Editorial — by Joseph Wilson

FOCUS ON YOUTH

It seems ironic that in spite of all of the progress made on the islands we continue to waste our most valuable assets — our young people. We ignore our teenagers until they congregate in a formidable mass for something better to do or until some fool — and all age groups have fools — creates a disturbance or causes vandalism. At that point we don't ignore the teenagers anymore. Instead we class all of them into one pigeon-hole called a "Problem". We shake our heads; we criticize the parents, the department of public safety, and society in general. We feel hostile and frightened. And in the end we become apathetic and once more ignore the teenagers as individuals and even "The Problem" as a group.

What a waste of good opportunities for growth on the part of both adults and youth. What a waste of our future (and present) island potential. What a waste of dynamic creativity.

In our progress toward the possibilities of an international center or an oceanographic institute it is of the utmost importance that we do not lose sight of the one sure thing our islands already possess: the dignity and integrity of the individual human beings that presently live here. If we lose sight of caring for people for the sake of progress (whatever this abstraction might mean) then we are in a sorry state.

It is therefore obviously important that we attempt to provide opportunities to help our young people expand their vision of life in this 20th century and to accept it as their own. It is important that we help the youth of our islands to comprehend and accept the magnitude of the challenge they face today. It is important that we provide resources authentic enough to help them meet this challenge.

One of the principle duties we have is to help each teenager find meaning in his life. This means expansion of his knowledge of himself as a person; the world he lives in; and his role within this world. This seems like a gigantic task and perhaps it is, but it is one that we must all go through. Some make it by the time they are out of their teens — some never make it. There is no magic formula that will make it happen faster, but there are some things that make it easier.

If we assume the role of a teenager for a moment we might recognize these helpful guides:

1. We need a relationship with someone older who places his stamp of approval on us not by his judgment of us, but by his acceptance and continued acceptance of us. This somehow seems to guarantee that in spite of everything and anything we count.

2. Somehow we need to express the new drives within us, so that we can understand them. In an atmosphere of freedom and creativity where we can speak our mind; where we can share the things that puzzle us; where we can be our real selves without a mask; where we can mirror our inner feelings; we can explore our potential and discover a little more about who we are.

3. In meaningful projects that we create, plan, develop, and carry out we discover our individual worth in relation to the community and add to that very important part of us — our self-esteem.

4. In recreational, study and discussion groups we form our attitudes toward others. If they are satisfying we belong to something greater than ourselves. Our role in the community becomes more personally defined.

These guides exist only in minimal form on the islands. Chebeague has already attempted to fill this void by creating "The Place" as reported in this issue by Ray Hayward. On Peaks we have a large year round teenage population cut-off largely from the events of the mainland. Here we have an even greater opportunity to help our youth become the people they want to become.

At this writing a comprehensive questionnaire is being circulated among the teenagers to determine what their individual and general needs are; what time they have available to fulfill these needs; and the best way to go about it. From here we will establish a representative committee of teenagers and adults to explore the possibilities presented and to direct the action to be taken.

From discussions with many of the teenagers of the island I would like to express some very unscientific hunches about what this group may discover it wants:

1. A year-round informal youth center where one may go for informal recreation (such as ping-pong, checkers, chess, dancing etc.), for discussion, and for expression of individual talent.

2. A program including group recreation, varied study groups, and service activities. This might include tours of industry, recreational trips, and hard physical labor.

3. Help from knowledgeable senior citizens who have something more to offer than criticism.

4. Employment help, a central place for supervised study, an island reference library, and a varied club program.

The possibilities are fantastic. The potential talent is available. The program is ours as a community to develop. Anyone having comments or suggestions is urged to contact this editor at P. O. Box 23, Peaks Island, Maine 04108.
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CITY HALL REPORTS
By Charles Ranlett
Island Coordinator

Highlighting the City's work on Portland's Casco Bay Islands this summer was the installation of a new small boat landing float at Great Diamond Island. The 12' by 26' float located near the State wharf replaces a decrepit relic that was the installation of a new small boat landing at June 11 of this year when the new State ferry landing was dedicated, is to be kept just as it is, though relegated to honorable retirement as a landing-place.

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OLD JONES WHarf TO STAY "AS IS"
Members of Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc., please take note - also devotees of the palette and brush. Jones Wharf, used in its advanced age as a ferry landing up to June 11 of this year when the new State ferry landing was dedicated, is to be kept just as it is, though relegated to honorable retirement as a landing-place.

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MINISTER WELCOMED TO PEAKS

The Brackett Memorial Church on Peaks Island has a new minister. Mr. George Fallon hails from Cutler, Maine, the home of the world's most powerful radio station. Although he spent ten years in the churches of Washington County, this is his first full-time position.

After spending three years in the U. S. Army and after studying at Ohio Wesleyan University this 32-year-old minister is happy to be back in the state of Maine. Although his first interest is the Church, he is interested in Lobster fishing is certainly his second interest.

A hearty welcome goes to this dedicated man with a difficult job.

George Fallon
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Mr. Comfort demonstrated his warm interest in the Island Art Association by renting to it one of his Welch Street stores for the exhibit and sale of works of its members, at a price less than was offered him by a private entrepreneur.

The wharf was built in 1868 by William T. Jones, grandson of Morrell W. Jones of Seashore Avenue. William T. and his wife were proprietors of the island's first hotel, the Union House, just above the wharf. At the shore end of the wharf they built the Union House Bowling Alley and a store, which was the island's first store. Here, also, was the first Post Office. The Bowling Alley was later converted into sleeping quarters for hotel help.

It was only a few years ago that one of the island's elder citizens recalled how the gay blades with their ladies had dances at the end of the wharf with music furnished by an orchestra.

The area between the wharf and Island Avenue became a veritable hotel center with the building of the Peaks Island House and the Coronado Hotel. The Coronado went up in flames about 1928 when gasoline in the stove of a tailor shop ignited. In those days water pressure was insufficient for fire-fighting, and a pumper was ferried down from Portland to confine the fire to the one building.

After the properties had passed into the hands of the Plummer estate the once-teeming Peaks Island House was acquired in the depression years of the 30's by Charles Tolford. He tore it down for the salvage value of furnishings, fittings, and lumber. The Union House was lost by fire in 1936.

After the late Captain Samuel S. Howard acquired the ferry Namada, formerly a tourists' sight-seeing craft at Bar Harbor, he built the slip at the end of Jones Wharf to be used first by him, and later by Casco Bay Lines.

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TENNIS THRIVES AT TREFTHEN-EVERGREEN ASSOC.
One of the most active spots on Peaks Island during the summer months is the tennis court of the Trefthen-Evergreen Improvement Association. This summer some eighty-five club members participated in the busy program directed by Tennis Committee Chairman Perrine Rockafellow, former Professor of Physical Education and Varsity Tennis Coach at Colgate University. Hamilton, New York. Mr. Rockafellow in June of 1965 retired from his teaching duties after thirty years at Colgate and now makes his permanent home on Peaks Island.

The Club's tennis program consists of weekly tennis classes for age groups ranging from the ten-year-olds to the adult groups; regular tournaments for junior boys and girls, men and women; and informal play for all ages. The present club champion is James M. Rook, Guilford, Conn. who earned his laurels by nosing out runner-up Richard Stainton, New City, New York in an exciting three-set final.

This summer as a result of many hours of strenuous volunteer labor donated by members, a second court was very nearly completed and it will be ready for play as the 1966 season opens. The advent of this second court we anticipate will still further increase the interest in tennis on Peaks Island.

CASCO BAY LINES REPORTS
According to Peter T. McLaughlin, General Manager, people appeared to enjoy and appreciate the 1966 increased schedules. With two boats on every scheduled trip to Peaks and daily service of the vehicle ferry service was greatly improved. There was also a new schedule down the bay which included a noon and three o'clock boat. These have been continued throughout the fall to October 17th. The next schedule change will be January 1, 1967 which will be the same schedule as 1966.

In spite of some vandalism the new vehicle ferry slip on Peaks Island has worked well, said McLaughlin. Vehicle traffic for 1966 was about one percent over 1965. CBL expects that it will take four to five years to get traffic increased, since this is a slow process.

WHARF DEDICATION WELL ATTENDED
An exercise in collaboration among all island organizations was realized in the June 11 dedication of the new car ferry landing on Peaks Island. More than 500 attended.

With a master plan which was designed to conduct a multiphased program and have it pay for itself, the event was accomplished and showed a net profit of $70 earmarked for general community use with Marion Sterling in charge of finances.

Each organization deserves commendation for the fine response which made the whole event possible.

TRIBUTE TO TWO TEENAGERS
One of the most enjoyable and relaxing places on Peaks Island this past summer was the old army dock next to the Forest City Landing. During the day it became a gathering spot for many children and adults. Swimming and fishing were central in activity. During the evening it was a time for mackerel, herring, and pleasant conversation.

In spite of the dangerous condition of the pier, this year needed a great deal of new planking, accidents were few. However, near the end of the season what was bound to happen happened. A small boy who didn't know how to swim slipped and fell from the dock into the water. Two Peaks Island boys, Herb Cousins and Terry McCann jumped in and hauled him out. This community is grateful to these two teenagers for preventing what easily could have become a tragedy.

This dock is such an enjoyable spot it seems a shame to tear it down, but the odds for tragedy are rising every year. One wonders if the city might be able to repair it. It has proved its practical usefulness as a place to tie up small boats and fishing boats; as a place of relaxation for our year-round and summer residents; and as a place where a small boy can feel his line sing to the pull of a jack mackerel. What action will be taken?

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The breeze curled round the oak and whispered to the leaf: "Come fly with me. Spread your beauty over the land. I will carry you to all the distant places. Come, fly with me." "What you call flying would be folly for me," said the leaf. "I'm needed here. I have responsibilities. If I went with you I would surely perish. Our time will come, but not yet." The breeze caressed the leaf gently and went his way.

Over the months the breeze returned frequently, but always continued his way alone. Then one day clothed in the armor of a great wind he passed by the delicate leaf. "Come with me, little one," he said, "and I will take you to dance alone on the beach at night. During the day you will be as the birds who nest in your hair. I am greater than the oak. He stands firmly rooted in one spot. I go where I please. Come, fly with me." The leaf in a choked whisper said, "Not yet," and clung desperately to the ground. "Too near the end of the season what was bound to happen happened. A small boy who didn't know how to swim slipped and fell from the dock into the water. Two Peaks Island boys, Herb Cousins and Terry McCann jumped in and hauled him out. This community is grateful to these two teenagers for preventing what easily could have become a tragedy.

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CHEBEAGUE NEWS
By Ray Hayward

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND GAINS IN PRESTIGE AS
AN ATTRACTIVE AND POPULAR VACATION SPOT

The summer season of 1966 will be well remembered by Chebeague Island summer visitors and year-round residents for the wide variety of activities sponsored by Island organizations, beginning with the opening of the newly organized Youth Center late in June, the Annual Firemen’s Dance on July 2nd, and the Fourth of July Parade and Picnic.

For the first time in many years an Island Baseball Team was organized under the direction of Selectman Harold Todd, and played a schedule of weekly games, which were well attended. During the season, in addition to games with the “Old Timers” on Chebeague, several exciting contests were played with the Long Island Baseball Team.

“The Place”

Through the efforts of a special committee representing the various organizations on the Island, a Youth Center was established and put into operation late in June. The Old West End School House, owned and used by Richard MacCor- 
mack for boat building, was made available, and the young people gratefully “rolled up their sleeves” and cleaned up and decorated the building before the formal opening. Island residents expressed their approval of the project by many donations of equipment and money.

Mr. Robert J. Pascoe was engaged by the committee as director and supervisor of the Youth Center, which soon came to be known as “The Place,” a name chosen by the teenagers’ committee. “The Place” was open every weekday night from 7:30 to 12:00 and from 1:00 to 4:00 most afternoons. From thirty to forty teenagers gathered at “The Place” every evening for games, music, and dancing. On several evenings popular movies were shown, and under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Pascoe, many of the youngsters enjoyed a trip to the Old Orchard Amusement Park.

In the opinion of the Director, the supervising committee, and the young people themselves the project is a real success.

Yacht Club Squares Away

Under the constructive leadership of its Commodore, Gordon Trower, the Chebeague Island Yacht Club enjoyed a very successful and active first season. Well organized week-end races for all classes were held from July 3rd through Labor Day. Among the highlights of the season were a Round-the-Island Race, won by Virginia Toohy in Gardiner Layng’s “Bullseye Hebeeg II,” and a rafted floating cocktail party and picnic sail to Little Whaleboat Island, climaxd by a Loo-Mah type start for a race back to Chebeague.

With 85 enthusiastic members enrolled during its first season, the Yacht Club promises to provide an increasingly popular program in the future.

Sink or Swim!

For the second consecutive summer the Chebeague Island Council sponsored a swimming instruction program. On July 5th at the home of Mrs. Lewis Ross, forty children from 4 to 14 years of age were registered for swimming instruction. Swimming classes for beginners and for others seeking to improve their skill were conducted on three days each week under the direction of Mrs. Bob Habig, a physical education teacher at Wilbraham, Mass.; Miss Marcia Howell, and Miss Beverly Johnson.

Mrs. Shelby Putnam had charge of the appointment of two mothers to be present at each instruction period throughout the six-week program: one on the beach and the other in a rowboat for extra precaution.

Diving instruction was made possible for the more advanced swimmers through the construction of a float by Edward Repetto, Ken Hamilton, and Lewis Ross.

This project represents a significant development in view of the fact that many of the adults on the Island including fishermen and lobstermen have never learned to swim.

Encore! Encore!

In response to many requests, the Chebeague Island Grange staged two repeat performances of the Variety Show that had filled the Island Hall at its first showing in April.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, August 26th and 27th, the 40-member cast of the Show again earned the hearty applause of overflow audiences. After the Saturday performance, the Chebeague Island Wagoners provided music for dancing.

Under the capable direction of Jeanne Mowrey and Peggy Muraca, the Children’s Summer Theater Group staged two plays at the Island Hall. On Monday evening, July 4th and Saturday evening, July 9th they presented an original play written by Miss Mowrey and Miss Muraca, entitled “This Is Our Country.” In August, a second play entitled “Once Upon An Island,” was presented on two nights to an enthusiastic audience. Approximately 50 youngsters participated in the plays and revealed a great deal of promising talent.

Library Sponsors Art Exhibit

Between August 15th and September 2nd, the Chebeague Island Library sponsored an Art Exhibit at the Library three days each week during library hours.

Contributions to the Art Exhibit by 34 summer and year-round Island residents consisted of sculpture, clay modeling, wood carving, water colors, etchings, and oil paintings. The youngest contributing artist was six years of age, the oldest eighty-six.

Encouraged by the enthusiastic response and interest generated by the exhibit, the members of the Library Committee look forward to an even more successful exhibit next summer. An added incentive may well consist of the awarding of prizes to the most artistic contributions.

Summer Sidelights

The reopening this summer of the Hillcrest Hotel under new management provided further evidence of confidence in the future of Chebeague Island as an ideal summer vacation spot. The hotel’s attractive dining room was open to the public for breakfast, luncheon, and dinner, with a special Buffet Supper on Saturday nights.

Chebeague is provided with two other excellent dining places: “The Lobster Pot,” located at the Island Market in the Center, and “The Seventh Tea,” operated by Evelyn Kunz at the Stone pier adjacent to the golf course.

During the month of June under the supervision of Louis Bennett, Chebeague Island Council president, volunteer amateur painters painted the Island Hall and repaired the stage curtains.

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NEW FACES TAKE OFFICE IN CBIDA

Every organization needs growth and strength of new leaders. The CBIDA is fortunate in having such infusion at its annual election. It is also fortunate in having the continued services of those whose experience and knowledge of the Association is vital to its continuity.

Brought to the Presidency is Theodore T. Rand, who has already demonstrated his effectiveness while serving as vice president. Ted, who operates a Marina on Little Diamond, and with his wife and five children comprise the only year round residents of the Island — is a man of few words but sound and competent action. He is a University of Maine graduate, an experienced engineer, surveyor and contractor. His leadership will assure the CBIDA of continued good business in its various projects and responsibilities.

New to the islands is Frank Sheldon, Director of the Business Ethics Division of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Formerly manager of the Radford, Va. Chamber of Commerce and a career officer in the Navy, Frank came to Portland in 1958. He plans to retire to his recently acquired Peaks Island home. He was elected vice president of CBIDA and will be active in furthering the mainland-island relationships.

Other new members of the Steering Committee are Miss Gracia DeCormier of Long Island and Westbrook, and Mr. Richard Davis of Chebeague Island and South Portland. Miss DeCormier is a retired teacher, a volunteer at the Maine Medical Center, and a life-long resident of Westbrook. Mr. Davis, a Portland attorney, is the new owner of the Hillcrest Hotel on Chebeague Island which, for the first time in a number of years, went into full time hotel service this summer.

Others elected to the board were Ansel Sterling and Colonel A. S. Hocker of Peaks Island.

Re-elected was Prof. Hal Hackett of Little Diamond who has completed his doctorate and is teaching at Bates College, Lewiston. Past president Lawrence Stevens is now recording secretary. And vital to the business management of the Association is Winthrop K. Deane, treasurer, and Mary Deane, secretary. John W. Chapman is continuing as chairman of the steering committee. Re-elected also were Sidney W. Thaxter for Gashings Island; Stuart Laughlin, Great Diamond Island and Maurice Eaton, Cliff Island.

On October 17th Mr. I. James Coolbrith was endorsed by the Portland City Democratic Committee for the permanent appointment of Postmaster on Long Island. Mr. Coolbrith is Commander of the Long Island Memorial Post 9605 V.F.W., a member of CBIDA and the Long Island Volunteer Fire Co. He is a native of Kennebunk and a twenty year retired Navy veteran. Mr. Coolbrith is active in all island affairs. While in the service he was a Hospital Corpsman and is of invaluable help to the people of the island in cases of emergency.
LATE NEWS EVENTS

Transfer:

On November 10 the papers were passed transferring ownership of the 167-acre "back shore" of Peaks Island to the Casco Bay Island Development Association.

Peter Cioffi, who has owned the property for the past ten years, visited the area recently and will retain a major interest in the future plans. He is an engineer with Control Data and presently located in Union, New Jersey.

City Hall:

In a related event, the Portland City Council voted Monday evening, Nov. 7 to purchase the 12-acre area abutting the property acquired by CBIDA in the vicinity of the Whaleback ledge, to exchange with the Association for building lots. The City purchase is from the General Services which presently owns this area.

Federal:

Another related event is the recent announcement from Senator Edmund S. Muskie of federal approval for half the purchase price of parkland which the CBIDA will deed to the City in the central part of the project area. This will be known as Open Space to be retained largely in a natural state.

The first week in November, therefore, will become a historic week for both the CBIDA and the City of Portland in these forward steps toward preservation and improvement of the oceanside of Peaks Island.

Harbor Police —

At the November Steering Committee meeting, the CBIDA named a sub-committee representing all the islands to work with Portland and Cumberland officials in an effort to establish a harbor police system. Mr. Robert Laughlin of Great Diamond is chairman. The move is precipitated by the increase of vandalism especially on islands where most of the homes are closed during the winter. All organization leaders and interested citizens will be invited to attend a general meeting to be planned by the new sub-committee.

THE HAIGNEY'S HOUSE

By Louise S. Dunham

Home to the Francis Haigneys, formerly of Washington, is the only brick residential house on Peaks Island. For years it was unoccupied. Then during World War II it was sold. However, not until the Haigneys purchased it did it have its present appearance.

Mrs. Haigney's father, who had lived in Portland as a young man passed on his love of the city's many brick houses, brick sidewalks and many trees to his daughter. She had heard much of this city made famous by the poet, Longfellow.

The sturdy house which overlooks the harbor gives a delightful panorama of Portland's skyline; its oil tankers and trawlers plying their trade; the small fishing trawlers pursued by gulls; and the lighthouse at Spring Point Ledge.

After looking around the world for the house of their dreams the Haigneys decided to purchase on Peaks. They have remodeled the inside and removed the porch. It now furnishes a choice background for their antique furniture and many paintings from all over the world.

Mrs. Haigney loves the scenic location. She enjoys the unusual sunsets, the storms which stir up the bay, and the always appealing fog. The various boat whistles and fog horn add to the charm of this comfortable home.

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1. Closing of land acquisition by CBIDA—Fall, 1966

2. Deeding of 100 acres (central and inland) and the seaside picnic rocks, to the City of Portland.—Fall, 1966

3. First part of survey for building lots on south side to be offered to bondholders—Spring, 1967

4. Acceptance of shore road by City of Portland — with CBIDA deed for same—Spring 1967

5. Acquisition by City and exchange with CBIDA of the 12 acres presently owned by Government in Whaleback vicinity. Spring—1967

6. Capital improvement proposal for City improvement of shore road—Fall 1968

7. Survey for building lots on north side of project Fall — 1968

8. Gradual development of City Parkland with reforesting program nature paths and picnic facilities—Spring 1968

9. Private development of Battery Steele area for either International or educational use. (This is long range planning over a period of five to ten years) 1967-1972

10. Encouragement of appropriate business enterprises in other areas of island to provide services and conveniences conducive to overall project development. (Such as bus service, catering, maintenance and skilled labor for project builders and planners.) Spring 1967 — onward.

ORIENTAL GARDEN PARTY
WELL RECEIVED

In a novel program starring Mrs. Paul Pineau of South Portland, a native of Japan, the CBIDA has gained financially and provided something new in the way of social activities.

Thanks to the fine cooperation of more than 40 members of the various committees, the event resulted in a net profit of more than $500 to be earmarked for printing a prospectus for Project Oceanside.

With the help of an ideal August day, and the good attendance, the party left something to remember for many. Of special interest was the complicated effort of serving Japanese Sukiyaki to more than 100 luncheon guests. Mrs. Pineau was the most gracious teacher for this meal which was cooked at the tables by the captive hostesses. For a while all was confusing for novices but everything seemed to come out all right and more than 300 strolled the Garden Party grounds where many interesting imports were for sale. Cooked food and good used clothing also swelled the profits impressively.

Something new and different seems to be much appreciated among the many island events.

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On the rocks above the sea where the Trefethen area joins the Sterling-Evergreen line at Peaks Island, is the new summer home of Mary and Dana Jaquith of Barrington, Rhode Island.

Brad Minott of the firm of Wadsworth and Boston of Portland was the architect. Roland Hoar of Peaks Island was the contractor and builder. The result is something unique for the island community.

There is a model kitchen and a spacious living room. The dining alcove is part of the living room. Three bedrooms face the woods or the sea.

Old furniture has been stripped to the natural wood. At the front of the living room the seven foot picture window including side lights looks down upon the rocks and the broad Atlantic with islands of the lower bay on the Eastern horizon. At the back and sides of the house are rocks and evergreens.

The land was sold by William Henry Trefethen about 1900 to people by the name of Whitney and Merrill from Manchester, N.H. It was a family group for Mrs. Merrill was Mr. Whitney's sister. They imported a stone mason from Buxton, Maine, who built the first floor of stone, upon the natural stone foundation. Upon it was a wooden structure upon the rocks and the broad Atlantic with islands of the lower bay on the Eastern horizon.

A new era is built up high too; but there is a definite feeling that it is part of the land and not up on stilts. Everything is functional and solid.

The Jaquith cottage that may presage a new era is built up high too; but there is a definite feeling that it is part of the land and not up on stilts. Everything is functional and solid.

They bought the land six years ago, and decided what they wanted to do with it. As a result, the cottage is designed in relation to the land. Mary says that in the next ten years they may complete their “dream house come true.”

Mary Curtis Jaquith is granddaughter of the late Ada Curtis who was principal of the Peaks Island School from 1893-1895. Miss Curtis was a famous educator who left the Portland Public School System and became a teacher of mathematics at the Girl’s High School in Philadelphia.

CASCO BAY ART ASSOCIATION
Following the organizational work of Lawrence Tebbets, Roy Randall, Edward Parker, and Bradford Brown the Casco Bay Art Association held its first regular meeting on June 21st at Memorial Hall with 20 members and guests attending. Even before its next meeting in July it had opened an Art Gallery on Welch Street which quickly became a favorite spot for both local residents and summer visitors to drop in and browse around. Sales were very satisfactory for the season and interest remained high as the guest book shows people returned again and again.

Once again referring to the guest book one sees signatures of people from all over the United States, Canada, and many foreign countries who came to view the exhibits.

The sidewalk exhibit on August 9th attracted hundreds of viewers. There were a total of 186 paintings displayed — most of them by artists residing on Peaks Island. Two weeks later 3 of the exhibitors won awards at the Portland Sidewalk Art Show — Inga-Lill Barker, Edward Parker, and Charles James Wright.

On August 16th the Association was honored to have Mr. Richard D. Collins, newly appointed executive director of the Maine State Commission on the Arts and the Humanities, as a guest speaker. Mr. Collins is well known in his field and highly qualified for his position. He is in great demand throughout the State as a speaker and the Association was very fortunate in being able to engage him.

On August 27th the Association sponsored a program by Mr. Murray Kupfman of Brooklyn, N.Y. who demonstrated the TRANS-LUMI-COL machine he invented. It is the one and only machine of its kind in the world and those who took advantage of the opportunity to see it were fascinated by the slowly, but constantly changing shapes and forms in magnificent colors.

A Long Island Branch has been organized with 13 members bringing the total membership to 66. The 29 year-round Peaks Island members are looking forward to the monthly programs this winter.
LONG ISLAND PRIME SITE

One of the principal locations in the immediate area for the proposed Oceanographic Center is the former Naval Fuel Depot on Long Island. This site meets a majority of the fourteen points listed as necessary for the Center. It also has many additional features which place it in the foreground for consideration. Its nearness to other educational outlets as well as the necessary suppliers and machine shops all are to its advantage. The buildings of the former Base are ready for immediate use and the docking and anchorage are without equal. Long Island enjoys all of the conveniences of city living together with an atmosphere that would be conducive to study. The site has the backing of the Steering Committee of the CBIDA and is being documented by the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce for presentation to the Committee.

The site committee appointed by Governor John H. Reed has visited Long Island while touring the various locations in Maine which have been proposed to date. Edward Langlois, director of the Maine Port Authority is the committee chairman.

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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE BRINGS CHEER TO THE ILL AND SHUT-INS

For more than six years the Sunshine Committee of the CBIDA has been a going concern under the chairmanship of Mrs. Glenn Haines.

Mrs. Haines and her committee have faithfully remembered the senior citizens with holiday remembrances at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. The personal visits have meant much to the more than thirty elderly ones on the list. And for any Islander who falls ill or suffers bereavement the message of the Sunshine Committee shows true neighborly concern. Many throughout the community have helped by cooking for the committee.

At the first Steering Committee meeting of the CBIDA this fall, the board expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Haines in a letter of commendation. She is retiring from the chairmanship but will continue to help. Others on her committee have included Mrs. Fred L. Lamigan and Mrs. Abner Haskell.

Carrying on the good work will be another member of Mrs. Haines' committee, Mrs. A. John Shute who will be assisted by Mrs. Bayard Foye and Mrs. Richard Delaney.

The Annual Coffee which Mrs. Haines has given each year for the benefit of this work will be continued under the new committee.

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DISCOVER AMERICA
When the Kents showed up on the membership list of the CBIDA, there flashed a bell, for here among us was one whose talents were needed in the Oceanside Project. And sure enough, this had sparked their interest.

Without any urging, beyond the invitation to participate in the plans, Edwin Kent settled down on his drawing board to design the central point of interest—the International Vacation Center—so that it could be included in a prospectus for phase two of the project plans.

It was an encouraging experience for officers of the Association to see there unfolded, a visual concept beyond their dreams. This was the first level plan for the TOP of Battery Steele. Mr. Kent is working on the second level which will show more of the auditorium and public facilities with the garden landscaping down the back of the old Battery.

Edwin Kent's life career in architecture started in Bangor, Maine. Orphaned at an early age, an aunt "tried to make an artist out of me," Kent says. He took four years of private instruction but he "couldn't smell any money in the art field," so he switched to architecture. For nine years he was with E. A. Patterson, Architect, of Bangor, then he went into practice on his own. Among his accomplishments is the Battleship Maine Monument and the Christian Science Chapel in Bangor. He was the architect for Lucerne-in-Maine and for Lucerne-in-Quebec where he designed the million dollar Log Lodge. He was, also, the architect for the restoration of Chateau Papineau in Quebec and for the Brewer Municipal Office Building and Public Library.

With private practice interrupted by the war, Mr. Kent served nearly twelve years as specification writer for United Aircraft Corporation in East Hartford. When returning to Maine he worked with John Calvin Stevens, Architect, Portland and still maintains a mailing address there at 127 Pleasant Street. Mr. Kent is a Charter member and Fellow American Registered Architects. He is the architect for the proposed St. Christopher's Parish Center, also on Peaks Island.

Although obviously at the stage of life most people consider retirement, if you ever get to know Mr. Kent don't refer to him as retired. He'll snap back at you with mischievous bright eyes, "I'm not retired!"

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