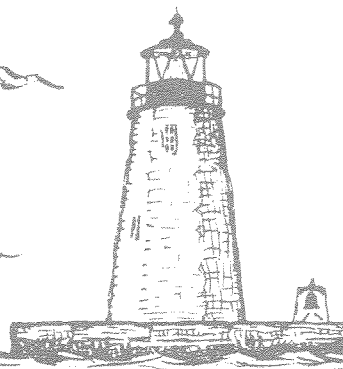


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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE POINT ASSOCIATION OF NEWPORT

The Annual Meeting of the Point Association of Newport will be held at 8 o'clock on October 28th at St. John's Guild Hall on Poplar Street. There are several important matters we have to discuss; please come ready to give your opinions.

The plans for Storer Park are at last ready for debate, and hopefully we may be nearing a settlement.

The Chamber of Commerce, with the help of eight committees, is planning a Christmas celebration from the 10th to the 23rd of December. It will include choirs, groups of wandering minstrels and carollers, chamber music, services in several churches, ending on the 23rd with an ancient French Mass. Mrs. Watts is our representative, and she will tell us the plans. It is hoped that many people all over the city will put candles (electric) in their windows. The Point Association will have its usual tree lighting with carol singing at our tree near St. John's Guild Hall. It will be at 4:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 19th, with cocoa and cookies in the Guild Hall afterward.

Lastly, the Access Road!!! Admiral Eccles, our President, will read the report he has written, to start us off. This is a matter of grave concern to people on the Point. Please come prepared to express your ideas.

DEDICATION OF ARNOLD PARK

The dedication of Arnold Park was held on July 22nd, and it was a great tribute to Phillipine and Harold Arnold that so many of their friends came to enjoy the honor with them. First the park was dedicated as a National Historic Landmark, and then it was named Arnold Park. Admiral Eccles mentioned all the friends Harold has, and how he is always helping people inconspicuously, a real friend to all. Mrs. George Henry Warren told a few of Phillipine's magnificent deeds for the whole city and the Point, as well as for the Preservation Society. If Phillipine says she will do a thing, you can always count on her to do more than she promises.

We cannot imagine a more popular and active couple, and it is good to name this park for them.

Mrs. Warren asked everyone to come to the Hunter House after the ceremony and enjoy punch on the lawn. It was a beautiful clear warm day.

THE YEARLY PICNIC

After all this excitement, we gathered on the Benson's lawn to enjoy the company of all our friends, who came in great numbers this year, and never stopped talking. There were more than 200 of all ages, from babies in back packs, to very spry older people, and lively boys and girls all over the place. We were entertained by Jody Gibson, who had been working on his boat in the Poplar streetway, and looked most authentic with his pig tail and hard hat. His chanteys sounded great, not all prettied up, but just blasted out, as they must have been originally sung.

We waited to see a red sunset with brilliant clouds over the sky, and then came contentedly home. Each picnic gets better, and we certainly all thank Mrs. Benson for the use of her lawn -- what a view!

THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

William Fullerton really outdid himself on the planting of Arnold Park, in spite of the fact that his term as Chairman of the Beautification Committee has been marked by many difficulties, such as the despoiling of trees, the overturning of the geranium boxes, and also the window boxes, and often the promised help was not forthcoming.

Bill's biggest achievement this year was the planting of Arnold Park, a real triumph when you remember it was done in the middle of a drought, and the plants had to be soaked with water every day from the John Stevens Shop. Bill transported all the plants, then had to dig big holes to plant them, and seeing that the top soil is less than six inches, he had an awful time. Now the grass is green again, and the rhododendrons, laurel, pachysandra, and dogwood trees are flourishing. As a final gesture, Bill hopes to plant two or more dogwood trees, and he thinks the park needs a big shade tree in the middle. The wooden posts with the chain links between them look very well, and the small children have not bothered them so far.

Bill feels that he can no longer head the Beautification Committee as he gets far behind in his work at times. He says it takes strong arms and a stronger back to do all the necessary work. We are all grateful for what Bill has been able to do, in spite of his trials and tribulations. He has left the Point far greener.

THE STREET FAIR

The Street Fair was held on August 14th with Mary Rommel, Chairman. We were all there, weren't we? And we all had a good time. We are not putting in a list of committees and booths, etc., but Mrs. Rommel will be pleased to answer any questions. We cleared about \$2,000.

THE GREEN LIGHT

You can all imagine how the cost of publishing The Green Light has gone up. We were faced with the problem of raising the dues, which are still \$1.00 per person, husband and wife are two. The Board decided to keep the dues at \$1.00 per year, and mention that we welcome any extra contribution.

BATTERY PARK

We left Fort Greene owned by the Federal Government bought in 1799. They gave permission to the City to use it as a park, with the Government able to take it back at any time. The land extended from the north side of Battery Street to 100 feet south of Pine Street, and from the water to 100 feet east of Water Street (now Washington Street), about halfway to Second Street. The entrance was on Pine Street.

In 1926 Fort Greene was offered for sale to the City or the State, but as both refused to buy it, it was sold at public auction. Mortimer A. Sullivan was authorized by the Council to purchase Fort Greene September 27, 1926, for \$5,741.41, the money furnished by Frederick P. Garrettson. The deed was transferred to Frederick P. Garrettson for \$1.00 and then transferred back to the City by Frederick P. Garrettson for \$1.00 on September 27, 1926, "because of his love and affection for the City." It was to be taken, laid out, managed and cared for by the City for a public park, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

OUR NEW COOK BOOK

"Favorite recipes from Here and There on the Point", the Point Association's second publication, made its first appearance at the Street Fair on August 14th, where it was enthusiastically received. Since then it has been selling fast at a number of shops on the island. Judy Sieck, a new resident on the Point, made a splendid drawing of Point rooftops and the Newport Bridge to decorate the cover. She also did the beautiful lettering for the index and introduction as well as a number of little sketches throughout the booklet.

Most of the recipes contained in its 56 pages have been lettered and illustrated by the Point cooks themselves, which adds greatly to its unusual appeal.

To obtain a copy (they make welcome presents), call or write to:

~~Mrs. Arthur Newell
27 Willow Street
Newport, Rhode Island 02840~~

The price is \$1.75 -- for mail orders send a check for \$1.95, made out to the Point Association.

Two-thirds of the cost of publishing the cook book has already been paid. This includes the extra copies made beyond the original order.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE -- 1971

1971 - 1973	1st Vice-President	William H. Fullerton
1971 - 1973	Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. George D. Weaver
1971 - 1973	Treasurer	John Kazanjian
1971 - 1972	Nominating Committee:	Mrs. John Scott
		Robert Elster
		Mrs. Marc Walsh

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys B. MacLeod
Mary B. Sargent
William H. Fullerton
Susan B. Watts
Eleanor S. Weaver, Chairman

EAST-BOUND IN THE COMMONWEALTH

She churns her way down the foaming Sound;
Her feathering paddles dip and shove
And rise again on their endless round
From the nether plunge to the heights above.

Swiftly and quietly, down she slips,
A lighthouse to starboard and one to port,
The colored lanterns of passing ships,
A tow of barges, an old gray fort.

And we, aboard her, are lulled to rest
By the rhythmic beat of her mighty heart,
By the song of the winds from the salt southwest
And the wash of waters her great bows part.

Hark! she is speaking: A fog is falling,
Drifting in from the outer sea,
Mightily over the deep she's calling
"Coming!" "Coming!" "Make way for me!"

Far and faint, yet each moment clearer,
Straight as an arrow down the Sound,
An old-time freighter is drawing nearer,
"City of Taunton," westward bound.

"B-o-o-m" and "B-o-o-m" from afar she hears us,
She will pass on our starboard bow
Out of the drifting fog she nears us,
With rush of waters she's passing now.

Then farther, fainter, till she is lost,
Forging westward through the night,
Westward her deep-voiced tones are tossed,
And the ghostly glare of her great search-light.

While to the eastward holding straight,
With rhythmical thrust and mighty drive,
Every inch of her palpitate,
Keenly, powerfully alive -

The "Commonwealth" speeds over the Sound
As a strong swimmer breasts the sea,
Alert and sure, through a world around
Wrapped in darkness and mystery.

Esther Morton Smith

Published in the Fall River Line Journal
November, 1920

Miss Smith spent the summer in the Robinson House on Washington Street,
usually surrounded by a host of nieces and nephews.

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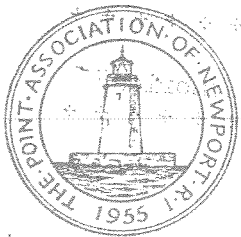
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Let's all work the year around to keep the Point clean and beautiful. Try
to teach children to respect the trees, and to pick up paper, not throw it down.



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