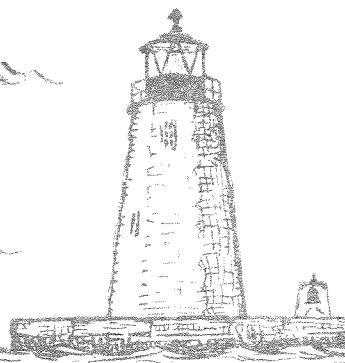


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### JULY QUARTERLY MEETING

The annual picnic will be held on Thursday, July 24th, in Mrs. Benson's back yard at 6:30 P.M. Bring your sandwiches, salads, or what have you; coffee and something for dessert will be served. Come early, enjoy a leisurely supper in good company, and view the water, and the sunset over our new bridge.

### APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING

The April Quarterly Meeting of the Point Association was held at St. John's Guild Hall on Thursday, April 26th. After the usual reports had been accepted, there was a report on the Afternoon on the Point to be held on August 16th. See flyer enclosed.

Mr. Fullerton reported the new flower boxes filled with red geraniums have been placed in Battery Park. In the fall he will be ready to plant more trees and shrubs. The house at the end of Cross Street Park has been torn down; the land will be added to the park and planted with grass. We should like to know how many would be interested in flower boxes in their windows. They would be metal, and the Point Association would furnish them all planted for next summer. Call Bill Fullerton, 847-5163 as he would like some idea of how many will be needed.

### EVENING HARBOR TOUR

The Viking Princess can be chartered at a reasonable rate for special parties. When I went around the harbor this afternoon, I enjoyed it a great deal, and thought what fun it would be to get up a Point Association party for some evening in August when there is a full moon. The boat holds only forty-nine people, so if you are interested, call me right away,

so that we can get the plans started.  
Esther Bates -- 846-0129

FOR RELEASE FRIDAY, 24 April 1969

STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT OF POINT ASSOCIATION OF NEWPORT, R. I., AT SPRING GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 24 April 1969

Narragansett Bay is one of the most beautiful areas in the world. Newport has the potential of being the most beautiful small city in the United States. The question as to whether this potential will be fulfilled rests entirely on the individual decisions of the individual citizens of Newport -- the people such as you and I who live here.

We are, however, a mixed group. We include many fine thoughtful people of all ages who understand the City, who love it, and who are dedicated to its improvement. We include a large number of decent people of all ages who willingly cooperate, but who are reluctant to take the initiative and exercise leadership.

Unfortunately, we also include a small minority of ignorant people of all ages who seem to take pleasure in spreading filth on our streets and parks and in the calculated destruction of every element of beauty and decency on our island.

In addition, we include a large number of decent people of all ages who have either fallen into careless habits themselves, or have been discouraged by the foolish thoughtlessness and willful vandal-

ism of that small destructive minority.

We have a large number of young exuberant sailors, who with the visitors drawn by our bars and beaches, do not feel any particular responsibility for the welfare of the community.

We also have an excellent City Council, City Manager, Director of Public Works, and other City officials who, within the limitations of an inadequate tax base, are doing their level best to improve the City.

Many things have occurred in the last year which should greatly benefit not only the Point but all of Newport.

For example, we note with pleasure the increased activity of Operation Clapboard under the direction of its Executive Director, Mr. Snell. We are particularly pleased that under the leadership of Mr. Snell and another Point Association member, Mr. Carman, Operation Clapboard is developing effective cooperation with CURE.

Naturally we are delighted with the constructive activity of Newport Restoration Foundation in its numerous projects on and off the Point.

And we are pleased that Captain and Mrs. Herbert Rommel are undertaking such important restoration and improvement work in the south part of the Point.

Furthermore, all over the Point, more and more people are sprucing up their houses.

We must see these constructive works as specific challenge to each of us. Challenge to do our best to take care of our own places and to encourage our neighbors to do likewise.

All this for background. The question is: What is our 487-member Point Association doing?

The Executive Board has authorized the employment of Mr. Nicholas Paris of Cozzens Court from 1 May to 1 October to help us keep the Point neat and clean. I am discussing this with City officials in order that we may have the proper equipment and coordination to maintain an effective cleanliness program, particularly in keeping streets and sidewalks, parks, and vacant lots clear.

Our splendid Junior Point Association will take an active part in this work.

Mr. William Fullerton has ordered trees for the beautification of the Point.

"The Afternoon on the Point" to be held August 16th ornamented by the beautiful Point Quilt should give us the money to maintain an excellent program.

I will be meeting with the Nominating Committee to discuss how we can get younger men and women to assume more active responsibility for the conduct of the Point Association.

Now, what can you as individuals do?

1. Set personal examples of decency and concern and make sure that your own premises, yards and sidewalks are clean. Follow the fine example of Miss Mary Kinsella and pick up some loose trash even though you did not create it.

2. Do everything you can to help the men on the trash trucks in their work.

3. Educate your own children in habits of cleanliness and public decency.

4. Be alert for instances of vandalism, littering and speeding and report these to the police. In the light of the above, I recommend that you now: A. Authorize the expenditure of not more than \$700 for equipment and labor to maintain the cleanliness of the Point through regular work from 1 May to October 1.

- B. Authorize the expenditure of not more than \$550 for the purchase of trees to be planted on the Point this spring.

In conclusion, in the course of time, with the completion of the Bridge, highways and Redevelopment projects, the Point will in fact be the most attractive part of the City and you and I must work to keep it the most friendly and to make it the cleanest and thus the most attractive.

And so Mr. Fullerton's discussion of Colonial Gardens on the Point is most appropriate.

## THE JUNIOR POINT ASSOCIATION

Point Basketball Game

On May 18, 1969, the "Old Timers" accepted a challenge from the Point "All Stars" for a basketball game. The "Old Timers" proved to be victorious as they pounced on the Point team, and showed that they never lost the knack for sports that so many of the Pointers have been famous for. Despite their handicaps (old age, stiff bones, aching backs, poor eyesight, etc.), the "Old Timers" took the lead in the beginning of the game and led the "All Stars" throughout the entire game. The "Old Timers" were represented by Mr. Curtiss James, Paul Marvelle, Boots Mallory, David Fenton, Ray Malone, Buddy Hicks, and George Watson. Players on the Point team were Mike Bidlack, Pat Murphy, Jed Carr, Deary Bridgeman, Mike Martin, and Coach Larry Glover. Mr. Lawrence James took moving pictures of the game. Pat Murphy organized the players and did most of the planning and publicity for the game. The money earned at the game was put into the treasury to be used for equipment for the summer sports.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Junior Point Association sponsored a Spaghetti Dinner on May 24, 1969. Mrs. Curtiss James made the spaghetti (enough for 200 people). Jed Carr and Timmy McKinney were ushers. Sue and Brian Arnold waited on tables. Mike Robinson, Pat Murphy, Steve Sanfilippo, and Larry Glover were in charge of coats. Working in the kitchen were Maryann Carr, Sue Marvelle, Cathie James, Rita Herrmann, Ronnie Stevens, Lisa James, and Tommy Lentz. Bernadette Borgueta was in charge of tickets. Mr. Curtiss James supervised the work in the kitchen. Over a hundred and fifty dollars was raised at the dinner and was added to the treasury to aid the summer activities.

The Junior Point Association wishes to thank Mr. Curtiss James for all the work he has done for the summer sports program. In his spare time, he has constructed two ten foot poles equipped with backboards and nets. And he has also set them up making a good-sized court for the players to use. Now he is making boxes to be used for horseshoes. The members of our Association want to thank him for the concern he has shown for the recreation of the teenagers on the Point.

Lecture on Drug Abuse

The Junior Point Association, in conjunction with the Point Association, sponsored a lecture on drug abuse on Tuesday, June 10, 1969, at Corpus Christi. The lecture, "Know the Drug Problem As Your Child Does," featured two speakers from Marathon House in Coventry.

The first speaker, David Souza, told how he spent the last two and a half years on drugs before entering Marathon House. During this time he took drugs to identify with people. Every time he took drugs, he told himself, "This will be the last time," but he continued to take the drugs. In order to buy the drugs, and to get the money to buy drugs, he had to sell all his belongings. He was continuously being arrested and became a disgrace to his family. He finally realized that the only way to get out was to go to Marathon House. At Marathon House, he finds the people like a family, and also finds himself closer to people. In his lecture, he told that it's a "funny feeling to look at someone you know and say, 'I feel for them!'"

The second speaker was Gary Blackston, who had been on drugs for the last six years before entering Marathon House. He began taking drugs at the age of 14. During the last six years, he has been arrested 19 times. He told of the procedure of entering Marathon House where the addicts have to sit in the "prospect chair" and are not talked to, then they are interviewed to evaluate their honesty. Next they have seminars five days a week with group encounters. He also explained the three stages at Marathon House which are: living and working in the house, living and working in the community, and living and working in the community but coming back to the house.

The Junior Point Association has been invited to attend the Open House at Marathon House and when we go up, we're bringing with us canned goods and meat products for the residents at Marathon House, who are now down to only two meals a day. At

the Open House, we'll be able to talk to the residents besides touring the house and attending a dance.

Sue Marvelle, Corresponding Secretary

NOW HEAR THIS, MRS. ARNOLD and MRS. ECCLES:

HEREWITH FIVE DOLLARS FOR SIX CHANCES ON THAT UNIQUE QUILT WHICH YOU ARE PREPARING FOR RAFFLE PURPOSES.

IF I WIN, AND VERY OFTEN I DO, IT WILL BE EXHIBITED IN ARIZONA AND CALIFORNIA. BESIDES, I NEED A FEW NEWPORT REMINDERS FOR MY THRONE ROOM AND THIS ITEM SOUNDS GOOD TO ME -- EVEN IF I LOSE.

FURTHERMORE, WHEN THE ATTRACTIVE POSTCARDS OF THE POINT BY EDITH BALLINGER PRICE (LOVE THAT NAME!) ARE READY IN AUGUST, LET ME KNOW AND I'LL PLACE MY ORDER FOR A FEW.

YOU FOLKS HAVE GOTTA STOP KEEPING ALL THE GOODIES FOR YOURSELF AND SPREAD THEM AMONG THE MULTITUDES.....

AND BY THAT I MEAN THE EX-NEWPORTERS!

"BILL LADYMAN"

William J. Ladyman, Jr.  
220 East Pasadena Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

## DOWN STREET - THAMES

So many buildings have been demolished on Thames Street in connection with the re-development project, it is hard to realize what stood there only a few months ago. Going away back, just a few things come to my mind. In order to go down street from this area, you either went down Washington Street and up Long Wharf, where you paused to watch the sailboats at the Yacht Club or the Greek Fishermen prepare their lobster pots, or you went up Bridge Street, where big Tom Wood tendered the gate crossing, where the freight trains were forever going back and forth switching tracks. The most exciting way was a short-cut through Marsh Street where you would take your chance and run quickly over the tracks. Going down street was always an adventure.

There was the railroad depot with its roof covered platform, a busy place, with the passengers boarding the trains and the baggage being loaded. A news-stand with papers, magazines and candy; here we stopped to put a penny in the gum machine for a square of gum. There was the waiting-room, with Dennis O'Brien in a caged-office selling tickets. Next came the freight and baggage room with Charlie Brice in command. He lived on Third Street, was patient, friendly, happy, and never too busy to weight us kids on the big black scales (none of us weighted a hundred pounds). Then we would be on our merry way, stopping to look in at the fire station to say "hello." We would cut around to what we called Mud Alley, passing barns, to a short cut to Long Wharf. Here, north of where Manning's on Long Wharf stood, was a big blacksmith shop, conducted by my uncle Mike Sullivan and John Shreenan. As these were the days of the horse and carriage, this was indeed a busy place -- the men with their leather aprons on, the roaring forge, heating the horse shoes and the smell of horse flesh. Nearby stood a keg of horse-shoe nails and we were allowed to take a few. Later, we either hammered them or laid them on the track to be flattened out by the train and then made into a ring. If you were lucky to receive an old horseshoe, this was nailed over a door for luck. Next, we would cross over to the corner to Navi Sullivan's Novelty Shop (now the Chamber of Commerce). He sold everything under the sun, especially souvenirs to the visitors who arrived on excursion boats, and came up Long Wharf. You would never get tired exploring here, except Navi was rather a crank, but strictly business.

On Saturday night the 5¢ and 10¢ Store was a great place to meet friends. Molly Lappin's, later Doran's, was the place to buy your Easter bonnet, also Schrier's or the Bon Ton, and Downing's sold both hats and shoes. There was the Ley's Century Store, Shermans, the Boston Store with its wide entrance, huge display windows and life-size dolls, the Bee Hive run by the Hess family, and many more. For your household needs there was Covell's and Walsh Brothers, who also sold the old cold stoves and heaters. For your groceries there was Dalton Young's, Bailey's Market, and Eddy's; for your butter and eggs you went to Lander's and Peckham's. For your shoes you went to Cummings, Popples, or to the very fashionable Seabry's, and for other merchandise you went to Rosen's or Whitfield and Tuck's. (It is hard to realize that these stores were all in the two blocks between Long Wharf and Mill Street.)

We must not forget the Colonial Theater where we would try to get there early to see the vaudeville acts and the "Perils of Pauline." Outside here, on Saturday night, stood a row of young men waiting for their girls to come from work at nine o'clock closing time. You wouldn't think of going home unless you stopped for a glass of ice cream or an ice cream soda at Liggett's, Frasc'h's, Tasc'o's, Kosc'hny's, or Cascambas.

Returning home, we would again come by way of Marlborough Street. On the corner of Long Wharf was Cascamba's candy and ice cream store. You passed Silver King's Saloon, where it was said "Silver Dollars" were embedded in the bar. There was Bodreau's Tailor Shop, Cascamba's wholesale candy store, a big grocery and market conducted by Fischel David, a Chinese laundry, where we stopped for Chinese nuts, Marsh's Undertaking Establishment, then a nice restaurant managed by Mr. and Mrs. Allen. Sullivan's liquor store stood on the southwest corner of Marlborough Street, and above this was Mowry's Studio. Pictures were displayed in a case in the lower hall, and we stopped to admire these. Across the street, on the southeast corner was Baur's Baker Shop, conducted by a German family who lived on Third Street, near Marsh. This shop

had many windows where you spent many minutes admiring the fancy pastry, wondering if it would be an e'-clair-cream puff or one of those colored frosted squares, and what color you would choose to buy. On the opposite corner was the Marlborough Market managed by Mr. Barker, and across the street on the west side was Phil Harrington's Baker Shop. Here is where you bought the good old baked beans, brown bread, or pans of biscuits, which were in such demand. Turning the corner into Marlborough we passed the old Water-work building, glanced in the many openings, one where Mr. James of Bridge Street was at work at his forge. We cut across the muddy Basin lot, now Cardine's Field, crossed the tracks, stopped to say "hello" to Mr. Tripp in #2 Fire House, passed Westall's, and back home to Bridge or Washington Street.

Nearly all of this is gone, especially Thames Street with its many stores, water-works' building and Fire Stations. I only hope the kids of the future have as much fun as we did GOING DOWN STREET to the new development. REMEMBER ANY OF THIS?

Carrie Ericson