PEAKS ISLAND BECOMING ART COLONY

By Marion Litchfield

Peaks Island is becoming one of the art colonies of Maine. The artists include many year-round and summer residents. They maintain a well-stocked dockside Gallery on Welch Street which is open to the public every afternoon in the summer months and by appointment in the winter. The Casco Bay Art Association, has monthly evening meetings at which usually a well-known personality in the arts speaks. Refreshments are served at the Gallery.

At the last meeting held on June 25th, Gary Merrill was the guest speaker; and he read the poetry of Carl Sandberg and Robert Frost as well as some of the poems of the local high school students of Portland. As he referred to it — it was like "painting with words" instead of pigment. The attendance was so great that the meeting had to be held at the American Legion Hall, which seats over 90 people.

Other artists who have addressed the group have been Dr. Charles James Wright of the University of Louisville in Kentucky, Marion Litchfield formerly of the Univ. of California at Los Angeles and Jack Hopkins of San Diego College — both native Californians who have adopted the Island as their summer residence, and Dorothy Gatchell of Washington, D. C. who is now a permanent resident.

A veritable "Grandma Moses" of Peaks is Jessie Trefethen, a descendant of the original settlers of the islands in pre-colonial days, who last April had a "one

FOREIGN WRITERS, DIPLOMATS TO VISIT BAY ISLANDS AGAIN

The Casco Bay Island Development Association will sponsor the fifth annual International Weekend for foreign journalists and diplomats at the United Nations this month.

They and their families will be guests in island homes Aug. 15-20.

The visitors will include families from Holland, Switzerland, Japan, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, India, Russia, Australia, Italy, Israel, Finland, Poland, Indonesia, Pakistan and Germany. There will be 17 children in the group.

Robert Laughlin, Great Diamond Island, is chairman of the planning committee.

The Casco Bay Island Development Association has initiated Project Ocean-side on Peaks Island, a plan to create a permanent vacation and conference center for foreign visitors.

TRAILWAYS AGAIN CONTRIBUTES SERVICE

For the third time, Continental Trailways Bus Company, is providing courtesy transportation for the United Nations visitors from New York to Portland. This is the important key which makes this annual program possible.

Also Casco Bay Lines has for the fifth year this summer provided free boat transportation to all UN visitors throughout their stay here.

These concerns, and the host families, are much appreciated for making the growing program possible.

MEMORABILIA

By Emma Tourangeau

While on a visit to see Bea Chapman's Saturday Shoppe, and pick up a few unusual articles I was asked to write an article for the Nor' by East — periodical of Casco Bay Islands — Maine.

I gladly grasp the opportunity of being able to thank the generous "year round" persons living on Peaks Island, as well as the summer visitors from numerous states and from the other Islands of Casco Bay for their acceptance and purchase of my Aunt Emma's Island Cookbook. A third printing of this Cookbook is now for sale on Peaks Island, same stations as last summer and the bookstores in Portland. Persons wishing copies of this book may do so by mailing $3.00 to me at Island Ave., Peaks Island, Me., or phoning 766-4409.

As a retired person of 83 years of age, and having lived summers on Peaks Island at Happy Landing Cottage since 1946, it is regrettable that I am completing like the song my "May to December" days on this enchanted Isle. Being alone now brings painful decisions as to plans for a happy and healthy future. For others, it's indeed a great pleasure to say: come and live on Peaks, or any of the other islands in beautiful Casco Bay. Know what "sweet air" means; know the birds and wild flowers; walk along the rocky shores. Take off your shoes and tramp on the wet sands of tiny beaches; know what a really kind and friendly neighbor is; know the joys of simple living, quiet and relaxed; know the fun of wearing what you wish; be astonished on Sunday morning when you see the Islanders worship with their entire families — nothing unusual to
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NOR' BY EAST
MAY BE SUSPENDED

Unless some unexpected miracle happens, this summer issue of Nor' by East may be the last. It is with mixed feelings and much regret that the current editor is resigning this duty. Past efforts to obtain additional volunteer editors have been disappointing. The death last fall of John W. Chapman seriously affected the production of this paper. No one with his dedication and ability has come forward. It is he who did much of the "leg work" which kept the advertising patronage growing. He was also the one who handled the distribution of the paper, a job best done by personal calls at such places as the Maine Publicity Bureau, the Portland hotels, and the advertisers. Consequently the paper is currently running behind, losing advertisers in some instances, and operating on an increased deficit to the CBIDA.

Members of the Association are currently being asked to VOTE on the future of Nor' by East. The proposal is to separate it from CBIDA as an Association mouthpiece, and offer FOR SALE its masthead, advertising list, subscribers list, and its ten year background of patronage. It is felt that the entire Casco Bay area, including the towns along the Bay, have a potential for a news enterprise on an independent commercial basis. The islands and Bay area are not well reported by the local dailies, and the out-of-state property owners have never been served with Bay news prior to Nor' by East. The majority of this paper's subscribers are out of state, and these readers are the ones who will most seriously be affected by the suspension of the paper.

We welcome ideas of readers, and lead as to possible avenues of approach to convert the efforts behind this endeavor to something future oriented, and thus prevent an untimely "demise" of Nor' by East. The Editor.

FROM THE FOUNDERS OF NOR' BY EAST

Heard that July 3rd would be the 10th birthday of CYO and though we cannot be there in person to share the joys, the memories and the hopes of all that have worked so hard in what they believe in for the good of the Island and Casco Bay, I couldn't let it go by without being in touch with you and all the others who have helped to make this dream that Bob had over ten years ago.

It goes without saying that you and John believed so strongly in better communications between the people of the Bay area — for the betterment of a God given community of peace. We remember well the early days when Ted Rand attended the first meeting at the School House, and the historic days of the first edition of Nor' By East being put together in the living room of our cottage amidst the diapers waiting to be folded for one of our children — but the goals that we shared in those early days have not fallen by the wayside.

But for now, my dear and John, along with the many other wonderful people who believed as we all did have made a dream a reality of hope and progress.

The following is part of a musical portion that was a part of our CYO show this year. There is such a great need for a way of life, a way of thinking for the youth of today and my feelings were so strong that I wrote in the area of my profession a group of numbers — which were performed this past year in the suburbia of Boston. It expresses so much of the ideals and hopes that we all share together. Under separate cover I'll send the score of this particular number to you. But for now, my dear all I can say is "Love Be With You".

Love be with you, peace be with you
As a way of life, Help your brother, sister,
In their struggle and their strife; Kindness to you, Patience to you,
As you travel on, Leave no room for trouble,
Put your trust in God, Fear not for tomorrow, dwell not on yesterday,
Ask the Lord to help you, just for today.
Love be with you, joy be with you, Faith be with you too,
And the Lord will bless and keep you, Just for today.
A happy and joyous birthday to CYO and our very best to you and yours' on this festive occasion. God bless.

Fondly,
Bob and Lee McEnany

Memorabilia cont.
See grandparents with a son and daughter and their families occupying two pews — babies in arms — all in all seven to ten children. I have seen three such families.

The atmospheric character and easy accessibility to these Islands by the Casco Bay Lines makes "summer living" a joy. Board one of their boats at Custom House Wharf; experience the bracing air of a short sea voyage; a day trip or even a twilight cruise. Phone 773-8105 for departure of the boats. Taxi down from uptown Portland — "Do not miss the boat."

Enjoy meeting the summer tourists from everywhere: The man sitting next to you could be a lobster fisherman, or college professor — the woman might be a housewife, a teacher, or even a college president. It's fun to strike up a conversation and introduce yourself. Else where else could one do this but on a boat where everyone is going to the same destination — a "sail down the bay".

Writing in favor of "Island Living" would require a mile of words. When you see commuters in large numbers board the 6:15 a.m. boat each morning for Portland it's astonishing. I was one of these commuters to Cumb Mills for four years and loved every minute of the trip to and fro. I made enduring friendships on these many trips and the return trip was equally pleasant. Everyone captures a spirit of happiness, even at the end of a hard day — but one wonders how everyone seems to manage to always have more bundles, bags, etc., than they can carry. Shopping in Portland is the islander's pastime — not out of necessity — for one can purchase at the Islands almost everything required as to food, and general household needs. My sister and I lived on Peaks for 22 years and never found it necessary to transport much from the city.

The precious Summers when my sister Virginia and I migrated to Peaks Island shall remain forever among my fondest memories.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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June 28, 1968

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Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

In volume 10, number 2 of your issue, for the spring of this year, you present on page 1 a picture of Cliff Island with a caption on the side stating “Far Out Island is Sold Out”, indicating that the story is on page 3. I cannot find the related news account, however, anywhere in the issue. As a property holder on Cliff Island I am naturally interested in this tantalizing item. Can you let me know where the article in question is to be found or when it will be published? Your aid will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
E. Charles Kunkle, M.D.

ECK/tb

Ed. Note: The article was inadvertently squeezed out in the page mak-up. See Cliff Island notes in this issue, please.

FINDS HOME IN PHOTO

June 22, 1968

The Editor
Nor’ by East
Peaks Island
Maine

Dear Sir:

I’d like very much to buy 3 or 4 prints of the photo (Cliff and Chebeague Islands) which appears on page one of your Spring 1968 issue. Will you let me know, please, how to go about getting them — price, address etc.?

Our home on Chebeague shows up quite well and these photos would make wonderful mementos and keepsakes for our kids and us. Thanks for putting out such an interesting publication.

Kindest regards,
G. F. Kaulflton
RD 1, Box 253
Basking Ridge,
New Jersey 07920

June 26, 1968

Casco Bay Island Development Association
Box 66
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Gentlemen:

We wish to thank you very much for the complimentary tickets to the Fun Party at Greenwood Gardens on July 3, 1968. May we take this opportunity to congratulate you on the many accomplishments you have made. Your islands have reaped much in many ways from your hard work. May they continue to prosper.

Your very truly,
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Art Colony cont.

Although there has been a recent flowering of art colonies all over the United States, those in Maine got a head start just after the Civil War. In 1875 Winslow Homer became famous around York and Prout’s Neck. In 1907 an artist named Field started an art school at Ogunquit inviting his artist friends to join him, and thus one of the largest and most flourishing art colonies was founded. Boothbay actually advertised for artists and many with a national reputation made their year-round homes there. Skowhegan has been a serious summer art school and growing inland colony.

Our Maine seacoast and wind-swept shores are truly the most unspoiled and beautiful anywhere, and it is recognized and being captured on canvas through the eyes of our painters for all the world to enjoy and admire. An excellent book has been written by a recent speaker at the Casco Bay Art Association by Miss Toby Shafter called “The Art Colonies of Maine” for those who would like further information on this growing phenomena.

Those who are fortunate to live on this rugged coast dotted with its jewel-like islands might well recall from time to time the words of William Cullen Bryant:

My heart is awed within me when I think
Of the great miracle that still goes on,
In silence round me — the perpetual work
Of Thy creation, finished, yet renewed . . . .
NOTES FROM CHEBEAGUE
By Jeanne Mowrey

The mackerel have arrived and so have the summer people. One might say they both are our fair weather friends. Anyway we are happy to see both.

The summer activities are in full swing now. It all started on the 4th of July with the traditional parade and picnic at Chandler’s Cove. The American Legion from Yarmouth was invited and from the fast disappearance of, I don’t know how many, clams, hotdogs, etc., they didn’t go home hungry. We kept running out of food but somehow Scotty always came through with more.

The Children’s Summer Theater is just about ready to start the production of Peter Pan, under the competent direction of Peg Muraca and Beth Smith. The play will be staged on the 16th and 17th of August. The directors have announced the leading role has been respectfully earned by Lee Ann Calder, II, of Chebeague.

Mrs. Lilian Langhorst will offer the musical accompaniment.

Ex-correspondent, Ray Hayward, has done an excellent job of putting together a young boys baseball team for this season. Our win-loss record is about even and we are very proud of the boys and their strong determination and effort.

The Chebeague Island Methodist Church welcomes the arrival of a new minister and his wife. David and Malah Davis arrived on the 16th of June and have taken to island living beautifully. Sailing and riding bikes are just a few of the extra-curricular activities they enjoy.

Mr. Davis is a student at the Boston Theological Seminary and Mrs. Davis is a graduate of Russell Sage College in Troy, N. Y. She will be teaching 1st grade in Yarmouth, Me. this coming year.

From all indication the island people like them and they apparently like us.

“The Place” — local fun place for the teen-age set has new friends as permanent chaperones for the summer. They are Albert and Carol Barden, newlyweds, having been married on the 15th of June. Mr. Barden is a student at Yale School of Divinity. The kids think they are groovy. (I think that’s the right word)

A good summer to you all.

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ART NOTES FROM CHEBEAGUE

The Chebeague Island artists group opened their Annual Exhibition on July 15th at the Island Library. Both year-round and summer residents have their work on display, as well as several talented local children. As with all of the Casco Bay Islands, marine paintings and seascapes are much in evidence, but this exhibit has also portraits, landscapes, and sketches in various media.

The exhibit is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Elizabeth Healy, an artist from Philadelphia. It includes the work of the nationally famous artist Mr. Stavropoulos, who paints under the name of "Thao", and oils by Mr. Koons and Mrs. Curit. Year-round residents are represented by Mr. Prower, Mrs. B. Crossman, and Mrs. Burgess and her son, David.

The exhibit will last through August 15th, and the Library hours are: Mondays 7-9 P.M.; Wednesdays 9-11:30 A.M.; and Friday afternoons from 2-4 P.M. In cruising about the islands do not forget to put this one on your agenda, as it will be well worth a stop-over.

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GLINTS FROM THE DIAMONDS
By Robert Laughlin

The Diamonds are mainly summer islands, therefore this year people were just arriving in early July. Gardens got a late start due to the cold, but the roses are blooming and the bugs and beetles have arrived. The deer now can eat flowers and tender garden plants so its time for the electric fences to be turned on.

The Yonans have arrived so officially the GBIDA can come to life on the inner islands. Professor William Jewell and family have been here, and Dr. and Mrs. Wagner have arrived. The Wicherts and their daughter and family are cruising around in their golf cart and building a cart house. Young Danny Carr is considering buying the Bullewell cottage. Ernest and Stewart Laughlin have purchased land here from Mr. Percival Baxter, distinguished former governor of Maine. Bruce and Addie Laughlin have arrived.

On Little Diamond Thomas Joyce of the Portland Police Department has purchased the Hewes cottage and Calvin Stevens of the Stevens Architectural firm, is staying for the summer in the Bowker Cottage.

Maureen Mulkern has visited recently, and will return to St. Joseph's College this fall for her senior year after taking a year to work in New York at a large grain export-import company.

The Diamonds are for kids and retired or semi-retired people. The cycle mainly is for young couples to come until the children reach the middle teens, then depart for a while. Then the children get married and come here until their children reach their teens, ad infinitum. But the Laughlins who started coming in 1900 plan to stay on until the year 2,000. My own lot is number 100.

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CUSHINGS ISLAND PROFILE
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By Betty Hewitt

Early in 1967 the Fort Christopher Levett Company of Cushings Island bought the former government property — locally known as the back of the island — from the U. S. Safekeeping Company. The Christopher Levett Co. is composed of various house owners on Cushings Island; their purchase, securing the back of the island to the front, as it were, affords the islanders a large measure of relief.

What grace and beauty the government buildings lack, the land supplies. The property includes Whitehead, a bluff of many stone faces overlooking the channel between Cushings and Peaks, and much of the seaward side of the island, among whose rocks — locally known as the picnic rocks — can be found virtually all biological life characteristic of the Maine coast.

New family at Cushings — The Hewitts.

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DEDICATION DIGNITARIES — Officials who participated in yesterday's dedication of the new parish hall of St. Christopher's Church on Peaks Island included, from left, City Council Chairman Harold G. Loring; Winthrop K. Deane, master of ceremonies; The Most Rev. Peter L. Gerety, coadjutor bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland; and The Rev. John F. Crozier of St. Christopher's Church. (Sargent Photo)

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First Summer Theater

By WILLIAM REID JR.

Portlanders often reveal that the last time they were on Peaks Island was when they visited the theatre there a generation ago. The memory of the boat ride to the island, the performance and the ride back to Portland under a midsummer moon is a happy one for many Portlanders.

The Peaks Island theater is still there, but, except for one or two Lions Club shows each year and sometimes a dance, the old building stands empty. Musly hangings fall askew from the stage ceiling, a few chairs stand about, an old backdrop covers part of the stage, theater trunks lie about, and sometimes a dance, the old building stands empty. Musly hangings fall askew from the stage ceiling, a few chairs stand about, an old backdrop covers part of the stage, theater trunks lie about, and sometimes a dance, the old building stands empty.

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The company did not use the present empty building. This theater was built after the first burned down some years ago.

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The first night receipts totaled $2.05, but by the end of the week the theater was crowded.

This was the beginning of summer stock theater in the United States.

McCullum’s company played the Peaks Island theater for 12 years until it moved to a theater at Cape Cottage on Cape Elizabeth.

But summer stock theater continued on Peaks Island for years. Through its history some of the Barrymores performed there, Efrein Zimbilist Jr. and in its closing years a young man named Rod Steiger began his acting career there.

EXPRESSION COLUMNIST

WILLIAM REID, JR.
	IS NOW A RESIDENT
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THEN, BECAUSE of lack of attendance, the second of the Peaks Island theaters was closed. Except when the local Lions Club stages an amateur performance or a dance is held, the large building near the ferry landing is now empty of everything but some musty stage hangings, old theater trunks, empty seats and ghosts of summer stock seasons long ago.

BOAT TRIPS GALORE

IN “GOOD OLD DAYS”

The Portland Evening Express of Aug. 2, 1897, had numerous advertisements of boat trips and schedules. For 10¢ round trip you could have a sail to Forest City Landing, Peaks, and for 13¢ more you gained admission to the McCullum Theater (then in its 10th year) to see a 3-act comedy “Nineteenth”, or to Forest City Rink for skating.

If you wanted to plan a Sunday outing, you could have a delightful excursion trip up the Saco River to Biddeford on the new and elegant steamer Pilgrim”, for 50¢. Boat was scheduled to pick up passengers at Peaks and Cushings also.

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To Mackworth's, 3 trips, 10 to 5.
To Falmouth, 6 trips, 8.45 to 6.10.
To Prince's Point, Yarmouth, 3 trips, 10 to 6.10.
To Cousens’ and Littlejohn’s Is., 4 trips, 8.45 to 5.
To Chebeague, Hamilton Lndg., 4 trips, 8.45 to 5.
To Chebeague, Sunset Lndg., 2 trips, 7.40 and 1.25.
Other landings named: Bustin's Is., Freeport, and booth. Report.

Along the Coast

Coastwise trips advertised from Portland were the Bay State and Portland, double daily service to Boston; the International Steamship Co. 5 times weekly day trips to Boston, and 5 times weekly trips to Eastport and St. John, N. B.; Maine Coast Navigation Co. 1 trip daily to Salutac to Popham Beach, Squirrel Is., Boothbay Harbor, and Wiscasset; Maine Steamship Co. Steamer Manhattan and Cottage City, 3 trips weekly to New York City; and the Portland, Mt. Desert & Machias Steamboat Co.'s Steamer Frank Jones, 2 trips weekly to Rockland, Bar Harbor, and Machiasport.

All this was available in the summer of 1897.

And then came the AUTOMOBILE. But now, there is a trend of growth and the automobiles are in increasing evidence on the larger Bay Islands. Junk cars and traffic are becoming this era’s problems!
THE "ROCK" COUPLE
By Elsa Fellows

Several years ago a young couple lived in a house at Pride's Corner just outside Portland. When they moved in, they saw something glittering in the fireplace. Obviously, the young couple became interested in minerals. They inquired from the former owner and found it was a rock mass from England. Obviously, they became interested in minerals. Since then, they have become avid collectors. Thus it was that this writer spent an evening with this couple who happen to be Mr. and Mrs. George Trueworthy of Torrington Point, Peaks Island.

Mr. Trueworthy is a retiree from long service with the S. D. Warren Company of Westbrook.

To due justice to this rock and mineral collection, one would have to spend many hours with the Trueworthys!

Of course the first thing that will catch one's eye are the Herkimer Diamonds which are found in Middleville, New York. These sparkle like the real thing but of no value to speak of. The Azurite or the "Azulita" in Spanish was given to Mr. Trueworthy by a hostess at the Dominican Republic Exhibit at the New York World's Fair in nineteen sixty-four. The colors range from white, beige, gold, pale yellow and a sky blue. Florite-Calcium found in Ossipee, New Hampshire is white and pale pink and is most interesting.

A lovely shade of green Beryl Crystal is found in Bethel, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Trueworthy have found Precambrian Rock from the Sterling Mine at Cape Breton, Canada and it sparkles like thousands of small diamonds when the light shines on it. Garnets were found on Black Mountain at Norway, Maine and we could go on and on and never find an end to this fascinating hobby of the Trueworthys. They have traveled thousands of miles to add to their wonderful collection of minerals, stones and crystal. Their hobby has taken them to all interesting points of North America. The Purple Fluorite from the Iron Mines of England was their first stone collected but we are certain it won't be the last. Mrs. Trueworthy also paints and has many talents and they both have a delightful sense of humor and it was a delightful two hours looking at all the unusual and strikingly beautiful colors which old mother earth provides and many more exist as the above is just a small part of the collection.

Mr. Trueworthy reads about science, physical and chemical properties, and can you imagine anything but George going to bed with a book on Mineralogy? He loves every phase of it.

GEORGE TRUEWORTHY
AND HIS ROCKS

"SEA GULL" OF CLIFF ISLAND
HAS JULY FLIGHT

The Cliff Island Association's publication, "The Sea Gull", Johanna von Tilting editor, was off the press just in time to wish its subscribers "A Happy Fourth of July".

Following the untimely death of the Association's president, Morris Eaton, last October, a new electric clock for the Hall was presented as a memorial to him by family members and friends.

Robert Belknap is carrying on the Association's business. Annual meeting was scheduled for July 25.

The Library is sponsoring a special summer reading program for juniors.

*Edward and Tusha Nicholson (parents of Rhoda Pitkin) of Alabama have bought Maguire's store and Fisherman's Wharf, and have put the properties in good condition.

Regrets were expressed for the passing after a long illness of Dwain Griffin, who often contributed poetry to the publication, on May 29th, and for the unexpected death January 16th of a dear friend of the island, Josephine McLachlan, mother of Dorothy MacVane.

A full page of the publication is devoted to personals: the many travels of members, activities of students, weddings, and whereabouts of men in military service.

*Ed. Note: The reopening of the Cliff Island store by the Nicholson's who arrived the day before Easter, was the item accidentally omitted from p. 3 in Spring Issue. At that writing the purchase represented the last available property on that far out island.
ROCK PEOPLE CREATED BY
MRS. THOMAS LYNCH

Meet the cutest group of people and pets you could find — the rock creations of Mrs. Thomas Lynch of Peaks. Heads and bodies of rock, arms and feet of mussel shell, they wear the quaintest clothes — broad brimmed hats with barnacle roses, sea urchin caps, sea moss hair, one even sports angel wings — of shell. And watching over the crowd are large-eyed owls and minute long-eared mice. Dot loves her latest hobby and can you find a better excuse for spending hours back shore, then searching for matching rocks and shells? They’re for sale — if you’re interested in a most unusual paper weight or just “someone” to remind you of your summer days on the island!

THE GLORIETTES IN SUMMER. This year she takes the first step towards stardom. In Greenwood Gardens. She speaks to us and boys and girls of their"Can't I stay one more day?" — and walking on land .... That was the consensus of the friendliness. "Even strangers smile making us feel welcome." They found the loneliness. "Why do they like it here? Well, first of all you can WALK — any way and every­

GOOD NEIGHBOR DEED

Murray "Stubby" Roberts, Jr., received public appreciation in "We Hear" — an Express column, for his kindness in planting the garden and mowing the lawn of William Berryman, retired Portland policeman, during his recent hospitalization.

THE WATSON'S NEW HOUSE

By Louise Dunham

Another new house has been erected on Peaks Island. It's the Lewis Watson's house in the Trefethen area. Living the greater part of the year on Peaks Island is new to the Watsons. At first they came summers. Since 1955 they have stayed most of the year — spending the winter months near Silver Springs, Florida.

To get to the former Watson house you had to go down a hill. Their garage was at the top of the hill. The garage has been transformed into a modern one-floor house — a complete home with kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms, and two living rooms — one in the front of the house — the other at the back with a large picture window overlooking Casco Bay. This to me seemed the most attractive room in the house.

One distinctive feature is the inclusion of several large closets with sliding doors. The rugs are all small — scatter rugs — mostly braided ones made by Mrs. Watson.

A lawn has been made both back and front. Also in the back area is a vegetable garden of considerable size with potatoes, string beans, and corn — all flourishing.

In order to install the water pipes the Portland Water District had to blast a huge ledge. They left the remains of the blasting beside the house. Perhaps some of the rocks will be used when flower gardens are started.

The former Watson house was sold to two sisters from Everett, Mass., who have retired to Peaks for year round living. Miss Gudrun Gudrundson, who spent many summers at Ratcliff cottage, Spar Cove, was employed by the Christian Science Publishing Company. Her sister ran a gift shop in Everett. Thus Peaks Island gains new residents along with the new house.

"Lou" Watson and New House

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CODY GREEN AND
THE THRIFT SHOP

You can buy an article for 5¢ or up to $5 in the Thrift Shop on Peaks Island. It may be a child's used toy or a silver tea set. And you can take your pick of bathing shorts, T shirts, dresses, and fur coats — all in good condition. Household wares, pictures and books round out the inventory.

Now in its 14th year and 5th location you will find it this summer in the Hirst Cottage at the turn of the road on Island and Church Avenues. When the building fund for Brackett Memorial Hall was started Mrs. Henry Green, known by all as "Cody", decided there might be a good yield in used articles. She first opened for business in the Files store location but lost out to a business within a couple of years. The next spot was the Post Office Annex which is now the Senior Citizen Center, back to the Files location till the Seaside Store re-built and opened there. Then on to the old Carry All building until it was torn down this spring. The cottage was offered by the owner and the goods stored in Cody's guests rooms nearly filled it. Open Tues. and Sat. afternoons she is always on hand to greet and help her customers of long standing.

The summer proceeds totaling $7,000 to date are turned over each season to the Brackett Memorial Church for needed improvements and additions. And she feels much of her success is due to her generous "landlords" who have taken only her heart-felt thanks as their pay.

The New Thrift Shop

ISLAND HOSTESS —
MRS. LITTLEJOHN

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That is only the beginning of her activities! A dedicated needlewoman, she whips up nearly 60 pairs of mittens for Christmas, plus stuffed dolls and clowns, afghans, quilts, chair seats, and many other articles. Not to mention her own dresses and aprons.

Her "family" includes her 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, 67 great-greats... The latest only 2 months old. Each newcomer is welcomed with a baby quilt and stuffed toy.

The fact that she recently celebrated her 92nd birthday doesn't slow her daily schedule in the least. Coming to Peaks Island in 1912, she and her late husband, Herman, made their home on the corner of Central and Island Avenues. He was the local "trucker" although a wagon and horses were his method of delivering the freight sent from the mainland to the island residents.

In 1924 he sold several lots on which his home and business stood to meet an urgent need for a "down front" location on which to erect the Catholic Church and rectory. He then built the small green house on the opposite side of the street, complete with rear sumporch for ocean-gazing, a fireplace, and yard for his wife's interest in flowers. Among the rarities she has grown were a century plant that finally blossomed, and a starfish plant.

She has enjoyed her home throughout every winter, as well as her tremendous social insure each summer season. Another project is a series of scrapbooks of newspaper clippings pertaining to the island. It covers a 35 year period.

During her 56 years residence on Peaks, she has seen many changes, but the "best thing that ever happened" is the bammertat — located just two doors away.

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ON THIS PAGE BY RUTH SARGENT

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DOREEN McCANN DANCERS

With both parents being professional dancers, Doreen Green literally danced before she walked. Later, she, her sister, and brother joined forces and formed a "family act" that performed regularly in her native England.

During WW II she met Peaks Islander, Albert McCann there and two years later arrived in Portland to become his wife. They bought a large house on Torrington Point with a lovely sandy beach below and open-ocean view from their windows and eventually their family of 7 children more than filled the many rooms.

Trying to keep them occupied one rainy day, she hit on the idea of a dancing lesson. It proved so successful she continued them and soon the act of "The Dancing McCanns" was wowing the island audiences. She creates her own numbers as well as designing the costumes. "Everything goes fine 'til the last minute" she recalls "then something always happens. One boy showed up with a broken tooth minutes before a performance. Another was released from the hospital hours before another event — and one fell into a mud puddle on the way to a very special booking." But they always came out smiling and were forced to give several encores. She rejuvenated her teaching activities this spring with over a hundred pupils and presented her first recital in the new Parish Hall in mid-July. The high point of the performance was the finale when her father, William Green of North Hollywood, Calif., nearing 80, joined in to make it a real McCann family act.

Doreen and Dancing Partner (her son)

Scooter Patrol

JOHN PETERSON —
"MOUNTED" POLICE

There is a mounted policeman patrolling Peaks these days and nights. His mount is a motor-scooter with nearly silent automation. His name is John Peterson who is already making a name for himself in Crime detection. He has been instrumental in several cases already and residents are most happy to have him "around" and on the job.
CONSISTENT "PLUGGING" FOR 10 EVENTFUL YEARS

Reversing its usual practice of looking forward, Nor’ by East, on this occasion, looks backward over the ten years of its existence and reviews some of the things it has been doing — and why.

Its origin in 1959 was largely the result of a dream of Robert McEnany, Peaks Islander resident from Canton, Mass. It coalesced with the resolve of an ambitious few who founded the Island Development Association, later to become the Casco Bay Island Development Association.

The McEnany dream as set forth in Vol. 1, No. 1, of summer, 1959: “Certain improvements in the available island facilities, such as beaches and play areas; the addition of new facilities and activities, such as a playground and baseball diamond, a swimming pool, water skiing facilities, swimming and skin-diving instruction, competitive sports, boating, and even a summer stock-theater.”

A second part of the McEnany dream involved the run-down condition of private and public properties, roads, and beaches, and the indifference of owners and residents to this condition.

In an interview in this first issue with Peter Cioffi, then owner of the former Peaks Island Army Reservation, mention was made of Peaks Island potential in comparison with fabulous Mt. Desert Island. Mr. Cioffi was quoted as thinking hopefully of “cottages, boating, a modern hotel, and a summer theater.”

The theme of the lead editorial was “Let’s quit saying: ‘Why don’t they do so-and-so?’ Since THEY are in fact WE, most doing of things is up to US.”

A news item was about a small group kicking around the idea of an improvement organization for the Casco Bay islands. This talk crystallized when a first set of by-laws was drawn up by “Bill Curtis, Jack Martin, Herb Batt (died in New Haven 1961), and Bob McEnany.”

Another first news item was the ending of a 25-hour strike of the ferry crew “amid the cheers of hundreds of islanders.” fare and freight rate increases were being discussed. The editor favored a privately operated line to a State-owned line, and concluded: “The islands and the Ferry Line need each other. Understanding and cooperation are the keys to a productive operation.”

It was in the summer issue of 1961, that the official position of the City with respect to island transportation (then in a |concilical condition) was set forth as follows:

“We believe it has been made very evident that the time has come for the State Port Authority to take over. It is the policy of the City of Portland to bring this about as soon as possible. — Good transportation to these islands is an absolute necessity, and we believe that State operation — and only State operation — can provide it.”

The McEnanys, for business reasons, left the island, and the early issues of 1961 were taken over by John W. Chapman.

The original mast-head of Nor’ by East has held over the years.

While volunteer editorial boards have been in flux, the original McEnany dream has constantly directed policies of the publication as mouth-piece for the Casco Bay Island Development Association. The underlying idea has been the building of a spirit of unity among our residential islands, and an adherence to the principle, “All for one and one for all”.

It was in 1960 that Ruth Sargent received as a gift from her husband, George, a new camera. With it she started her journalistic career, involving contributions to newspapers and magazines, as well as to this paper. She has been a leader in supplying Casco Bay with timely photos, and items written in the smooth flowing style which has built up her fine reputation. On the back cover of summer, 1960, issue were aerial photos of six of our islands by Sargent-Clough. The Leon Clough, professional photographer mentioned here, has also been a frequent supplier of photos. Photos have been loaned also by the Garnett Publishing Company.

John W. Chapman held down the editor’s chair until August, 1961, when he became ill. After convalescing, in later years he served as advertising manager until his death in the fall of 1967 brought great shock to his family and co-workers. Mrs. Chapman held the post of editor until a party in her honor in 1964 marked her “retirement.” Robert Skilling took over the editorship for the next two years and has been a constant contributor since then. But in 1966 Ben was again drafted for editorial work and preparation of copy for the printer.

The business departments of the publication — subscriptions, mailings, wholesale distribution, correspondence, collections, and bookkeeping, have been most efficiently handled by a devoted couple, who have also made this a major hobby. Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop K. Deane (Win and Mary).

The paper has publicized and helped promote major projects, — the campaign For a Chebeague Island bridge (unsuccessful), the building of a $127,000 Peaks ferry landing by the State, the sponsoring of clean-up campaigns, beauty and scholarship pageants, garden and art activities, Peaks Information Center, the entertaining of United Nations news correspondents, island picnics, and its biggest project, still in progress, the development of Peaks Oceanside area.

It has furnished business enterprises with an advertising medium. It has been of benefit to all island property owners, both those who support it with subscriptions and advertising, and those who do not see fit to do so, because its distribution of thousands of copies of each issue through publicity channels has attracted people from all over the country, thereby increasing property values throughout the Bay.

It has issued as bonuses special editions listing summer dates of island organizations.

It has answered hundreds of inquiries received as result of offering free Casco Bay information.

It has established an excellent rapport with City, County, and State officials and the Chamber of Commerce, and has offered cooperation with Casco Bay Lines in the field of public relations.

As of 1968 the publication faces two problems: (1) the enlistment of volunteer service from more people, (2) the enlistment of the interest of the many island community organizations in submitting ideas worthy of development, and in participation in all matters pertaining to the welfare of our delightful islands.

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(Author unknown.)