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City Council Makes History

HOUSING
The rent supplement program of the Public Housing Authority in Portland may have a bearing on rehabilitation of some existing structures on Peaks Island.

An official of the Housing Authority staff visited the island recently to look over possibilities.

There are low income elderly people and families which could benefit from this program if brought to the island. The system works through a lease agreement with the Housing Authority and homeowners who are willing to rent with the occupancy guaranteed and the rent paid by the Housing Authority. This public agency has funds to provide rent supplements to people on fixed incomes who cannot find adequate housing for what they are able to pay. The agreement is made between the tenant and Housing Authority for the tenant to pay what he can, and the authority makes up the balance and leases homes from owners, paying the rent directly to the owner.

This can serve as an incentive for property owners or contractors to obtain property for remodeling and know that rental will be guaranteed.

The housing officials saw several structures on Peaks which are apparently run down but worthy of restoring, and which might appropriately fulfill some of the needs of this program.

There is also the possibility that several units of new efficiency homes might be built on Peaks Island and made available to elderly or others who are not now living in safe and adequate homes.

To remove blight from the island and provide housing at the same time may be a possibility in the near future. A housing conference to discuss this and other programs with people of the island will be arranged sometime this summer by the Casco Bay Island Development Association.

UN CORRESPONDENT WEDS
John MacVane, UN correspondent for the American Broadcasting Co. and Mrs. Henriette Butler Kidder of Duxbury, Mass. were married in Portland recently. They will honeymoon in Europe where a group of former war correspondents attended the 25th anniversary of D-Day.

MacVane is the brother of city councillor Dr. William MacVane and active in Project Oceanside. He spent much of his youth on Long Island.

TOWING FORWARD SECTION OF S.S. "MANHATTAN"

WOW!
Portland City Council members moved at a breathless taste by the 10 day period that has never been equaled in Portland's history. Beyond their regular chores and without raising a step, they:
1. Passed a zoning ordinance that will permit the largest tankers in the world to store Alaskan oil on Long Island, June 16.
2. They came up with $500,000 of city money to provide for a Nova Scotia Ferry Terminal that the legislature had turned down, June 24.
3. Heard that Portland Urban Renewal was excellent enough to attract $9,271,000 in federal funds, June 26.

WORKING IN ALASKA OILFIELD

WHY THE CSDCB?
Are they incorporated?
Are they legally accountable for their collection of funds?
Are they an affiliate of the Natural Resources Council?
Have they been of benefit to the islands either financially or culturally?
Do they represent the islands' interests in Augusta?
Did they have permission to reprint Senator Muskie's telegram in an advertisement?
Did they reprint his telegram in its entirety?
Has more than $2,500 spent in advertising their cause proved to be of benefit to the islands?

Unfortunately the answers to all of these questions is "no". The Council for the Study of the Development of Casco Bay, a new self-appointed organization made up of somewhat uninformed citizens, has spent a large amount of money antagonizing the Portland City Council, making headlines, and generally confusing the general public on an issue which chiefly concerned the Casco Bay Islanders and the Council.

The Casco Bay Island Development Association, Inc. (CBIDA, and the similarity in initials is to be deplored) is, on the other hand, a non-profit organization, devoted to community service, organized in 1958 and incorporated in 1963. Its officers feel that the undisclosed amount of money collected by the new organization could well have been put to better use such as parkland or even a new bird sanctuary.

In a wire to Lawrence Stevens of Long Island, Senator Muskie noted that his much publicized telegram to the City Council was published in its entirety in the full page advertisements, charged that the "most important sentence was omitted".

The sentence read, "I shall be more than willing to arrange for expert advice and to obtain facts for the council to use in connection with its deliberations on the Long Island zoning application and related questions".
TO THE EDITOR

After ten generations, and my family claims heritage back to the founding of Portland and the acquisition of Peaks Island by George Cleeves, c. 1633, I can truly say that I belong here, as much as the rocks and the sea as this island.

By profession I am an artist, and my vantage ground is the Back Shore of Peaks Island. In the last year or two I have seen drifts of oil coming from the Cape, moving towards Long Island and Hussey’s Sound, and I have seen poisonous yellow-green deposits among the rocks.

This coast is incomparably beautiful, and I wonder how long it will remain so if there are oil deposits on all sides of us. The bathing beaches are now polluted and in my way of thinking, unusable. Tourism and fishing industries are in danger.

I write as one not hidebound by any selfish desire to “keep things as they are” but I have a feeling the people who have bought summer property in good faith and maintain it; those who come for a week or two for a hard-earned vacation, and those whose joy is a summer sail down Casco Bay.

I would not wish to deprive anyone, not even for a day, of the great good fortune I have always enjoyed in being here. As far as I know, no other city in the world has such a location as Portland has. We should not ruin its potential.

Jesse B Trefethen
Ed. Note: Miss Trefethen was director of the art department at Oberlin College for 30 years. She paints almost daily and has an exhibition of her watercolors in Louisville, Ky., last year.

TO THE EDITOR

Nor’by East:

I would like to commend you on your lifesaving job of reviving Nor’ by East from its near demise. And lo, here it is looking healthier than ever.

To one who has labored over this publication for many years it is a most refreshing experience to read an issue minus the pains of production.

You are doing a great job and I hope you find it profitable and rewarding and will continue the good work for years to come.

My only regret is that my dear late husband could not be here to enjoy the fruits of the labors he gave so freely to the publication of Nor’ by East and to the general welfare of the Casco Bay community of islands.

With sincere good wishes and congratulations
Bea Chapman
Former Editor

CASCO BAY LINES

According to the Cliff Island “Seagull”, the U.S. Government and the City of Portland pay Casco Bay Lines over $46,000 per year or about $125 each day for mail delivery and transportation of Jr. and High School students who live on the islands. The “Seagull” also claims that the cost of fueling one vessel and manning it with two deckhands for a continuous 12-hour period is about $85.

Nothing is mentioned about enormous maintenance costs and taxes on a fleet of island boats, however, so “Nor’ by East” stands uncommitted.

Pauls Puppets - which made a very successful appearance on Peaks Island two years ago - are again available with a new show RUMPLESTILZKIN. The Puppets come from Maryland and are locally known through their summer visits in Yarmouth.

Those interested in having the Puppets brought to Peaks could help encourage the effort by filling out the enclosed form and mailing to Nor’ by East - so that hopefully an island organization can be found which will assume the responsibility for arranging for the Pauls Puppets. They have to have overnight accommodations and a guarantee of $50. The show is staged by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard H. Paul. The Puppets are in their stationwagon. Let us know your wishes.

I would like to see Paul Puppets Yes . . . No . . .
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PEAKS ISLAND NEWS

Officers elected by the Peaks Island Lions Club are Richard Bemis, president; James Spaulding, first vice president; John Feeney, second vice president; Albert J. McCann, third vice president; James Brown, treasurer; Leon S. Clough, lion tamer; Arthur H. Harmon, tail twister; and Douglas Clough, secretary.

Mrs. Albert J. McCann, newly re-elected president of the Women’s Council of St. Christopher’s Church, has appointed the following committee chairmen: program, Mrs. Arthur T. Tarmon; membership, Mrs. Winthrop K. Deane; publicity, Mrs. Richard R. McIntyre; Training Post, Mrs. Frederick J. Lanigan; convalescent, Mrs. Richard Ericko; current events, Mrs. Edward Latham, and hospitality, Mrs. Richard Delaney. Three new members were welcomed at the last meeting, Mrs. John Fletcher, Mrs. Gene Dinsmore and Mrs. William McCann.

Chris Grasse, Photographer, conducted a color slide program at the first meeting of the season of the Casco Bay Art Association at the Art Gallery. The Gallery featured a photographic salon entitled “Portland’s New Photographers” in the past month. Among those showing were Grasse, Mason Smith, Robert Dyro, Bill Davis, Katherine McLean and Stephanie Fulk.

The Fifth Maine Regiment Community Center's program for the summer: The Annual Fair and luncheon, July 12; The Penny Auction, July 31; and a Baked Bean Supper, August 16.

The Eighth Maine Regiment Ass’n will hold its annual card party on August 9.

MATEY LEAVES HOUSE ISLAND

Matey has been taken out of his bathtub and driven to Boston where he can make as big a splash as he wants.

Matey is a baby seal that has been living with Mrs. Hilda Dudley and her nine-year-old daughter, Tina Ann, on House Island since Memorial Day, when they found him near their boat dock. He had apparently been disowned by his mother.

The little seal looked hungry and was crying, so the Dudleys carried him into the house and put him in the bathtub. He was “extremely friendly,” Mrs. Dudley remembers.

They started him out on a cream soaked piece of plastic, but soon he was drinking three quarts of cream a day along with egg yolks and a raw herring mixed in a blender. He went from 20 to 25 pounds during his stay here.

“Seals are perpetual eaters. They can eat you out of house and home,” Mrs. Dudley said.

In the tub, Matey liked to play with the water as it came from the faucet. This made a mess on the floor, but Tina Ann insisted that Matey get all the water he wanted. She added that people sometimes shoot at swimming seals, even though it’s illegal.

So Matey said good-bye to Maine and took off for the New England Children’s Aquarium, where “he can belong to all children.”

URBAN RENEWAL

Howard U. Heller, executive director of the Portland Renewal Authority, now has $9,271,000 to work with due to a grant made to the city by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The announcement was made by Senator Edmund S. Muskie and Rep. Peter N. Kyron and will benefit Portland’s Downtown II Urban Renewal Project.

Mr. and Mrs. Heller have recently purchased a summer home on Peaks Island that faces the bay overlooking his favorite project... Portland, Maine. They have two sons; William fifteen and Donald fourteen. Betty Heller formerly taught Art at the Waynflete School here.

He has worked for private and public agencies in the renewal field for the past seventeen years. He has studied and evaluated relocation in Chicago and worked on a conservation program there. He came to Portland following six years in Pennsylvania where he worked as an Urban Renewal Coordinator for the City of Philadelphia. He has been Executive Director of the Portland Renewal Authority since 1960. Portland is indeed fortunate to have as capable a person as Mr. Heller as we all realize; his tasks are not easy.

Howard Heller was born in Manchester, Connecticut. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Yale University and received an M. A. Degree in Urban Sociology from the University of Chicago.

TAX LIEN LAND

In our spring issue, “Nor’ by East” offered to list any island land available for unpaid back taxes in the Casco Bay Area. With the help of Robert Laughlin of Great Diamond, we found the current facts to be true.

There is no tax lien land on any island except Peaks. This land consists of the center portion of the island, approximately 120 lots, some of which measure over an acre. The total area is about 40 acres in size.

During the past year 10 lots totaling about 3 acres on Great Diamond Island and 64 lots totaling about 19 acres on Long Island were sold as tax lien land.
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From Aunt Emma's Island Cookbook
This is a large dish and quite a specialty to use as a "Bring your own supper" affair. It will serve 10 people using a 9-inch ring mold, or 5 using a 7-inch ring, and half the recipe.
Cook 2 cups fine noodles according to package directions; rinse and drain. BEAT and pour over the noodles the following:
¾ c. melted butter
4 egg yolks (beaten)
Salt and pepper to taste
When the dish is ready to bake, WHIP STIFFLY 4 egg whites with a little salt. BEAT 1 cup of heavy cream (either sweet or sour). Fold the egg whites and the cream lightly into the noodle mixture. Fill a well-greased ring. Place in a pan of hot water. Bake in a moderate oven (350°) until it is firm—about 1 hour or more. Invert the ring and fill it with green peas or creamed chicken. This may be made ahead, all prepared to slip into an oven where you are taking it; church covered dish supper or at your club.

LOBSTER FUNDS STALLED
The lobster raising experiments of the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries at Cousins Islands, Yarmouth, have been stalled in their infancy by lack of funds. Only $90,000 was needed, but the promised "The Clearing" funding by the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration has never been forthcoming and attempts to raise the funds privately have so far failed.

"The Clearing" egg tempura by James Charles Wright

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WHO FROM UN

Ten delegates from the World Health Organization holding their world-wide assembly in Boston in July, will spend the weekend of July 26-27 in the homes of Casco Bay residents. This is another chapter in the continuing international visitation program pioneered by the Casco Bay Island Development Association.

All previous groups have been received through the Foreign Correspondents Center in New York. However, the proximity of the World Health Organization assembly in nearby Boston brings the opportunity for the Bay to relate to another segment of the United Nations.

The invitation was limited to ten due to the problem of arranging appropriate homes and obtaining their transportation from Boston — probably by Continental Trailways which has participated generously in this program on several previous years. Robert Laughlin, general chairman for the International Visitatation program, will coordinate this event.

The CBIDA hopes to enlarge this program for the Sesquicentennial Year and relate it to the Boston Consulates as well as the United Nations.

PERSONALITY PLUS

By Elsa Fellows

It's amazing the people one meets on the islands. It was my good fortune to be at the right place at the right time, and I was introduced to another segment of TV Personality who for many years did many Commercials for such outstanding Companies as The Prudential Insurance Co. of New York, The Chase Manhattan Bank, Sylvia Products, General Foods and Personna, Inc.

Mr. "Bill" Shipley, has purchased the former summer home of Mrs. Roy Whitcomb Sr. on Pleasant Avenue. Mrs. Shipley will join him over the fourth of July weekend. His lovely daughter Jane was with him and a beauty she is. His son Chuck who is seventeen attends South Kent Prep School in South Kent, Connecticut.

After free lancing for some time, Bill decided he wanted to go back to college and now attends Florida State University and is working for his Ph.D., in Mass Communications. He plans to spend the months of July and August doing research in New York. Howevr, the proximity of the Bay to New York brings the opportunity for the World Health Organization assembly in Boston in July, will spend the week-end of July 26-27 in the homes of Casco Bay residents.

On Long Island, Mrs. Tillman was previously married. Perhaps some day, he will decide to retire in Maine and where could he find a better place? Good luck Bill.

Peaks Island

Mrs. Arabelle Anderson, Boston, and Gary Roberts, Brackett Ave., have been appointed director and assistant director, respectively, at the Peaks Island Public Library by the City Parks and Recreation Department. It will open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday through Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Peaks Island summer resident, was recently honored by the Maine Medical Association at their annual banquet with the presentation of a fifty-five year pin. A native of Portland, Dr. Fogg was graduated from Bowdoin Medical School and interned at the Maine General Hospital. He served in the Army and Navy from 1917 to 1947 when he was discharged as a colonel (Brigadier General, Medical Corps, N.G., Retired).

LONG ISLAND NOTES

Chief John Tillman, USN Ret., and his new wife the former Mrs. Kermit Rupert, who were married in Lakeland, Fla., this spring, are now spending their honeymoon on Long Island. Mrs. Tillman was previously Marjorie Gomez, a former Long Island resident.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Barrett, Long Island, leave July 8 by plane to visit their daughter Suzanne in Berkeley, Calif., for a month. Suzanne, a graduate of the Newton Wellesley School of Nursing, holds a position at the Oakland Alta Bates Hospital there and is also attending college at Berkeley.
Prior to Ed. Haegar's retirement in nineteen sixty from Pan American, he and his wife spent their vacations Island hopping to the Islands of the Caribbean and West Indies. Greatly impressed by the scenic beauty and equitable climate of the area, they decided to buy an acre of land for a future retirement home. They chose St. Thomas because, unlike most of these Islands which are Dutch, English, French and Spanish......the Virgin Islands are American Territory. The property is unique in that it is situated between two seas-----the Atlantic with its' outlying Islands to the North and facing the Caribbean on the South.

After this nineteen fifty-eight adventure, they heard through Mrs. Haegar's sister Mrs. Whitney R. Nolte of Weston, Mass. who has a summer cottage on Peaks of a cottage for sale there. Mrs. Haegar fell in love with Peaks' and called her husband. She cautioned him to bring his check book as she had found a place and, needless to say, he liked it equally as well. The year he retired, they sold their home in Ridgefield, Connecticut------flew to St. Thomas where they arranged to have their winter home built on that little acre.

Back to Maine in June, they started restoring the house at Peaks. It was a busy but worthwhile experience and most rewarding as they have one of the prettier settings against a background of flora and fauna. They both love gardening and grow vegetables both here and in St. Thomas.

Those friends at St. Thomas who visit them in Maine are impressed with our rocky coast and the cool breezes on humid days. Their friends in New England visit them in St. Thomas and I may add that they are delightful hosts.

The Virgin Islands is a popular Port for Cruise Ships and as many as eight have been seen entering in one day.

Mr. Haegar was an executive with Pan American for many years and he and his Clara have been to many far off places and enjoyed every moment of travel. Mrs. Haegar is a graduate of Wheelock College of Boston and has taught in Huntington Park, California, Miami, Florida and in Weston and Norwood, Massachusetts. Actually, they have not retired as their home is a very popular place through the summer months which surely indicates that the food must be good at the Haegars. Perhaps we asked too many questions but, they were very patient and a little reluctant to answer some because of modesty. We wish to thank them for this interview and hope they will be instrumental in selling Maine to others.
REVIEW

"Abbie Burgess Lighthouse Heroine" is a thoroughly enchanting book and if anyone has occasion to buy a present for a young girl between the ages of eight and sixteen during the coming year, they need look no further.

Ruth Sector Sargent of Peaks Island and her co-author, Dorothy Holder Jones of Falls Church, Va., have somehow put the beauty of a barren and rocky island, Matinicus Rock, down on paper and made it real and believable.

Their heroine, Abbie, is a very real teenager who loves pretty clothes and wants the admiration of her friends, but when emergency strikes, she displays the flint steel character of her Yankee forebears.

There is a light touch of romance, and a thorough course in island living as it was in the mid 1800's, although the factual material is so cleverly woven into the story line that there appears to be no actual explanation of the problems faced by the Burgess family. There is no question in the reader's mind as to their hardships. They exist as surely as Abbie Burgess existed more than one hundred years ago.

Although aimed chiefly at an audience of young girls, the book's appeal is not limited to them. Grown-ups are reading it they tell me and finding it very refreshing too.

Perhaps the best compliment I can pay is that it reminds me of a book I read as a young girl and never forgot. This was by a very talented Maine lady too. It was "Mary Peters" by Mary Ellen Chase. Books of this sort are so scarce that I would like to mention one other, "Captain Abby and Captain John" by Robert Tristram Coffin.

"Abbie" was one of only eight non-adult books reviewed in the New York Times Book Review Section May 18. The reviewer was John Connole. Another favorable review was featured in the Washington Post by Hazel Nelson.

TRY AN ISLAND

There are those who love woodlands, those who love hills. Those who from rush of big cities get thrills; But for me who am island-born, give me the sea, With the gulls and the sea-pines, the winds blowing free,

The surf and the fog and the lighthouse's gleam;

What more does a man need in Life's Crazy Scheme?

And if ever you wish to change your domain, Why not head for an island down here in Maine?

And when you have done so, I'm willing to bet You will say it's the best place that you have found yet!

Katherine W. Stewart
(Peaks)

RECORD CLASS FOR SMVTI

Diplomas, certificates and official grade records were awarded to 1,347 students at the Southern Maine Vocational and Technical Institute, the largest class in the 23-year history of the school.

SMVTI which will have a top flight oceanographic school on Long Island has already collected statistics citing a need for training of teachers in the marine science field. Also hundreds of inquiries from junior and senior high school guidance counselors requesting a summer marine biology program for high school students have been received by the Admissions Department.

Arthur V. Smith, director, has said that the school's marine biologists and science instructors are well qualified to teach and administer the proposed programs. Moreover they now have ample supplies to equip a field and wet-water laboratory for instruction and experiment at a minimum cost to the Institution and to the State.

In the short time at their disposal a remarkable impact was made on the chosen work area.

On Sunday they attended the church of their choice with some showing up in uniform at each church. They visited the Fifth Maine Community Center and were met by CBIDA treasurer Winthrop K. Deane who signed their work certificate which will bring to each boy a leather emblem and car sticker identifying the American Historic Trail program.

It is hoped that other groups will follow this good example and help bring the parkland into a useful recreational facility.

BOY SCOUTS

A boy scout troupe from Mansfield, Massachusetts, has led the way for what is hoped to be the beginning of volunteer participation in the new 100-acre parkland on Peaks Island.

The Mansfield Scouts, under the direction of Walter Burke, a shipping agent, their scoutmaster, earned the privilege of a camp-out on Peaks Island through their attendance and training at scout meetings in preparation for earning the American Historic Trails merit award.

They arrived on Peaks on the morning of June 22, bringing with them a truck and equipment for land clearing; all their own food; their pup tents and cooking equipment.

The City Park Department entered actively into the project with Director Richard Anderson and CBIDA president Ted Rand, outlining the work area; and Park Department staffer Harvard Brown, assigned to spend the week-end with the boys.

Weather favored the program and by midday Saturday the boys and their counselors were hard at work mowing, clearing litter, and making log bench seats for an area of the waterfront.

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PORTLAND'S ISLANDS
By Katherine W. Stewart
It may not be generally known that there
are some nineteen islands of various sizes
within the limits of the city of Portland.
Long Island with 912 acres was first
occupied by John Sears; John Smith of
Boston bought it in 1706 and it was called
“Smith’s Island” for some years; its “Singing
Beach” is well-known. Peaks, 720 acres,
during its heyday was a famous vacation
spot, — “The Coney Island of the East”; at
one time there were ten hotels there, the
largest was the four-story Peaks Island
House. Great Diamond (once Hog), 369
acres, is connected to Little Diamond by a
sand bar; the latter has a congenial colony of
summer cottagers. House (Howes) was
inhabited for many years by fisherman who
carried on the business of drying fish; it is
also the site of Fort Scammel, built during
the Civil War; the island is now privately
owned. Cushing’s (known variously as
Anders, Andrews, Portland and Bang’s in
past years), was the site of the three-story
Ottawa House built in 1853, burned in
1886, rebuilt, and burned again in 1917; it
also has a summer colony.
Jewell’s, 100 acres, was first occupied by
George Jewell; Captain Kidd was said to
have buried treasure there but none of it has
been found by “prospectors” throughout
the years. Cliff (Crotch) at one time was
occupied by a Captain Kieff who, during
stormy weather, would fasten a lighted
lantern to his horse’s neck and ride along the
shore to lure ships onto the ledges and then
salvage their cargoes.
The other islands are uninhabited, —
Cow, Crow, Pumpkin Knob, Ram, Outer and
Inner Green, part of Little Chebeague, Junk
of Pork, Marsh (Vaill), Overset and Cat’s
Whisker.
It is doubtful that there is any other city
or state which would have closed its eyes to
the potential of these “jewels” as has
Portland and the State of Maine. Without
question, good transportation, city or state
operated, would have built Casco Bay into a
tremendous asset to both.

CLIFF ISLAND
Cleo and Phyllis Kennedy Brown are
building a new cottage on the North shore
above the John Dyer Jr. home.
Following the disastrous fire which
completely destroyed John Dyer Sr.’s
fishhouse in the early hours of March 20th a
brand new larger workshop building is being
erected on the same site and is as we go to
press, nearly completed.

COUNCIL NAMES COASTAL
CONSULTANT
The Natural Resources Council of Maine
has named Wendall L. Tremblay, Chelsea, to
fill the newly-created position of Coastal
Consultant. Tremblay, a native of Madison,
was an informational representative for the
Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and
Game prior to joining the Natural Resources
Council.

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CHEBEAGUE'S DR. GUARDO

Chebeague Islanders now have their own resident doctor after a wait of nearly three years. Dr. James L. Guardo, formerly of Boston, has taken up residence on the eastern end of the island overlooking the golf course and a view of the inner bay.

Enthusiastic islanders have been busy painting and papering his cottage, loaning furniture and putting up curtains and the house was made ready for him right down to the last "pot and pot-holder". Window boxes were painted Federal blue and filled with pink geraniums, wood was provided for the Franklin stove and floors were scrubbed and waxed. The volunteer workers were rewarded with an open house to see the end results and 75 attended.

The cottage was acquired by the Chebeague Island Council in September, 1946, and is dedicated to the memory of Dick Seabury of the United States Navy who was killed in World War II, the son of the first president of the council.

Dr. Guardo, or "Dr. Jim" as he is sometimes called, was born in Bangor and was graduated from M.I.T. with a mechanical engineering degree before deciding on a medical career. He did undergraduate work at the Boston University Medical School and interned at the University of Rochester Medical Center and at Massachusetts General Hospital.

He has been in private practice in medical centers in Boston as well as serving on medical staffs of various hospitals in Massachusetts. During the past two years he has served residences in internal medicine.

"Now", he says, "I look forward to being an L.M.D. (Local Medical Doctor), and am hoping to make Chebeague Island a self-contained medical center.

Chebeague has about 300 year round residents and up to 1,500 summer visitors.

CONGRATULATIONS

On St. John's Day Mr. and Mrs. John Shute invited friends and informal cocktail party to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mr. Shute was born in Newport, Wales and Mrs. Shute was born in Berkshire, England. They were married at St. Laurence Episcopal Church in Berkshire. The Shutes moved to Canada at the close of the first World War. He was an electrical engineer with the Grand Trunk Railroad in Toronto before moving to Maine. He has served in the Canadian Army as an Infantryman. They have one son who is a Captain in the United States Navy. He returned to the United States from Rome two years ago and has been stationed in Washington, D. C. since. He has been transferred to Jacksonville and will be moving there shortly with his wife and daughter Faye nineteen, and Scott twelve. The younger Mrs. Shute is the former Margaretue Taylor of Pittsfield, Maine.

The Elder Shutes have been very active in affairs of the Island and attend the Brackett Memorial Church. They travel back to England and Wales every few years to visit family and old friends. John can always be recognized walking up from the boat by his cute Scotch Tam. Mr. Shute is also a Mason and Hilda served in the British Red Cross and has a five-year service medal to prove it. Congratulations and best wishes to John and Hilda and hope they will be around for their Diamond Anniversary.

GREAT DIAMOND profiles

By Rhea and Andy Ansorge

A very valued and much appreciated feature of Great Diamond Island is our Community Store, with its excellent and reasonably priced stock of canned goods, packaged foods, soft drinks, poultry, meat, eggs, assorted household supplies, etc.

The Store came into being fifteen years ago. Following a period of privately operated stores, none of which was, so far as we know, very successful, it was decided to ask the islanders whether they would like to have a store of their own and whether they would be willing to provide the money to purchase the required equipment and initial supplies. A favorable response came quickly and the Island's first cooperative store was soon under way.

Jack White, Vice president of a food brokerage firm in Boston, volunteered to act as purchasing agent and his experience in that field has been invaluable in providing the islanders with quality foods at the lowest possible cost. He has continued doing the food buying and paying of bills all these years without compensation as his "donation for the good of the Island." A generous donation of time and energy, indeed.

Jack and his wife Ethel (nee Ethel Florence Means, of Boston) were married in 1933 and came to Great Diamond twenty years ago. Their spacious home is directly north of Elwell Hall, the lower part of which houses the Community Store.

Jack was born in Toronto, Canada, and came to this country as an infant. He grew up and was educated in California. D Day plus 3 (June 9, 1944) found Jack, along with thousands of other Allied assault troops, fighting to maintain the Allied position on Omaha Beach. In the battle for Cologne, France, he received the severe wounds that put him out of action and into a succession of hospitals (France, England, Scotland and, finally, the U. S.) for some twenty-seven months until his Army discharge in 1948.

The Whites have one son, Russell, who married Sarah Simonds, of Pasadena, California, where they live. They have three children - Lisa, Cynthia and Victoria. Russell was the Community Store's first "storekeeper." After his marriage to Sarah (we know her as "Sally"), Ethel White took over the storekeeping chores on what she thought would be a temporary basis - but after nine years she is still behind the counter! Just got to be a habit, we surmise.

During WW II Ethel worked for the Convention Bureau of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. She has continued with the Chamber ever since and is presently Supervisor of Registrations for the various conventions held in Boston during the winter months.

We islanders are most fortunate not only in having the Whites as our neighbors but also in having our own Community Store and the continued willingness of Jack and Ethel White to operate it for us.

NO INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND

Moon shots will take priority over the International Weekend for foreign journalists and diplomats from the United Nations in the Casco Bay area this year. Word from William Stricker of the U. S. Information Service, that so many of the journalists will be at Cape Canaveral to cover the moon rocket launchings at the time of the scheduled visit, that it would be wiser to postpone the Casco Bay visit for another year.

This year would have marked the sixth annual International Weekend here.

Last year visitors were guests in island homes from August 15 to 20. They included families from Holland, Switzerland, Japan, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, India, Russia, Australia, Italy, Israel, Finland, Poland, Indonesia, Pakistan and Germany.

"We used to get a lot of the state's politicians too", Laughlin quipped, "but last year we thought we had better charge them $5 for the lobster dinner and only Republicans showed up."