

# The GREEN LIGHT



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### A Message from our Acting President

During the absence of Clyde Sargent, our President (now touring Iceland) I have found myself assuming duties, and acting on behalf of the Association membership. It is most encouraging to have the support, interest, and concern of so many when summoned to a cause. Strengthening our membership roll is a major factor in making our voice heard. Younger residents are welcome to join the Point Association; new home owners who have chosen the Point as their home, are urged to join and support our efforts. We should always remember that our voice is only as strong as the members behind it.

You do not need a formal invitation, but we'll try to see that you get a copy of the Green Light.

Joseph P. T. Vars  
First Vice President

### Annual Picnic

The Annual Picnic of the Point Association will be held at Storer Park for the first time, on Thursday, July 25th at 5:00 P.M. In case of rain, on Friday, the 26th. Please bring your own picnic lunch, including whatever you want to drink, as it is too complicated to serve coffee from our big urn, in the park. Would any of you like to hear "Little Nell of Narragansett Bay?" It is a real tear jerker, and ye Editor will try to do justice to it, if all of you will bellow out the chorus.

### Arnold Park

We are planning a rejuvenation of Arnold Park in loving memory of Phillipine Arnold, and any Donations you would like to make, may be sent to our treasurer, Albert Henry at 81 Second Street.

We have to replace some of the wooden posts that have rotted. What else shall we do?

The link fence between the posts, while most authentic, is too tempting for the children to swing on, etc.

More trees are needed on the east side, or more shrubs and flowering plants.

The children have picked every magnolia bud so far.

Mrs. Case is most faithful in weeding the grass, and she can pull up handfuls of grass nearly every day. Should we reseed all the grass?

This doesn't mean that we can do it all at once, but we should know your wishes - perhaps at the picnic, or with any donation you send.

### The Plant Sale and Bake Sale

The Plant Sale was a huge success, and we made close to \$250.00. It was a beautiful sight to see the driveway of Adm. and Mrs. Eccles completely ablaze with colors of pink, red, white and blue. More plants were contributed this year than ever before. Everyone ended up with bargains, and the gardens of the Point should be at their peak this year. The plants alone cleared \$191.72. Gardens seem to be an equalizer for "Ole Pointers and New Pointers."

There was also a Cake Sale, donations for coffee, and a raffle.

Our only expense was a newspaper ad - \$13.50.

I want to thank Adm. and Mrs. Henry Eccles for the use of their garden. Many thanks go to Mr. Spooner, the Newport Horticultural Society, and all the others who shared part of their garden with us.

The flower painting (by William Fullerton) which was framed by courtesy of the Arnold Art Store, was won by Mrs. Kenneth Peterson.

We hear that the flower lovers actually waited until 10 o'clock to make their purchases.

Again, thanks to everyone, and I'll see you next year.

William H. Fullerton, Chairman

### Cook Book Sale

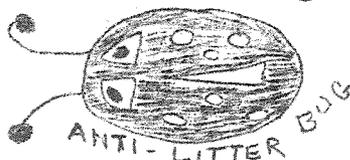
The Point Cook Book Sale, while not quite so fast as at first, when we ordered another 1000 copies, has less than 400 left now, and we are hoping many at our Street Fair will want them. Mrs. Eccles hopes to have some sold at the street fair, as they take up a lot of room in a closet.

### ANTI-LITTER BUGS

A hearty thanks to all the Pointers who, despite the rain, on June 1, did their thing. Alerted city inspectors had owners clean the railroad tracks and adjacent lot and repair hazardous billboards. In conjunction with the neighborhood clean-up, the Callender School children participated in a poster contest, the winners receiving art materials. Their messages were colorful and numerous, and firmly stated their dislike for useless littering. The fifth grade presented a Humorous skit about a Litter Bug to the other Callender students.

The winning posters have been on display at the Newport Public Library for two weeks and will be placed in Point and city store windows for the summer. The enthusiasm and concern shown by these Youngsters can be reinforced by all of us in several ways; keep your Anti-Litter Bug in your window as a constant reminder that you care about your neighborhood; by speaking up when you see someone littering; by picking up litter in your own area and while on walks.\*

This program has been infectious, we have been joined by the Hill Association, the Fifth Ward Improvement Association, The Seaside Garden Club, the Bellevue Merchants and the Boy Scouts. We will always need your support and interest if we are going to become a clean, strong and closeknit neighborhood.



Annette Chramiec  
Chief Anti-Litter Bug

\* by preparing your garbage properly and by keeping your dogs leashed.

### Annual Street Fair

How many of you know people on the Point beyond your immediate neighbors? Here's a great way to meet great people - donate some of your time and energy to this year's Fair: "Day on the Point." It will be held Saturday, Aug. 17th from 10 to 5 P.M. and regardless of your age, sex, or talents, there's a job you can do. Mrs. Nittle - 849-5045 is the chairman.

This year's fair will be better than ever-with your help.

There will be crafts of all kinds- Leather, woodcarving, silver-smiths, goldsmiths, handmade articles, ethnic foods, fresh flowers, antiques, books, white elephants, delicious freshly-made sandwiches, by the members of the food committee for the fair. Possibly we'll have some music by which to eat. There will also be some entertaining things for the children.

The block between Washington and Second Street on Willow, will be closed for all traffic, and as usual, there will be a 50¢ entrance fee.

### Plea For White Elephants

For the People who live on the Point  
 Time is just never out of Joint.  
 The year's most delectable treat  
 Is the Fair held on our Willow Street.  
 One table most needing your Aid  
 Is the popular White Elephant Arcade.  
 As Elephants eat a huge lot,  
 We need plates, pans, and a pot--  
 Bring brooches or non-working clocks,  
 Old hats, or button-filled socks;  
 Bring china and silver and glass  
 Curtains or copper and brass.  
 Just call at your pleasure  
 I'll pick up your Treasure--

It will give our White Elephant class!

Debbie Lutman  
 849-2121

### A Trip to Newport about 50 or 60 Years Ago

My mother brought her four children from Waltham, Mass. (known as the Watch City) to visit her mother on Washington St. in Newport. On the Fourth, my father set off family firecrackers, and took us rowing on the Charles River to pick water lilies. In the evening, we could see the exciting pyrotechnic displays in all the surrounding towns, each trying to outdo all the others. My father was a country doctor with Old Bird, his horse, hitched to a buggy, so we could not count on much help from him to get us ready. Bird was slow.

My mother hired a hack from Caswell's livery stable for the 5th, and there was room for a steamer trunk tied on back, five of us inside and all our packages, such as a few small suitcases, an enormous cardbox hatbox, as everyone wore hats then, even little boys, and a substantial lunch - at that time you expected to carry packages.

We drove to Newtonville to get the train to Boston, and never forgot anything, and now I, at least, leave a trail of forgetting everywhere. At the South Station (now gone), one of us always asked hopefully, "is this Newport?"

We went into the Waiting Room, full of double benches, with a high back between each pair, and the name of a Massachusetts county in front. We always sat on Middlesex, our county. We each had a nickel to spend, peanuts, candy, such as sourballs that lasted forever, or popcorn, etc.

Finally our train was called, and on we climbed. When it started, we had another 5¢ treat, when a train man came around with a big flat Basket tied around his neck, and full of goodies. Between eating, we took turns going to a big tank of water at the end of the car, with paper cups beside it. Never a dull moment. When we stopped at Taunton, the train man bellowed, "Forward cars Fall River and Newport-three rear cars Myricks and New Bedford."

I don't remember much about the ride, except that we were usually in the rear coach, and could sit on the steps sometimes. The single track even then was very bumpy. My aunt met us at the station, and when we were old enough, or were allowed to walk to Washington Street, still carrying our bundles.

E. M. B.

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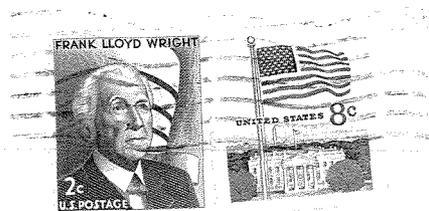
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