

# The GREEN LIGHT



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JULY 13TH AT STORER PARK FREE BAND CONCERT AT 2 O'CLOCK  
THIS IS THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
OF THE POINT ASSOCIATION  
OUR GIFT TO ALL OF NEWPORT!

Come and bring your own picnic, chairs or whatever you need to be happy. Feast when you will. Enjoy the Band Concert at Two O'Clock. The peanut man is there all afternoon.

PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO OUR NEWLY PLANTED TREES IN STORER, ARNOLD AND BATTERY PARKS AND ON THE STREETS OF THE POINT. THEY ARE OUR BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO OUR CITY AND OUR COUNTRY. NOTICE, TOO, THE GAS LAMPS THAT ARE BEGINNING TO DOT OUR AREA, RETURNING IT TO ITS EARLIER CHARM.

Storer Park is on Washington Street, at the end of Bridge Street or Elm Street, but let any tree street take you to Washington, and then -- Born on the Pointers, present-day Pointers, come-back-to-see-us Pointers, friends and relations, Newporters, and our very welcome visitors, COME ONE AND ALL.

All our parks mean a lot to the Point Association. Come and have a good time in Storer Park. Our only request is: please carry away any leftovers and trash when you leave!

Joseph P. T. Vars  
President  
Point Association of Newport

### A DAY ON THE POINT

The Street Fair is under way. The Committees are in full swing. This year we shall have more booths than ever before: Ethnic Foods, Crafts, White Elephants, Pink Elephants, Hand Designed Articles, Leather Goods, Antiques, Books, Fabrics, Flowers, Children's Toys, Handmade Fabric Kites, Jewelry, Wooden Articles, Carved Birds, Paintings, Prints, Silhouettes, Fortunes Told, Scrimshaw--and many more will be just waiting for you to come.

The Bicentennial Quilt, handmade and signed, is on a separate raffle ticket, in the charge of Mrs. Leo Sullivan, who is doing a wonderful job, and people are flocking to get the lucky number. Other items on a second raffle, chairman Suzanne Aubois, will be on display during the July 13th picnic and band concert at Storer Park. Raffle tickets for both will be available there, too.

The Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Harrington, is busy getting out fliers and news items. The Grandmothers' Committee, chairman Mrs. John Wilson (and by no means all are grandmothers), are stitching up a storm every week. Ethnic Foods at the Guild Hall are the talk

of the Fair. Things go very quickly, and with Mrs. John Kazanjian as Chairman, there is sure to be a sell out. Contact Mrs. Martin Adler, Washington Street, Chairman, if you have anything for the White Elephant Table. A new table for the Point Fair this year is Children's Books and Toys, to be run by Mrs. Robert Elster and Miss Rosalys Hall. They'd like your offerings. Mrs. Eccles has charge of all the Hostesses for the Gates. The Point Association Food table is under the guidance of Mrs. Kenneth Peterson, so when she calls on you to bake, give it all you have. We boast some darned good cooks over here on the Point!

No one knows the amount of work that goes into making our Fair a huge success, but every member I have called on to do a job has been more than willing, always with a, "What can I do to help?" This is a great satisfaction to me and I can't sing their praises loud enough. The success of every Day on the Point, past, present, and future, is due to the cooperation of all the Committees.

Please tell all your friends what a ball we have at "The Day on the Point," this year 16th August, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

William H. Fullerton  
Chairman

#### PLANT SALE

Every year the Plant Sale is lovely, even that silvery one of rain. This time the day was perfect. Everyone turned out their gardens to benefit somebody else, and we all went home clucking happily at what we found. The Horticultural Society--Mr. Spooner--Mrs. Sturtevant--all our friends--had been most generous.

The Plant Sale is an occasion when Bill Fullerton knows so much and does so much that to thank him is a little like thanking the king for reigning. I hung in there. Gladys MacLeod not only ran the Plant Sale but dashed off to see Meredith MacLeod wed (We wish a happy life to one who was a Pointer for a while!). A thank you to all the Plant Sale helpers--Ron and Corky Ackman, David and Vicki Robbins, Al Henry, Suzanne Auboiss, Rose Fevier, Bob Elster--Did anyone see a beam of light with a plaster cast attached?

Who will ever forget Joe Vars' pink azaleas? The isle of them stretching up the Eccles' driveway, with the hanging planters of geraniums nodding above, was enough to inspire any artist. The Plant Sale makes a picture to carry around in one's memory all year.

#### ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

St. John the Evangelist's Hundredth Anniversary--The celebration goes on. The Green Light received a nice letter from Dr. Donald R. Childs, the chairman, about the mention in the April number. Next on St. John's program is the clambake, the boat ride and the Fiedler concert at Fort Adams, all on July sixth. This, their package, is Eleven Dollars. Notice to all concert goers, attached to St. John's or otherwise: All tickets must be bought in advance. No admissions sold at the gate.

During our Day on the Point, August 17th, the church will have guided tours, with the treasury of St. John the Evangelist's religious art on display. In the afternoon, with organ music, the cool isles will give a place to retreat. A moving memento of the church and of its hundredth year is Margaret McIntyre's lovely card depicting St. John's altar. These are already on sale.

#### WATCH PROGRAM

Stay alert during the summer! The program has grown to such an extent that the Point Association sponsored the Second edition of the Watch booklet. Yes, but! Remember it was last summer when many of us had our homes broken into. Keep reading your

Watch booklet, and report what you see to the police. Note the good coverage of neighborhood security on TV and in the newspaper. The Point along with other sections has been enjoying a noticeable reduction in crime. Stay alert during the summer!!

### TREE PLANTING

All you wonderful, wonderful people, as our honorable mayor called you on Hopkinton Replies Day, you responded again. Hear the bird song thanking you. Because of your gifts, trees have been planted at Third Street, and where Third meets another, at Van Zandt Avenue, Poplar, Elm, Bridge, Marsh and Washington streets, also our own three parks. Patty Wilson and Frank Sheekey did the planting of the barberry hedge at Arnold. All other planting was done by Raymond Garcia's invaluable men. Now we have 4 locust, 6 ash, 5 maple, 1 red maple, 2 ginko, 4 cherry, 1 crab apple, 1 birch, 2 camperdown elm and 3 Russian olive.

The barberry, festive appearing at all seasons, is well able to wage a defensive war. To achieve these plantings, the substantial contribution of the Point Association as a whole, in which all of you had a part, has been reinforced by special gifts, most gratefully received. Chief wizards have been James Douglas and Mary Rommel. We trust they will not be carried away.

### PROPOSED BUDGET

For Green Lighters the following budget was prepared using the financial records of the past two years to determine anticipated revenues. Proposed expenditures were based on programs presently started, assuming they would be followed through to fruition. Over two thousand dollars was spent this spring for trees for our streets. Storer Park has been planted and memorial benches installed. Arnold Park was re-designed and replanted.

Street lights have been installed on Washington Street. When the installation for 1975 is completed, we shall have 12 on Washington Street, between Marsh and Walnut streets; 7 on Bridge Street, between Washington Street and the railroad tracks; 2 north of Bridge on Third and one north of Bridge on Second. The money allocated for street lights in our budget will very likely be matched, dollar for dollar, from a grant to Newport from the Rhode Island Bicentennial Commission. We shall also benefit from the large donation from the Cross Pen and Pencil Company. These lights will go on Cross Street and adjacent areas.

Our Point youth will continue to benefit from our camp and athletic programs.

This budget was approved by the Board of the Point Association, and it will be voted on at the October General Meeting.

### POINT ASSOCIATION OF NEWPORT

#### PROPOSED BUDGET

October 1975 to October 1976

#### REVENUES

Membership Dues	1200.00
Cookbook Sales	500.00
Interest from Savings Acct.	200.00
Green Light Ads	50.00
Street Fair August 1976	3500.00
Plant Sale May 1976	250.00
Gifts	100.00
Street Fair August 1975	4500.00
Surplus from 1974-75	3000.00
	13,300.00

PROPOSED BUDGET (cont.)

EXPENSES

Administration		
Green Light (Printing and Mailing)	500.00	
Membership (Postage)	100.00	
Meeting Programs & Refreshments	250.00	
Printing and Stationery	50.00	
Rent of Office	500.00	
Misc. (P.O. Box, etc.)	50.00	
		1,450.00
Special Programs		
R.I. Independence Day	25.00	
Youth Programs	500.00	
BiCentennial	500.00	
Neighborhood Watch	250.00	
Beautification		
Trees	2000.00	
Anti-Litter	250.00	
Street Lights	7000.00	
		10,525.00
Organizational Memberships		
Preservation Society	100.00	
Chamber of Commerce	125.00	
League of R.I. Hist. Socs.	10.00	
		235.00
Donations	100.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,310.00	
SURPLUS TO 76-77	990.00	

Albert Henry  
Treasurer

SUMNER CLARKE - YOUNG

My father kept his men the year round, other master carpenters did not; this put him high. He could say to any one of them, "Mr. Brown asked me to put up a house for him. Go out and see what he wants." The man would go, come back and tell him, it'd take so many men, so long and so much wood. Father'd say, "All right." Wood was cheap in those days, but if, when the job was done, there was more than a bushel basket full of scraps, the men'd hear about it from my father. Father expected his men to know what they were doing; if they didn't he wouldn't keep them. Rich man came and asked for the keys to the house father was building for him. "Give you those keys when the house is finished and not before," said father. One of his men carved those flowers or maybe bunches of fruit people used to like on the fronts of furniture. As for me, I like things just the good line myself, but this man could do anything you wanted. While the men were eating, he'd say to me, "Sonny, what'll it be today? A bear, maybe? A dog? A donkey?" And before the time was up he'd have it shaped out. He could make garlands for the people - whatever they happened to fancy.

You want to know about my Milk Route? Oh. I had to be at Two Mile Corner at 4:30. The farmer gave me two eight-quart cans and a measure. No, I didn't have a cart. Started at Lake's Corner, where there's a church now. Go through Gould Street

and go up Warner as far as Newport Avenue. Come down Channing to Hall Avenue, customers all along Hall Avenue. Go down to van Zandt till came to Long Lane. When came to the high bridge (Walnut Street) went over there to Third Street, went down along Third to where old Engine House used to be. Frank Tripp was there. Milk cans'd be just about empty. Came along until I reached Ladyman's corner. At Ladyman's corner, the farmer'd meet me and I'd receive replenishments. (I went out to the Norman Bird Sanctuary to see the lamb tho other day and I saw one of those old milk carts, the same as Charles Hershey, the farmer, drove. They are low to the ground. You can step on and off them.) With my fresh milk cans, I'd come down Bridge - four or five customers there. By now, it'd be about seven o'clock. I'd come along Bridge to about back of Basin. There was a vacant house at Thames. Along Thames I had customers, down as far as Market Square. The Police Station used to stand at Market Square and the farmers congregated. Hershey gave me two more cans - Mill and Pelham Street came along, High Street and School. Old Man Longley would be at the corner of School and Touro, give me hell because I wasn't earlier and his wife'd give me cookies. I came through Mt. Vernon and left milk at Mrs. Taylor's. She ran a kind of aristocratic school. John Nicholas Brown was a small kid and he went there. He was in pink rompers and he had a governess along with him. I came through to Mann Avenue, down Mann to Broadway. Then I'd meet Frank Hershey again along by Oak Street and he'd let me go - with a quart of milk. I had five minutes to get to school, the Potter School, where Harry Alger was principal. Mother'd be at the back door, Poplar and Chase, to take the milk to cook with. That milk was part of my salary. I received a quart of milk a day and one dollar the week for my Milk Route.

What breakfast did I do this work on? Mother gave us johnny cake and coffee, or oatmeal and coffee, or maybe the johnny cake warmed up and fried. We always had molasses! That molasses! When the first third was used up, the rest was just about solid, like brown sugar. I had plenty of ginger left till noon and lunch. If you take the ink bottles out at either end of your school desk, the garter snakes are sure to come up the hole in the middle and climb up the back of the girl in front - or you can leave the ink and stick her braids in. At least once a week, I went to the principal for a whipping. We all did. Didn't think anything of it.

At quarter past four, when school let out, I hustled down to The Daily News, by the Government Landing. We had to go in back. George Pressman was the pressman. Everyone had a number. Mine was No. 7. You had to holler it out. He'd give you the 167 copies, into the bed ticking bag with shoulder straps. I started my route way up by Gould Street, followed through Gould to Langdon and Tilley Avenue, landed onto Van Zandt. I went way down to Van Zandt bridge with papers, then cut through Butler Street, up to Halsey Street and on Evart Street - I went clear along till I reached Malbone Road, all of Malbone Road I'd do and then do Summer Street. There were three houses on Arnold Avenue. Then I cut through the Brenton Green estate (grandfather built it for Green before I was ever born) and made it to Russell Avenue, cut down Sheffield Avenue, and come up Garfield Street. I would do Cummings Road, and next the old Mercy Home of the White Sisters, on the right side of Miantonomi. Across was Malbone House and I went in there, and out to Brugere's. After that I came across the swamp land, by Donovan's Farm (old Dump now), and that landed me on Third Street and from there I came home to Poplar - for that, I received 20¢ a night and 20¢ a Saturday for making collections - but there was a hitch. What a newsboy didn't collect from the customer came out of his pay. Little cards were punched out as you received the 12¢ for the week's Daily News. T.T. Pitman went over them card by card and what was not punched came out of your pay.

So, I finished delivering The Daily News about seven at night. At quarter of eight had to get down to the Gas company, on Thames, in back there, for my next job.

Heard about the newsboys' annual holiday dinner, did you? They were big affairs. Made the headlines, everybody knew about them. The politicians came and made expansive

speeches and brought their friends. By the time the food got down to us, we were lucky to get mashed potatoes with some of the gravy. The turkey, the pies, and everything else was just gone. I was talking to a couple of fellows dropped by the other day; they were newsboys too, the same time I was, and they never got anything except maybe mashed potato.

Well, I'd got to the Gas company, on Thames, in back there. Old man Halesworth (?) was in charge of us. He'd ask, "Do you have your two boxes of matches?" We used to use old sulphur matches. I started my lamp lighting where the New York boats came in, down by Long Wharf. I ended over on Hunter Avenue and Champlin Street, doing all the streets, small and large, between. For that, I rode a bike. Took me till 9:30, longer if it was stormy. If a globe was busted, we had to go all the way back and fetch one and put it on. I shinnied up the lamp pole, using only one arm, had the globe over the other - and I never broke one. For lighting the lamps every night, I received Twenty Dollars a month, and you had to provide your own matches.

Ivan Cogshall pumped the organ for the Clarke Street Central Baptist Church for fifty cents. He didn't want to go Sunday and I started doing it for him. After I gave up the Gas Company, I did Monday and Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting and Choir Practice - took over the job Ivan didn't want any more. When the old deacon gave me my fifty cents at the end of the month, he'd say to me sternly, "That's an awful lot of money for a young fellow." I pumped the organ long after I started learning the carpenter trade.

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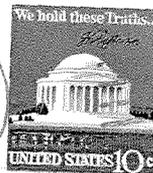
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