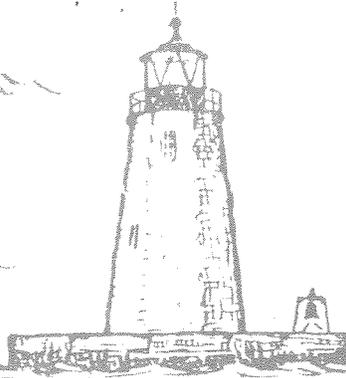


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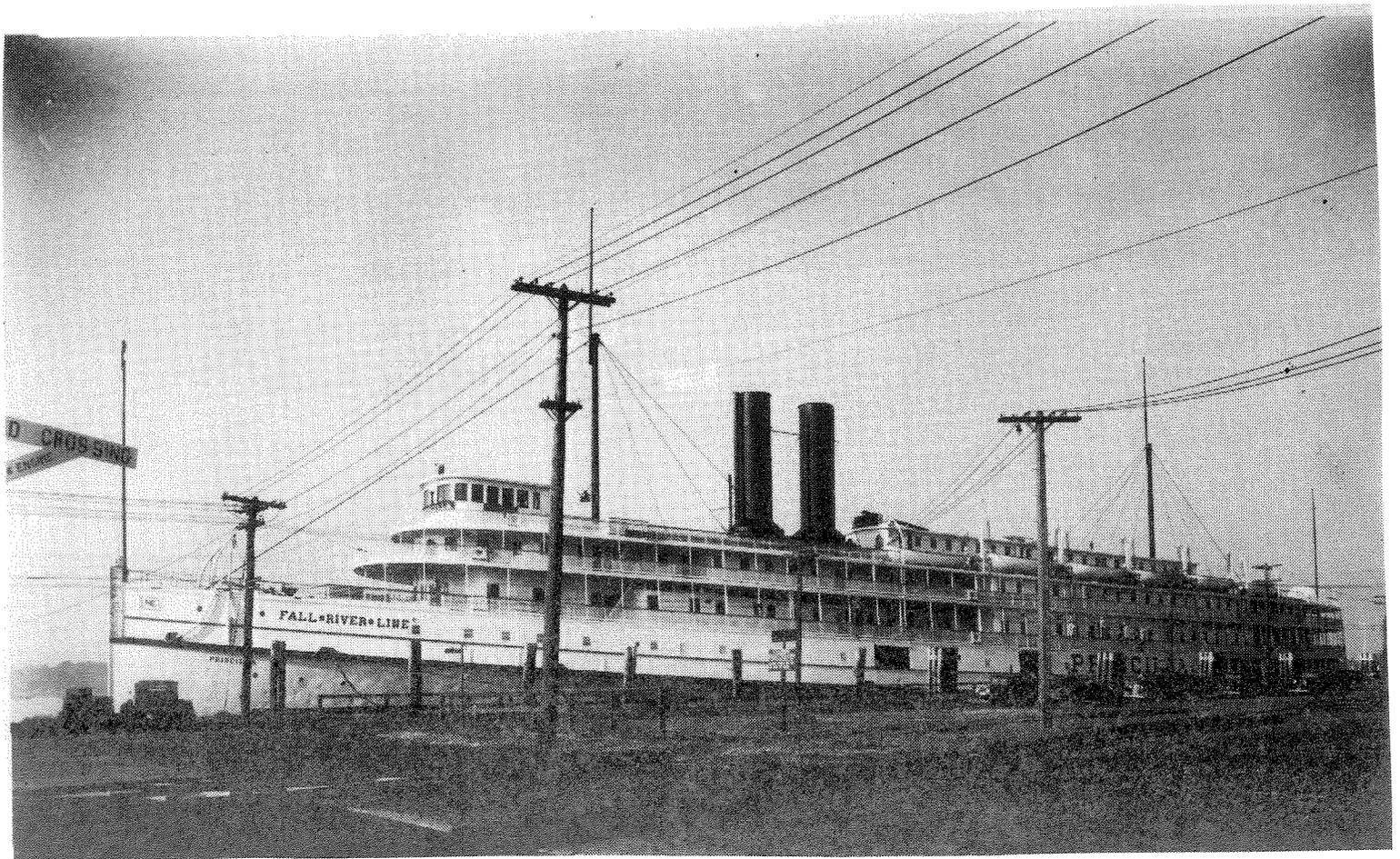
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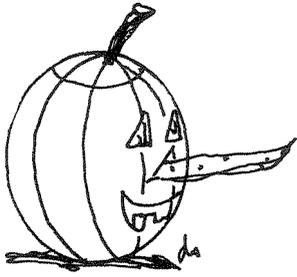
CALENDAR

- Oct. 17 - Annual Meeting - 7:30 p:m.
St. Paul's Methodist Church
- Oct. 20 - Annual Point Cleanup - 10 a.m.
- Oct. 26 - Dedication of Fall River Line
Monument - 1 p.m.
- Oct. 29 - Meet Candidates Night at
City Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 5 - ELECTION DAY - Be sure to vote!
- Nov. 7 - Cocktail party for new and pro-
spective members

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COVER: The PRISCILLA at Long Wharf - 1937.
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The GREEN LIGHT

President's Message

One of the best things that our Association does is to encourage a sense of cohesion and neighborliness within the Point. This force can be very important to us all by helping to maintain a strong organization and a strong neighborhood. Thus, the Point Association sponsors social events for its members throughout the year, and each one provides a good opportunity to see friends and neighbors.

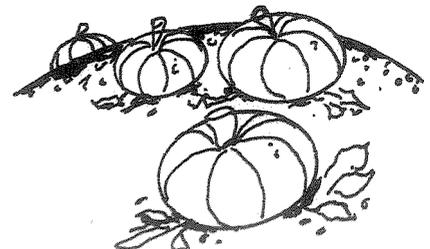
Last year, a new event was added to our calendar, a cocktail party at which new members could meet old (or, rather, current) members. This year, another edition of that successful party is planned. All the time-and-place information you need will be found elsewhere in these pages; so, please come, and extend a welcoming handshake to our new Point Association members.

As part of our continuing efforts to make the Point Association as effective a neighborhood organization as possible, we have established two other programs. Very soon, the Green Light Editorial Board, and all of you volunteers that it can muster, will canvass the Point, distributing copies of the Green Light to new residents and prospective members. It will be a good way to allow members of our organization to personally meet others who might wish to join our ranks.

Secondly, we are establishing what is presently called our Block Program. This will be a network of Association volunteer/members, each of whom lives on a different "block" or section of a street. Their main job will be to take notice of new residents and to welcome them to the neighborhood, and to offer an invitation to join the Point Association. To be most effective, of course, we will need many volunteers, who will, thus, each be watching over only a small area directly around his or her home.

I think that these three activities will greatly improve our efforts to be as effective a representative of the neighborhood as possible. Won't you join us?

Dave
847-2575



the Fair in 1985!!

WHAT A DAY IT WAS! A perfect summer day, hundreds of people, many booths with all kinds of wares, tables with baked goods and "fast" food, entertainment, and good fellowship. No report on profits yet, but it is expected that a goodly sum will be added to the Association's treasury.

As always, many, many people help to plan for and carry out the day, and many, many thanks are due them for the great success of the Fair.

Special appreciation is due the folks who live on Willow Street; they put up with the closed throughway, the hustle and bustle, the noise, the dust, the throngs of people. Our thanks to these Willow Streeters: The Furtados and the Newells, Sue Halliwell, Donald Johnson, Arthur Lee, Walter Redlish, Taft Roberts (Helen Hagnauer) and Earle Slom. The Arthur Newells are always gracious hosts to the Fair organizers; their steps and sidewalk are HQ for Fair personnel and Association booths.

St. John's Church and Father Turnbull also contribute to the day by the use of their property, and we are very grateful.

Rose Favier was the chairperson for the Baked Goods table; her helpers were Margaret Dunn, Odell Favier, Ruth Martin and Caroline Mazza. Many Pointers contributed the goodies that made the table a great success.

Marianne Barker was the chairperson of the gatekeepers, who were busy all day. They were Suzanne Abois, Christopher and Laurel Barker, Esther Benson, Ann and Richard Curvelier, Odell Favier, Eleanor Hughes, Joyce McClarren, Caroline Mazza, Toni Peters and her son Tony, Betty Stephenson, and Marcia Strickland.

Brenda Gordon was the chairperson for the Food and Coffee table; her helpers were Paul Boghossian, Jennifer Cushman, Elizabeth De Blois, John Howard, Mike Mannion, and Joan Wood.

As always, the big excitement came at the end of the day when the drawing for the quilt was made. How many hoped to win! This year's happy owner of the Rosa Ragosa quilt is Mrs. Elizabeth Wilde of Lowell, Massachusetts, who is a cousin of Anna Dunfey who lives in "Old Nat's House". Mrs. Dunfey tells us that Mrs. Wilde comes to visit every year at Fair time, and always buys tickets for the quilt. Success this year!

My thanks as chairman, and the Association's thanks, to all who helped in any way to make another POINT STREET FAIR a tremendous success!

George Gordon
Chairman

PS: The Association and all the workers say THANKS to George for the job he did as chairperson. And thanks to all of you who bought tickets for the quilt raffle and to Janet Kasparson who handled the distribution and collection so effectively.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

St. Paul's Methodist Church

7:30 P.M.

Many items will come before the meeting, some of which are:

- adoption of a new budget;
- election of officers
- more Born-on-the-Point certificates to be presented;
- traffic and parking problems on the Point;
- Gateway project news;
- a very interesting program;
- refreshments;
- notices of our fall and winter events

We do hope that many of you will attend the meeting; it is important, and it is a good chance to see friends and neighbors.

1. The Gateway Project On Sept. 19, an agreement was signed by State and by Newport City officials which will enable the Gateway to proceed. The State will design and construct the transportation center, and the City will own and operate it. There will also be a Holiday Inn Crown Plaza built by a private developer. Construction will begin this month with an opening date in Spring 1987 as target. When ground rules are established, the Gateway Review Committee will convene. David Robbins will be on that committee as a representative of the Point Association. Concerns of members may be channeled through him.

2. Sticker Parking on the Point was the subject of a special meeting of the Point Association in July. Reaction to this issue was vastly different from the reaction expressed at the general meeting in April. Whereas in April the membership voted vigorously to pursue the implementation of sticker parking, the story was quite different three months down the pike. By July, there were so many vociferous objections and such an overwhelming negative feedback, that the Board felt it necessary to delay further action. It is planned to bring up the issue again at the October general meeting and to poll the membership for its views. Meanwhile, the Board has asked the City Council to delay a second reading of an ordinance designating the Point as eligible for sticker parking.

3. Extra Moorings off Washington Street are on "hold". There is a new draft of the Harbor Ordinance underway, and this should be completed by next year. Until then, there is a moratorium on new moorings which will tentatively be lifted when both the new ordinance comes into being and other changes are made which would make more moorings available. Some of these will be new spaces, and the water off Washington Street is a likely area. Meanwhile, the Waterfront Commission is taking into consideration the impact of more moorings meaning more parking problems on the Point.

4. The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation has been actively pursuing its plans to rehabilitate the lighthouse. To date, the building has been cleaned and sprayed against the results of pigeons living there undisturbed for these many years -- now making the structure fit for human habitation.

Glen Gardiner, architect with the Newport Collaborative, has offered his services to help meet the criteria established by the Department of the Interior for historic rehabilitations. The Board has also met with the Rhode Island Historic District Commission to establish the basic ground rules to control the rehabilitation.

October 10th will be the first public meeting of the Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation with details to be announced.

5. The Traffic Committee of seven members, established by the Point Association several years ago, has been reactivated. Mrs. Joan Wood is chairman, and the other members have been chosen from various sections of the Point. The committee is charged with the task of making a comprehensive study of traffic problems of the Point and developing plans which will help to solve them. City Hall has been informed of the establishment of the committee, and a request for assistance and cooperation of city departments has been made.

Brenda Gordon

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This year, our play will be presented on Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15. In order to do that, however, we will need a few volunteer thespians.

All of you who have a flair for the dramatic (and those who simply want to enjoy a theatrical experience) should consider our auditions. They will be held at St. Paul's Methodist Church on Marlborough Street on Thursday, October 10, at 7 p.m., and also on Saturday, October 12, at 4. Please note that we need children and adults; so anyone can be in the play!

The Point Association Christmas Play has had a long run of many years; and has been exciting and enjoyable for the participants and spectators alike. Please help to continue this happy tradition by taking part in the auditions. It really doesn't take much courage!

Thursday, October 10 - 7 pm
Saturday, October 12 - 4 pm

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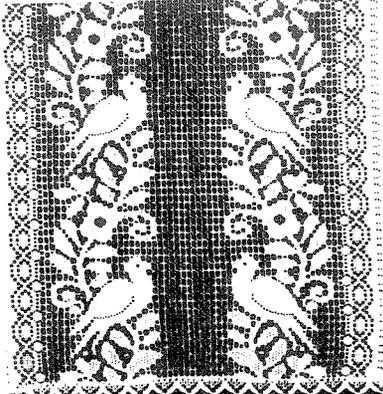
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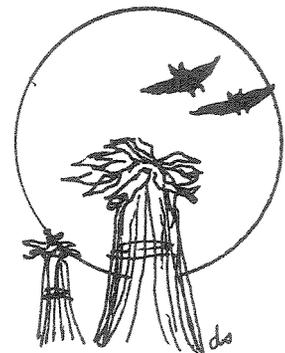


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A CANDIDATES NIGHT

Again this election year, the Point Association is one of the co-sponsors of the League of Women Voters Candidates Night. It will be held at City Hall on Tuesday, October 29, at 7:30 pm. Of course, everyone is welcome and we do hope that many of you will help yourself to this opportunity to learn something of this year's City Council candidates.



WINNERS!

The Beautification Committee walked the Point to see what our neighbors had done to help our community look more beautiful with flowers and plants.

The committee of judges was headed by Ruth Brogga, who had the help of Suzanne Abois, Alice Weldon, Ann Reynolds, Jane Roche and Esther Burnett. The plantings had to be seen from the street and be natural.

In the category of porches, First Prize was awarded to 16 Third Street, Second Prize to 58 Second and Third Prize to 121 Washington. 83 Second, 27 Willow, 24 Elm, 37 Walnut, 4 Gladding, 13 Third, 15 Maitland Ct., 96 Third, 4 Third, and 68 Washington received Honorable Mention.

First Prize for window boxes went to 42 Poplar. 15 Cross and 7 Sycamore tied for Second and 55 Third and 10 Poplar for Third. Honorable Mention went to 25 Second, 15 Bay-side Ave., 39 Second, 5 Van Zandt Ave., 13 Chestnut, and 10 Cherry. William Fullerton received a special award for the oldest geraniums.

First Prize for plantings around trees went to 67 Second and 53 Washington received Second Prize. Honorable Mention went to 67 Bridge and 57 Second.

Six Gladding received First Prize for steps with Second Place going to Third and Bridge. Honorable Mention went to 103 Third, 37 Walnut and 15 Second.

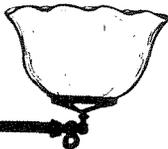
Awards for commercial plantings were First, 11 W. Marlboro; Second, Old Colony RR; and Third, the Fire Station with the Rhumb Line receiving Honorable Mention.

The committee thanks our neighbors who planted spots of color and beauty to make our Point a lovelier place to live.

Ruth Brogga
Chmn. Judging Committee
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Katherine Jencks Knox

It was in the summer of 1915, the year that my father bought the Fairchild house on Washington Street, that we first met the Jencks family. They lived in the big yellow house (it was then) across from Battery Park. We often saw them driving by in their large "touring car", usually with the top down and their large shaggy airdale riding on the back seat. Katherine was the driver, her father sitting beside her with his neat beard, formal attire and his cane. Even before we knew who they were, they always smiled at us as they went by. Since both families were parishioners of St. John's Church, mutual introductions soon followed and we became fast friends.

Wanting to do something for the church other than guild work, Katherine volunteered to meet with the choir boys once a week to teach them the Manual of Arms and basic marching formations and drills. How she became so knowledgeable in these arts I do not know, but she set up a cupboard in the Guild Hall to house enough wooden rifles, met the boys at the appointed time and launched a very popular program. The boys took to it at once, and became quite expert under her strict direction. I'm sure any one of them would say he had been helped in later life by this discipline and training.

Katherine's easy rapport with children of all ages, especially the teenagers, was a wonderful thing; she was always smiling and ready to go along with whatever was interesting them. She not only gave of herself and her time, but shared her home, her yard, and her boat with the kids of the neighborhood, of which there were many! It was from her catboat "Gisela" that many of us learned to dive, and to feel more confidence in deeper water than from a beach. And we learned the rudiments of sailing while en route to Potter's Cove for picnics.

It was inevitable that Katherine would be asked to take on the leadership of a Girl Scout troop that even in those early days was having difficulty finding a leader. But she agreed to do it and became a wonderful "captain" for Newport Troop 1, the first troop registered in Rhode Island. She never stopped volunteering her time and skills for the Girl Scouts wherever she went in her later life. She trained the Troop 1 girls in marching (without muskets!) so successfully that the Troop won first place in marching at a rally of all Rhode Island troops in Providence.

One small episode must be included here: Our troop had planned a week's camping at Pettaquamscut, and naturally excitement ran high. Getting there with all our gear - tents, cots, duffel bags, tools, food, etc. etc. was quite a logistic exercise. Rather than trying to get everything together and go en masse, the plan was to divide the load and for several cars to go on their own to the camp site. Katherine asked three of the girls to go with her and her dog Tonapah in the roadster she had at this time. When the duffles and other equipment were all stowed there wasn't too much room for three girls, so one draped herself on one running board and fender, another did the same on the other side, while the third one climbed up on the trunk with her back to the top and her feet braced against the spare tire. Tonapah sat beside the driver! (I've often thought of Health and Safety standards!?) Everyone arrived safely and a wonderful time was had by all, in spite of rainy weather and worms in the prunes!

Gene Belknap Edgar

Mary Rowan Belknap Howard remembers "Skipper" Knox from the time she was about four years old (too young for that Girl Scout troop) and recalls that Mrs. Knox's husband Albert was in the Navy Dental Corps. The Knoxes built 101 Washington Street, which later became the home of Admiral and Mrs. Eccles. As was not unusual in those days, the Knox family owned almost all of the block from Pine to Battery Street.

Kit Hammett remembers very happy days in Newport Troop 1 when Mrs. Knox was the leader. She too was a camper in that memorable camp at Pettaquamscutt. Rhode Island's Girl Scout history begins with the registration of that troop in 1917.



Four and a half year old Rowan Howard with "Skipper" Knox.



Girl Scouts - 1921 Armistice Day Parade

THE FALL RIVER LINE

There are many people in Newport who remember the Fall River Line, which ran an overnight trip all year round from Fall River to New York. A stop-over in Newport at 9:00 P.M. provided a freight pick-up and the loading of many barrels of fresh fish for the Fulton Street markets. Passengers also came aboard, some by late train from Boston which arrived at the dock around 10:30 P.M., just before the ship left Newport.

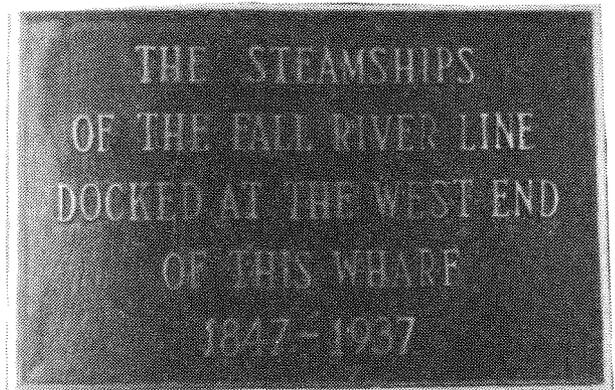
These great steamers, painted white and lit from stem to stern, were a magical sight, so large, so calm, so secure; the rhythmic splashing of their paddlewheels and the deep-sounding whistle made a wonderful picture. Many Pointers, during the summer, would walk to Battery Park after supper to watch the boat go by. Sometimes the ship took the inner channel, passing near to the green light, where the causeway is now. How close the ship seemed to all those on Washington Street! If the wind were easterly or northerly, the ship went around the south end of Goat Island through the lower harbor, and then up to the dock.

A Newporter taking this trip could have a comfortable dinner at home, then board the ship and sit on the upper deck in the cool evening breeze until she went around Point Judith. The state-room was also cool and sleep easy.

The next day the traveler awoke rested, ate a delicious breakfast at 7:30 in the dining salon, and full of energy disembarked to attack New York. At 6:00 P.M. he boarded his ship once more, had a superb dinner, sat upon the deck until the ship was well into the sound, and then, once more, sleep. What a perfect day in New York!

Of late, with all the uncertainty as to future use of the Fall River Line property, some commemoration of these ships seems most important. Before our island was tied to the mainland by bridges, these steamers kept us in touch with New York City and the outside world. Indeed, it was with ease and grace that they carried us to the metropolis.

The Point Association has therefore erected a monument at the end of Washington Street on the small area of land between the new hotel and the southern end of the shore property. It is a simple monument made from a rough natural boulder of Westerly granite upon which has been affixed a neat bronze tablet with the words "The steamships of the Fall River Line docked at the west end of this wharf, 1847-1937."



The committee for the monument was Virginia Covell, Edward W. Smith, Richard W. Berry (whose father was superintendent of the steamship company yard here in Newport) Esther Benson, and John Benson.

The committee invites you to attend the dedication on Saturday, October 26 at 1 P.M.

Esther Fisher Benson



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INTEREST IN THE GAS LIGHTING IN NEWPORT WAS STIMULATED BY LAST MONTH'S "I REMEMBER" BY KIT HAMMETT. WE WERE PROMPTED TO ASK HER BROTHER, FORMER MANAGER OF THE NEWPORT GAS LIGHT COMPANY, FOR MORE DETAILS, AND HE OFFERED THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE.

The Newport Gas Light Company was formed in 1853, and by the end of that year was operating about 60 street lamps in Newport. The City paid them \$20 per year per lamp. This was a promotional rate. One of the first customers was the Colony House on the Square, to illuminate the clock face.

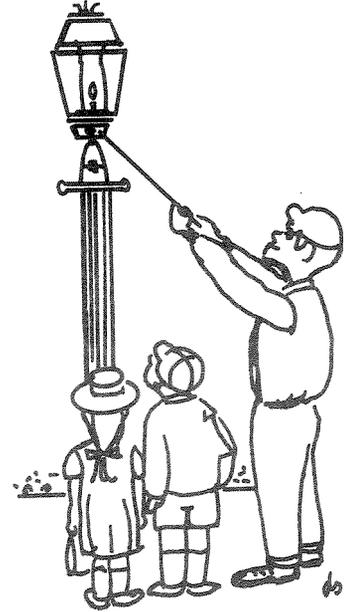
In the early days the Gas Company furnished the entire lighting service to the City, under annual contract. The City probably always owned the light poles and some of them had been used for oil and naphtha lights before the advent of gas.

Early gas lights on streets and in homes had open fan-shaped flames, giving a poor light at best. Around 1900, the Welsbach incandescent mantle was invented, and thereafter used both indoors and out almost exclusively. The elaborate chandeliers and the gatepost lights of the estates were generally gasified, probably with open flame lamps, until the electric light became available.

During the 1930's and 40's the contract to light the City streets was held by the American Street Lighting Company of Baltimore. This company provided the top frame, globes, the patented burners, the gas (purchased from the Gas Company), and the necessary year-round maintenance. Mr. Alex Titcomb was the local representative and his assistant was Victor Slotta who lived on Walnut Street.

In 1909 there were about 390 gas street lamps. In 1923 the all-time peak of 830 lamps were in service. In 1933

special double burner lights were installed on Bellevue Avenue. These lights were offered to prospective city customers as the "Exclusive Newport Boulevard Type".



In 1950 there were still about 25 standing. The Lighting Company remove the tops, globes, and burners. After selling very few tops and globes, the rest of the frames were destroyed. The City engaged several contractors to remove the poles, top the gas pipes, and repair the sidewalks. The contractors acquired the poles as part payment. A few poles were sold locally at five dollars each. This was a real bargain but few realized this, and most of the poles were sold to out-of-town dealers. These poles weighed about 450 pounds and were almost indestructible. Some must have been over 100 years old; they are unavailable today except at prohibitive prices from antique dealers.

Thousands of modern gas street lights are in use today; they are made from the original designs, but of cast aluminum instead of cast iron.

Many a Newporter remembers being a lamplighter when he was a boy. It was a hard job, especially in winter, but the money was welcome. At one time policemen were required to turn the lights on and off as part of their duties. This arrangement was never satisfactory and soon gave way to a regular corps of lamplighters.

Fred M. Hammett, Jr.

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GULL ROCK

Many years ago before there was a light on Gull Rock, the Fall River Line used to hire a Newport man to go out to Gull Rock and blow a horn to help guide the steamers on their passage up and down the Bay. Now there is no light and the gulls and shags reign supreme. Unhappily, also, there is no more Fall River Line. It is a gap which will never be filled for many of us.

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MR. HUGH TAYLOR

Many native Newporters must remember Mr. Hugh Taylor who was affectionately known as "Birdie" by his many friends. Mr. Taylor, uncle of the late Erich A. O'D. Taylor, was an outstanding naturalist and ornithologist at a time when ecological interest was not as popular as it is at present.

Mr. Taylor had his ornithological collection in what is now the restored Quaker Meeting House but at that time it was known as the "Rec". School children were brought in to inspect the mounted birds and other animals and to hear a short lecture from Mr. Taylor that birds were far too valuable to become targets for sticks and stones.

May the grass grow green over his resting place!

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We have all enjoyed the colorful planters this year in Battery and Storer Parks.

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IN THE NEWS

From Yankee Magazine to local newspapers, Pointers and the Point itself have been recognized in feature articles this summer.

Pamela Kelley, importer of French country laces, was featured in the Small Businesses and Crafts section of the August Yankee Magazine. Besides conducting a law practice, Mrs. Kelley operates *Rue de France*, a shop at 78 Thames Street where lace curtains, tablecloths and similiar wares are displayed and sold. This building, a 19th century house, is also the center for a mail order business and her law offices. Mrs. Kelley and her husband, Brandon, live on Willow Street. The Green Light congratulates Mrs. Kelley on "making" the pages of Yankee!

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Those who pass and admire Charles Dimatteo's beautiful garden at 24 Elm Street were pleased to learn that he had received an award in the 1985 Newport-in-Bloom contest in August. He was one of three winners (out of 151 entries) who were pictured in the Newport Daily News. A great win - and the Green Light adds its congratulations to Mr. Dimatteo.

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Nathaniel Norris, owner of Old Nat's House (see The Green Light - August 1985) was a judge in that Newport-in-Bloom contest. A photograph showing him at the gate of his beautiful garden at the corner of Elm and Second Streets was part of a feature article about The Point in the Providence Journal in August.

This same article contained a photograph of Suzanne and Walter Whitley in the sitting room of their 1719 Sheffield-Huntington House at 43 Elm Street.

The Point was the subject of that very interesting article in the Providence Journal. A number of Pointers had been

interviewed and were quoted in the article; included was Dave Robbins, our Point Association president. It was an excellent feature, entitled "History Remains Intact in Newport".

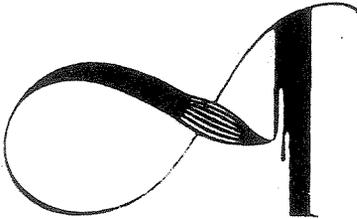
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The Spring issue of the Bulletin of the Newport Historical Society contained a very interesting article "The Point - 1925-1940" by Lloyd Franklin Gracey, who grew up on the Point and now resides in California.

Several photographs add to Mr. Gracey's account of the period from the end of World War I to just before World War II. His article ends with this paragraph:

"Memories, like dreams, come unsummoned into consciousness bringing forth images and emotions. For, who could have lived on the Point at that time and not recall kind Mrs. Henderson selling maple sugar candy and cold bottled soda at her stand, or John Groff spearing castaway papers and tucking them into his big, shoulder-slung, burlap bag at the little park? Or, who can forget Hughie Taylor, his quiet blue eyes searching, as he walked to fields where wild birds nested and to a oneness with nature? Time's broad brush has swept them all into an invisible landscape, but not yet out of our hearts!"

Kit Hammett



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WHY "THE POINT" AND "POINTERS"?

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Dear Pointers:

Why are you called "Pointers"? Not because you are especially sharp, though some of you may be. It so happens that about 250 years ago your ancestors in title to your homes bought house lots in the first subdivision of "Easton's Point" (not to be confused with Tuckerman Avenue!). Original settler of Newport, Nicholas Easton, in 1644 had set off to him, in addition to a farm near the Beach, a large acreage extending roughly from the harbor to where the Naval Hospital now stands. He left this land to his widow, Ann Clayton. She then married another original settler, Henry Bull, and after his death sold 65 acres of Easton's Point and 8 acres of Meadowfield to trustees for the benefit of the Quakers.

These trustees called themselves the Proprietors of Easton's Point, and sold corner lots for an annual rent of 3 ounces, 15 pennyweight of silver coin, and other lots for 3 ounces, 2 pennyweight and 12 grains of silver coin.

It was not until after the Revolution that the Proprietors gave up this annual rent, and sold lots outright to lot purchasers. You therefore live on the original EASTON'S POINT.

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THE MUSEUM OF YACHTING

The Museum of Yachting at Fort Adams, which has been open to the public, since the last week in August consists of two sections: The Small Craft Gallery and The Mansions and the Yachts.

The exhibitions are made up of a rare collection of photographs and a room full of some small beautifully built wooden boats which were in use for many years.

The close relationship between Newport's summer colony and the sea is made very clear. Not only did these men of Bellevue Avenue take part in the America's Cup Races, but many of them built great steam yachts, as impressive as their mansions. How much easier it was to steam up the Sound from New York in luxury each Friday night and then return by Monday morning.

The photographs are superb, of both Cup Racers and Steam yachts. Glass cases hold a few uniforms worn by the crews, with other artifacts of the period. The most striking of these are the figurehead of the Yacht Aloha and her binnacle.

The Museum is open on weekends from 10 A.M. until 5 P.M. but after October 1st by appointment only. Visitors are most welcome. Phone 847-1018.

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THE WRECK OF THE BRIG *MINERVA*

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This unfortunate accident occurred during the height of a violent storm with heavy winds and blinding snow. Ironically the captain fired a distress cannon to attract attention to his precarious position, but the townspeople who heard the cannon believed that one of the New York packets was coming into port, signalling with cannon fire, an arrangement that had been previously agreed upon between the packet's captain and the various townspeople.

The boatswain and nine members of the crew managed to get to shore safely. The captain, mate, and seven members of the crew, together with the supercargo, were lost with the vessel. Their bodies were washed ashore in the vicinity and were interred in the Collins Burial Grounds.

Because of this tragedy the firing of a cannon was suspended by the packet's captain.

Elton Manuel

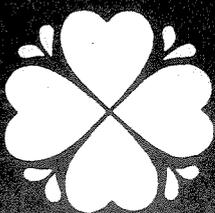


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COOK'S CORNER

Who can describe an apple? In shape it can be round like a McIntosh or egg-shaped like a Delicious. In size it can vary from a two-inch Crab Apple to a six-inch Rome Beauty. The flesh may be White as a Wealthy, Crisp as a Granny Smith, Mellow as a Baldwin or Tart as a Winesap.

Apples fit into every course in every meal and as a snack. No wonder they are one of our favorites. They've even crept into our speech: "the apple of his eye", "an apple for the teacher", "The Big Apple", and "an apple a day keeps the doctor away". One medium apple provides 100 calories and when eaten raw helps clean your teeth!

APPLE CRISP

Peel and slice four cups of apples (mix or match).

Place in a buttered 10"x6"x2" baking dish.

Sift onto a piece of waxed paper:
1 teasp. cinnamon, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. salt and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour.

Add 1 cup sugar and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup oatmeal to above.

Rub into this mixture $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of butter.

Place the above on top of apples and sprinkle on $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water.

Place in oven - 350° - 40 minutes.

Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream and forget the calories.

APPLE SAUCE - SMOOTH

We go to an apple orchard on Wapping Road and get a basket of several kinds of apples to make sauce. The variety makes it delicious. We freeze it in small containers and have it for the winter.

and quarter 6 cooking apples. Do not peel or core.

Cook until soft in a covered pan, using just enough water to keep from scorching.

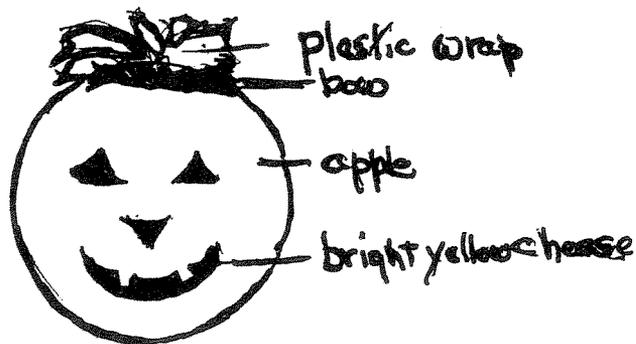
Stir occasionally during cooking.

Force through a sieve or food mill and season to taste: brown or granulated sugar, lemon juice, nutmeg or cinnamon. Some people use only sugar.

The above is one batch. We have one cooking while we're straining the first. If we can get a third person to cut apples the work goes faster but two people can make a lot of sauce in one morning.

FOR THE PIGTAIL CROWD:HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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1 nice shiny red apple
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1 pkg. candy corn
1 pkg. orange crinkle ribbon
Plastic wrap

With an apple corer, remove core.

Cut features of "Jack" and fill with cheese spread.

Line apple with plastic wrap and fill with candy corn.

Place apple on square of plastic wrap and bring tightly around apple and gather at top; tie with a festive bow.

Sarah Plumb

ANNUAL POINT CLEAN-UP

This year the annual good-deed event will take place on Sunday, October 20, at 10 am. New this year, however, will be that the entire event, the clean-up, the games, and the cook-out will be all on the same day.

The clean-up sweep will begin at Marsh Street and proceed north to the Naval Hospital; and then we all go straight to Hunter Playfield for the games (with prizes!) and the eating.

As always, the organizational direction and energy come from Martins Liquors. So, for questions or to volunteer (because we need plenty of children litter-gathers and adult supervisors), check at Martins.

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