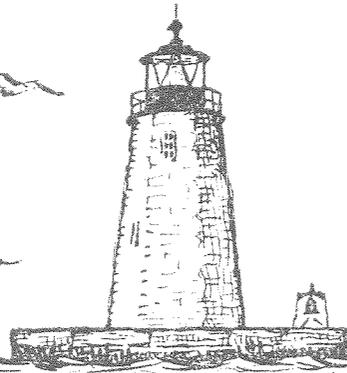


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### APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - APRIL 23, 1970

The April Quarterly Meeting of the Point Association of Newport will be held in the Guild Hall of St. John's Church on Poplar Street on April 23rd, Thursday, at 8 o'clock. The speaker will be Mr. Edward C. Carman, Jr., the Assistant Director of Cure, with headquarters at Providence. He will talk about Cure, and the way it is working in Newport with Operation Clapboard and the Church Community Corporation. He will go on from there to the broader question of housing and relationship to cities, and of general social welfare.

Please come and bring your friends, as this is of vital interest to us all.

#### JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING

The January General Meeting of the Point Association of Newport was held on Thursday, January 22nd, at St. John's Guild Hall on Poplar Street. Mr. Richard Phelps, Councilman from the Fourth Ward, was the speaker. He gave a list for action plans for a better city:

Merger of the three towns into a single Island Community. This would include the school systems, and the garbage and rubbish disposal.

A complete study of business, and new taxes.

Much thought to city planning.

Maximum support for law enforcement.

More clean-up projects in streets and buildings.

Support for ordinances against billboards and objectionable signs.

Mr. Phelps called the Point Association of Newport an effective group, working together to improve the Point section, pooling ideas and efforts.

A vote was taken to support the Hayes bill to permit the Newport City Council to regulate outdoor advertising.

The business meeting was adjourned, and refreshments were served by Mrs. Curtiss James, assisted by Junior Point girls.

#### SPRING GARDEN TOUR

The Spring Tour of the Point Gardens will be held, weather permitting on May 16th -- time to be announced. Mrs. William MacLeod is the Chairman. Many of you have wanted to see our beautiful little gardens, and here is your chance, as we hope to have over a dozen of them open. The exact details will be in the Daily News a day or two before the 16th.

#### SPRING PLANT SALE

The Apple Blossom Coffee Hour and Plant Sale will be held at the Eccles' driveway, 101 Washington Street, on Saturday, May 22nd, from 10 to 12. Mrs. Robert Elster is making some Japanese coverall aprons (mama-san) to sell; the ones she made for the flea market vanished at once. There will also be chances to get a book, donated to the Point Association by Dr. Stanley D. Hart. It is: Oldport Days, by Thomas Wentworth Higginson, published in 1873. It is a most interesting book, filled with old Newport stories. We hope you are planting your seeds, or transplanting your seedlings, so that we can have even more of a variety of plants.

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Once again Spring is here and soon the work will begin at Cross Street Park. The additional land added to the Park will be incorporated into the design and greatly enhance the colonial houses facing that area. The fence will be moved on to the boundary line of the David house and planted with rhododendrons and dogwoods. Instead of struggling with the upkeep of grass, a ground cover will be used which will require a minimum of labor.

The window boxes are here and as soon as the weather permits they will be planted and distributed to the people of the Point Area who, I hope, will give them tender loving care. The 48 window boxes will certainly beautify the Point, and if a success maybe more can be added next year. We can accept 4 more requests -- first come, first served. The boxes will be planted with Geraniums, Petunias, Impatiens, Alyssum. Volunteers are needed to assist in planting the boxes.

Now is the time to plant in pots herbs for the plant sale to be held the latter part of May. The following is a list of ones that are easily grown if started now.

Chives, Lemon Balm, Sweet Marjoram, Thyme, Rosemary, Dill, Garlic, Sweet Basil, Mint, Parsley, Sage, Borage, Tarragon, Summer Savory.

The following are flowers found in Colonial Gardens during the 17th Century.

Larkspur, Passion Flower, Balsam, Gladiolus, Lily of the Valley, Iris, Vinca Minor, Bachelor Buttons, Geraniums, Veronica, Hen and Chickens, Live-Forever (Sedum), Foxgloves (Digitalis), Bleeding Heart, Violets, Columbines, English Asters, Astilbes (white and pink), Pinks, Butterfly Flower (orange color was native to Rhode Island), Feverfew. This is only a partial list. However, there is a new book on the market and in the library on Colonial Gardens by Ann Leighton that everyone will find very fascinating. It goes into great detail and excellent research regarding herbs and flower gardens.

Some time in the future if the author could be invited to give a lecture on Gardens for the Point Association, I'm sure it would be of great interest.

If at any time anyone on the Point wishes to have assistance in laying out a colonial garden, I will be glad to help as a courtesy of the Point Association. There are not enough small colonial gardens in this area. They really require little time and effort, but what a joy to say nothing of showing off your colonial house. If the garden is designed correctly a minimum of work is required each week. Most of the houses in this area have small yards going to waste. So many people have the misconception that to have a colonial garden costs a great deal of money. That is not true. All of us on the Point have plants in our garden we are more than happy to share. Come to the Plant Sale in May and you will be surprised the amount of plants one can carry home for a very little expenditure.

Starting with the next issue of the Green Light a new feature on Colonial Gardens will be started. It will be of interest to everyone, not just those with a colonial house.

"Help Keep the Point Beautiful"

William H. Fullerton  
Chairman  
Beautification

## EVEN BEAUTIFUL TRASH CANS

Mrs. Field has arranged for school children to paint designs on the trash cans around the Point. Mr. Garcia furnished the cans, and will distribute them soon.

## OPENING 62 WASHINGTON STREET

In late May or early June each year, two or three of the Smith girls would come down to open up the old house on Washington Street. They were worn down mentally but not physically, by three weeks of intensive study and final exams at College, made worse by the sudden humid hot spell which so often descends upon the Boston area at this time of year. The two older girls came together from the same college; packing up their Model A roadster with suitcases, boxes of books, bags of laundry and oddments; driving the three hour trip through Needham, Dedham, Stoughton, Taunton, Dighton, Fall River, to Newport. By late afternoon they came upon the house, standing by the waterside, as it had for 200 years.

The first task was to light the stove, a large Spears range pushed back into the 6 foot wide kitchen fireplace, with a galvanized hot water boiler beside it. In the far corner of the cobblestoned cellar was the coal-bin, so the skuttle was filled and kindling brought up to start things. Before long the glowing coals were overcoming the winter damp in the old kitchen and the two girls had got all the stuff from the car into the front hall. The damp was terrible, seeming to pour down upon them from the outlying rooms and upper stories. They didn't even bother to make beds that first evening, but just rolled into blankets burying their heads well inside.

Next morning early they shook down the range, glorying in the hot water which was put to use at once. All the pots and pans were taken from the cupboard shelves, the gas stove dismantled so that the various parts could be boiled in a solution of soda, and the furniture piled out of the way. Everything was scrubbed with that profuse hot water, from the cupboard shelves (well decorated with mouse tracks) to the floor itself. At this moment a loud hail from the front door (the knocker was not yet put on) announced a dear friend, the postman, Danny Shea. He helped move the ice-box away from the wall so that it could be thoroughly scrubbed, and then sat over a cup of tea, giving all the most astounding winter gossip. The customary June fog had by now burnt through, allowing the girls to aid all the bedding. Mattresses and pillows were dragged onto the second floor porch and boosted violently down on the long grass. The windows were thrown wide open all over, to let the soft warm wind blow out the musty stagnant air. At regular intervals all this bedding was turned over, so that both sides dried out. Lunch was just grabbed on the run, as these preliminaries were taken. Toward four o'clock they were suddenly aware of complete exhaustion, at which time the arrival of some Newport followers was a great help. The mattresses were moved back onto their respective beds, most of the windows closed, and the work over for the day. They were not too tired to cook a light supper for the followers, but succumbed to sleep at an early moment.

The following day an unbelievable amount of scrubbing took place. Each bedroom, there were 8, had its floor scrubbed, its furniture oiled, its mattress set in place, its tidy white sash curtains hung. The halls seemed endless, as well as the stairs. The third Smith girl turned up this day and added her energy to the work force. No quicker way has ever been found to forget the mind-aching pressure of exams than by floor-scrubbing.

The down-stairs rooms were more difficult to clean, having so many things about, pictures to go on the walls, chintz curtains hung, upholstered furniture out to air and in again. A canoe, always stored in the back hall, was laboriously heaved onto the lawn. The row-boat had to be gotten off the back-porch. It was very heavy having been built by the Smith father of seasoned oak. The followers were of inestimable value during all this moving, so that the meals and snacks necessary to provide the energy, seemed a fair enough bargain. When the living room was at last in pristine order an evening collation with Westall's ice cream marked the accomplishment.

The final day, with parents and the rest of the family expected by evening, was taken up by endless overlooked items. The knocker was polished and fixed to the door, the pantry filled with food, the ice-box (smelling sweet from a hot rinse in washing soda) provided with 75 lbs. of ice, wild flowers arranged in the proper spots, the hammock hung on the porch, and finally the lawn mowed. It was a large lawn, generally taken care of by an elderly much-hunched-over man named Mr. McQuade. He was referred

to as "the man who was built for a lawn mower." Sometimes, out of high spirits a Smith girl would take the mower and cut the initials of her current favorite on the lawn. Fortunately such an admission of preference could only be read from the second floor porch.

Filled with enormous satisfaction and complacency, the girls greeted their parents, acting as if the opening of the house were a perfect cinch, just nothing at all. Indeed, it was great fun, as the Smith girls, now old girls, could tell you.

#### NEWPORT - THE QUEEN OF SUMMER RESORTS, AND ITS ATTRACTIONS

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Newport Fisheries, Ice, and Cold Storage Company  
Office and Warehouse, Sherman's Wharf, Newport, R. I.

A fine example of a thoroughly up-to-date establishment, which gives equally satisfactory service to both large and small customers, is that conducted by the Newport Fisheries, Ice and Cold Storage Company. They have excellent facilities for general cold storage, and do an extensive business in that line alone. As wholesale dealers in and producers of fresh and frozen fish they have the regular patronage of large buyers who are particular as regards the quality of the fish they purchase, while as dealers in ice they do a general business, supplying boats and filling other important wholesale orders, and also doing an extensive retail business. The premises utilized are on Sherman's Wharf, and the facilities are such as to assure the prompt and accurate filling of every order. This company also manufactures hygienic ice. This ice is manufactured entirely from distilled water and is absolutely pure and free of germs.

The Allen Restaurant, 99 Thames Street, Newport, R. I.

The Allen Restaurant is a decided benefit to Newport for a town is apt to be judged by the sort of accommodation it offers in that line, and an inferior restaurant will do much to give a place a bad name, especially among the automobiling public. The table is excellent, the service is unsurpassed, and the charges are as low as is consistent with catering satisfactorily to those who mean to get the best which the market affords. Orders by telephone are assured painstaking attention, and the facilities are such as to assure the accommodation of private dinner parties in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. Dinners are served daily from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. and meals are served at all hours. The restaurant is very clean and neat and makes a most inviting appearance. Mr. D. B. Allen, the Proprietor, also carries on a quick lunch room on West Marlborough Street, and the same cleanliness and taste apply here.

Bijou Theatre, (Lowy's Theatre Circle) Thames Street, Newport, R. I.

There is many a Bijou Theatre in this country but it is doubtful if there is another which is in the same class as Lowy's Bijou Theatre of Newport. So superior is the quality of the attractions presented that the Bijou has a much more than local reputation for supreme excellence. Its Motion Pictures frequently require two and even three reels, and the management of the Bijou are universally conceded to spare no expense when it comes to choice for the amusement of the Bijou patrons. The most expensive of the "first show" pictures are the only ones that they have use for. The Bijou is spacious, well ventilated, most thoroughly equipped in every respect. The music is of the best, the performance is lengthy - but no one ever finds it too long, for the quality is of the best. Certainly the Bijou well deserves the very select and liberal patronage which it receives. Its seating capacity is 650.

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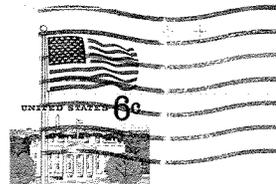
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Let's all work the year around to keep the Point clean and beautiful. Try  
to teach children to respect the trees, and to pick up paper, not throw it down.

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