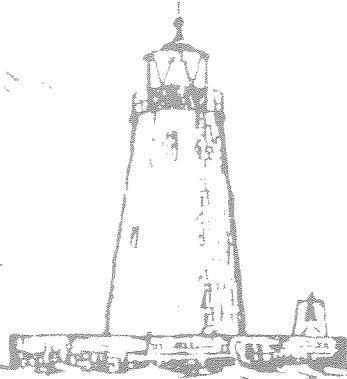


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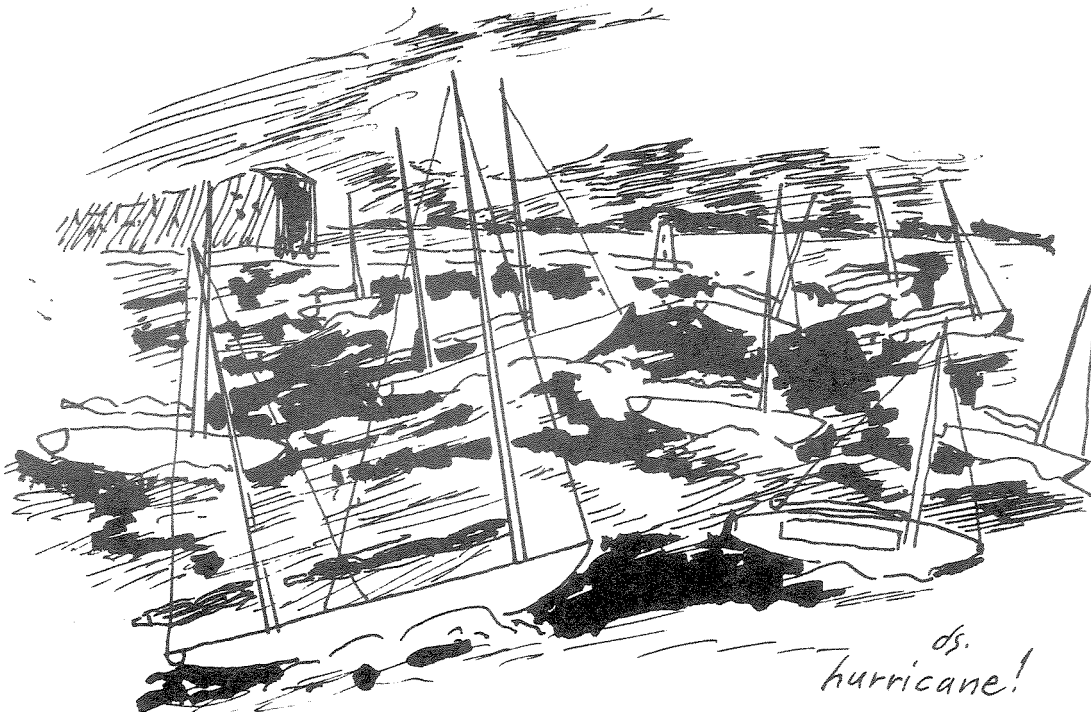
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

What a busy month between September and October. "Hurricane Bob" played havoc with the city and especially the Point, downed trees, flooded streets, felled branches, blew down wires and street lamps, causing property damage to some boats and piers as well as homes...BUT thankfully no lost lives! We residents were extremely efficient in our cleanup...even the city crew remarked that the Point was ahead of the other city areas. Our gift of \$5,000 to the city for their help in cleanup was very much appreciated (see Mayor's letter and article) and our donation helped stimulate other actions throughout the city. Our loss of trees was devastating and help may be on the way for replacements through various agencies.

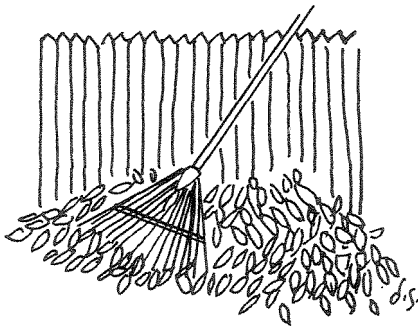
Fickle New England weather played games on September 14, our Point Fair Day. Rain, clouds, a chill in the air, and a soggy lawn drew fewer fairgoers than expected. Christine Montanaro and her committee were adequately prepared to handle anything. Much applause to all. It was definitely hot coffee weather rather than frozen lemonade and the coffee booth did a brisk business (next to the pastries!) when things got going.

Our Annual Meeting on October 17 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's church is before Halloween, so there is no reason not to attend. Come together, or car pool, but get together for friendship and concern for your Association, offer us your thoughts and ideas, and gather updates on the organization's functions.

For heaven's sake pull the weeds from around the fire hydrants in your immediate location. How can the firemen find them if an emergency arises? The city cannot be expected to do this "household" chore. Don't let up on street cleaning because our children are back to school. Now we must clean up because a lighted cigarette tossed into dried leaves may cause another problem!

Captain Abdullah from the navy of Yemen, studying at the War College, is the young man Angela and I are sponsoring this term. Although he will be leaving soon, his observation of our area is "very nice houses and very clean here...many pretty flowers." --- Keep up the good work, maintain your pride in all around you. Let these visitors to our neighborhood return to their homes---wherever in the country or the world they live, with a view that perhaps they wouldn't get anywhere else. We are unique.

Look forward to greeting all of you at the Annual meeting.



Joseph A. Vass

1991 DAY ON THE POINT FAIR

Despite the threatening and stormy day on September 14, our 1991 Day on the Point Fair was a great success because of the never-say-die attitude of our volunteers and the loyal attendance of our members. It was encouraging to observe the exhibitors "throw caution to the wind" and set up in the early morning with its rainy start.

As the day progressed and the weather carried out its threats, a remarkable number of people attended the Fair and visited the booths. Our own Raffle, White Elephant, Bake Table and Cafe made unusual amounts of money. A surprising number of people took the launch to Rose Island and came back exhilarated--- though soaked.

Although the Contra Dancing was cancelled at the last minute, Kerry Elkin and Ruth Richards of "Geese in the Bog" were on hand with Linda Leslie and other Contra dance loyalists ready to begin with the first sign of the sun.

At this time I want to thank each and everyone who worked so hard to make this 1991 Day on the Point Fair a memorable success, a memory that will far out-live the frustrations of the weather.

Christine Montanaro
1991 Point Fair Chairperson

THANKS TO ALL!!

Many, many thanks to the committee chairpersons and volunteers who helped make the Fair such a success.

Gail Gunning, Raffle
Roberta Majewski, White Elephant
Carol Marinar, Bake Table
Sophia Pendergast, Food
Amy Weintraub, Publicity

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David Alexander	Kate Kelly
Steve & Betty	Judy Lamb
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Phil & Esther	Majewski
Burnett	Jim Marinar
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Jim Gunning	Rooke
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Kealan Jewell	Joseph Smith
	Brenda Vallincourt

Christine Montanaro
Chairperson



(Editor's Note: Christine has been very modest about all the time and effort spent on the creative planning and execution of these plans for the Fair. We would like to add our thanks to all the chairpersons who worked for months and to those who gave time, talents and donations...to all who helped in large and small ways. Again it's fun to be with our friends and neighbors, but it's the workers who make the day come together. We just wish we could have exchanged the day for some of the sparkling ones we've had.)



AND THE WINNERS ARE:

The Night for Two at the Brinley Inn during **Christmas in Newport** week was won by Peggy Cavaliere, 54 Washington St.

The lace tablecloth and napkins from Rue de France was won by Steve Collins, 48 Second St.

The Dinner for Two at the Rhumb Line was won by Paul Ebbitt, 26 Kay Blvd.

The Night for Two at Rose Island with the elegant lobster picnic supper donated by the Walnut Street Market was won by Judy Johnson of Weehauken NJ.

The Cruise for Eight around Narragansett Bay on the 60-foot ketch donated by Jim Stanek, skipper, was won by Beatrice Parker of Providence.

The 6-volume set of "America's Wonderful Little Hotels and Inns" donated by Sandra Soule, was won by Jean Olds of 397 Gibbs Ave.

Special **THANKS** go to all the donors of our fabulous prizes. Without them we could not have reached our record-breaking receipts. Also **THANKS** to all our members who bought and sold tickets and the local merchants who helped us sell.

Gail Gunning
Raffle Chairperson

NOMINATIONS

At the Annual meeting of the Point Association on October 17, the Nominating Committee will present the following names as candidates for incoming officers for the two-year term beginning October, 1991 and ending in October, 1993.

1st Vice-President.....David Aguiar
Recording Secretary.....Elizabeth Donald
Treasurer.....Philip Mosher

For the Nominating Committee:

Rowan Howard, Maurice Lavalette, Mary Lynn Rooke. Two additional members are to be appointed from the Executive Board.

The current Nominating Committee is made up of Sarah Gilson, chairperson, David Aguiar, Brenda Gordon, Roberta Majewski and Herbert Rommell.

Continuing in office for the coming year are: Joseph P.T. Vars, President
Brenda Gordon, 2nd Vice-president
Lois Dickison, Corresponding Sec.

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ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

MID-SUMMER SOCIAL

About 30 people enjoyed the sociability and music at the July 25th gathering on George and Brenda Gordon's waterfront on Washington Street.

Entertainment was provided by a Barber Shop Quartet who delighted the listeners with favorite songs from "On Old Cape Cod" to "The Whiffenpoof Song".

A brief business meeting, led by President Joe Vars, included a discussion of the need for a Neighborhood Watch.

Our thanks to Sophia Pendergast for the program and refreshments, and to the Gordons for their hospitality.

THE NEW MEMBERS' COCKTAIL PARTY

What a swell party it was! The Point Association's Annual New Members' Cocktail Party was held again this year at the Sanford Covell House at 72 Washington Street on September 12th.

Hosts Richard and Anne Cuvelier opened their lovely home to more than 100 delighted Pointers, in what was surely a record turnout for this very popular event.

The hors d'oeuvres were a sumptuous array of members' best party pieces, and old friends and neighbors had an opportunity to mingle with new members while watching a magnificent sunset from the porch.

Lois Vaughan played the piano in the wonderful Victorian drawing room, while guests admired the beautifully-restored wall and ceiling decorations.

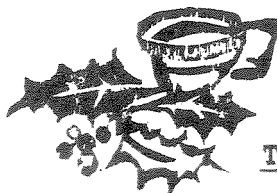
It was nothing short of a magical evening. Our grateful thanks to the Cuveliers for their kind hospitality.

Brenda Gordon

ANNUAL MEETING

Coming up is the Association's Annual Meeting on October 17th. The agenda includes reports of the officers and committees, presentation of and vote on the 1991-1992 budget, and the election of three officers and the nominating committee for two-year terms.

Members are urged to attend and to participate.



THE HOLLY TEA

The old seasonal clock keeps ticking as we now notice the sun sets down our east-west streets with equal days and nights - the equinox. We were excited as it set north of the bridge, announcing summer and long twilights, but now it's heading south for the winter solstice. Another reminder of things to come is the Christmas in Newport brochure in which the Point figures prominently. The Point Association is an organization of friendly people as you've discovered, and we want to extend that warmth in the holiday season with the Holly Tea on Sunday, December 15th. As in the past, it is to be held at St. Paul's Methodist Church on Marlborough Street from 4 to 6 p.m. There are many ways to participate. Come and invite your family and friends or join the working team who bake goodies, set up tables, arrange food and make tea in the kitchen. In addition, volunteers in costume are needed to pour tea and act as hostesses. If you would like to help, contact Dede Elster at 847-0563.

While you're talking with Dede, tell her you'd also like to be a part of the Candlelight House Tours held the week following Christmas. Three or four different 18th and 19th century private homes will be open December 26 through the 29th. Dede will provide you with a costume and being a hostess entitles you to visit all the homes open on the tour. So, instead of planning to tour the homes this year, come and pretend you are living in one or more.

Kay O'Brien



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The city of Newport received \$5,000 from the Point Association in the aftermath of Hurricane Bob. The check was presented to Mayor Robert J. McKenna and Councilman David Roderick to help the city's efforts to clear and replace downed trees. Point Association President, Joseph P.T. Vars, and treasurer, John Howard made the presentation on Thursday, August 22, three days after Bob destroyed some of the oldest trees on the Point. "We hope," said Vars, "this will stimulate other organizations and individuals to help clean-up efforts throughout the city."

Amy Weintraub

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Gordon Armstrong	Elisa C. Brady
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Cornell	John S. Evans
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Tracy Marinan	M. McKenna
John & Sonya Perry	Deborah Post
Melanie Preston	Mary Schreiber
Bill Serth	Tama Sperling
Betty Theriault	Audrey Worsham

Roberta Majewski, Chairperson



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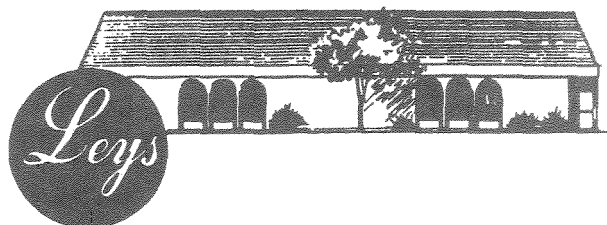
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THE CENACLE-BY-THE-SEA

CENACLE...a small dining room similar to the Room of the Last Supper; a room where a meal is shared; hospitality, fellowship.

The Cenacle Retreat Movement was brought to Newport in 1905 by Agnes Storer and the Cenacle nuns from New York City. The retreat was established on Washington Street, on the site of the Auchincloss estate. The first lodge, Saint Francis House, fronted Battery Street. In 1914, the convent wing, cloister and patio, chapel and chaplain's house completed the complex. Many older Newporters have happy memories of the classes and counsel provided by the nuns at "The Cenacle".

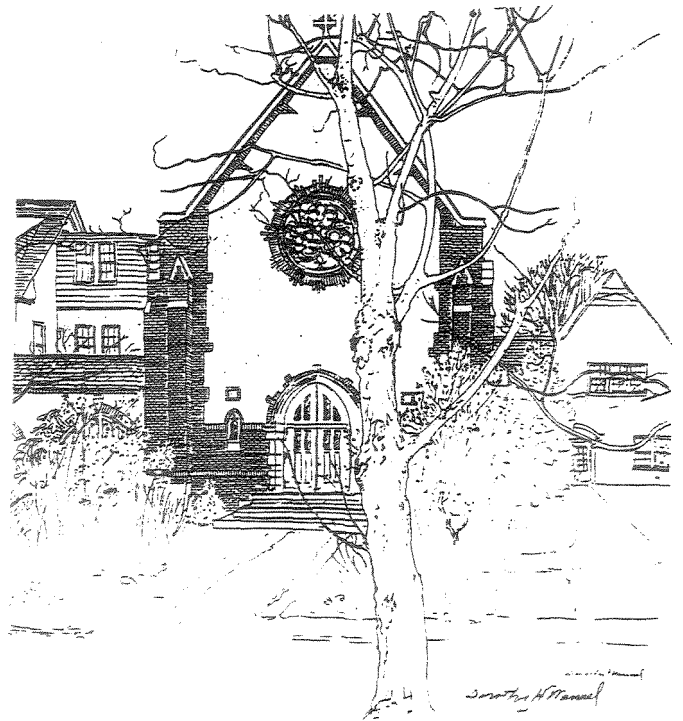
In 1955 the retreat center was sold to the Corpus Christi Carmelites from Trinidad who conducted retreats until recently. Today, the buildings stand empty, awaiting that fresh energy needed to maintain an old vision; a place for congregate living, a community where, truly, "suppers are shared".

"Not only will the Cenacle provide housing for elders, it will be a cultural and wellness center, with office space for Newport's many organizations," said Ade Bethune, one of the group of seven women spearheading the restoration of the buildings and grounds to a broader use than that for which they were first intended.

The Cenacle-by-the-Sea will be self-supporting, maintaining itself by donations and rentals. Small studio apartments with private baths will be rented to elders who will themselves manage the rented space. But communal living space is also planned, with a communal kitchen and dining room. Miss Bethune mentioned ample space for a library, rooms for exhibitions and seminars. The grounds and garden will be landscaped; the chapel open to all.

"Most retirement places in the United States," says Bethune, "practice economic segregation. There are homes for the wealthy, other homes for the underprivileged. The Cenacle will be different; rentals will be combined at market rates, with assisted rentals also."

An adult day-care program will be put into effect. Daytime participants will be able to exchange studies and training with permanent residents of the house.



Renovation of the buildings is needed. An elevator must be installed, but the Cenacle cannot be a nursing home. The historic buildings were not designed for today's demanding nursing care. Nor is it to be a retirement home in the usual sense of that phrase. Instead, the community will offer a new approach to old age, one that is optimistic and challenging. Rather than being "warehoused" and entertained with endless TV, bridge or bingo, the Cenacle elders will be busy with study programs, part-time employment or volunteering; they will be a resource, an outreach into the Newport community.

Too, most important, the Cenacle Community will provide that peace of mind that comes from comfortable living space, mutual support, and freedom of choice, a solitary hour or an invitation to share supper.

The steering committee of seven women working to put this dream together are: Ade Bethune, Melanie Aguiar, Suzanne Abois, Charlotte Edwards, Roberta Majewski, Karen Rokicki, and Mary Lynn Rooke. The immediate need is for \$7,500, the cost of a feasibility study. When this research is accomplished, the work of getting grants from foundations can begin.

The Cencle Community will be realized. There is no alternative; we can condemn our elders to loneliness, or we can choose to bequeath those we love many more years of personal growth and mutual help, futures ripe with creative energy.

Anita McAndrews

I REMEMBER! I REMEMBER!

Hurricane Bob took place on August 19th, but Newporters are still talking about it. Most of us have gone carefully around The Drive, avoiding the large rocks and pitfalls in the roadbed. We've circumvented the huge piles of salt-browned branches heaped all over the city, and we've viewed the many great tree trunks, like slain primordial creatures, wounded to death by the force of the wind. And then we begin to compare hurricanes, a kind of showing off, maintaining that we had it worse than anyone else. Of course hurricanes don't stay in one place, so a comparison doesn't make much sense, and it depended on exactly where you were and at what time. The consensus is strongly in favor of the '38 hurricane.

We got no warning that morning, although signs of a blow were very evident. Too late, small boat owners struggled to move their boats to safer quarters; to haul them high up in the driftways; or to add another rope to the mooring line.

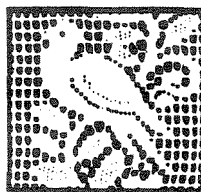
I remember that morning well. The tide never went down...just continued to rise. The water was a strange light greenish tan. About 2 p.m. I was sitting with my two-year old son, Tom, by the west window, trying to see through the salt-spray, to withstand the screaming whistle of the wind, the continuing surge of the breakers over the sea-wall. Suddenly, and slowly, an enormous maple tree fell, just missing the house, and shortly after a tall elm came down, hitting our roof. Tom and I moved into the center of the house, where we sat the storm out.

I don't care which hurricane you thought the best or the worst. Such a storm is a phenomena of Nature...like an earthquake or a volcano; in which we are linked to something far greater than ourselves. We do not take them for granted. Rather, they become part of our history.

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WASHINGTON STREET AFTER CAROL, 1954

HURRICANE STORIES

As Fisher Benson says in her **I Remember! I Remember!** hurricane story, everyone has a story.

The August 1988 issue of **The Green Light** had a center spread for the 50th anniversary of the 1938 hurricane which contained some good stories and pictures along with Mrs. Elizabeth Covell's account of her experiences. Additional stories appeared in the October 1988 issue.

If you have read Ade Bethune's biography "Proud Donkey of Schaerbeek" by Judith Stoughton, you found a wonderful story in Ade's own words about the auto trip she and her mother were on from New York to Newport during that hurricane.

Looking through newspaper accounts of Hurricane Carol which hit Newport on the 31st of August in 1954, one comes upon photographs of that devastating storm. Barrels, sunken small boats, other flosam and a partially submerged power boat litter Long Wharf near the Newport Yacht Club. An interesting photo shows that all that remained of the Van Zandt pier was its pilings. Water covered Washington Square all the way up to the Perry House.

Hurricane Gloria in 1985 did a great deal of damage to trees and bushes. The fact that there was little rain resulted in the salt spray damaging the foliage of Aquidneck Island.

But I have the best story of all. In October of 1964, while we were stationed

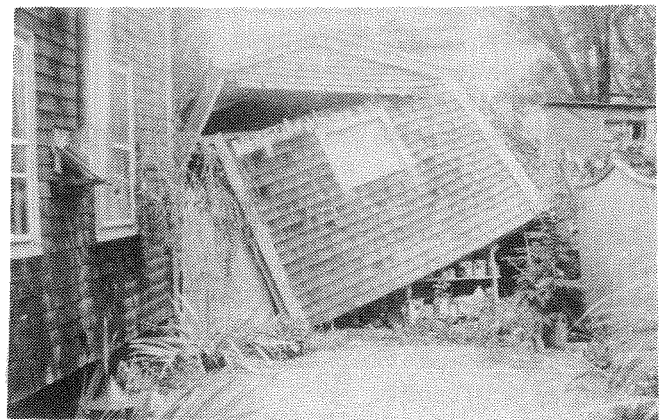
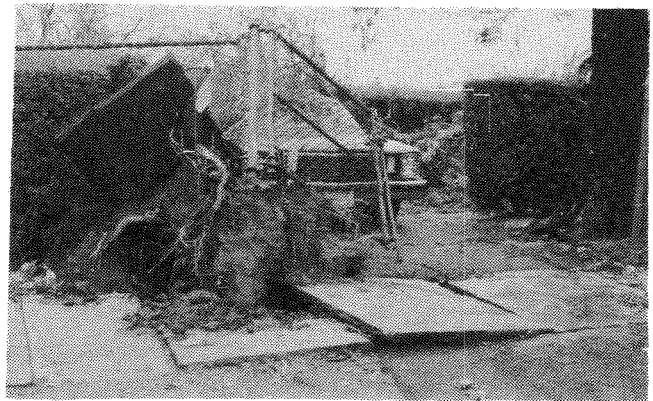
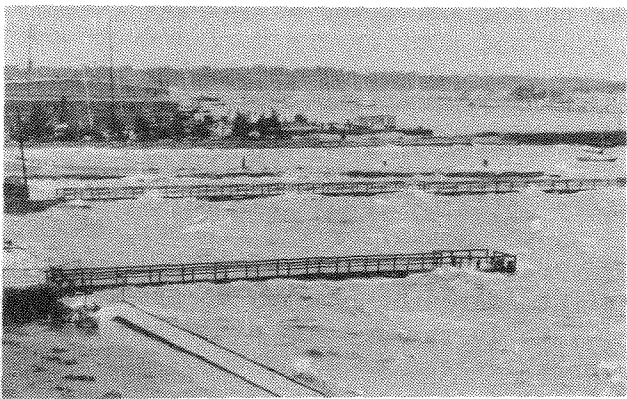
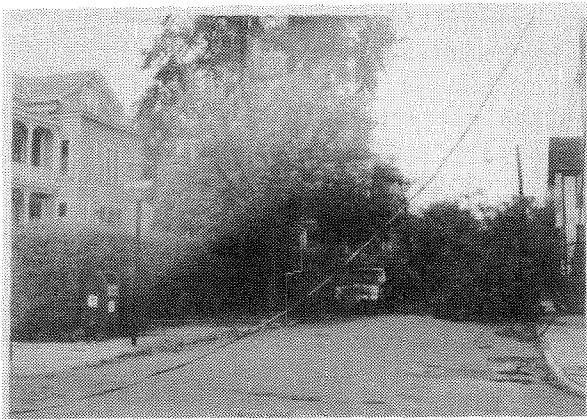
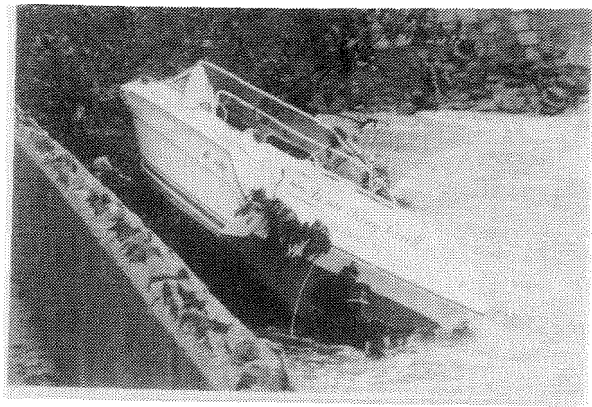
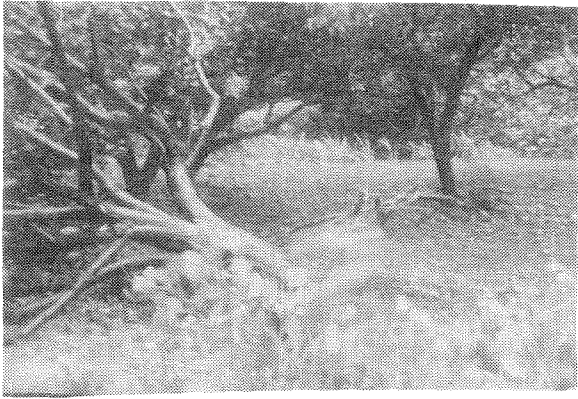
at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, we experienced a hurricane to top them all. Flora came up the Caribbean and the eye of the hurricane passed right over the base. Those who were not living in hurricane-proof quarters were evacuated to underground shelters and all pregnant women, along with several Hospital Corpsmen and a doctor, went to the magazine. We were one of the families that were able to remain in their quarters.

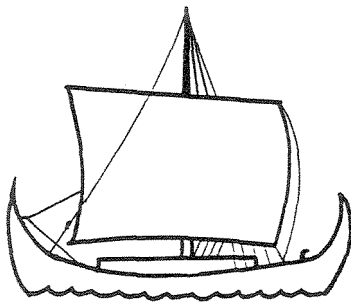
The wind and the rain plummeted our front door so my husband drove our car up and parked it in front...but it only broke some of the force. The water poured in under the door, and we, and all three children, spent a lot of time down on the floor wringing out rags and sponges. Fortunately the floors were tiled. In the midst of all this a short occurred in an outlet in my son's closet and the fire department had to come out.

After the storm passed the all clear was sounded but our reprieve was short-lived; for Flora could not get over the mountains into Castro's Cuba so she turned around and came back across the base. Those who were in the shelters spent a total of 50 hours there. The only benefit was that a dry, brown landscape was transformed into a lush one from all the unaccustomed rain. Can you top this?

Florence Archambault

BOB VENTS HIS FURY ON THE POINT





BAKERS, VIKINGS, HURRICANES

Our contribution to this month's issue of *The Green Light* was meant to be about several original owners of old Point houses - the builder-owners, not the houses themselves. This turned out to be a real quest with many deadends, and the subject matter dissolved, albeit strangely, but subjects can shrink like dough without yeast into a possible article about the first bakers on the Point.

Another trip to the Historical Society resulted in another deadend because no bakers are listed in the library files. We did, however, find a wonderful account of life (in 1919) by Miss Annie Lawton of Bridge St. She does not mention the fact that her grandfather, Benjamin Lawton, was a well-known baker. But, she writes, "he was a much-married man". He wed three "Cahoone" sisters in succession, and these women presented him with a total of 19 children.

Bridge St., according to Miss Lawton, was "bridged over water". Over the years, the water became a landfill, and Bridge St. had houses and gardens. Among these, in 1840, Earnest Coffee built his furniture shop where many of Newport's summer residents came to shop.

Annie Lawton recalls Col. William Swan's house, built on the landfill, and known for its soft water well. Salt water tides rose and fell on two sides of the well, but the well water was never brackish. Point residents came with their buckets every day, walking across a wooden platform built above the cove, to draw water from Swan's well.

The above mentioned cove, Miss Lawton writes, ran from Cozzens and Northern Lanes on Thames St. to Washington St. - "separated from the harbor by Long Wharf, under which was a bridge through which I have rowed on many a happy vacation day, straight from my own door across, and the street out into the harbor and around Fort Walcott", (Goat Island).

Our search for Point bakers continued. Scanning the Historical Society's library shelves, we came across a book *Newport Begins* by Lloyd Robeson. It is an interesting book and our scheduled hour's research turned into several hours of reading...reading far from the subject of bakers. What caught our eye at first was the chapter on Vikings. This because replicas of Viking ships were due to sail into Narragansett Bay on Sept. 20 at noon. The flagship is called the *Gaia*; in Viking mythology she was Mother Earth, the theme of this year's voyage.

The original Vikings sailed into Newport Harbor in the 11th century. They carried with them their livestock...pigs and cattle. The bulls of the latter terrified the Indians already settled here. It is believed there was a cultural exchange of crafts...farming and housebuilding.

We wondered then...perhaps the first baker on the Point was a Viking? Perhaps his oven and shelter are buried deep under the new soil of our secret garden? No written records by the Vikings exist, which is why, of course, Newport's earliest bakers are not in the Historical Society files!

Many years after the Vikings, an explorer, Giovanni Verrazano, sailed his ship into Narragansett Bay on April 25, 1524. He is the one who described Aquidneck Island as being about the size of Rhodes - thus, later, Rhode Island. Verrazano left written descriptions of the countryside and its Indian inhabitants. These people preferred copper to gold, Verrazano said, which set off a search for Rhode Island copper. (On which subject we will not embark; we are looking for bakers!)

The Indians were friendly to the Italian crew. They were glad to instruct the newcomers in the flora and fauna of the New World. Again we wondered...perhaps this was when the first Point baker-resident made Newport's first cornbread? Or garlic loafs? But no recipe or early shelter-cum-oven has been recorded.

Well, bread and bakers will always be with us. It was mention of a hurricane then in the third chapter of Robeson's book that attracted our attention. In 1683, on Aug. 3 to be exact, John Winthrop wrote, "In the night was a very great tempest, at SW. It flowed twice in 6 hours. Narragansett Bay had 14 to 15 ft. tides." Quite a storm. But then so was Bob, 1991.

From bakers, to Vikings, to hurricanes - which latter reminds us of something we have wanted to do (besides this article) for weeks. The post-hurricane cleanup on the Point was terrific. No sooner was the debris piled outside our drive, then it was carried away. We do want to put that on historical record and to thank everyone involved.

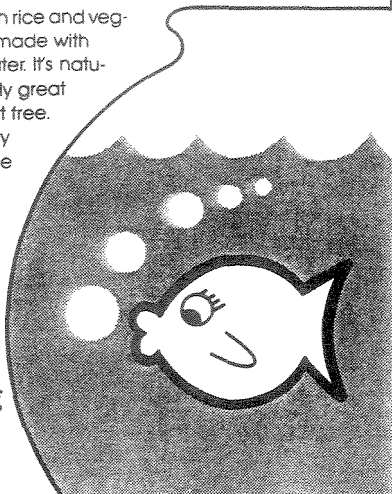
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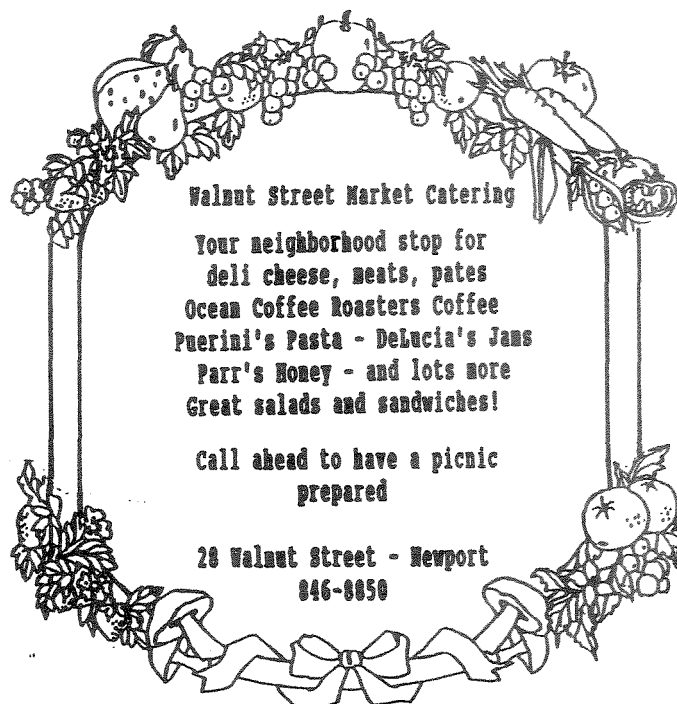
THE GARDENING CORNER

The female is deadlier than the male might be said of hurricanes if we want to compare Carol (1954) with Bob. Sad as we feel about lost trees, many exposed hollow tree trunks and slashed branches, some say it's a pruning by Mother Nature. After the storm, my squash and beans, lying amid wave-strewn stones, looked like the stuff in the hydrator at "fridge" cleaning time. The next day when I dug potatoes and found every vegetable but the leeks browned, the strawberries were ripening and red, and yellow apples still hung from the trees. The lawn was great because the dichondra had vanished with the same salt tide which left the grass unharmed.

A week later little feathers of blue flax came out of the ground and other plants greened from the ground or made buds from those wondrous groups of cells on the stems which make leaves in the air or roots in the earth. Now, a month after the storm, the trees are fringed spring-green. Apples sport new leaves and blossoms, as well as fruit, and my lilacs are in full bloom. The URI hotline could not explain this burst of bloom after a storm which is like spring after winter. In the meantime:

"Never talk down the power of gentle things. They come from underneath and open up the earth like shoots and flowers." Mark Helprin Refiner's Fire 1978

Anne Reynolds



BEAUTIFICATION REPORT

The city only cuts grass in Storer Park, so we hired a man to trim it up for the Fair, and also to cut and weed the plot of ground at Bridge Street and the Connector Road. It looked trim and neat for the Fair.

We have planted yellow chrysanthemums in the cement boxes in the parks.

Mary Mendonca and Annette Jarvis, members and judges from the Portsmouth Garden Club, and David and Melanie Aguiar of the Horticultural Society judged gardens on the Point. The Point was more beautiful than ever this year.

The winners were:

GARDENS: First, Jim and Gail Gunning, 70 Third St.; also winners of the Tri-color - Best of all. Second prize went to 57 Second St. and third to 40 Elm St.

WINDOW BOXES: First, Delores Meagher, 13 Chestnut St. Second prize went to 87 Washington St. and third to 18 Second St.

SIDE YARDS: First to Jim Michael and Richard Nelson, 3 Bridge St. Second prize went to 20 Bridge St. and 14 1/2 Third St. and 57 Thames St. tied for third.

VEGETABLE GARDENS: First went to the Nina Lynette Home, 87 Washington St. and second to 52 Charles St.

SPECIAL AWARDS: The Nina Lynette Home for garden and vegetable garden. Mumford Manor for front walk. Third and Elm Press for window boxes.

All displays had to be seen from the street. Ribbons will be awarded at the October Annual Meeting.

Mary Heins Rommel, Chairperson



PRESSURE POINTS

CSO FACILITY

Have you been wondering what the "Big Stink" was all about? During early August, the contractor for the CSO facility accidentally opened some valves and discharged some effluent into the Bay that was disturbing to many Point residents. Since that time, the CSO Facility was officially certified and turned over to the city on August 19 (the day of Hurricane Bob). The following day when torrential rains fell, the first treated discharge occurred and, according to Councilman Jack Crowley, was 92% clean.

Point residents need to to be observant and are asked to report any odors or material in the water or along the shoreline that looks like raw sewage or as if it is unsanitary. Please call Councilman Jack Crowley at 846-4486 or Mary Lynn Rooke at 846-6849. If necessary, if there is a problem, a meeting with city officials and the contractor will be arranged.

THANK YOU, PUBLIC WORKS!

With all the downed trees and debris caused by the hurricane, the Point had an early Fall cleanup. Thanks to the fine work of the Public Works Department, many areas were cleaned up within two days, and within two weeks, the parks and streets were looking beautiful again. It was wonderful to see neighbors helping neighbors, and the city crews right there to take it all away. Thank you for a job well done!

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POINT PEOPLE

A casual conversation with a young woman in a Naval Officer's uniform as she shopped in the Walnut Street Market led to the information that she is Chaplain Judy Lamb, an ordained Presbyterian minister. She is currently on the staff of the Chaplains School at the Naval Education and Training Center, AND she and her two cats are residents of the Point.

We asked her to share her interest in the Point and some of her experiences as a Naval Chaplain. We were interested to learn that she is the first woman instructor at the school, and that she has served on board a ship, and with a Marine battalion.

Here is her message to The Green Light:

"My name is Judy Lamb, and I live at 6 Sunshine Court. I was delighted to rent a house on the Point because of the quaint charm of this historic neighborhood, and the closeness to the Naval Education and Training Center. I am stationed at the base as a Navy chaplain. My current assignment is instructor/company commander at the Naval Chaplains School. I help train brand new chaplains on how to adapt their pastoral skills to ministry in the sea service. I felt called to this ministry in part because my father, and my step-father, were career Navy men. The "sea stories" they told fascinated me. After serving on a sub tender in Charleston SC and with the Marines at Camp Lejeune NC, I now have my own "bag of stories". Just ask me."

Kid Jammet



BOB JACKSON'S 94TH BIRTHDAY

On a beautiful end-of-the-summer Sunday afternoon, Bob Jackson was feted on his 94th birthday with a Porch Party on Annette Chramiac's famous porch (used in the film "Mr. North"). Carrot cake and a delicious sherbert punch and other "goodies" were enjoyed by all as we reminisced about earlier days on the Point. With the late afternoon light coming across the bay and Battery Park, it was a wonderful place to celebrate Bob's birthday. Many years ago, Bob and his wife, Peggy, had owned this house at 107 Washington Street, and daily walks to Battery Park to talk to neighbors or to check the bay, were always part of Bob's life on the Point. Happy Birthday, Bob, from all of us!

Liz Bermender

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POINTERS-IN-THE-NEWS

The Day on the Point Fair was well previewed in local papers, thanks to Amy Weintraub, publicity chairperson. **Newport This Week** published two articles with photographs. One showed four Point residents, Ade Bethune, Rosalys Hall, Anita McAndrews and Eleanor Weaver, all published authors. They were joined at the Fair by Kay Atkins. All five displayed and autographed their books.

John Pantalone, editor, wrote interesting highlights about the four authors, their publications, and their interest in and affection for the Point.

The second article recalled the history of the community event "The Day on the Point Fair", at which, for many years, local artisans and artists have demonstrated their crafts. This year, one of those artists was Pointer Rita Rogers who does portrait sketches. She and Amy Weintraub were pictured in the **Newport This Week** article.

The **Newport Daily News** had a followup photograph showing participants with umbrellas as the rain caused an early cancellation of the Fair.

Nancy Raposa, Point resident of world-wide bicycling fame, was featured in **Newport This Week** for her participation in the 750-mile Paris-Brest-Paris cycling event in August. Nancy, one of 3300 cyclists who entered the race, took third place among the women contestants. She covered the course in 63 hours, just one hour behind the second place winner. We remember Nancy's remarkable cycling feat as the winner of the 1990 Race Across America. She is sponsored by Ten Speed Spokes of Elm Street.

The magnificently-restored 18th-century house at the SE corner of Willow and Second Streets, which is home to Pam and Brendan Kelley, is featured in an article in the October 1991 issue of *Rhode Island Magazine*. Entitled "Going Places", it recounts the story of the dismantling of the house on Gould Street and the moving and reassembling of the house on the lot on the Point which was purchased and readied for its reconstruction. Colored photographs show some of the beautifully-arranged rooms.

In the same issue of *Rhode Island Magazine*, a description of the Third and Elm Press appeared in "DISCOVERIES - Super finds from all over Rhode Island". Samples of note cards from Ilse and Alexander Nesbit's handcrafted wares were pictured.

Lois Vaughn, who added so much to the New Members' Cocktail Party with her piano music, was recently pictured in **Newport This Week** doing "backup" music at the Mansions. She performs at the Marble House and the Breakers on turn-of-the-century pianos.

Once again Point gardens were winners in the August city-wide Newport in Bloom contest. Ribbons and prizes were presented on August 29 by Mayor Robert McKenna in the Garden of Love at Rosecliff. The gardens had been judged before hurricane "Bob", and some of the awards were presented to owners whose gardens had been destroyed by the hurricane.

Congratulations to Pointers who received awards:

The Gunnings of 70 Third Street, one of three second prize-winners, and the Marinams of 47 Third Street who received one of three third prizes.

The Marriot Hotel was one of two businesses awarded first place in the business category.

Kit Hammett



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(A continuation of the article which appeared in the Spring 1985 issue of **Newport History**, the bulletin of the Newport Historical Society. Two installments have been published in the April and June, 1991 issues of **The Green Light** and we will be running additional portions in the future.)

THE POINT 1925-40

by

L.F. Gracey

By 1925, Third Street had been torn up and reasphalted without the trolley line from the Square to the Naval Training Station. The Sore Heel Gang, a group of older city employees, still came by with horse-drawn dump cart, brooms and shovels, to sweep and pound back the winter-heaved cobbled gutters. Another Spring activity was rerolling and oiling the crushed stone side streets that led down to the Bay, some still had grass or dirt sidewalks. Children were fascinated watching the giant puffing, chugging steamroller, with open machinery flying, travel down the street at a snail's pace. Autos and trucks were seen in greater frequency, but all found ample parking along streets that today seem far too narrow; Pointers were becoming owners of cars as well as boats, and they had a bus line. Freeborn Coggeshall, that well known and friendly traffic officer, was correct in noting the increase of autos passing his manual traffic stand on the Square. Mount Hope Bridge had not yet been built, and city trolleys still furnished transportation to Bristol Ferry for connection with the Consolidated Railway and street cars to Providence. Those bound to Fall River could board heavy, coughing, blue and white Colonial Line buses at the Perry House and ride in solid comfort, wedged into low, two-place wicker chairs.

Spring approached to summer, and Flag and Arbor days were celebrated, especially in the schools. But it was the advance of Decoration Day at the end of May that caused teachers to impress again upon their students a deep sense of patriotism. Greatly revered Civil War veterans visited and awed classes with personal memories of that conflict. Hearts swelled with pride of country on seeing those stiff and feeble men decorating graves of fallen comrades and then later riding in honor in

the military parade. They represented, to us, those who had saved the Union. At eleven o'clock, the Newport Artillery Company, dressed in blue and cream colored Colonial uniforms, pillbox hats, and knee gaiters, unlimbered their two muzzle loading cannons and sent a twenty-one gun salute ringing across the bay from Fort Greene which was immediately answered by Fort Adams, the Training Station, and naval ships in the harbor. Then the national flag was raised to full staff. To many, this day heralded summer, and along Easton's Beach each boardwalk concession was open. Excursion steamers, ensigns gaily flying, sailed, jam-packed with people, down from Providence and transferred the crowds to waiting open-sided summer trolleys at Commercial Wharf for the breeze down Bath Road and the Beach. This was the day, if the weather was sufficiently mild, some parents, under strong pressure from small fry, allowed the season's first salt water swim.

On the Fourth of July, firecrackers, purchased at grocery stores, exploded all day and into night when there was a grand display of night works put on by the city. Mrs. Henderson's small, gray stand at the brow side of Fort Greene did land office business selling birch beer, ice cream and lollycices, hot dogs and candy to those who came to watch rowing races, enjoy picnics under big shade trees, or bathe at the Blue Rocks. In the evening, Pointers gathered around the bandstand and great, tall flagpole in the little park to hear the Municipal Band concert and see a myriad of blinking lights from navy ships and Jamestown. Some families stayed home and sat on their front porches, eating ice cream from Langley's or Westall's and listening to soft music coming from the concert only a few blocks away.

Practically all bayside properties had private piers which were used to swim from, dock small boats, and for sitting. They stretched from the Blue Rocks almost to Elm Street. And certainly the busiest of them all was Admiral Belknap's pier where navy gigs and Admiral barges often arrived bringing officers from the Fleet and naval shore facilities. Smith's pier, opposite St. John's Church, was always full of family and guests during the summer, but they were continuing an activity already passing out of vogue, for interests were shifting away from the waterside to other things.

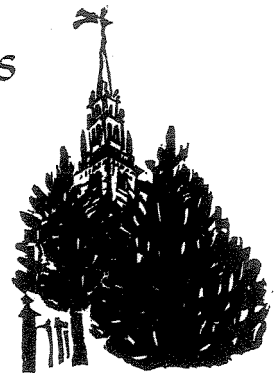
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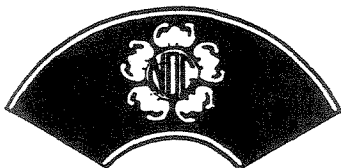
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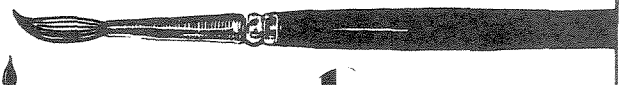
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COOK'S CORNER

Hurricane Bob turned our summer into a short one, didn't it? The roof blew off our patio and put an end to our wonderful breakfasts and dinners out there about two months ahead of schedule. Bob also put a premature end to the garden. Our tomatoes took a beating and consequently we do not have the crop of green tomatoes we are usually left with. In case you do, here is a recipe submitted by Mary Rommel which will use up some of them.

PA. DUTCH GREEN TOMATO PIE

3 c. green tomatoes, sliced
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ginger
2 TBS. flour
1/2 c brown sugar
1/2 c. molasses
2 TBS. butter, or margarine
Pastry for a two-crust 9-inch pie.

Slice tomatoes into 1/4" slices (about 3 cups). Arrange in pastry shell & season with salt and spices. Sprinkle flour over the tomatoes and cover with brown sugar & molasses. Dot with butter & cover with top crust. Bake at 425 for 10 min. & reduce heat to 350 & bake an additional 30 min.

Fall is apple time. There are so many things we can do with apples. They can be made into a variety of desserts as well as accompaniments to main dishes. Apple fritters can serve as either.

APPLE FRITTERS

3 large green apples, pared, cored & cut into 1/4" rings
1 c. biscuit mix
1 egg
1/2 c. milk

About 20 min. before serving: Mix biscuit mix and egg. Gradually beat in milk to make a thick batter. Dip apple rings into batter; drain slightly. In large skillet, fry rings in 2" hot salad oil for 2 min. on each side or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Makes 4-6 servings.

And now for a scrumptious (and easy to assemble) finish to a meal.

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FROSTING

16 oz. box confectioners' sugar
2 TBS. instant coffee
1 egg or 2 egg yolks
1 TBS. butter or margarine
3 TBS. milk.

Place all ingredients in medium bowl. Beat 5 min. at med. speed with electric mixer, or until smooth and easy to spread. Frost cake and sprinkle with about 1 c. diced, roasted almonds. Serves 10-12.

Last issue I neglected to thank Emily Seeley who so kindly sent me a folder of recipes using Vidalia onions. Thank you!

Florence Archambault

CORRECTION

In Virginia Covell's article about Savannah, Georgia in the August issue of **The Green Light**, the caption on the photograph should have read "The Waving Maiden".

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