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### QUARTERLY MEETING

MAY 4<sup>th</sup>

St. John's Guild Hall, Thursday, May 4th, 8:00 p.m.

SPEAKER

William W. Corcoran, Esq.  
Newport Redevelopment Agency

Please bring your extra seedlings, cuttings and/or house plants for a Plant Sale exchange. Free seeds will be distributed.

#### REFRESHMENTS

#### APRIL BOARD MEETING:

The Executive Committee met at 42 Walnut Street on the evening of April 6, with Wm. C. Harrington presiding.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, the minutes were read by Miss Price, who served pro tem.

The Treasurer reported a total Balance of \$3807.90, which still includes the Homeland grant.

The GREEN LIGHT reported a circulation for March of 320 and a balance of \$263.

Mrs. Benson stated that as of this time no further information is available on development of the Section Base. Courteous replies have been received from all the legislators to whom our letter was sent.

Mr. M. Joseph Sullivan, who has accepted chairmanship of the Junior Garden Contest was present and outlined his plans. Prizes will be the same as last year, but the

contestants are to maintain their projects in their own yards rather than in vacant lots, the purpose being general interest and improvement in individual premises. A picnic for all will follow the contest, as was done last season. A flyer citing the rules of the contest will be found with this issue of THE GREEN LIGHT and will be distributed at Callender and Potter Schools.

Mr. Harrington and Mrs. G.D. Weaver, jr. were appointed to attend the meeting on redevelopment on April 7, held by The Preservation Society. Representatives from many organizations are to assist in informing the public of current plans for redevelopment and its importance.

The date of the Quarterly Meeting as May 4 was confirmed, with Mr. Corcoran as postponed speaker. A plant sale will be a feature -(please bring yours !)

THE NEWPORT JOURNAL and Weekly News was edited by George Champlin Mason, author of the well-known "Reminiscences of Newport". We have recently seen a copy dated June 10, 1882, in the possession of young Paul Holbrook.

The issue contains a long article on the Point, almost identical with the Point chapter in the "Reminiscences". Mason published his articles first in his paper, and later gathered them into book form.

The column from which we take the following excerpts strikes a nostalgic note for old-timers:

"THE NEW SOUND STEAMER - A Noble Enterprise in Steamship Building by the Old Colony Steamboat Company - The PILGRIM, the latest acquisition of the Fall River Line, likely to become famous.

"The keel of the Steamer PILGRIM was laid many months ago at Chester Pa., and from the very beginning of her construction, this craft has been the wonder and admiration, and the study as well, of all the ship sailing fraternities. Mr. John Roach, the builder, declares she is his monument, and it is the opinion of experts that this boat has no equal on the waters anywhere.

". . . Not only have the ERISTOL and PROVIDENCE (Ed: first of the name) already ceased to be the largest passenger boats in the world, but their superior in this respect new stands ready for launching and will by-and-by take her place on the Fall River Line, to astonish the public and convince all witnesses that there is really no limit to the acquirements of human skill, ingenuity and industry.

"The PILGRIM'S dimensions are 373'8" at the load line, 50' main hull beam, and 88'6" over the guards. She contains 253 staterooms and 200 sleeping berths.

"Built under the supervision of George Pierce, supervisor of steamers for Old Colony, and Edward Faron, engineer for the Road. Joiner work and finish by Wm. Rowland.

#### THE EDITOR'S POINT OF VIEW:

Greetings to you-all ! We have just returned from ten days at Virginia Beach, where the spring comes early and the mocking-birds sing among the azaleas and camellias, and where fragrant jasmine festoons the trees. The unspoiled beach stretches for miles as far as eye can see, and a procession of great ships comes out from Hampton Roads around Cape Henry.

Littering of highways is punishable by a \$500 fine, and the clean streets sparkle in the sunshine. Beautifully kept houses are set on emerald grass-plots among the stately pines, embowered in dogwood and magnolia and brilliant azalea. Behind the Beach, the State Park spreads 50,000 acres of wilderness threaded with wood-roads and quiet by-ways that lead to lakes and salt water inlets.

We are always of two opinions about Williamsburg, but a second visit brought appreciation of its undeniable charm and its economic value. Williamsburg had to be re-created by Rockefeller millions; Newport would need only house-cleaning and refurbishing by its people - citizens unanimously awakened to its huge potential in terms of dollars and cents. We returned to the City by the Sea with a sigh - to see the fine old houses still standing so shabbily with incredible litter at their feet. . . to see empty shops and ill-kept streets - and to sense once again the strange mixture of lethargy, apathy, and complacency that permeates the Newport atmosphere and holds her back from the achievement of her potential and the fulfillment of her proper destiny.

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President Harrington has been appointed to a City committee whose purpose is to study possible uses for Goat Island.

WHEN SPRING COMES, little boys still play marbles in the bare muddy spots, and little girls scratch hop-scotch squares on the sidewalk - but Annie Lathrop Bacheller remembers when the Point children played singing games that are interesting descendants of old English originals. These were popular around 1870 :

( A Choosing Game)

"Here comes a Spaniard, just from Spain, (One child as Spaniard)  
To court your daughter Sarah Jane."



"My daughter Jane she is too young (Mother)  
To be controlled by anyone."

(All) "Go back, go back, you man from Spain,  
And take the fairest you can name."

"The fairest one that I can see (Spaniard)

Is Annie Lathrop - will you walk with me ?"

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(Hide-and-Go-Seek counting:)

"As I went up an apple tree  
All the apples fell on me.  
Bake a pudding, bake a pie;  
Did you ever tell a lie ?  
Yes you did, you know you did -  
You broke your mother's teapot lid !  
OUT, SPROUT, OUT !"

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( A singing circle game)

Green gravel, green gravel,  
How green the grass grows;  
And all the Freemasons  
Are changing their clothes.  
Dear Mary, Dear Mary,  
Your sweetheart is dead;  
He sent you a letter  
To turn back your head. (The circle reverses)



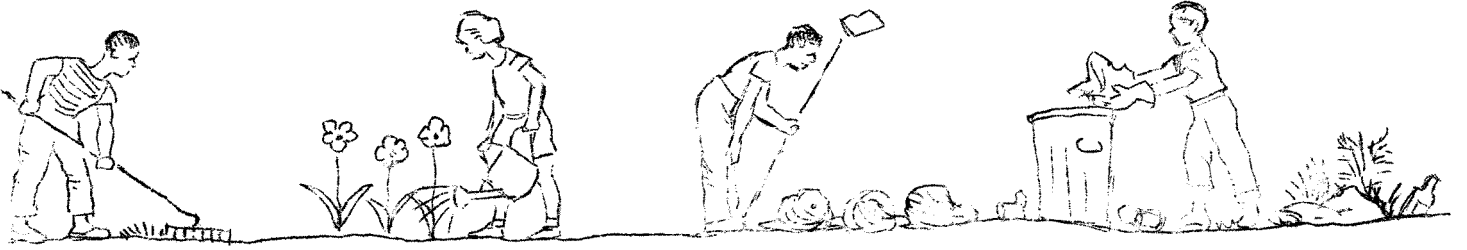
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( A circle game )

Golden apple, lemon and a pear,  
A bunch of roses she shall wear;  
Gold and silver by her side -  
Choose the one to be your bride !  
(Name mentioned - we'll say Sarah Brown)  
Take her by her lily-white hand,  
Lead her across the water,  
Give her a kiss and send her away -  
She's Mrs. Dave Brown's daughter.



# JUNIOR GARDEN CONTEST



OPEN TO ALL POINT RESIDENTS UNDER 16

FIRST PRIZE: Two Weeks at Camp

SECOND PRIZE: Gift Subscription to Book Store

THIRD PRIZE: Subscription to "Natural History"

Ribbons will also be awarded

1. Prizes will be awarded for the areas which have been improved and beautified by:
  - a) Planting gardens - flowers and/or vegetables
  - b) Weeding and removing trash
  - c) Planting window-boxes, flower-tubs, etc.All this must be done on the contestant's OWN PREMISES
2. Upon APPLICATION, materials may be supplied if available by The Point Association.
  - a) Flower and vegetable seeds, plants, etc.
  - b) Adult consultation
3. Pictures should be taken before and after.
  - a) Notify Point Association if help is needed.
4. ENTRY in contest must be made either by mail or in person -- no phone calls.
  - a) Notify Mr. M. Joseph Sullivan, 76 Van Zandt Avenue
  - b) State the type of project you have chosen; your name, age, address, and phone number.
5. Judging will take place in mid-July. Judges' decision will be final. Periodic inspection by judges will be held.

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## APPLICATION BLANK

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of project chosen: (a) (b) and/or (c) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or deliver to Mr. M. Joseph Sullivan, 76 Van Zandt Avenue

INTERIOR DECORATOR VI 7-5163

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41 Washington Street

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With BEAUTY COUNSELORS, Inc.  
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THE ST. LEO SHOP, Inc. VI 7-5428  
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Religious Cards, Books, Mantillas  
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HELEN'S BEAUTY SALON  
All Branches of Beauty Service  
3 Stone Street, VI 6-1165  
Helen Preece Willis, Prop'r.  
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CORPUS CHRISTI CARMEL  
Retreat House  
21 Battery Street, VI 7-6165  
Religious Articles, and Cards  
for All Occasions

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THE JOHN STEVENS SHOP, VI 6-0566  
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By Appointment Only  
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Range and Fuel Oil. Metered Service  
George Leary, Prop'r.  
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BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE  
On Your Own Terms  
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VINCENT'S  
at 64 Thames Street  
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G & H TV SERVICE 28 Third Street  
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Service Day & Night  
Saturday and Sunday Included

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GAMAGE'S VARIETY STORE, VI 7-9626  
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Candy, Cigars, Cold Cuts,  
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Putting Paper Trash in Bags  
will prevent its blowing around  
when the Trash Cans are emptied  
into the Collection Truck.

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Advertising in THE GREEN LIGHT  
4 Insertions for \$1.00  
Residence and/or location of  
Business - on The Point.