in the Bay was Captain Porter's "Kennebec", nicknamed the "Horned Hog", summer of 1822. This brought forth from a rhymester:

"A fig for all your clumsy craft,
Your pleasure boats and packets.
The steamers lands you safe and soon
At Mansfield's, Trott's, or Brackett's."

This Directory, besides presenting descriptive matter on eight other islands, has a list, based on the Geodetic Survey Chart of 1907, of Bay islands and ledges (some marked only by buoys, spindles, etc.). The list has 249 names. How did the Survey happen to miss 116 places — to make up the legendary total of 365?

MORE ON THE ISLAND NAME BUSINESS

Changing of island ownership has been not the only reason for the changing of island names. What a metamorphosis occurred in the 1870's when Big Hog and Little Hog Islands to the west of "the Roads" channel became GREAT DIAMOND and LITTLE DIAMOND! It would not have been good business for the real estate developers to have invited people of high repute to become members of Big Hog Island Association. The sparkling new name was a natural, since these islands have outcroppings of shiny quartz in addition to many other gem-like attributes. The early name holds on, however, in the Hog Island Ledge appendage, which is the site of decrepit, but friendly, old Fort Gorges.

HOUSE ISLAND, near the harbor entrance and site of Fort Scammel, has retained its prosaic name since at least 1661, when there was an "old house" upon it. In 1663 a "new house" was built by Joseph Phipenny. In 300 years changes in ownership and residents have been many, though some families, like the Treffethens, held to it for generations.

CUSHING'S ISLAND, with its old Fort Leavitt at the harbor entrance, retains the name of Lemuel Cushing, who bought it for $10,000, and in 1853 built a large hotel, the Ottawa House, catering in particular to Canadians. It was lost in a spectacular fire.

Deacon TIMOTHY BAILEY bought the island of his name about 1742 when he came to the charge of the church in North Yarmouth.

Simeon Orr, great-grandson of the first settler of ORR'S ISLAND, connected, with Bailey's, to the mainland, built in 1812 a rough dwelling, later improved, in which Harriet Beecher Stowe began writing her "Pearl of Orr's Island" in 1852.

Why is the name, Hamilton, so closely associated with CHEBEAGUE ISLAND? Ambrose Hamilton, Scottish immigrant and first man to live on the island, had seven sons, seven daughters, and 71 grandchildren!

JOHN COUSINS bought his island from two governments claiming Maine — the representative of Royalist Sir Ferdinando Gorges, and the deputy of the Puritan Col. Alexander Rigby. This island, now joined to the mainland, is the location of the expanding plant of Central Maine Power Company.

Island names of Indian origin range from CHEBEAGUE (many springs) to SEBASCODEGAN (Sebas, marshy, codegan, place of guns, hunting).

Perhaps most predominant among names are those derived from physical characteristics: Long, Cliff (Crotch), Bush, Marsh, Pond, and tree names such as Birch, Cedar, Oak.

Then there are the names having a farm-like connotation: Cow, Hen, Horse, Sheep, and, oh yes, Pumpkin Knob and Turnip.

If you wish to have a rewarding day's outing, toss a chart into your boat and go island-exploring, naming each island as you approach it. It's fun! And remember, friend, there's treasure on "them thar shores"! Not much of pirates' gold left; but there's beauty in great measure.

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