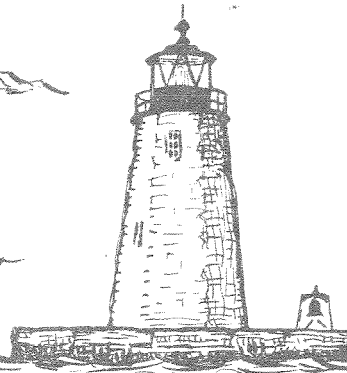


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JUNE BOARD MEETING: The meeting of the Executive Committee took place on June 2 at the home of the president, Edwin H. Brownell.

As a number of officers and chairmen were unavoidably absent, some of the reports were omitted.

Under old business, it was agreed that a committee of informed persons be appointed to study the Revolving Loan plan and report its findings to the Board, before pros and cons can be discussed.

Mr. Robert J. Kerr II was appointed chairman of a committee to explore the status of the "Storer land" south of Hunter House.

REPORTS:

BULLETIN: Total circulation for May, 373. Balance June 1, \$69.02.

"AFTERNOON ON THE POINT" Mrs. Eccles reported progress in plans. Flower-boxes are appearing here and there. These have been made by the Point 4-H group under the direction of Mrs. J.B.F. Smith. 4-H girls are making costumes to be worn July 9th.

Mr. John L. Murphy has provided flats of plants to assist with the flower-box project.

Mrs. Murphy will help Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Director of Public Recreation, who is putting on three performances of puppet-shows at the Grafton House.

The Maritime Exhibition, under the direction of Wm. J. Fitzpatrick jr will display many noteworthy items. More will be welcome - logs, charts, figureheads, gear, pictures, etc., and anyone willing to exhibit is

asked to leave a message to that effect at VI 7-3341.

Miss Price reported that 500 handbills were taken to the exposition at the North Shore Shopping Center by the Newport Chamber of Commerce.

The "Secret Treasure" needs the help and interest of all members.

A little bird (possibly a seagull) has told us that the Pirate Chest will contain a \$50 Philco transistor radio. A season membership in Newport Players' Guild is an added bonus to the winner. Please contact Miss Perry at VI 7-3341 and ask for your ticket-book.

PROTECTION: Dr. David Nemtsov felt that there has been considerable improvement in certain conditions since Clean-up Week.

The driftways have been mowed and cleaned. Some cars have been removed by police. One rat problem and one garbage condition have been taken care of. We now have a foot patrolman on an extended beat. The "pullers" and refuse trucks are working closer together. The railroad right of way is being cleaned by the NM NH & H RR.

However, Dr. Nemtsov stated that there is room for much improvement. Weeds, litter and garbage continue to be a problem. Rats increase; people continue to be bitten by dogs at the rate of one or two a day, with a preponderance of cases in the Point area.

CLEAN-UP: Mrs. George D. Weaver jr. reported that she and Mrs. R.S. Weiss, as representatives of The

Point Ass'n, attended the meeting in City Hall called by the City Manager on May 17, and that they emphasized a number of problems.

The ever-increasing rat population in the city was called to the attention of the officials. The public health inspector stated that poison had been spread on the city dump; the Commissioner of Health said that nothing could be done about the problem elsewhere in the city, because the situation was largely caused by home owners' improper storage of garbage. In this connection, the Point Ass'n delegates urged strict enforcement of existing ordinances covering garbage storage and disposal.

The problem of unlicensed and uncurbed dogs was then discussed, and the City Manager promised that he would immediately request from the City Solicitor an ordinance providing for strict control of dogs.

The Point Ass'n representatives also recommended a continuing citizens' clean-up committee, and that clean-up be a year-round intensive project rather than a once-a-year one-week drive. * * * * *

In order to emphasize the position of the Point Ass'n re: the above problems, Mrs. Weaver offered the following recommendations for consideration by the Executive Committee:

1. A communication to the City Manager supporting in principle his action to prepare a dog ordinance.
2. A communication to the Director of Public Works listing unsightly areas on the Point needing city attention.
3. A communication to the Commissioner of Health demanding adoption of a rat control program, i.e., garbage disposal and storage ordinance enforcement, etc.
4. All Point Ass'n members to be urged to contact city officials in regard to problems.

(The Board voted that such communications be sent.)

On the Junior Clean-up and Beautification Contest, Mrs. Weaver reported 37 young gardeners hard at work and all gardens growing. She noted that Mr. M. Joseph Sullivan has been most kind in supplying numerous plants.

Application to the Beach Pond Camp has been accepted for a potential winner, and the director of the camp was so much interested in the Point Assn's project that it was mentioned in a broadcast over Radio WPRO.

Mrs. Weaver also said that many interesting posters are being produced in connection with the school poster project, and will be displayed before July 9. Watch for them!

From Callender School, the following children have participated:
KINDERGARTEN: Jacqueline Watts, Dennis Marvelle, Linda Mathinos, Karen Beach, Cynthia Ellis, Paula Barton. GRADE I: Claudia Kelly, Kathleen Murphy, Donald Howes. GRADE II: Brenda Watts, Carol Libby, Gilbert Lawrence, Kathy Schroeder. GRADE III: Margaret Nelson, William O'Shaughnessy, Arthur D'Ascentis. GRADE VI: Barbara Berry, Charles Fortier, Joanne Millington, Jean Riegel, Mary Ratkowski.

Posters depicting before-and-after clean-up, and Colonial scenes have been produced.

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ITEM: Officers of The Point Ass'n attending the hearings on the dog ordinance have been shocked by the realistic details of dog bites which were made public there.

ITEM: On May 25, seven ladies of the A.A.U.W. were escorted on a "guided tour" of the Point.

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Well arranged time is the surest
mark of a well arranged mind.
-Isaac Pitman-

NOTES ON OUR JULY 9th OFFERING

Of the ten houses which will be open during "An Afternoon on the Point", a number have never been shown during other Oldport Days or Point Association celebrations. None is of superlative historic or architectural importance; some are not even of the 18th century. But all show how pleasantly life may be lived on the Point - and at least four of them have special significance in that they have been rescued from very probable deterioration or demolition. For example -

41 Washington Street, originally the George Topham house, 1770, was a part of the famous Faisneau boarding-house. When this was torn down, the old part of the house was moved by Mrs. Guy Norman, saved and repaired by the Oldport Association, and now, in its present location, forms with its charming garden a delightful oasis at the corner of Bridge St.

42 Walnut Street has no known history - but with its new coat of colonial red paint, and its interior freshly carried out in the proper character by its present owners, it is a fine example of what can be done with sympathetic handling.

9 Chestnut Street is architecturally important and embodies many very interesting features. Hard and loving labor by its owner has restored it to its 18th century character and saved it from a sorry old age.

3 Pine Street has been mentioned several times in these pages, and is the most recently rescued of our old houses. We now know its history and former location, and we have thrilled to see its transformation from an untidy ruin to a sturdy, comfortable and charming home.

If a visit to these "redeemed houses" impels others to go and do likewise, it will mark another step in the restoration of the Point to its rightful place as one of the most delightful and interesting residential sections in the city of Newport.

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TREASURE TROVE

Digging in his garden near the corner of Third Street and Katzman Place, Mr. John Mazza recently unearthed a penny of the year 1737, when George the Second was on the English throne. The obverse bears a bust of the monarch, crowned with laurel and exhibiting a long Hanoverian nose, and the inscription GEORGIUS:II. The reverse shows Britannia enthroned, with shield and trident, in much the form of more recent English pence, and the inscription is BRITANNIA:1737. Mrs. Mazza tells us that she has found a redcoat's brass button with a crown on it, in this garden.

Some twelve years ago, we learn, Mrs. Clifford Sherman's son dug up, in the southeast corner of this same lot, an Irish coin of even earlier date. In excellent condition, the piece shows on its face a bust of George the First, and the legend GEORGIUS:DEI:GRATIAE:REX. The reverse bears the word HIBERNIA and the date 1723. The seated figure resembles that of Britannia, but holds a torch and has by her side an Irish harp with a woman's head. The material seems to be a silver alloy; no denomination is given.

In 1947, Mrs. Henry Eccles uncovered in her garden a 2-Real Spanish piece - CAROLUS:III:DEI:GRATIA:HISPAN:ET:IND:REX:1776. Worth a fourth of the piratical "Piece of Eight" (8 Reals) it is a silver coin about the size of a quarter.

Who else on the Point has discovered treasure trove? Let us know! Perhaps we could have a most interesting exhibition of such objects on July ninth!

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INCLUSIVE DONATION \$1.50, SINGLE ENTRANCE 25¢

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Dwelling of Mr. & Mrs. W^m H. Fullerton, 41 Washington Street
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3. MARITIME EXHIBITION : Objects & Pictures : Seafaring Newport.
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Grafton House (1828) Poplar St. TEA 3 to 5 p.m. 35 cents]
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Dwelling of Mr & Mrs. David L. Smith, 36 Walnut Street
7. The George Gibbs House (before 1750)
Dwelling of Mr & Mrs George D. Weaver, jr. 9 Chestnut Street
8. The Robert Dunham House (1771) (Rescued September, 1959)
Dwelling of Mr & Mrs Howard Shivers, 3 Pine Street
9. COLONIAL NEWPORT SILVER from the Collection of Cornelius C. Moore, Esq.
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10. The St Leo Shop ~ Studio of Adé de Béthune, Artist & Sculptor
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