

The GREEN

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JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A General Membership meeting was held Jan. 20, 1958, at St. John's Guild Hall. Although it was a cold wet night, many members attended. Decisions made by the membership for those who were unable to attend are as follows:

Committee Reports -

Beautification Committee: Miss E. B. Price and Mrs. Henry Eccles, co-chairmen. Miss Price reported that a letter had been sent to RADM Henry Crommelin on Dec. 10, relative to the unsightly conditions at the north end of the Fleet Landing, and a reply has recently been received promising some improvement.

Miss Price also reported that Mr. Delahanty of the Sanitation Department has been contacted about the placing of a trash barrel at the corner of Walnut and Second Streets, and has been informed of the continued difficulties with garbage collection on the Point.

Youth Group Committee: Mrs. Edwin Brownell chairman. Mrs. Brownell reported that two dances had been held prior to the membership meeting. There were approximately 21 paid admissions each time. The dances were held at St. John's Guild Hall on alternate Friday nights. The "juke box" has been adapted to 45RPM records which the young people bring. The teenagers also supply their own cookies or cupcakes. The prizes and liquid refreshments are to be supplied by the Point Association. Mrs. Rein is to come occasionally to teach ball room dancing. The teenagers requested that chaperones not be parents. Mrs. Brownell asked for volunteers to serve as chaperones at the dances. (edit. Note: only two people

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volunteered for this important job!) A motion was passed as follows: "the Youth Group Committee is granted permission to incur the necessary expenses of running the teen age dance canteen and that small prizes may be awarded to both a girl and boy at each dance." Mrs. Brownell also reported that the teenagers are very interested and she feels that they will become a very important addition to the Association. After Mrs. Brownell's report the membership discussed several plans for the teenagers if they show sustained interest in the dances. However nothing is to be decided at this time since the group is so newly formed.

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NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Fullerton, president, requested suggestions from the membership concerning the holding of "Old Port Day" or another type of celebration for the summer. "Old Port Day" as held last year (1957) was rejected by the membership as they felt it would become a too common occurrence if held two consecutive years. However several other suggestions were received such as a hobby show, bake sale, street fair, block dancing, art show, parade, garden show, and maritime exhibit. A motion was made and passed unanimously that the "president appoint or form a 'ways and means" committee to study the problem and start plans.

After the business meeting Mr. Elton Manuel spoke on the "moving of Point Houses" during the 19th century and he had a large collection of photographs and maps for the membership to view. Following Mr. Manuel's interesting and informative talk refreshments were served.

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Point Tree Program

The appropriation for the Point Association Tree Program has been partially fulfilled by the City with the trees planted on Poplar St., and Walnut St. The Point Association is hopeful that the City Council will appropriate additional funds that are necessary for completion of the program. The Point Association will then be able to spend the Point Association monies voted upon by the General Membership at the Oct. 1957 General Membership Meeting.

Ways and Means Committee

Mr. William Fullerton, president, appointed a Ways and Means Committee of the following people to discuss ways to raise funds for the Point Association during the tourist season this summer:

- Mrs. Harold Arnold
- Mr. William Fullerton
- Mr. Edwin Brownell
- Miss Edith Ballinger Price
- Mrs. Henry Eccles
- Mrs. Harold Watson
- Mr. George D. Weaver, Jr.
- Mrs. Richard Weiss

The committee has met and is investigating the possibilities of running an antique show. Full particulars will be presented to the general membership at a special meeting.

BY LAWS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the by-laws revision committee was held Tuesday, February 25, 1958, at the home of the chairman, Mr. Joseph Weaver. Mr. William MacLeod, Miss Marion Galvin, Mr. Edwin Brownell and Mr. Richard Weiss comprise the committee.

Mr. Weaver urges that any member having suggestions for the revision of the by-laws send them to him at 67 Second St. in writing.

POINT OF INTEREST

LONG WHARF

Probably no name in American history is more closely identified with our American heritage of liberty than that of George Washington. Perhaps no landmark in Newport is more closely tied to her past, her present, and her future than Long Wharf. How many of us as we look now at the various commercial establishments that line it can picture it as the background for a gala and festive military pageant?

On March 6, 1781, it was just that, for on that day General George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of all the allied forces in the Revolution landed on "the Long Wharf" amid the booming of naval cannon of the French Fleet. Drawn up on either side three ranks of French soldiers resplendent in new white uniforms stood at attention. Washington was greeted by General Rochambeau and his aides and together they marched between the lines of French soldiery to the Colony House and through Clark Street to Rochambeau's Headquarters, the Vernon House. It is said that General Washington wore the honors of a Field Marshall of France and that Rochambeau walked "unbonneted".

At this Headquarters Washington and Rochambeau planned military strategy for the coming months and from this City of Newport the French left for Virginia and Cheseapeake Bay to engage the British in the final and decisive land and sea battles of the Revolution. Who can say but what the end of the struggle which meant your liberty and mine was planned right here in Newport?

Next time you're on the "Wharf" try to imagine it as it might have been.

E. H. B.

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You may still see the "Kings Arms Tavern" at 6 Cross Street, Newport, This is the answer to the question in the January Point Bulletin.

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INTERIOR DECORATOR

Mr. William Fullerton VI 7-5163
41 Washington Street

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TEEN AGE DANCES

Since the General Membership Meeting the teen age dances have been held regularly every two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brownell chaperoned the January 31, dance and Mr. and Mrs. Fullerton chaperoned the February 14, valentine dance. The young people are enjoying themselves and volunteers are needed for chaperones. Please call Mrs. Brownell, VI 6-2444 to offer your help. Incidentally, the membership is free to donate a small prize for the dance too.

The chaperones for the February 28, dance are Mrs. Harold Arnold and Mrs. John B. Smith.

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- Mrs. Richard Weiss - Record. Secretary
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The officers listed above will be very happy to have members send suggestions for the improvement of the Point or the Point Association to them. Complaints should be made in writing.

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Watch the GREEN LIGHT for the date of the next membership meeting and be sure to attend. For your convenience the meetings are now being held at St. John's Guild Hall on Poplar St. All members and their freinds are WELCOME.

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