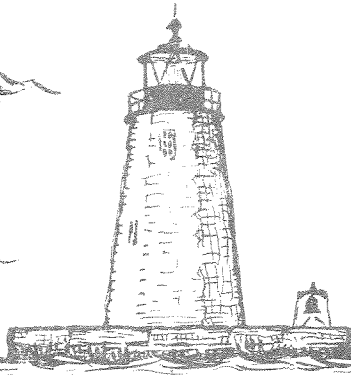


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QUARTERLY MEETING

OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26th, at 8:00 P.M.
ST. JOHN'S GUILD HALL, POPLAR STREET

SPEAKER: WILLIAM W. CORCORAN, Esq.
Newport Redevelopment Agency

Important Business + + + + + Refreshments

JANUARY BOARD MEETING:

The Executive Committee met on the evening of Thursday, January 12 at 42 Walnut Street, with members of the Revolving Fund Study Committee present. Mrs. Richard S. Weiss, Chairman of this committee, reported By-laws and Charter changes that would be necessary for the setting up of a Revolving Fund.

The establishment of such a Revolving Loan Fund (i.e. - to help with the purchase, reconditioning, and/or improvement of Point property by making funds available to persons unable to obtain regular financing) will be presented at the January 26 General Membership Meeting for discussion and action.

After the reading of the minutes, the Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Weiss, and showed a total balance of \$3780.09 - a sum which includes the \$500 grant being held separately until final decision on the possibility of a Revolving Fund is reached.

Mr. William H. Fullerton accepted reappointment as Garden Consultant, and spoke of plans for again distributing free seeds at the spring quarterly meeting. A plant sale will again be held at that time, and it is suggested that members set aside seedlings and cuttings for that purpose as spring comes on.

The GREEN LIGHT reported a circulation of 395 for the December issue, and a balance of \$291 on hand - a sum soon to be reduced, by bulk rate postage fee, the probable purchase of an addresser, and the need for paper within a few months. The Editor was not able to report on the actual number of members, owing to the large number who have not yet paid dues.

Miss Frice read Mrs. Robert Covell's report for the Christmas Committee. (See next page for details.) It was voted to send letters of thanks to those who helped in carrying out the program.

Dr. David Nentzow, Chairman of the Protection Committee, reported continual work on many complaints, but expressed a desire to be relieved of the chairmanship - stating that he would continue working for the good of the Association either in a Protection Committee or any useful capacity. Members of the Board were loud in their appreciation of Dr. Nentzow's long service and untiring efforts to remedy conditions, often under discouraging circumstances.

There was a good deal of general discussion of urban renewal, the Providence historic redevelopment project, minimum housing codes, ordinance enforcement, and related subjects.

William C. Harrington, president, presided at the meeting.

CHRISTMAS ON THE POINT followed a pattern which has become more or less traditional.

The Committee:

Mrs. Robert R. Covell, Chairman
Mrs. William F. Kitts
Mrs. John L. Murphy
Mrs. R.S. Weiss, ex officio.

Judges: Mr. William Glynn
Mrs. F. Francis Carroll
Mrs. Thomas Eush.

Prize Winners:

Indoor Arrangements (crèche, etc)
Adult, Mrs. William E. Burke
107 Washington Street

Junior: Louise O' Loughlin
8 Madison Court

(Honorable Mention, Mr and Mrs
Lloyd Northup, 45 Elm Street,
Mr and Mrs J.A. Kelly, 34 Third.)

Outdoor:

Adult: Mr and Mrs James Kennedy
3 Van Zandt Avenue

Junior: Lewis Kitts,
83½ Second Street

(Honorable Mention, Miss Adé Bethune
118 Washington St., Mrs. Daniel J.
Sullivan, 43½ Elm Street)

Area Decoration:

Mr & Mrs L. Cornell, 6 Bayside Ave.
Mr & Mrs P. Mahoney 5 Bayside Ave.
Mr & Mrs S. Logothets, 2 Bayside
Mr & Mrs A. Valovich, 1 Bayside

A fine 20-foot tree was procured in Providence, and we are indebted to Mr. George Behan for setting it up in Battery Park, to Mr. W. Harry Groff for wiring and lighting it, and to Kenneth Stein, jr. for turning lights on and off.

The Washington Street Carolers began their singing in St. John's Guild Hall. It was regrettable that the busy-ness of Christmas Eve provided them with so small an audience.

Not as many decorations as in previous years were to be seen, but the Point seemed to have more than many other parts of town.

Lewis Kitts' amusing home-made Santa Claus, Miss Pethune's beautiful silhouette Nativity scene, Mrs. D. Sullivans' vivid red door and the Burkes' striking interior were some high-lights.

TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION:

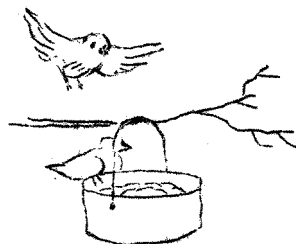
On the evening of January 6th, Twelfth Night, or "Little Christmas", Mr. W. King Covell opened his house "Villa Marina" at 72 Washington Street to the Point Association. All members were invited; about fifty or so enjoyed a very delightful evening.

The high hall was filled with towering white-pine trees, among which lights and candles and decorations glowed and sparkled with fairy-like effect. A beautiful triptych decorated the dining-room mantel, and evergreen boughs framed many a spot. The Collegium Musicum, a group under the direction of Mr. Richard Bennett, sang Christmas music from the "minstrel balcony" in the hall, and later all the guests joined in singing more familiar carols, and in enjoying bountiful refreshments.

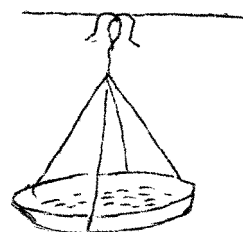
"STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS"

By kind permission of our respected contemporary, THE GULL, (the publication of Newport County Council of Girl Scouts, Inc.) we are happy to share with our members the following useful ideas:

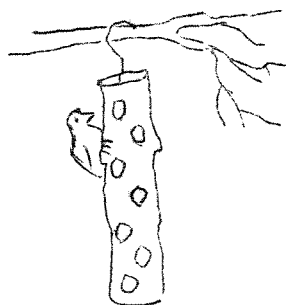
"This is the season of the year when our bird friends need help in taking care of themselves. It is difficult for them to find food, especially when there is snow on the ground. Water to drink is important, too. . . Any shelf that is up off the ground out of reach of cats, and protected from the wind so the food won't blow away, is quite satisfactory. A tuna fish can hung on a branch by a wire will hold



bread-crumbs, grain, suet, raisins or pieces of apple. Make a feeding tray, using two wire coat-hangers hung at right angles to each other and bent to hold a pan. This is easy to do, and it will hang from a branch or a clothes-line. Keep the pan filled and clean it regularly.



Crumple a small piece of chicken-wire with a string attached (for hanging) into a cardboard ice-cream carton. Fill with melted suet mixed with raisins, seeds, oatmeal, small grains, dried apples. Let the suet harden; peel off the carton and hang the block of food on a line or tree. . . Slip a doughnut over a small branch; birds like them too. . . Here's a special treat for nuthatches: melt suet and dip pinecones in it until the spaces between the well-opened scales are full. Hang in a tree and see what happens ! If you add ground peanuts to the melted suet, the birds will have a holiday.



Put a hook in one end of a piece of wood, so it will hang on a branch. Drill shallow holes all around it, and fill with peanut butter. They'll really come to dinner ! Raisins, ground peanuts, seeds, grain or oatmeal added to peanut butter or melted suet make happy eating. Birds like sunflower seeds, squash and pumpkin seeds, grapes, meat scraps, fat, apple peelings."

Bluejays, starlings, sparrows and pigeons are always with us, and are apt to be a bit greedy. But watch for chickadees, nuthatches, juncos, downy woodpeckers -- and the beautiful evening grosbeaks and purple finches. And soon there will be others, to make us hopeful that the spring is not too far away.

Annie Lathrop Bacheller remembers when "Mrs. Dunwell lived in an old white house with long sloping roof, on Bridge St. There was a well-sweep, lattice around the well, a cherry tree, pink roses by the front door - and a cow in the barn next to the house. . ."

"If things are ever to move upward, someone must be ready to take the first step."-Wm. James

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